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Legislation could strengthen townships' annexation rights

Six new bills introduced by Patterson this week in Michigan Senate

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Legislation was introduced Tuesday in the Michigan Senate that if approved would strengthen

townships' rights when it comes to annexation by neighboring communities.

Rumors have been circulating that developer REIS, owner of 414 acres at the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital in Northville Township, was considering annexing the property to the city of Livonia.

REIS, a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and

Schostak Brothers & Company, has denied the rumors, saying no annexation to Livonia is planned at this time.

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Corrine Yoho, owner of Northville's Changing Season's gift shop, began to post signs in her Main



Camouflaging effect of street and sidewalk design and materials on crosswalk and curbs along Main Street by the new Town Square.

Are new sidewalk, street designs safe?

Could be a liability issue

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Former city of Northville Councilman Tom Swigart has been involved with safety issues for more than 30 years.

Swigart addressed current members of council Monday night to discuss some safety concerns he has about the new roadway and sidewalk on Main Street that were part of the \$1.8-million Town Square Redevelopment Project. The project was completed in

October 2007.

Swigart said a year ago, when he was on city council and prior to the Town Square construction, he raised issues relating to pedestrian safety in the area based on a review of drawings posted throughout downtown.

At the suggestion of a council

This creates a camouflaging effect on important pedestrian features, specifically crosswalks and curbs.

in this area is

Swigart

also less obvious, again due to the camouflaging effect of the complex street and sidewalk design. The Jan.

The curb

10, 2008. issue of the Record reported a minor slip-and-fall incident in front of the Marquis Theatre involving a teacher from St. Linus Catholic School alledgedly caused by this camouflaging effect. The fall occurred on Dec. 14, 2007, as she was leaving Great Harvest Bread Co.

The police brief stated, ".. the bricks at the curb are the same color as the pavers in the road, so she could not easily differentiate between the two."

"While no design is absolutely

Street store on Monday announcing its closing. After running the shop for six years, Yoho cites the declining local economy as the main reason she's shutting her doors. Changing Seasons shares 149 E. Main St. with IV Seasons flower shop, which will remain open for business.

Low foot traffic causes closures

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER ,

Everyone knows the retail climate is a little cloudy across the state, and Northville has witnessed a sudden storm of store closures.

Five stores in the Central Business

District recently shut their doors or are planning to close, with other shopkeepers hanging in there and hoping for the

best. Healthy Solutions at 137 E. Main St. closed recently, and the phone number is disconnected.

Nancy & Allie women's clothing store closed Jan. 26.

Alexandra Papasifakis and Nicole Jaskulka, owners of Dueto men's and women's clothing store at 102 E. Main St, plan to close soon

The store was open just under two

years. "We've been thinking about closing for a while, but we're not quite sure when," Papasifakis said. "Probably sometime in February. We don't have a date set yet.'

She said the store's liquidation sale will include clothing and fixtures.

Alison Haus, owner of Madilu & Ethan Too, an infant and children's store

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ummanzed these comments in a letter submitted to council at the Feb. 5, 2007, meeting

Swigart's concerns include:

• The street tree retaining walls have a flat top surface. These seem attractive to children, who have been seen walking the circumference of these walls.

Some of the walls are close to curbs at parking lane bump-outs, as well, placing them just over an arm's length from moving traffic.

 The street and sidewalks contain a variety of surface materials and colors placed in geometric shapes separated by strong lines.

safe, the items noted raise the likelihood of accident and injury," Swigart said. "They are easily identifiable and should be addressed."

Swigart suggested that the coun-cil retain a qualified, independent pedestrian safety expert to conduct a review and render a formal opinion as to whether the area meets acceptable standards and practices or recommend ways to fix it.

Swigart's background includes training in engineering and psychology, with an empha-

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Downtown stores in Northville feeling pinch of down economy

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job tomorrow" Even area malls are hurtung Margene Buckhare who owns the Stampeddler Plus store at 145 N Center St visited Laurel Park Mali in Livonia last week and reported seven empty storefronts

She said downtown Brighton currently has eight empty store-fronts — from Plymouth to Howell" Burd howered

Should stores open on Sunday?

Sunday? One of the hungs Buckhave has done is open her Stampeddler businevs from noon-4 pm. on Sundays But not all downlown menchnuts are willing to do so "I can do more in four hours on Sunday than an eight hour day during the weck" Buckhave said "If you re competing with stores

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Legislation would aid township

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The developer is suing the township because it was distants fied with conditions township leaders imposed upon a plan they approved for the property in March 2007

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suid. She believes more businesses may offer Sundays hours this spring once the weather improves And she hopes people who live and pay taxes here will do every thing they possibly can to support downlown businesses "We aged every symp holy we "We need every warm body we can get," she said

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sultants The consultants will also begin to circulate resolutions in support of the legislation to surrounding communities and encourage there massage of the resolution. They are also working with Rep Marc Cornveau (D-Northville) and other house mem-bers to ge the legislation passed, which will lakely be a long process

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Police still will not identify shooting victim Investigation

still under way

By Pam Fleming

Although area residents may be curous, John Werth sud he will not ree all the identity of a man shot at the site of the for-mer Northville Regional Psychiatric on the night of Jan. 12.

Psychiana on ne mgn or an II. Worth, director of public safety for Northwile Townshop said Tuesday he s not obligated to release the name of the victum, even under the Freedom of Information Act, because the investigation is still organing. St. Joseph Hornapported to St. Joseph Hornapport of Seven Anto Kopka and Seven Statistics and hornapport of Seven Male Road, according to earlier reform.

MIJE RUSAN REPORTS "We have evidence that enables us to identify the shoot er," Wenh said. "I know there's a need to know but my first and foremost responsibility is to arrest the individual responsible for this."

foremost responsibility is to arrest the indovational responsible for this." Worth said police do have physical evidence that may lead them to an arrest in the case. The suspect could be changed "We ll get the information out when we can," Worth said. "The victum has nights as well." In the meanume, Worth would like to see the minimum property razed as soon as possi-ble, as the fulds they prose a pub-lity would those buildings tom down," Worth based. "The cast and as a consequence, we will always have the potential for runnal activity at that size."

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Tree walls Note proximity to moving traffic on westbound Main Street by Town Square and obstructions to vision due to parked cars and light poles

Are new street and sidewalk designs safe?

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on human factors and \$15

He has a master's degree in industrial psychology from Wayne State University During his 31 year carcer at Ford Motor Co Swigart attended and participated in many professional pre-sentations training sessions and forums including the Society of Automobile Engineers and The Human Factors Society His responsibilities included



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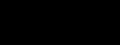
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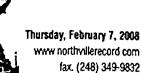
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YOUR COMMUNITY



Location of shows on Feb. 19 agenda

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Members of the Northville City Council decided Monday night that they want to join the discussion on where the Development Downtown Authority staff will have two concert series this summer.

During a special meeting on the subject at city hall on Jan. 29, it was discussed whether the matter should be brought before city council.

Mayor Chris Johnson, who is also a DDA board member, told the DDA board he would ask at the next council meeting.

Councilmembers agreed that the matter should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, slated for 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 19. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday night rather than the traditional third Monday night this month due to city hall being closed for President's Day on Feb. 18.

At the Jan. 29 meeting, the DDA board voted to have the two concert series --- Tunes on Tuesdays, a children's concert series that takes place a noon each Tuesday June through August, and Friday Night Concerts, held at 7 p.m. each Friday June through August at the new Town Square.

Merchants from the mid-town area would like to see the two concert series return to the Town Square, as originally planned. Tunes on Tuesdays was moved to Ford Field off of

Griswold Street last summer, and the Friday Night Concerts were moved to the grassy area next to the Northville District Library last summer due to the Town Square construction.

Although Ford Field wasn't that popular as a venue change, the grassy area proved to be a big hit, with a lot of the Northville Square merchants hoping it would return to that spot.

One of the issues discussed in moving DDA concerts to the grassy area is that this area is not part of the DDA district, and \$12,000 of concert funding comes out of the DDA budget, according to Pat Sullivan, city manager.

Johnson said the DDA staff would like to possibly have the Tunes on Tuesdays concerts at the area by the library/police department and city hall if it doesn't present complicated legal or funding issues.

Nancy Darga, city councilmember, suggested a compromise, possibly using outside funding sources for concerts in the grassy area. Traci Sincock, director of Northville Parks and Recreation, said recently that vendors are willing to support concerts outside the DDA boundaries.

"As a city council, we should be looking at the town as a whole," Darga said.

"This is a big deal, and I was surprised by how much interest there was in this issue," said Councilmember Doug Bingham. "I think it should get some public input."

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■ Local eatery

and, last Friday, a 40-pound moose head.

Ladwig, owner of the downtown Northville store at 143 Cadycentre, said a local restaurant sold the moose head on eBay to a buyer in Kansas City, Mo.

The moose head was shipped on

was getting the head off of the moose," Ladwig joked. "He kept kickin'."

Store has shipped.

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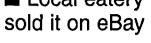
and bolts to China, passports to India," Ladwig said. "The only country we haven't shipped to is Antarctica.'

a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information, call (248) 344-1980 or send an e-mail to

Council will sound | Local UPS Store ships everything – off on concert issue from a fish to a 40-pound moose head

The UPS



Mike Ladwig of the local UPS Store can ship almost anything to any place.

"The real story was how hard it

"We've even shipped robots," Ladwig said. "Just about anything you can get in the door, we can pack

If an item is too large for the local store to ship, it can be sent via UPS

"I've shipped 1,600 pounds of transmission fluid to France, nuts

The UPS Store in Northville is open from 8:30 a.m.-6:45 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9

Photo by PAM FLEMING/Northville Record

Mike Ladwig, owner of the Northville UPS Store at 143 Cadycentre, and employee Tammy Bingham had to weigh a 40-pound moose head for shipping last Friday. The head, which was sold by a local restaurant on eBay, was headed for Kansas City, Mo.





store2021@theupsstore.com.

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

And, that includes a 6-foot sailfish

"You can sell anything on eBay," Ladwig said. "Even moose heads." The head cost about \$400 to ship

and was insured for \$600.

the first day of Ladwig's 16th year at the downtown location.

The hairy creature isn't the only unusual item that the local UPS



Library continues to thrive

By Jason Carmel Davis STAFF WRITER

On Monday afternoon, a few feet away from Northville District Library Director Julie Herrin's office sat a cart with several items that needed to be re-shelved.

A number of popular items filled the cart, but they weren't from the likes of J.K. Rowling or Agatha Christie

DVDs have become a popular item at Northville's library, according to Herrin, causing the staff to order, 31 percent more DVDs in 2007 than in 2006 and 8 percent less VHS, tapes. The library's book order, however, increased by just 5 percent, Herrin said.

"DVDs are becoming popular among our users," Assistant Director Anne Mannisto said. "With the way the economy is, it's cheaper to come get a DVD from the library than it is to get it from Blockbuster."

Mannisto said the Northville library has hundreds of mainstream titles and a wide selection of foreign films — ope of which is featured each month. She also said sets of television shows on DVD and books on CD are difficult to keep on the shelves.

"At vacation time and when people are taking long trips, (books on CD) go fast because people can just pop them in their cars and enjoy them on the ride," Mannisto said.

Books on MP3

A new way to take a book with you is the Playaway — a pre-loaded audiobook in WAV format, which is a Microsoft and IBM audio file format standard for storing audio on PCs.

Another way patrons can get those audiobooks, Herrin said, is by going to the library's Web site, www.northvillelibrary.org, and downloading a copy of the title they'd like. Once the checkout is complete, the patron may keep the book on his/her computer or a portable device for three weeks, which is when the copyright kicks in.

"Purchases of audiobooks have gone up 51 percent in the last two years," Herrin said. "We're finding that people like the easy accessibility of them and the fact that they can take them wherever they'd like."

Mannisto said purchases of audiobooks and usage of the library

and informational databases. The site also links users to World Book

--- an online encyclopedia. "We always have a lot of people in our Internet classes, especially seniors." Mannisto said. "People want to know and learn a lot of things because things with computers change so fast and people are running to catch up."

After jumping from about 37,000 Internet users in 2005 to more than 54,000 in 2006, the number of Internet users in Northville's library took a dip last year to 46,621 — a 15-percent drop even as the library added 17 new computer stations. But, Herrin said, that is attributed to the introduction of Wi-Fi to the library. Since being introduced in 2005, the number of wireless Internet users at the library has jumped from 959 to 2,170 to 3,224 last year.

last year. "We use a T1 line, which is much faster than what some people may have at home," Herrin said. "You can't walk past a table in here now without seeing a laptop."

Hardcovers still hot

Even with the shift from paper to digital, books remain popular at the Northville library. Of the 108,000 items on the

Of the 108,000 items on the shelves of the Northville District Library, 92,000 are books, Herrin said, and circulation continues to grow, as Northville saw a 2-percent increase in 2007, compared to a 1.8-percent increase nationally. A survey conducted in 2005, Herrin said, showed that 70 percent of city of Northville and Northville Township residents use the library on a regular basis.

The ever-growing popularity of video games and Internet usage hasn't pushed people away from libraries, either, as Northville staff has seen a 5-percent increase in new cardholders in the last year.

cardholders in the last year. "What helps that out, I think, is the advent of the Michicard," Mannisto said. "That's a card that can be used at a number of libraries as long as they belong to the same network."

The Michicard can be used at several libraries, but cardholders may only check books out at a small number of those near their home library.

Herrin said many people come to the library for its summer reading and youth programs. Story time for



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northwie Record While one student studies a social manners book, etiquette class teacher Denise Jenkins works with Stefani Roney, left, about proper utensil usage at a formal dinner. Classes are taught in Northville Square's Miss Harriet's Dance Studio.

MIND YOUR MANNERS: Studio offers three etiquette classes

Do you really know which fork to use?

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

You're at a restaurant or a formal event and have to leave the table briefly, but you're not finished with your meal. Do you know what to do with your napkin?

Leave it on your chair. If you leave it next to your plate, your plate just might be gone when you return.

This is just one of many bits of useful information that can be learned at a local business.

Manners say a lot about a person. And good ones can increase opportunities in life — whether it be getting into a good college, landing that job you want or impressing your date.

With this in mind, Miss Harriet's Dance Studio in Northville Square at 133 W. Main St., Suite 190, began offering a series of three etiquette classes this month.

The next series of classes began on Wednesday.

The classes are part of the studuo's Themed & Theatrical Events ; and is called Personal & Professional Etiquette. The classes are geared toward children,

teenagers and young adults. Social Etiquette is the first in the

series. The program includes common courtesies, etiquette in public places, welcoming behaviors, appropriate host and guest behaviors, as well as dress and grooming for all occasions.

Communication Skills is the second in the series. This program is designed to build confidence, develop character and increase selfesteem.

Even e-mail and text messages are reviewed, as there's a whole code of ethics when it comes to electronic messaging.

Topics include proper greetings and introductions, conversation skills, listening skills, public speaking skills, telephone etiquette and how to write thank-you notes.

Table Manners is the final class. In this program, students learn proper during etiquette, such as how to set a table, proper use of utensils, glassware and dishes, behavior at the table and how to be the perfect host and guest.

The classes include role playing, as well.

Coming soon will be related offerings, including "Say Please, Say Thank You" and "Pass the Peas, Please" for children ages 4-7; "A Luncheon Lesson" for parents and crichildren: "Mad About Manners," a summer camp for children ages 8-12; and classes for business professionals, "Mingle, Mingle" and "Dining Savvy." Denise Jenkins, who teaches the classes, beheves learning the social graces is a lost art in today's world

and would like to see that change. We hope we're supporting parents, but in many cases we find out that we're the only game in town. Parents call us and say, 'We need help.' It's no longer part of society."

When Jenkins was growing up, she attended charm school at the former Hudson's department store.

"It taught me how to set the table properly, how to put on makeup properly, proper grooming habits and some fashion do's and don'ts." she said.

Her daughter, Jill, attended the former Jacobson's at Laurel Park Mall "J Board" — another charm school.

Later, Jenkins attended the International School of Protocol in Baltimore.

Town & Country's "Modern Manners" is a good reference, as is "Manners" by Kate Spade, Jenkins said.

Terri Irrer, who owns and operates the Themed & Theatrical Events portion of the dance studio with Jenkins, said she believes with many couples working, it's difficult for them to find the time to teach their children manners.

Jenkins said one of the aspects of the classes that children enjoy is learning the history of the handshake.

Thank-you note protocol

Just in case you're wondering what the deal is on thank-you notes, Denise Jenkins from Miss Harriet's Dance Studio, who teaches etiquette classes there, said a note should be written within a month of receiving a gift. However, one can be sent up to a year afterwards. And, yes, you should send a thank you note if someone sends you a sympathy card.

And when can you begin eating at a special event?

"It's when the guest of honor begins eating," Jenkins said.

And if someone asks for the salt, pass the pepper, too.

"They're married; they don't travel alone," Jenkins said.

The studio hopes to possibly offer etiquette classes in local schools or at the YMCA in the future.

Classes cost \$75 each. For more information, call the studio at (248) 349-1114777

Web site has increased because Northville is a very computer-literate community. That patrons can place holds on books, search for titles and perform a host of other functions drives Web hits, Mannisto said. The library Web site also directs users to a number of magazines covering a variety of subjects toddlers has increased by 26 percent in the last year, Herrin said, and all youth programs have seen a 46 percent jump in patronage in the last 12 months.

"It's been amazing." Herrin said. "We've been doing all these things to keep up with the times, but people who read books aren't going away."



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PEOPLE OF NORTHVILL

Visitation and funeral scheduled for former owner of Oasis Golf

Popular center opened in 1964

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Robert E. Osborn, former owner of the Oasis Golf Center in Northville Township, died Monday. Osborn, along with partners Ed McNamara and Haze Wilson, designed, developed and owned the Oasis Golf Center on Five Mile Road east of Haggerty Road for more than 30 years.

The popular recreation site opened in 1964 as a driving range and miniature golf facility An 18- hole, par-3 golf course was added in 1969.

The current clubhouse facilities were built in 1977, and the golf dome brought indoor driving range facilities and winter softball

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leagues to the facility in 1983. The name "Oasis Golf" was coined when Osborn, McNamara and Wilson were on Five Mile Road (a two-lane road at the time) looking at the open land they had purchased.

A heavy rain had recently occurred, and as the three looked at a piece of vacant farmland, only a small mound of land was visible above the water.

As they wondered what to name their new purchase. McNamara said they should call it "an oasis" Osborn and Wilson agreed, and the Oasis Golf Center was born

Osborn served as director of public works for the city of Livonia from 1970 until his retirement in 1983.

Active in the community

Osborn also served as a board

member of the Livonia Falk (Michael) Popiel and Lisa Anniversary Committee, the Laurel Woods Condo He has 11 grandchildren and Association and was vice presi-dent of the Brashear Tower Management Company.

He was a Livonia Housing Commissioner from 1970-73 and a St. Mary-Mercy Hospital trustee from 1980-84.

Osborn was active in Little League baseball, football, the Livonia Y.M C A Indian Guides and the Northville Community Foundation. "Bob served on the early boards of the Foudation and continued to be a friend, supporter and volunteer of our efforts," said Shari Peters, executive director of NCF. "We are just devastated at the news of his passing."

Osborn is survived by his wife of 24 years, Sharon, children David (Sue) Osborn, Jim (Carolyn) Osborn, Pat (Bill) Tatarski, Sharon

He has 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. today at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville.

Funeral services are slated at 11 a m tomorrow at Casterline Funeral Home, with burial at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

The family requests that donations be made in his name to either the Northville Comunity Foundation's Tractor Fund or the Northville Township Professional Fire Fighters Local 3961 Charity Fund.

(See full obituary to the right.)

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OBITUARIES

ANITA WILLERER

September 28, 1913 - February 2, 2008. We mourn the loss but cele-brate the life of a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Anita was born in Ottawa, Canada to Arthur and Ann LaVergne At 5, her father moved her and her four siblings to Detroit Anita attended St Benedict's Catholic School in Highland Park where she met her husband Nick She later became son Gary, daughter-in-law Mary and son-in-law Ken Merrill preceded her in death. Surviving Anita include her children Laurence Willerer (Lynn), Robert Willerer (Elizabeth), Maryann Merrill, Jean Bartlett (Bob) along with 14 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchil-

dren, one great-great grandchild and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church, February 12, 2008 at 10:30 a m. Mass will follow at 11.00 a m. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to the Alzheimers Association

would be appreciated by the family.

