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Scott and Sharon Smith, owners of Uniquely Yours, received the highest business improvement grant through the Downtown Development Authority's new Business Assistance Program. They're spending a total of more than \$40,000 to renovate the former Spars Floral shop.

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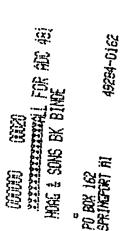
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# \$2.7M shortfall fixed

■ Budget through fiscal year 2012

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Northville City Manager Pat Sullivan's budget message, delivered last week, can basically be summed up in two words - con-

Beginning with fiscal year 2009, project revenues steadily decrease while operating expenditures continue to increase. Cost containments are proposed in the fiscal year 2009 budget and fiveyear plan to address a cumulative \$2.7 million shortfall that would have otherwise occurred.

The proposed budget is part of a five-year plan that projects the current-year budget as well as forecasting future revenues and

expenditures beyond the proposed fiscal year. The goal is to rein in spending while continuing to provide the services residents demand.

"A tradition has been established to submit a balanced and realistic budget within the goals, objectives and priorities established by city council," Sullivan said April 9 during the first in a series of budget discussions at city hall. 'This year is no excep-

various revenue sources, administrators expect to be able to make progress in several important areas.

The city of Northville is able to do this because of proactive, long-term planning and careful monitoring of its operations and budget," Sullivan said

But, despite what seems to be good news regarding the budget,

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### By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Mark Abbo, who enjoys the game of golf, knows that it's important to follow through.

seeking

3rd term

■ Township's

a desire to

supervisor has

follow through

Due to the fact that there are several lawsuits and commercial developments that the township must

resolve, he made the decision recently to seek a third term as Northville Township supervisor The elect-



M. Abbo

ed office carries a four-year term and pays \$24,000 a year. Abbo was first elected to the

top governmental position in the charter township in 1992. Before that, he served two terms as a member of the township's board of trustees. "In terms of commitment to

public service, there seems to be no end to Mark's restlessness. energy and optimism," said Chip Snider, township manager.

A native of Brooklyn, Mich., and resident of the township for 19 years, he serves as the chief financial officer of Stirling Biopower, a renewable energy company in Ann Arbor, where he has worked since 2002.

He and Patty, his wife of 34 years, have three children: Erica. Kristen and Katie.

A 1975 graduate of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Abbo is a certified public accountant but doesn't currently have his

He is a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Abbo said he wants to run again in November because, "In spite of the Michigan economy, we've had many successes in Northville Township, particularly in recreation, the ability to keep taxes down and the overall operation of the township government. But, there are some challenges that I'd like to follow

He said he's always been community-minded.

"My heart's in Northville," Abbo said. "I'm very emotionally attached to the community, and I enjoy seeing it thrive and prosper."

Abbo ran unsuccessfully against Mare Corriveau for the Michigan House of Representatives District 20 seat in November 2006, but said he will not run for that position again in November's election.

## TOP EDUCATORS -

## District honors teachers ■ Silver Springs'

Moser top among all elementaries

By Aleea Hibbeln SPECIAL WRITER

Kathryn Moser, a soft-spoken first grade teacher at Silver Springs Elementary in Northville, will never boast about her many accomplishments, which include earning four teaching certificates. She will never say a harsh word about anyone. earning her popularity among peers. And, for the last seven years, she has been absent only three times, twice for business and once for illness, earning kudos from her boss.

But, for a person who tries to fly under the radar, she has missed her mark.

It was announced at last Tuesday's school board meeting that Moser won Elementary Teacher of the Year in the orthville district. Unassu Moser, who first learned about the nomination two months ago never told her husband her good news. So when he and other members of her family showed up at the board meeting, she was surprised and wondered how they found out.

Anne Labadie, who also teach es first grade at Silver Springs, nominated Moser because, "students and teachers adore her'

Labadie said that it is her many qualifications that enable Moser to meet the needs of all types of students, from the impaired to the gifted, and everyone else in between.

"It seems she gets one endorsement and she is already on her way to get another," said Labadie.

The multi-step criteria for nomination includes:



At the April 8 school board meeting, students congratulate Kathryn Moser, a firstgrade teacher at Silver Springs Elementary, who was named the Northville district's top elementary teacher for the school year.

• having a sound relationship with students

· reaching individual needs which contribute to increased knowledge

 demonstrating a strong understanding of the subjects taught.

Moser meets the individual needs of each student by teaching to different learning styles. As a result, her students' self-esteem and self-efficacy prospers, as evidenced by the high grades in her

Compassion is also used as a

teaching tool in her classroom. Last fall, a student who had just transferred from California was frightened by his new surroundings. He lay on the floor in the hallway screaming and crying.

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## Talks of outsourcing heat up school meeting

■ Potential savings of up to \$1M in custodial services alone

By Aleea Hibbeln SPECIAL WRITER

Emotions ran high at Hillside Middle School on Monday night when the Northville Public Schools Board of Education held a study session to begin looking at the benefits and challenges of privatizing some of the district's support services

rough overview of bids from five custodial vendors and one transportation vendor. The board is still awaiting bids from food service vendors. Consultants Rahmberg Stover and Associates and Plante & Moran were hired last May to help determine if the district could save money by outsourcing these three support services departments.

The school district's superintendent, Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, and assistant superintendent Dave Bolitho, and concerned parents, teachers and district employees discussed the results of "requests for information" (RFI) from each of the three cat-

egories of vendors. The RFP's were sent out in September 2007 and bids were received in March. District officials used 17 criteria for quality and cost-savings in examining the bids.

Northville Public Schools (NPS) could save between \$.5 million and \$1 million in salary and benefits, with potential hidden costs set aside, per year if they choose to outsource custodial services. The board and superintendent stressed that no decision has been made yet. But if they do decide to outsource, 54 custodial, 49 transportation and 45 food service current jobs will be lost.

In a press release, Rezmierski

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stated that Northville's costs relating to employee retirement (which is set by the state) and health care benefits increased by \$1 million in the 2006-2007 school year. He also stated that over the past five years funding

cuts from the state have forced the district to reduce budgets for textbooks, teaching supplies and library materials, to name a few. Monday night, Board of

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## Northville District Library offers something for everyone

### ■ Celebrate **National Library** Week April13-19

By Aleea Hibbeln SPECIAL WRITER

If you haven't been to your local library in a while, you're in for a treat. Take a jaunt down there, grab a cup of coffee on the house and journey through a world of

And if you think that the Internet has made the library obsolete, think again. Circulation has risen at the Northville District Library from 391,855 in 2006 to over 400,000 in 2007. Library cards have increased by 1,000 between 2006 and 2007. and over 3,000 people were using its Wireless Hot Spot last year. more than doubling the usage the year before.

"Most of our growth is in multimedia aspects; DVD's, books on CD's, and other audio books," said Julie Herrin, library director, "It's a lot more than a place to just find information anymore, it's a place to be, a place to come, and the story hours for the children are overflowing," she said.

July is the highest circulation month with 1,000 kids visiting the library to read books, listen to stories and win prizes. The children's programs fill up fast and are bursting at the seams.

The library is too much fun to always be quiet," said Hernn

But that's not to say that there aren't plenty of quiet spots for concentrating

### The Library online

Like anything else these days.

### April Offerings

Today 4:15-5 p.m. - The Josh and Ray Show! Children of all ages will enjoy a duo comedy act in celebration of this week's National Library Week.

April 21 6:30 p.m. - Movie - Barbarian Invasion - A man dying of cancer tries to find peace in his last moments. French with English subtitles.

April 28 4-5 p.m. - Teen Books, Chat and Chow - "Red Kayak" by Pricilla Cummings. Living near the ocean in Maryland, two male teens become tangled in a tragedy that tests their friendship and ideas of right and wrong.

### May highlights

May 7 7 p.m. - Mysteries for Every Taste and Mood with Wilsetta L. Heising

May 8 4-5 p.m. - Mother's Day Crafts for Kids - Children of all ages will make a necklace for mom. No registration required. May 8 10 a.m.-noon- World Wide Web Basics - Learn the fundamentals of how to find information on the Internet

May 12 1-3 p.m. - Internet Searching Shortcuts - Learn how to search for maps, images, instant stock quotes and more. Visit the Northville District Library's Web site, www.northville.lib.mi.us. or call (248) 349-3020 for a complete list of events.

actually leaving the house. With the click of a mouse, any book from any library in the country can be sent to you in a matter of days. It's all part of the interlibrary loan.

The library also subscribes to a variety of databases, making it easy to read, say, the New York Times in its entirety (which can't be done on The Times' Web site). A database also gives access to thousands of magazines from all over the world.

For those who want to keep up on the latest market changes, the library has subscribed to Morningstar, an online investment center

'lt's a wealth of information

lio and track how it's doing," said assistant director, Anne Mannisto.

Virtually any subject can be researched inside and out using these databases.

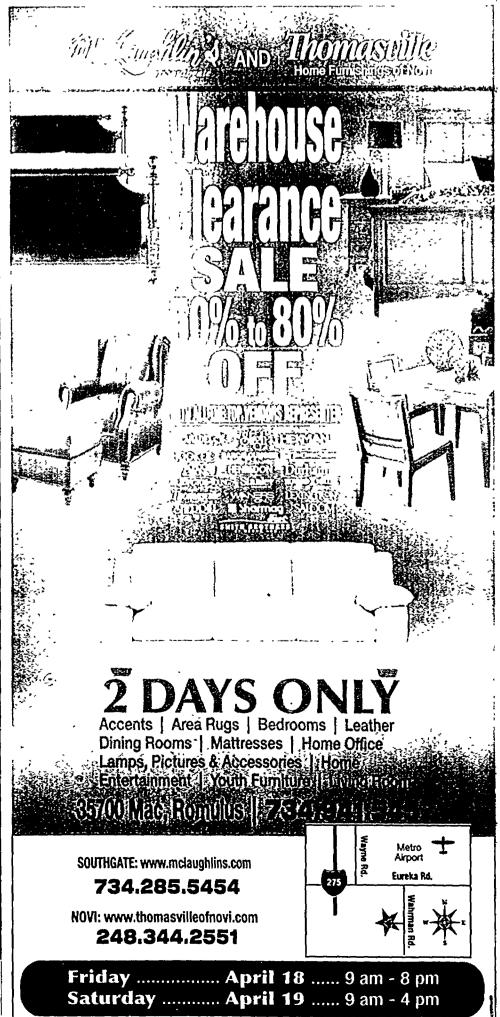
"It's all the information an individual could never afford on their own and we pay for it so they have free access to it," said

"We have the World Book Online where you can hear Martin Luther King's speech, and we have DVD's where you can hear the best professors teaching the most interesting courses." said Mannisto "The library is a free center for lifelong learning. All that is required is a library





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## Residents will have to wait on repairs to county roads

## ■ Steps have been taken

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Dan Biedzen said motorists in Northville Township don't have to go far to experience what it must be like to drive in war-torn Iraq

Just drive down Silver Springs Drive in the Highland Lakes subdivision between Seven Mile and Eight Mile roads.

"It's like somebody dropped small bombs on it," he said.

small bottles on it," he said.

Biedzen, a retiree and township resident since 1987, first lived at Park Place Apartments and now lives at Swan Harbor Apartments. He said residents are dealing with a "pothole city" driving through this county-owned road that leads to Silver Springs Elementary School

"It's been a gradual process," he said. He said the problem is that when county road workers cold patch a road, water is trapped underneath, which then freezes and creates pressure because ice occupies more space than water.

"What happens is that potholes get larger, because when the pressure occurs, it cracks the cold patch as well as the surrounding asphalt or concrete," Biedzen said.

Biedzen plans to appear at the next Northville Township Board of Trustees meeting, rescheduled from the regular third-Thursday-in-themonth date until 7:30 p.m. on April 24.

