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## Corriveau, Voices for Maybury meet

■ Farmer John  
hearing with  
MEDC today

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Rep. Marc Corriveau, (D-Northville) of the Michigan House of Representatives met with members of Voices for Maybury Farm Monday to discuss the local community farm located on Eight Mile Road



J. Beemer

west of Beck Road. Corriveau met with the group at his district office in Northville. "We agreed that everyone wants to see a Maybury Farm that is well-managed, accessible, and an asset to Northville and the surrounding communities," said Susan Greenlee, president of Voices.

"He has met with the Department of Natural Resources staff, and is well-informed of the issues," Greenlee said.

"He wants to facilitate communication between members of the Northville Community

Foundation and our group."

Greenlee said Corriveau discussed possibilities for enhancing such communication in the near future.

"I did meet with all the parties, including staff from the state, and would like to bring all of them together to accomplish their common goal, which is a community farm for the citizens to enjoy," Corriveau said.

"I will be happy to continue to offer my assistance in working with all those involved to further the operation of Maybury Farm."

Greenlee said Voices and other concerned citizens, including Friends of Maybury Park and Maybury State Park Trailriders, are all awaiting the outcome of former Maybury Farm manager John Beemer's hearing with the Michigan Employment Security Commission scheduled this morning.

Beemer was fired in September 2007 and was been denied unemployment compensation by staff and board members of the Northville Community Foundation.

He and his wife, Norma, currently operate a farm in Stockbridge.

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## "SPECIAL ART STARS"



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville High School student Sean Hogan will be exhibiting this metal sculpture of a fish in the upcoming Northville High School Senior Show at the Art House beginning tomorrow through April 13.

## First Friday Art Walk highlights students

■ Northville senior  
class struts their stuff

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

April's First Friday Art & Fashion Walk tomorrow will feature the work of some of Northville's most talented artists — our high school seniors.

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St., opens the Northville High School Senior Show with a reception from 6-9 p.m.; artwork will be on display through April 13.

"Students were hand picked and invited to participate by their individual art instructors at the

high school," said Cheryl Brooks, teacher and artist. "They're our special art stars."

Brooks said this is a special opportunity for the students to experience a professional art show setting. The show will display work they have produced throughout their entire art career at the high

"It's quite a privilege for them to be able to participate in this, and they do everything — the fliers, the invitations, the labels for the artwork, artist statements and food for the opening reception," Brooks said.

About 30 students' work will be exhibited in the multi-media show that will include drawing, painting, ceramics, photography and metal artwork — which are all taught at the high school. Some of the artwork will be for sale.

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## Taft Rd. signage reduced

■ To be removed  
after lighting up

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Those who drive Taft Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads might be interested to know just how many signs there are near the new roundabout.

"The goal was to slow down traffic, but there are about 40 signs up there," said Jim Gallogly, director of Northville's Department of Public Works.

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The signs are being reviewed now with a Taft Road Sign Reduction Plan to be implemented soon.

Gallogly said city staff does not want to remove the signs, however, until lighting fixtures are installed on Taft Road because they do help motorists navigate the new roundabout.

A lighting fixture proposal was presented to city council several weeks ago, but they didn't like the design suggested by Gallogly and DTE Energy staff. However, a new design is being researched.

"We have listened to complaints from residents about this issue, as well as city council's concerns about it," Gallogly said.

Pat Sullivan said staff is working on the development of a new lighting fixture design for Taft Road, and that he believes council will approve of it when it is ready to be presented.

The roundabout is located at the intersection of Taft Road and Morgan Boulevard and was constructed at a cost of about \$1 million.

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## Teen in beheading case to argue self-defense

■ 1 suspect's  
lawyer tells  
judge strategy

By Ben Schmitt  
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

Prosecutors call it a thrill kill, but one of the teen suspects charged with stabbing and beheading a River Rouge man plans to argue self-defense. The trial for Jean Pierre

Orlewicz, 18, of Plymouth is scheduled to begin April 7 in Wayne County Circuit Court. He is charged with first-degree murder in the stabbing, beheading and burning of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen on Nov. 7.

Alexander Letkemann, 18, of Westland also is charged with first-degree murder and is to go on trial with Orlewicz.

Orlewicz's attorney James Thomas has portrayed Sorensen in court documents as a violent bully who preyed on young

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## Sunrise Living withdraws plans to build township senior facility

■ Management  
and market  
changed

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Township planners received some gloomy news last week when the local developer for

Sunrise Senior Living announced that the company has decided not to build a \$34-million senior citizens complex on 18.3 acres at Five Mile and Haggerty roads.

The move was a disappointment, as Laura Hester, senior vice president of development for Sunrise Senior Living's Midwest Region, and Chuck DiMaggio from Burton-Katzman in Bingham Farms paid several visits to township hall and fought

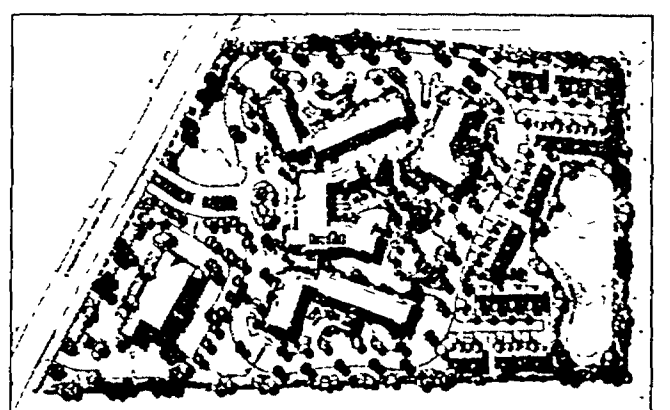
hard to get the plan approved last year.

The process of obtaining approvals took more than two years.

The company, based in McLean, Va., is one of the most successful builders of senior living campuses in the country.

"We were very surprised," said Jennifer Frey, director of commu-

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Developer Sunrise Senior Living pulled the plug on a \$34-million senior citizens complex at Five Mile and Haggerty roads.

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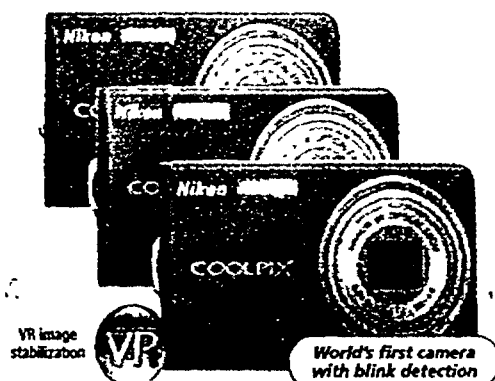
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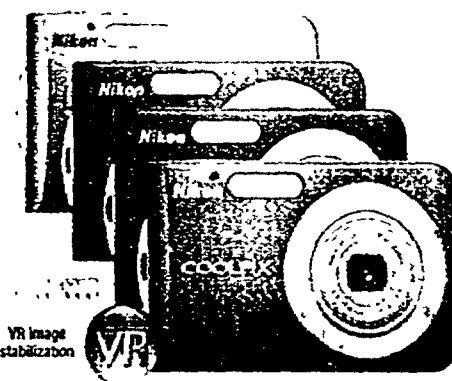
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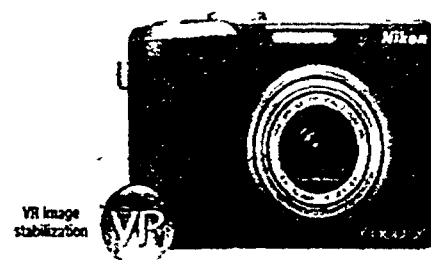
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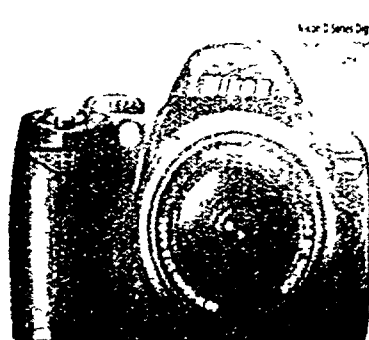
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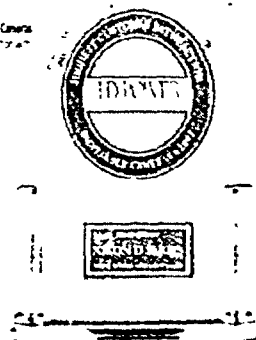
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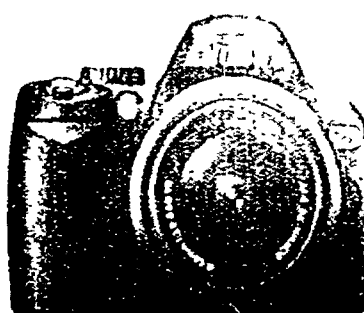
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## Thayer's Corner Nature Area wins Barn of the Year for 2008

### ■ Plaque hangs in township hall

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Motorists used to be able to spot the weather-beaten barn on the east side of Sheldon Road north of Six Mile Road in the Ravines subdivision.

Now completely restored and located at Thayer's Corner Nature Area on Napier Road north of Six Mile Road, the beautiful barn has won the Michigan Barn Preservation Network's Barn of the Year Award for 2008 in the Non-Profit Use category.

The award was presented on Saturday, March 8, during the network's 13th annual conference as part of Agriculture and Natural Resources Week at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Five barns received awards, with others hailing from Harrison, Mason, Middleville and Owosso. The winners were selected from more than 30 nominations across the state.

Those present from the township to accept the award included Marv Gans, a member of Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area who was instrumental in the project;

Ken Brock, who helped get the barn moved; and Carol Poenisch of the Northville Historic District Commission.

The plaque was shown at the March 20 Northville Township Board of Trustees meeting and now hangs in the township hall.

"I really consider this significant accomplishment," said Mark Abbo, township supervisor. "Thank you. It's great being recognized, and it's nice to preserve a little bit of history."

### Ravines homeowners help out

Gans explained that the Ravines of Northville Homeowners Association wanted to raze the old barn, but it was going to cost \$10,000 to do it.

Instead, the Ravines homeowners contributed the \$10,000 to move and restore the barn. The barn was moved on Oct. 1, 2005.

In all, local citizens raised a total of \$212,000 to move and restore the barn to its original glory. The 32- by 44-foot timber-framed, gable-roofed bank barn features a rare swing beam truss.

The mortise-and-tenon structure is hand-hewn and estimated to have been built in the mid-1800s by a couple who immigrated from Lichtenstein.

Once used as a horse racing sta-

### Second spruce-up on April 26

Last Saturday, members of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members from Schoolcraft College as well as a few local citizens volunteered their time to spruce up Thayer's Corner Nature Area.

The work day was so successful that the students plan to return this Saturday.

A formal cleanup/work day is slated for Saturday, April 26, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

ble, the barn's first home was near Northville Downs.

When developers acquired the property and built Ravines of Northville, the local effort was launched to find a new use for the barn.

Business and individual donations, reuse of materials and volunteer help contributed to saving the barn, which will be used for events, classes and private functions.

Gans said that Brock was not only instrumental in helping to move the barn the 5 miles from



Submitted photo

The Thayer's Corner Nature Area Barn won "Barn of the Year" March 8 from the Michigan Barn Preservation Network. The award was presented at Michigan State University's on March 8. Pictured at the event (left, l to r) are Ken Brock, who helped get the barn moved; Tim Wiles, Michigan Barn Preservation Network trustee; Marv Gans, Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area; and Carol Poenisch, Northville Historic District Commission.

Sheldon Road to Napier Road, but he was also heavily involved in its restoration.

"Because of him, the barn was restored in the way it was built," Gans said.

"The neatest thing about it was

that it was a community project," said Tim Wiles of Howell, a Michigan Barn Preservation Network trustee. "That's the kind of thing we look for when we present these awards."

"The authenticity of putting the

barns back in their original condition and also plans to use them for educational purposes in the future are also important," Wiles said.

### Program began 12 years ago

The Barn of the Year awards program began 12 years ago, soon after the Michigan Barn Preservation Network was founded as a way to draw attention to preservation networks.

As rural Michigan has changed, and barn uses have expanded beyond traditional farm buildings, the recognition program has grown.

The 2008 awards are the first year that the barn awards were presented in four categories. Two awards were presented in the Family/Private Adaptive Use category.

Other categories were the Commercial Use Award and the Family/Private Continued Agricultural Use Award.

A special award was presented in recognition of volunteers working to save a barn in Highland Township in Oakland County.

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## Former Record owner, Northville leader Bill Sliger passes away

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

The entire Northville community mourns the death of William Sliger, former owner of the Northville Record and the Novi News, who died Monday.

Michele Fecht, current member of the Northville City Council, worked with Sliger as a education reporter for the Northville Record from 1980-1987. "Bill technically had already sold the newspapers to Hometown Newspapers at that

time, but he still maintained an office on the third floor and wrote a weekly column for the paper."

Her husband, Steve, also worked for the Record as a photographer from 1980-85 before moving to the Observer & Eccentric newspaper group. They met as co-workers, marrying in 1984.

"Bill was tremendously influential in the community and was the consummate community journalist," Michele said. "I think the dedication and passion he

brought to newspapering was equaled by his love of the Northville community."

She and Steve had an opportunity to work with him on a book he wrote on the 100th anniversary of Washtenaw County Club, and they also edited a book he authored on "Doc" Atchison, a well-known physician in the community.

"He never lost that passion for Northville," she said.

Michele said Sliger led to the success of Main Street '78,

which was the project that renovated the downtown area.

"With Twelve Oaks Mall coming, there was a need to revitalize Northville's downtown, and he was one of the critical leaders who pushed for this project," she said.

Amazingly, 25 years later, he was also involved in the recent renovation of the Town Square.

"Bill was a private man," she

said. "He was one who never drew attention to himself and always gave credit to others."

She noted that he was also named a Citizen of the Year. Michele said she chaired the city's 50th anniversary celebration in 2005 and that Sliger was on the celebration committee.

"I think with his passing, Northville has lost one its great-

est supporters," she said.

Sliger was a member of the city's Economic Development Corporation at the time of his death.

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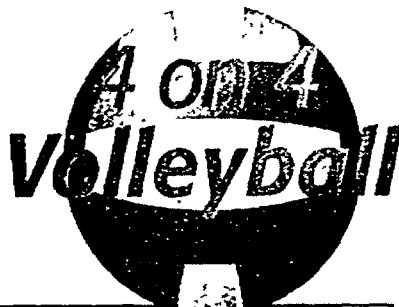
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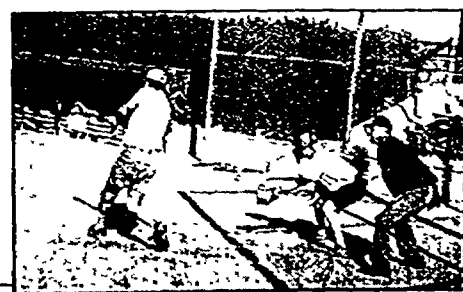
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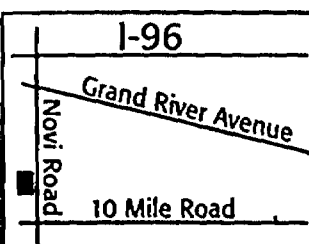
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## Artists invited to submit work for Northville Art in the Sun

■ First-round jury April 18

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Area artists are encouraged to start working on pieces now, as the first round of judging will take place April 18 for the 20th Annual Northville Art in the Sun event this summer.

The event takes place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, June 22.

The event in downtown Northville is presented by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by American Laser, Blue Green Resorts, DTE Energy, Ford Motor Company, the Northville Record, Renewal by Anderson, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Tripp Family Chiropractic and Varsity Lincoln Mercury.

Festival grounds are Main Street from Wing to Hutton streets and Center Street from Main to Dunlap streets. Streets will be blocked off for the event.

The juried fine arts festival will feature all mediums of art, lively music throughout the festival and concessions. A festival highlight is the murals that festival-goers can paint, which are later donated to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

More than 20,000 people will enjoy the sights and sounds of this popular event over the weekend. And, more than 100 juried artists from the region and also out of state will take part in one of Michigan's best-juried shows. Prizes will be awarded for Best in Show and Runner Up.

Applications are available online at [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org) or by contacting the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640.

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## ■ First Friday focuses on students

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The Senior Show is an annual event, but this is only the second year that the high school has collaborated with the Northville Art House.

"We appreciate the ability to showcase our most talented senior art students," Brooks said.

### Second show starts April 18

A second student art show, the Northville Public School Student Art Show for grades six-12, will be on display at the Northville Art House; Northville Gallery, 147 E. Main St.; Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, at 133 W. Main St.; Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main St. and the Tom James Gallery of Fine Art, 117 E. Main St., the following weekend.

An opening reception will take place from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, April 18. This ninth annual juried exhibit will run through April 23 during the local galleries' normal business hours. For more information, call the Art House at (248) 344-0497.

### Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art

Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, located in the Northville Square building, will present a new collection of works by Michigan acrylic artist, Shadia Zayed, from 6-9 p.m.

Zayed's new series of contemporary acrylic pieces continue to blend extraordinary color, form and texture to create brilliant works of art that capture the eye and the imagination.

She will be available during the free wine and cheese reception to meet with the public. More than 12 new works will be added to her current collection for the April exhibit.

"Shadia's diverse style moves from smooth expanses of rolling color intensity to an edgy, hard-lined use of medium and color, which emerges from the canvas to create a variety of textures that continues to capture the attention of gallery guests," said Sherri Mewha, gallery owner.

Zayed began painting at an early age and has since been immersed in a wide variety of creative endeavors.

"I have literally been interested in art since I was a kindergartner," she said. "I used to take my finger-paint pictures home and re-wet the paint."

In 1998 she completed her bachelor of fine art degree at Eastern Michigan University and was later trained to do decorative finishes and plaster at the Faux



### Glass blower coming to As the Page Turns

Annette Baron of Baron Glassworks, 838 Railroad Street in Ypsilanti, will visit As the Page Turns

Bookstore, Gallery & Cafe at 149 N. Center Street, Suite 102, in the Old Church Square at 7 p.m. tomorrow as part of April's First Friday Art & Fashion Walk.

Baron will present a lecture on furnace glass blowing, an art she has practiced for 20 years. She also teaches classes in the craft and has more than 380 pounds of molten glass at all times.

The lecture will focus on her career as a working artist, and she will have some of her artwork on display.

She'll also talk about what it takes to study glass blowing at Baron Glassworks.

For more information, call (734) 482-8829 or send Baron an e-mail at [annette@baronglassworks.com](mailto:annette@baronglassworks.com).

### Design Studio School of Decorative Arts in Chicago

She views all surfaces as potential canvases waiting to be transformed, drawing inspiration from color and texture. Her objective is to imbue each canvas with a sense of emotion, with the hope that the work will provoke an emotional response from the viewer.

In addition to her work as an artist, Zayed is a popular art instructor at "Awakening...The Artist Inside," a fine art supply and art education store/studio also owned by Mewha.

She has operated the Ambiance Design Studio for almost five



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Lauren Scheer displays her ceramic sculpture "Anger." The Northville High School senior and other students will be exhibiting in two shows in downtown Northville.

years in her Westland home, creating faux finishes, murals, stenciling and furniture painting.

What is the most rewarding aspect of being an artist to her? "I think it's the ability of what I create to have such an impact on other people," Zayed said.

For more information, call (734) 634-0003 or e-mail her at [contact@ssdesignstudio.com](mailto:contact@ssdesignstudio.com).

### Starring "The Gallery"

Starring "The Gallery" will host a wine tasting during the First Friday Art & Fashion Walk, which will feature wines from downtown Northville's newest shop in town, Simply Wine.

"We will offer samples of four different types of wines from the shop," said Mary Starring, gallery owner.

A few art pieces will also be

displayed by Vesna Savic, an Ann Arbor artist who owns MadMax MetalWorks.

Savic, a self-taught artist, has owned her studio for three years.

The artwork she creates is comprised of naturally-rusted pieces of sheet metal imprinted with miscellaneous items, such as leaves, fabric and other odds and ends.

"They're all one-of-a-kind pieces," she said. In the process, she cuts into the metal and pulls it from the base, creating a two-dimensional piece.

"They're real conversation pieces," she said.

More information will be available at the gallery or go to [www.madmaxmetalworks.com](http://www.madmaxmetalworks.com).

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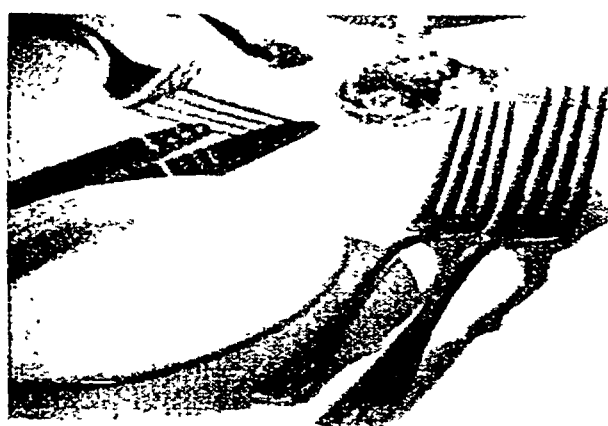
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## ■ Sunrise Living withdraws plans to build township senior facility

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nity planning. "It's unfortunate, as we were looking forward to the use."

Frey said changes in the company's management and the economy led to the plan's demise. She said the developer hopes to find another firm that wants to build a senior campus on the property, but a new site plan would have to be developed.