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ROBERT E. OSBORN

Northville, (formerly Livonia) Michigan lived a full 86 years of life. Bob left us in the early morning hours of February 4th, surrounded in love with his wife and family by his side Bob (or better known as 'Mr. Oh' or 'Ozzy') is survived by his best friend and wife of 24 years, Sharon E Osborn, a sister Dorothy (Karl) Fink, his children David (Sue) Osborn, Patricia (Bill) Tatarski, Jim (Carolyn) Osborn, Sharon Falk (Michael) Popiel, Lisa Falk (Daniel) Barron, nieces Barbara (Donald) Hunter, Cindy (Bill) Cole, nephew Gary Fink along with 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Bob was born in Croswell, Michigan on August 13, 1921. The son of Hazel and Robert Osborne he graduated from Mackenzie High School in 1939. Bob worked at Ford Motor Company (jok-ing that he was there before the unions¹) He attended the University of lowa as a Naval Cadet and served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1946. He worked and later retired from Michigan Bell in 1970. Bob then went on to serve 13 years as the Director of Public Works for the City of Livonia. Bob was very involved in the Livonia community serving as a Board Member of the Livonia Anniversary Committee (SPREE), Board Member of Laurel Woods Condo Association, Vice President of the President of the Brashear Tower Management Company. In addition, he was a former Livonia Housing Commissioner, 1970-73, Trustee at St. Mary-Mercy Hospital from 1980-84 and was active in Little League baseball, football and the Livonia Y.M.C.A Indian Guides. Bob along with his partners Ed McNamara and Haze Wilson designed, developed and owned The Casis Golf Center in Northville Township from 1964 until 1994 The family will receive guests at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap Street, Northville on Thursday from 200 - 800 pm. The funeral service will be held at Casterline Funeral Home on Eriday, Eshugan 8th Funeral Home on Friday, February 8th at 11 00 am Bunal will be at Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville, Michigan.



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NEWSMAKERS

Rebecca Simkins Seslar has become a member of the Detroit law tirm Barris, Sott, Denn and Driker P L L C

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.an (now Michigan State College of Law) and the University of Michigan tor her undergraduate stud-

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Her practice includes litigation with an emphasis on labor and employment law on the management side

Active in the community, Simkins Seslar serves as a member of the District H State Bar Character and Fitness Committee, is the chair elect of Michig n of the Law Practice Management Section of the State Bar of Michigan, and also serves on the board of the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

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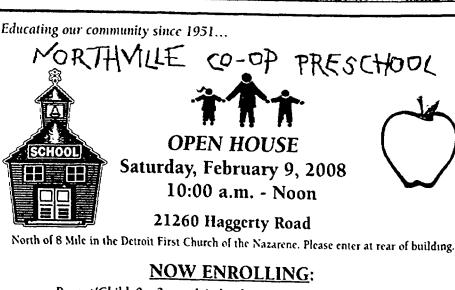


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Novi/Northville Jazzercizers to perform at Palace tomorrow

Fundraiser for cancer research

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Jackie Glebe is ready to take her troops to the Palace tomorrow.

Glebe, a Jazzercise instructor from Brighton, whose franchise is in Novi and Northville, will help lead about 200 women, including several from the Novi/Northville area, in a half-time performance at the Pistons vs. Portland game at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The event is a fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, an annual one-day walk/run that helps fund breast cancer research.

Glebe will take seven women from this area to perform at the Palace.

"It's benefiting a great cause," she said.

For those supporting the cause, tickets to the Pistons vs. Trailblazers game are only \$40. From each tick-et sold, \$8 will go to support the Race for the Cure.

The Pistons are also adding \$7 for each ticket purchased in the fundraiser, so a total of \$15 per ticket will go toward breast cancer research

All of the Jazzercise franchises in Southeast Michigan are participat-

ing. "We know we're raising at least

The women will perform a fiveminute, well-rehearsed demonstration.

Glebe said Jazzercise has been around for 37 years.

"We're the first organization of its kind to involve itself in charities and anything that benefits humankind," she said. 'That can include the arts, health or fitness."

After their performance, the Jazzercise participants will present a larger-than-life check representing contributions to the Susan G. Komen Foundation to date.

People can still make a donation to the cause several days after the game is over.

What is Jazzercise?

Jazzercise is a one-hour workout that includes about 35 minutes of cardiovascular work, about 20 minutes of strength training and about five minutes of stretching.

The American College of Sports Medicine compared about 13 popular activities. But there was only one that met all the college's criteria for overall fitness Jazzercise.

The class includes new music and routines every 10 weeks.

"It's never boring; it's fun," Glebe said.

The class is designed for all ages and all fitness levels.

We have high schoolers to seniors," said Glebe, who even has a couple of male students in her class-

Donations for the Komen Foundation were collected before the group's halftime performance.

This is the third year the Jazzercisers have performed at the Palace, but it is the first time they will perform at halftime.

The past two years we performed during pre-game activities," Glebe said.

Those who attend classes in the Novi/Northville franchise work out at either the Novi Civic Center, the Village Oaks Subdivision Clubhouse or the Northville American Legion.

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How to purchase tickets

For more information about purchasing tickets for tomorrow's Race for the Cure fundraiser at the Palace of Auburn Hills, contact Melissa Neiderheide at (248) 377-8788 or send her an e-mail at MNeiderheide @palacenet.com.

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Jazzercisers from the Novi/Northville franchise who will perform during halftime at tomorrow's Pistons' game in Auburn Hills: Front row, from left: Judy Clawson, Christine Widner (instructor), Jackie Glebe (instructor) and Maria Anusbigian of Novi. Back row, from left, Edie Paradowski of Northville and Michelle Gibbs, Jeannette Wicks and Joanne Quinian of Novi.





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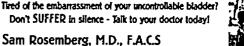
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Milford welcomes new Italian eatery – Coratti's

By Aileen Wingblad STAFF WRITER

Coratti's on Main is offering a warm and hearty "Bon Giorno" to the Huron Valley.

Owners of the new Italian restaurant in downtown Milford --- where the popular Appe'teaser stood for more than 25 years - opened their doors Jan. 2. And so far, they said they are receiving a friendly welcome from the community.

"Everybody has been telling us that Milford needed an Italian restaurant," said Pete Coratti, who co-owns the eatery with his sister. Michele Pfeffer.

"People are saying this is awesome, that the place needed a facelift," added Pfeffer. "The building was neglected for a while, but in its heyday, it was awesome."

To reflect its new Italian theme, Coratti's on Main has been redecorated with a cozy Tuscan look, including textured walls, deep red carpeting and an impressive collection of framed photos of Italian scenes, shot by Coratti and Pfeffer's brother. The walls' handpainted accents ---- such as a caricature of a robust Italian waiter and bunches of grapes hanging

from vines - are the handiwork of Pfeffer, who formerly studied art. Italian mood music plays continuously in the background.

Creating Coratti's on Main's lunch and dinner menus was a collaborative effort of Pfeffer, Coratti --- who boasts 21 years as owner of Gregg's Pizza and BBQ in downtown Detroit - and executive chef Ron Rebecca, who has extensive experience in metro Detroit-area restaurants and is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. Selections range from exotic Italian cuisine like Artichoke Tosca and one of the specialty veal dishes, Vitello Saltimbocca, to the family's favorites, Eggplant Parmesan, Suppli and Mozzarella Caprese. There are also plenty of pasta dishes - with the pasta handmade at the restaurant daily by Pfeffer - steaks, seafood and chicken dishes. Patrons can choose from a variety of salads. freshly-made soups, paninis, pizza and more. There is a children's menu, too, and an assortment of desserts.

"A lot of people like the fact that they can get a yeal dish entree, for example, and their kids can get spaghetti or pizza." Corattı said

Each night, three specials are featured at the restaurant. Coratti's has an ever-changing wine list, as well, designed to please all palates.

Coratti's is also open to suggestions. "If you don't see it on the menu, we'll make it if we have the (ingredients) in the house - and we have everything," said Pfeffer. "One guy, Tony, comes in and always wants his 'Tony Special,' which is a veal sandwich with scallops and peppers. It's not on the menu, but we make it for him." Someday, she said, the Tony Special could actually be added to the menu.

"That's a very real possibility," Pfeffer said.

Pfeffer and Coratti said they looked at several communities to establish their restaurant, deciding on Milford because of its quaintness and charm.

"It's the most amazing place I have ever been," Coratti said. "People are so friendly. This is an unbelievable town; it really is.'

They were also thrilled that the Appe'teaser building became available. "It has so much character, it was easy to make it into an Italian restaurant," Coratti said. "And what we offer here is



Photo by AILEEN WINGBLAD

Coratti's on Main is downtown Milford's newest restaurant, and features Italian cuisine. Pictured (from left) are: owners Michele Pfeffer and Pete Coratti, night manager and bartender Matt Turowski, bartender Carol Schneider, executive chef Ron Rebecca, executive sous chef Israel Garza, sous chef John Garron and day manager Jill Savitsky.

a more than dinner. It's a dining experience --- where you can come in and take the time to really enjoy your food - like you would in Italy."

Former patrons of the Appe teaser will see plenty of familiar faces at Coratti's on

Main, since much of the staff was retained by Coratti and Pfeffer. "We thought it was a good practice to keep them. Besides, they told us 'we come with the

building," grinned Pfeffer. Coratti's on Main is open Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a m.-11 p.m. and Sundays, 3-10 p.m. Phone (248) 685-0989.

Contact Aileen Wingblad at (248) 685-1507 ext. 261 or at awingblad@gannett.com.

The \$250 second-place award

The \$100 third-place award

went to Carrianne, Jacob and

'Danger! Avoid Death' – Wacky warning grabs top prize

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

Ever see the clothing label "Do not iron shirt while wearing" or hear about someone who sued a coffee company after they spilled hot coffee all over themselves? Bob Dorigo Jones has, and he doesn't like it.

Dorigo Jones, a Northville resident, is president of Novibased Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch, better known as M-LAW, a group dedicated to pointing out and preventing frivolous lawsuits since 1997.

We heard that the Girl Scouts of America have to sell 36,000 boxes of cookies just to pay for liability if they're sued," he said.



"We're a lawsuit-happy society." Other countries don't face such lawsuits and companies save money because they are not faced with large liability payments, Dorigo Jones said.

"There was once a time when we'd spill coffee on ourselves and call ourselves clumsy. Now you call yourself an attorney." he said. "Warning labels can be on anything. We're bombarded with warning labels and we kind of become immune to warning labels.

"The bottom line is why do we need warning labels when our parents and grandparents dıdn't.'

M-LAW recently announced the winners of its 11th Annual

contest showcasing product labels created by companies to prevent frivolous lawsuits from coming their way.

Ken Soave of Farmington Hills won this year's \$500 grand prize for submitting a label found on a small construction tractor lift warning "Danger! Avoid Death." The label also displays a stick figure of a person leaning out the front of the tractor before allowing the lift to come down on the back of its head.

"We heard about a label on a Batman costume that said Warning: Cape does not enable user to fly." Dorigo Jones said of the contest's start. "My

Wacky Warning Label Contest, a favorite is a warning label on a razor scooter you see kids riding in the streets. Right between the handle bars, it reads 'Warning: Product moves when used.'

M-LAW selected five finalists this year, which were then decided by listeners of Dick Purtan's WOMC-FM (104.3) radio show.

"The last seven years, we've

been on Dick Purtan's WOMC announced the results." show. We have always wanted to get to the biggest audience possible. (Purtan) is important because he's very well known to other radio stations throughout the country." Dorigo Jones said. We went from being in a couple newspapers to being world-wide. Our Web site got four million hits in the two days after we

Robby Turin of Greensburg, Pa., for a Cheerios-distributed Shrek iron-on T-shirt transfer that warns "Do not iron while wearing shirt.

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Surviving life's changes

By Chris Jackett STAFE WRITER

Keith Famie is a Novi resident with a large range of activities on his resume, many of which have been televised for public viewing.

Famie, 47, has been in the public eye for nearly 20 years, but may be remembered most for placing third on the CBS reality show "Survivor II: The Australian Outback" in 2001. His already impressive resume helped catapult him into the spotlight after appearing on "Survivor," and he hasn't slowed down one bit, producing two "reality-based documentaries" set to debut on WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) this month and others earning him three Emmys in the past.

Before "Survivor"

After graduating from Farmington High School in 1978. Famie moved to Europe to work with well-known chefs in Monte Carlo, Belgium and Brussels.

"I was never a scholastic person," he said of his jump from high school into the cooking world.

He returned to Michigan three years later as chef de cuisine at Chez Raphael in Novi's Sheraton Oaks Hotel, where he worked for five years while living in an apartment across from Twelve Oaks Mall.

Gaining Chez Raphael many awards during his tenure as chef. Famie acted on his longtime dream to open his own restaurant, Les Auteurs in Royal Oak, in 1988.

The restaurant was an immediate hit, earning praise as one of the best new restaurants in the country

from Esquire magazine and gaining Famie recognition as one of the 10 best new chefs of the year in 1989 from Food & Wine magazine.

After adding a New Orleansesque jazz club called Madison's adjacent to Les Auteurs in 1991, Famie decided to close Les Auteurs and reopen it as westernthemed Durango Grill the following year.

Two years later, "Famie's Adventures in Cooking" debuted on local television stations, a show that followed the chef around as he traveled in search of great recipes.

Picking up speed, Famie sold Durango Grill and opened Forte restaurant in Birmingham in 1996, again gaining praise as one of the best new restaurants in the country from Esquire magazine.

In 1997, Famie began to get involved with the Rainbow Connection, a nonprofit organization raising money for children with life-threatening illnesses. He served as the president of the organization at one time.

Famie's current mainstay is Visionalist Entertainment, a reality-based documentary production company he founded in 1998, the same year he left Forte to focus on his television show.

To dream is to fantasize. To isualize is to expect." Famie said. "If it's in my head and clear, I can do it. Once the idea's in my head, I'm screwed because then I'm a fanatic and I have to do it.'

The first project Visionalist produced was "From Hanoi to China Beach: A Taste of the Exotic." when Famie biked through Vietnam in 1999 with three Vietnam War veterans.

This led to Famie's participation on "Survivor" in 2000, which aired on CBS in 2001.

The 'Survivor' thing was a big deal. It was two months with no communication with anyone, not even family," Famie said. "For now, I'm an individual that really doesn't know what course my life will take. It's a safe bet you won't find me behind a grill sautéing a piece of salmon anytime soon. It's a different medium. It's not expression through film, through telling stories. At my age, I feel I'm providing a great value to society. Their life is immortalized on screen. It's hard to explain the gratitude I get from that."

After "Survivor"

Riding high on the success of "Survivor," "Famie's Adventures in Cooking" took to the Food Network for 32 episodes while Famie published a book by the same name in 2001.

Continuing his work with the Visionalist and show Entertainment, Famie wrote "You Really Haven't Been There Until You've Eaten the Food" in 2003, traveling the globe and a few corners of the United States in search of quality recipes.

That same year, his involvement with the Rainbow Connection led to work with the him Leukemia/Lymphoma society to participate in the international **IRONMAN** triathlon to benefit 9year-old Adam Rose. It took Famie 16 hours and 28 minutes, but, on Oct. 18, 2003, he finished the race, calling it the "longest day of his life.

"I came back from Hawaii with

the IRONMAN medal they give you for completing the race, and my dad was in the hospital, and I put it around his neck."

Famie's dad, a World War II veteran, passed away on Dec. 2, 2004. Of all the events in Famie's life, this was what really hit him the most.

"When my dad died and I held his hand and he took his last breath... I did 'Survivor' and IRONMNAN and cooked for two presidents. When my dad died, 1 wasn't shook up... I was annoyed. I thought. 'This is it? A guy, who busted his ass off, never had a newspaper article about him. What the (heck)." I started thinking about things differently," Famie said. "I'm an optimistic person I've gone through a lot of (stuff). When it's over, it's over. I go by the motto

'Do good and good will come.' With the one regret of never capturing his father's stories on cam-

Keith Famle, left, checks out a video documentary in progress with editor Ben Logan.

era, Famie went on to focus in on projects with Visionalist Entertainment. In 2005, he produced "Ice Warriors," a documentary following the Red Wings Alumni team through Russia.

After sharing lunch breaks with Bill Damas and hearing his stories about life in Greece, Famie went on to begin the "Our Story Of" series. His first two projects, originally titled "Rags to Riches" after his meetings with Damas, were focused in on the Italian and Polish cultures

"Our Italian Story" won three Emmys, which sit on a shelf behind Famie's fourth floor desk. His Vietnam and Red Wings documentaries were also nominated for

a total of three Emmys, but did not win.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Following the success of the first two documentaries last year, Famie spent much of 2007 directing and producing Greek and Arab American reality-based documentaries. He said the hardest part was condensing 70-90 hours of footage into a 58-minute block to air com-mercial free on WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) this month.

Famie is already hard at work on the next group of documentaries. The "Our Story Of" series will venture into the Japanese. Jewish and Indian cultures for next fall as Famie also works on two side projects about Arab-American doctors and "seeing in the dark," what it's like to be blind.

Ain't nothing but a hound dog

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

When Michelle Koons received her first dog, a white German shepherd named Crystal, she had no idea what she would get throughout the next two decades. The idea of Rock-N-Roll K-9s wasn't even a concept yet.

"When I first got my dog, my mom was part of a therapy group that'd take dogs to hospitals and senior homes," the 30-year-old Novi resident said.

Following in her mother's dogloving footsteps, Koons, at 16. began training another white shepherd, Ashlee.

Ashlee, who passed away in 1998, was a piece of the foundation for the Rock-N-Roll K-9s that Koons and her mother, Pam, started nearly 13 years ago. Since then, the 12-year-old Indy - a sheltie earning some recognition through a Petco contest for her jump roping ability has become one of the key pieces to the performance group along with the Koons' other four dogs.

Michigan 50s Festival was so positive, they teamed up with other dog owners to bring back the event as the Rock-N-Roll K-9 Performance Team the following year.

Although the Rock-N-Roll K-9s are available for smaller events, they're at their best in a larger venue when they can have 20-25 dogs perform over a 45-60 minute time frame.

Out of a pool of about 50 dog owners and nearly 150 dogs, the Koons' have K-9s on the move from all sides of the state, traveling from Birch Run, Marine City, Goodrich, Howell, Livonia and other locations within a two-hour drive of Novi.

'It's a lot of fun. We're always looking for new members. We take people of any age. There's a 12year-old girl looking to get on the team," Koons said. "We're mostly looking at the dogs. They have to be people friendly, dog friendly and not noise sensitive."

Koons said noise is a major factor in the performances, as music blares along with each obstacle or trick the

personality or the dog's speed" Some of the songs include "Jump," "Who Let the Dogs Out," "Wipcout," "Johnny B. Goode," "Ain't Nothing But a Hound Dog." "Play That Funky Music," "Goodie Two Shoes," "Rockafella Skank." "Superfreak" and "Macho Man."

The tricks and treats of the performances vary by dog, but are promised to entertain. Even older dogs are a part of the group, as the dogs' ages range from 1 to 12.

When dogs are active, they have a higher chance of injury. (Luger) was 13 and a half years old and he still did tricks. The stuff they do changes - no jumps," Koons said. "We've got a couple dogs in the double digits. It depends on the breed, too.

Luger, a white shepherd, was a founding father of the Rock-N-Roll K-9s. He passed away last December, but not before providing the group with two new members in 8-year-old siblings Lazer and Kimber.

Luger and Rowdy, a border collie from Goodrich who also died last

Lazer, and Rowdy's housemate, Toggle, a border collie, have both stepped up into the spotlight alongside other favorites such as Elliot, a speedy Chihuahua from St. Clair Shores.

Those dogs were huge hits. People think Lazer is Luger sometimes," Koons said. "We tell kids to pick their favorite dog and cheer for them. Some are popular just because of looks, others because they're comical. The dogs that win a

lot of races are popular." The Rock-N-Roll K-9s train individually near their hometowns and come together for shows. The group performed in the Milford, Howell, Lake Orion and Rochester holiday parades throughout the past few weeks and participated in the American Family Pet Expo at Rock Financial Showplace last month.

Going into its 13th year, Koons, who is an on-call firefighter for Novi, said the Rock-N-Roll K-9s is ready to expand.

Information on shows and joining

'Danger! Avoid Death' -Wacky warning grabs top prize

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went to Richard Goodnow of Lancaster, Mass. for a baby stroller featuring a small pouch in the back between the rear wheels that warns "Do not put child in bag.

Honorable mentions include a round, plastic letter opener stating "Caution: Safety goggles recommended" on the box and a Vanishing Fabric Marker that warns "The Vanishing Fabric Marker should not be used as a writing instrument for signing checks or any legal documents.'

"We had 121 entries from all over the country. Some we don't accept that are funny and not obvious, or obvious, but not funny. If it's not common sense, we don't accept it," Dorigo

Jones said. "PMS Midol reads 'Do not use if you have an enlarged prostate.' Women don't have prostates, but their husband may have a bad enough headache where he decides to take his wife's PMS Midol and could have side effects."

Last year's top three, which include a washer label that read "Do not put any person in this washer" next to the handle, a jet ski user manual that read Warning: Never use a lit match or open flame to check fuel level" and a Motorola phone manual that read "Don't try to dry your phone in a microwave oven" can all be found at www.mlaw.org, along with many other wacky warnings from the past 10 contests.

The site also features the Whiplash Awards and Loony Lawsuits, which are both examples of frivolous lawsuits similar to those M-LAW is focused on preventing.

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"We had been part of similar groups. We were helping a friend's obedience group (with a demonstration at the Michigan 50s Festival)." Koons said.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT Oakland Community College is seeking comments from the public about the college in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The college will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit March 17-19, 2008. by a team representing The Higher Learning Commission of the

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Oakland Community College has been accredited by the commission since 1971. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college:

Public Comment on Oakland Community College The Higher Learning Commission 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 Chicago, IL 60602 e-mail www.hlcommission.org

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the Institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.