24.
"My primary goal is to get our roads fixed," Biedzen said.

Unfortunately, Michigan's freeze-thaw cycle leads to the problem, especially if water is left under a cold patch.

### Clean out the potholes

Biedzen said he recently talked to a Wayne County Road Commission staff member, who said that for cold patching to work properly, the pothole needs to be first cleaned out before the patching substance is applied.

"It's also equally important is using a tool to tamp down the material," Biedzen said.

The Highland Lake subdivision is not exactly a new development either, which accentuates its road problems. Biedzen added that other county-owned roads, such as Pinebrook in the Edenderry subdivision on the south side of Seven



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northwill

Swan Harbor resident
Dan Biedzen has been
concerned for some time
about the potholes that
line Silver Springs Drive in
his nelghborhood.

Mile Road between Rogers and Clement streets, also need work.

Since the township doesn't own the roads, there's little township staff people can do. 'The choices are maintenance by the county or the individual homeowners' association," Biedzen said, "The town-ship owns no roads."

Bredzen said John Sabo, president of the Highland Lakes Homeowners Association, has written off the idea of a special assessment district to pay for repairs to Silver Springs Drive.

A special assessment district also failed last year in the Edenderry subdivision, with angry residents saying it wasn't their responsibility to pay for road repairs to the older subdivision.

Don Weaver, director of public services in Northville Township said the township can't pay for road repairs to county-owned roads because it has no right to do so.

"The township has no jurisdiction over the roads, so we don't budget for any road improvements," Weaver said.

Tax dollars collected to fund roads do go to Wayne County to maintain the roads, however.

Weaver said he's talked to Sabo at length about the condition of Silver Springs Road, and recent actions have been taken to get the road listed as a connector road, which will eventually lead to county dollars to fix the road

A portion of gasoline taxes go to road funds, but the majority of road

funding comes from the federal government.

"Eighty percent of the funding comes from federal funds, with 20 percent from local funds on federally-eligible road construction," Weaver said. Repair work, however, comes from local funding.

Weaver said the good news for those who travel Silver Springs Drive, however, is that the road is now eligible for federal funding. This is largely due to the fact that Weaver attends Federal Aid Committee meetings that take place twice a year with all county communities, and he worked hard to have the road accepted to the federal funding eligibility list as a col-

lector road.

"We're just waiting for Wayne
County staff to come out and rate
the road for its ranking on the funding list," Weaver said.

He added that Clement Street between Seven Mile Road and Main Street also needs major repairs, need repairs, but the road is not on the federal funding list because it's not seen as a collector road

Main Street west of Clement is also a gravel road that some would like to see paved, but Weaver claims some residents enjoy its rural characte

Silver Springs Drive has been on the eligibility list for about a year. Once the county rates the road, then it's placed on the needs list

then it's placed on the needs list. However, at this time more than 100 county roads are on the list, all of which are competing for a limit-

ed amount of funds.

The criteria include the condition of the road combined with the

volume of traffic," Weaver said.

Biedzen said in the meantime, he would like to see county road workers bring in some hot asphalt to repair Silver Springs Drive, which tends to be more durable than cold patch when applied property.

erty.

"It doesn't have to be an all-ornothing approach," Biedzen said.
Completely rebuilding a road is
expensive at about \$1 million a
mile, Biedzen said, according to
the Wayne County Road
Commission.

So when are federal funds going to be available to fix the roads?

"Odds are that only 10-15 roads out of maybe 200-300 in the state will be selected to receive federal funding in the near future," Weaver said.

It's kind like trying to win the lottery," said Biedzen







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fiscal year 2008-09 begins the most critical time financially for the city since 1991.

### **Budget highlights**

The proposed General Fund shows an overall decrease of .43 percent from the current year. Consistent with prior years, the General Fund is essentially a maintenance budget that will provide a consistent level of service," Sullivan said.

Because of a decreasing debt burden, however, administrators will be able to pay for some needed capital improvements in the police department over the next few years.

The city of Northville's financial forecast is not unlike many other cities in the state. The combination of reduced revenues and the general state of the economy have had a negative impact on the city's three largest sources of revenue for the General Fund property tax, state shared revenue and interest earnings.

More than 70 percent of the city's General Fund depends on property tax, and the real estate market is not expected to bounce back for several more years. Except for new construction, any future increases in taxable values will not take place for at least two-three years, according to Sullivan.

The second largest source of

income, state shared revenue, which has declined in the past, is not expected to show a huge increase either. The third largest source of rev-

enue for the city, investment income, has decreased about 60 percent from last year, based on the national economy and cuts in the federal interest rate.

Other sources of income, such as permits and fees, have also decreased due to the down econ-

The city's taxable value decreased by .25 percent, despite a 2.3-percent increase in the Consumer Price Index. The number of taxpayers appealing to members of the Board of Review did decrease this year, however, with 145 appeals this year, down 52 from last year. State Equalized Value still exceeds Taxable Value by 15 percent, a decrease of 19 percent over last

### Personnel costs

The city spends more money on personnel than in any other area. Future cost controls may need to focus on staffing reduction through attrition where possible. The city is also faced with increases in health care premiums and other funding commitments well into the future.

Agreements with the city's four labor unions will also expire on June 20, 2008. No wage adjustments are incorpo-



budgets for fiscal years beginning July 1. One of the largest issues

rated into the

departmental

facing communities across the nation is health care

costs for both current and retired employees. The city began addressing this issue in 1997 after the completion of an actuarial analysis and began funding this area as the budget allowed. The proposed budget reflects the third year of setting aside funds for this liability, as recommended by the latest actuarial study ın 2004.

### Overall finances

The city's General Fund had a fund balance of \$2,336,689 as of June 30, 2007, according to the annual audit presented last October. This is the highest level of unreserved General Fund balance in the city's history. "Preservation of fund balance is important to mitigate further revenue reductions beyond the city's control," Sullivan said.

### **Budget activity**

The level of budget activity for fiscal year 2008-09 is proposed to decrease by \$1,066,911 or 5.5 percent. This decrease is due primarily to the completion of two major capital improvements in fiscal year 2007-08 - the reconstruction of Taft Road, which was paid for with grants and the Street, Drainage and Sidewalk Improvement Program millage, and the Town Square, funded primarily by the Downtown Development Authority.

### Cost containment

As far as cost containment, city staff members look at ways to reduce the cost to heat and cool city hall, evaluating costs involved with professional services, streamlining departmental functions and exploring other options in the delivery of servic-

By city charter, the proposed budget must be adopted by the second city council meeting in May. A public hearing on the proposed 2008-08 city budget will take place at 7:30 p.m. on May 19. The topic of the hearing will be the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the budget.

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### City of Northville capital improvements

The capital improvement program for fiscal year 2009 provides for \$2.8 million in improvements to the city. Funding for most of these improvements is from special revenue sources. Improvements will include:

· Milling and resurfacing E. Main Street from Hutton to Griswold at a cost of \$250,000. This project is expected to begin in spring 2009.

• Parking Lot #3 behind the Marquis Theater is proposed to be reconstructed to create one cohesive parking lot from several assembled lots at a cost of \$350,000.

· Sidewalk improvements at a cost of \$35,000 are scheduled at several locations throughout the city.

· Repair of eroding areas of the Randolph Drain will cost \$80,000. This project, mandated by the Oakland County Drain Commission, will begin in 2009 and be completed in 2010. An E. Main Street sewer project will cost \$183,370 and will

relocate a portion of sewer main that is more than 100 years old. in poor condition and difficult to access because of businesses above it. The new main will be easier to maintain and minimize the risk of sewer backups. This project will begin this spring and continue into

· The city will undertake a pilot project that will reduce water infiltration into the sewer system that causes peak flows to exceed the city's capacity. This project will take four years and cost \$170,000 a

. The police department will upgrade to the 800 MHz radio system at a cost of \$88,888 as part of a statewide program.

· The Department of Public Works will purchase a pickup truck with a plow at a cost of \$35,000 and a front-end loader at a cost of \$140,000, both purchases replacing failing equipment.

· Streetscape improvements along Main and Center streets will cost \$600,000 a year. This project is expected to begin in spring 2009 and continue into 2010. City council may be asked to authorize up to \$2 million in bonds to finance this project.

 A connector between Parking Lot #3 and Main Street is proposed for fiscal year 2009 at a cost of \$750,000. The DDA wants to acquire property to create this connection.

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# STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

Leaders review challenges, successes at State of Community luncheon

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Presenters at yesterday's State of the Community Luncheon at Meadowbrook Country Club offered a mixed bag that included successes the city of Northville and Northville Township have enjoyed over the last year, as well as a few challenges the communities must face in the future.

Speakers included Chris Johnson, mayor of the city of Northville; Mark Abbo, supervisor of Northville Township; and Leonard Rezmierski, Ph D., superintendent of Northville Public Schools.

The luncheon was sponsored by Residential Design Consulting. Inc., and the female a capella choral group the Treblemakers from Northville High School provided entertainment.

### A look at the city

Johnson's main emphasis was on the many improvements that the Downtown Development Authority staff has accomplished in the city. This includes the renovation of the Town Square on Main Street between Center and Hutton streets, which is mostly completed, with just a few portions of the \$1.8-million project left. Details remaining include installation of the trellis and the Tivoli lights as well as what type of tables and chairs are to be placed in the square.

The mayor also applauded the DDA staff for the new marketing plan it initiated for the city, which produced the initiative, "timeless...with a twist" last August. Johnson noted that at the April 7 council meeting, city leaders approved funding for the second year of the marketing plan.

He also highlighted some of the entertainment offerings that continue to bring people from across the region to downtown Northville, These include the summer Friday Night Concerts, the Victorian Festival, Fire & Ice Festival and various parades.

On the horizon in the city is the new CVS Pharmacy planned on the north side of Dunlap Street between Center and Hutton streets. The city also has tentative plans to redo Parking Lot #3. which is the parking area behind the Marquis Theater.

Johnson mentioned the outstanding response the DDA staff received on the authority's new Business Assistance Program. The city council also just approved the list of recipients who will receive funding from the DDA. Businesses will be reimbursed for money spent in a 50/50 matching grant for either technical assistance or improvements to buildings in the downtown area

### In the township

Abbo began his presentation with a short history of the institutional property in the township, outlining what the current institutions were, what they've become and what's expected in the future.

Although the supervisor couldn't say much since Judge Sean Cox has issued a gag order in the case, the bitter lawsuit has not yet been resolved between developer REIS, a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company. REIS sued the township late last year over the developer's proposed mixed-use project, Highwood, on the former state psychiatric hospital property on Seven Mile Road between Haggerty and Nonhville roads.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees approved a plan in February 2007, but REIS claims that plan is not viable. The developers are seeking more commercial space and residential units on the property. Since the lawsuit was initiated by REIS, the developer has taken steps to try to annex the 414 acres to the neighboring city of Livonia. This led to a public outcry by Northville residents, who formed a grass-roots organization, Citizens for Northville, to thwart the proposed annexation.

Abbo mentioned about the state of Michigan's recent decision to mothball the Robert Scott Correctional Facility at Five Mile and Beck roads. The women's prison is scheduled to close in May 2009, with inmates being transferred to a facility in Ypsilanti and staff being placed at various facilities throughout the

Abbo also discussed recent successes achieved in the township.

We're moving forward on the Linear Park project," he said, which involves 24 acres and will include an asphalt path that traverses Johnson Creek. The project. also known as the Coldwater Springs Project, is being made possible with a \$326,000 grant from the state.