## Day care center tabled

A public hearing on a special land use request for Goddard School, a proposed day care center, was tabled until applicants can supply more information to justify why two day care centers should be constructed on the northwest corner of Ridge and Six Mile roads. The special land use request is required because the parcel lies in a residential area.

"It was tabled until they can provide an analysis of the need," Frey said.

The day care center under construction is the Learning Experience, which will house 156 children.

"They didn't really say, but based on the proposed square footage of the building, 50-60 children could probably be cared for there," said Richard Allen, planning commission chair.

Commissioners also learned that the Northville Cooperative Preschool, located in the back of the First Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile Road, plans to move to the Revival Outreach Center on the west side of Beck Road between Five and Six Mile roads.

"That would put three similar uses in that area, so we don't know how this is all going to shake out," Allen said.

## Market plan to come

Developers of the proposed Cantoro Market to be built on Haggerty Road north of Five Mile Road withdrew their request for a public hearing immediately before the planning commission's March 25 meeting. Commissioners did not know why Atwell-Hicks development consultants decided to withdraw their special land use request to build a 19,500-square-foot market and outdoor patio. The Fallone family currently operates the popular Cantoro Italian Market & Bakery at 19710 Middlebelt Road at Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

"They're still planning to build the market," Frey said. "They've just decided to revise their plan prior to coming to the planning commission."

## Health center proposed

Commissioners also explored the possibility of constructing Northville Health Center on 15.6 acres on the south side of Eight Mile Road between Meadowbrook Country Club and the Meijer store. Problems existed with a previous development proposed for that parcel that need to be addressed, according to Allen.

"It's consistent with our master plan, but there are significant details that need to be presented before the planning commission could recommend a rezoning," Frey said. These involve grading, density, setbacks and tree preservation.

Centennial Development Company wants to build a road that would connect the center to the Meijer store parking lot, so employees and customers would have access to the traffic signal on Eight Mile Road. However, this proposal would first have to be negotiated with owners of Meijer.

"We asked them to prepare a site plan that addresses some of these issues," Allen said.

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## Lucky Dog

Becky Mehill and son, Matt, 18, a senior at Northville High School, with the family dog, Missy, a 6-year-old Maltese who was named the Lucky Dog for 2008 by the city of Northville. This is the 11th year for the contest, in which names of residents who have purchased dog licenses are entered into a drawing. Missy received a certificate and a container of filet-mignon-flavored dog treats. The Mehills, who moved to Northville 12 years ago from Columbus, Ohio, also include Becky's husband, Mark, and son, Nate, 21.

## ■ Lawyer for teen in beheading case plans to argue self-defense

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people. He recently filed four personal protection orders taken out against Sorensen by others not connected to the case in an attempt to use them as evidence.

During Monday's pretrial conference, Judge Annette J. Berry asked Thomas to declare his trial defense strategy.

"Self-defense," Thomas said.

Berry said she would decide at a later date whether to allow the PPOs to be evidence.

The hearing then took an intriguing turn when prosecutors played a recorded jailhouse conversation between Letkemann and his father, Peter Letkemann.

During the Jan. 18 conversation, Peter Letkemann told his son that he planned to release a written statement several days before jury selection in the trial.

"It's gonna be amazing," the elder Letkemann said.

"All right," his son said from the Wayne County Jail.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Moran said he was so incensed that he had to be talked out of charging Peter Letkemann with obstruction of justice for what he believed to be a plan to taint potential jurors.

Called before Berry, Peter Letkemann said he has not written out a statement and has merely been trying to keep his son's spirits up.

"I'm not a devious person," he said.

Berry cautioned him that using the media to influence potential jurors could backfire. However, she stopped short of reinstating a gag order on family and friends of the suspects.

Peter Letkemann agreed not to release any statement.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has said the teens killed Sorensen for a thrill.

Letkemann wrote an eight-page statement to police and gave a video-recorded statement, which was played during a daylong preliminary exam in November.

Letkemann told investigators that Orlewicz, known to friends as J.P., lured Sorensen to the garage of Orlewicz's grandfather in Canton before stabbing him from behind.

"J.P. shut the door behind and just went and did it," Letkemann told police. "I couldn't even react. It knocked the wind out of me."

Letkemann said Orlewicz stripped Sorensen down to his underwear and cut his head off with a saw. He said he assisted in loading the body only to clear a \$100 debt to Orlewicz.

Police found Sorensen's head in the Rouge River several days after he was killed. His body was dumped in Northville Township.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### CVS/pharmacy to opens new store in Northville Township

CVS/pharmacy, the retail division of CVS/Caremark, opening its new store at 44300 Five Mile Rd. on Sunday.

The new 13,000 sq. ft. CVS/pharmacy features a full service pharmacy and offers a complete line of health and beauty products, general merchandise and convenience food items.

The new CVS/pharmacy's business hours are 7 a.m.-10 p.m. seven days a week in the front store; pharmacy hours are 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Mon-Fri; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday.

This Saturday, CVS/pharmacy will hold a grand opening celebration at its Northville Township store with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by local officials. There will also be a variety of giveaways including beauty product sampling, and free refreshments and snacks as well as entertainment by Fato-Lay's Chester Cheetah mascot. Customers will also be able to sign-up for the CVS ExtraCare Rewards Program. Additionally, the pharmacist will be available for Health Screenings on Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday, April 8-10. On Friday, April 11, tours of the store will be offered for senior citizens.

### Voter registration deadline

Monday is the last day to register to vote for the May 6 election.

To register, applicants must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and be U.S. citizens. Applicants must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register in person or by mail. The mail-in form is on the Department of State web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos. First-time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand-deliver the application to their local clerk, are 60 years old or older, are disabled or are overseas.

To check their registration status, residents may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at

www.Michigan.gov/vote. Residents can find information on voting by absentee ballot, Michigan's voter identification requirements, using voting equipment and contacting their local clerk. They will also find a map to their local polling place.

Voters will be asked to present acceptable photo ID at the polls, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. Those who don't have either can show the following current forms of photo ID: Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state; Federal or state government-issued photo identification; U.S. passport; military identification card with photo; student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education, such as college or university; or tribal identification card with photo. Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID, or is not carrying one, can still vote. They will sign a brief form stating that they're not in pos-

session of a photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and counted on Election Day. Additional information is available on the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

### Double shot of Biggby Coffee

Lansing-based coffee retailer Biggby Coffee opened two new Metro Detroit locations — one in Farmington Hills, the other in Northville Township — on Tuesday. The new stores mark the 18th and 19th metro Detroit locations for the rapidly-expanding coffee franchise. Both stores will offer free brewed coffee all week long in celebration of the event.

The Northville Township store is located at 20570 Haggerty Road near the 8 Mile Road intersection, in the Trader Joe's Shopping Center. The café is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on

Sunday.

The Northville location is the first Biggby franchise for husband-and-wife team Bruce and Kim Mason.

### Mother's Day Contest

Nominate your mom for Mom of the Year. Just write a letter explaining why you have the best mom, and she could win a well-deserved day at the Envy Salon & Day Spa in Northville, along with dinner for two at Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia.

The winning mom will be pampered at Envy with a massage, pedicure, manicure, facial, make-up application, haircut and style and a light lunch.

Letters must be received by May 1. Send to Northville Record, Mother's Day Contest, 104 W. Main, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167; e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; or fax to (248) 349-9832.

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## Meads student Kiple makes a name for herself – twice

■ She's also on cover of national girls publication

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Meads Mill Middle School sixth-grader Chloe Kiple's star is definitely rising.

The 12-year-old recently learned she had been selected out of almost 400 area students ages 10-15 to be the Discover Ontario Junior Travel Guide for Ontario, Canada.

Last Friday, she was introduced on WDIV Local 4 and will travel by train to Canada April 11-14 to film commercials at the CN Tower in Toronto, the Toronto Science Center, the Toronto Zoo, Niagara Falls' Maid of the Mist boat and the Butterfly Conservatory in the Niagara Falls area.

The goal of the commercials is to encourage more Michiganders to visit Ontario.

WDIV held auditions at Lakeside and Oakland malls in March, selecting 33 students out of the almost 400.

A second round of auditions was filmed at the studios, with four top candidates selected.

The final four's photos and videos were then placed on the station's Web site, where people could vote for their favorite.

"I'm so excited," Kiple said. "This is going to be a whole new experience, and it will help me in my pursuit of a career in journalism."



Photo by Pam Fleming

Chloe Kiple was picked to be on the cover of *Discovery Girls* April/May edition as well as the *Discover Ontario Junior Travel Guide*.

"She didn't appear nervous at all," said Patty Haggart, commercial producer at WDIV. "She was calm and collected — a natural. She's a very sweet young lady, mature for her age, and I'm looking forward to traveling to Ontario with her and her mother."

### Discovery Girls magazine

Kiple was also one of three girls featured on the cover of the April/May issue of the national magazine, *Discovery Girls*.

The California-based publication is for girls age 8 and up, and Michigan ranks second in the number of subscribers.

"The magazine just came out a few years ago, so it's kind of new," she said.

One of the magazine's regular features is a series of profiles of girls from a particular state.

When Kiple found out they were coming to Michigan in January 2007, she applied online. She became one of 12 Michigan girls selected to appear in the magazine, and then one of three from the 12 chosen to appear on the cover.

Staff from the magazine came to Detroit for the photo shoot, which took place Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2007. The photos were taken at a miniature golf facility in Royal Oak and a photo studio in Troy.

The daughter of Bob Kiple, a General Motors Corp. employee, and Suzanne Kiple, the family has lived in Northville Township for five years.

They moved here from Dubai in the Middle East, where they had lived since 1999. Kiple also has a brother, Grant, who's a fourth-grader at Silver Springs Elementary.

Chloe's magazine profile. In her *Discovery Girls* profile, written last summer, Kiple said her aspiration was to become a marine biologist.

"There is so much more to be discovered in the sea, and we might not realize that until it's too polluted," she said.

She lists her hobbies as drawing, basketball and softball.

"I also play the flute," she said. Her pet peeve is when people brag, and her style is preppy. She loves the "layered look."

Friends describe her as bubbly, smart and artistic.

The "fun fact" she shared was that she's lived on three different continents. (Besides living in Dubai and the U.S., the family had to move to Germany for three months following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.)

Suzanne Kiple said she approves of the content of the magazine, which includes articles about how to improve your self-esteem, trends, how to deal with friends and middle school situations.

"The content is really high quality," Suzanne said. "It's not all about looks and fashion. It's more about peer pressure, transitioning to middle school and how do you juggle homework with activities?"

"It's the kind of magazine you're happy to have your child read. A lot of the articles are from a girl's perspective."

Titles of articles in the April/May issue include, "Help! I'm Being Teased Because I'm So Tall," "I Thought I Was Ugly," "Dare Yourself to Fail," "Fix Your Friendship Problems," "What's the Best Swimsuit for You?" "Top 10 Ways to Know You're Too Shy" "What Do You Bring to Your Team?" "China: My Birth

Home," "Do Not Get Stuck at Go," "Are New Things Your Thing," "Ask Ali," "Do You Play the Gossip Game?" and "Embarrassing Moments."

The publication also has reviews of books, CDs and DVDs.

"The magazine is very motivating, encouraging and supportive of what girls today go through," Suzanne Kiple said.

Kiple said she had fun meeting the other girls from Michigan, and they talked about having a reunion this summer.

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The bride is the daughter of David and Catherine Rabahy of Northville. She is a 2003 grad-

uate of Mercy High School and a 2007 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in dietetics.

The groom is the son of Rod and Sue Brandon of Livonia. He is a 2004 graduate of Churchill High School and is currently a Lance Corporal with the United States Marines, based in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

The maid of honor was Lyndee Killian. Rebecca Baum and Natalie Korynski served as bridesmaids. All the bride's attendants are Gamma Phi Beta sorority sisters. The flower girls were Rachel Maes, Mary Kate Grobosky and Jennifer Rabahy. They are all cousins of the bride and groom.

The best man was Colin Brennan. Groomsmen were Brandon Cook and Zachary Shaver. Michael Brandon, brother of the groom, and Paul Rabahy, brother of the bride, served as ushers.

The bride wore a strapless ivory satin gown with beading. She carried a tight bouquet of two dozen red roses.

The couple reside in base housing in Twentynine Palms

## OBITUARIES

### JAMES G. KEY

Age 81, of Northville, passed away March 30, 2008. Memorial Service, Sat., April 5th, 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., of Northville. Contributions to American Heart Assoc appreciated.

### STANLEY KWASEK

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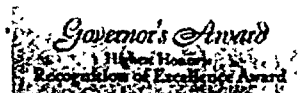
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## Addington Place resident turns 100 years young last Monday

■ About 60 come to her birthday party

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Catherine Murphy is about as Irish as it gets.

And a story told at her 100th birthday party at Addington Place in Northville Township last Sunday confirms it.

Julie Marcy, of Dearborn, has known "Mrs. Murphy" since she was about 9 years old and fell off her bike in front of the Murphys' house.

Marcy said in the 1980s during a service honoring Murphy's deceased husband at Divine Child Church in Dearborn, the Polish priest, Msgr. Herman Kucyk, wished everyone a "Happy St. Joseph's Day" but forgot to wish Irish parishioners a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

"She was so upset that she got somebody to bring her back, and she put green food coloring in all of the holy water in the church," Marcy said. "Father Kucyk always thought it was one of the kids from the school who had done it."



Photo by PAM FLEMING/Northville Record

Catherine Murphy, who turned 100 years old on Monday, is pictured with her son, Tom, of Northville, and longtime friend Msgr. Gerald Flanigan at her birthday party last Sunday at Addington Place on Seven Mile Road. She is the first person to turn 100 at the facility that opened in 1998.

### Born in County Roscommon

Born Catherine Judge on March 31, 1908, Murphy, who's also known as "Kate," grew up in County Roscommon, Ireland. Her family lived in a cottage with a thatched roof on a small piece of farmland.

According to Tom, a 35-year resident of Northville and her only surviving child, she came to the U.S. when she was 18, and it took about 10 days for the ship to cross the Atlantic.

To gain entry into America you had to have \$10. As soon as she arrived, the \$10 had to be sent back home. In the states she made her first home in New York, where she got a job working in the kitchen at Columbia University.

She earned \$60 a month, and sent the money back to Ireland to help her mother.

In 1928 she came to Detroit to be in her sister's wedding. Reluctantly, she did not return to New York. She did domestic work for families in Detroit,

and several families went broke during the Depression and could not pay her. One family had six children, and she earned \$10 a week. "She described it as very hard work caring for the entire family," her son said.

"I met the Murphys 57 years ago, because they were in the first parish I went to as a young priest," said Msgr. Gerald Flanigan. "She was a great kidder, and she has lots of stories to tell about when she was a maid in New York."

In April 1932 she met Tom Murphy in Ireland. In her typically guarded way, she said they enjoyed each other's company.

In October 1932 she returned to Ireland to visit her mother. By this time, her two sisters had left for the U.S.

This left her mother and brother on the small piece of land they owned. She stayed with her mother until April 1933 when she returned to America and never saw her again.

### Husband worked for Ford

She met up with Murphy again in the U.S., and they were married in October 1934. Her husband worked for Ford Motor Co. for 43 years.

To this day, the centenarian will tell you that Henry Ford and "Ford's" is the greatest company in America. In traditional Irish Catholic fashion, they had three children: Tom in 1935, Frank in 1936 and Ann in 1937.

They raised their family in Detroit, and after their children were on their own, they moved to Dearborn. Her husband died in 1986 after 52 years of marriage. She has 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Murphy maintained her home in Dearborn until she was 98. That included cooking, shopping, cleaning, laundry and occasional yard work.

She eventually suffered a stroke and entered assisted living facilities and then the Addington Place Nursing Home in Northville.

"Grandma Murphy's always

been the life of the party," said her grandson Matt, a salesman from Birmingham. "And she's a fighter. I have very good memories of her."

"My mother's early years were very hard," said her son, Tom. "After she married, my dad and mother led a very quiet life."

The staff claims Murphy has more visitors at the Addington Place than any other resident, and she's the first to turn 100 at the facility that opened in 1998.

"She loved to talk and to let you talk," Tom said. "She was never confrontational, just friendly and very light hearted. Every visit started or ended with a cup of tea and some home-baked pastry. She was a great cook and a great mother."

So, what is her secret to longevity?

"Lots of hard work," she said.

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## Senior Events

### Senior Community Center

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Thursday  
Massage by appointment  
Taxes by AARP by appt.  
9 a.m.: TOPS  
10 a.m.: Bowling  
10:30 a.m.: Yoga  
11 a.m.: Congressman McCotter  
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle  
1 p.m.: Computer I  
Friday  
11 a.m.: Poker  
11:30 a.m.: Computer III  
1 p.m.: Movie "I am Legend"

Monday  
9:30 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance  
10 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance; Oxyse  
11 a.m.: Strength Training  
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre  
1 p.m.: Let's Tell Your Story  
Tuesday  
10 a.m.: Intro to Reiki  
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle  
1 p.m.: Computer I  
1 p.m.: Antique Appraisals  
1 p.m.: Red Hat Meeting

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## Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Update

Barbara Hayes, P.T.

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## HEALING HOLISTICALLY

This is the third installment in a series featuring the St. John Health Providence Park campus in Novi

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

When the Assarian Cancer Center opened its doors almost nine years ago, it was with the intention of treating people, not cancer.

"It's not just about getting rid of the cancer, it's about (making sure) in the process you don't get rid of the person," said Elena Weissman, manager at the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. "Cancer treatment is brutal. This is a growing movement to look at how can we provide more holistic care for our patients."

According to Weissman, it was the driving force of Dr. Patrick McLaughlin, chair of radiation and oncology, for patients to receive state-of-the-art medical care, while addressing the needs of their whole self at the same time.

"We're here to promote the mind, body and spirit," said James Tester, program coordinator at the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. "We try to look

at the whole person."

The 33,000-square-foot outpatient facility sits on the Providence Park Campus and sees about 40,000 patients a year.

"Part of what is happening on the campus is that this is a whole health park," Weissman said. "As a pillar of this community, we are invested in people's health."

Not to be fooled by its name, the Assarian Cancer Center is much more than a place where patients go for chemotherapy and radiation.

"The thing about our center is I want it to feel more like a community center than a cancer center," Weissman said. "It's not about seeing the treatment center; it's about walking in and seeing a fountain or someone doing yoga."

According to Tester, the center strives to treat a person's five-selves: physical, mental, loving, spiritual and creative.

"There's more to a person than what they're going through," he said. "People probably come here because of cancer, but that leads to discovery."

Whether or not a person is in the midst of illness, the center aims to help them find a way to feel like a whole person.

"We don't discriminate against people who don't have cancer.

We are all going to be touched by cancer some way," Weissman said. "People who get cancer and their families are profoundly changed and are very empowered about how to make it better."

Programs offered at the Providence Center for the Healing Arts include yoga, meditation, art classes, knitting, massage therapy and a cooking class sponsored by the Cancer Project, a national organization dedicated to promoting nutrition for cancer prevention and survival.

"We have a number of programs here, and participating in any of these classes puts you immediately in the present moment," Tester said. "I think a lot of people are stressed, and the healing arts are here to help that. 'We're open to everybody. Any one benefits from the healing arts.'"

Another aspect of the healing arts center is the art gallery.

"We feature an artist every month, or every other," Tester said. "It's (the artwork) got to be inspiring in some way, but it doesn't have to relate to cancer."

Currently, the artwork of Novi resident Mayumi (May) Oura Teevens is on display in the Nancy A. Fox Gallery, inside the Assarian Cancer Center.



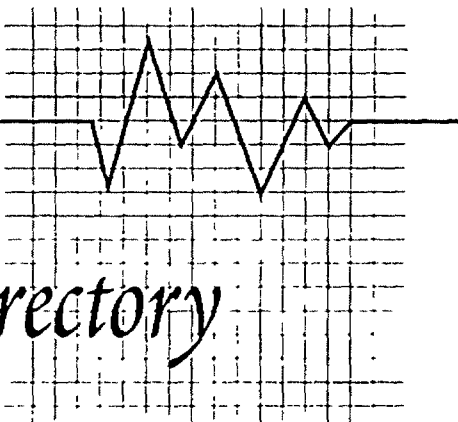
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James Tester, program coordinator for St. John Health's Assarian Cancer Center, stands near its most recent art exhibition: paintings by Mayumi Oura Teevens.

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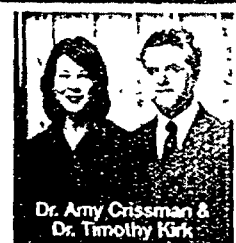
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## Filling an urgent need

### ■ Clinic helps patients avoid trip to ER

By Brad Kadrich  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dr. Amr Abbas saw an urgent care clinic in Plymouth Township as a possible bridge between family doctors and the emergency room.

So Abbas and three other doctors built it.

Abbas and doctors Mahmoud Al-Shami, Mazen Shoukfeh and Paula Turner opened Northville Urgent Care on the border of Plymouth and Northville townships in an effort to serve an untapped market that bustles not only with residential areas but a business climate, as well.

"We were excited to find this location, because it's close to business and close to residential," Abbas said. "This provides patients a great opportunity to be seen without spending a lot of time in an emergency room."

The idea for the clinic - designed to treat everything from the common cold to hypertension and other medical illnesses - was conceived by the doctors, who worked with each other at a local hospital. The idea was to build a clinic whose schedule and services fit the clientele.