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VENETIAN ART CARNIVALE

About 90 people attended last Saturday's Northville Art House fundraiser, "An Art-Inspired Venetian Carnivale," at the home of Dr. William Demray on Griswold Street. Surprises included a strolling magician, Jason Magic of Royal Oak, and appetizers served on a "table lady" wearing a dress made out of napkins. Those who would like to make a donation to the Art House, locat-ed at 215 W. Cady St., can call (248) 344-0497. Photos by Shawn Clannin



























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"It's not about what's bad or good, it's about what's a good choice, making good choices ... No one expects you to make major changes all at once."

> Stacy Elenbaas Studying to become a registered dietician

Baby steps, good choices keep resolutions going

Grocery tours teach basics of healthy eating

By Jessie Ellis STAFF WRITER

After the overindulgence of the holidays, the new year offers the chance for a new start, and many people make resolutions to lose weight. But by the middle of February, those resolutions are often a distant memory.

Stacy Elenbaas offers an alternative way of thinking about food. The South Lyon resident is studying to become a registered dictitian. She gives grocery store tours for the Livonia Recreation Department as part of their "100 Days of Health" program She also helps private clients make healthy decisions about the food they eat.

"It's not about what's bad or good," Elenbaas said, "it's about what's a good choice. making good choices"

A typical grocery store tour begins in the produce section Everyone should have five to seven servings of fruit and vegetables a day.

"That's 35 pieces for you alone.' Elenbaas said "Think about it, for a family of four that 140 pieces of fruit and vegetables

With a volume of produce like that, Elenbaas recommends grocery shopping every few days. But more than anything else, she recommends baby steps. A person getting two or three servings of fruits and vegetables a day can't easily make the jump to six or seven servings and expect the change to last.

Instead, Elenbaas said, add an extra serving for a week and work up to the higher levels. "No one expects you to make

major changes all at once." Elenbaas said. With fruits and vegetables,

color makes a big difference. "The more color the better," Elenbaas said. "Don't be afraid

to be adventurous." When it comes to bread, the more fiber, the better, Elenbaas said. The USDA recommends three grams of fiber per serving of bread. Generally, a serving size is two slices of bread.

"Just because it says it's whole grain doesn't mean it is." Elenbaas said.

Read the labels and compare. she said. White bread almost never has three grams per serving, and many wheat breads that are labeled whole grains also fall short. With bagels, half a bagel is considered a full serving. Jams and jellies are full of sugar, but there are fruit spreads that offer a good alternative to jelly. Elenbaas said.

"It all goes back to making a conscious decision," she said. "Look at what the label says. It's your choice'

In the meat section there are healthy choices to be had. The USDA recommends fish three times a week. Wild-caught salmon is a better choice than farm-raised, Elenbaas said. Avoid processed meats and meats with nitrates, such as hot dogs, she said.

getting For Americans. enough dairy in the diet is not that difficult. But being healthy about dairy is a whole different story.

"Yogurts are a pitfall," Elenbaas said "They're loaded



Photo by HAL GOULD

Jacqueline Clark, of South Lyon, checks out the produce at Country Acres Market at 10 Mile and Rushton Road. The USDA recommends a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, and the more colorful, the better.

with sugar."

Once again, it's about reading the labels and making a healthy choice.

Oils need to be considered carefully. Elenbaas recommends monounsaturated choices like olive oil and even walnut oil. There are also oils that are infused with lemons or chili peppers. Watch serving sizes and use all oils conservatively. In the cereal aisle, keep in

mind how the boxes are arranged. Sugary cereals are on the lower shelves where they are at eye level for kids. At adult-eye level, the cereals are a little healthier. Some healthy cereals are mixed with ones that are sugar-filled. The healthiest cereals are located on the top shelf.

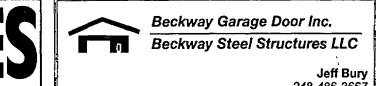
Oatmeal and cream of wheat are also excellent choices, Elenbaas said. With other cereals, limit sugars and make sure there are three grams of fiber per serving.

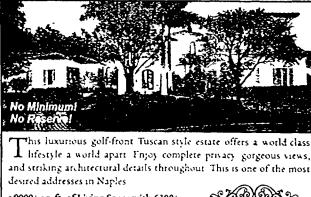
Sticking to New Year's resolutions can be difficult, but making small changes and being conscientious of choices can make all the difference. when sticking to a new, healthy lifestyle, Elenbaas said.

Eating right is just one aspect of losing weight and eating healthy. The USDA food pyramid also incorporates an element of exercise. Thirty to 60 minutes of exercise is recommended per day.

The USDA offers nutrition and health information at www.mypyramid.com and more information can be found at the American Dietetic Association at www.eatright.org.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS A SPECIAL LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has sched-uled a public hearing for Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 The Planning Commission will consider a Special Land Use request for the development on the northeast corner of Sheldon and Five Mile Roads in Northville The Special Land Use is for an outdoor dining area for an allowed restaurant user The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M

The public is invited to attend this hearing and provide their comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the development proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 S x M le Road, Northville, MI 48168

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The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Sox Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 The Planning Commission will consider a proposed amendment to the Country Club Village Planned Residential Unit Development (PRUD) Agreement The amendment includes converting the existing golf course maintenance facility to an office and constructing a new maintenance facility for the golf course. The meeting will begin at 7 30 PM

The public is invited to attend this hearing and provide their comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168

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The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2008 in observance of President's Day The offices will reopen at 8:00 a m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2008

The Department of Public Safety (Police and Fire) will remain open.

(2-7-08 NR 397869)

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF 2nd PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2008 Name of SAD: Ravines of Northville Subdivision Purpose of SAD: Street Lighting (Installation & Operation) Special Assessment Districts (SAD)

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan, and any other interested persons

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions signed by the record owners of land whose area constitutes more than 51% of the total area of the hereinafter described Ravines of Northville Subdivision Street Lighting SAD - Installation & Operation, the township Supervisor has prepared special assessment roles pursuant to the necessity resolutions adopted by the Township Board on January 17, 2008 and that in making the special assessment roles, the Supervisor, according to his best judgment, has conformed in all respects to the directions contained in the resolution and the statues of the state of Michigan

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed, more particularly described as RAVINES OF NORTVILLE SUBDIVISION LOTS 1-111, shall be assessed as follows:

Installation (SAD-23 L-5): \$586 60 Operation (SAD-24 L-6): \$67.84/year PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees, of the Charter Township of Northville will meet at Township Hall, located at 44405 Sox Mile Road, Northville, Michigan on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said petition and hearing any objections thereto. Said roles may be examined at the office of the township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing

(1-31 & 2-7-08 NR 397800)

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Health Events

Red Cross Blood Drive

TIME/DATE: 2-8 p m. Monday LOCATION: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

DETAILS: Drop-in or make an appointment by calling Carolyn at (734) 455-5395.

American Legion Hall

100 Dunlap St., corner of Center Street, Northville Strength Training Classes DATE: Mondays and Fridays DETAILS: Diane DiVita is offering Strength Training classes (light weights with a little yoga stretching) for adults. For more information, call Diane at (248) 344-0928 or visit trianglesix@sbcglobal.net.

Yoga Class

DATE: 5:30-6:45 p.m. Monday for all levels, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday for Yoga II through Mar. 17; and 5:20-6:45 p.m. Thursday for Yin Yoga, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday for all levels through Mar. 13

DETAILS, Diane DiVita teaches a yoga class that's well-suited for you. Start any time, no charge for first class Monday sessions are \$80, Thursday sessions \$72. CONTACT: (248) 344-0928.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital LOCAT ON: 36475 Five Mile

Road, Livonia CONTACT: (734) 655-4800 or

http://www.stmarymercy.org Alzheimer's Caregiver Support

Group . TIME/DATE: 3-4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month LOCATION: Classroom 1 DETAILS: No fee or registration

are required. For more information contact Audra Frye, Alzheimer's Association (248) 426-7055.

Free Seminars-Michigan **Bariatric Institute**

DETAILS: MBI offers three laparoscopic surgical weight loss

options. Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding and Sleeve Gastrectomy at a free monthly seminar: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. To register, call (734) 655-2693, (877) Why-Weight or visit hospital Web site.

Tai Chi for Arthritis TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays currently through Feb. 11; a second session Feb. 25-Mar. 31; and 10-11 a.m. Fridays currently through Feb. 22; a second

session Feb. 29-Apr. 25 LOCATION: Classroom 10, fourth floor, Marian Professional Building

DETAILS: This ancient Chinese discipline combines agile steps, joint-friendly movement, relaxed breathing and mental challenge to promote mobility and well-being. There is a fee for this class and registration is required. Call (734) 655-8950 or (800) 494-1650. Reiki I and II

TIME/DATE: 2-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; and Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9

DETAILS: Learn to administer Reiki, a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing; there is a fee; to register call (734) 655-1162.

Diabetes: Building Mental Muscle

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday LOCATIÓN: Hospital's

Auditorium

DETAILS: This interactive presentation provides participants with exercises designed to stimulate brain cells, ideas to use the brain more effectively and an increased awareness to keep the brain healthier; Audra Frye, from Arden Courts, is the speaker; this is a Diabetes Support Group presentation but all are welcome; no charge and pre-registration is not required.

Let's Talk: Building Mental Muscle

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, March 5

DETAILS: Same as above except this presentation is part of the Senior Health Connection program for adults age 55 and over; no charge, but registration is required by calling (734) 655-8950.

Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p m. Mondays, Feb. 18-March 17; or

Wednesdays, Feb. 20-March 19 DETAILS: Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery; classes are based on the "Lamaze Method"; no cost but registration is required by contacting the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1162.

Advanced Dementia - Quality of Life Workshop

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p m. Tuesday, Feb. 21

LOCATION: Auditorium DETAILS: Join us for a discussion about the progressive challenges of End Stage Alzheimer's Disease; registration required by calling (734) 655-8950.

Nutrition for Life

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 20-"Snack Smart: Think Outside of the Bag;" March 19 --- "The Truth About Fad Diets"; and April 16 ---"The Benefits of a Diet Rich in Fruits and Vegetables." TIME: 7-8 p.m.

LOCATION: Classroom 11, Marian Professional Building DETAILS: Classes are led by Tamara Lark, RD; cost is \$15 per -

class or \$25 for two; early registration is required by calling (734) 655-8950.

First Aid/CPR Classes

TIME: 6-10 p.m., monthly LOCATION: Northville Township Fire Department, 45745 Six Mile Road

DETAILS: American Red Cross First Aid/CPR classes taught by trained firefighters. Call for further information and dates; \$20 fee for Township residents. **CONTACT:** Northville Fire

Department (248) 348-5807

Oakland Physical Therapy LOCATION: 47601 Grand River

Ave., Suite B124, Providence Park

Medical Center DETAILS: Classes are held at 7 p.m. and are free of charge, however, registration is required as space is limited. Participants should wear loose, comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear. For more information or to regis-

ter, call the number below. CONTACT: 248-380-3550 **Fit After Fifty**

DATE: Tuesday

DETAILS: Program will review and discuss safe, effective exercise for generalized strengthening and cardiovascular fitness; speakers are Linda Erickson, MS, PT and Cathy Jamrog, MPT.

Managing Osteoarthritis and Osteoporosis DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 20

DETAILS: This class is a lecture and demonstration for those with arthritis in need of advice on starting an exercise program and/or those already involved with an exercise program; speaker is Elizabeth Uitti, DPT.

Pilates and Your Golf Game DATE: Wednesday, March 12 **DETAILS: A lecture and** overview of how Pilates may actually help your golf game; class is for both male and female golfers; given by Kristie Kava, PT, DScPT, MS and Linda Erickson, MS, PT,

Providence Center for the

Healing Arts LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave, Novi

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 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,

Therapeutic Yoga TIME/DATE: 12.30-1:30 p m Monday (for backs); 6-7 p m. Tuesday (mixed level); 11-12 a m. (gentle yooa for cancer) and 12.15-1:15 p.m. (mixed level) Wednesday;12:30-1:30 p m. Friday (beginner/intermediate); 9 30-10:30 a m. (intermediate/advanced) and

10:45-11:45 a.m. (mixed level) Saturday

DETAILS: \$10/walk-in; \$80/10class card; \$45/5-class card; Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$60; registration required. Classes also held at Providence Hospital, Southfield, call for details.

Massage Therapy

TIME/DATE: By appointment DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and

headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring physician's referral; \$50/50-minute session.

Dinner with a Doctor

DATE: Last Thursday of month TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: St. John Providence Park Hospital, Grand River and Beck roads (use Beck Road entrance), Conference Rooms A, B and C.

CONTACT: Free registration for fecture and dinner by calling (888) 440-7325

You "Heart" What You Eat DETAILS: Feb. 28: presentation by cardiologist Dr. Zarghami followed by strolling dinner featuring heart healthy food, recipes and cookbooks distributed.

Tai Chi Classes

DATE: Currently in session. **DETAILS: Non-profit Michigan** Tai Chi Association is offering classes in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 332-1281 for more information.

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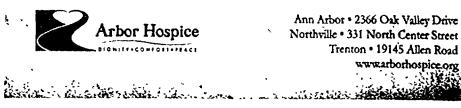




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Make sure your child is in school on Wednesday

Yes, it's important for children to show up ready to learn every school day, but Wednesday is particularly important.

The Northville Public School District receives \$8,483 per pupil from the state of Michigan.

How much the district receives in total depends on how many students it officially has on two count days the fourth Wednesday in September and the second Wednesday in February.

In September, there were 6,942 students in Northville's schools. That number accounts for 75 percent of a blended total, with the other 25 percent coming from Wednesday's student count.

The district will get about \$58.77 million - if Wednesday's count matches September's.

If less students show up, the district will get less funding.

It's that simple.

If your student has an unexcused absence on Wednesday, let's hope they attended all classes the day before. Then he or she will have to attend every class for the next 10 school days.

We don't have to explain to anyone how tough times are right now - for individuals, businesses and school districts.

A lot of good can be done in our classrooms with \$8,483. Make sure your child gets his fair share by attending class Wednesday.

United Way gives the 2-1-1 on providing help

Photo of the week



Braving the elements

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Barren trees and a chilly snow-covered field greeted visitors to Maybury State Park Jan. 25. The day began in Northville with the temperature only in the single digits.

Stigma and depression can kill

Depression. It killed my younger brother as surely as if it was the instrument he used to end his life.

It is not easy to write these words, as my heart is heavy. Overwhelming senses of sadness create sensations of a huge weight on my chest, yet write I must. We must end the stigma associated with this disease and far too many other mental illnesses that impact millions of Americans and their families. We must remove the barriers that prevent people from seeking the help they so desperately need.

Clinical Depression is not something you can just "snap out of." It's caused by an imbalance of brain chemicals along with other hereditary and environmental factors. Like any serious medical condition, depression needs to be treated or, as happened recently to my brother

· Persistent sad, anxious or "empty" feelings

· Feelings of hopelessness and/or pessimism

· Feelings of guilt, worthlessness and/or helplessness Irritability, restlessness

 Loss of interest in hobbies or activities once pleasurable.

including sex Fatigue and decreased ener-

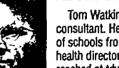
• Difficulty concentrating, .

remembering details and making decisions Insomnia, early morning

wakefulness or excessive sleeping

 Overeating or appetite loss Thoughts of suicide, suicide attempts

My brother and countless others suffering from this disease was not weak; quite the contrary. He was a good, kind and giving man who traveled the world



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those who suffer from it. The very sense of hopelessness, pain, embarrassment and despair caused by so many other negative thoughts and feelings can and does — prevent people from seeking help.

However, society, feelings and ignorance about the illness can be just as debilitating as the disease itself. How places of business, coworkers, family, friends and society perceive and respond

About Tom Watkins

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regarded as a weakness in a person's character. They are told to "knock it off, everyone feels down from time-to-time!" or "just pull yourself up by your bootstraps!" Clinical depression does not allow a person such a luxury.

There is good news, though. With advances in mental health treatment, depression can be treated if a person or those who love them can get them to seek it. Often, this is no easy task. Depression has no season. Yet major family events and holidays can exacerbate the feelings of isolation, doom, gloom and overwhelming feelings of despair. If you or someone you love is suffering from clinical depression, please reach out for help before it is too late.

The other day I got a call from some folks at the Michigan Association of United Ways saying they wanted to come and talk.

My reaction was, well, OK. But I wasn't all that excited. As I saw it, United Way has been an amiable standard-bearer and fund-raiser for human services all over Michigan

True, they've been high atop the list of do-gooder agencies. But they haven't exactly been blazing a new path in philanthropy. They we been kinda slow and a little old-fashioned. They've had a bewildering number of local chapters, especially in metropolitan Detroit.

So when Scott Dzurka, the head of the Michigan Association of United Ways, and Nancy Lindman. their communications director. walked in the door -- well, frankly, I didn't expect much

But guess what: An hour and a half later, my head was spinning with admiration United Way really is getting its act together In metro Detroit, under the leadership of CEO Michael Brennan. they've consolidated a whole bunch of local chapters into one unified service agency, United Way of Southeastern Michigan They've shrunk a patchwork of unwieldy local boards into a powerhouse regional board of directors headed by respected Detroit attorney Reginald Turner.

Most importantly, they're taking an important place as the collaborative human service provider in the unified "One D" regional alignment. Statewide, they've got something even more significant coming down the track. It's called "211," the health and human services equivalent of the 911 telephone emergency service Dialing 211 connects people with important services, including job training, substance abuse, heating, food, housing, utilities, mental health, counseling and more. Within a mere six years, the program has grown from nothing to serving more than 70 percent of Michigan's population. It principally serves the southeast section and the counties around Lansing, but United Way 1s working on a business plan to provide access

statewide. Calls are free and answered any time, day or night, by professional information and referral specialists. Translation is available for non-English speakers Calls are linked to a comprehensive database with details about more than 20,000 public, nonprofit and faith-based health and human service programs.

Because I'm a grumpy and skeptical old reporter. I interrupted my talk with Dzurka and Lindman to dial "211," right then and there

They looked a little anxious as the phone rang. But it was quick-ly answered. "I needed help in paying my gas bill." I said --- it was around 10 degrees that day. "OK, just a moment," came back the answer. And in just a moment the operator gave me three agencies and telephone numbers that could help. Very impressive.

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About Phil Power

Former newspaper publisher and University of Michigan Regent Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics and economics. He is also the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a centrist think-and-do tank. The opinions expressed here are Power's own and do not represent the official views of The Center. Power wel-

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Phil, it can kill you.

Depression and manic depression interfere with a person's ability to work, learn and enjoy life. Untreated, these diseases can be fatal; they result in death by suicide for 30,000 Americans each year.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, depression symptoms include:

Where to Get Help Locally

Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health (313) 833-2500 (313) 224-4357 (24-hour emergency) www.waynecounty.com

Oakland County Community Mental Health (248) 858-1210 (248) 543-2900 (24-hour emergency) www.occmha.org

Macomb County Community Mental Health (586) 469-5275 (586) 307-9100 (24-hour emergency) www.macomb.lib.mi.us/maco mb/graphicpages/departments/menhealth.html

Livingston County Community Mental Health (517) 546-4126 (800) 615-1245 (24-hour emergency) www.cmhliv.org/links.htm

Michigan Department of **Community Mental Health** www.michigan.gov/moch

Common Ground Sanctuary Operates a 24-hour crisis hot line that offers referrals to dozens of mental health service agencies.

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working on ships, built homes, volunteered his time to help others, played football and was a champion Junior Golden Glove Boxer

It is estimated that up to 75 percent of people with depression don't seek treatment for a treatable disease. Clearly the very nature of the illness can and does --- literally immobilize

(248) 456-0909 (800) 231-1127

Michigan Protection and **Advocacy Services** This agency has a federal mandate to protect the rights of people served by Community Mental Health, to advocate on their behalf and investigate complaints. (800) 288-5923 www.mpas.org

Mental Health Association in Michigan Works toward improved care and treatment of the mentally iII.