"We've also had success in bringing businesses and research and development companies to the township, such as Meiden and IAV Automotive, and we're working on others," Abbo said. The two companies, situated on Centennial Drive and Technology Drive, respectively, in two industrial parks off of Five Mile Road, feature automotive-testing facili-

The supervisor mentioned the township's purchase of 153 acres of property north of Five Mile Road between Napier and Ridge roads. This land was formerly part of the Detroit House of Corrections.

He complimented the new commercial development at the northeast corner of Five Mile and Sheldon roads. A Huntington Bank branch and CVS Pharmacy have already opened, with a supermarket, restaurant and other retail establishments to come in the near future.

Another plus for the township is the recent opening of the newly-named Thayer's Corner Nature Area on the east side of Napier Road just north of Six Mile Road. This scenic area features the restored historic Thayer's Corner Barn - which just won Barn of the Year in the Nonprofit Use category from the Michigan Barn Preservation Network - walking trails, a pond and community garden.

At township hall, the supervisor lauded efforts of the clerk's office staff to bring a Wayne County Clerk's Office satellite facility to the building. This provides a new service for the entire community that will save residents time and money by not hav-ing to travel to more distant county clerk offices.

Abbo also pointed to important infrastructure improvements in the township, such as the completion of the booster station at Five Mile and Sheldon roads, and the soonto-be-completed water tower.

"This will add much-needed water pressure to the Northville Hills subdivision and the surrounding area," he said. As charges are based on peak usage, the water tower will also help control the cost of water purchased from the Detroit Water and

The township's financial standing is good, according to Abbo Our budget is balanced, and our finances are stable." he said

However, challenges lie ahead. Both the national and state economies are currently depressed, and reductions in state shared revenues will most likely continue. The decline in the housing market has also led to less property tax revenue for municipalities.

Abbo sees lawsuits in such areas as zoning and development and the threat of annexation as the greatest obstacles facing the town-

### On the education front

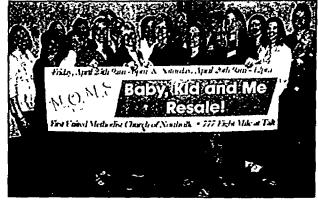
Leonard Rezmierski distributed a district facts packet for 2007-08 to members of the audience at the luncheon. The packet included information about the Early Childhood Center Program; the Northville High School academic year; student and staff awards presented in March; a flier about the Galileo Leadership Consortium teacher training program, the last issue of the Connections district newsletter; and details about the district Web site.

He noted that the Web site can direct citizens to the vision, mission and belief parameters adopted by members of the Board of Education, the recent MEAP Report for 2007-08, district goals for 2007-08, a list of educational partnerships, the Northville Public Schools Annual Report for 2006-07, and the Northville Public Schools Graduate Profile and Adult Roles established in 1994.

Rezmierski outlined the five points that make up the Graduate Profile and Adult Roles used to support the values and mission of the district. In other words, these are the what Northville educators hope district graduates become: analytical thinkers, effective communicators, quality contributors, continuous learners and worldclass citizens.

In the final part of his presentation, Rezmierski introduced junior Josh Buoy and senior Elizabeth Hawksford, who talked about the value they have found in being a student in Northville and where they're going. Both students have roles in "Cats" at the high school tonight through Saturday.

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M.O.M.S. hopes to break \$10k in sales this year.

## Northville M.O.M.S. hosts a real winner

### Annual "Baby, Kid and Me" charity resale April 25

For over 20 years, the M O.M S. (Moms Offering Moms Support) group of Northville has been providing friendship, information, networking and support twice each month to learn about and nutrition, first aid, travel, organization and finances. ings for a small fee. They also

These programs and speakers are entirely funded by their annual "Baby, Kid and Me Resale"

On Friday, April 25, from 9 a.m.-3 p m., and Saturday, April

for over 10 years now, with each year getting bigger and better. Alicia Boyce, the resale's coordinator says

'This year, we hope to break the \$10,000 mark in sales," said

Here are some reasons that the M.O.M.S. Resale is a win, win, win event for everyone:

and maternity items to the sale. This is a golden opportunity to clean out your closets and basements and a great excuse for some spring cleaning. Prevent

to mothers of young children. The vibrant international group meets such topics as children's behavior Childcare is provided at the meethave an extensive community outreach program.

26 from 9 a.m.-noon, the sale will take place at the First United Methodist Church at 777 8 Mile Rd. on the corner of 8 Mile and Taft roads. Admission is \$1. The resale has been going on

Alicia boyce, resale coordinator. "Everyone has been so generous."

The first way to benefit is to donate gently used baby, children

because nearly everything can be reused. Charitable contributions are a tax write-off, and donation forms are available at the church. Items are easy to drop off at the lower level of the Methodist Church, from now until the sale begins. Please drop off large items on Thursday, April 24.

Another way to enjoy the sale is to shop for bargains. Like most church rummage sales, this one is basically a giant indoor garage sale, with most items priced from \$1-\$5. You will find loads of baby, kid and maternity clothing. shoes, costumes, coats, baby equipment, furniture and accessories, toys, sporting and outdoor gear, bikes, lots of quality books, games and puzzles, strollers, car seats and lots more.

Finally, the entire community benefits, as 100 percent of the proceeds go right back to charity organizations, speakers and outreach programs. This year alone, the Northville M.O.M S. group has been able to provide Christmas and birthday gifts for over 100 children, as well as much needed paper and food supplies through Northville Civic Concern. They have purchased many items for the First Step Women's Abuse Shelter, and made mother's care packages for the U. of M. Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. They also support a free health care clinic in the city of Detroit and several other programs all made possible by this wonderful fundraiser; a winning event for everyone.

For more information about the MOM.S. Group or the Resale event, please contact the Northville Methodist Church at (248) 349-1144, or visit their Web site at www.fumenorthville.org"" under the large group ministries. Written by Patti McCreadie

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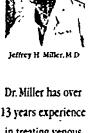
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## Community mourns loss of Johanna Cothery

By Wayne Peal STAFF WRITER

As a businesswoman — and later a chamber of commerce president - Johanna Cothery

was a pioneer But she was also a devoted wife, mother, friend and commu-

Cothery, a longtime Redford resident and former president of Southfield-based Reid Manufacturing, died April 3 at age 85. She was the first female president of the Southfield cham-

"I admired her greatly," said Southfield Councilman Donald Fracassi, a longtime friend. "She was so strong-willed, yet so caring. She cared a great deal for her family and for the city. She's one of those folks I consider a real legend of Southfield'

Though born in New York. Mrs. Cothery came to the Detroit area by way of Ireland after her mother died when she was young



Johanna Cothery

"She was born in the U.S. but spent a portion of her childhood in Ireland," recalled her son, Joel, current president of the family business. "At 7, she was put on a boat to return to the U.S

After the war, and with few family members left in New York, she relocated to Michigan on the advice of a Navy friend

who would become her sister-in-

"She met our father here, but she really came here because of my aunt," Joel Cothery recalled.

Her husband, Harry Cothery, founded the company, which continues today as Reid Glass on Telegraph road. It was founded and operated out of the basement of their Lennane Street home for several years.

Mrs. Cothery succeeded her husband as company president upon his death in 1976, becoming one of the first female business executives in the area.

"I'm not a gung ho women's libber but the days of 'only a housewife' are over," she said in a 1985 Eccentric interview following her election as chamber president. "More women are entering the career market and proving themselves."

In addition to her chamber duties, she was also active in city and seniors affairs.

"She was especially active in senior transportation issues." Fracassi said.

In a eulogy, her daughters talked of how their mother's life "was never easy" in losing her mother when she was young and then her husband to terminal cancer. She didn't want pity, though.

"Although she went on to become a very successful businesswoman, it was not what defined her," Cathy told those gathered after the funeral Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. "What did define our mother was her ability to love and be loved. The example she set by showing her courage for overcoming adversity, balancing her accomplishments in the business world while maintaining her top priority of being a mother was an inspiration to all."

"My sister and I say to each other all the time how one of the biggest gifts that she gave us was knowing the importance of friendship. She had so many friends and set such an amazine example to us as to how to treat others.

The Cothery children attended

Our Lady of Loretto, where the Cotherys were active parishioners. At the time of her death, Jo Cothery belonged to Our Lady of Victory parish in Northville.

Mrs. Cothery is survived by her five children: sons, Jeffrey (Terri) of Grand Rapids, Joel (Christine) of White Lake, Jerry (Deby) of Brighton; daughters, Cheryl (Paul) Bauman of Novi and Cathy (Terry) Gibney of

Northville; 15 grandchildren; brother-in-law Noel Cothery of Redford; and nephew John Collins, owner of Shaver and Time World in Redford.

Memorial tributes can be made to the Our Lady of Victory Heritage Fund or the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Marybeth Dillion Butler contributed to this report.

### **UBITUARIES**

### **RAYMOND E. TRAVIS**

Age 78, died April 12, 2008 at the University Hospital in Ann Arbor. Mr. Travis was born in Detroit, served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was the retired human resource officer for Mutual of Detroit Insurance Company in Plymouth. Visitation for Mr. Travis will be on Thursday from 5 to 9 pm. And Friday from 4 to 9 pm. At the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, 19091 Northville Road, Northville. Visitation will be 10 am. Saturday at Cass Community United Methodist Church, 3901 Cass Avenue (At Seldon) Detroit, Michigan 48201 until time of services at 11. Interment will be in Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Mr. Travis Is survived by his wife Louise R. Travis: Two children, Doug (Susan Lang) Travis and Lisa (Messon) Gbah: Two grandchildren, Vistoria and Grace: And long time friend and brother Bill Keller, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law Pfc Peter G Cody. In heu of flowers memorial contributions to the church would be appreciated.

### **DOLORES J. HOPKINS** (NEE BRYANT)

Age 79, of Salem, passed away Apr. 13, 2008. Visitation Thurs. 5-8pm, Casterline Funeral Home, 59255 10 Mile, South Lyon. Funeral Service Fri. 11am, Cornerstone Christian Church, 8110 Chubb Road, Salem.

### ROBERT J. BREITNER

Age 88, born Aug 21, 1920 died Feb. 20, 2008. Long time resident of Northville. Owner/operator Hi Speed Gas Station, Northville.

### **JOSEPHINE F. TOMASAK**

Age 83, of Northville, died Apr. 9, 2008. Loving mother of Joseph (Patti) & Mary Ann Faye. Loving sister of John Vidumsky, Grandmother of 4 & great grandmother of 4. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.



### JOSEPHINE M. RHODES

Age 86, of Northville, passed away peacefully on April 9, 2008. She was born on September 20, 1921 in Detroit, Michigan to Ercole and Jennie (Dibaldo) Campoli. She was united in marriage to James Rhodes in 1948. Josephine, a homemaker, had been a resident of Northyille for 13 years, she was formerly of Rochester. She loved her family and was especially proud of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Josephine was an avid gardener, and loved acceptable described to the constitution of the control loved pets, especially dogs. She is survived by her loving daughter Irene (David) Kaminski; her cherished grandchildren Jacqueline (Matthew) Lorincz and Susan (Nathaniel) Weid, and her adored great grandchildren Dylan, Tristan, and Paige. Her family would like to thank her dear friends and the staff at Star Manor, as well as the staff at In House Hospice. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and several brothers and sisters. A funeral service was held Saturday, April 12, 2008 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Father Denis Theroux from Our Lady of Catholic Church officiated the service. Mrs. Rhodes was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Her family would appreciate memorial contributions to In House Hospice, 24293 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 102, Southfield, MI 48033.

### WILLIAM E. BOYD ...

Age 74, of Hartland, died Apr. 9 2008. A time of gathering will be held Saturday, April 19 from 10-11am with a Memorial Service at 11am at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 59255 Ten Mile, South Lyon

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### In the Service

Army Sgt. Christopher S. Stowe has returned to the U.S. after being deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The servicemember is regularly assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 509th Infantry, Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Stowe is a parachute infantryman with three years of military service.