Abbas said the Plymouth-Northville area they've tapped is one where urgent care services are needed.

"It's a great opportunity, especially for patients who don't have

primary care doctors," said Abbas, an interventional cardiologist who got his medical degree in Cairo and did his training at William Beaumont Hospital. "That's how you take care of the health needs of a community."

The clinic, easily accessible off M-14, treats common respiratory infections, asthma, does evaluation of chest pain and can evaluate and treat diabetes and hypertension. Clinic staff can perform lab testing for things like blood sugar levels, strep screenings and urine analysis, and it has on-site X-ray capabilities.

Being staffed by doctors also on staff at a hospital gives Northville Urgent Care's staff a complete perspective, according to Abbas.

"When you have physicians all the time, a doctor has the complete ability to manage patients," Abbas said. "If we have questions, we can page each other. We see patients in hospital, and we see urgent-care patients. It gives us both perspectives."

Katy Conroy, the veteran registered nurse who helps run the clinic, said it can serve as a sort of liaison between patients and primary-care physicians.

"We can work in community with doctors in the community," said Conroy, who helps run a similar clinic in Novi. "If we see a patient who needs a certain kind of doctor, we can refer them."

The clinic opened earlier this month, during cold-and-flu season, and Dr. Paula Turner said business has been steady.

"It's a little different patient contact than you see in hospital work," said Turner, an internal

### Details

■ **What:** Northville Urgent Care  
■ **Where:** 47311 Five Mile (at Beck), Plymouth Township  
■ **Why:** Treatment of common respiratory problems, high school physicals, X-rays, some lab work, other services  
■ **When:** 3-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon to 9 p.m. weekends  
■ **Contact:** (734) 254-0665

medicine specialist with a degree from Wayne State University Medical School. "It helps you maintain your diagnostic skills, and it lets you help the community with the medical resources you have available."

"Rather than have a hospital take in minor cases where patients can wait for hours, we can fill in that gap in the after-hours market."

The clinic is open 3-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 9 p.m. weekends. With several high schools nearby, the clinic can do booming business in the high school athletic physical market, as well as being the place to go to avoid hospitals.

"It's a nice area," Conroy said. "People try to avoid the ER at all costs. It's nice to be the place they can do that."

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At right, Dr. Amr Abbas speaks with registered nurse Katy Conroy and Dr. Paula Turner at the new Northville Urgent Care at 5 Mile and Beck in Plymouth Township.

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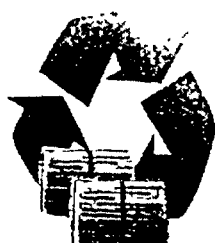
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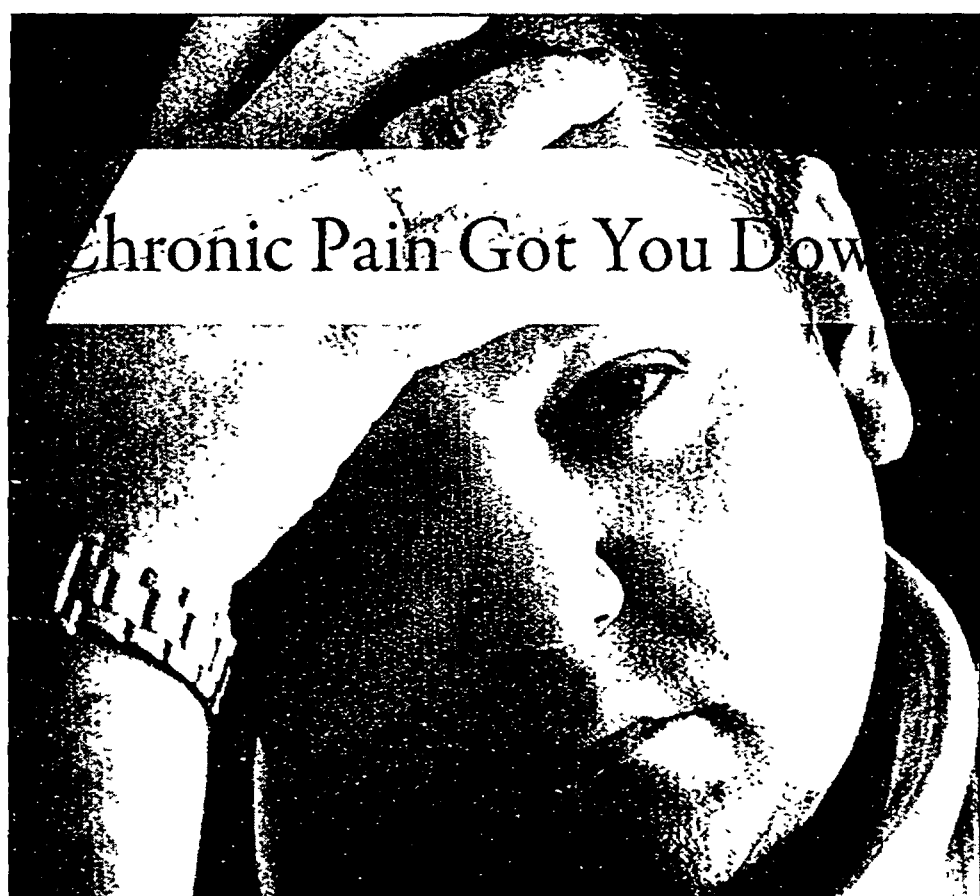
Rococo owner Trish Hurches has moved her upscale women's clothing store from 126 W. Main St. in the Long Building at the northeast corner of Main and Wing streets to the space formerly occupied by Healthy Solutions at 137 E. Main St. between the Marquis Theatre and Great Harvest Bread Company.

Jim Long, owner of the Long Building, said Hurches had been looking for a smaller space for her apparel business for several months.

"She saw the store that she's in now become available and took advantage of the opportunity," Long said. "We wish her the best."

The Verizon Wireless store, formerly located at 116 W. Main St., has also moved out of the Long Building. The owners had three stores and have closed two of them, one of which was the Northville store, according to Long.

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## Northville lost a giant: Bill Sliger

Yesterday, we learned that Bill Sliger, former owner of the Northville Record, passed away on Monday. Although his wish was for nothing to be publicized, according to his wife, Marge, we would be remiss as the type of community journalists Bill championed if we didn't somehow acknowledge his passing.

"Bill Sliger was a journalist first, a businessman second, though often it was difficult to discern where one role ended and the other began. He juggled the two with the finesse and the self assurance of a circus performer who tosses and catches razor sharp knives. In the space of an hour I have seen him grill a squirming politician, bang out a hard-hitting editorial, give advice to one of his reporters, accept payment for a want ad, express sympathy to a newly widowed acquaintance, and then telephone a shopkeeper to demand payment of an overdue bill" — Jack Hoffman, longtime editor of the Northville Record, in the book "Bringing Home the News: A Case Study of the Community Press."

Sliger began as advertising and general manager of the Plymouth Mail in 1951, and purchased the Record and Novi News from Glenn Cummings in 1956. His operation thrived as he covered city council, school board and township board meetings. His operation grew with the addition of more newspapers, including the South Lyon Herald and the Brighton Argus, before he sold Sliger Home Newspapers to Phil Power's Suburban Communications Corporation in 1976.

Through his news columns, Sliger translated his dedication to the communities his papers served, especially his home of Northville, and became the envy of less-committed community publishers.

Michelle Fecht, city councilwoman who worked as a writer with Sliger, said it best:

"I think with his passing, Northville has lost one its greatest supporters"

## LETTERS

### Downtown businesses appreciate support

So many Northville residents chose this city to live in because of the charm of the downtown, with its quaint shops and restaurants. We have seen already in the first quarter of this year an exodus of many of those stores and a restaurant, MacKinnons, that was an institution here. It is heartbreaking to watch the dreams of people quietly fade away.

Perhaps because of this, or in spite of this, there has been a change of energy in town. Many of you (some who seldom venture into town and those whose faces are all so familiar) have been coming in and saying how saddened you are by these closings and how you don't want it to continue. Over and over we have heard, in the last few weeks, your determination to support your town by spending your money here.

As merchants and restaurant owners in this awful recession, we are heartened by your words and given renewed strength to continue on. We look forward to the time when our wonderful city of Northville and the State of Michigan is strong and whole again. But until then, we thank you ever so greatly for that support. You cannot know how much it has meant to hear those words, because without you, we would all cease to exist.

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"Plant A Seed And Read" was our theme this year at Amerman for March is Reading Month. We would like to thank Uniquely Yours for providing flowers for our daily flower drawing, and Northville Pizza Cutter for providing March is Reading Month

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We would also like to give a special thank you to the following people and groups for being our Guest Readers: Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent; Mrs. Joan Wadsworth, school board president; Mrs. Libby Smith, school board trustee; State Rep. Marc Cornette; State Sen. Nancy Cassis; Lt. Steve Ott - Northville Fire Station; Tipping Point Theatre; and Detroit Ignition.

Thank you again to our guest readers. The students and staff enjoyed your special part in our March is Reading Month.

March is Reading Month Committee  
Amerman Elementary School

### Take "senior" out

I wanted to comment on the article regarding taking the word "senior" out of the name of and renaming the senior center.

I agree that the name should be changed and strongly disagree that it is disrespectful to seniors if the word senior is not on the new name. I think that a plaque under the new name would be an acknowledgment. It was erected for the seniors, but the rest of the population would love to share it with them. And I think that it is very inspiring and healthy to the seniors to have people of all ages participating in activities and attending events at the center.

I know that I have skimmed over anything to be held at the "senior" center because I just assume I have to be a senior... and perhaps that it the impression many have. I think the extra revenue brought in by meetings and smaller events at the center would be a great help to financially power the activities intended to benefit the seniors. The article brought up the high school, the fire department, etc. Those are all (including the senior center) erected for the use and advancement of the entire community. I do not need to see the age group the high school was built for in the name of the high school, nor other buildings.

Just my thoughts, but I respect and love

the addition that seniors give our community, but I think they want to be part of the entire community, not singled out. I know that I will look forward to taking advantage of all the thoughtful perks offered to and for seniors, but personally, I don't feel I need to be reminded that I am a senior each time I take advantage of them

Susan Franceschi  
Northville

### REIS, get to it

I am perplexed. I am confused. I am bewildered. I am puzzled.

Real Estate Interests, Inc and Schostak Brothers Construction (REIS) purchased the state hospital land in Northville Township over six months ago with the promise of bringing thousands of jobs and building a world class residential and business development. REIS bought it, they paid for it, and they now own it.

Why then, are those condemned buildings still standing? Why aren't those "promised jobs" at work right now, cleaning up the toxic waste, the environmental hazardous material, and razing the abandoned structures? It will probably take at least a year to clean up those 414 acres. Wouldn't that year long clean-up process bring hundreds of jobs to Michigan at this very time when we need them?

I am against annexation, but whether the land is annexed to Livonia or stays in Northville Township, the site must be freed of contaminants before their project begins.

What is REIS waiting for? Start the clean-up tomorrow. Bring those wrecking balls, bring those cranes, bring those hard hats, bring those promised jobs into Michigan and bring them now!

As Henry Ford once said, "We are all manufacturers...making good, making trouble, or making excuses." Which one is REIS?

Laurie D. Marrs  
Northville Township

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# It's 2008: Women – their rights and nothing less

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex"

19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution Ratified August 18, 1920

On the eve of the possibility of having our first woman president, it is appropriate to reflect back on the struggles women have experienced to gain the right that white men and later African American men have taken for granted for years.

Women only have had the right to vote under the U.S. Constitution since 1920, a short 88 years ago. The first women's rights convention in America, believed to have been held in Seneca Falls, NY in 1848, produced the "Declaration of Sentiments" — a call to intellectual arms to provide women equal rights under the law.

It reads, in part "Now, in view of this entire disfranchisement of one-half the people of this country, their social and

religious degradation, in view of the unjust laws above mentioned, and because women do feel themselves aggrieved, oppressed, and fraudulently deprived of their most sacred rights, we insist that they have immediate admission to all the rights and privileges which belong to them as citizens of these United States." (Go to [www.nps.gov/archives/wor/declaration.htm](http://www.nps.gov/archives/wor/declaration.htm)).

Women and enlightened men had attempted to no avail for years to insert these unalienable rights during the 1868-70 debate during the fight to enact the 15th amendment to provide the right to vote for former slaves.

After the Civil War, Susan B. Anthony, a prominent leader who played a pivotal role in the women's rights movement that secured women's suffrage in the U.S., published a magazine, "The Revolution," which focused on the Women's Suffrage Association. Their motto was "The true republic-men, their

rights and nothing more;

women, their rights and nothing less."

As early as 1878, a constitutional amendment was offered that read: "The right of citizens to vote shall not be abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." This same amendment would be introduced in every session of Congress for the next 41 years. An irony is that the "wild west," the home of Dick Cheney, provided the first place in America where the woman had the right to vote. In July, 1890, the Territory of Wyoming, which allowed women to vote, was admitted as a state.

Later it was a southern state house member, Harry Burn of Tennessee, who provided the necessary and decisive vote for ratification of the 19th Amendment. It is reported as Burn's voted he had a letter from his mother urging him, "Don't forget to be a good boy and vote for suffrage." With Burn's vote, women had finally won the right to vote in the

United States of America

While women have only "had the vote" since 1920, they have been working overtime, making up for lost time and making a difference at the local, state and national level. And with the help of working men and women over the age of 50, Hillary Clinton is on the precipice of becoming the next president.

Geraldine Ferraro made history in 1984 as the first female vice presidential candidate on a major party ticket. At a recent Michigan Political Leaders Program sponsored by Michigan State University, Ferraro said when she went to the voting booth in New York recently to vote for Hillary Clinton for president, "It was as if I was voting with Susan B. Anthony right there with me." Ferraro shot herself in the foot with her comments about Sen. Barack Obama which many viewed as injecting race into the presidential race.

In Michigan we have many powerful, capable women in both political parties: To learn more about the history of



### About Tom Watkins

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women in Michigan go to [www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org](http://www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org).

Many Michigan women are standing on the shoulders of the women who stood tall, never yielding, and always moving forward to fight for justice and the right to vote.

In the coming days, weeks and months we will find out if Clinton will become the second "come back kid" in her family as she tries to overtake Obama and become the first woman from either major political party to be their party's standard bearer in a run for the most powerful political office in the world

— President of The United States of America.

As the old Virginia Slims cigarette commercial used to claim: "We've come a long way, baby!"

It will be nice to see the day when America catches up with Great Britain, Germany, Israel and other enlightened nations that for years have been tapping the leadership abilities of women for their highest office.

We shall see if 2008 becomes the year when the Suffrage Movement's battle cry: "The true republic-men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less" becomes the ultimate reality.

# Flint land bank a promising sign

Every dark cloud has a silver lining — or so we need to hope. One thing we know is that we've got so many dark clouds these days in Michigan, that it is vitally important to seek out any silver linings which might help balance out the gloom and doom.

And one has been discovered shining proudly in Flint, of all places.

For the last few years, there has been a hard race between Flint and Detroit for the title of Michigan's Grimmest Urban Area. If anything, Flint might be in worse shape. According to statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment in the Flint Metropolitan Area is 9.5 percent, nearly tops in the nation and worse than Detroit's 8.2 percent.

Unemployment just in the city of Flint was far worse still — 16.6 percent in January. Not surprisingly, the city has had persistent trouble balancing its budget. Things got so bad in 2002 that the state had to take over the city and send in a receiver, or Emergency Financial Manager to resolve the accumulated \$35 million deficit.

These days, things are not much better.

Enter Dan Kildee, the Genesee County Treasurer. At 46, he's still an imposing but youthful figure who looks very much like the big kid who used to be a defenseman for his high school hockey team.

The Kildee family is prominent in Genesee County politics. His uncle, Dale, has represented the area in the U.S. Congress since 1977. Dan started early — very early. He was elected to the Flint Board of Education at age 18, and then served as chair of the Genesee County Commission until he was elected county Treasurer in 1996.

He's also become something of a national celebrity for having managed a remarkably successful "land bank" to control Flint's vacant properties, fight blight and stimulate urban redevelopment.

The credit crunch and mortgage meltdown hit hardest. In Genesee County there are around 5,000 homes in foreclosure, out of a total of 170,000 houses.

National statistics suggest that when a house is foreclosed, other

houses on the block lose 1 percent of their value each month and the neighborhood crime rate goes up by around 2 percent.

Unoccupied homes don't pay taxes to sustain city services, while they cost taxpayers money to board them up against vandals and cut and clean up overgrown yards.

Enter local land banks. They buy distressed properties on the cheap and either demolish them or rehab and resell them. According to Kildee, "The properties that are foreclosed are often perfectly good houses. Left to their own devices, the mortgage companies and the banks often will chose to dump them on the market, liquidate their investment and walk away from a damaged community."

Kildee says his land bank has negotiated to buy 184 Fannie Mae (Federal National Mortgage Association) owned houses under foreclosure in Flint for \$34,000. But their appraised value is \$3.8 million. "If we take a long-term view, we can rehabilitate and resell these properties, returning them to the city's housing stock and fighting the kind of blight that comes with lots of foreclosures."



### About Phil Power

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Profits from the resold houses are used to finance further land bank activities. And putting such a long-term player into the local real estate market prevents speculators from buying and "flipping" houses and perpetuating neighborhood blight.

This is not penny-ante stuff. Since it was started in 2002, the Flint land bank has demolished 800 run-down houses and built 200 single-family homes and apartments. This year, it will spend around \$30 million, much of it from private investors, in renovating two historic hotels in downtown Flint, which has to be one of the worst-off real estate markets in the country, it can work anywhere," Kildee said.

More to the point, Kildee's land bank represents an innovative way for government to solve problems by aligning what it does with market forces. "The land bank represents a better way government should operate," according to Kildee. "Too often, governments are only interested in increasing tax revenues. Instead, we're interested in restoring equity value for home owners, in stabilizing the local real estate market, in reducing blight and redeveloping the community."

Kildee has received a fair amount of notoriety for his work with the land bank. He was featured in a recent article in the Wall Street Journal, and he's been invited to teach at Harvard

and MIT and advise communities all around the country.

There are already rumblings from Democrats statewide that he might be a formidable candidate for governor in 2010. For now, however, he wants to stay focused on the enormous task before him.

"At the end of the day, we've got to realize that government needs to work with the economic system rather than against it," Kildee says. "A land bank like ours is a terrific, common-sense way to help communities."

And when it works as well as his apparently does, it represents an innovative and much-needed glittering silver lining in the storm system that has been pounding Michigan for years.



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# OPINION

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## GUEST COLUMN

### Cleaning up the state hospital property

Was denying the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital brownfield development request a wise move? Did it stall the cleanup effort and was it one of the reasons for the developer to start the annexation process?

Let us look at some data and then decide. The purchaser's proposal on the 414-acre, partially-contaminated hospital site consists of 52.2 acres of commercial and retail use, 19.5 acres of senior and multiple housing and 216 acres of residential use after the 125.9 acres of open space and elementary school site is deducted.

The final sales price between the purchaser and the state was reported as \$31.5 million. The State of Michigan was originally attempting to sell the property for a minimum of \$65 million.

Let us look at property that has sold in the township in the past or is currently for sale.

#### COMMERCIAL

1994 Home Depot = \$369,872 / Acre (This may have been an improved parcel with sewer, water and site work already completed, and ready to build on)

1995 - Kohls = \$139,259 / Acre

1996 - Northville Village, 6 & Haggerty = \$275,000 / Acre

2000 - Northville Tech. Park = \$117,630 / Acre

2000 - Property by Ward Church on Haggerty = \$150,000 / Acre

2002 - Haggerty Rd. between 6 and 7 Mile Rd. = \$207,547 / Acre

Average = \$209,884.60

The most recent offer on the Pontiac Silverdome was \$18 million, 127.5 acres, or \$141,176 / Acre. The bidder failed to make a deposit.

Per a recent article in the Detroit News concerning the closing and future sale of the Robert Scott Correctional Facility, the Plymouth Township treasurer stated, "Two hundred thousand an acre. Anything more than that and I'll be surprised." This is a flat, presently-developed parcel with sewer and water.

Estimate of undeveloped commercial property value. Assume \$225,000 / acre x 52.2 = \$11,745,000

#### SENIOR AND MULT-FAMILY

Found only one property. 2000 Springwater condo development 6 Mile & Haggerty = \$348,827 / Acre

This property was sold between developers, so it is unclear if it was sold as undeveloped or partially developed land. (i.e., with sewer, elec., water and streets).

Estimate of undeveloped property. Assume same value as commercial, \$225,000 / Acre x 19.5 = \$4,387,500

#### RESIDENTIAL

1997 - Wayne County property = \$10,000 / Acre

1998 - Toll Brothers 491 acres = \$23,637 / Acre

1999 - Pulte, 6 Mile Rd. = \$75,084 / Acre

2004 - Pulte/ City of Detroit property = \$40,980 / Acre

2007 - 15 acre property on Beck Rd. = \$127,145 / Acre (smaller parcels typically sell for higher dollars per acre)

2008 - 51 acre corner parcel on 8 Mile Rd. (There are no current offers and has been on the market for years, the site is flat, no wetlands, with few trees and fairly easy to develop = Asking \$100,000 / Acre)

Estimate of property. Assume a higher value even though this will be an extremely costly parcel to develop due to the thick forest, and difficult topography. Assume \$110,000 / Acre x 216 = \$23,760,000

**TOTAL ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY = \$39,892,500**

#### Did the purchaser over or under pay for this property?

Consider the difficulty and the cost associated with developing the property due to the hilly topography, woodland protection, wetland protection, and site plan requirements, lack of adequate sewer and water lines, taxes, interest, survey, tree identification and inventory requirements, oil well relocation, site engineering, the current economy and existing structures.