(248) 647-1711 www.mha-mi.org

University of Michigan **Depression Center Rachel Upjohn Building** 4250 Plymouth Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48109-5763 (800) 475-MICH (6424)

Nationally

The National Alliance for the Mentally III of Michigan Maintains a helpline for information on mental illnesses and referrals to local support and advocacy groups. (800) 331-4264 http://mi.nami.org

Michigan Association for **Children With Emotional** Disorders

to depression can literally paralyze any motivation a person might take toward seeking help. Even as we move into the 21st century, there remains a huge stigma attached to depression. It is an illness that is widely misunderstood and even feared. Mental illness that causes a change in how a person behaves, such as depression, is often

Works with families to devise appropriate treatment plans for each child and family. (248) 552-0044 MIChildren@prodigy.net

Association for Children's **Mental Health**

A network of support groups and services for families and children in Michigan. (800) 782-0883 È-mail: acmhinc@aol.com

The Arc Michigan Works to empower people with developmental disabilities. (800) 292-7851 www.arcmi.org

Michigan Disability Resource Directory

A massive database operated by the Family Independence Agency. http://208.32.167.178/

Centers for Medicare and

Medicald Services Investigates some complaints about treatment facilities that receive Medicare and Medicald funding. (410) 786-3000 www.CMS.gov

The National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse Promotes and helps to develop consumer-run self-help groups across the country. (800)553-4539

www.mhselfhelp.org

National Council on **Alcoholism and Drug** Dependency in Michigan Working to reduce alcoholism and other drug problems in Michigan. (800) 344-3400

Rose Hill Center

Residential treatment and rehabilitation program for adults with serious mental illnesses (248) 634-5530 www.rosehillcenter.com

National Alliance for the Mentally III **Colonial Place Three** 2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300 Arlington, VA 22201-3042 (703) 524-7600; 1-800-950-ŇAMI

www.nami.org

National Depressive and

Manic Depressive Association 730 N. Franklin, Suite 501 Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 642-0049; (800) 826-3632 www.ndmda.org

National Foundation for Depressive illness, Inc. P.O. Box 2257 New York, NY 10016 (212) 268-4260; (800) 239-1265

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Secure former state hospital complex

The recent shooting and numerous trespassing arrests suggest there is an attraction for a criminal element at the former Nonhville State Hospital in Northville Township. Easy access to the property is a magnet for scrap metal thieves and young thrill seekers interested in combing through the tunnels that connect the buildings found on the 414 acres of mostly wooded grounds. One only wonders what type of "Jackass" stunts are being performed for video on the property.

The property is now owned by REIS, a Limited Liability Company created by Real Estate Interests Group of Bloomfield Hills and Schostak Brothers & Co. of Livonia. The developer's answer to the security concerns is to erect a fence around the main building and place families, one of them | pregnant, in mobile homes, and have them form a neighborhood watch. The developer and these residents should worry that a pregnant woman or a youngster could get hurt or killed because the developer tried to save a few dollars instead of hiring proper security. Is the criminal element also

causing other types of crime in Northville and the neighboring areas? Only time will tell if the overall crime rate is climbing because of the attraction to thousands of dollars worth of copper. lead, aluminum and other scrap materials found in the many buildings on the site, left behind by the State of Michigan.

If we can't convince REIS to do the right thing, maybe the township should just hire more police to patrol the property to ensure it is secured instead of waiting for one of the residents in the mobile homes to look up from the TV when gunfire crupts. It is the right thing to do to ensure no one gets killed. Securing this property requires full time professionals. not a neighborhood watch.

Concerned residents of Northville and surrounding areas should come and express their concerns at the town hall meeting being hosted by Citizens for Northville. Visit our Web site at citizensfornorthville com for date and location.

Paul and Janet Marshall Northville

Be 'Concerned'

There has been a good deal of confusion surrounding the recent purchase of the former Northville State Hospital property by the joint venture of Real Estate Interests Group, Inc. and Schostak Brothers (collectively REIS). Most residents want the asbestos, medical waste, and other contamination cleaned up quickly, and the eyesore removed, and are looking to REIS to accomplish that. As a resident of the Lakes of Northville subdivision immediately to the south-of the property. I share in that desire. and welcome REIS to the community.

However, Northville Township has long-established ordinances regarding population density, height of buildings, zoning, etc. In their plans submitted to date, **REIS** has shown an unwillingness to comply with some of those ordinances, and is now suing the township in an effort to force variances beyond what the township adminstration can reasonably allow. If the administration grants everything REIS is seeking, we will experience congestion beyond anything Northville has seen in the past, and the entire character of the township, and possibly the city, may change. Cutizens for Northville is a

grass roots group of concerned citizens who are seeking to support the township and city governments in promoting the quality of life in Northville by educating and informing its residents on issues like this one. To that end, the group is holding a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, at the Highland Lakes Activities Center on Silver Springs Drive. All residents, both township and city, are encouraged to attend and become informed regarding the facts surrounding the state hospital property.

> George Linker Northville

Taxing truth

Thank you for the articles and opinions bringing light and reason to the recall of Marc Corriveau in the Jan. 31 issue.

This young man, duly elected by the voters in our district, has been doing a worthy job for us, with a 100-percent record in the legislature.

The leader of the recall effort, a politician who hails from Macomb County, must have taken lessons in dirty tricks from Carl

there was never a seven-year, consecutive, decline in the economy.

My mother was the youngest of 12 VanderVens from Holland, Mich. It can truly be said that they were able to pull themselves out of The Great Depression with their faith, family, public education and a job.

All 12 VanderVens helped one another with the payment of their college tuition which enabled them to get a worthwhile job. Seven of my aunts and uncles were administrators or teachers for 40 years each in Michigan public schools.

Once again, our economy is going through a major transfor-mation. At kitchen tables all across Michigan, families are discussing their own personal concerns regarding the economy.

It appears that education for the new, higher-skilled jobs will pull us through this recession. I have consistently suggested that higher education is the essence of recovery for our economy.

Specifically, this economic turnaround will depend on three key assumptions:

· First, we must address the issue of our national trade policy. For example, automakers can only maintain their market share if we level the playing field with China and South Korea.

 Secondly, the state's real estate market must recover to boost homebuilding and construction in general. New home sales haven fallen to their lowest level in 27 years.

· Thirdly, Michigan's recovery depends on the nation as a whole avoiding a recession - in an economy battered by the sub prime mortgage meltdown, credit worries, and a slipping stock market.

The linchpin for every thriving economy is a job for every worker, which often is the source of our self-respect. The manufacturing sector in the United States has lost more than 3.2-million jobs between 2000 and 2006.

Finally, we must ask the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Our answer must be a resounding. Yes!

Our parents and grandparents survived The Great Depression by helping one another. We too must help our families, our neighbors and all our "brothers" weather Michigan's current, harsh economic turbulence, so once more we can move Michigan forward.

> John C. Stewart State Representative 2000-06

step-by-step plan for helping illegal aliens achieve legal standing. She listed the dangers of issuing drivers' licenses to those who are not U. S. citizens. Now, on Feb. 2. Barack Obama favors granting drivers' licenses to people who are living in the U. S. without legal documents. By so doing, he has gained support from the largest Latino newspaper in the country, which is based in California.

Obama is praised for his honesty and straightforward opinions and above playing politics Clinton is accused of waffling and triangulation. Hånnah Provence Donigan

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Kiwanian kudos

On behalf of the Northville Kiwanis. I would like to extend my appreciation to those organizations and individuals named herein for their support in making the 3rd annual Polar Bear Plunge such a fun and successful event. Because of their contributions of both time and money, we raised more than \$5,000 to further our efforts on behalf of the special needs individuals with whom we work and the various charities we support.

Thanks to the Northville City and Township Fire and Police departments. Thanks to The Northville Record and the Northville Journal for their assistance in publicizing this event. Thanks to Planet Fitness for the use of their facilities both before and after the plunge. Thanks to Township Supervisor Mark Abbo, City Mayor Chris Johnson and Suzie Johnson from the Chamber for serving as plunger's costume judges. Thanks to Greg Presley for serving as Master of Ceremonies.

Thanks to our sponsors: Marion Miller, George's Senate Coney Island. Jim's Dearborn AutoCenter, The Starting Gate, Vanderhaeghen AFC. Northville Downs, Zayti and Associates and Ibex Insurance.

And finally, a special thanks to the intrepid (some say nuts) plungers: Bill Abbott, Joe Camilleri, Melissa Costello, Brian Dogonski, Jarrod Harris, James Holland. Lisa Jannon. Thelma Kubitskey (and her people). Erich Ross, Aubrie Wilson and Kristine Wilson

Without the Jungers and their pledges, the sponsors and their contributions and the community and its support, this event would not have succeeded Thanks to all! We look forward to our 4th annual plunge in January 2009.





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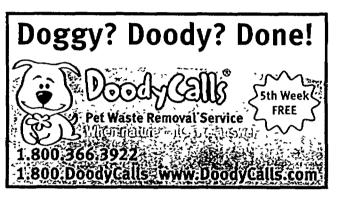
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Jeffrey Jaghab, D.D.S. Stephanie Jaghab, D.D.S.

February is Children's Dental Health Month

For each new patient treated during February, we will donate \$25 to the P.T.A. of your choice* \$50 maximum per family.



Support township

Hats off to Township Trustees for taking a tough stand on the development of the former psychiatric hospital land. REIS, the property developer, appears to be asking for a total deviation from the master plan in its land use application. For example, they want approval to erect buildings seven stories high while the ordinance calls for 2.5 stories. Also, they want approval of lot sizes 20 percent smaller than the ordinance allows... and on and on. Next, they use the media to report that Nonhville Township will not let them develop the land and create much needed jobs. I say, stop asking for the indiculous and get on with development using the well thought out ordinances within the Master Plan

I hope all citizens take the time to understand the facts in this situation so they, too, will show support to the Township Board. I strongly encourage everyone to attend the upcoming Town Hall meeting to get the facts and get involved. Visit the Web site CitizensForNorthville com for the time, date and location.

Terry Marrs Northville

When Republicans cry about a vote to increase taxes, they don't care if it's for better health care or

better services to all of us. They're against it. But what is a real increase in taxes for you and me is the give-away tax breaks the Republicans

have pushed to the wealthy and big business, including big oil, which is reaping obscene profits.

Who then makes up the shortfall in tax income for the government?

You and me!

That's a tax increase, too.

Bob Moreillon Northville

Brother's keeper

"Others, Lord, Yes, others, Help us to live for others, that I may live like Thee."

These are the words of an old Methodist hymn and they embody a philosophy that we should try and live by today, more than ever. It is good at any time, but espe-

cially during the Lenten season, to take the time to reflect. During the past seven years, we

have experienced an unprecedented downturn in our economy. Throughout the Great Depression

Poor taste

I was disgusted by the photo and caption: First Deer. I don't want to see children with rifles and slaughtered animals in my local paper. And it turned my stomach to see the deer posed and propped up as if he were a willing participant in the photo op. It is sad to read of parents who celebrate their 12-year-old child's expertise in killing animals.

> Jeanette V. Novak Northville

Clinton v. Obama

In a debate last November, Senator Clinton was chastised when she said she supported the idea of New York Governor Eliot Spritzer's three-tiered plan for dealing with illegal aliens. One part would give a special card for driving vehicles. She said the plan made a lot of sense but it wasn't the best thing. She was sympathetic with governors trying to deal with the problem of undocumented people in the U.S. After widespread criticism throughout the country, the governor withdrew his plan.

In the debate on Jan.31, Senator Clinton gave a reasoned, detailed L.T. Sylvestre, President Northville Krwanis



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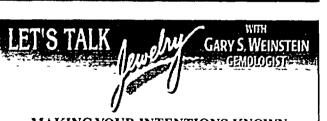
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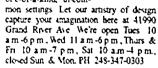


MAKING YOUR INTENTIONS KNOWN

Like an engagement ring, a promise ring the top of your list of is a sign of commitment to a romantic partner While an engagement ring speaks of imminent marnage, a promise ring is something of a "pre-engagement" ring It may be a serious sign that the partners recognize that they may be too young to marry but they are old enough to know the meaning of committed love. Otherwise, it may be that a man wants to stave off marriage without losing the woman of his dreams Whatever the intention, a promise ring makes a clear statement. It is often worn on the ring finger of the right hand to avoid

being confused with an engagement ring Certain occasions in life are significant rulestones and deserve to be commerciarated with gifts of exceptional beauty and importance. Are you looking for something different but very distinctive to celebrate a special time? Then you would do well to put WEINSTEIN JEWELERS OF NOVI at

places to visit soon From the breathtaking to the sublime, we offer an unparalled collection of fine jewelry of brilliant gemstones and ore-of-a-kind, uncom-



"We Give Cash For Your Old Go'd!" While the gold market is so high, bring in your old gold and we would be happy to cash you out

HINT Promise rings are also known as 'declaration rings'

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PHIL POWER: United Way gives the 2-1-1 on providing help

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Turns out a comprehensive referral service both speeds help to people in need who are regularly baffled by the impenetrable range of agencies out there, and saves a pile of money by cutting confusion.

One national cost-benefit analysis by the University of Texas estimates the net value of a national 211 system at close to \$130 million in the first year alone and more than \$1 billion over a decade.

A University of Nebraska

study estimated cost savings for their state at as much as \$16.5 million annually, as a result of reduced overlapping costs and improved community planning.

One big advantage of a 211 system comes from increasing efficiency by helping callers clearly define exactly what they need and pointing them to the best places for help. That reduces misdirected calls to agencies. Moreover, the system reduces dependency amongst those in need by providing them with information and tools they can

use and make decisions about the support they need.

Additionally, careful study of calling and response patterns will enable service providers to see where there are holes in local safety nets that need plugging.

When I was growing up, both my parents were deeply involved with an agency that preceded the United Way. I remember they went to endless meetings and came back home frustrated at the problem of finding a way through all the separate channels, each crected by a particular local service agency. They spent a fair amount of time and effort trying to figure out how to create a system of what amounts to reference librarians who could help local callers sort their way through what was then a murky system.

Their idea never happened. But more than half a century later, it looks as though the 211 program is providing exactly what's needed to help more people, more quickly, more effectively and at less cost.

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There's a word for this: Marvelous!

Ward Presbyterian Church presents "Sensational Strings" at 8 p.m. on Saturday HOT TICKET: 4

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CALENDAR

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Local Events

Northville Cooperative Preschool Open House

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday LOCATION: Detroit First Church

of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road

DETAILS: Now enrolling for 2008-09, openings in two, three and four year old programs; science enrichment classes also available; all are welcome. CONTACT: (248) 348-1791

Sing for Hope

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 LOCATION. Chase Bar and Gnil,

Northville DETAILS: MetroAlive com and

Chase Bar and Grill are hosting an evening of karaoke to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support.

CONTACT: For more information, call Steve Williams at (248) 231-7636 or Chris Van Dam at (248) 449-4282.

Northville/Novi AAUW Great Decisions

TIME/DATE: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21

DETAILS: New members welcome. Great Decisions is an Interest Group of the AAUW; discuss will focus on the concept of foreign aid and it's transformation with new forms of assistance. new donors and new ways of measuring success. To attend, email Karen Bunting at buntingk@comcase.net.

Northville Democrats Town Hall Speakers Series

TIME/DATE: 7 p m. Thursday, Feb. 21

LOCATION' Hillside Middle School Forum, southwest corner of Center Street and Eight Mile Road

DETAILS: Speaker is Dr. Marshall Blondy, Pediatrician, who will speak on "Single Payer Health Insurance?... If Your Grandchildren are Lucky"; no admission charge but donations appreciated.

CONTACT: (248) 465-1995 or visit scraig27@comcast.net

"The Purple Gang" Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m Friday, Feb.

area restaurants providing samples from their menus. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and over and \$4 for children under 12 and are available at the door This year's theme is "Think Globally - Celebrate Locally." See the entry below under Northville Chamber of Commerce for information on being an exhibitor.

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

Mother's Club of Northville 2008 Dinner Auction

TIME/DATE: 6.30 p.m. Saturday, March 8 LOCATION: The Inn At St. John's, Five Mile Road, just east

of Sheldon Road DETAILS: This annual event is a great way to enjoy a night out and support the school children of Northville; evening includes a strolling buffet, a silent auction, live auction items and music by The Shawn Riley Band; tickets are \$75 per person and are available through any Mother's Club mem-

berr. CONTAACT: Susan at (248) 596-1629.

NHS Class of 2008 Senior All **Night Party**

TIME/DATE: 10.30 p m.-4:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 2008

DETAILS: Senior All Night Party tickets are \$70; contact Shirley Rogers at (248) 348-7295 for more information. Unpainted wooden horses are available to purchase for \$40 and can be personalized by parents for their senior. They will be displayed at the All Night Party; order a horse now and it will be available in the spring; contact Mary Jo Blasius at (248) 349-0101. Order forms for tickets and horses are available online at www.northville.k12.mi us and checks should be made payable to Northville Senior Class Party; mail to Janet Goldberg. 18833 Oak Leaf Lane, Northville 48168.

As the Page Turns

LOCATION: 149 N. Center St , Suite 102, Northville CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or visit www.asthepageturns.biz

Donate Used Books DETAILS: Bring in gently-used books during the months of January and February and receive 10 percent off the purchase of a new book; donated books will be donated to area shelters and an area reading program

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.

Genitti's Little Theater

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

A Winter Wedding Italian Style TIME/DATE: Interactive Dinner Theater: 6:30 p.m. Saturday; 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14; 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 and March 1; 7 p m. Friday, March 14.

TIME/DATE: Interactive Lunch Theater: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday March 13 and Saturday, April 5

DETAILS: Dinner tickets \$45, lunch tickets \$35; reservations only; we will open any date for 20 or more

"Toy Chest" Children's Lunch Theater

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19

DETAILS: Tickets are \$14.95 for children and \$16.95 for adults, not including tax and gratuity; call for reservations.

Tribute to Elvis

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15; 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 DETAILS: A tribute to Elvis star-

ring Sherman Arnold. 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

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

Mark Arminski - A Rogue's Gallery

TIME/DATE: Exhibit continues through Sunday, Feb. 24

DETAILS: Exhibit presents latest works of this native Detroiter who, over his 25 year career, has explored a wide range of media and is considered one of the leading rock concert poster artists of the 90s.

Tuscan Art with Michael

p.m. Junior Scout meeting Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 1 p.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 4:30 p m. Cub Scouts; 5:30 p m. Eclipse; 6:30 Venture Scouts

Monday: 11 a.m. Northville-Garden Club; 7 p.m. Lions Club Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gano:

6:30 p.m. Northville Democratic Club Wednesday: 4:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek

Church Grounds closed to public

Northville Chamber of Commerce

LOCATION: 195 S. Main St., Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org A Day to Honor Chamber

Members TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

today LÓCATION: 41620 Six Mile Road, Suite 102, Northville **DETAILS: Buckle Family** Chiropractic is offering friends and

family members of the Northville Chamber a complimentary chiropractic examination as a way to say thank you for your support and loyalty; call early to schedule an appointment.

CONTACT: (248) 349-9933 TGIF

TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Friday LOCATION: Chamber Office After Hours Mixer

TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 LOCATION: The Chase Bar and

Gnli

TGIF TIME/DATE: 8-9 a m. Friday,

Feb. 22 LOCATION: Chamber Office

Taste of Northville Business Showcase

TIME/DATE: Noon-3 p.m. Saturday, March 8 LOCATION: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road **DETAILS:** Applications are now available. Contact the chamber to reserve your spot or visit www.northville.org for an application. Exhibit space is limited. This year's theme is "Think Globally -Celebrate Locally." See the entry near the top of this column for more information about the show-

Regional Events

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domestic infant and international (China, Russia, Nepal, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Haiti and Kazakhstan) adoption; no cost; for reservations or more information, contact (248) 474-0990.

HR Focus Workshop: Values-**Based Human Capital** Management

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Waish College Novi

Campus

DETAILS: Hire smarter and more able people to help your organization achieve success; morning session focuses on legal issues and practical application; afternoon breakout sessions offer choices of topics; full day conference fee is \$50, morning only is \$40, Walsh alumni and members of partner organizations receive a 20-percent discount, students are \$15. For online registration visit wwwsecure walshcollege edu/BLIForm

s/CorpEvents.aspx. Frog and Toad Survey Training

Workshops TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, Novi

DETAILS: Help monitor the health of the Rouge River by listening for frogs and toads in your neighborhood. Attend one training workshop where you will get everything that you need to survey. No experience necessary. Pre-registration is required for this free workshop.

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

Franklin Road Christian School Open House

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: 40800 W. 13 Mile

Road, corner of M-5, Novi **DETAILS:** Prospective parents

may stop into the Open House and speak with faculty and administrators and take a tour of the facility, open enroliment begins Feb. 1 for the 2008-09 school

vear. CONTACT: (248) 668-7100 or visit www.franklinroadchristianschool.org

Super Summers for Kids: **Camp Fair**

TIME/DATE/LOCATION: 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday at Emerson School, 5425 Scio Church Road, Ann Arbor TIME/DATE/LOCATION 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday at the Birmingham Conference Center. 31301 Evergreen Road, Beverly Hills DETAILS: Learn about camps available for pre-schoolers through teens: event showcases more than 70 camps across the country including unique programs for children with special needs and older teens; no charge to attend; high school and college students can learn about summer jobs. For more information, call (248) 851-7342 or visit www.metroparent.com.

are teaming up to educate homeowners about how to protect their money and their mortgages in this free seminar, attendees are not required to share personal financial information; after the seminar, free personal appointments may be arranged; reservations are recommended by calling Betty Nolan at (734) 453-6879, ext. 2.

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Saturday and Sunday, March 8, 9

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CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

DETAILS: Tickets (adults-\$25,

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Society office (734) 451-2112; in

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Athayde, composer Frank La

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Orchestra and the Celebration

DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday

A Beatles Blast

LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Thursday,

LOCATION: Penn Theatre,

DETAILS: Performance is a

, fundraiser and tribute to the leg-

cocktail party at Lotus Arts Gallery

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LOCATION: Novi Middle School

DETAILS: This is the communi-

Novi Theatres Present "Father Bingo" TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 7 and 14; 7:30 p.m.