He is the son of Mark S. and Ute Z. Stowe of Grand Rapids. His wife, Mary, is the daugh-

ter of Robert E. Moore of Northville, and Mary

Podzikowski of Westland. The sergeant graduated in the year 2000 from Creston High

School, Grand Rapids. Army Pvt. Charles E. Hill has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson.

Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Tonda Hill of West Bloomfield and Charles Hill of Northville. Hill is a 2007 graduate of Harrison High School, Farmington Hills.



Courtesy photo of Arny Zubor

What's happening!

Patsy Johnson (left) celebrated her 50th birthday Saturday evening at a royal celebration of the Northville Queen's Club at Poole's Bak Bar. Pictured with Johnson is event coordinator Karen Poulos. In attendance were Patsy's daughter Tollie, girlfriends, sister, sisters-in-law, neices and fellow Mother's Club members.

### WEDDING



Krupansky-Smith

Ken and Sue Krupansky, formally of Northville, announce the marriage of their daughter. Katie. to Wesley Smith.

Katie is a 1997 graduate of Northville High school and a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University from the College of Education She received her master's in education from MSU in

Wesley graduated in 1996 from University of Detroit High. He graduated from MSU with a degree in communication in 2000 and received his master's from MSU in urban studies and telecommunication in 2004.

The couple are both teaching in Beijing, China, where they wed on March 21.

A July 19 ceremony is also planned at Katte's parent's home in Brighton

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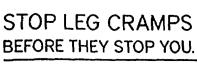
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## Newsmakers

Kathy O'Connor, current controller, has been named vice president and chief financial officer of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

O'Connor, of Fenton, served as interim CFO for eight months, and as the hospital's



K. O'Connor

controller Since joining St. Mary Mercy in 2002, she has served as director of Financial Analysis (2002-2005)

and director of Revenue Cycle (2005-2006), where she coordinated the revenue management portion of Project

O'Connor will serve as the key financial executive and advisor, provide leadership and direction to the hospital, strategy development, cost controls and operating and capital budget development. Before coming to St. Mary Mercy Hospital, O'Connor held financial management positions at Henry Ford Health System and Horizon

Health System. O'Connor holds a master's of business administration from Wayne State University and a bachelor of general studies from the University of Michigan. She is a Fellow in the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is a member of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and Trinity Health.

Jennifer Kennedy, BA, MBA, has been promoted to director of Marketing and Public Relations at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. Kennedy, of Novi, has been on staff since 2002, serv-



J. Kennedy

2005. Kennedy received her MBA from

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ager since

University of Detroit Mercy, and Bachelor of

Arts from Albion College. She is also a member of the Society for Healthcare Strategy and.. Market Development, Public Relations Society of America, Trinity Health Communicators and is active in many local organizations.

Jennifer has contributed greatly to the hospital branding. marketing, media and communi-cations areas," said Julie Sproul, vice president, Marketing and Public Relations, St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Northville actress in company Northville resident Allisson Sorrano is starring in the Spotlight Players presentation of Stephen Sondheim's musical, "Company."

Sorrano has been seen around the community theatre

circuit for



the past 17 years. She holds a BFA in directing from the University of Michigan and is cur-A. Sorrano rently an active member of the St.

Joseph's A Capella in Detroit.
"Company" is a sophisticated contedy focusing on the very single Robert, a charming New Yorker who thinks he has everything - friends, family life, and all the girls he could want. But as we view snippets of his life and interactions with various married friends, we see that he realizes he's missing something. It may just be that committing to someone is what makes life

worth living. "Company" will be performed at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill (50400 Cherry Hill Road) in Canton Township at 8 p m. on Findays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays on April 25-27; May 2-4 and 9-10.

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# Livonia attorney joins race for 11th Congressional District seat

By Hugh Gallagher

Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin helped the Livonia Knights Mites Hockey team find a way to win as an assistant coach.

"Last season we won the league championship and the Silver Stick regional," he said. "It was a great season, a lot of fun." Larkin, a Democrat, is confi-



dent he can continue those winning ways in his bid to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, in the 11th Congressional

District.

"I've been an attorney for 20 years now. I've learned what it means to represent people and I don't believe that Mr. McCotter is representing the people of the 11th District at this time. He is not hearing what their issues are," Larkin said.

Larkin is expected to face former Novi city manager Ed Kreiwall in the Democratic August primary. Tom Spencer, a Methodist lay minister and Air Force veteran, has withdrawn from the race and offered his support to Larkin.

'He's got connections, name and I didn't have either. I didn't have much of a chance." Spencer said Tuesday.

He called Larkin a "progres-

sive" and a "people person."

Larkin is the nephew of Carol Larkin, chair of the 11th District Democrats, and Jim Larkin, a Garden City school board member. He said his aunt and uncle were unaware that he was enter-

ing the race. Ted McAyov of Highland has announced as an independent candidate.

### War stand an issue

Like Kreiwall and Spencer, Larkin is critical of McCotter's support for the war in Iraq.

We have lost too many American fighting men and women there, now over 4,000 and that doesn't include the multitude of men and women coming back with physical and mental injuries. Larkin said. "He is not looking at the fact that we are spending approximately \$100 billion a year in that war and his desire is to remain there indefinitely."

Larkin said he supports a "practical and prudent" removal of U.S. troops.

"Bottom line, I would rely upon military advice that as a lay person I am not privy to, military not political, Bush and McCotter make decisions based on politics," he said.

Larkin said the government has not been treating veterans with the respect and support they deserve.
"We should spare no expense

when our veterans come home from war," he said.

On the domestic side, Larkin said the Bush administration has been too focused on bailing out

John and Jackie Sheriff of

Chelsea announce the engage-

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**Sheriff-Buttery** 

banks and investment institutions rather that helping people facing foreclosure.

"What can be done to help those people?" he said. "Every person who goes into foreclosure results in your house and my house declining in value. That's what I'm looking at."

Larkin said he supports laws that would penalize lenders who do not follow good business practices.

Those people who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own should be given every opportunity to stay in their home. If they are not given those opportunities, foreclosures affect every one of us," he said.

Larkin said trade agreements can be a good thing for consumers, but that the North American Free Trade Agreement and others have hurt the economy and sent jobs overseas to countries that do not have the same worker and environmental protections that the U.S. has.

'If we invite products in from countries that do not provide the same protections, we are not playing on an even playing field. That's what I want with any trade agreement," he said. "The American economy has the best. the smartest, the most productive workers in the world, but when they are not allowed to compete on an even playing field, they are at a disadvantage.

Larkin said existing immigration laws need to be more vigorously enforced

"My family came from immigrants, I have nothing against

immigrants, but I am for legal immigration," he said "That's the only way it should occur."

On the energy issue, Larkin is a strong supporter of hydrogen cell technology as one way to reduce dependence on foreign oil but not the only way.

"My desire is to rely upon scientists to tell us what are the best avenues to go, so it is not just the hydrogen fuel cell," he said. "I'm for biomass, I'm for solar, I'm for wind, I'm for hydro. I want to spend American investment in any of those areas.'

He said more immediately using E85 cthanol would be a good way to cut down on oil importation.

### **Pro-life concers**

Tom Spencer said the only issue on which he parts company with Larkin is abortion. Larkin is anti-abortion. He said he doesn't see the abortion issue as a factor as it is the Senate that confirms Supreme Court appointments. But he said he thinks McCotter's pro-life position is inconsistent.

"It seems the only area he's concerned about pro-life is when you're in the womb and not when you come out of the womb," he said. "For example, he voted against extension of health care benefits for poor children. That is an area where I absolutely would have voted yes.

Larkin is collecting petition signatures before the May 13 filing deadline. He said he would be willing to debate Kreiwall in the primary campaign and

### Larkin file

Residence: Livonia Marital status: Divorced, no children.

Education: bachelor's degree in political science, University of Michigan; juris doctorate, University of Michigan.

Profession: attorney, 19 years, Larkin Legal Services, Livonia.

Member: Michigan Association for Justice, Catholic Lawyers Society of Michigan, Livonia Bar Association, Knights of Columbus.

Volunteer: Groups feeding homeless and elderly at St. Patrick Senior Center, St. Aloysius, St. Dominic, St. Maurice, St. Edith, Focus:HOPE.

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McCotter in the general election campaign

Observer & Eccentric staff writer Hugh Gallagher can be reached at hgallagher@hometownlife.com or (734) 953-2149.

### **ENGAGEMENTS**



### Kozak-Hull

Stephen and Jean Kozak of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Allison Hull, son of Doug and Kathy Hull of Plymouth

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Northville High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. She is a graduate student at the University of Michigan studying engineering management and employed as an engineer by the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn

The groom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Salem High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in history. He is employed as a manager at Impressive Basement Systems.

A December 2008 wedding is planned.



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### Karr-Marshall

Emily Rose Karr, daughter of Colleen Karr and the late Gregory Karr, is engaged to Jonathon Marshall, son of the Rev. Robert and Laurel Marshall of Brighton.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Northville High School and will graduate this spring from Adrian College.

The groom-elect is a 2005 graduate of Adrian College and will receive master's degree from Eastern Michigan University this spring.

A May 18 wedding is planned.



### NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

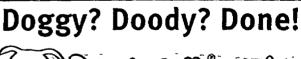
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## Big bucks help better Northville's businesses

### Funds come from DDA

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Scott and Sharon Smith have a vision for their new business in downtown Northville.

And now the owners of Uniquely Yours flower shop at the southeast corner of Dunlap and Center streets are getting some extra help from the city.

The Smiths, who recently purchased the shop at 156 N. Center St. formerly Sparr's of Northville, won approval at the April 7 city council meeting for a \$13,675 grant from the Downtown Development Authority — the largest amount awarded by the DDA. The money will be used for facade improvements to the building.

The award, which is a 50/50 matching grant, is one of two grant opportunities through the DDA's new Business Assistance Program One provides technical assistance, not to exceed \$500. for businesses interested in developing a marketing plan, using new window display techniques or making architectural changes to their building. This grant is designed to help a business owner identify professional

Physical Improvement Grants offer a matching grant of \$5,000 for front and side facades and \$2,500 for rear facades. Largescale projects require a licensed architect and contractor to refine conceptual designs and to implement city-approved plans

The DDA Board had a special meeting March 4 to review applications, which had to be submitted by Feb. 15

"We're real happy about receiving the grant," Scott Smith said, "They really did a wonderful putting together the program.

We happened to get a letter from the DDA at the same that we were putting together the 'architectural design for the building," he said

### Purchased building in 2007

The Scotts: who live in Novi.

purchased the building Nov. 15, 2007. Sharon will also move her wedding and event planning business into the greenhouse area of the business

The award from the DDA will go for four things — reglazing the greenhouse ceiling, repainting the entire building, replacing all of the awnings and removing the turret located on the corner of the front of the building.

The total cost of the exterior improvements to the Uniquely Yours business is \$30,200, but overall, the Smiths plan to spend about project \$42,000 on both exterior and interior improvements to their new business.

Scott runs a financial planning firm in Ann Arbor Sharon's business used to be in the building across the street

"It seemed to make sense to expand her business to offer flowers for weddings," Scott said. He said since they moved into the building, they have booked more than 20 weddings

"It's really worked out very well," he said "Everyone in Northville has been very patient during the transition

"We hope to have everything completed by May 10," as the business will host a breakfast on May 11 prior to the Northville Central Business District Association's Shopping Scramble.

"The timing was wonderful, and everyone at the city has been great to work with," he said "We've spent a lot of time renovating the inside. We'll start reglazing the greenhouse ceiling in the next week or so

In the competitive grant program, the DDA will match expenditures up to one half of the project expenditure or the limit of the program Grant funds are made available through Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars collected through the DDA

The grants cannot be used for merchandise, inventory or interior signs or fixtures.