#### The brownfield request

The developer estimated the clean up cost of the property, including the environmental and building removal, to be \$15 million. The township reportedly spent funds to verify the estimate. If the brownfield development request had been approved, the developer would then secure a private loan, with an agreed upon interest rate to fund the cost of the cleanup. The Township would reimburse the developer, after the completion of the cleanup, using tax revenue generated from the new homes and buildings

constructed by the developer within the 414-acre site. There would be no property tax revenue from any other properties within the township or outside of the 414-acre site, applied to the repayment of the brownfield development loan. The property tax from the property within the 414-acre site would still pay all the state education and local school taxes; no portion of these taxes would be earmarked for the repayment of the brownfield development loan. This is not a tax increase. After the loan is paid off all the property tax revenue from within the 414-acre site would contribute fully to the township tax base, just like any other parcel in the township.



Steve Lomske

Also, the amount of tax currently being paid on the vacant parcels, which is approximately \$766,321.67 per year, would still be paid in full to the township each following year until the loan is paid in full. This money does not go towards the loan repayment. Keep in mind that all the years that this was the state hospital, no local taxes were paid. The hospital only paid for police and fire services per an agreement with the township.

In summary, the market value of the hospital property without building demolition, removal and environmental cleanup appears to be approximately \$39.9 million more or less due to current economic factors.

If the brownfield development request was approved, the township would still receive the base vacant property tax of \$766,321.67 each year with, we assume, allowable yearly increases per Proposal A. There are no tax increases associated with the loan; only the property within the 414-acre parcel is affected and pay towards repayment of the loan; all State public K-12 school tax is still paid by the property within the 414 acres; it would not affect State school funding. All school and library debt would still be collected. The hospital site gets cleaned up. With the approval of the brownfield development loan, the one drawback is that for the length of the loan repayment the property within the 414-acre site does not fully contribute to the general tax base of the township, except for the base vacant property amount of \$766,321 or more per year. All of the property within the 414-acre site would still pay for school or other bond issues. The local school district does receive some non-homestead property tax revenue; it appears the brownfield development loan would not affect the non-homestead revenue school funds that would be generated from inside the 414-acre parcel. Keep in mind, the hospital contributed no taxes while in existence.

Another aspect to consider is that the township has granted tax abatements to businesses in the past. In May 2007, IAV Automotive Engineering was granted a 50-percent reduction in their taxes for a period of 12 years when they moved into the Northville Technology Park on Five Mile Rd. near Beck Rd. IAV Automotive Engineering's phase one project investment was reported to be \$15 million. Did any one question how much IAV paid for their property? How do tax abatements vs. brownfield development agreements affect the amount of the non-homestead property tax that goes directly to our local schools?

The only unknown in this equation is what would happen if the development was not started or ever completed, drags on for many years, or goes bankrupt? Is the township still responsible for the debt, plus interest? Who would repay the debt if no or very few buildings were completed on the site, thus not generating enough tax revenue to make the loan payment?

It appears the cost of the cleanup will affect only the occupants of the 414-acre site. However, living with the decaying, dangerous buildings, the cost of ongoing police and fire protection, and possible present and future litigation costs, affects all of us. So as a taxpayer you decide: Was it a wise and equitable decision to decline the developer's brownfield development request or not? Should the township have analyzed the situation better or offered to share a partial amount of the cleanup cost of 50 percent or 75.5 million? Did we lose more than we gained? Had the township and the developer entered into a brownfield development contract earlier in the planning stage, there probably would not be any annexation attempt, since the developer could not have a contract with Northville Township for the cleanup and be annexed to Livonia at the same time. This strategic move on the part of Northville Township would have saved our leaders in Lansing a great deal of wasted time rewriting annexation legislation, and the taxpayers of the township possible legal fees and a pending lawsuit.

Steve Lomske

Northville Township

## LETTERS

### Home schooling works

As a home school graduate from the City of Farmington Hills, I recently heard of State Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi's support, along with 23 other representatives, to co-sponsor bill HB5912.

As our representatives are well aware, this bill places unconstitutional and unnecessary regulations on home educating families in Michigan. Unlike its counterpart, home schooling has proven itself with outstanding results both in citizenship and academics. In addition, home-schooling families save the people of Michigan thousands of dollars in educational funding.

While I realize Rep. Vagnozzi's voting record indicates little regard for saving money or high standards in academics, I appeal to him on behalf of the many children who are now begging their parents to take them out of the public school system. These children are in the trenches of this system on a daily basis. They know what many do not care to admit - that the public education system, with all of its billions of tax dollars, is a failing one. Money cannot buy our children an education, and home schooling, while not for all, has proven an outstanding alternative.

As a tribute to the families and children in our state and cities, I am asking Rep. Vagnozzi and all of our state representatives to please vote against and show negative support for HB5912.

Ruth Plaski  
Farmington Hills

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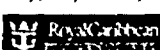
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## Local Events

### First Friday Art Walk

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday  
LOCATION: Downtown  
Northville

DETAILS: Enjoy the arts in Northville during this monthly event. Many businesses offer demonstrations, hors d'oeuvres and beverages for guests. Participating businesses include: The Art House, 215 W. Cady St.; Northville Gallery, 147 E. Main St.; Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 133 W. Main St.; Starring, The Gallery, 118 W. Main St.; and The Tom James Gallery of Fine Art, 117 E. Main St.

### The Lion King, A Ballet

TIME: 1:30 p.m.  
DATE: Saturday  
LOCATION: Northville High School Auditorium  
DETAILS: Center Stage Dance Company's in-house ballet company of dancers ages 9-18 present a ballet to music of "The Lion King." Tickets are \$8 each and are available at the Center Stage studio, by mail, e-mail or fax. Group rates are available for groups of 10 or more.

CONTACT: Center Stage Dance Company, 43334 W. Seven Mile Road, Suite 250, Northville, (248) 380-1666, fax (248) 380-1597, e-mail: cscdc5678@sbcbglobal.net

### Unlocking the History of Your Historic Northville House

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, April 10  
LOCATION: New School Church, Mill Race Village  
DETAILS: Learn how to research the history of your home. Local genealogist, history buff and computer whiz Linda Last will present information on using such resources as government records, the internet and the Northville Historical Society Archives. Material presented concentrates on Northville, but techniques involved can be used in other applications. Refreshments will be served. Program is free but donations greatly appreciated. Seating is limited so reserve early by calling (248) 345-1845. Presented by the Northville Historical Society.

### Bob Seeley Concert

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 13  
LOCATION: The sanctuary at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main St.

DETAILS: Bob Seeley is a local and international legend in the world of Boogie Woogie piano music. He was "Captain of the Keys" for 32 years at the piano bar at Charley's Crab in Troy. He has also been a regular performer in the jazz circuit of Ann Arbor, performed multiple times at Carnegie Hall, at the Chicago Blues Festival and the Tex Hotel Jazz Bistro in Toronto. He has been inducted into the Boogie Woogie Hall of Fame in Cincinnati. The concert features the Yamaha grand piano. Afterglow following concert allows the audience a chance to meet Mr. Seeley. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students. Ages 11 and under are free.

CONTACT: Call the church office for tickets at (248) 349-0911

### "Cats" NHS Spring Musical

DATE: Thursday-Saturday, April 17-19  
DETAILS: Northville High School presents their spring musical "Cats."

### Gallery Walk/Student Art Show

DATE: Friday, April 18-27  
LOCATION: Downtown Northville  
DETAILS: This annual juried show promotes art appreciation among youth and features art work by local elementary through high school students. The show is open to the public. For more information, contact the Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950

### 20th Annual Art in the Sun Jury First Round Jury

TIME/DATE: First Round Jury is April 18. Festival is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 21 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 22  
LOCATION: Downtown

### Northville

DETAILS: Calling all artists! The Northville Art in the Sun invites you to be a part of this juried fine arts festival, featuring all mediums of art, lively music and concessions. A highlight will be murals that festival goers can paint which will be donated to St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Prizes are awarded for Best in Show and Runner Up. Applications are available online at www.northville.org

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

### Novi/Northville Newcomers Night at Novi Bowl

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 19  
LOCATION: Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road

DETAILS: Join us for an evening of food, fun, games prizes and a little karaoke. Cost is \$16 per person, which includes food and bowling. Cash bar available. Shoe rental is \$2.50 extra. RSVP by April 10  
CONTACT: Faye Green (248) 924-3272

### Mother/Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19  
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street  
DETAILS: For all mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, mother-in-laws, daughter-in-laws, sisters, sister-in-laws, etc. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. They are available at (248) 349-0911 or at the church office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Daughters of the American Revolution

TIME/DATE: Noon Monday, April 21  
LOCATION: Cady Inn at Mill Race Village  
DETAILS: Annual meeting of the Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of Northville Plymouth Chapter  
CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

### Eye Fight Back

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 30  
LOCATION: Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St.  
DETAILS: This is a family oriented self protection program for teens to seniors. Don't be a victim. Learn how to protect yourself. Women are urged to attend. Covers personal safety, vehicle safety, physical defense tactics, attack deterrent behaviors and home security. Presented by a Michigan State trooper. Cost is \$5 and advanced registration is required. Refreshments served.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

### Novi/Northville Newcomers RenCen Tour and Lunch

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 30  
LOCATION: Meet at the parking lot across from the Northville post office for carpooling  
DETAILS: Join us for a private, one hour tour of the RenCen, including Wintergarden, shops, Riverwalk, interactive vehicle display and a glass elevator ride to the 72nd floor. Lunch follows at the Marriott Hotel. Cost is \$25 per person which includes the lunch.  
RSVP by April 20  
CONTACT: Karla Ninivaggi (248) 449-6442

### Mill Race Village Docents Needed

DETAILS: Docents are needed for Mill Race Village. Friendly, outgoing volunteers dress in period-reminiscent costumes to inform visitors about the history of Northville and the village buildings. Costume assistance is available and training materials are provided. Work as many or few dates as you wish, serving 1-4 p.m. Sunday afternoons from mid-June to mid-October, or for special events. Drop in or sign up for the Docent Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 31 at the Cady Inn. Can't attend? Have questions? Call Judy Davis, Docent Chairman at (248) 347-4871.

### "Salute to Stage, Screen and Television"

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3 and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4  
LOCATION: Northville High School 45700 Six Mile Road  
DETAILS: The Beckridge Chorale presents its spring concert featuring music from concert and Broadway stages to the silver screen and television. Tickets can be ordered online at www.beckridgechorale.org or by calling (734) 416-9885.

### Novi/Northville Newcomers Annual Spring Banquet

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14  
LOCATION: Northville Hills Golf Club, Banquet Room  
DETAILS: Join us to celebrate "Summer Fun." There will be a fashion show filled with lovely selections of casual and sports wear from GG's Boutique in Northville. Door prizes, favors, dinner buffet and cash bar. Cost is \$31 for members and \$38 for guests. RSVP by May 4  
CONTACT: Karla Ninivaggi (248) 449-6442

### Linda A. Transou Melanoma March

DATE: Sunday, May 18  
LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Northville  
DETAILS: The executive Committee invites you to be a sponsor of our 4th Annual Linda A. Transou Melanoma March. All proceeds from this event will be given directly to the Melanoma Research Foundation. Your sponsorship will help ensure its success and help make a difference in our community.  
CONTACT: Beverly Behrend (248) 921-4828 or at bev@qualitymetalcraft.com

### 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.

### SHOWcamp Featuring Disney's 101 Dalmatians

DATE: July 21 - August 1, performance Aug. 2  
LOCATION: Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St.  
DETAILS: An educational and fun summer camp for children entering grades 3-8. Students will audition for roles in the musical and train with a choreographer, musical director and director. They will also be an integral part of building the set, creating costumes and will learn valuable tricks of the trade. At the end of 2 weeks, they will perform a full musical production of Disney's 101 Dalmatians. Cost is \$350, registration ends July 1. Before and after daycare available for a small fee.  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or www.tippingpointtheatre.org

### As the Page Turns

LOCATION: 149 N. Center St., Suite 102, Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or visit www.asthepageturns.biz  
Author Meet and Greet  
TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 3  
DETAILS: Meet and visit with local author Justin Ferriman, a 2003 Northville High School, Albion College and Case Western University graduate. His book "The G Word" arms readers with understandable historic and contemporary arguments proving the reality of God without one specific tool: the Bible. The book will be for sale for \$8.99.

### Marquis Theatre

135 E. Main St.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or northvillamarquistheatre.com  
Velveleen Rabbit  
TIME/DATES: 2:30 p.m.

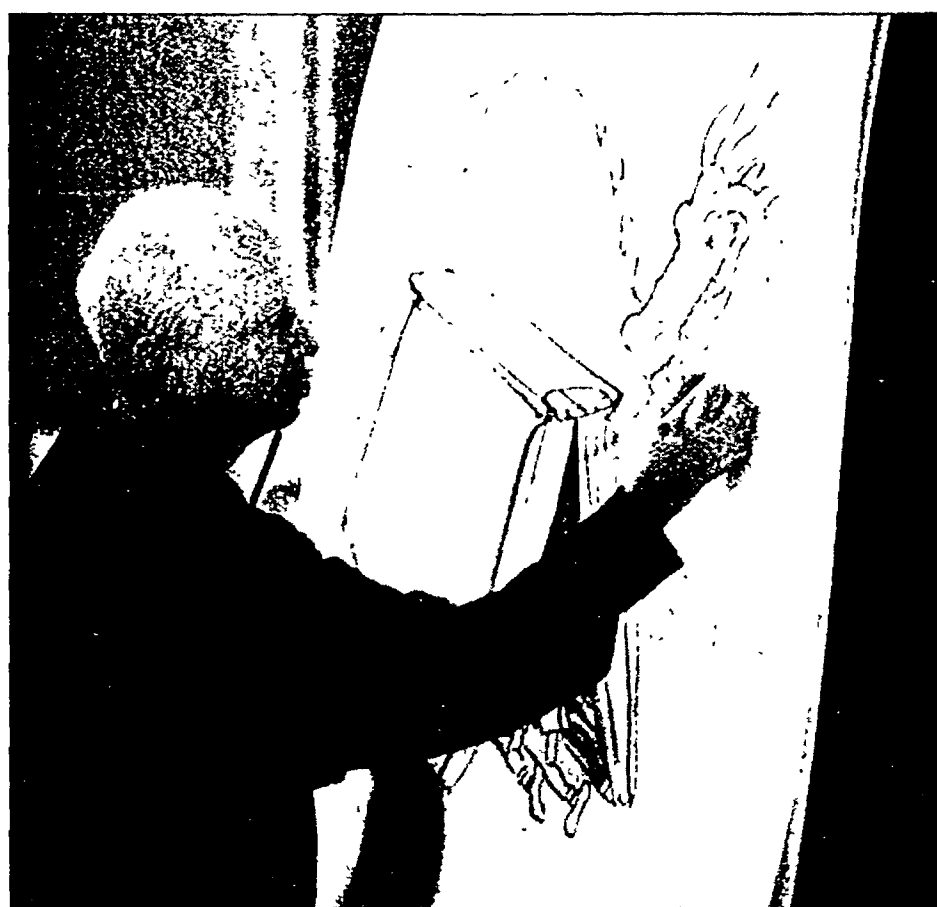


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### Influence of books

Illustrator David Small (right), visiting Moraine Elementary, draws what books meant to him as a young student in the 1950s. Small and author Sarah Steward visited Moraine for its March Is Reading Month activities and talked about how they wrote and illustrated books and what brought them to that career.

Saturday, April 5, 12, 19, 26; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, 13, 20, 27  
DETAILS: Tickets are \$8.50. Group rates available and reserved seating for 20 or more. No children under the age of three.

### 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 covering charge goes toward purchasing holiday gifts for the children at Hawthorn Center.  
CONTACT: (248) 380-1666

### 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: Hilarious night of comedy in the style of the TV show "Whose Line is it Anyway". Features rotating cast of the best improv talent in the metro area. No two shows alike. General seating tickets are available 7 p.m. at the door on the night of the performance, \$8.  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003

### Baseline Folk Society Open Mic

DATE: Third Saturday of each month, Sept.-June (April 19)  
TIME: 7-9 p.m.  
LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 Cady  
DETAILS: Enjoy traditional, folk and acoustic music in a casual setting. Five open mic spots available on first to sign up basis beginning at 6:15 p.m. Tickets \$5 at the door.  
CONTACT: (248) 344-0954

### Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.  
CONTACT: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com  
Surviving Samco  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12; 7 p.m. Friday, April 18; and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26 and Tuesday, April 29  
DETAILS: Interactive Comedy Dinner Theater spoofing the popular Wholesale Warehouses. See a day in the life of underpaid sales associates and their high maintenance customers. Buying in bulk never felt so good. The show will run through the summer.  
A Winter Wedding Italian Style  
TIME/DATE: Interactive Lunch Theater: 11:30 a.m. Saturday  
DETAILS: Lunch tickets \$35; reservations only; we will open any date for 20 or more.  
Toy Chest

DATE: Saturday  
DETAILS: Children's lunch theater. Tickets are \$14.95 for children and \$16.95 for adults, not including tax or gratuity.  
Shades of Blue  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday  
DETAILS: Tickets are \$35 per person.

### The Reflections (Just like Romeo and Juliet)

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19  
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person.

### Legends of the Past and Present

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 10  
DETAILS: Featuring Elvis, Toby Keith, Kenny Rogers, Buddy Holly and Neil Diamond. Tickets are \$45 per person.

### 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.

### Tipping Point Theatre

General Auditions for 2008-09 Season  
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, April 28; 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 29  
LOCATION: 361 E. Cady St.  
DETAILS: Auditions are by appointment only and can be scheduled by calling the box office 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, (248) 347-0003, or by e-mailing Executive Director Christina Johnson at christina@tippingpointtheatre.org. Auditioners are asked to prepare one contemporary monologue, no longer than three minutes in length. To be considered for a musical, auditioners should prepare 16 measures of a song. Piano accompanist will be provided. Bring two copies of a headshot and resume.  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or go to www.tippingpointtheatre.org

### Fund-raising Gala, Stardust-an Evening of High Rollers, Smooth Crooners and Lady Luck

DATE: Saturday, May 17  
DETAILS: This is the second annual fund-raiser gala to support the non-profit theatre. The theme will be reminiscent of the glitz and glamour of mid-century Las Vegas and will feature a gourmet strolling dinner, games of chance, a silent auction, Vegas wedding chapel and more. The event is sponsored by Rocky's of Northville. There are opportunities for businesses and organizations to sponsor tables and donate items for the auction. Contact Jennifer Steger at (248) 347-0003 if interested. For more information about the event, call (248) 347-0003 or go to www.tippingpointtheatre.org.

### 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

### Tuscan Art with Michael Farrell

DATE: Wednesday, 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.

### 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.

### Wildflower Walks

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday, May 2-3  
LOCATION: Use Eight Mile Road entrance, meet at Concession Building  
DETAILS: Join the Friends of Maybury for a gentle stroll on open paths lined with native wildflowers. No cost but paid park entrance permit required. Donations gratefully accepted. Suitable for all ages.  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0899 or www.friendsofmaybury.org

### 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; 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout meeting  
Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 4 p.m. Brownie Scouts  
Saturday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 12:30 p.m. Mackinaw Scouts; 5 p.m. Eclipse Base Ball; 5:30 p.m. Cub Scouts  
Monday: 9 a.m. Hands All Around Quilters; 3 p.m. Brownie Scouts  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang  
Wednesday: 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  
TGIF  
TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Friday.



**April 11**  
**LOCATION:** Chamber Office  
**State of the Community Luncheon**  
**TIME/DATE:** 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16  
**LOCATION:** Meadowbrook Country Club  
**DETAILS:** Learn about the current happenings in Northville, including the city, township and schools. Tickets are \$35 per person. Advanced reservations are required with RSVP's due by April 11. For more information, contact the chamber.  
**TGIF**  
**TIME/DATE:** 8-9 a.m. Friday, April 25  
**LOCATION:** Chamber Office

**Barnes & Noble**  
**LOCATION:** 17111 Haggerty Road, corner of Six Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 348-1274  
**Autism Awareness Month Storytime Event**  
**TIME/DATE:** 11 a.m. Saturday, April 19  
**DETAILS:** For children ages 6-10. Feature a reading of "Since We're Friends: An Autism Picture Book" by Celeste Shally and David Harrington with a fun learning activity and discussion afterwards. Other Autism resources will also be available. Co-sponsored by Autism Speaks.

## Regional Events

**Scrap-a-Thon Fundraiser for Boy Scout Troop 228**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday  
**LOCATION:** First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon  
**DETAILS:** The will be demos, information, products for purchase, tools to use, food, and prizes. The cost is \$35 per person.  
**CONTACT:** Renee Shinska, (248) 446-0881 or e-mail ren123@charter.net

**Gemini Fundraiser Concert**  
**TIME/DATE:** 2 p.m. Saturday  
**LOCATION:** New Hope Congregation Church, Meeting Hall, 57885 Grand River, New Hudson.  
**DETAILS:** This nationally-acclaimed and award-winning musical duo perform music for families. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$7 for children or \$28 for a four pack. Seating is limited so advanced purchase is recommended. To purchase tickets, call (248) 568-1095 or at the door on performance day.