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LOCATION: Genitti's Hole in the Wall

DETAILS: Fundraiser to erect the General Store at Mill Race Village; the Purple Gang controlled the bootleg liquor business in Detroit during prohibition; interactive murder mystery takes place in a 1931 speakeasy and is based on some of the actual gang members, a Dore production; tickets \$35 per person and are available at Northville Candle and Gifts, Tuscan Cafe and from 9 a m -1 p m weekdays at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village

CONTACT (248) 348-1845

A Painters' Play - Act III

TIME/DATE: Exhibit runs through Friday, Feb. 29 LOCATION Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 133 W. Main St., Suite 210, Northville

DETAILS. Third annual Art Exhibit and Sale starring three artists who will paint new works live and in real time at the gallery: regular gallery hours are 10 a m. 5 p.m. Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday and Monday by appointmen!

Voices of Maybury Farm Meeting

TIME/DATE: 3'30-5 p m Sunday, March 2 LOCATION: Northville District Library

DETAILS' All are welcome to attend this regular, open meeting.

Taste of Northville Business Showcase

TIME/DATE: Noon-3 p m Saturday, March 8

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DETAILS: This exposition brings together Northville's premer businesses to highlight their products and services at a fun family-themed event, more than 100 interactive exhibits from retail, service and professional businesses are on display; top draw are the

Author Kim Crouch DATE: Friday

DETAILS: Her book, "Mother To Son: Words of Wisdom, Inspiration for Today's Young African American Men," will be discussed and available for purchase

Marguis Theatre

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

Movies at the Marquis

TIME: 7:30 p m.

DATE: Saturday, "Shakespeare in Love," sponsored by gg Resort Boutique, Feb. 16, "Rear Window," sponsored by Margo's of Northville; Feb 23, "Sabrina." sponsored by Swearingen Fine Portraits; Mar. 1, "To Catch A Thief." sponsored by Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, Mar. 8, "Some Like It Hot," sponsored by Lorla's, Mar. 15, "Rebel Without a Cause," sponsored by Poole's Tavern; and Mar. 29, "Casablanca," sponsored

by Starring: The Gallery. DETAILS: Tickets are free and available only at the business sponsoring each movie. The sponsoring business will be open until 7 30 pm on the evening that their movie plays

Friday Fun at Center Stage **Dance Company**

TIME/DATE: 4:30-5:45 p.m. Hip Hop Friday is the second Friday of each month; Tap Jam Friday is the third Friday of each month.

LOCATION: Center Stage Dance Company, 43334 W. Seven Mile Road, Suite 250, Northville

DETAILS: Ages 6 and up are invited to free-style their hip hop and tap moves, dance with friends and help kids in their community, \$1 cover charge goes toward purchasing holiday gifts for the children at Hawthorn Center.

CONTACT: (248) 380-1666

Farrell

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 20 -DaVinci; March 19 - Michelangelo; April 16 - Raphael TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.

DETAILS: This art appreciation lecture series featuring Michael Farrell, professor of Art History at the University of Windsor, is both educating and entertaining; tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Family Art Appreciation Nights TIME/DATE: 7-8.30 p.m. fourth Wednesday of the month, Feb. 27

and March 26 DETAILS: Bring the whole family to these interactive art lectures and discover the three big genres of art - realistic, expressionistic and abstract. Expose yourself to the great art geniuses and discover a few obscure artists. Cost is \$5 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 (\$6 annually for seniors 65 and older.) 2008 permits now available at park office, 20145 Beck Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-8390, Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or www FriendsofMaybury org Snow Shoe Demo TIME/DATE: 10 a m.-2 p m. Saturday DETAILS: Same as above

Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION. 215 Griswold Ave., 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; 4 p m. Cub Scouts

Friday: 9 a m. Archives open; 4

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TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Monday LOCATION: Best Western Laurel Park Suites, 16999 S. Laurel Park, Livonia (near Six Mile and Newburgh roads)

DETAILS: Citizen activists will hold a joint seminar to instruct residents of districts represented by House Speaker Andy Dillon and State Rep. Marc Corriveau. The instruction will detail how to circulate petitions to recall both of them from office.

CONTACT: Rose Bogaert at (313) 278-8383

The Heart of a Woman Art Show by Barbara Eko Murphy

TIME/DATE: 10 a m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a m.-5 p m. Friday and Saturday, through Feb. 28

LOCATION: Brighton Library, 100 Library Dr, Brighton, (810) 229-8924

DETAILS: Socteen drawings celebrating women are featured during February's American Heart Association-Red Dress Awareness Month.

Mad Hatter Tea Party Art Show

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday until Feb. 29 LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Park Hospital, Novi DETAILS: Art show of original artwork featuring playful and imaginative teapots created by a variety of local artists and Novi high school students; part of the partnership between Providence Park Hospital and the Novi **Community School District.**

Adoption Information Meeting

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Adoption Associates Inc., 26105 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills DETAILS: This adoption information meeting will discuss

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"Chapter Two" a play by Neil Simon

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15-17, 21-24, 28-29, March 1-2, 6-8

LOCATION: Farmington Player's Barn Theater, 32332 West 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

DETAILS: A romantic cornedy about two people starting over; tickets are \$13-15 and can be purchased online at www.farmingtonplayers org or by calling the box office at (248) 553-2955; student and group discounts available.

Daughters of the American Revolution

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a m. Monday, Feb. 18 LOCATION: Plymouth District Library, Main Street, Plymouth DETAILS: Good crtizen reception; speaker is State Rep. Marc R Corriveau.

CONTACT: (734) 45-4764

Money Management Seminar

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 LOCATION: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth DETAILS: Community Financial, GreenPath Debt Solutions and Plymouth Community United Way

http://rockfinancialshowplace.com /for more information.

Antique Arms Show

(248) 348-5600 or visit

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p m. Saturday and 9 a m.-3 p.m. Sunday

DETAILS: Buy, sell and trade antique arms; \$6 admission, 12 and younger are free; \$5 parking. 42nd Annual Detroit Camper

and RV Show

TIME/DATE: 2-9 p.m. weekdays, Feb. 13-15; 10 a m.-9 p m. Saturday, Feb. 16; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17

DETAILS: New recreational vehicles on display; admission \$9, 12 and under are free, seniors are \$5 on Wednesday and Thursday only; \$5 parking.

Schoolcraft College Women's **Resource Center**

LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads

CONTACT: For more information, and to register, call (734) 462-4443.

Divorce Support Group

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month LOCATION: Women's Resource Center, Room 225 McDowell Center

DETAILS: Open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce; first meeting group discussion with facilitator Cynthia Kippin, MA, LPD, LLP; second meeting features a speaker; no fee or registration required.

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History jam

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past week as part of festivities for Black History Month. The group, getting some help from students who played drums, mostly featured music from west Africa.

Second Count Day is Wednesday

Quarter of district's funding decided this day

By Jason Carmel Davis STAFF WRITER

The total enrollment of Northville Public School District students in their seats Wednesday — the second Count Day for the 2007-08 school year - will determine how much of the allotted remaining 25 percent it receives from the state in School Aid Funding.

After numbers were tallied up last fall, Northville grew by 101 students - from 6,841 in June 2007 to 6,942. That number includes students in the district's Special Education Center Programs and K-12 students, according to Director of Special Education Lynne Mossoian. That gave the district more than \$850,000 in additional

revenue. If that total of 6,942 holds up, Northville schools will receive almost \$58.77 million from the state for the current school year.

The total allotment is slightly up, as well, as the state of Michigan OK'd an increase of \$48-\$96 per pupil for all Michigan public school districts. Northville's per-pupil

funding took a slight bump from \$8,435 to \$8,483 Count day takes place twice each school year: on the fourth Wednesday in September and the second Wednesday in February. The number of students present on

both days determines the amount of state funding per pupil. The September total accounts for 75 percent of the "blended total" and the February count day makes up the remaining 25 percent. The state takes the blended count total and multiplies it against the Foundation Allowance, which is the pre-determined amount per pupil. Students must be enrolled on or before count day, meet state age requirements, have identity and age verified by their school district, proof of residency, class schedule and be in attendance all day on the specified day.

Enrolled students with an unexcused absence on count day must have attended all classes prior to count day and must again attend all classes during the next 10 consecutive school days.

Teachers are responsible for taking a head count on count day.

"It's a very important day for school districts," said Dave Bolinho, Northville assistant superintendent for administrative services. "It's been said that 70-80 percent of Michigan districts are losing students, so it's important to have students in school on that day so districts can get the money they need to meet financial obligations."

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'Capitol'izing on an educational experience

Group of NHS students take in State of the State

By Jason Carmel Davis STAFF WRITER

Northville High School senior Michael Baldwin said he would like to attend college in another state due to the current job climate in the state of Michigan.

Six of his classmates, all of whom are enrolled in Chris Ford's Advanced Placement Government class, share those thoughts.

"I think (state officials) are trying to do too many things and not focusing on what they can really fix," Baldwin said.

But the senior and his classmates had the chance Jan. 29 to have an up-close-and-personal look at what exactly could be done as Baldwin, those six classmates and two teachers — Marc Sierra and Tim Ortopan — made the hour trip to Lansing last Tuesday for Gov. Jennifer Granholm's State of the State address.

Ford set up the trip after speaking with State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville), as former State Rep. John Stewart allowed students to tour the Capitol building on three separate occasions during his six years in office.

"Corriveau came into my class last December and thought it was a great idea to bring the kids up to give them the experience of seeing government up close and seeing policy enacted," Ford said.

The trip marked the first time Sterra and Ortopan had the chance to watch government in action. Both had taken tours of the Capitol in the past, but had not been lucky enough to sit in on a session.

Sierra said he was interested in seeing how legislators and other state officials reacted to Granholm.

"Were (officers) enthusiastic or lukewarm," Sierra said. "It's a luttle different seeing people's reactions up close than it is seeing them on TV."

Ortopan said having the opportunity to see government on a larger scope was a plus for him. along with being able to observe everything going on executive chambers.

Baldwin said after watching President George W. Bush's State of the Union address he wanted to hear that everything was being done to help the state.

Senior Alex Shashlo said be was excited to shake hands with state officials, while junior Emily



A group of Northville High students is heading off to Lansing to spend a day with State Rep. Marc Corriveau. From left: Graham McHenry, Alex Shashlo, Emily Carroll, Matt Zielke, Michael Baldwin, Saquib Usman and Robble Barcelona.

Carroll joked that she was excited to see someone who anyone hasn't in a while.

"I couldn't wait to see Kwame (Kılpatrick)," Carroll said

Capitol tour

But the Detroit may or was not in attendance.

However, the group, through Corriveau, had the chance to tour Corriveau's office and the rest of the Capitol building. The students were also able to see the gallery floor and the Senate building.

"It was cool to be able to see the workings of the building and talk to some of the staff," Mustang senior Matt Zielke said.

Sterra said that for about 45 minutes to an hour before Granholm's speech began, the students were able to discuss a number of political issues. He said the entire process was interesting as the students were able to see the senators called into their chairs.

"I'd definitely take a group of students again," Sierra said. "Just to see their reaction to everything that was going on was great."

Sierra said he thought Granholm delivered a solid address and contrasted it to one of President Bush's speeches He said while each has a long list of items, Granholm had a theme.

"Whether it was education or

alternative fuel. (Granholm's) speech focused on the recovery of Michigan," Sierra said.

Shashlo, in a Republican rebuttal the students snuck into after the address, was chosen to ask a question and had that question answered on television.

"They said I couldn't ask any-

more questions because I didn't have a credential," Shashlo said, "but it was nice to be able to ask a question and feel involved. It's something we could do again in the future, but not as students, so it's something I'd like to experience again."

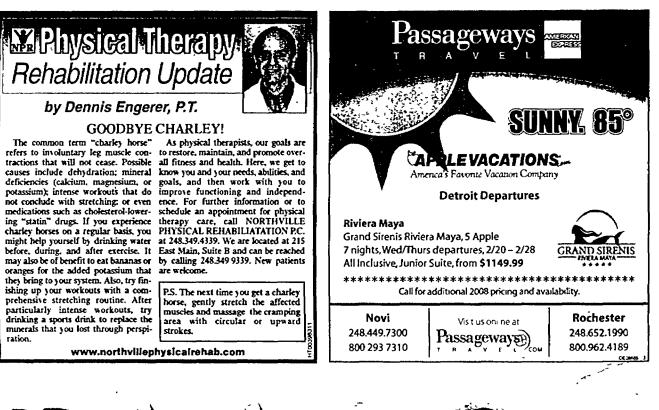
Corriveau said he never had the

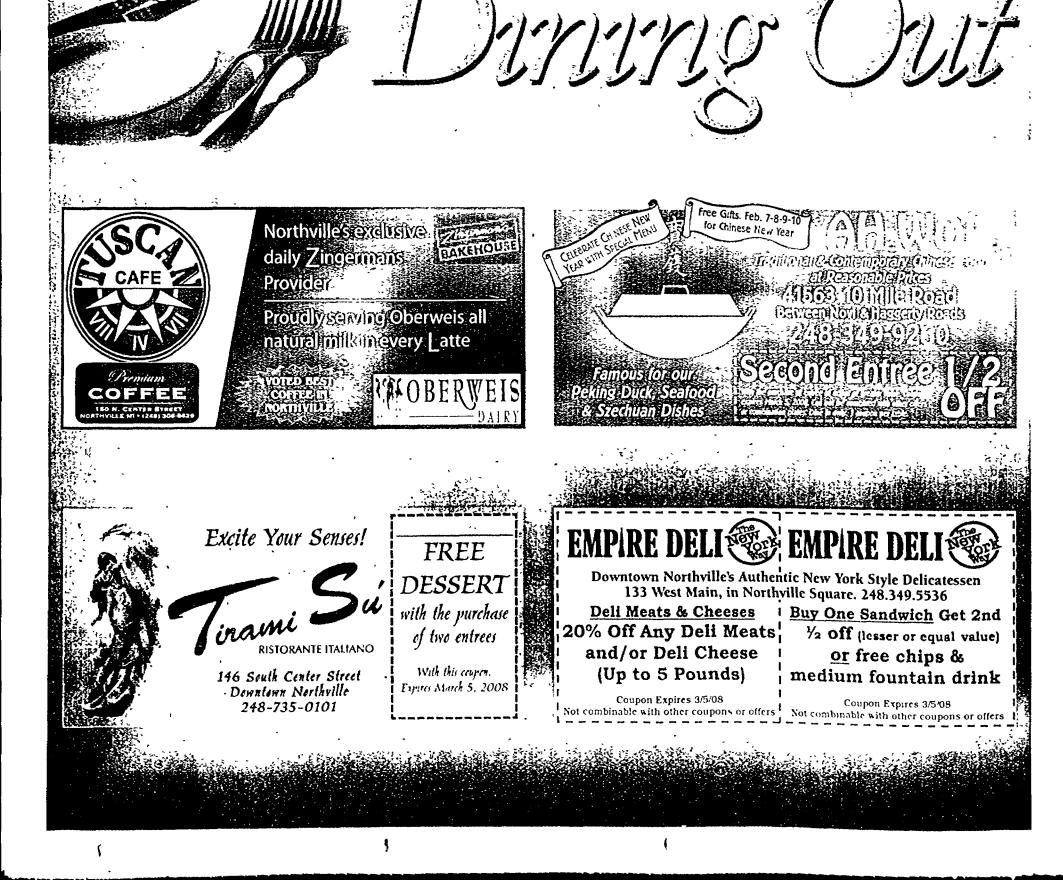
opportunity to take a trip of this magnitude but said he hoped the students would come away from the outing with possible political aspirations.

"They got the opportunity to see government from the inside and see what it's all about," Corriveau said "They got to see an impressive building and see government in session, so, hopefully, they came away inspired "

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Students juggling sports, work, classes

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homework while on his job, but it's sometimes difficult when he has to devote so much attention to the child.

"I just have to use my time wisely," Beger said.

Grades not affected

Mustang senior Brittany Birdsall stars on the Northville High girls basketball squad, along with playing softball in the spring.

Birdsall said she's been involved in sports for most of her young life and that she's learned how to prioritize from that.

"You just have to manage your time well," Birdsall said. "Everything has a place, and you have to figure out where those things fit in your life."

Birdsall and Beger, along with senior tennis player Andy Mills, all say they're able to maintain solid grade-point averages (GPA) without missing a step in their respective sporting arenas.

But senior Sara Fort, a former soccer player who also works at Pizza Cutter in downtown Northville three days a week, said although her grades have always been solid, she did notice a slight jump in her GPA after an ankle injury sidelined her.

"If I didn't put in the time to study since I don't have soccer, I'd just sit around and watch TV all day," Fort said. "By the time I know it, it'd be 9 o'clock at night and I'd regret playing around all day."

Fort did say, though, that she worries a bit more about her balancing act come finals. But her work schedule — Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays — gives her time to focus on schoolwork.

"I'm good about staying on track," Fort said.

Senior grappler Matt Ladhoff does his best to focus on the task at hand, as well.

Wrestling practice takes place right after school until about 6 p.m. each day, Ladhoff said, with dual meets taking place on Thursdays and 12-hour tournaments on Saturdays. "It doesn't leave a lot of time (for anything else)," Ladhoff said. Ladhoff added he worked about 25 hours a week at Einstein Bros.

Bagels until the season started, as "Last year I worked as much as possible during the season. I worked all day Sunday and any Saturdays with tournaments off," Ladboff said. "However, this year I wanted to focus on wrestling and have a break during the season.

"With school and wrestling things can get quite busy, but I work hard to stay on top of things and not let anything fall behind, saving just a little time for a social life, as well."

Ladhoff's case is a special one, as he is also attempting to raise money to fund his college stay.

He said he has set a goal to raise enough money to pay for his schooling with the support of more than 3,000 people from all 50 states.

Ladhoff realized that if he could ask a large number of people for a donation equal to one night on the town, "I could easily pay for my entire college education," Ladhoff said. In exchange for that support, he would dedicate half his total earnings from his first job out of college to help other students pay for their education — in the form of a scholarship awarded by Kiwanis,

Ladhoff hopes to have the opportunity to speak to different community groups about his story and that of other college hopefuls. He also said he's signed a written contract declaring his commitment to donating to that scholarship.

"(Fundraising) definitely adds more to my plate, but it also keeps me motivated and focused," said Ladhoff, who wrestles in the 135pound class. "Generally, senior year people have a tendency to fall off, but with all the work of fundraising. I've also kept my schoolwork up to show my parents I can handle everything."

Athletics put into context

Mills said it's clear that Mustang athletic department staff understand the importance of academics. He said coaches are receptive to the fact that a practice could be missed here and there due to exams and things like the ACT. "It's no biggie," Mills said.



The Northville High School varsity tennis team, seen here at last year's Holly High School Invitational Tournament, maintained, as a team, a 3.8 grade-point average.

While staff puts school first, Northville High School Athletic Director Bryan Masi said missing practices shouldn't become a habit. He doesn't put too much emphasis on it, though, as Mustang studentathletes, who must keep a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA, are some of the best and brightest in the state, Masi said.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), according to its Web site, http://www.mhsaa.com, sets a minimum standard for academic eligibility, which many schools adjust upward. The minimum is that a student must have passed at least 20 credit hours (generally four classes) in the previous semester and be passing the same number in the current semester, whenever a school does regular academic eligibility checks, which is usually at least once in a 10-week period.

"We consistently have all-state

all-academic performers," Masi said. "A number of our teams receive academic honors every year."

One of those teams, Mills' tennis squad, recently had a combined 3.8 GPA.

Masi said Northville High School offers programs through its counseling department that enable students to devote time to studying while they enjoy sports. He added a number of coaches moderate study table for athletes, as well.

The student-athlete's parents are as stem as their coaches.

Being that it's their senior year, each of the students said their parents are a little more lenient about threats of "if your grades slip, I'm taking you off that team." But, Birdsall and Ladhoff said, those warning came early in her high school career.

"Freshman and sophomore year, (my parents) used to make those threats, but I think now they know that I have a good set of values and that wrestling and work help keep things in balance rather than hinder my performance." Ladhoff said. "Luckily, I've never done that bad to test it."

Life lesson

Mills said he has a planner that has hardly any bare space.

Beger said keeping tabs on all your activities prepares him for adult life.

"You have to put everything into place," Beger said.

Birdsall said she's thankful she is able to juggle school and sports, as she is aware that some students would buckle under that pressure. But there are times that each stu-

dent would like to take time out for themselves and they're not able to. "Sometimes I wanna go out on

weekends, but I'm just too tired to

do anything," Fort said. "After a game or something like that, you want to go out and celebrate," Beger said, "but, outside of

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that, there's too much going on for me to go out all the time." Ladhoff said all his commitments take away from several other things in his life, but he under-

things in his life, but he understands that the things he does have time to do will aid him long-term. "My commitments do make it hard to do everything I would like

to," Ladhoff said. "I'm an active member of my church youth group, as well; and during the season, I miss out on various youth activities and trips. "Although, overall I think it's better to stay busy because there's always something to do and it keeps me focused."