All improvements must be initiated within six months and completed in one year of receiving a Notice to Proceed with the project Awards for funding cannot exceed \$7,500 over any fiveyear period. One applicant, Jay



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Scott and Sharon Smith stand in the new meeting room at their business Uniquely Yours, a florist and wedding and event-planning business located at Center and Dunlap streets. The pair applied for and received the highest business improvement grant through the Downtown Development Authority's new Business Assistance Program. They're spending a total of more than \$40,000 to renovate the former Sparr's Floral shop and adding the meeting room is part of that work.

Tower, owner of the building at 107 N. Center St., which houses Epiphany Kitchens, was denied funding because the application did not have the signatures required. He wants to make some improvements to landscaping at the back of the building. The grant award program will be offered again later this spring, however, so he will be able to reapply for a grant.

### **Technical Assistance Grants**

Those awarded \$500 for a Technical Assistance Grant included Jack Kelly of Imagine Landscape & Design Group at 422 E. Main St. for marketing: Mary Starring of Starring "The Gallery" at 118 W. Main St. for marketing; and Janice Johns of Christina's Home Sweet Home at 410 E. Main St. for design.

The DDA budgeted \$50,000 for the Business Assistance Grants and \$5,000 for the Technical Assistance Grants. Since only three Technical Assistance Grants were awarded, totaling \$1.500, this leaves a balance of \$3,500. Physical Assistant Grant awards totaled \$41,412.50, leaving a balance of \$3.587. The remaining amount of grant funding, \$5,087, will be rolled over into the DDA's 2008-09 budget to be awarded in future grant cycles.

The goal of the Business Assistance Program is to achieve quality design and encourage economic investment within downtown Northville. Five people, who represented three of the DDA's standing committees. were appointed to an Advisory

Committee that reviewed all of the applications for the Business Assistance Grants. They included Joe Boelter, Michael Jordan, Joetta George, Lynda Heaton and Alan Somershoe.

Two grant workshops were offered in January to provide interested applicants information on the grant program, with about 25 people attending. A total of 16 applications were received.

"By providing incentives to spur revitalization and reinvestment in structures within the DDA district, a more attractive and vibrant downtown will be created," said Lori Ward, DDA executive director, "In addition, the improvements will complement the many ongoing economic development efforts currently under way."

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### **Physical Improvement Grants**

■ \$13,675 to applicants Scott and Sharon Smith, owners of the building at 156 N. Center, who plan major exterior improvements to the new Uniquely Yours flower and wedding-and-event-planning business. Total estimated cost of this project is \$30,200.

■ \$1,050 to applicant Kimberly Behmer for the Hendrikson Hoppens Insurance Company at 103 N. Center and Script and the City custom invitations and gift shop at 105 N. Center St. to replace the front door and powerwash and paint a portion of the building. Total estimated cost of this project is \$2,100.

■ \$5,000 to applicant John Casey for Poole's Tavern at 157 E. Main St. to place a retractable owning over the outdoor dining area. Total estimated cost of this project

■ \$2,005 to applicant David Cole for Great Harvest Bread Company at 139 E. Main St. for new front and

rear doors. Total estimated cost of this project is \$4,010.

■ \$2,600 to applicant Dennis Engerer, owner of the building at 215 E. Main St., to make improvements to the structure that houses Northville Physical Rehabilitation and other offices. Total estimated cost of this project is \$5,200.

■ \$1,000 to applicant John Genitti, owner of the building at 132 E. Main St., to add awnings over the residential windows over Rock on Main clothing store. Total estimated cost of this project is \$2,000.

■ \$1,750 to applicant Janice Johns, owner of the building at 410 E. Main St., to make some improvements to the house occupied by Christina's Home Sweet Home to make it look more commercial. Total estimated cost of this project is \$15,000.

■ \$125 to applicants John and Michele Kelly, attorneys, to powerwash the home that houses their office at 422 E Main St. Total estimated cost of this project is

■ \$2,250 to applicant Chuck Lapham, owner of the building at 120 and 124 E. Main St., for facade improvements to the businesses Goody Two Shoes and New to You. Total estimated cost of this project is \$4,500.

■ \$1,247 to applicant Beverlee Lindeen, owner of the building at 124 N. Center St. for window repair and new awnings to the building that houses Northville Candle & Gifts. Total estimated cost of this project is \$2,495.

■ \$4,460 to applicant John Lineman, owner of the building at 106 E. Main St., for repairs to the mansard roof and turret on the historic Masonic Temple building at the corner of Main and Center streets. Total estimated cost of this project is \$8,920.

\$6,250 to applicant Don Moore, owner of the building at 121 N. Center St., for exterior improvements to the D & D Bicycle Shop. Total estimated cost of this project is \$22,000.

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### DOES BRUSHING Strengthen Gums?

Dentists usually caution overzealous patients adainst using a toothbrush with firm bristles and brushing their teeth with too much force. White the mechanical motion of brushing teeth unquestionably removes bacterialaden material that may cause tooth decay, brushing too hard may damage enamet and gums.

Although this coution is well worth noting, new research reveals that a certain degree of brush stimulation may actually strengthen gums Specifically, researchers found that toothlorush bristles momentarily rupture the epithelial cells that line the gums. However instead of causing lasting damage, this mechanical stress may induce the gums to respond by getting stronger. In a sense, the gums may respond to stress much in the same way that muscles do when they are exercised

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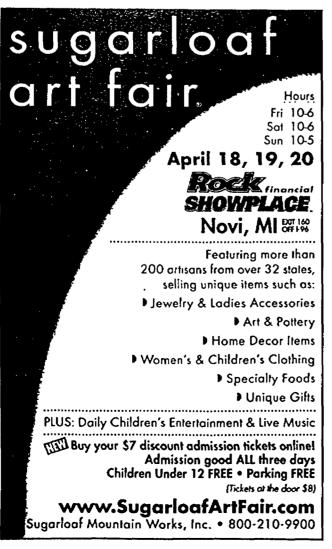
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# Ward Church's Dilley honored for getting 'in the spirit'

### ■ Red Spirit Award given to director of Senior High **Ministries**

By Aleea Hibbeln SPECIAL WRITER

When Jared Dilley does outdoor cleaning, he doesn't stop at the end of his yard.

The 27-year-old Livonia resident and director of Senior High



J. Dilley

Presbyterian Evangelical Church in Northville cleans up parks and senior citizen properties along a stretch

Ministries at

Ward

between the Lodge and 1-75 in Detroit. Dilley and his students have been cleaning up that same area in Detroit. three or four times a year, since

2003 when he joined Ward. Tasks include anything from rebuilding porches to working on a slew of repairs for senior homeowners. The crew also cleans up parks, clears out vacant land for new parks and, on a recent trip, they rehabled an old building that Central Detroit Christian uses to teach job skills to residents. Ward Presbyterian partners with Central Detroit Christian an organization that provides housing, parks, and tutoring services to underresourced communities.

Every spring, Ward Presbyterian hosts a church-wide service day. On May 3, Dilley will be taking 100 of his high school ministry students down to Detroit again to help out the struggling community. Judging from the turnout from last year, Dilley expects they will be joined by 400 other student volunteers from churches in the community.

Dilley's volunteer work doesn't end there. Every Tuesday during the school year, 10 stu-dents from his high school ministry go down to the CDC building, located on Second Avenue in central Detroit, to tutor area youths.

Recently, Ward Presbyterian and its student ministries received the American Red Cross Hero Awards Red Spirit Award, chosen for a faith-based group that demonstrates great commitment to the community.

"We received the award for the neighborhood beautification work we do in Detroit," said Dilley. "I'm really impressed with the number of people who are able to get involved in our projects.

Dilley said that Ward Presbyterian is now getting involved in Northville Civic Concern. As a result, the high school student ministries are signing up for duties. Two months ago Dilley took his students to the charity's store in Northville to organize the pantry.

"We're just getting started, and there are many more things to do for them in the months to come," Dilley said.

Northville Civic Concern is a volunteer organization that pro-vides food for those in need. The organization services approxi-



Courtesy photo

Jared Dilley (above, hat) director of Senior High Ministries at Ward Presbyterian Evangelical Church, and his students cleaning up Pingree Street in Detroit.

mately 100 families in the city and township of Northville.

Interim Senior Pastor Joel Eidsness is impressed with the work Dilley has done with the student ministry.

"Jared is an outstanding young man with significant leadership gifts," said Eidsness, "He has a passion not only for the youth and the ministry he oversees here at Ward, but a passion for the whole church and the community of which we are a part."

Dilley teaches Christian values to high school students Sunday mornings during services and again at 6.30 Sunday evenings Ministry Teams meet with Dilley on at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.



### Man puts headlock on Folk Singer after using Thera-Gesic\*

BEXAR COUNTY- Tom W. applied Thera-Gesic\* to his sore back and shortly afterwards headlocked a local folk singer in front of the drugstore for seven minutes. When asked about the conflict. Tom painlessly replied, "None of your dang business!" Stay tuned ge for another Thera-Gesic\* moment!





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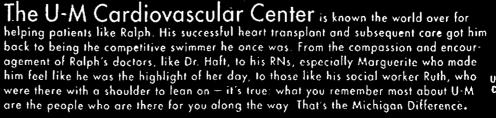
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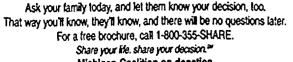
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### Homeschooling notification is not an undue burden

Parents have every right to homeschool their children, and Lansing needs to be very careful whenever it considers legislation that might inhibit

That said, we don't feel that it's an undue burden on homeschooling parents to be required to notify their home school district that they're educat-

Three Democratic state lawmakers from the mid-Michigan area are sponsoring a bill that would require all homeschooled students to submit their names and ages to their respective school districts each fall. It would also mandate that the address and name of the parent or legal guardian of the home be submitted to the school district.

Not surprisingly, the homeschooling community is opposing the bill. They see it as unnecessary and worry that it could lead to further controls on homeschooling.

State Rep. Chris Ward, R-Genoa Township, said this bill might lead to more such legislation "I don't think that bill is necessary, and it could be a slippery slope to denying homeschoolers their rights." Ward said.

We share those concerns, and that's why we feel this bill needs to be carefully crafted so that it protects the rights of homeschoolers. Many homeschooling parents choose this route because they want total control of their children's education, and that's their prerogative.

Parents have the right to choose the way in which their children are educated - public school, private school or homeschool. We agree that the government shouldn't be interfering with that choice.

But we don't feel it's out of line for the home school district to have a handle on how many potential school-age children live in the area. In fact, if and when this legislation is approved, we hope that it includes students in private schools as well as homeschooled students. It's a simple notification process, and we don't view it as any sort of a burden

The legislation does not require that you obtain the district's approval to homeschool your children. It only requires notification

"I think it's reasonable that we know where and if our children are being educated, whether it's in a public school, private school or at home," said sponsoring Rep. Joan Bauer, D-Lansing. The information could be valuable to districts in planning

Homeschoolers are strongly opposed to the legislation, though, and many of them have already attended a rally in Lansing to voice their opposition

Their concerns shouldn't be dismissed out of hand, and we hope that any legislation preserves their rights

### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



NCC delivery

Rachel Skelton, Maria Gutowski, Catherine LoSchiavo and Emma Yakima deliver donated boxes of Girl Scout cookies to Northville Civic Concern director Marlene Kunz. The girls, sixth-graders at Meads Mill Middle School in Northville and members of Cadette Troop 438, participated in Gift of Caring. This pilot program offered area residents the opportunity to purchase Girl Scout cookies at cookie booths for donation to Northville Civic Concern or Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor. As a result of Gift of Caring, 240 boxes of Girl Scout cookies were donated to these local organizations.