**Up North with the Hemingways**  
**TIME/DATE:** Gala Open House 6-8 p.m. Saturday, April 5  
**TIME/DATE:** Exhibit 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, through April 14  
**LOCATION:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth  
**DETAILS:** This exhibit focuses on the influence that Northern

Michigan had on Ernest Hemingway and his Nick Adams stories.  
**CONTACT:** (734) 416-4278 or www.plymoutharts.com

**Great Lakes Doll Club's Doll Show and Fundraiser**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday  
**LOCATION:** Livonia Marriott Hotel, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North  
**DETAILS:** This event will feature a fashion doll show and sale to benefit the Detroit Masonic Learning Center for Dyslexic Children and the Salvation Army. Admission is \$6 per person.  
**CONTACT:** (586) 918-0440 or gawfund@yahoo.com

**Adoption Information Meeting**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7-9 p.m. Tuesday  
**LOCATION:** Adoption Associates, Inc. 26105 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills  
**DETAILS:** Adoption Associates, Inc. is a statewide non-profit licensed agency hosting an informational meeting regarding international adoption of infants from China, Russia, Nepal, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Haiti, and Kazakhstan. There is no charge for this meeting. R.S.V.P. requested.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 474-0990

**Tracey Vitkay Reception**  
**TIME/DATE:** 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10  
**LOCATION:** Better Health Market, Main Street Shops, 2875 Grand River Ave., Novi  
**DETAILS:** Find out what happens when art meets healing. Join our celebration of the human body and spirit with expressive paintings by local artist Tracey Vitkay. The artwork will be on display until April 30.  
**CONTACT:** (734) 751-6893

**All About Jazz Cafe**  
**TIME/DATE:** 8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 12  
**LOCATION:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**DETAILS:** Features the Tony Ruda Quartet. He studied saxophone with Ernie Anderson and Larry Teal, Sr., formed a big band called Buddy Bruce and co-founded the Jazz in Detroit Theater at the Alvin Theater. There will be an open mike session for all the "cool cats who got chops." Bring your axe, pipes and dancin' shoes. Tickets are \$12 for singles or \$20 for couples and will be available at the door. Refreshments will be served.  
**CONTACT:** For more information, contact Tony at acrada@comcast.net or Edwin at (734) 394-0148

**Igor Larionov Bottle Signing Event**  
**TIME/DATE:** 2:30-5 p.m. Saturday, April 12  
**LOCATION:** WineStyles, 17386 Haggerty Road, College Park Plaza, Livonia  
**DETAILS:** WineStyles hosts former Detroit Red Wing Igor

Larionov in a bottle signing event as he makes his third appearance to WineStyles, to showcase his newly released California portfolio of fine wines. Open to the public for bottle signing and photos. Sample wine selections from Igor's portfolio. One bottle minimum purchase for entry. Please no sticks, jerseys or other hockey paraphernalia.  
**CONTACT:** (734) 464-9600

**Introduction to Gardening - Starting Seeds**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 16  
**LOCATION:** U of M Dearborn, Environmental Interpretive Center, Room 119, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn  
**DETAILS:** This free session is designed for gardening novices. LeRoy Wolff, Advanced Master Gardener will discuss planting seeds, what works and what doesn't. Questions are encouraged. Presented by Master Gardener Association of Wayne County  
**CONTACT:** For more information, visit www.mgawc.org/prog-intro.htm

**Metro Detroit National College Fair**  
**TIME/DATE:** 9-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17  
**LOCATION:** Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia  
**DETAILS:** Presented by the National Association for College Admission Counseling and the Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling. Free admission and free parking.

**Annual Lincoln/Reagan Dinner**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6 p.m. cash bar, 7 p.m. dinner Thursday, April 17  
**LOCATION:** Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia  
**DETAILS:** All are welcome to this event hosted by the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee. Keynote speaker is Senator Mike Bishop, Majority Leader. The cost is \$50 per person, \$90 per couple, or \$450 per table of ten. There is a cash bar. Call (248) 474-3525 for menu choice and reservations by April 11.

**Michigan Magic Day 2008 Magic Day Events**  
**TIME/DATE:** 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19  
**LOCATION:** Ypsilanti High School, 1885 Packard Road, Ypsilanti  
**DETAILS:** The Ann Arbor Magic Club (IBM Ring 210/SAM Assembly 88) is hosting this event. Included will be a Dealers Room, Senior Stage Contest, Junior Stage Contest, a Close-up Contest and a Close-up Show. Lectures will be taught by Martin Cox, Patrick Page and Michael Woodward. They will also perform with Rick Fisher at the evening show. Admission for the all-day event is \$50.  
**Evening Show**  
**TIME/DATE:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 19

**LOCATION:** Ypsilanti High School  
**DETAILS:** Hosted by Hank Moorehouse with performances by lecturers listed above. Admission is \$12. Doors open at 7 p.m.  
**Night Before Party**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. Friday, April 18  
**LOCATION:** Comfort Inn, 2455 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor  
**DETAILS:** Admission is \$10.  
**CONTACT:** For more information on Magic Day, call Bill at (313) 937-1577 or visit www.aamagic.org

**Farmington Artists Club Spring Exhibit and Sale**  
**DATE:** April 23-27  
**TIME:** Noon-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday, Noon-6:30 p.m. Saturday, and Noon-5 p.m. Sunday.  
**LOCATION:** Costick Activities Center, 48660 Eleven Mile Road, Gate 4, Farmington Hills  
**DETAILS:** Exhibit showcases outstanding works of Farmington Artists Club's members; juror for the show is Robert Wilbert, Professor Emeritus of the Art Department at Wayne State University; free admission.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 455-9885

**Girl Scouts Fashionistas 2008 Fundraiser**  
**TIME/DATE:** 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1  
**LOCATION:** Kensington Court, 610 Hilton Blvd., Ann Arbor  
**DETAILS:** This Huron Valley Council's spring fundraiser provides an evening of spring fashions for men and women. Fashions are by Talbot's and Bachrach with local celebrity models from organizations that partner with the Girl Scouts, and salon services by Tricho Studio. Gift baskets and packages will be raffied off during the show. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$450 for a table of ten. To pre-register call GSHVC at (734) 971-8880, ext. 211 or visit www.gshvc.org. Reservations deadline is April 23.

**The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill**  
**Stephen Sondheim's musical Company**  
**TIME/DATE:** 8 p.m. April 25, 26, May 2, 3, 9, 10; 2 p.m. April 27, May 4  
**LOCATION:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton Township  
**DETAILS:** Starring Northville resident Allison Soriano, the theatre presents the musical comedy, "Company". Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and children under 18. Tickets can be ordered by calling (734) 394-5460 or (734) 394-5300 or online at www.spotlightplayers.net.

**Green Street Fair**  
**DATE:** Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4

## Get in the Record

**Send item submissions via e-mail to cstoney@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.**

**LOCATION:** Downtown Plymouth  
**DETAILS:** The Green Street Fair, presented by Whole Foods Market, will help educate and inform people about the benefits of green, organic and eco-friendly products and services.  
**CONTACT:** For more information, visit www.greenstreetfair.com, call (734) 259-2983 or e-mail info@greenstreetfair.com.

**Walk MS 2008**  
**DATE:** Sunday, May 4  
**LOCATION:** Troy High School  
**DETAILS:** Join the 2008 Walk MS presented by Christopher and Banks and help celebrate the 20th anniversary. Keep us moving towards a cure by joining a team, raising funds and/or volunteering in one of the Walk MS sites in Michigan. To register or for more information about the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, visit nationalMSSociety.org/mig

**2nd Annual Small Business Conference**  
**TIME/DATE:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, May 8  
**LOCATION:** Walsh College Novi Campus  
**DETAILS:** Sponsored by the Walsh Business Leadership Institute. Every presenter, exhibitor and sponsor will provide a tangible take-home resource, benefit or product to assist small businesses. Only those companies in attendance are eligible to apply for the next Extreme Small Business Makeover. Results of this year's makeover will be revealed during the morning session and lunch offers a well-known keynote speaker. More than 20 breakout sessions. Those attending include: Walsh College alumni; Walsh Business Leadership Institute members; small business owners in southeast Michigan; The City of Novi is co-hosting the event and has invited every small business in the city; and the Greater Novi Chamber is a partner and all partners receive discount admission.

Cost of \$500 includes two tickets, a six foot table, free wireless Internet, electrical outlet, continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon wine reception. Only 12 tables left. For more information or if you'd like to attend, visit http://smallbusinessconference.walshcollege.edu.

**Plymouth Symphony Orchestra**  
**DETAILS:** Tickets (adults-\$25, seniors-\$20, students-\$10) can be purchased by contacting the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society office (734) 451-2112; in person at 470 Forest Ave., Ste. 18; or visiting www.plymouthsymphony.org.  
**American Romance**  
**TIME/DATE:** 8 p.m. Tuesday  
**LOCATION:** Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville  
**DETAILS:** Composer and string bass virtuoso Clark Suttle is featured in the world premiere of his Concerto for Electric Bass and Orchestra and music by George Gershwin, Leroy Anderson John Knowles Paine.  
**The Fabulous 40s**  
**DATE:** Friday, April 25  
**LOCATION:** Laurel Manor  
**DETAILS:** This annual dinner and auction benefit features fine dining, dancing and an auction for music lovers of all ages. The Steve King and the Ditties band will perform.

**Rock Financial Showplace**  
**46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5600 or visit http://rockfinancialshowplace.com for more information.**  
**American Baby Faire**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday  
**DETAILS:** Nation's largest expo for expectant and new families. \$8 for adults, ages 12 and under and grandparents are free. Parking \$5.  
**Spring Home and Garden Show**  
**TIME/DATE:** Noon-9 p.m. Friday, April 11; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, April 12; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, April 13  
**DETAILS:** Everything for the home and garden. Fun for the whole family. Grammys Angels arts and crafts show included. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and ages 12 and under are free. Parking is \$5.  
**Michigan Wine Expo**  
**TIME/DATE:** 5-10 p.m. Friday, April 11 and 4-9 p.m. Saturday, April 12  
**DETAILS:** A unique fine wine and gourmet food experience featuring wine tasting, food tasting and seminars. Admission is \$50. Parking is free.

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**CITY OF NORTHVILLE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**(4-3-08 NR 406766)**

## SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2008-09 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Act of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2008-09 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

**Jill F. O'Sullivan**  
 Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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## SYNOPSIS MARCH 20, 2008 REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- DATE:** Thursday, March 20, 2008  
**TIME:** 6:00 pm - Closed Session  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting  
**PLACE:** 44405 Six Mile Road  
**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.  
**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Mary Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner.  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**  
**CLOSED MEETING:** (6:00 p.m.) A. REIS VS Northville Township Litigation: B. Miles Christi VS Northville Township Litigation - discussion  
 1. Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - approved  
 2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:  
 A. Department of Public Safety - promotions - Prevention Captain - Guy Balok, Suppression Lt. - Dan Dipple, Phil Sutherland, Chris Koth, Brad Neuhart, Brian Sirani.  
 B. Atwell-Hicks - Coldwater Springs Project - presentation Michigan Barn of the Year - presentation of award by Trustee Gans.  
 C. Mke Weaver - reappointment to Planning Commission - approved.  
 3. Public Hearings: None.  
 4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: Steeplechase Subdivision concerns of excessive neighborhood noise  
 5. New Business:  
 A. Ridgeway Plaza Consent Judgment - tabled  
 B. Department of Public Safety - 800 MHz Radio Expansion - approved.  
 C. Liquor License Transfer - Calmira, LLC - approved  
 D. Liquor License Transfer - TNSC, Inc. - approved  
 E. Liquor License Transfer - Applebee's Restaurants - approved  
 F. Elevated Water Tank - Change Order #1 - approved  
 G. Elevated Water Tank - Payment #9 - approved.  
 H. Booster Station Payment #10 - approved  
 6. Unfinished Business: None.  
 7. Ordinances: None.  
 8. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,565,632.56 - approved.  
 9. Board Communication & Reports: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Mary Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner, Chip Snider.  
 10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: None.  
 11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**  
**SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CMC**

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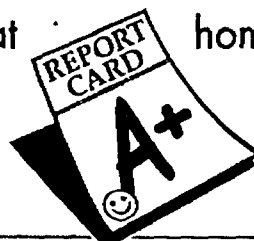
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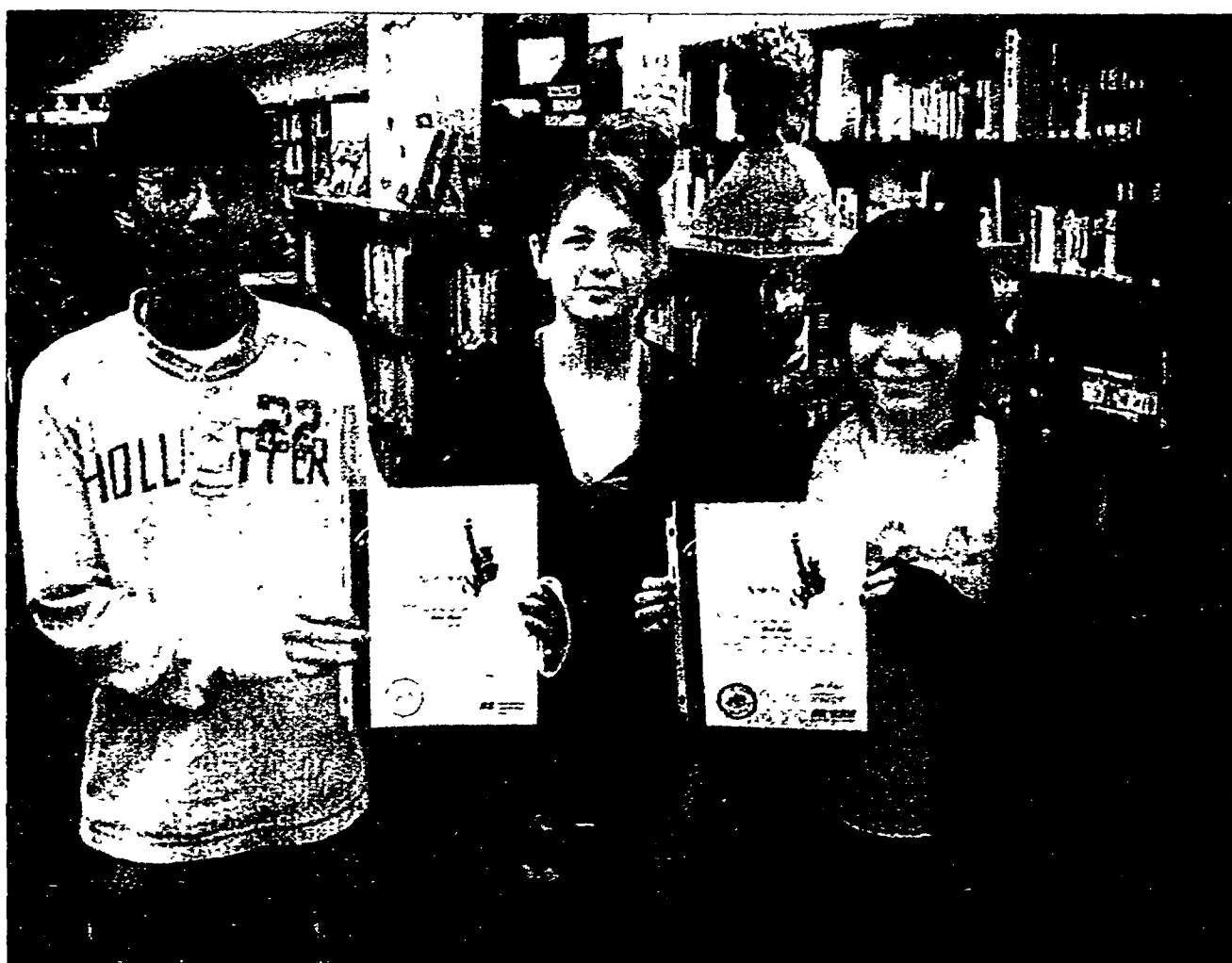
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# EDUCATION



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Meads Mill Middle School students Hyunseung Park, Cait Ozak and Maria Benjamin one first, second and third place, respectively, in the America & Me Essay Contest.

Courtesy photo

## Diana Hoffman named assistant principal at Northville High School

■ 13-year teacher now in charge of 2,300 students

Northville High School (NHS) teacher of 13 years Diana Hoffman has been named an assistant principal for the nearly 2,300-student school. The Northville Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved her appointment at its March 18 meeting.

The addition of a third assistant principal is in response to the high school's tremendous growth in enrollment over the past nine years, as well as the district's ability to fund the position through careful financial management and extensive cost-saving initiatives, said NHS Principal Rob Watson.

"With three assistant principals we will be able to provide greater support for our students and staff both during the school day and at after-school activities," Watson said. "Our assistant principal to student ratio for student discipline and assistance will go from about 1,130:1 to about 750:1. We are very excited to have Diana on board."

Hoffman joined the school district in 1995 as a member of the high school's Social Studies Department where she has taught behavioral sciences classes including Advanced Placement Psychology. From the start, she has sought out opportunities to learn and grow as an educator and leader. Hoffman was chair of the NHS Social Studies Department from 1997-2003; participated in the Galileo Leadership Consortium from 1997-1999; served as an NHS administrative intern during the 2006-07 school year; and took part in the Michigan State University Emerging Leaders Program in June 2007.

In September 2007, Hoffman was named chair of the NHS North Central Association Accreditation Committee. She has a bachelor's of Arts in Psychology (certified in social science and science) from Kalamazoo College and a master's of Education in Special Education (certified in learning disabilities) from the University of Michigan — Dearborn.

"Diana brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the role of assistant principal," Watson said. "She has the respect of the faculty, staff and students. Diana has a strong work ethic and is not afraid to roll up her sleeves and dig in. Her expertise in special education will be invaluable in guiding us as we continue to implement the new graduation requirements with an eye toward ensuring that all students experience success."

Hoffman will assume her assistant principal duties over the next few weeks and, at the same time, ensure a smooth transition for her students by working closely with the qualified long-term substitute who will assume her classroom responsibilities for the remainder of the school year. A permanent replacement for Hoffman will be hired over the summer.

"I am excited for the opportunity to work with students and staff as an assistant principal and I look forward to the challenges that each day will bring," Hoffman said. "Encouraging all students to reach their own unique potential as learners and people has always been a passion of mine. I want students to know that we care about them, and that along with their classroom teachers and other staff that work closely with students, we are here as administrators to assist them and help them grow. Continuing to provide a safe learning environment and developing meaningful relationships is where it all begins."

# MY PERSONAL HERO

## Three Meads Mill students win national essay contest

Three students from Meads Mill Middle School are winners in the 39th annual America & Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance:

- Hyunseung Park, first
- Cait Ozak, second
- Maria Benjamin, third.

All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Park's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Park's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders, and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top two statewide winners, will determine the ranking of the top 10 statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth grade students from over 500 Michigan schools participated in the 2007-2008 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the contest was "My Personal Hero."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national

awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

**HYUNSEUNG (DANIEL) PARK**  
Meads Mill Middle School  
Paul Tripp's  
Eighth Grade Class  
First Place Essay  
"My Personal Hero"

There was a program for him. There was a foundation sponsoring his dreams. There was celebrity to pick him up when he fell down. There was even a whole school backing his cause, and through him, all of us were united.

Tyler Frenzel, my personal hero, was more influential to me with his nine years than any experienced teacher or writer. He was only a normal boy trying to live a normal life. That was all he could ever wish for, because he never saw past his disease. Everyday, Tyler fought leukemia, and every day, his body lost a little. At the school we attended, a program was made to raise money, so he could afford to go through treatment. As his friends and peers, we were with him from when he was completely healthy, to when he barely move or talk, to when he finally passed away. Even when it felt like a waste to put so much effort into a single person, one look at him was all of the persuasion you needed. Now, we're still working to help his cause.

Tyler had a special talent with people. If you looked at a picture of him, you'd see a frail, pale boy that stood shorter than most of his classmates. If you met him though, you would greet a confident, selfless, and satisfied boy. Even with his condition, he tried to look on the bright side of life. It seemed unfair to me that Tyler was singled out, and it seemed like Tyler matured at an impossible rate. He had already lost his childhood by seven years of age. It's ironic though, because Tyler always seemed to make time for others, even when time itself

seemed to have abandoned him.

In his last few months of trial, Tyler lost all of his hair, his youthful mentality, and his regret. He was at peace with his coming death, and he gained a more spiritual outlook on life. As he started to slip away, his voice slurred, and he had to breathe heavily between words. Even then, when we could see him and hear him less, we could understand him more.

He always wanted a tree house for those like himself. He wanted somewhere he could go just to be with others like him, so he could relate to them. He wanted to be a normal child. He wasn't though. He was a more profound thinker than any child had any right to be, and before he left, he told me something that has affected many of my decisions in life. He told me it didn't matter when you left or why. What matters most is what you contributed and what you left behind for others. Behind him Tyler left a tree house for others like himself, he left thousands of dollars to be used of the caring of others, and more importantly, he left a lasting impression and influence on those he touched

**MARIA BENJAMIN**  
Meads Mill Middle School  
Paul Tripp's  
Eighth Grade Class  
Third Place Winner  
"Girl Hero"

"A hero is simply someone who rises above his own human weaknesses, for an hour a day, a year to do something stirring."