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Brittany Birdsall Northville High School senior





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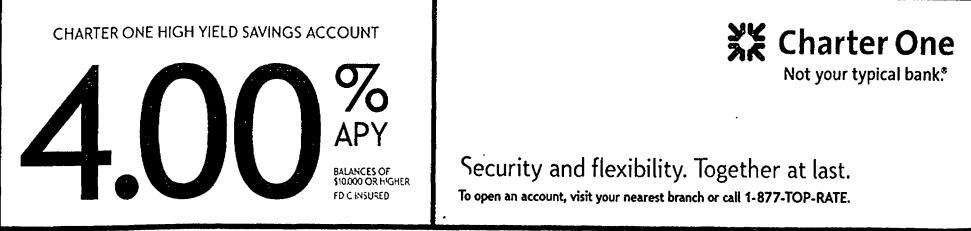
Hillside Middle School science teacher Dwight Sieggren, right, and Hillside Assistant Principal Heldi Capraro, left, talk with "Teacher In Space" Barbara Morgan during the National Science Teachers Association regional Conference in Detroit last fail. Morgan is a teacher in Idaho and a NASA astronaut who participated in the Teacher in Space program as the backup to Christa McAuliffe for the ill-fated STS-51L mission of Space Shuttle Challenger. Morgan later trained as a Mission Specialist, and flew on STS-118 in August 2007. Leading up to STS-118, Morgan joined Shannon Lucid and Sally Ride as female astronauts widely covered by the media. Calling all Proud Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Brothers & Sisters! Don't miss your chance to be a part of 2007 "Oh Baby!" Gavin Schonfeld Wyandotte Hospital Bryce & Angela

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DAVISON HELPS MUSTANGS SOAR



Dan Kirkpatrick has been a steady force on and off the court for the Mustangs.

Kirkpatrick: A steady rock

Senior deals with changes on, off the court By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Nothing in life comes easy. Northville senior basketball player Dan Kirkpatrick doesn't need to be told this line. He's lived it.

Last year, Dan's mother, Lynn, battled and fought off breast cancer. At'the same time, his sister, a competitive skater at U-M, went through a busted appendix. All of this could easily sway a kid from doing the right things. but Dan Kirkpatrick has done anything but. He maintains a very high grade point average. leads the Mustangs in scoring most nights and displays an outward personality that doesn't ask for sympathy or tears, though they could be easily justified.

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Gymnast Julie Davison leaps into the air at the Sports Club of Novi as she warms up for a recent practice.

Junior co-captain shines on beam, bars

By Jeff Theisen **RECORD SPORTS WRITER**

Northville gymnastics was good enough to make it to the state meet last year with a team made up mostly of first-year varsity gymnasts.

This year, the Mustangs bring most of the team back, but the girls have returned with bigger and better moves.

Junior co-captain Julie Davison is one of several to use the offseason to upgrade her skills for the undefeated Mustangs.

"She's definitely one of those that worked out all summer," Northville head coach Erin McWatt said. "She, on beam, has been our rock. She's very calm. very solid all the time.

'That's been our event this year, and she's leading the way in that event."

While the beam has been Davison's best event, she is improving on the others.

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state meet, and McWatt thinks she

'She's going to contribute the most in terms of bars and beam," McWatt said. "Floor is coming



Northville gymnast and co-captain Julie Davison fixes her hair before a recent practice.

is ready to improve on that. Davison finished 18th in "Last year Julie did fairly well Division 2 on beam at last year's

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Victorious

The Northville gymnastics team squeeked by Livonia Blue (Stevenson) 144-143.4 Jan. 28. The Mustangs also beat Livonia Red (Churchill and Franklin) which scored 140 35.

MaKenna led the Mustangs with a 36.95 allaround score. She scored a 9.35 on beam, 9.3 on floor, 9.25 on bars and 9.05 on vault

Cassidy Winter also had a stong meet with a 36.1, including a 9.25 on beam and a 9.15 on floor. Allison Kemp was next

with a 35.95. She scored a 9.2 on vault and 9.1 on floor. Amy Reynolds scored a 35.0. Her highlights included an 8.95 on bars and 8.8 on beam.

"He's a very quiet individual who doesn't talk much about himself," Northville head coach Darrel Schumacher said. "He lets things roll off his back. He just kind of goes about life at an easy flow.

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"Yet you know, inside, there is an extremely competitive per-

On Saturday, Schumacher and the rest of the Northville coaches wore pink sweaters to help raise awareness for breast cancer.

Basketball has been one constant through the tough times for Dan Kirkpatrick. Schumacher doesn't think he uses the sport to

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Northville roundup: Cager boys get a split

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville boys basketball team split a pair of league games, losing to Walled Lake Western and beating Franklin a day after it was originally scheduled to take place.

Friday's school cancellation pushed the game to Saturday, but it worked out well for the Mustangs with a 67-48 victory.

Greg Hasse led 10 scoring Mustangs with 16 points. Kyle Asher tallied 12 points, and Steve Anderson also hit double digits with 11.

Northville never trailed and raced out to a 26-9 lead by the end of the first quarter.

Franklin cut into the lead, but still trailed 37-25 at the break. The lead grew to 55-35 after three quarters of play.

Against Western, Northville went into overtime, but couldn't pull out the victory.

The Mustangs held an 11point lead early in the fourth, but the Warriors fought all the way back to a one-point lead with 23

WLAA

Girls Basketball Western Division

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WLW	8	1	14	2
Franklin	8	2	14	3
Northville	6	4	10	7
Plymouth	4	5	7	9
Canton	2	7	4	12
Wayne	0	9	3	13

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Salem	9	0	14	2
WLN	8	2	12	5
WLC	5	5	9	8
Churchill	3	7	5	12
John Glenn	4	6	7	10
Stevenson	0	9	3	13

seconds left.

Steve Anderson drew a foul and sank one of two for a 38-all tie that stood as time ran out.

In overtime. Western went ahead on a three-pointer with

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Health

Don't let the slopes hit you

spen or Alpine Valley, Beaver Creek or Shanty Creek, it's all the same when it comes to keeping it safe on the slopes though the risk factors may differ just a little bit Emergency room visits from sking approached

150,000 last year and the estimated cost of these injuries was over 4 billion dollars. The most common skiing injuries

are injured Sean Bak knee ligaments and leg or

ankle fractures. Snowboarding, on the other hand, tends to be rough on wrists, elbows and shoulders. Life-threatening injuries are rare but usually the result of head trauma or falls. 'Tis the season for faulty bindings and face plants.

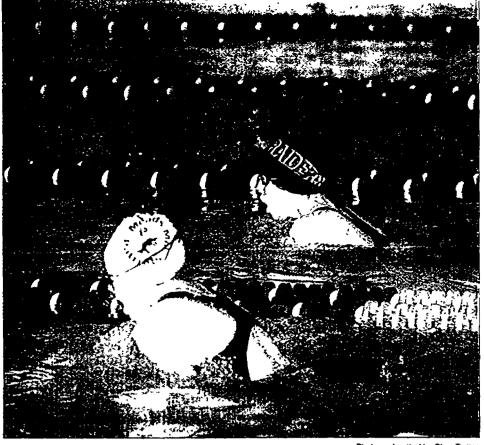
Conditions

Conditions are obviously much more an issue on crunchy Michigan snow than the larger 'hills' out west. The lack of consistent powder in Michigan leads to more patches (and sometimes even chunks) of ice. Anecdotally, this is the most common injury I see, skier loses an edge on an ice patch, knee twists in, several ligaments take the brunt of the fall. Always be aware of conditions, the traffic on a run and the amount of fresh snow that's fallen. Chances are if it's a Sunday afternoon, several days after the last significant snow, there will be patches of ice on our local slopes. The best prevention is to ski in control and keep your eyes peeled on the terrain in front

of you. On the other hand, deep powder (or at least fresh powder) is more of an issue/luxury out west. Obviously recommended only for seasoned skiers, the first order of business is skis appropriate for deep powder. An avalanche beacon is a must as is at least one or two partners. Steering rather than carving with your skis will keep you 'afloat' on the powder. If you do fall, use your legs as attempting to get up with your arms is usually fuule and can get your upper body and face deeper and deeper into the snow. Steep, backcountry areas with deep powder and sparse vegetation are particularly dangerous from an avalanche standpoint.

Equipment

Bindings tend to be the major culprits in skiing injuries.



Photos submitted by Chris Trotter

Girls from Meads Mill and Hillside compete in the breaststroke race. In the foreground is Bailey Lehman from Meads. Next to here is TK from Hillside.

MEET IN THE MIDDLE Meeds Mill outswims rival Hillside, 96-59

Submitted to the Record

Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools square off in annual swim off

The best cross-town rivalry in the water took to the Northville High School pool on Jan. 10 as the Hillside Middle School swim team squared off against Meads Mill Middle School's swimmers and divers. Each team put up some fast times, but the Patriots of Meads Mill came out of top 96-59.

Meads got off to a fast start, taking first and second in the 200-yard medley relay. Touching the wall first was the team of Sarah Garrity, Leah Erlandson, Shannon Lohman and Susan Morris. Erlandson dove right back in the pool to win the 200yard freestyle race, just ahead of Hillside's Emily Ifverson.

Meads and Hillside also went one-two in the 100-yard individual medley, with the Patriots' Rachel Brown touching out the Raiders' Dawson Laabs, in a blazing fast time of 1 08 83 to equally impressive Laabs' 1 08 92

Hillside finally broke through

in the 50-yard freestyle race, with the 100-yard breaststroke, with Kyle McCormick winning it in a the Raiders' Kayla Hagen finish-Kyle McCormick winning it in a time of 28.36 seconds, just ahead

of the Patriots' Garrity. Meads swept the diving com-petition since Hillside doesn't have a diving team. Humza Siddiqui won the event with score of 125.84 for his six dives.

The 50-yard butterfly race featured another close finish with Meads' Lohman touching first in a time of 28.88 seconds, followed closely by Hillside's Laabs in 28.92. The 100-yard freestyle race was captured by Meads' Morris in a lightening fast 1:02.73, followed by Hillside's Josh Dufresne in 1:08.69.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the two middle school teams put up times high schoolers would envy. The Meads team of Lohman, Erlandson, Garrity and Morris finished first in a time of 1:56.17, followed quickly by the Hillside relay team of Spencer Miller, Jack Pritchard, Michael Walukas and Kyle McCormick in a time of 1 58 24.

Rachel Brown of Meads took the 100-yard backstroke race ahead of Hillside's Ifverson. And the Patrio's Aaron Zalewski won ing second.

In the final event of the meet, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Meads won again behind the powerhouse team of Morris, Lohman, Erlandson and Brown. But Hillside took the next two places, with the team of McCormick, Dufresne, Pritchard and Laabs finishing second and the team of Briana Schoenek, Clare Naughton, Riley Bruen and Emily Ifverson finishing third.

Many of these speedy swimmers have qualified to compete against the state's best middle school swimmers at the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (MISCA) state meet in Holt, Mich., Feb. 2.

With all that talent in the water, both the Northville High School boys and girls swimmers and coaches attended the Hillside-Meads Mill meet to do some recruiting. "I saw some very fast swims today," NHS Girls Swim Coach Brian McNeff told the middle schoolers. "I look forward to seeing you come out for the high school team next year

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Northville H.S. Schedule

Boys Basketball 2/7 vs. John Glenn, 7 p.m. 2/12 WLAA Playoff, TBA

Girls Hockey 2/9 Liggett at Novi Arena, 6:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball 2/8 WLAA Playoff, TBA 2/11 WLAA Playoff, TBA

Wrestling 2/9 WLAA tourney at Canton, 9 a m. ·

Boys Hockey

Boys Swim and Dive 2/8 MISCA Meet, TBA 2/9 MISCA Meet, TBA

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2/8 at Showcase Invite, TBA 2/9 at Showcase Invite, TBA 2/10 State Finals, TBA

Cheer 2/13 vs. WL Western, 7 p.m.

Gymnastics 2/12 at Hartland, 6:30 p.m.

Sports Shorts

Youth Lacrosse Teams

Travel team lacrosse will be offered for boys at all skill levels in grades 5-8. Northville lacrosse will play the top teams and participate in the Cranbrook Jamboree.

The season runs March 17-June 1, practice is M-W-F. The cost is \$195 for Northville residents.

Girls lacrosse will learn the fundamentals and play 4-6 games. Season runs

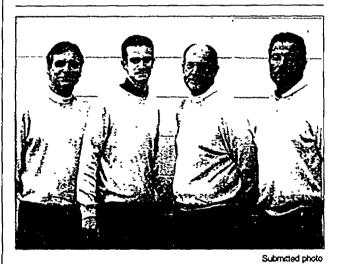
April 14-May 30, Cost is \$120 for Northville residents.

New teams are forming now for the spring. For more information please contact Kathy at (248) 305-9776.

Saunderson on ranked baseball team

Former Northville baseball player Damarii Saunderson is on the Iowa Western Community College basebali team.

The Reivers have recently been ranked No. 5 best Junior College baseball team. The National Junior College Athletic Association released its preseason baseball polls and the Reivers are ranked 5th. The Reivers were last ranked eighth in the Collegiate Baseball poll and they have moved up in the most recent poll. The Reivers are in the middle of preseason practice and are preparing for there season opener at Maple Woods in Kansas City on Feb. 19. The Reivers definitely have a tough schedule and will have to play well every game to keep up with the preseason hype. Out of the top 30 in the NJCAA poll the Reivers play No. 7 Connors State and No. 10 Cowley County.



Coaches vs. Cancer

Northville coaches (from left) Ed Kritch, Todd Sander, Dennis Schumacher and All Metaj look dapper in their pink game sweaters for Coaches vs. Cancer.



Bindings that fail to release are the most common cause of lower extremity fractures. As the rest of the body twists, if a binding doesn't release, the ski anchors the leg resulting in the typical skiers 'spiral' fracture produced from the torquing momentum of the upper body. This typically occurs in the tibia or shin bone but may also occur in the femur or thigh bone These are major injuries that usually require surgical repair Loose or faulty bindings are usually to blame when you lose a ski which can send you out of control resulting in any pattern of injury, the most worrisome being a head injury. Make sure your bindings are properly adjusted especially in kids who often grow significantly from season to season. Helmets are becoming more common on the slopes and, while recommended for all, are particularly important for high-speed skiers on heavily wooded runs. Head protection is also highly recommended for snowboarders as they have a much higher rate of head injury than skiers. With both legs being tethered to the board, it's often the arms that break the fall of snowboarders which makes wrist guards a must

With the exception of only the most experienced skiers, such to marked paths and always have a partner or two. Warm up with several 'slow' runs before hitting it hard. Be aware of weather conditions, dress in layers and stay hydrated Skiing is great exercise and just because it's cold doesn't mean you can ignore your body's water requirements.

Whether the icy hills of Michigan or the powdered snow mountains out west, common sense and preparation can keep you on the slopes and off crutches.

Dr. Sean Bak is a Novi resident and an orthopaedic surgeon who specializes in shoulder reconstruction and sports medicine. Dr Bak takes care of the athletes of several area universities and high schools. His practice, Porretta Center for Orthopedic Surgery, is based out of Providence Hospital



Swimmers from Meads Mill and Hillside have some fun on the pool deck. From left to right are Seven Collareno, Mike Ferguson and Spencer Koblinski of Meads, who share a laugh with Dawson Laabs of Hillside.

GYMNASTICS: Davison helps balance 'Stangs'

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at the state meet," McWatt said "She will definitely be going to regionals. She's got her qualifying scores and everything.

I expect her to put in a pretty good showing. Especially on beam, she will be up there with the top girls That is definitely her thing

Scoring

When McWatt refers to bigger skills, they allow the girls to start their routine with a higher maxout score. Certain skills are considered bonus skills and allow the athlete to make a higher score if done correctly. Some routines may have started out with a max-

out score of 9.4 last year, while this year, the girls have a shot at hitting a higher score if the routine or event is done correctly. Basically, it's a higher risk but a higher reward.

'On different events there are different requirements," McWatt said. "Not all routines start from a 10. It depends on your start value and what sort of skills that are going into your routine. If you have a lot of hard values, then your start value goes up.

"For Julie, she had pretty solid scores last year, but her start values weren't as high as they were this year."

Captainship

The Mustangs took a team

vote for their captains. Davison became one of them. Amy Reynolds is the other. They are the only returning upperclassmen on the team.

Being a captain comes with some extra responsibilities. The captains are in charge of getting the team going until McWatt gets to practice at the Novi Sports Complex. The team has been practicing there the last two years.

They also do little things like help motivate the girls and deal with smaller personal issues.

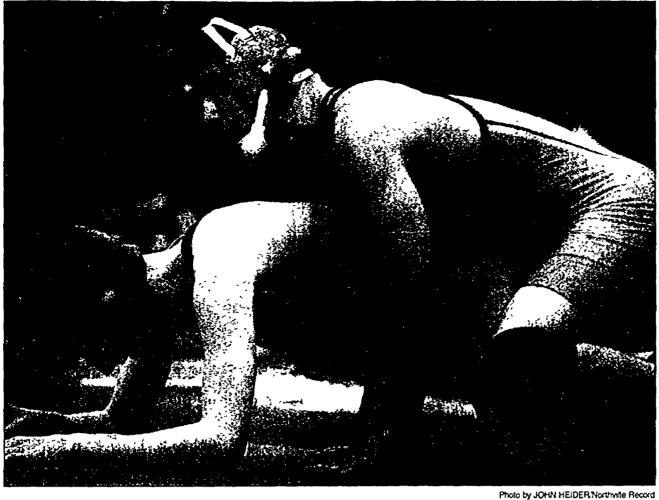
"They're kind of like my minicoaches," McWatt said.

Mini-coaches on a team looking to do big things this year

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Mustang Brian Bagian wrestles at Plymouth High.



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Hannah Deacon is on her way to setting up Northville's first goal of the game, as the Mustangs defeat last years State Champs, Plymouth-Canton-Salem United 7-0 for the second time this year. The Mustangs are 10-9-0.





■ NORTHVILLE ROUNDUP

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just less than two minutes left, and they would never trail again. Northville couldn't hit the equalizer as time ran down, and the Warriors salted the game away at the free throw line.

Dan Kirkpatrick led all scorers with 17 points. Steve Anderson was next with seven.

The Mustangs struggled at the line, hitting 13-of-23 free throws. The JV (7-7) also lost in overtime, 58-56.

Girls basketball

The Mustang girls basketball team struggled to a pair of losses to divisional foes Walled Lake Western and Franklin.

Western beat Northville 35-28 Jan. 29. The Franklin game was pushed

to Saturday because of the school cancellation, but Northville came out on the short end of a 49-28 decision. Franklin took control early, taking a 13-4 lead by the end of the first, and 26-13 by halftime. Erin Hughes led Northville with six points



Northville's Derek Raymond looks to get around an Ann Arbor Pioneer.

KIRKPATRICK: A steady rock

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get away from the outside happenings, but he relishes being there.

"I think he enjoys the camaraderie and fun," Schumacher said "I do believe he values that time with friends more than anyone else"

Leader Dan Kirkpatrick not only brings a steady confidence to himself, but to his team.

"Dan is looked up to and respected by teammates," Schumacher said. "He doesn't ever want to let a teammate down."

He has already transformed his game more than once as a Mustang. This year, he is playing at the point, despite being 6foot. 7-inches "We present a lot of matchup problems because how many 6-7 point guards do you come across in our league?" Schumacher said. "Add to it that he can shoot very well from outside. You never know where the next basket is going to come from.

"If he hadn't stepped up, with a little bit of coaxing, to be the point guard this year, I don't know what we would've done." Schumacher said Dan Kirkpatrick will hit a deep three and then go inside for the next bucket. It all depends on who the opposition tries to use to guard him. He also provides unique capabilities on the defensive side of the floor.

"He's one of our best rebounders," Schumacher said "You've got to use his strengths underneath the basket."

Running the offense or helping out on defense is nothing compared to the things that Dan Kirkpatrick have had to deal with recently. But through it all, Schumacher said he is almost envious of the way his senior has handled everything.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northville Record

"He's a special individual, and he's handles the last few years very, very well," Schumacher said.

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Wrestling

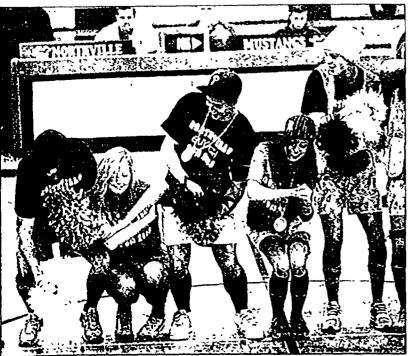
The Northville wrestlers will compete at the final WLAA conference meet 9 a.m. Saturday at Canton?

Swim and Dive

The Northville swim and dive team stayed undefeated in duals, beating Wayne 122-55.

Wins included Chris Lafayette in the 200 freestyle, Alec Wagner in the 200 individual medley, Kevin Bain in diving, Connor Koblinski in the 100 butterfly, Ryan Winkler in the 500 free, Jake Lane in the 100 backstroke and Glenn Vargo in the 100 breaststroke.

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The Northville pom team invites the guys out for a halftime performance during a recent basketbali game.