## "Right is right and wrong is wrong" - a Worthy goal

Mrs. Eddie Mae Jones would repeat often. "Right is right and wrong is wrong." When the Wayne County Prosecutor decided to charge Mayor Kılpatrick and Ms. Beatty, Eddie Mae's words came to mind

It is now time for our system of justice to work to decide who is right. All should remember. under our system of justice the Mayor and Ms. Beatty have a right to a presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

Mrs Jones. Eddie Mae to me and those who loved her, was a thoughtful, jovial woman who was raised in Birmingham, Alabama, and had a front row seat to all the racism and bigotry the South had to offer in the 40's and 50's She later lived and died in Detroit

Eddie Mae would have my family and me to her stately

home on the west side of Detroit for her mouth-watering beef brisket on Sundays after church. I was in awe of her stunning home and friends that were more upper middle class than anything I had been exposed to growing up in Washington, DC., in the 60's. Her home was often filled with the business, legal, judicial and political elite of the City of Detroit All bright, thoughtful, capable people sitting around her dinner table discussing the issues of the day.

As Mayor Kilpatrick's troubles have spilled out for all to see, these conversations came back into my consciousness.

A regular dinner guest at Eddie Mae's home was Colonel Cliff Worthy, a career military man and the father of Wayne County Prosecutor, and former Judge, Kym Worthy Colonel

Worthy was an imposing figure whose words and sense of integrity and decency were as straight as his military posture. There was never a time that I did not feel I learned and grew as a human being when I was in Colonel Worthy's presence. I do not recall if I every met the future Prosecutor Kym Worthy at Eddie Mae's home. I did tell her a few years back that I knew she would serve the citizens of Wayne County well, with integrity and fairness, because she was her father's daughter.

### She is worthy and her father's daughter

Fast forward a few years 1 have heard many friends and co-workers speculate about what Prosecutor Worthy

would do regarding the textmessage scandal swirling around the Mayor. Many commented, "The whole city is corrupt;" and "it will be politics as usual;" and a few thought she would, "nail him to the cross." My comment was always: "I knew her dad, she will follow the law and do what she believes is right -- period." I would quote my friend, Eddie Mae, "Right is right and wrong is wrong. If she does not file charges against the Mayor and/or Ms. Beatty it will be because that is where the law takes her -- not because of political, media or pressure from any other sources."

I would hold that same belief if Prosecutor Worthy decided to file no charges. I believed her when she said when beginning her investigation, "Only the

### **About Tom Watkins**

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facts and evidence would guide

The Prosecutor has made her decision. It is now up to others to judge if she made the right one. Now, it is up to Ms. Worthy's team, as the

peoples' lawyers, to convince 12 jurors beyond a reasonable doubt that they are guilty as

I strongly believe in the hon-

esty and professionalism of Prosecutor Worthy. I equally believe in the presumption of innocence.

Right is right and wrong is wrong," my good friend, Eddie Mae Jones, would remind us all. Her words of wisdom are as relevant today - perhaps more so - as they were then.

May truth, "right" and justice prevail.

## Group's recall tactics are shameful

Think Michigan legislative politics are all sweetness and light these days, following last year's partisan bruising budget wars?

If so, you might want to take a look at what's going on in the 17th State Representative District It consists of a corndor of land that is mostly shaped like the northern part of Idaho. and includes Redford Township. part of southeastern Livonia and northern Dearborn Heights That's the turf that the current Speaker of the House, Andy Dillon, calls home. But it also the site of an increasingly ugly campaign to recall the 46-yearold Democrat from his seat.

Words like "thug," "har," and "criminal" are flying around freely, and wads of money are being spent. The recall, one of several mounted by the Michigan Taxpayers Alliance, is supposedly in response to Dillon's vote last fall to increase the state income tax to overcome a billion-dollar-plus deficit in the state's budget

Initially, six representatives and four senators, including both Republicans and Democrats, were targeted for

But it now looks as though Dillon's is the main focus of the recall movement. That, in turn, raises the prospect that the right of recall is being manipulated

for purely partisan purposes. The Michigan Constitution says that valid signatures of 25 percent of registered voters who voted in the last election for governor are enough to force recall of a sitting lawmaker.

In the case of the 17th district, that comes to around 8,720 signatures, due by May 1. Recall advocates are led by former State Rep Leon Drolet, now a Macomb County commissioner. and Rose Bogaert, of Dearborn Heights She is chairwoman of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association and Taxpayers to Recall Andy Dillon

Bogaert says her group wants to collect at least 10,000 signatures, to make sure they have a cushion; some names are always certain to be invalid or duplicates According to three sources (who asked for anonymity for fear of harassment), the pro-recall people started out paying \$2 for every signature. That went to \$4 each, then \$6. Now the going rate appears to be \$10 per name

That's a lot of dough! If they're aiming for 10,000 signatures, that's going to cost a cool \$100,000, not counting other expenses like postage (fliers have been mailed to all houses in the district) newspaper ads. office and legal expenses That's big money.

All things considered, I

wouldn't be surprised if total campaign costs come to more than \$250,000.

So where's all this money coming from? Democrats and Dillon supporters talk darkly about far right-wing, out-of-state moneybags. Lending credence to this suspicion is the fact that the national anti-tax guru. Washington-based Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform, is a member of Drolet's board

Two long-term Lansing lohbyists, who wouldn't go on the record, told me big GOP money is behind the effort, "because it will be a big feather in their hat if they knock off the Democratic Speaker of the House." They also mention House Minority Leader, Republican Rep. Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, although he

denies being involved When I asked Bogaert directly about the money, she wouldn't tell me. "Companies, individuals," she said, "you can't increase business taxes by 22 percent and expect them to be happy about it."

But why won't she tell me who's paying? "It would give our opponents a leg up on us." Drolet says his campaign has

more than 300 donors, almost

all of them from Michigan. With the fog machines turned on full blast, I expect we'll never know for sure where the

real money is coming from.

ing voters if they "want to

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or even "cut gas prices." One

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One man named Hugh H.

Jordan III wrote a letter to the

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"One of the petition signature

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'Sign this petition to lower your

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the petition was actually intend-

But even though there may be

ed to recall Speaker of the

House Andy Dillon, and I

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### **About Phil Power**

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

behind, Dillon is fighting back I'm also told that petition cir-He's dispatched people to shadculators are being devious, askow petition circulators and to urge people not to sign. "I feel bad for the folks in my district," Dillon told me, "If petitions were being gathered based on what I truly did, that would be the petitions supported stem cell fine. But they're not. "And there's an election this

November: if people don't like what I've done in office, they can chuck me out then and there." Without spending a pile on special elections, either.

(What he didn't add is that even if he wins, he'll be gone forever two years after that, thanks to the curse of term lim-

Term limits are bad enough, but I've always thought that threatening to recall elected lawmakers because they cast a certain vote is awfully close to blackmail. Recalls, if they succeed, solve nothing; special elections cost thousands of dollars and newly elected legislators who come in as part of a recall have no idea what they're up to before they face a regular election in November.

And it seems perverse that local voters, who made their preferences known last November, could be stampeded by a bunch of noisy activists into reversing course just 17 months later.

Recalls — perhaps especially the one now underway against Dillon - only fuel the kind of hyper-partisan warfare we all have come to hate. Elections fueled by shadowy, dogmatic interest groups with fat pocketbooks are hardly what Michigan

Whether you agree with the way he votes or not, Speaker Dillon has been an able legislator. He fully deserves to remain in office at least until his term expires in January. And neither he, nor we, should have to put up with any of these silly and obvious recall games.

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## OPINION

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### Time for farm investigation

After reading the article about the new Maybury Farm manager quitting, I think it's about time we had a complete investigation into what has been and what is going regarding the farm. It's one of the area's crown jewels, and it seems there is some high level of miscommunication, secrecy and perhaps incompetence involved in its management.

It appears that the group charged with its operation doesn't want the citizens to know what is going on. I repeat, isn't it about time that the owners of the farm that's us, the citizens - find out what is going on with our property?

Jerry Munro

### Maybury Farm fiasco

As a grandparent who has taken my grandchildren to Maybury Farm on many occasions and as a board member of numerous notfor-profit organizations, I'm writing to call for the resignation of the Farm's Board of Directors.

They have failed in their fiduciary duty to the Farm's beneficiaries and have violated the trust incumbent upon holders of a 501(c)(3) tax exempt designation.

Why such a bold declaration? After months of controversy, the Board of Directors has yet to produce financial audits completed by an outside, independent firm.

Audits, made available to the public, should specify that no part of its assets benefit any of the persons who are members, directors or officers, and, furthermore, reveal that any income left after operating expenses are paid must

be spent on its charitable purpose. Friends, including the DNR and Voices of the Farm, should follow the money and ask: "Where are the audits?

Audits will go a long way in resolving the staffing issues.

The Rev. William G. Moldwin Forester Township

### Reflections on Maybury Farm

On a visit to Maybury Farm on April 1, I noticed that virtually all historic, living-farm elements had been stripped from the farm. Laura Roberts had been knocking herself out preparing for the first day of visitors; that was clear She is to be credited for her diligence and enthusiasm. What was missing, however, was Farmer John Beemer, his wife, and the evidence of their 30-year stewardship. The couple was the last in an unbroken chain of farmers going back generations. That will be nearly impossible to replace.

Phil Lowery's resignation is a crisis for Maybury Farm, because the season is under way, and Laura cannot possibly handle the farm by herself, particularly using historic methods.

I certainly hope they can find someone as qualified and hard working as Farmer Beemer to fill the gap I wish the NCF luck in filling this vacancy promptly. If they cannot do it otherwise. I recommend going back to the Beemers with the NCF under new leadership and on bended knee.
I have seen the claims the NCF

is making against the Beemers in their unemployment struggle, and, in my humble opinion, they are without merit. Perhaps the Beemers did not fit the modern business model. In fact, what I see here is essentially a clash between value systems. The Beemers exemplified the neighborly, oldworld civility of a man's word is his bond and all that. They took the job with the NCF without a contract, for example. On the other hand, there is the all's fair in the love-and-war, calculating, dog-eat-dog modern modus operends of the NCF. It is no less than a clash of eras.

Like an incoming tide crashing into an outgoing tide, there is an undertow, and losses. I don't want to see our Maybury Farm listed as a loss on a balance sheet. What do we want for our community which ethics?

If the NCF is not prepared to run the farm the way this community wants, we are.

Susan Greenlee President, Voices for Maybury Farm

### No surprises from Maybury article

The NCF was true to form in the way it treated the former farm manager, Phil Lowery.

The (1) lack of response to reasonable requests for running the farm, (2) saying that there was no money in the budget for some much needed equipment. (3) never showing him a budget for the farm, (4) admonishing him not to read the local papers or go on the Internet to read about what happened at the farm were some of the factors that made him resign.

Tactics of evasiveness and negative treatment of those not in agreement with the NCF are what have made many wary of dealing with the NCF's ability to run the farm and a community foundation.

A very glowing article about the farm readying for spring was published in the Journal Newspaper on March 9, 2008 yet, less than two weeks later, Phil Lowery resigned on a very sour note.

It would be surprising if Mr. Lowery ever receives the money NCF owes him for his last week's pay.

> Jean Bemish Northwile

### Art House disappoints

The privately-owned Northville art galleries provided another successful Art Walk for the month of April. The owners continued to be gracious hosts, exhibited an array of art work, and were available to answer any questions. These characteristics make the monthly event always well attended.

Only one gallery, the Art House, supported by the city, did not rank with the local proprietors. Upon entering the Art House, there was no one to greet people, the environment was in a disarray, and very few student exhibitors were standing by their works. I did find an Art House staff person in the gift shop who was doing personal business on the computer and he never looked up to see that myself and few others were present. Though I feel it was wonderful that the Art House chose to exhibit student works, the environment was more of a student hangout, and no one of the Art House was hosting the event in their facility.