Betty Deromus

My hero isn't like others. She doesn't put out fires, catch criminal, or help me with homework. Jumping over buildings and lifting cars isn't her thing. My hero isn't my mom or even my friend My hero is Iman Jandali; she saves peoples lives.

I remember, I read a magazine and it had a monthly article titled "Girl Hero". This story would

change my life forever. The person featured was Iman Jandali. She is fighting world hunger. Iman saw a picture in the newspaper of a malnourished little girl; the picture was one she would never forget. The girl was stick thin and looked like one good gust of wind would blow her away. The picture went with a story about people dying in Kenya from food shortages caused by droughts. The picture is what really helped inspire Iman to make a difference about world hunger. Iman sells bracelets with the words "Feeding Minds; Fighting Hunger" on them and the money she makes supports Heifer International, an organization that assists third world countries and makes them become more self-sufficient. The organization works by giving animals to families. The family promises to give the animals off-spring to another family. One goat can feed a family, so more and more families are fed and less people are malnourished and starving. Iman is my hero because she is trying to make a difference in the world.

She inspired me to make a difference. I worked for a day at a Kids Against Hunger workshop making food packets that would feed people who are starving. Ending world hunger is a goal worth fighting for. When I get older, I want to aid organizations that help people who are starving and malnourished. Doctors Without Borders, Action Against Hunger, and Friends of the World are all programs that work to cure world hunger.

My hero was inspired to make a difference by a newspaper article. I was inspired to make a difference from a magazine article about how my hero made a difference. That just shows that my hero and I aren't so different from each other. It's funny how taking the time to read an article in a newspaper or magazine can change your life so much.

Cait Ozak, second place winner, did not wish to have her essay published — Editor.

## ON CAMPUS

### Albion College

The following Northville students were elected to leadership positions for 2008 within their Greek organization at Albion College.

Kathleen Egan was named rituals and music chair of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Egan is a junior majoring in communication studies and theatre. She is the daughter of Susan Egan of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School.

Lauren Grigsby was named vice president for public relations of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Grigsby is a junior majoring in speech communication and minoring in English. She is the daughter of Gregory and Pamela Grigsby of Northville and a Northville High School graduate.

MaryAllison Lewis was named vice president for membership development of Alpha Chi Omega. She is a sophomore and the daughter of Ronald and Lori Lewis of Novi and a graduate of Northville High School.

### University of Dayton

Maureen Gruley and Emily Rozanski, both students from Northville, were named to the Dean's List at the University of Dayton for fall semester 2007.

### Calvin College

Karlee J. Kage, daughter of Thomas and Susan Kage of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School, was named to the Dean's List for fall semester 2007. She is a junior majoring in Social Work.

### Beloit College

Elizabeth M. Pertner of Northville has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall term at Beloit College in Beloit, Wisc. A student must maintain a minimum of a 3.4 grade point average to be named to the Dean's List.

### Lawrence Technological University

Brittany Forgue of Northville have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall semester. A student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average to be named to the Honor Roll.

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Auburn's Ava Ohlgren competes at the 2008 NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championships on March 21 in Columbus, Ohio.

## Ohlgren wins 200 IM, finishes meet with 7 All-American swims

By Jeff Theisen  
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Ava Ohlgren, former Northville swimmer and current Auburn Tiger, earned All-American status seven times at the NCAA Championships on March 20-22.

Ohlgren won the 200-meter individual medley on the first day of competition. She went on to place runner-up in the 400 individual medley and third in the 200 butterfly. She also competed on four relays that earned All-American honors.

Auburn finished runner-up to champion Arizona.

"It feels pretty amazing," said Ohlgren about winning the 200 IM. "It definitely felt like on of my better races of the meet. It just really came together."

Competing in so many events over a three-day period is exhausting, but Ohlgren fought through it and proved to be one of the top swimmers in the country.

"The team is expecting me to

do it, so you have step up and do what's best for the team," she said. "You kind of get used to it. You practice for it and you practice hard."

Ohlgren now switches her focus to trying out for the Olympic team. Trials are in June.

"We're going to start training pretty intensely coming up soon for trials," she said. "That's pretty much my plans for the summer."

Ohlgren took a quick break from the pool and headed back home to Northville for some visiting and R&R.

"It was nice and relaxing to come home," she said. "It was really great just to visit some friends since I was stuck at Ohio State for all of spring break and didn't get to go home or anything."

"It kind of regroups you and gets you ready for the next thing coming."

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## Mustang spring sports off and running



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Members of the Northville High Girls' track team jog around the school's track as they prepare for the upcoming spring season.

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### Baseball

Northville baseball has some key holes to fill, but having 10 players returning is music to coach John Kostrzewa's ears.

Seniors Joe Mitchell, Steve Anderson, Ross Riehl, Michael Collins, Damani Saunderson, Kyle Asher and Kevin Uetz join juniors Anthony Sergi, Matt Deacon and Bobby Thomas as returnees.

"I think the strength of our team will be our experience," Kostrzewa said. "All ten of our returning players made significant contributions last season."

Missing are starting pitchers Bryce Jenney (Western Kentucky) and Bret Spencer.

"We graduated a lot of our pitching last year, but we have a lot of seniors ready to step up and log a lot of innings," Kostrzewa said.

Collins did not pitch last year due to injury, but he is healthy and will open as the No. 1 pitcher. Saunderson and Mitchell will also be used as starters.

Mitchell, Sergi, Anderson, Saunderson, Thomas and Riehl will bring offensive pop.

"I'm pretty certain this is per-

haps the best top to bottom lineup that I've had in the last four years," Kostrzewa said.

The Mustangs expect a more balanced league with whoever gets hot having a shot at the title.

"Each year teams continue to get better and better throughout the WLAA," Kostrzewa said. "I see a lot more parity throughout both divisions."

Northville came up short in districts last year after a stellar season. Kostrzewa knows his returnees want to push further into the playoffs this year.

"I know they are very, very eager to start. They can't wait," he said. "They know that things didn't quite finish the way they would've liked. I think that's prompted a lot of their eagerness."

### Golf

Depth will be key for the Northville boys' golf team.

Returnees Wes Gates (junior), Alex Bernstein (soph.) and Trevor Grigg (soph.) will have to fill the hole left by graduated All-Stater Phil Snow.

The trio return with state experience from last year's seventh-place finish.

Stetson said 10 players are all

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Members of the Northville High School varsity track team warm up on the school's track in an after school training session last Monday.

# SPRING 2008 HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULES



## Northville Mustangs

Baseball			
4/5	Brighton (DH)	H	11 a.m.
4/8	Saline (DH)	H	4 p.m.
4/11	Stevenson	A	4 p.m.
4/14	Canton	H	4 p.m.
4/16	WL Northern	H	4 p.m.
4/18	Wayne	A	4 p.m.
4/19	Fenton	at Novi	12:30 p.m.
4/19	Novi	A	3 p.m.
4/21	Plymouth	H	4 p.m.
4/23	WL Central	A	4 p.m.
4/25	Franklin	A	4 p.m.
4/26	Allen Park	H	11 a.m.
4/26	Troy Athens	H	2 p.m.
4/28	WL Western	H	4 p.m.
4/30	Churchill	H	4 p.m.
5/2	Canton	A	4 p.m.
5/3	Trenton (DH)	A	10 a.m.
5/5	Wayne	H	4 p.m.
5/7	Salem	A	4 p.m.
5/9	Plymouth	A	4 p.m.
5/12	Franklin	H	4 p.m.
5/14	John Glenn	H	4 p.m.
5/16	WL Western	A	4 p.m.
5/17	Southgate Anderson (DH)	H	10 a.m.
5/21	WLAA Playoff	A	TBA
5/27	Districts		TBA

Softball			
4/7	Novi (DH)	A	4 p.m.
4/11	Stevenson	H	4 p.m.
4/14	Canton	A	4 p.m.
4/16	WL Northern	A	4 p.m.
4/18	Wayne	H	4 p.m.
4/21	Plymouth	A	4 p.m.
4/23	WL Central	H	4 p.m.
4/25	Franklin	H	4 p.m.
4/26	Saline Invite	A	8 a.m.
4/28	WL Western	A	4 p.m.
4/30	Churchill	A	4 p.m.
5/2	Canton	H	4 p.m.
5/3	Mich. Stars Classic	A	TBA
5/4	Mich. Stars Classic	A	TBA
5/5	Wayne	A	4 p.m.
5/7	Salem	H	4 p.m.
5/9	Plymouth	H	4 p.m.
5/12	Franklin	A	4 p.m.
5/14	John Glenn	A	4 p.m.
5/16	WL Western	H	4 p.m.
5/21	WLAA Playoff		TBA
5/27	Districts		TBA

Boys Lacrosse			
4/3	Cranbrook	A	6 p.m.
4/8	Catholic Central	H	7 p.m.
4/10	Novi	H	7 p.m.
4/16	AA Huron	H	7 p.m.
4/17	Hartland	A	7 p.m.
4/21	Brighton	H	7 p.m.
4/24	WL Central	H	7 p.m.
4/26	Saline	H	2 p.m.
4/28	South Lyon	A	7 p.m.
5/1	Plymouth	A	8 a.m.
5/3	Powers Catholic	A	3 p.m.
5/6	Howell	H	7 p.m.
5/8	Canton	A	8 p.m.
5/10	Farmington	A	Noon
5/13	Salem	A	TBA
5/15	WL Northern	A	7 p.m.
5/17	Forest Hills Central	H	1 p.m.
5/19	Lakeland	H	7 p.m.

Girls Lacrosse			
4/3	Waterford Ket.	H	5:30 p.m.
4/5	Lahser	A	Noon
4/7	AA Gab. Richard	H	7 p.m.
4/9	Harrison	A	7 p.m.
4/11	Regina	A	6 p.m.

4/14	Lahser	H	7 p.m.
4/17	Canton	H	7 p.m.
4/21	Brighton	A	7 p.m.
4/24	Hartland	A	7 p.m.
4/26	Milford	A	6 p.m.
4/28	South Lyon	H	7 p.m.
5/1	Milford	H	7 p.m.
5/3	Waverly Invite	A	TBA
5/6	Canton	A	7 p.m.
5/8	Brighton	H	7 p.m.
5/12	Hartland	H	7 p.m.
5/15	South Lyon	A	7 p.m.
5/21	Regionals		TBA

Tennis			
4/10	Novi	A	4 p.m.
4/11	Salem	A	4 p.m.
4/12	Rochester	A	TBA
4/14	WL Central	H	4 p.m.
4/16	Churchill	A	4 p.m.
4/18	John Glenn	H	4 p.m.
4/19	Grand Blanc	A	TBA
4/21	WL Northern	A	4 p.m.
4/23	Stevenson	H	4 p.m.
4/25	WL Western	A	4 p.m.
4/26	AA Pioneer Invite	A	8 a.m.
4/28	Franklin	H	4 p.m.
4/30	Wayne	A	4 p.m.
5/2	Canton	H	4 p.m.
5/5	Plymouth	H	4 p.m.
5/10	WLAA (Plymouth)	A	TBA
5/15	Regionals		TBA
5/30	State Finals		TBA
5/31	State Finals		TBA

Soccer			
4/4	South Lyon	A	7 p.m.
4/7	Churchill	H	7 p.m.
4/9	John Glenn	A	4 p.m.
4/14	Canton	H	7 p.m.
4/16	Wayne	A	4 p.m.
4/18	Novi	A	7 p.m.
4/21	Franklin	A	7 p.m.
4/23	Plymouth	H	7 p.m.
4/25	Saline	H	7 p.m.
4/28	WL Western	H	7 p.m.
4/30	Canton	A	7 p.m.
5/2	Stevenson	A	7 p.m.
5/5	Wayne	H	7 p.m.
5/7	Plymouth	A	7 p.m.

5/12	Franklin	H	7 p.m.
5/14	WL Western	A	7 p.m.
5/19	WLAA Playoff	A	TBA
5/21	WLAA Playoff	A	TBA
5/27	District		TBA

Golf			
4/21	E. Lansing Invite (Walnut Hills CC)	A	TBA
4/22	WL Central	H	3:30 p.m.
4/23	Salem (St. Johns)	A	3:30 p.m.
4/25	Traverse City Invite	A	9 a.m.
4/26	Traverse City Invite	A	9 a.m.
4/28	Churchill (Whispering Willows)	A	3:30 p.m.
4/30	John Glenn	H	3:30 p.m.
5/1	WL Northern (Beacon Hill)	A	3:30 p.m.
5/2	U-D Invite (Det. GC)		TBA
5/4	U-D Invite (Fox Hills)		TBA
5/5	Stevenson	H	3:30 p.m.
5/6	Wayne (Woodland)	A	3:30 p.m.
5/7	WL Western (Bay Pointe GC)		3:30 p.m.
5/13	Franklin	H	3:30 p.m.
5/14	Canton	H	3:30 p.m.
5/15	Plymouth	H	3:30 p.m.
5/20	Conference (Pheasant Run)		TBA
5/22	District		TBA
5/29	Regionals		TBA
6/6	State Finals		TBA

Track			
4/3	WL Northern	H	4 p.m.
4/5	AA Pioneer Invite (boys only)	A	TBA
4/10	Franklin	H	4 p.m.
4/17	Canton	H	4 p.m.
4/19	Ypsilanti Invite	A	10 a.m.
4/24	WL Western	A	4 p.m.
4/26	W. Bloomfield Invite	A	9:30 a.m.
5/1	Wayne	H	4 p.m.
5/3	Salem (Boys)	A	3:30 p.m.
5/3	Stevenson (Girls)	A	10 a.m.
5/8	Plymouth	A	3:30 p.m.
5/9	S. Lyon East	A	4 p.m.
5/16	Regionals		TBA
5/21	Conference		TBA
5/31	State Finals		TBA



## Novi Wildcats

Baseball			
(DH) - doubleheader			
4/9	Milford	H	4 p.m.
4/11	Pinckney (DH)	A	4 p.m.
4/12	Saline Invite	A	11 a.m.
4/16	Howell (DH)	A	4 p.m.
4/18	Lakeland (DH)	H	4 p.m.
4/19	Northville	H	10 a.m.
4/23	Brighton	A	4 p.m.
4/25	South Lyon (DH)		4 p.m.
4/26	Athens-Allen Park (DH)	H	11 a.m.
4/30	Hartland	A	4 p.m.
5/2	Milford (DH)	A	4 p.m.
5/3	Lake Orion (DH)	H	10 a.m.
5/7	Pinckney	H	4 p.m.
5/9	Howell (DH)	H	4 p.m.
5/10	Det. Country Day	H	Noon
5/14	Lakeland	A	4 p.m.
5/16	Brighton (DH)	H	4 p.m.
5/21	South Lyon	A	4 p.m.
5/23	Hartland (DH)	H	4 p.m.
5/24	EMU Tourn	A	Noon

5/27	Pre-district	H	4 p.m.
5/31	District	H	TBA
6/7	Regional	A	TBA
6/10	Quarterfinal	A	TBA
6/10	Div 2 Quarterfinal	H	4 p.m.
6/13	Semifinals	A	TBA
6/14	Finals	A	TBA

Tennis			
4/10	Northville	H	4 p.m.
4/5	Grosse Pt. S.	A	8 a.m.
4/9	Milford	A	4 p.m.
4/17	AA Huron	H	4 p.m.
4/19	Spring Classic	H	8 a.m.
4/21	Pinckney	H	4 p.m.
4/23	Howell	H	4 p.m.
4/26	Pioneer Invite	A	8 a.m.
4/28	Lakeland	A	4 p.m.
4/30	Brighton	H	4 p.m.
5/1	AA Pioneer	A	3:30 p.m.
5/5	South Lyon	A	4 p.m.
5/6	W. Bloomfield	H	3:30 p.m.
5/7	Hartland	H	4 p.m.
5/10	KVC	H	TBA
5/13	Saline	A	3:30 p.m.
5/16	Regionals	H	8 a.m.
5/19	Marian	A	3:30 p.m.
5/30-31	State Finals		TBA

Softball			
4/7	Northville	H	4 p.m.
4/9	Milford	H	4 p.m.
4/11	Pinckney (DH)		4 p.m.
4/16	Howell	A	4 p.m.
4/18	Lakeland	(DH)	4 p.m.
4/23	Brighton	A	4 p.m.
4/25	South Lyon	H	4 p.m.
4/26	Lahser Tourney	A	TBA
4/30	Hartland	A	4 p.m.
5/2	Milford (DH)	A	4 p.m.
5/5	Brighton	H	4 p.m.
5/7	Pinckney	H	4 p.m.
5/9	Howell (DH)	H	4 p.m.
5/14	Lakeland	A	4 p.m.
5/17	Madonna Classic (Canton Softball Complex)	A	TBA

5/18	Madonna Classic (Canton Softball Complex)	A	TBA
5/21	South Lyon	A	4 p.m.
5/23	Hartland (DH)	H	4 p.m.
5/27	Pre-district	H	4 p.m.
5/31	District	H	TBA
6/7	Regional	A	TBA
6/10	Quarterfinals	A	TBA
6/10	Div 2 Quarterfinals	H	TBA
6/13	Semifinals	A	TBA
6/14	Finals	A	TBA

Track and Field			
4/8	Milford	H	4 p.m.
4/15	Pinckney	A	4 p.m.
4/19	Berkley (girls only)	A	9 a.m.
4/22	Howell	A	4 p.m.
4/29	Lakeland	H	4 p.m.
5/3	Stafford Relays (girls only)	A	9 a.m.
5/6	Brighton	A	4 p.m.
5/8	South Lyon	H	4 p.m.
5/9	Spartan Track Invite	A	4 p.m.
5/13	Hartland	A	4 p.m.
5/16	Regional	Milford	TBA
5/20	KVC	A	4 p.m.
5/23	Oakland Cty.	Farmington HS	TBA
5/24	Oakland Cty.	Milford	3 p.m.
5/31	Finals	A	TBA

Soccer			
4/4	Grosse Pt. South	A	7 p.m.
4/7	Milford	A	7 p.m.
4/9	Lakeland	A	7 p.m.
4/11	Grosse Pt. North	A	7 p.m.
4/14	Lahser	H	7 p.m.
4/16	Hartland	H	7 p.m.
4/18	Northville	H	7 p.m.
4/21	South Lyon	H	7 p.m.
4/23	Brighton	A	7 p.m.
4/30	Lakeland	H	7 p.m.
5/2	Howell	A	7 p.m.
5/7	Pinckney	H	7 p.m.
5/9	Stevenson	H	7 p.m.
5/14	South Lyon	A	7 p.m.
5/16	Milford	H	7 p.m.
5/21	AA Pioneer	H	7 p.m.

5/22	KVC crossover	A	7 p.m.
5/27	Districts	A	TBA
5/29	Districts	A	TBA
5/31	Districts	A	TBA
6/3	Regional	A	TBA
6/6	Regional final	A	TBA
6/11	Semifinals	A	TBA
6/14	Finals	A	TBA

Golf			
4/15	Milford	H	3 p.m.
4/17	Harrison Inv.	A	8:30 a.m.
4/17	Pinckney	A	3 p.m.
4/21	Brighton Inv.	A	9:30 a.m.
4/22	Pre KVC (Tyrone Hills)		9 a.m.
4/24	Lakeland	H	3 p.m.
4/25	Bob Lober Classic	A	9 a.m.
4/26	Bob Lober Classic	A	9 a.m.
4/29	Huron Valley Invite	A	8:30 a.m.
5/1	South Lyon	H	3 p.m.
5/5	Hartland Invite (Dunham Hills)		9 a.m.
5/6	Hartland	A	3 p.m.
5/13	Howell	A	3 p.m.
5/16	Oak. County (Pontiac CC)		8:30 a.m.
5/20	Post KVC (Tyrone Hills)		8:30 a.m.
TBA	REGIONALS		TBA
5/30-31	State Finals	A	TBA

Lacrosse			
4/10	Northville	A	1 p.m.
4/14	Howell	A	7 p.m.
4/15	Okemos	H	6:30 p.m.
4/17	Canton	H	6:30 p.m.
4/21	Salem	A	6:30 p.m.
4/23	Saline	A	7 p.m.
4/24	WL Northern	H	6:30 p.m.
4/28	Plymouth	H	6:30 p.m.
5/1	Huron Valley-United	A	7 p.m.
5/5	Hartland	H	6:30 p.m.
5/8	Brighton	A	6:30 p.m.
5/10	AA Huron	H	1 p.m.
5/12	WL Central	H	6:30 p.m.
5/13	AA Pioneer	A	7 p.m.
5/15	South Lyon	H	6:30 p.m.
6/4	Semifinals	A	TBA
6/7	Finals	A	TBA



# Spring seasons waiting for Mother Nature to comply

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amongst the team.

The WLAA will have plenty of competition, with the Mustangs in the mix with Salem, Canton, Plymouth, Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Northern.

Stetson hopes the team can make it back to the state meet and improve upon last year's finish, but he's also looking at the bigger picture.

"We are hoping for a big year this year, but we are building a foundation for a huge year next year," he said.

The weather is wreaking havoc with golf teams across the state, but everyone is in the same boat, waiting for courses to be playable.

## Boys Lacrosse

With just about half the Northville boys lacrosse team being seniors, head coach Greg Durham is ready to get things going.

Seniors account for 12 spots on the 25-man team.

"I'm pretty excited," Durham said. "We're senior heavy. I think this is going to be a great year. This is a great group of guys. All they want to do is win."

Leading the offense this year will be Alex Thurman (captain), John Cass, Nick Diegel and Tory Massara.