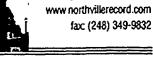
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Senior Events

Senior Community Center LOCATION: 303 W. Main St. Thursday Massage by appointment Taxes by AARP by appt. 9 a.m.: TOPS 9:30 a.m.: Yoga 10 a.m.: Bowling 11 a.m.: Congressman McCotter 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle, Bunco 1 p.m.: Computer II Friday 10 a.m.: Body Flow 11 a.m.: Poker 11:30 a.m.: Computer III 1 p.m.: Movie "Heartbreak Kiď Monday 9:30 a.m.: Beg. Line Dance

10 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance; **Oxycise: Body Flow** 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre 7 p.m.: Tai Chi Tuesday 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Computer I Wednesday 10 a.m.: Oxycise 11 a.m.: Positive Living 50 and Up 11:30 a.m.: Soup-N-Something Noon: Bridge 1 p.m.: Computer I, Book Cłub 7 p.m.: Bridge Co-ed Adult 50+ Open 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 Adult 50+ Fun Co-ed Volleyball

TIME/DAYS: 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside DETAILS: Games scored to

15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome. CONTACT: Northville Parks

and Recreation (248) 449-9947 Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Basketball

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

LOCATION: Senior Community Center DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

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

LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401

High St.

Northville Township **Planning Commission** DATE: Last Tuesday of month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile **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 **Beautification Commission** DATE: Third Monday of month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Township Hali 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

Library Lines

Northville District Library LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

CONTACT: (248) 349-3020 or www.northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.

Book Donations DETAILS: Book donations can be dropped off any time during operating hours. Be sure to get a receipt for your taxes. DETAILS: For 4 and 5 year olds and Kindergartners; six week series; only registered children may attend

Kids Club TIME/DATE: 4.30-5:15 p.m. one Thursday each month DETAILS: After school program for first, second and third graders; register for individual sessions the first of each

month. Valentine Crafts TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. today DETAILS: Valentine Love Bug; children under the age of 5 should attend with a caregiver; no registration required. "Pirates in the Pool" with

Pippin Puppets TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19 DETAILS: Robert Papineau presents a puppet show all about imagination; all ages welcome. Family Fun Evening Storytimes TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 DETAILS: Drop-in and wear your pajamas to these half-hour programs for families. Books, Chat and Chow TIME/DATE: 2:45.445 p.m.

TIME/DATE: 3:45-4:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25 DETAILS: For middle and high school students; Jan. 28 "Airborn" by Kenneth Oppel; Feb. 25 "Kira-Kira" by Cynthia Kadohata. Junior Books, Chat and

Chow TIME/DATE: 4:15-5 p.m. last Wednesday of each month DETAILS: For 4th and 5th graders; sign up at the Information Desk on the first of each month and pick up a copy of the book; Feb. 27 "Shipwreck" by Gordon Korman.

Between the Lines for Adults TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Monday of month DETAILS: Feb. 11 "The

Measure of a Man" by Sidney Poitier. Foreign Film Series

SCHEDULE: Monday, Feb. 18, German comedy "Good Bye, Lenin;" Mar. 17, Hebrew comedy/drama "Ushpizin;" Apr. 21, Canadian comedy/drama in French "Barbarian Invasion;" May 19, Japanese drama "Letters from Iwo Jima"

DETAILS: Films start at 6:30 p.m. Admission and moviethemed snacks are free. A discussion will follow the film. Answer trivia question to win a book about films. Call library to reserve a spot. DETAIL: Please register for girls leagues, grades 6-8 and 9-12; boys leagues, grades 8 and 9, 10-12.

CONTACT: Ext. 1405 **Daddy Daughter Luau** TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 LOCATION: Senior Community Center, Gym **DETAILS: Hawaiian themed** luau with crafts, snacks and a DJ; ages 3 and up; \$8 per person, tickets sell fast; photos available for additional fee. 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 website or call. Fees are \$8 for drop-ins or \$50 for an unlimited monthly resident pass. Classes held at Hillside Recreation Center or Senior Community Center. All fitness levels welcome to participate; certified instructors provide safe and fun workouts.

Open Adult 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; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays Sept. to April 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; S7 per player. Open Pickleball

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every other Saturday LOCATION: Recreation Center

at Hillside DETAILS: New offering, \$4 DETAILS: Cost on your own, reservations mandatory, call (734) 464-4029 to reserve your spot.

Buffet Dinner

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16

LOCATION: Northville Downs DETAILS: Cost is \$33 and includes buffet dinner, tax, tip and entertainment; drinks on your own; advanced paid reservations by Feb. 9 to (734) 459-7235.

7235. "Almost Maine" at the Tipping Point Theater

TIME/DATE: Saturday, Feb. 23 DETAILS:: Cost is \$27; limited tickets available.

Dinner and Movie TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 8 LOCATION: Grape Expectations Wine and Tapas Bar, downtown Plymouth

DETAILS: Meet at the restaurant for a light dinner and then walk to the Pen Theater to see an Alfred Hitchcock movie at 7 p.m. Cost on your own. Call (734) 459-7235 for more information.

Walking in the Park TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday

LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills)

DÉTAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards. CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016

Divorce Recovery Workshop TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m. through Feb. 21

LOCATION: Emeritus Room **DETAILS: Workshop topics** and speakers include: Networking, Mid-life Crisis presented by Pastor Russell; Stages of Grief presented by J. Harold Ellens, Ph.D.; Putting Your "Ex" in Focus presented Dell Deaton; Pot Luck Dinner and Legal Aspect of Divorce presented by David Jerome; Church & Divorce, Spiritual Help & Forgiveness presented by Pastor Russell; Helping Children Through Divorce presented by Sharon Bergman, MA, LLP; and Relationships Old and New presented by Ms. Bolos. Cost is \$35 per person. **Spiritual Development** Opportunity

Opportunity TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Sunday, through Feb. 24 DETAILS: This Adam

Hamilton Series "Making Love Last a Lifetime" provides come; helmets required; lunch half-way through ride at your own expense.

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.

New Hope Center for Grief Support

See "Support Groups" below. Divorce Recovery Workshop TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, today through March 13

DÉTAILS: \$30 pre-paid or \$35 at door includes materials and refreshments; free childcare. Relationships 101 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday DETAILS: Dick Bont is speak-

er; light refreshments. Blended Family Workshop TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday through April

2 DETAILS: The Step-Family Doctor, Pastor Paul Clough, will facilitate this group focusing on the issues pertaining to the Blended Family. Registration is

appreciated but last minute walk-ins are welcome. CONTACT: (248) 374-5912

"The Fortune Teller" Arts and Culture Event TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Cherry Hill Village

Theatre

DETAILS : Cost is \$15; purchase tickets at Ward Church, Knox Hall following Sunday 11:30 a.m. single's class; provide own transportation.

Vacation Bible School Summer Ministries Preview TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, March 1 DETAILS: Get a headstart on your church's summer program by viewing exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers; upgrade and enhance your skills by attending workshops; morning refreshments and lunch included in registration fee; sponsored by The International Christian Education Association; event in nondenominational and open to public.

CONTACT: www.iceaOnline.org or call

(248) 557-5526

Northville First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org

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

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TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month DETA!LS: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.

Meetings

Northville Public Schools Board of Education DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month (Feb. 12) 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 Meeting** DATE: Third Tuesday of each month (Feb. 19) TIME: 8 a.m. **LOCATION: City Council** Chambers, 215 W. Main St. **CONTACT:** downtownnorthville.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.

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Arrangements can be made by calling the library, for Friends to pick up a large donation from your home.

Book Cellar Open TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m.

Sundays; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays DETAILS: There are thousands of books to choose from; hard covers for \$1, paperbacks for 50 cents.

Free Museum Admission

DETAILS: Get free admission to 25 area museums and cultural institutions such as the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Henry Ford, Pewabic Pottery and others, using your library card to check out a pass. Each pass is good for either two or four admissions. One pass per library card is available per week.

Internet Searching Tips

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Munday DETAILS: Learn how to search the web in this hands-on class; no charge and registration opens two weeks prior to class date.

Little Me Storylime TIME/DATE: 10:15 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 15 DETAILS: Drop-in for this 45minute lap-sit program for babies to 2 years old with caregivers; older children also welcome.

TOT Storytime

TIME/DATE: Four sessions: 10:15 a.m. Monday, through Mar. 3; 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, through Mar. 5; and 10:15 a m. Thursday, today-Mar. 6.

DÉTAILS: For 2 and 3 year olds with caregivers; six week series of half-hour programs; only registered children may attend.

Winter Storytime TIME/DATE: Three sessions: 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11-Mar. 17; 10:15 a.m. or 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12-Mar. 18.

Class Reunions

Northville High School Class of 1988

DETAILS: The Class of 1988 is planning a 20th reunion for the weekend of July 26, 2008. For further information, please contact Jennifer Clarkson at jclarkson2004@yahoo.com.

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 phs40threunion@charter.net.

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

Winter Youth Baskelball Leagues

DATE: Saturdays through March 8, 2008

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per player. Call (248) 449-9947 for more information.

Open 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.

Church Events

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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.firstpresnville.org

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. informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5. Check website for details www.singleplace.org.

Cards and Games Night TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday DETAILS: Pizza, cards and games at Pastor Russell's house; bring \$5 and a small snack to share; sign up if you wish to attend.

Dining Out Group TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday

LOCATIÓN: Doc's Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, east of I-275 at Seven Mile Road exit. thoughtful and inspiring biblical insights and perspective on love and marriage.

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 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. Singles Bible Study: 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, free child care provided; 8:30-10 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball, Knox Hall.

First and Third Thursday: 6 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball, Knox Hall Every Saturday: 10 a.m.

Bicycling Group starts from varlous locations; geared towards tourist level rider; all levels wel-

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 LOCATION: Room 10 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. Radical Joy TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of each month LOCATION: Chapel Lounge DETAILS: For women looking to connect more closely with their faith, community and other women. Registration required. Suicide Loss Support Group

See New Hope Center listing under "Support Groups." LOGOS Youth Club TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m.

every Wednesday DETAILS: Program includes recreation, dinner, bible study

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and music; grades 4-12. Men's Club TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m.

Saturday DETAILS: People, pancakes

and praise in the Fellowship Hall.

Memory Mania Scrapbook Event

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday

LOCATION: Fellowship Half **DETAILS: Event supports the** Appalachia Service Project; registration fee of \$35 includes reserved work space, morning and afternoon snack, lunch buffet, gifts, beginner instruction, ideas and more: registration required by calling church or a contact below.

CONTACT: Julia at (248) 380-3137 or Mary at (248) 348-1184

Safe Driving Class for Seniors

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 20 and 21

DETAILS: AARP sponsored program with a trained facilitator leading the class; no road test; no charge; for more information, call (248) 349-1144, ext. 18.

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. **Blood Drive** TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday LOCATION: Social Hall DETAILS: The blood drive is open to the public and all

donors are welcome; walk-ins welcome but appointments preferred; to schedule an appointment, call Christine at (248) 701-5221, e-mail chrisabbey1@comcast net or schedule online at givelife org, sponsor code is olvc.

Meadowbrook Congregational

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbccc.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

Wednesday Men's Basketball: 7 p.m. every Thursday Tae Kwon Do: 7 p.m. every

Thursday

Universalist Unitarian **Church of Farmington**

LOCATION: 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or http://www.uufarmigton.org

St. John's Episcopal Church

LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth CONTACT: (734) 453-0190

Novi United Methodist

LOCATION: 41671 W. Ten Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or umcnovi.com Sunday Worship TIME: 9:45 a.m. **Healing Service and Holy** Communion TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigil TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month LOCATION: In front of the church DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the communi-

ty will stand united in prayer for peace **Artists and Crafters Wanted**

DETAILS: The church is hosting an arts and craft show Saturday, June 21, 2008. Vendor space will be available indoors and out, contact Pam Davis, edleecr@yahoo.com

Oak Pointe Church

LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org Sunday Worship TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. **ReNew Life Ministries** TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday DÉTAILS: Óngoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are: GriefShare (for those grieving a loved one's death); DivorceCare (for those experiencing separation or divorce); Anger Management; **Dealing with Struggling Teens** (for parents); YourSpace (for high school students); Every Man's Battle (for men seeking recovery from lust, pornography, and sexual addiction); Betrayed Hearts (for wives whose husbands struggle with

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 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. If interested 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-

Meals-On-Wheels

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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

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, 18hour/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

LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Nuke Road, Northville

DETAILS: Ongoing support group for widows and widowers who are facing the empty nest, either still working or recently retired.

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DETAILS: Sessions held in

spring and fall. Call Joan Lee at

(734) 953-6012 for dates and

Children's Grief Support

TIME/DATE: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

every Thursday, through March

DETAILS: For ages 6-8, 9-11,

12-13 and 14 and older; a par-

ent/guardian group is held con-

currently; reservations required

Children's Spring Workshop

TIME/DATE: 2-4 p m. Sunday,

DETAILS: Call (734) 464-

Anxiety Disorder Support

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

LOCATION: Faith Lutheran

Church, 30000 Five Mile Road,

DETAILS: Aim for Recovery is

an organization holding meetings

offering support and recovery for

those suffering with anxiety disor-

ders and their families. Meetings

consist of planned behavioral les-

Educational material will be avail-

able. Donations for the program

Crohn's & Colitis Support

DATE: First and third

Wednesday of each month

Hospital and Medical Center

DETAILS: Enter facility

through southeast entrance.

immediately to the left.

737-2322.

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Support

Meeting in Conference Room A,

CONTACT: AI Biggs (313)

805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis

Foundation of America (888)

Food Addicts Anonymous

DETAILS: Twelve step pro-

gram for individuals suffering

from food obsession, over eat-

ing, under eating, and bulimia;

Detroit areas; no dues, fees or

weigh-ins; everyone welcome

including those who think they

have food problems or are con-

CONTACT: (734) 913-9614 or

cerned about someone who

http://www.foodaddicts.org

New Hope Center for Grief

DETAILS: The groups meet

on a regular basis in various

locations. All services for

offered at no cost.

Ann Arbor and other metro

weekly meetings held in Canton,

Information Session

TIME: 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: Providence Park

CONTACT: Robert Diedrich at

and materials are accepted.

robtddrich@msn com

sons and discussions.

by calling Sally Loughrin at

(734) 464-2683.

2683 to register.

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TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. second Wednesday of each month

LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church, Room A107

DETAILS: For semi-retired or retired widows and widowers. The Lunch Bunch

TIME/DATE: Noon third Wednesday of each month DETAILS: This is a monthly lunch group for widows and widowers; locations vary, call Ed Drost at (734) 261-8045 for

Psychotherapy &

more information.

- **Counseling Services** Northville Counseling Center
- Anxiety/Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group

TIME/DATE: Second Wednesday of each month

DETAILS: Call (734) 420-8175 for more information.

Widowed Friends Support Group

TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 LOCATION: St. Columban Parish, 1775 Melton (north of 14 Mile Road, between Woodward and Coolidge roads),

Birmingham DETAILS: Widowed men and women of all ages are invited to come to mass and stay for fellowship and refreshments. Enter the building from the back door closest to the rear parking lot. Widowed Friends is a peer support group in the Metro Detroit area.

CONTACT: For more information, call Manlyn at (586) 739-9406

Clubs & Groups

AAUW, Northville/Novi Chapter

CONTACT: For information email mnjkearns@earthlink.net or call (248) 449-8693.

Beautiful Singles Hiking

TIME/DAY: 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/

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 Book Club

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, March 7

LOCATION: Solid Grounds Coffee House, 133 W. Main St , Suite 222, Northville

DETAILS: Reading "Freakonomics" by Steven Levitt.

CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

Northville Democratic Club **11th Congressional District** Meeting

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TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. tonight LOCATION: UAW Local 900, 38200 Michigan Ave., Wayne

DETAILS: Guest speaker Ryan Kinkgave of Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research and Cures.

NDC General Membership

Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Cady Inn at Mill

Race Village, Northville

Livonia Democratic

Membership Meeting

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m.

Wednesday

LOCATIÓN: Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads

DETAILS: Guest speaker Andy Dillon, Speaker of the Michigan House.

Voter ID Phone Bank TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 14 LOCATION: Law Offices of Stempien and Stempien, 315 N. Center Street, Northville

DETAILS: Not required to stay for the full two hours; bring a cell phone. For more details, call Liz at (248) 344-1140.

Northville Garden Club Meeting

TIME/DATE: Noon Monday LOCATION: Cady Inn at Mill Race Village

DETAILS: Esther Durnwald will present "Wild Flowers and Native Plants.'

CONTACT: Kate Uberti at (248) 347-9947

Northville Genealogical Society

Research Help TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. every Monday and by appointment

LOCATION: Northville District Library, Local History Room DETAILS: Individual help on

genealogy is offered by society members.

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

Monthly Meeting

CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665, www.orchardhillsnovi.com or email to info@orchardhillsnovi.com Preschool/Kids Choir

TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

DETAILS: For ages 3-6; all are welcome.

Divorce Spiritual Care Program

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, through March 17

DETAILS: Program offers a new direction, encouragement and hope during divorce; \$20 pre-paid or \$25 at door; register online at orchardhillsnovi.com. For information, contact the workshop leader, Stephen Monette at (248) 982-4558.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road

CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit www.dfcnazarene.org Sunday School/Adult Bible

Fellowship: 9.30 a.m. Sunday Worship Services:

10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Emergent/Organic Service: 7

p.m. every Tuesday Women of the Word Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Every Tuesday Ladies Evening Bible Study:

6:30 p.m. every Tuesday Quilting: 7 p.m. every

Wednesday

Men's Evening Bible Study: 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday Men of Purpose Prayer Group: 6 p.m. every Thursday Family Meal: 5:30 p.m. every

Wednesday; \$4 per person or \$12 per family

Mid-week Adult Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. every Wednesday

Mid-week Classes and Courses: 7 p.m. every Wednesday

Caravan, Club 56 and Youth Meetings: 7 p.m. every

unwanted same-sex attraction). CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org.

pornography, sexual addiction,

Changes that Heal (for those

experiencing emotional or rela-

tional pain); and CrossCurrent

(for men who experience

same-sex attraction or adultery);

More to Life Walk Thru the **Bible Family Event**

TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday

DETAILS: One seminar for adults, another for kids (grades 1-5) so bring the whole family; learn about the Old Testament in this popular seminar event: tickets \$20 per person with registration at the door.

CONTACT: Joe Snyder at (248) 912-0043 or visit the church web site.

New Hope Church Special Service

TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday LOCATION: New building, 57885 Grand River, Lyon Twp. DETAILS: This service is to celebrate the affirmation of minister Rev. Suzanne Paul and the dedication of the new building; musical talents of Kentaro Roy and Matt Justice are featured at the reception at 4:30 p.m.

CONTACT: Deb Tyler (810) 229-3228 or deborahtyler@sbcglobal.net

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: (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.

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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

Support Groups

Angela Hospice Groups

LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia CONTACT: Joan Lee (734)

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General Grief Support Groups

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

DETAILS: Open to all losses. Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month

Suicide Loss Support Services

DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call Sherri Katz at (734) 464-7810 for more information. **Heartstrings: Parents Who**

Have Lost a Child

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month **DETAILS: Call Ann-Patrice** Foley to register, (734) 464-7810.

Grief Support Quilter's Group TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month DETAILS: Make a guilt in memory of a loved one. No experience necessary. Register by calling (734) 953-6012. Women's Grief Support

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

Circles of Hope

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

LOCATION: St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth **DETAILS: Ongoing support**

group for widows and widowers; group divides into three sections depending on stage of grief; meets same time as childrens' support group New Hope for KIDZ and **Teens 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 who have lost a loved one; kids divided into different age groups.

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 for anyone touched by suicide. From Grief to New Hope

TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. every Monday, through March 24 LOCATION: Ward

Presbyterian Church, Six Mile. and Haggerty roads, Northville DETAILS: For those who are grieveing, this free workshop is open to the community and is presented by Cathy Clough, Director. Sessions begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief, followed by small group participation led by facilitators. For registration information, call

Barb at (248) 374-5943.

Starting Again TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month

Business Networking International

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

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

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

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

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

Country Garden Club of Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-8674 or www.cgcnv.org. Gardens of Northville 15th

Annual Garden Walk

TIME/DATE: 9 a m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 9 LOCATION: Six gardens in

Northville **DETAILS:** Advance tickets are

\$10, available June 9 at

Gardenviews. CONTACT: Kate Daniel (734) 591-0360

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 gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Great Books Discussion . Group

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TIME/DAY: First and third

TIME/DATE: 1:15 p.m. computer genealogy class, 2:30 p.m. general meeting, second Sunday of month

LOCATION: Northville District Library, Carlos Meeting Room, 212 W. Cady St.

Northville Newcomers and Neiahbors

Meet and Greet 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 and learn about the activities and interest groups this club has to offer.

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CONTACT: Colleen Nametz at (248) 596-1940

Northville Woman's Club

TIME: 1:30 p.m. first and third Friday, October through March

CONTACT: Karen Poulos, (248) 349-4684 or wpkp@comcast.net

CPR with Northville Fire Department

DATE: Feb. 15

Dr. Michael Paletta

"Baghdad, A Medical Journey"

 DATE: Mar. 7 End of Year Polluck

Luncheon

TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. Mar. 14

Get in the Record

Send item submissions via e-mail to 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.