Northville has some wonderful galleries in the community which has made Northville a destination for art appreciation. If the Art House wants to be considered part of this league, they need to function as a business with a professional presence in the community. This facility and their staff continues to be a disappointment.

> Barbara Mansfield Northville

### Lomske' responds

The opinion letter written April10 questions the data used to determine the value of the former hospital property.

As the letter indicates, the developer/owner has proposed to donate 129.5 acres of the 414acre site to the community for woodlands, ponds, river access, park, hiking paths, school site and access to the unused township park parcel that currently exists on 7 Mile Road. As the commentary asserts, the donated property, in their estimation, is

worth \$22 2 million. This is a wonderful piece of property, blessed with old growth forests, creeks and rivers, and should be preserved as much as possible, and the donated property helps to achieve this. I did not fully elaborate on this point in my guest column, and it is good someone else acknowledges this gift to the community.

The developer of the hospital property can only generate a profit on property he can build on, and this is the determining factor as to the value of the parcel. The proposed donated open space and school property must be partially graded, surveyed, cleared, access roads built, and utilities provided to it, without

any financial benefit to the developer, only expense.

My estimation of the value of the property was based on 52.2 acres of proposed commercial development. The township has approved only 35 acres of commercial development. This reduces the commercial property estimate by 17.2 acres or about \$ 2 million, thus reducing the total value of the parcel to \$37.9 million. This will also reduce the amount of non-homestead property tax revenue that could have gone to our local schools.

In the booklet titled "7 Mile Road- State Hospital Site Redevelopment, Subarea Plan and Design Guidelines," prepared by Northville Township in 2005, the township makes a request for a 20-acre school site and donated open space to be used for township use, recreation, cultural facilities and/or a water tower. The booklet states, The 7 Mile PUD District provides an option that usable land

be dedicated to the township and school district in exchange for the flexibility offered through the PUD process". It appears the purchaser of the parcel decided to pursue the "option" of donating the 129.5 acres, or 31 percent of the parcel,

in exchange for flexibility in the overall design, and density of their plan, and thus it was reflected in their bid for the property. Had the purchaser not taken the "option" to donate the open space or school site, and decided to build on it, then yes, the 129.5 acres should be figured into the

We must ask ourselves, why

total value of the property.

would any prudent business pay an additional \$22.2 million for land that they are not going to profit from, and are going to donate, as the April 10 opinion letter suggests? It comes down to: Do we accept the 129.5 open space, and school site donation, valued in one letter to the editor at \$22.2 million or the \$15 million cleanup? I do not see how we can expect the developer to do both in the current economic climate and still have a competitive, profitable, and successful venture for the township and the

> Steve Lomske Northville Township

### Twp. doesn't owe developer

Regarding the guest column by Steve Lomske in last week's paper: Although it raised some worthwhile issues to ponder, it missed some critical points and was incorrect on the amount of property tax going to Northville Township

Mr. Lomske seems to think that it's the township's responsibility to assure profitability for the developers. These developers knew the zoning regulations and the cost of the cleanup. The township gave no guarantee that the developers would get a return on their investment, or gave any conditionals based on the state of the economy. Units of government are facilitators. and should not be in the business of helping or hindering the developer's ability to make a profit. The developers knew it was their responsibility to clean up the land when it was purchased and should have considered that fact when they submitted a bid to purchase the property. Brownfields are generally used when land wouldn't otherwise be developed, and they are used to spur development when land effectively has a negative

value. The \$766,321.67 that Mr. Lomske believes goes to the township every year is not just for Northville Township but a total tax paid to all taxing jurisdictions. The property and its development would pay 6 mills of township taxes out of the possible 49 total mills that would be given to the brownfield development for cleanup. The remaining approximate \$650,000 could be shifted away from other jurisdictions, such as Schoolcraft College, Wayne County, the Northville Library, Wayne County RESA, Parks and Recreation and others until the brownfield is paid off.

I am grateful that Mr. Lomske has put careful thought into the bottom line, but this should not have any bearing on township decisions regarding the property.

> Carol Poenisch Citizens for Northville

### Enjoy your library

**During National Library** Week, it is a time to give praise to the wonderful benefits that our community receives daily through the support of the Northville Library. As a patron of the library and a member of the Friends of the Library Board, I have had the opportunity to experience first hand the benefits of the library from both a personal and professional perspec-

From a personal perspective, my kids eagerly await the summer reading program and the events and prizes that are associated with the program. The kids enthusiastically fill out their sheets and hand them in for completion and their prizes. From a parental view, routinely utilizing the computer to search for and place holds on the many books that spark our interest makes getting materials from the library easier and more efficient than ever.

As a business owner, when I was approached by the Friends to join their board, I wasn't sure where I could add value. But after being on the board for a year and watching all of the progress that is made through the collaboration between the Library and the Friends of the Library, it has become clear to me that participating in such a worthy cause is where the value lies. There is no better way to contribute to our community than by being part of an organization such as the Friends that is truly looking out for and directly benefiting a wonderful part of our community, the library.

> Bonita Trush Final Destinations LLC

### Too many day care centers?

I would like to respond to the article in the April 3 edition of the Northville Record, "Day care center tabled (Page 5A).'

The article states that the proposed Goddard School 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 article goes on to say that the other day care center under construction is the Learning Experience

As a resident of Northville Township, I find it appalling that the township is apparently not aware that a child care center has already existed in Ridge Wood Elementary School, which sits at Six Mile and Ridge roads, since the school opened five years ago. In addition to preschool and child care programs, the Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center also provides before- and after-school care as well as the Wondergarten pro-

gram at Ridge Wood. How can such important programming that focuses primarily on the needs of Northville families go unnoticed? I would hope that Mr. Allen and the rest of the Planning Commission vote against the building of the Goddard School. We certainly don't need THREE centers providing similar services on the corners of Six Mile and Ridge

> Ailsa Blunk Northville

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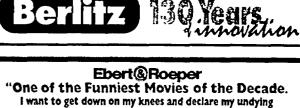


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## CALENDAR

Thursday, April 17, 2008 hometownlife.com fax: (248) 349-9832

### **Local Events**

Sen. Bruce Patterson's Office Hours

TIME/DATE: 11 am -1 pm. Friday

LOCATION: Northylle District Library, 212 W. Cady Street **DETAILS** State Senator Bruce Patterson's district representative. Sue Trussell, will hold office hours. Come and share your thoughts and concerns with Sue All are welcome

### **Voices For Maybury Farm** Meeting

TIME/DATE: 3-4 p m. Saturday LOCATION, Maybury Park Headquarters Building, use Beck Road entrance

DETAILS: The public is invited to this monthly meeting.

### Town Hall Meeting on Stem Cell Research

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. tonight. LOCATION. Forum, Hillside Middle School, corner Eight Mile Road and Center Street

**DETAILS: State Representative** Andy Meisner and a representative from the Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research and Cures will be guests. Hosted by the Northville Democratic Club. CONTACT:

www.northvilledems.com

### Gallery Walk/Student Art Show

DATE: Today through Sunday. April 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 Friday, April 18. Festival is 10 a.m.-5 p m. Saturday, June 21 and 11 a m -5 p m. Sunday, June

LOCATION. Downtown Northville

DETAILS: Calling all artists The Northylle Art in the Sun invites you to be a part of this juried fine arts festival, featuring all mediums sions. 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 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 LOCATION: First Presbyterian

Church, 200 East Main Street

DETAILS: For all mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, mother-in-laws, daughter-in-laws, sisters, sister-inlaws, 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-Fnday from 9 a m -5

### **Daughters of the American** Revolution

TIME/DATE: Noon Monday LOCATION: Cady Inn at Mill

Race Village DETAILS: Annual meeting of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Northville/Plymouth. CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

"Barbarian Invasions"

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p m. Monday LOCATION: Northville District Library

dealing with death, and regretful tries to find peace in his last subtitles. Rated R, 99 minutes. Free treats and discussion following the movie.

CONTACT: (248) 349-3020

Friday, April 25 and 9 a m -noon Saturday, April 26

ing coats, shoes and costumes: baby equipment, kid's furniture and decor; car seats, strollers, toys, books, games and more. Admission is \$1. Drop box for ble tax slips is available at the benefit the community. CONTACT: Alecia at (248) 412-

### Arbor Day Seedling Give-away TIME/DATE: 9-11 a.m.

Saturday, April 26

LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, back patio, 44405 Six Mile Road

are available, at no charge, to City, Township and Northville School. District residents. Please bring proof of residency. You must attend in person to pick up your seedlings. Requests by phone or mail cannot be accommodated, nor large requests from groups or schools. Sponsored by the Beautification Commissions of the Township and City of Northville.

### **Custom Designed Art Event**

Saturday, April 26 .... LOCATION: Pear-aphernalia,

**DETAILS: On-site custom** designed art featuring "Ashton Fine Art and Mirrors." Find great looks and a great price. There are thousands of images to choose from on-site. The art can be designed to match your home. Bring your color and fabric samples and/or dimensions of proposed area where you need a picture/mirror.

CONTACT: : (248) 596-1430

### Clean-up

April 27

**DETAILS: Parents are students** are welcome to help weed and mulch. This is an excellent opportunity for students to obtain volunteer hours for college applications. The work will be broken up in shifts of 1-3 pm and 3-5 pm Bring labeled garden tools and

**LOCATION** First United

DETAILS: Parents of 7-12 graders are invited to this free seminar to learn how to earn scholarships to help pay for college. Maureen Gault, of College-SOS at www college-sos com, will help you find these opportunities for your college-bound youth

CONTACT: Heather Wallas, hwallas@fumcnorthville org or visit www.fumcnorthville.org

### **Eye Fight Back**

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p m Wednesday, April 30

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

### Foreign Film

DETAILS: Having a difficult time of his past, a man dying of cancer moments. In French, with English

### M.O.M.S. Baby, Kid and Me

LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight

DETAILS: Huge sale of: baby,

**DETAILS: Arbor Day seedlings** 

TIME/DATE: 10 a m.-5 p m

184 E. Main Street

### **Northville High School Spring**

TIME/DATE: 1-5 p.m. Sunday,

CONTACT. Judy Culkin (248) 347-8855

### **College-SOS**

TIME/DATE: 7 p m Tuesday, April 29

Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road

LOCATION Northylle

Resale TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p m.

kid and maternity clothing, includgently used donations and charitachurch until day of sale. All profits

### "Cats" at Northville High School

Northville High School will be presenting "Cats" in the auditorium beginning tonight. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Special seating can be reserved by calling (248) 349-3400 and tickets can be purchased with cash or check by visiting the box office inside the front doors of NHS from 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. and 2:15-3 p.m. Tickets will also be on sale one hour before each performance. Show times are 7 p.m. tonight and tomorrow and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday. Saturday is family day, where kids can meet the cast and have their pictures taken with Cats of their choice. Kids 12 and under pay only \$5 on this day. For more information of the NHS production of "Cats," visit northvilletheatre.com.

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 funch

RSVP By April 20 CONTACT: Karla Ninivaggi (248) 449-6442

### **Marquis Theatre**

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

TIME/DATES: 2:30 p m Saturday, April 19, 26; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 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 cover charge goes toward purchasing holiday gifts for the children at Hawthorn Center CONTACT: (248) 380-1666

### **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 26, Tuesday, April 29, Saturday, May 3, 17, 24

and 31, Friday June 6 and

Saturday, June 7.
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.

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

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

### 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

### **Tribute to Elvis Starring**

Sherman Amold TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m Saturday, June 21 **DETAILS:** Dinner and show tickets are \$45 per person.