"Alex Thurman, he's been playing since his freshman year," Durham said. "He should be a catalyst on offense."

Thurman returns after scoring 15 goals and passing out 20 assists last year.

Cass makes the move from midfield to attack.

Mustang returnees Matt Zielke (captain), Steve Polanski will be keys to the defense.

Behind them will be third-year goalkeeper Andrew Lamoureux.

The graduation of some big guns from last year's team leaves the Mustangs without a standout player, but Durham still likes what he sees.

"We don't have the big studs that I've had in the past, but we do have a lot of support," Durham said. "It's a pretty balanced team."

Lacrosse will be the first sport to participate in the new KLAA, mostly made up of the KVC and WLAA teams.

He expects the top competition to come from South Lyon,

Brighton, Novi with the splitting up of Plymouth-Canton-Salem creating some wildcard teams.

"The (new) league thing is going to be good in the long run," Durham said. "It's good that we have a lot of teams in our league that we can play, and high-quality teams."

## Girls Lacrosse

Northville girls lacrosse has a lot of holes to fill after graduating a large senior class last year.

Returnees Sarah Bielskis, Danielle Brace, Annie Laurie Medonis and Liz Souther will lead the Mustangs this year.

The four-year old program is still growing, as evidenced by a full JV team this year.

"Coming into the season, the overall skill of the varsity team is better than any other season. Plus, we have a full varsity and JV roster this season," head coach Lindsay Hoyt said. "With the JV developing, it allows the varsity to continue to grow season to season."

"We have a strong group of current seniors and juniors ready to make this another great season."

## Soccer

A strong core of returnees and a deep bench have Northville soccer head coach Ron Meteyer expecting big things from the Mustangs.

Sarah Stern, Kelsey Baskins, Julia Bawden, Caroline Castelli, Camille Junca, Annie Tasse and Theresa Wright return from last year's 16-4-3 team.

"We've got a lot back from last year, four kids graduated," Meteyer said. "We're going to have a very solid, deep team."

"We're feeling pretty good about what we've got."

Gone is star goal-scorer Danielle Toney. But her departure gives other kids a chance to step up.

Forwards will include Stern, who scored 13 goals last year, moves to forward from midfield, returnee Jill Alumbaugh, Karen Mayhall and Sam Mustonem and Lauren Lokey are up from JV.

"They're all very active. They're very mobile," Meteyer said. "We've got five of them we can rotate in and out. We'll be doing more subbing this year."

Theresa Yankovich returns to the midfield position after sitting



Northville's Annie Tasse, left, battles with a South Lyon defender for control of the ball.

out last season with a knee injury. She was on the state-final team in 2006.

Other midfielders include Camille Junca, Julia Bawden (five goals, three assists), Kathleen Keiffer, Kelsey Fiscus (four assists), Amy Sweetapple and Ella Dodson.

Shutting down opposing offenses will be Annie Tasse, Caroline Castelli, Kelsey Baskins, Sarah Aquinto, Lisa Kolzab, Tory Wright, Lydia Blair, Niccole Miller and Jeanette Dolmetsch.

The Mustangs will get a new look in goal. Elana Ryznar and Katherine Jansen will be competing for playing time.

Meteyer said both girls have impressed during spring practices and scrimmages.

"We're going to be solid back there," he said. "Both girls are athletic. We're going to have some young talent back there."

The Mustangs will hope to push for a shot at the league title and another deep run into the postseason. Top competition from league opponents should come from Stevenson, Churchill and Plymouth.

"We're going to be good this year," Meteyer said. "I think we're going to have a lot of fun this year."

## Softball

Pitching is everything in the world of softball.

Northville head coach Teryn Chrzanowski has both of her starting pitchers back from last year's 23-win team.

Jenna Dumbleton and Allison Holmes return as seniors.

Dumbleton is a four-year starter and received All-Region and All-Division honors last year.

"She has the experience, the ability to throw multiple pitches and has even gained more speed this year," Chrzanowski said.

Holmes takes the mound whenever Dumbleton isn't on it.

"Allison is intimidating on the mound and throws hard with control, leading to a lot of strikeouts," Chrzanowski said.

The starting catcher, Sarah Rounsifer, also happens to be the leading batter for the Mustangs. She racked up a ton of honors after hitting .437 with 26 RBI, 19 walks and a slugging percentage of .701.

Dumbleton was next in batting average at .338.

Other top returnees include Brittany Birdsall (.300) and Kelsey Lewis (.288).

"Birdsall has a ton of power and Lewis was our leadoff hitter and is a team captain," Chrzanowski said.

"We have so many players that are capable of hitting well. We'll see who steps up this year."

Northville expects to carry over the success from last year with 10 players back from the division-winning team.

"They know what it feels like to win, but also how bad it feels to lose at the end of the season, so they're focused and ready to get the job done this year," Chrzanowski said.

"The coaching staff told the girls we'll do our job, but it's up to them to make the commitment to hard work and to ultimately perform on the field when it counts."

"(The girls) have a strong

desire to to avenge our conference loss last year and to win the district title."

## Tennis

Other than tryouts, coach Sandy Woolfall is waiting for the weather to break so she can get her team outside.

The Mustangs made a run to third place last year, thanks to state titles from Christina Ruiz at No. 1 singles and Chelsea Johnston at No. 2 singles.

They have graduated, leaving very big shoes to be filled.

Woolfall will need girls to step up and take on the roles of playing the top two positions.

Hayley Johnston is back after making it to the state semifinals at No. 3 singles

## Boys Track

Scott Szukaitis takes over the Northville's boys track and field team after being an assistant coach the last four years.

"(Bill) Cornelius let me do a lot of things," Szukaitis said. "My role with the team is about the same, other than having the final say as far as the lineup goes."

He inherits several returnees from last year's team that placed ninth at the state meet.

All-Stater Cavan Corcoran is back to wreak havoc in the hurdle events, Nick Kolbow, Habib Khan and Jack Dalton all return from the state-qualifying 4x800 team that set a new school record.

Andrew Gorley will handle the throws, Jon Zurek will compete in the distance runs, and Eric Franceschi returns to handle high jumping and pole vaulting duties.

"We have over 20 seniors on the squad — by far and away the most we've had in the last four years," Szukaitis said. "They believe in the things we're doing. We just have a fantastic group."

Versatility will be another asset for the Mustangs. Szukaitis said several athletes are able to compete in multiple events, allowing him some flexibility going into meets.

The strength of the team will come from middle- and long-distance runners.

But Szukaitis picked up a veteran coach in George Browne, a previous head coach and state champion. He will help with the throwers. Szukaitis said having Browne on board is already

showing results.

Top competition in the league should come from Stevenson and Churchill.

Szukaitis expects the Mustangs to win the league meet, but then move all sights to the final meets.

"The ultimate goal is at the end of the season," he said. "Our only goal once we get to regional is to qualify as many of the individuals to the state meet as we can."

Weather hasn't allowed the Mustangs to get outside very much, meaning the first few meets will be an extended tryouts of sort, as Szukaitis works to figure out who needs to be where.

## Girls Track

Last year's division champion girls track team returns several girls that went to the state meet last year, but there are still big holes to fill.

"We graduated three big point scorers," Smith said. "They brought us in 30 points a meet easy. But we bring a good core also, which I'm happy with."

Back are Amy Reynolds (pole vault), Brianna Jenkins (high jump), Lindsay Hagan (middle distance/distance), Daniela Drury (sprints), O'Malley King (hurdles) and distance runners Jaclyn Konopka and Karina Puskorius.

Distance runners Jenny Murphy and Anna Hardenbergh will add depth after competing at the state meet in cross country.

Newcomers Beth Roach, Morgan Malloy, Lindsay Kreichelt and Chelsea Ciempa are part of a strong freshmen group that will pay immediate dividends for the Mustangs.

Early strengths for the Mustangs come in middle distance and distance. Reynolds and Jenkins will be forces in the pole vault and high jump, respectively.

Mustang captains are King, Shelby Johnson, Kanika Kochar, Drury, Anna Twissleman, Jenkins, Hagan, Hardenbergh and Murphy.

Goal are simple for Smith. She just wants to see her athletes improve each meet, but the end goal is always the same — send as many kids as possible to the state meet.

"Our goals are to win the division again, which we've done the last five years," she said. "We would love to win the last conference championship."

Churchill and Stevenson will be the main competition in the league.

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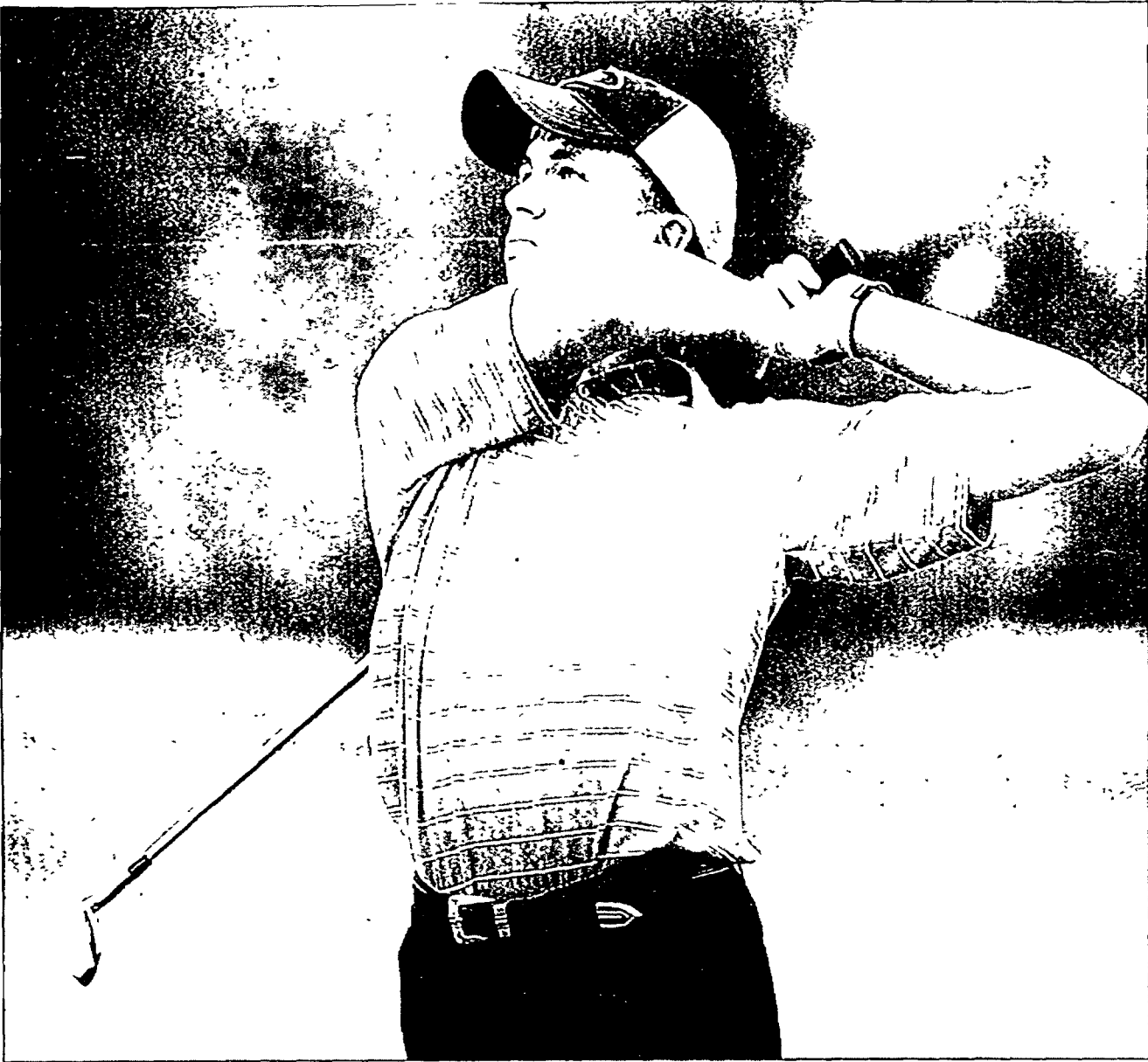
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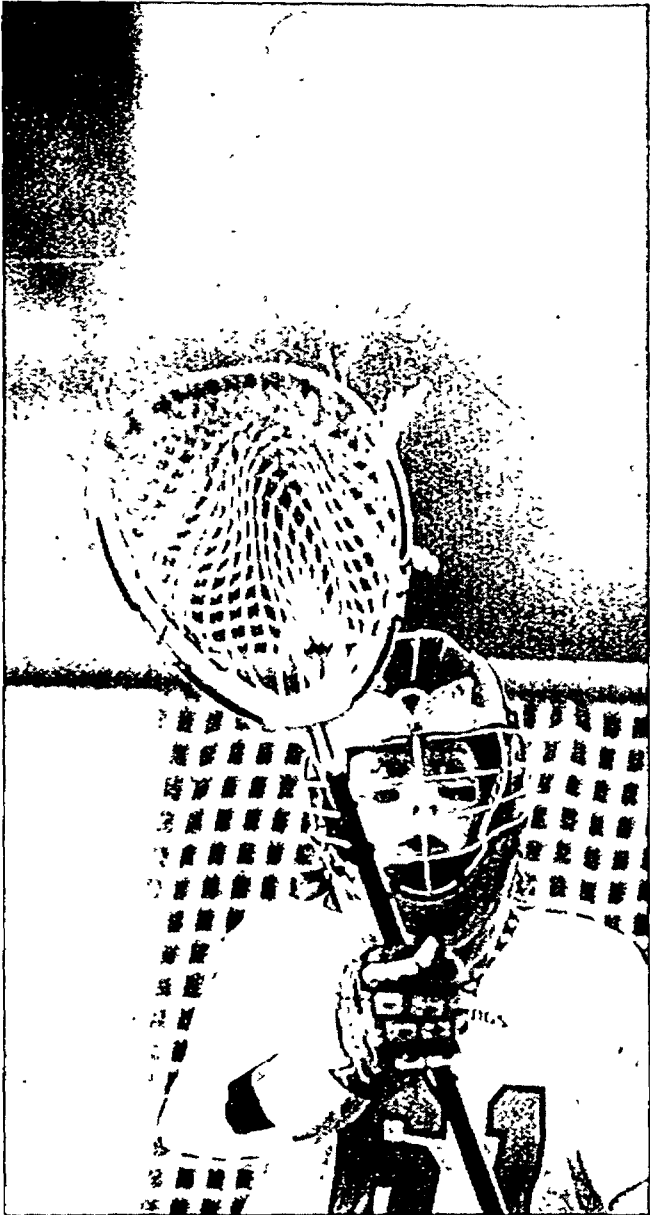
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# 'STANGS SPRING SIGHTS



Mustang Wes Gates tees off on the second hole of Tanglewood's South course.



Northville's netminder Andrew Lamoureux brings the ball out during the Mustangs' home game last year.



Mustang Haley Johnston returns a shot last year.



Northville's Brittany Birdsall looks a grounder into her glove.

## Parks and Rec, Sports Shorts

<b>Volleyball</b>			This n That			Adult Open Morning Softball		
Monday night coed competitive			Deadwood, too			League:		
Team	W	L	Team Jump			Starting Week of June 16		
Team Chil	25	2	V Salon			Proposed game times beginning		
Holy Hits	20	7	Starting Gate			at 8:30am		
DTKB	18	9				Tue, Wed or Thur - Game day to		
Play it again sp	16	11	B Division			be determined		
Smashers	16	11	<b>Team</b>			Entry Fee \$445/team, Based on 8		
Tanoshimu	13	14	Purely Intentional			Teams, 11 games		
Life is good	12	15	BallBusters			If interested call League Director,		
Digg it	11	16	Ichabod Crane			Charlie G. (734) 459-7896		
Nothing but fun	11	16	Nothing But Fun					
V&V	10	17	Blockers			<b>Men's Spring Basketball League:</b>		
Ball Slappers	6	21	Stars & Sp'kes			Monday, Wednesday & Thursday		
V Salon	4	23				leagues		
			Thursday morn ng			Entry Fee \$370/team, 8 games		
<b>Wed night intermediate coed</b>			<b>Team</b>			Starting approx Apr 21		
Team	W	L	South Beach			Northville Parks&Rec (248) 349-		
Blazer	39	9	Seattle Sutton's			0203 x1404		
Irish Setters	35	17	Adkins					
Team Deadwood	32	16	Nutri System			<b>Willie Horton coming to</b>		
Team Starting Gate	27	17	Slim Fast			<b>Northville</b>		
Starting Gate	28	20	Jenny Craig			Former Detroit Tiger great Willie		
Diamond Castle	18	30				Horton and 1968 World Series		
Kovas	15	37				winner is coming to As the Page		
Reckless Diving	12	36				Turns Bookstore and Gallery (149		
Safe Sets	10	34				N Center St.) in Northville on		
						April 17 to sign copies of The		
<b>Monday women competitive</b>						People's Champion		
A Division								
Team	W	L						
Team Roach	25	2						



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## POWER of Protein

FAMILY FEATURES

**B**eef helps fuel an active lifestyle by providing a powerhouse of protein. This is good news considering research by Donald Layman, Ph.D., professor of nutrition at the University of Illinois, that suggests many Americans may need more protein in their diets. Americans can feel good about loving beef because the protein in beef is a powerful nutrient that strengthens and sustains their bodies. Protein is essential to building muscle and helping enhance strength.

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### Healthy Living

"I've always loved the taste of beef and that it provides protein," says Christine Riccitelli from Incline Village, Nev., the 2007 National Beef Cook-Off grand prize winner.

Exercise is important to Christine. She enjoys daily hiking as well as swimming, pilates and lifting weights. Describing her recipe, she says: "I like to pair beef with colorful vegetables or fruits or wholesome grains. Plus, I can take a nice long hike while it cooks in the oven." Her recipe, Nuevo Chipotle Beef in Butternut Squash Boats, is loaded with flavor, looks great and fits a healthy lifestyle.



### Ginger-Maple Steak With Napa Cabbage & Grilled Onions

Total preparation and cooking time: 40 to 45 minutes

Marinating time: 15 minutes to 2 hours

- 2 boneless beef top loin (strip) steaks, cut 1 inch thick (about 10 ounces each)
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 large red onion, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 4 cups thinly sliced Napa cabbage

#### Ginger-Maple Marinade & Dressing:

- 1/2 cup reduced sodium soy sauce
- 1/3 cup pure maple syrup
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1-1/2 teaspoons minced fresh garlic
- 1-1/2 teaspoons chile-garlic paste

1. Whisk Ginger-Maple Marinade & Dressing ingredients in medium bowl. Place beef steaks and 1/2 cup marinade in food-safe plastic bag, turn steaks to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 15 minutes to 2 hours. Cover and refrigerate remaining marinade for dressing.
2. Remove steaks from marinade, discard marinade. Sprinkle steaks with pepper. Place steaks in center of grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange onion around steaks. Grill steaks, uncovered, 15 to 18 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Grill onions 15 to 20 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally.
3. Carve steaks into slices. Cut onion slices into quarters. Toss cabbage, onion and 2 tablespoons reserved dressing in large bowl. Arrange beef on cabbage mixture. Drizzle with some of remaining dressing. Pass remaining dressing.

Makes 8 servings

**Nutrition information per serving:**  
166 calories; 5 g fat (2 g saturated fat; 2 g monounsaturated fat); 35 mg cholesterol; 501 mg sodium; 11 g carbohydrate; 0.8 g fiber; 17 g protein; 4.5 mg niacin; 0.4 mg vitamin B<sub>6</sub>; 0.9 mcg vitamin B<sub>12</sub>; 1.2 mg iron; 18.2 mcg selenium; 3.3 mg zinc.

## Winning Recipes for Healthy Living



### Nuevo Chipotle Beef in Butternut Squash Boats

Total preparation and cooking time: 2 to 2-3/4 hours

- 1-1/2 pounds beef for stew
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 teaspoons ground chipotle chile pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 pound butternut squash (about 3 pounds)
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 1 small ripe avocado, cut into cubes (optional)
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Place beef, water, tomato paste, sugar, vinegar, chipotle pepper, cumin, salt and black pepper in stockpot. Cover and bake in 325°F oven 1-3/4 to 2-1/4 hours or until beef is fork-tender.
2. Meanwhile cut squash lengthwise into quarters; remove seeds. Place squash cut side down in 13 x 9-inch glass baking dish, overlapping if necessary. Add water. Bake in 325°F oven 1 to 1-1/4 hours or until fork-tender.
3. Place each baked squash quarter onto serving plate. Fill with equal amounts of beef mixture. Top with tomato and avocado, if desired. Sprinkle with cilantro.

Makes 4 servings.

**Cook's Tips:** One tablespoon minced, seeded chipotle pepper in adobo sauce may be substituted for ground chipotle chile pepper.

Chipotle Beef mixture may also be cooked on the stovetop. Bring beef mixture to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 1-3/4 to 2-1/4 hours or until beef is fork-tender.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 355 calories; 9 g fat (3 g saturated fat; 3 g monounsaturated fat); 73 mg cholesterol; 528 mg sodium; 44 g carbohydrate; 9.7 g fiber; 29 g protein; 7.0 mg niacin; 0.7 mg vitamin B<sub>6</sub>; 2.2 mcg vitamin B<sub>12</sub>; 5.3 mg iron; 20.5 mcg selenium; 6.3 mg zinc.