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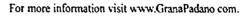


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FANJLY FEATURES

The wonderful flavor and versatility of Grana Padano, a well-loved cheese from Italy. Grana Padano is a 100 percent cow's milk cheese. Its sweet, delicate flavor is delicious on its own or paired with other foods. Like the best Italian chefs, you can use Grana Padano in many different ways: as a flavorful accompaniment to wine or fruit; crumbled in pieces alongside a stew; shaved over salads; grated over soup, pasta or risotto; or simply, on its own. Now, that's Italian!



A Thousand Years in Every Bite

A thousand years ago in the fertile Po Valley in nonhern Italy, Cistercian monks unlocked the secret to Grana Padano. In order to preserve milk surpluses, the monks devised a dynamic preservation process that produced this hard cheese. The process used to make Grana Padano — which involved heating milk in large copper vats and then pressing it into round wooden molds — is the same process used today, a testament to how authentic Grana Padano has withstood the test of time.

What Does P.D.O. Mean?

Grana Padano is a Protected Designation of Origin (P.D.O.) cheese. This classification by the European Union ensures that products are genuinely originated from a certain region and follow a high standard of production. The Consorzio Tutela Grana Padano, a consortium of producers, maturers and retailers, supervises the production of Grana Padano, protecting the quality of ingredients and the authentic production method of its members. Grana Padano is the best selling P.D.O. cheese in the world.

The Goodness of Grana Padano

Made with naturally semi-skimmed milk, Grana Padano is an excellent source of protein and key minerals, such as calcium, magnesium, copper and zinc, and vitamins such as A, B and E. Just 25g of Grana Padano provides an adult with more than 30 percent of the Recommended Daily Allowance of calcium, critical for strong bones and teeth. Surprisingly low in fat and sodium, this nutritious, easily digestible cheese can be an important part of a healthy diet for active, sportsminded people, pregnant women, children and people of all ages.

Garganelli With Zucchini and Grana Padano

- Serves 4
 - 16 ounces garganelli pasta
 - 1 clove garlic
 - tablespoons finely chopped onion
 - 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
 - 1/2 pound diced zucchini
 - 1 1- to 3-ounce slice Prosciutto di San Daniele
 - Pinch sweet paprika Salt to taste 1 cup vegetable broth

Chopped parsley Grated Grana Padano cheese

- 1. Boil garganelli in salted water according to
- package directions. 2. Saute garlic and onion with olive oil in
- large skillet.
- Add zucchini, prosciutto, paprika, salt and vegetable broth. Cook gently on medium heat.
- Drain pasta when al dente. Add to zucchini mixture. Sauté on high heat and blend well.
- 5. Garnish pasta with sprinkling of parsley and Grana Padano.



Grana Padano and Mascarpone Cheese Mousse Prosciutto Roll Serves 4

- 6 ounces fresh mascarpone cheese
- 1/3 cup grated Grana Padano cheese Salt and pepper to taste Finely cut chives
- 8 slices Prosciutto di San Daniele Fennel (optional) Extra virgin olive oil (optional) Lemon juice (optional)
- I. Mix together in bowl: mascarpone cheese, Grana Padano cheese, salt, pepper and chives. Blend well to form smooth mixture.
- 2 Place spoonful mixture on end of prosciutto slice and roll tightly.
- 3. Leave rolls in refrigerator at least 2 hours before serving.
- 4. To assemble, cut rolls diagonally in 2 parts and place 2 in middle of plate. If desired, add fennel alongside, julienned and lightly dressed with olive oil and lemon juice

Crêpes With Swiss Chard, Grana Padano, Fresh Tomato and Basil

Serves 4

- 8 crêpes
- 1/2 pound swiss chard
- 6 ounces fresh ricotta cheese
- 2 egg yolks Grana Padano cheese, to taste
- Pinch of salt, pepper and nutmeg
- 2 medium-size-tomatoes
- 8 fresh basil leaves Extra virgin olive oil
- Extra then only on

1 Prepare or buy pre-made crépes.

- Cook swiss chard in salted water until tender, drain, pat dry and chop.
- Mix chard with ricotta, egg yolks, handful grated Grana Padano, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Blend well.
- 4. Spread mixture onto crepes. Close like a small bag and place seam-side down in buttered oven-proof dish.
- Sprinkle crepes with more grated Grana Padano and bake in oven at 350°F about 15 minutes.
- Meanwhile place tomatoes into boiling water a few seconds. Drain, peel, remove seeds and dice pulp.
- To serve, place tablespoon diced tomato on plate. Put one crepe on top of another and sprinkle with pieces of two basil leaves. Top with drizzle of oil and serve immediately.





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|†′ Chinese New Year!



Host a colorful and classic homemade feast

FAMILY FEATURES

The holidays may be over, but the feasting is just beginning! February 7 marks the start of the 15-day Chinese New Year festival and the first day of lunar year 4706. Why not get together for an authentic-style banquet at home? It's easier than you think. Just follow these simple tips from the kitchens at Kikkoman, the world's leading manufacturer of Asian sauces and seasonings

Set the date

Choose an evening between February 7 and 22 and invite friends for a traditional New Year's banquet. Pick a weekend night, so you'll have plenty of time to prepare. You can assign a few items for guests to bring, such as fortune cookies, dessert, sparkling wine, beer or sparkling cider.

Set the mood

Symbols and colors are an important part of Chinese New Year celebrations. A round table signifies wholeness. Red and gold represent good fortune and prosperity. Decorate the room and the table with red and gold accents, from paper lanterns to table linens, candles, gold confetti, gold-coin candies and red lacquered chopsticks, as well as traditional oranges or tangerines. Buy special red envelopes (lai see) at a Chinese stationery store and include a message, chocolate coins or a ticket for a fun door prize inside.

Bring on the food

Choose a menu that can be mostly made in advance, like the classic-style favorites included here. You can serve individual courses, or set everything out as a bountiful buffet. Either way, you'll find that these recipes are authentictasting, thanks to Kikkoman sauces — experily blended and balanced for perfect flavor.

Celebrate!

Chinese New Year is all about wrapping up the old year and welcoming a bright future, filled with good things, good times and good food Keep it light, fun and festive and you can't go wrong. Gung Hay Fat Choy! Here's to a year of good fortune.

For more Chinese New Year entertaining tips and recipes, download Kikkoman's official Chinese New Year Celebration Guide at www.kikkomanusa.com.



Celebration Shrimp Fried Rice

Makes 4 to 5 servings

- 6 green onions and tops, cut diagonally into 1/2-inch lengths, separating whites from tops
- 1/2 cup frozen peas and carrots, thawed
- tablespoons vegetable oil
- egg, beaten
- cups cold cooked long-grain rice
- 1/2 pound medium-size cooked shrimp
- tablespoons Kikkoman Soy Sauce
- teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper

Stir-fry whites of green onions, peas and carrots in hot oil in wok or large skillet over medium-high heat 1 minute. Add green onion tops and egg; scramble. Stir in rice and shrimp, cook until heated, gently separating grains Combine remaining ingredients; pour over rice. Cook and stir until well mixed



Mongolian Beel

Makes 4 servings

- 1 pound boneless beef top sirloin
- tablespoon cornstarch
- 1-1/2 tablespoons Kikkoman Soy Sauce
 - tablespoon dry sherry
 - 2 teaspoons Kikkoman Hoisin Sauce
 - tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
 - bunches green onions, cut into 1-1/2-inch lengths, separating whites from tops, divided
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - teaspoon minced fresh ginger
 - 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper Mongolian Sauce*
 - teaspoon sesame seed, toasted

Cut beef across grain into thin strips. Combine next 4 ingredients; stir in beef. Let stand 15 minutes. Stir-fry half of beef in 1 tablespoon hot oil in wok or large skillet over high heat 1 minute; remove. Repeat cooking procedure with remaining beef and 1 tablespoon oil; remove. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in same pan. Add whites of green onions, garlic, ginger and red pepper; stir-fry 1 minute. Stir in green onion tops. Add beef and Mongolian Sauce. Cook, stirring, until sauce boils and thickens. Sprinkle with sesame seed before serving.

*Mongolian Sauce: Combine 1/3 cup water, 1 tablespoon sugar, 1/2 tablespoon cornstarch, 2-1/2 tablespoons Kikkoman Soy Sauce, 1 tablespoon dry sherry and 1 teaspoon Kikkoman Hoisin Sauce.

Chicken & Vegetable Chow Mein

Makes 4 servings

- 1/4 pound spaghetti
- 3/4 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into thin strips
- tablespoon plus 1/3 cup Kikkoman Stir-Fry Sauce, divided
- teaspoons Kikkoman Soy Sauce, divided
- tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- small carrot, julienned
- stalks celery, cut diagonally into thin slices 2
- 1/2 onion, thinly sliced
- cloves garlic, minced 3
- 1/4 pound bean sprouts
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- teaspoon Asian sesame oil 1

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain, rinse and drain thoroughly. Meanwhile, coat chicken with 1 tablespoon stir-fry sauce and 2 teaspoons soy sauce; let stand 15 minutes. Stir-fry chicken in 1 tablespoon hot oil in wok or large skillet over high heat 3 minutes, or until done; remove. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in same pan. Add carrot; stir-fry 1 minute. Add celery, onion and garlic; stir-fry 3 minutes longer. Stir in bean sprouts, chicken, pasta, remaining 1/3 cup stir-fry sauce, 2 teaspoons soy sauce and pepper. Cook, stirring, until all ingredients are coated with sauce and pasta is heated through. Remove from heat; stir in sesame oil.

Makes 4 to 6 servings

- 1 pound boneless pork sirloin, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- tablespoons Kikkoman Teriyaki Marinade & Sauce
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
- 3/4 cup Kikkoman Sweet & Sour Sauce
- tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons syrup from jar of maraschino cherries
 1 tablespoon Kikkoman Soy Sauce
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch squares
- 1/2 onion, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 can (8 ounces) pineapple chunks, drained
- 1/2 cup maraschino cherries, stemmed

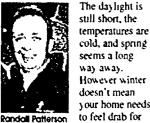
Combine pork, teriyaki sauce and ginger; let stand 15 minutes. Meanwhile, blend together next 4 ingredients; set aside. Coat pork with cornstarch. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add pork in single layer. Cook 4 minutes, or until golden brown, stirring to separate pieces. Remove pork. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in same pan. Add bell pepper and onion; stir-fry 2 minutes Add pork, pineapple, cherries and sweet & sour sauce mixture; cook, stirring, until sauce boils.



REGIONAL MARKETPLACE Thursday, February 7, 2008

Home Owners You Can Brighten Your Home In Winter!!!





doesn't mean your home needs to feel drab for months on end

Here are some easy ideas to bring some springtime into your home and life right now

 INSTALL FULL SPECTRUM LIGHTS. Available at most hardware stores, full spectrum lights provide a clear, brilliant, white light, simulating the exact color of sunlight at noon. These brilliant bulbs will not only hft your spirits, they'll also lighten your wallet by consuming 1/3-1/4 the energy of standard incandescent bulbs.

• LET THE SUN SHINE IN.

Smog, soot, smoke and grime can built up on windows in the colder months, preventing sunlight from entering. Washing your windows mid-way through winter will not only brighten your home, it will also make cleaning them in spring a more manageable task.

 BRING SOME COLOR INTO YOUR WORLD. Give your Bath room or laundry area a lift with a fresh coat of paint in a fun new color. Painting a small space can be a great winter project that won't mean a big investment of time or money.

 <u>CULTIVATE AN INDOOR</u> GARDEN. Many of us compromise our indoor air-quality by spending more time cooped up inside during the winter. Instantly improve your view and the quality of the air you breathe and by investing in a few common house plants. Fresh flowers are also a quick pick-me-up that will instantly help your mood and brighten your home in the kitchen, family room, or wherever you spend a lot of time.

AIRING OUT YOUR HOME IN WINTER. Winter keeps many people indoors much more than during the rest of the year. With less time spent outdoors and homes closed up against the cold, a home can become a haven for dust, allergens, and more. Here are a few steps homeowners can take right now

Diamonds and pearls Traditional gems reign at Orin Jewelers By John R. Hall

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ORIN JEWELERS

oliday gift giving has given way to traditional gift giving again and Orin Jewelers of Northville continues a tradition of offering the finest jewelry backed by an experienced and friendly staff.

SPECIAL WRITER

In other words, gift giving takes no holiday at Orin Jewelers, especially if the gift giving includes selections from two of the store's most popular product lines: Mikimoto and Alwand Vahan.

Gina Mazzoni, a member of the Mazzoni family which founded the com-pany back in 1933, has been selling these product lines for several years out of the store, located in its familiar spot on the corner of Main and Center Streets in downtown Northville.

Gina and her brother, Orin Mazzoni III, along with the other staff members, invite customers to come in and view the many different looks of pearl jewelry in the Mikimoto line and the unique textured look of diamonds, gold, and sterling silver in the Alwand Vahan line.

MIKIMOTO PEARLS

"The Mikimoto line features the highest grade pearls," Gina said. "There are several different colors including white, cream, silver, and rose. But only the top five percent of all pearls are Mikimoto grade and each is magnificently matched for color and grade."

The pearls in this line come in different sizes and have been harvested from the waters in the South Seas, Japan, and Tahiti. Mikimoto is the originator of the cultured pearl and was originally founded 101 East Main Street Northville Phone

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by Kokichi Mikimoto in 1893.

Gina explained that pearls can be worn any time, such as to weddings where a soft, subtle look is important; or to special events when a fresh and elegant look is desired. Matching together pearl necklaces, bracelets, earrings, or rings makes the look even more special. One necklace by Mikimoto, called "pearls in motion" features pearls that can be moved in any direction to give a different look every time — and utilize a patented method to keep them in place.

Price ranges for necklaces run from \$500 to \$3,000 and earrings from \$300 to \$2000.

ALWAND VAHAN

What makes the Alwand Vahan line we sell unique is that each bracelet and necklace is hand made in a special weave pattern." Gina said. "All of the diamonds are set by hand, too."

The bracelets, necklaces, and earrings are made from sterling silver and 14K or 18K yellow gold. All are made in the U S with the trademark stamped on each

A favorite of Gina Mazzoni, the Alwand Vahan line of unique jewelry features handmade bracelets and necklaces in a special weave pattern. Made in the United States, the jewelry also features hand-set diamonds.

piece. Each piece is "versatile and collectible" according to Gina. She pointed out a feature of the earrings: each is made with a rounded clip instead of a traditional post, making it more comfortable.

You can do a lot of mixing and matching with the Alwand Vahan pieces," Gina added. "They look very good when you were multiple bracelets on one wrist

Within the Alwand Vahan line are a number of different signature collections



which are distinguishable by such things as "tiny bubble" illusions and beaded detailing. Pave diamonds, known for their cluster of beauty, are also part of the signature collections.

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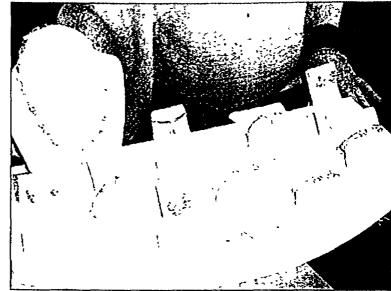
"These are some of our most popular pieces because of their elegant yet versatile look," said Gina. "They can be worn with jeans, or to a formal black tie affair."

75 YEARS OF **FAMILY TRUST**

Orin Jewelers has stores in Northville and Garden City, and is proud to be celebrating their 75th year in business. Orin Jewelers was founded in 1933 by Orin Mazzoni, Sr., a watchmaker by trade, and a pioneer in customer service, integrity in the jewelry business, and quality of both product and repairs.

The founders' grandson, Orin Mazzoni, III is the Northville store manager and his staff includes his sister Gina Mazzoni, Carole Urban, Joanne Sorby, Joshua Summers, and Sheryl Vickers. The staff is experienced and well trained with gemologist and registered jeweler degrees from both the Gemological Institute of America and the American Gem Society. But most importantly, they are known for their excellent customer service and friendly and inviting atmosphere.

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Architects, masons, and renovators continue to combine forces to finish the remainder of their cornerstone building at Main and Center.

Using the original brick, adding a new crown, refinishing windows and trim, and giving a new façade to the lower half which keeps in the trend of the nostalgic look of downtown Northville, the building is almost complete and will have some nice finishing touches come the warmer spring weather laying ahead.

The retail space directly behind Orin Jewelers has been given a complete renovation and will provide the opportunity for another retail store to join the lineup of new and established Northville business-

For more information call (248) 349-6940 or visit www.orinjewelers com.

Gina Mazzoni is proud to show off the Mikimoto line of pearl jewelry.









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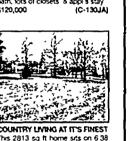
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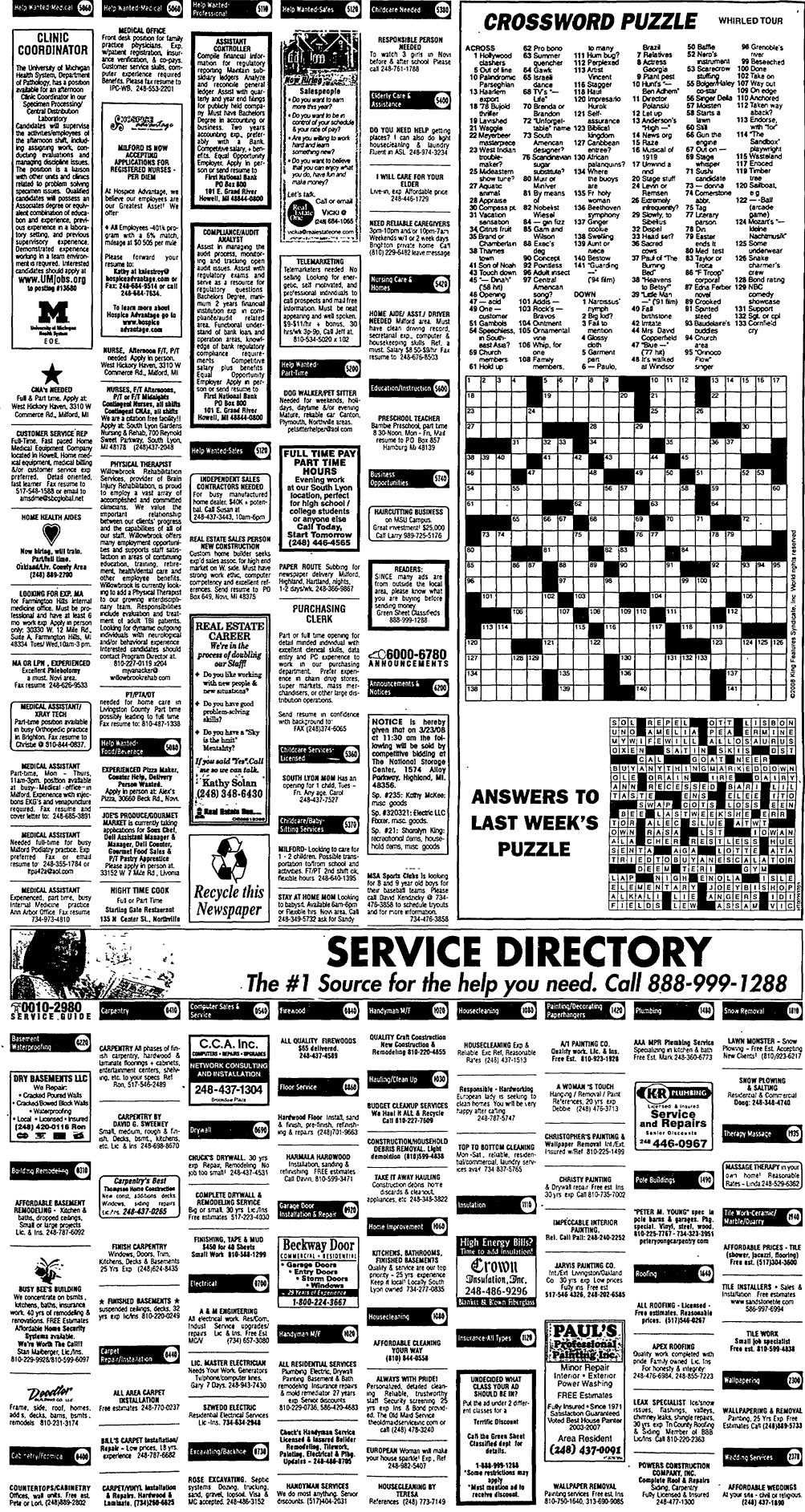
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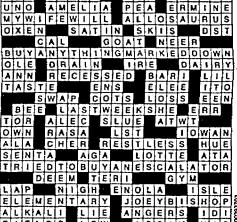
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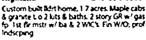
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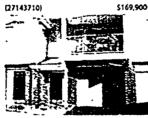
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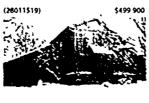
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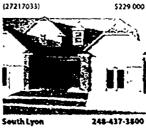
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