### Crispy Beef Lettuce Wraps With Wowee Sauce

Total preparation and cooking time: 25 to 30 minutes

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/3 cup sliced green onions
- 2 tablespoons reduced sodium or regular soy sauce
- Pepper
- 8 large lettuce leaves (such as Bibb, leaf or iceberg)
- 3/4 cup sliced water chestnuts
- 3/4 cup shredded carrots

#### Wowee Sauce:

- 1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple in juice, drained
- 1/3 cup orange marmalade
- 2 tablespoons reduced sodium or regular soy sauce

1. Combine Wowee Sauce ingredients in small bowl. Set aside.
2. Brown ground beef in large nonstick skillet over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is not pink, breaking up into small crumbles. Pour off drippings, if necessary. Add green onions and soy sauce, season with pepper, as desired. Cook and stir for 1 minute.
3. Evenly spoon beef mixture onto each lettuce leaf. Top with equal amounts of water chestnuts and carrots. Spoon some Wowee Sauce over top. Wrap lettuce around filling. Serve with remaining Wowee Sauce.

Makes 4 servings

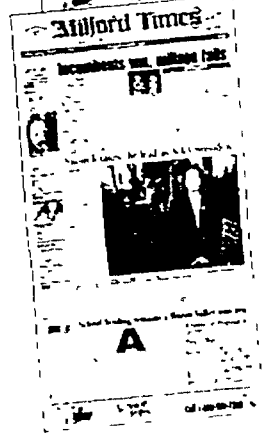
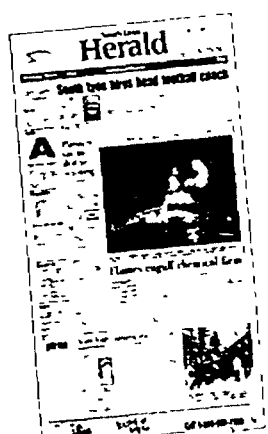
**Cook's Tip:** Three-fourths cup crushed baked tortilla chips may be substituted for sliced water chestnuts.

**Nutrition information per serving, using 95% lean ground beef:** 389 calories; 10 g fat (4 g saturated fat; 4 g monounsaturated fat); 114 mg cholesterol; 750 mg sodium; 35 g carbohydrate; 3.8 g fiber; 40 g protein; 9.8 mg niacin; 0.7 mg vitamin B<sub>6</sub>; 3.4 mcg vitamin B<sub>12</sub>; 5.0 mg iron; 27.6 mcg selenium; 9.2 mg zinc.



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## One for all seasons

Update landscape to make the homestead new again

By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

**It's** no secret that many homeowners in the Lyon Township community are facing some important decisions about their homes. One local company is positioning itself to help homeowners who have decided to keep their homes rather than sell them in a tight housing market.

These homeowners are looking to remodel and reinvest in their homes by adding on exciting new outdoor living areas and improving the architectural landscaping.

Bell's Landscape Services of Wixom is a business whose role has become more important to the community it has served for 19 years. Today, homeowners are looking for ways to increase the value of their homes while making them more comfortable and livable.

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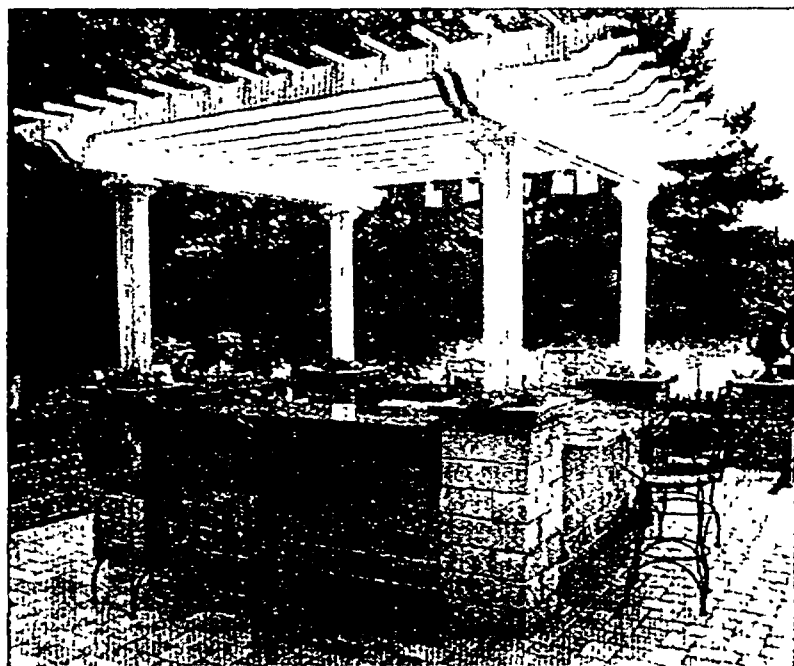
Mike has always said, "I want to provide clients with quality services and not have them deal with several contractors. We can do it all; one call can have your property managed for the entire season."

While his company has always worked in the new construction market, and works very closely with new homebuilders, Mike continues to stress the important role his company plays in the renovation and remodeling markets.

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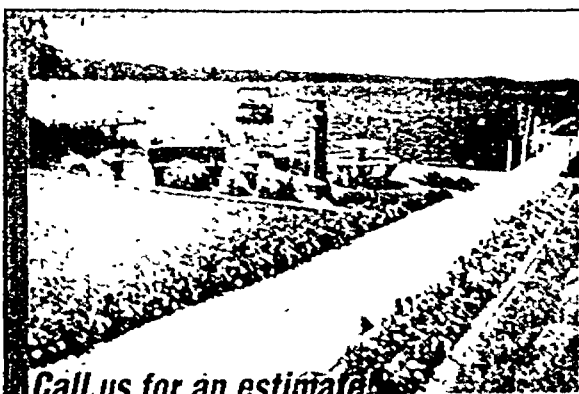
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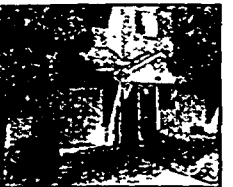
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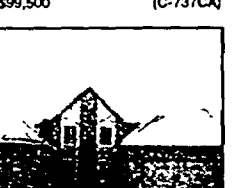
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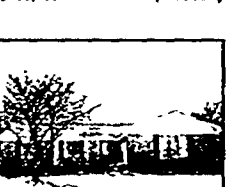
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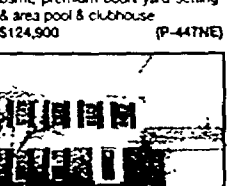
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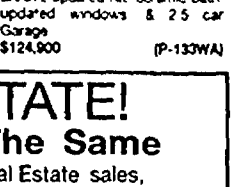
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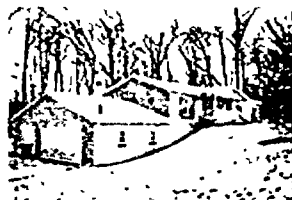
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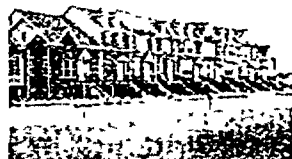
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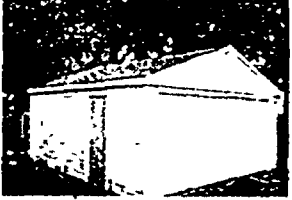
**Canton 734-455-7000**  
ONE OF A KIND! Great buy on this 2 BR, 1.5 BA, Canton Condo w/ bsmt. Needs work but has great potential! Two story townhouse style, end unit. (127205334) \$99,500



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**Commerce 248-684-1065**  
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**Dearborn Heights 248-348-6430**  
Attention Builders! Lot w/ 2 Car Garage! Great price on this premium lot with a brand new 2 car garage. Crestwood schools. Fenced yard & a large shed! New construction will be built unless lot is sold. (27193396) \$38,000



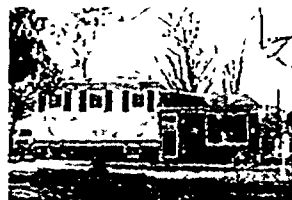
**Farmington 248-348-6430**  
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Totally Renovated Gem! Panoramic views of 1.29 acres w/ pond & gardens. 4 bdrm, 2.2 baths, kit w/ cherry & granite. 3 tpks, new Andersen windows, year round FL room. (28022055) \$599,000



**Farmington Hills 248-851-1900**  
SHOWS LIKE A MODEL! 4 BR 2.5 BA brick colonial. Remod maple kit LR w/ cathedral ceiling & FP. LG cedar deck overlooks stream. HDW fls new carpet & paint. Walk to elem sch in sub. 2000 SF. (28044866) \$199,900



**Farmington Hills 248-851-1900**  
HOME SWEET HOME! New ceramic tile eat in kitchen w/ Pergo hickory cabs. Doorwall to deck overlooks large fenced yard. Family rm w/ wet bar & FP. Newer windows, roof, furnace, HWY AC. (27205714) \$170,000



**Farmington Hills 248-684-1065**  
Sharp 2 BR/2 BA condo located in back of complex w/ scenic view of woods! Large Open fl plan, Cathedral ceiling & gas FP. Ceramic bath w/ whirlpool tub. (28011052) \$159,900



**Farmington Hills 248-348-6430**  
Fabulous Farmington Hills! Awesome 4 BR, 2.1 BA, Cherrywood fls, spacious LR & DR, Large KIT w/ rock. Park like setting. This home is a must see!! \$230K rent w/ option to buy in 1 yr. (28021873) \$1,950



**Fenton 248-684-1065**  
Lovely 3 Bdrm/2 1/2 Bt Home on 1 1/2 Acre Wooded Lot. Liv Rm w/ Cath Cell. Family Rm w/ Trlp. Master w/ Whirlpool & More. Visit team/erova.com (28016751) \$219,900



**Ferndale 734-591-9200**  
PRICED TO SELL! Awesome Starter Home, 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath Colonial With Some Updates Incl. Carpet, Water Heater And Kitchen Floors And Counter Tops. (28032070) \$100,000



**Garden City 734-455-7000**  
SO MUCH TO OFFER! Very attractive in and out. Attractive price to boot! Updated eat in kitchen w/ ceramic fls. Fin bsmt, 2nd bath. Large rec rm and office. (28019725) \$139,900



**Garden City 734-455-7000**  
BEAUTIFUL BUNGALOW JUST FOR U! w/ 3 BR, 1.5 BA, full finished basement and family room. Appliances stay. Updated electrical & copper plumbing. Newer windows and remodeled kitchen and bath. (28043399) \$109,900



**Genoa Twp 248-437-3800**  
SHOWS LIKE A MODEL! Sharp curb appeal & beautiful inside. Soaring ceilings in GR, 1st floor master suite, garden tub, 2 bdrms, up scenic ya. d. back to commons. Tired deck w/ arbor. (28049853) \$314,900



**Hamburg 248-437-3800**  
Great Family Home! Newly remodeled main floor. New kitchen and bath. Finished walkout basement with full bath. Beautifully landscaped including 3 ponds. (28027840) \$199,999



**Hamburg 734-591-9200**  
YOU WON'T BELIEVE ALL THAT'S BEEN REMODELED! New Roof, Anderson Windows, Bthrm Completely Redone, Water Htr Well Pump, Dry Wall, Elect Outlets, And Carpet. 1835 Deck, 2 Car Att Gar. Plus Home Is On A Canal! (28032044) \$150,000



**Hartland 248-684-1065**  
Beautifully decorated 4 BDRM, 2.5 BA on over 1/2 acre hilltop lot. FP opens to brkfst rm & kit w/ cherry cabs. Huge deck & yard. HDWD fls. Ceramic BA. (28036272) \$309,900



**Highland 248-684-1065**  
Spotless, warm & charming 3 BR ranch in serene horse community area. Gorgeous tree-lined private backyard. 41 acre lot. Open fl plan w/ large kit/great rm/gas FP. (28007902) \$184,900



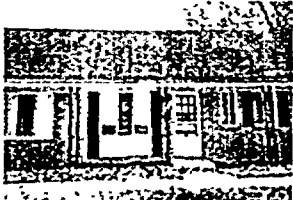
**Livonia 248-851-1900**  
MAGNIFICENT 4 BR BRICK & STONE RANCH. Gorgeous granite kitchen w/ decorative island. Granite, marble mosaic in baths. Master bath w/ shower & jacuzzi. Unbelievable landscape w/ waterfalls, fountains, bridges. (28023155) \$374,900



**Livonia 248-437-3800**  
POPULAR "WINDRIDGE" SUB Home features 4 bedrooms, updated kitchen w/ granite, hardwood flooring, large great room and great room sizes. (28039890) \$220,000



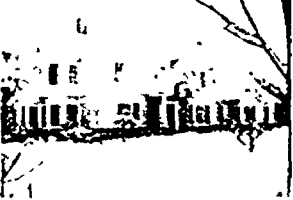
**Livonia 248-348-6430**  
Remodeled From Top To Bottom! New everything! Kitchen, bath, roof, paint, door, window treatments, sprinkler system. Partial finished bsmt w/ half bath, work room & storage. Large corner lot. (28047676) \$168,900



**Livonia 248-348-6430**  
Accent on Value Don't pay rent. Own this 1 1/2 story priv entry cond. Move in ready. Nice kit, dr lg mstr w/ loft. Freshly painted, new carpet & vinyl windows. Livonia Schools. (27157267) \$54,900



**Milford 248-684-1065**  
Post & Beam house with 5265 Sq Ft plus 1300 Sq Ft Bsm, 5 bds, 5 ba, 576 acres on Kensington Park, 3 car gar. One bd & ba in separate apartment. (28004548) \$1,390,000



**Milford 248-684-1065**  
Impressive Custom Bt 4 Bd/3.3 Bath Home on 3+ Acres w/ 3 Car Garage Plus Additional 4.6 Car Garage w/ Water & Elec. 2 way staircase. 1st Fl Master Ste. Fin LL. (28011519) \$499,900



**Milford 248-684-1065**  
Country setting. Room to ride the horses on 4.44 acres. New paint & grading. Furnace, roof. Side entry W.O bsmt w/ new ba, carpet, thermostat, fp. (27121042) \$259,000



**Milford 248-684-1065**  
Newer built w/ brick exteri. Private/quiet sub backing to preserve. 2-story foyer, office/library. 2 way FR, HDWD fls, granite ist, 3 car garage. (28024573) \$2,350



**Northfield 248-437-3800**  
Want to live up North? Secluded five acres at the end of a private road has up north feel. Home has 3 BR on main level and 2 add'l on finished lower level. Vaulted ceilings much more! (28022345) \$368,000



**Farmington 248-348-6430**  
A Great First Upper! Spacious 3 bedroom brick ranch with Florida room overlooking huge backyard walk to downtown Farmington & elementary school. Sold as is! (28033250) \$141,900



**Northville 248-348-6430**  
Lovely! Update With Quality & Charm 4 bdrms, 2 bath colonial w/ newer dimensional roof, gutters w/ covers, windows t/o newly fenced yard, new kitchen top to bottom and more. Bonus Florida room! (27151695) \$290,000



**Novi 248-348-6430**  
Exquisite Custom Built Cape Cod! Exceptional home with attention to every detail. 3 BRs, loft, 3 1/2 study & den. 2 story foyer, GR & family RM. Fabulous master suite. Custom design and decor! (27217381) \$879,000



**Novi 248-851-1900**  
POPULAR NEIGHBORHOOD! WONDERFUL AVENUES! Neigh-bor-hood elem. parks, playgrounds, convenience! Updates: window treatments, paint, double oven, landscaping, furnace, dishwasher, more! 4 BR, 2 BA. (27208461) \$239,000



**Novi 248-348-6430**  
LOVELY CONDO WELL MAINTAINED! Condo living at its best! Delightful kit, lovely LR, cozy FR, 2 bsm, size bsm 1.5 baths, both updated. Full fin bsmt, pool, clubhouse & tennis court in complex. (28011428) \$134,500



**Novi 248-348-6430**  
Great Home for Lease Now! Schools & close to everything! KIT w/ breakfast area. Formal LR & FR w/ 19'x4' size BR. 3.5 BA, FF, laundry fin bsmt w/ 5th BR. Very spacious. Ready for you. (27199149) \$2,300



**Plymouth 734-455-7000**  
OUTSTANDING CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL! Hi-end features: maple cabs, granite counters, Brazilian cherry entire 1st fl. detail detail everywhere. 9 ceilings, daylight windows in bsmt, etc. Quality lot. (28048153) \$440,000



**Plymouth 734-455-7000**  
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**Plymouth 734-455-7000**  
PLYMOUTH "FIXER UPPER!" Great potential in this 3 bedroom colonial near downtown Plymouth. Needs work but has some updates. Large treed yard. Much more! (28043341) \$137,500



**Redford 248-851-1900**  
NICE BRICK RANCH READY FOR A NEW OWNER! Freshly painted, large front window for lots of light. Full bsmt. All appliances stay. HWF in BR & under carpet in LR. Close to x ways, parks & shopping. (27224232) \$99,900



**Redford 734-455-7000**  
DOLL HOUSE FOR SALE! Nicely updated t/o \*\* kitchen \*\* bath \*\* roof \*\* A/C \*\* furnace \*\* fresh paint \*\* landscape & carpet. Fully fenced, 1 1/2 car gar. Just move in! Priced to sell! (28005983) \$81,000



**Romulus 248-208-2900**  
16422 Taft Brick Front Ranch With newer Vinyl Siding. Quiet Starter Home For A First Time Home Buyer Or An Investor. Bank Owned Being Sold As Is. (27210874) \$50,000



**Salem 248-437-3800**  
Gorgeous Log Home on 5 Acres Custom built white cedar log home. Sunroom w/ stone ext, winding 3 story staircase. Fin WO lower level, custom landscaping, horse barn & more. (27195630) \$445,000



**Salem 248-437-3800**  
THIS IS IT! Cleanest house on market! Huge great rm w/ bay window. Open to kit w/ skylight. Lots of room to roam in lg yard. Large bdrms, quat small town. Low township taxes. (27208461) \$129,900



**South Lyon 734-591-9200**  
CUSTOM HOME 2 stry foyer, 5 bdrms loft area, 3.5 baths, grmt kit hrdwd, fr w/ fp, hot tub, mstr ste w/ bath jet tub, hwr M had fr w/ full bath & bdrm, 3 car gar. (28039953) \$332,900



**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
SPACIOUS & COMFORTABLE COLONIAL! Grant kitchen offers a LRG center island & family dining area. Dining rm is perfect for entertaining. Spacious mstr suite must be seen. Neutral decor thru out. (28049216) \$289,900



**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
Newer colonial on 1+ Acre! Large living room w/ gas fireplace. Formal dining room w/ bay window, country kitchen. Bonus room master suite, first floor laundry and full basement. (27155807) \$284,900



**South Lyon 248-437-3800**  
NEW CONSTRUCTION TO BE BUILT! Sycamore Model to be built. Nice subdivision with large lots. (28043112) \$234,900



**South Lyon 734-591-9200**  
ENJOY THIS LARGE CAPE COD! This Home Offers A Gas FP in the LR, Huge Mstr Bath, Jetted Tub, A Dr Walk That Leads To Lrg Deck, A 25x19 Bonus Rm & A Crawl Space That Has 5 Ft Ceilings. (28032154) \$220,000



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Upper End Unit Open fl plan, Newer Hrdwd Flrs in Din Area & Kit, Newer Carpet & Paint t/o. Upgraded Appl Stay. Cath Cell in LR, 2 Full Baths, Upper Bkry Over Pool. (28036313) \$128,900



**South Lyon 734-591-9200**  
Stunning End unit is Flawless Throughout! 2 Bdrms, 1 1/2 baths, Kit w/ all appls, spacious deck, priv side yd, Newer c/p, paint, Lrg Mstr w/ w1 Closets, Brand new C/A, End Unit w/ priv ent, Att Gar. (28038455) \$121,900



**South Lyon 248-348-6430**  
Adult Co op 55+ Community. Ceramic tile in foyer and LR eat in kit. Formal DR, 12x9 4 season un porch, Fin LL w/ FR, office, BR, full ba and laundry. 1-car gar. Comm w/ clubhouse and beach. (27137385) \$110,000



**Van Buren Twp 248-208-2900**  
13253 County Walk Just Call It Home. This Roomy 3488 Sq. Ft. 5 Bedroom Colonial Is The Dream Home You've Been Dreaming Of! Lg Great Room With A Natural Fl. Large Upper Per. (27190188) \$329,900



**Waterford 248-684-1065**  
Open & airy ranch w/ carport. Huge fenced yard! Pergo fls in LR & hallway. Full ba w/ ceramic fls & tub. Eat in kit w/ recessed light & brkfst bar. 1st fl laun. (28007921) \$79,900



**Westland 248-348-6430**  
Located On Dead End Street! Super clean and priced to move! Cathedral ceilings. Eat in kitchen, walk to schools. (27214634) \$119,900



**Westland 248-348-6430**  
GREAT TRI LEVEL CONDO! Spacious Living Room, Roof & Central Air. Gallery Kit w/ Dr. Wood Fls in Br. Finshed 1 1/2 W/ Storage. Work Room & Laundry. Play Area & Community Center. Pets Welcome. (27198844) \$68,000



**White Lake 248-437-3800**  
Large Country Szed Lot Two story home with side entry garage. 1775 SF, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. On 1.65 acres. (28046995) \$169,000



**Wixom 248-684-1065**  
Meticulously maintained. Pergo floors throughout entry level & new carpet. Spacious kitchen & dining area. Open floor plan. Master suite/2 showers. (28009382) \$210,000

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