Shades of Blue (Oh How Happy) TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 21 DETAILS: Dinner and show 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 per-

### **Maybury State Park Trail** Riders

Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Ride

TIME/DATE: 11 a m.-3 p m Sunday, April 27 DETAILS: Bring your own horse and meet at the Staging Area. Prizes at 1 p.m., lunch at 1.30 p m. The cost is \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members and lunch is

required. CONTACT: Heidi-Drmier@Charter.net or Sandr-Sowright@aol com

included. A state park sticker is

### 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-Fnday.

Thursday: 9 a m Archives open, 7 p m. Northville Historical Society Meeting Friday: 9 a m. Archives open; 10 a m private tour

Saturday: Noon Wedding

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

Shower Sunday: 10 a m. Mill Creek Church; noon Archaeological Dig; 4:30 p.m. Cub Scouts; 5:30 p.m. Eclipse Base Ball

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Monday: 11 a.m. DAR meeting Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang

Mill Creek Church Grounds closed to public **Northville Chamber of** 

Wednesday: 6:45 p.m.

Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m.

LOCATION: 195 S. Main St., Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org

TIME/DATE: 8-9 a m. Friday, April 25

### LOCATION: Chamber Office

Commerce

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 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

### **Regional Events**

### **Metro Detroit National** College Fair

Autism Speaks.

TIME/DATE: 9-11-30 a m. and 6.30-8.30 p m. today 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 tonight 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

### Michigan Magic Day 2008

Magic Day Events TIME/DATE: 8.30 a m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Ypsilanti High

School, 1885 Packard Road, Yosilanti **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

Photo by Steve Fecht

event is \$50. **Evening Show** TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Ypsilanti High

School 5 DETAILS: Hosted by Hank Moorehouse with performances by lecturers listed above. Admission is \$12. Doors open at

**Night Before Party** TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday LOCATION: Comfort Inn, 2455 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor

DETAILS: Admission is \$10. CUNTACT: For more information on Magic Day, call Bill at (313) 937-1577 or visit www.aamagic.org

### **Detroit Institute of Arts Evening Lecture Series**

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday LOCATION: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth DETAILS: The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth District Library presents the DIA Speakers Bureau Lecture Series. The topic and speaker to be announced.

### **Salvation Army Day Camp** Registration

CONTACT: (734) 416-4278

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Monday LOCATION: The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps., 9451 S. Main Street, Plymouth

DETAILS: Nine week camps run from June 16 through Aug. 15 and open to children ages six to 11. New for 2008 is an additional camp for children 12-14. Limited scholarships will be available to qualifying families that can provide proof of income. All applicants will need to bring a \$10 registration fee. The Salvation Army is also looking for counselors between the ages of 18 to 25. Applications are available at the Plymouth Corp office, 8 30 a m.-4:30 p.m.

### **Farmington Artists Club** Spring Exhibit and Sale

CONTACT: (734) 453-5464

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

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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

### Suburban Republican Women's Club Meeting TIME/DATE: 11:30 a m.

Thursday, April 24 LOCATION: Pic-A-Bone Restaurant, 39325 Six Mile Road, Livonia

DETAILS: The speaker will be Elaine Donnelly, President of the Center for Military Readiness. The cost for the luncheon is \$12. Visitors and guests are welcome. Reservations required.

CONTACT: (734) 367-9332

**Farmington Players** "A Funny Thing Happened on

the Way to the Forum" TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. April 25, 26, May 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17; 2 p.m. April 27, May 4, 11 LOCATION: Farmington

Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills DETAILS: Tickets are \$18, \$16 on Thursdays, and \$16 for stu-

dents. Discounted rates are available for groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available at the box office by calling (248) 553-2955 or online at http://www.farmingtonplayers.org

### 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

The Fabulous 40s Dinner and Auction

TIME/DATE: 6 p m Friday, April 25

LOCATION: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia

**DETAILS:** This annual dinner and auction benefit features fine dining, dancing and a Silent and Live Auction for music lovers of all ages. A favorite area band, Steve King and the Dittilies, will play big band music from the Fabulous Forties. Tickets are \$85 per person and must be purchased in advance by contacting the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society office listed above.

Plymouth Stamp Show

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, April 25 LOCATION: Central Middle School, 650 Church St., at Church and Main streets, Plymouth

DETAILS: The show will feature more than 2800 exhibit pages on display. This is the largest stamp show in Michigan. Admission and parking are free.

CONTACT: (734) 699-1026 or go to www plymouthshow.com

Third Annual Dinner for **Failen and Wounded Soldiers** TIME/DATE: 6 p m. Saturday,

April 26

LOCATION: Laurel Manor, Livonia

DETAILS: The keynote speaker will be Col. Oliver North. Tickets are \$100 per person.

CONTACT: Ann Cornelius, (248) 346-5978 or e-mail ann4fwsf@aol.com For more information, go to www.fwsf.org

### 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

LOCATION: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton Township

- DETAILS: Starring Northville resident Allison Sorrano, 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.

### **Free Car Show**

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-4 p m. Saturday, May 17 (Swap set up at 7 a.m. Cruise-in registration 10 a.m.-noon. Trophies at 4 p.m.)

LOCATION: Varsity Ford, 3480 Jackson Road, at Wagner Road, use exit 172 from I-94, Ann

**DETAILS: Varsity Ford of Ann** Arbor, sister dealership to Varsity Lincoln-Mercury in NoviWixom, is hosting it's First Annual free Svrap Meet/Car Cruise-in. See hot rods, customs, new models, new special Fords like "Flex" and others. Engine raffle tickets, 50/50, Rockin Ronnie, great food concessions by the "Hot Rod" Parts Department crew. Dash plaques to the first 100 visitors. Five Big Best of Cruise and 20 Big Outstanding At Cruise trophies. Swap spaces inside with plenty of room. Call Joe Sabo at (734) 996-2300 for more information. Fundraiser donations benefit the University of Michigan, C. S. Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor.

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

Sugarloaf Art Fair TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p m. Sunday

DETAILS: Over 300 exhibitors, craft demonstrators, specialty foods and entertainment in this event. Admission is \$8 for adults for all three days, children 12 and under are free. Free parking. \$1 off coupons available at www.sugarloafcrafts.com.

### Michigan Antique Arms/Wolverine Knife Collectors Show

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

LOCATION: Half A DETAILS: Two shows for the price of one. Buy, sell, and trade rare and collectible pieces. Admission is \$6, parking \$5.

International Spring Classic Car Show and Auction

TIME/DATE: Preview 3-8 p.m. Friday, April 25; 9 a m.-9 p.m. Saturday, April 26; and 9 a m.-6 p m. Sunday, April 27

DETAILS: Nice cars priced for auction. No charge for Friday night preview. Cost for Saturday and Sunday is \$10 for one day and \$15 for weekend. Ages 12 and under are free. \$5 parking.

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

## Tipping Point wraps up season with premiere of 'Manuscript'

Betrayal, deceit and literature will play out on stage at Northville's Tipping Point Theatre this month with "Manuscript," a mystery thriller by Paul Grellong.

Preview performances will take place April 23-25, with opening night on Saturday, April 26. The play will run through May 24.

Regular performances are scheduled at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p m. Sundays at 2 p m. Ticket prices range from \$18 to \$35.

"Manuscript" follows three ambitious, college freshmen on winter break from their Ivy League schools.

When a manuscript is discovered that can guarantee success, they set into motion a manipulative quest for vengeance and fame which unfolds on stage with youthful wit and razor-sharp dialogue, proving you're only as good as your word

Written by 27-year-old playwright Grellong, "Manuscript" was originally produced and performed off-Broadway at the Daryl Roth Theatre in 2005. It ran for 13 previews and 72 performances

Grellong's other writing credits include "Warfare," "Power of Sail" and his newest play, "Radio Free Emerson." He currently works as a writer for the television drama "Law & Order: SVU."

Christina Johnson, Tipping Point Theatre executive director, said she is excited to be the first to present

'Manuscript" in Michigan. 'Grellong has written a captivating story, and it takes the audience on a twisty and thought-provoking

ride," Johnson said. "Just as we think we've figured out what the character's motives are, we're given new information that changes everything. Anyone who enjoys a good psychological

thriller will love Manuscript." Detroit-based actor and director Aaron T. Moore serves as the play's director. Moore received his master of fine art degree in theatre/acting from the Hilberry Repertory Theatre Company at Wayne State University in 2005.

He has numerous credits as an actor, including roles at Meadowbrook Theatre. Performance Network, Williamston Theatre, Michigan Opera Theatre and Greenfield Village

He was also part of the Tipping Point Theatre's inaugural production, "Don't Dress for Dinner The play's cast includes

Aphrodite Nikolovski of

### **Box office details**

The Tipping Point Theatre is located at 361 E. Cady St. Box office hours are from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

For more information, call the box office at (248) 347-0003 or go to www. tippingpointtheatre.org.

### **Performances**

Wednesday, April 23 - 8 p.m. (Preview) Thursday, April 24 - 8 p.m. (Preview) Friday, April 25 - 8 p.m. (Preview)

Saturday, April 26 - 8 p.m. Sunday, April 27 – 2pm Thursday, May 1 – 8 p.m. Friday, May 2 – 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3 – 8 p.m. Sunday, May 4-2 p.m. Thursday, May 8 - 8 p.m. Friday, May 9 – 8 p.m. Saturday, May 10 - 8 p.m. Sunday, May 11 – 2 p.m. Thursday, May 15 - 8 p.m. Friday, May 16 - 8 p.m. Saturday, May 17 - 8 p.m. Sunday, May 18 - 2 p.m. Thursday, May 22 - 8 p.m. Friday, May 23 – 8 p.m. Saturday, May 24 - 8 p.m.

Birmingham, Patrick O'Connor

Cronin of Bloomfield Hills and Brian Thibault of Sterling Heights. Their credits include roles at Performance Network, Jewish Ensemble Theatre, The Abreact, Planet Ant, Williamston Theatre and the Theatre Company at University of Detroit Mercy. "Manuscript" marks each actors Tipping Point Theatre debut.

'Manuscript' marks the final production of Tipping Point Theatre's inaugural season.

The company evolved from the Act-Ed Theatre Company, led by Johnson, which produced two successful plays in 2006 under the auspices of the Northville Parks and

During the last quarter of 2006, due to high interest in the theatre project. Johnson brought together a Board of Directors, drawing from local business leaders, theatre probers to form TPT.

The group has since become an independent 501(c)3 organization and obtained a permanent location

in downtown Northville. TPT's Board of Directors includes Chuck Gaidica, president, of Northville Township; Sam Walton, vice president, of Plymouth; Karın Pearson, secretary, of Northville; Heather Brenke, treasurer, of Westland; and Marylo Cuppone of Ann Arbor and Susan Gaidica of Northville Township as

Jennifer Steger of Livonia serves as marketing and development director. Mitchell Koory of Troy and Samantha Lowry of Novi work at the theatre as apprentices.

The Tipping Point Theatre's mussion is to foster human interactions and relations, creating a unifying, yet personal, experience through affordable, professional-level theatre performances and community outreach.

### **Tipping Point Theatre to have** auditions for 2008-09 season

Staff at the Tipping Point Theatre, Northville's professional theater, will schedule general auditions for its 2008-09 season from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday, April 28.

and 5-9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29. The theatre is located at 361 E. Cady St.

Auditions are by appointment only and can be scheduled by calling the box office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p m. Tuesday-Friday at (248) 347-0003 or by e-mailing Christina Johnson, executive director of the theatre, at christina@tippingpointtheatre.org For more information, go to www.tippingpointtheatre.org.

Auditioners are asked to prepare one contemporary monologue no longer than three minutes. If auditioners would like to be considered for a musical, they should also prepare 16 measures of a song. A piano accompanist will be provided. Additionally, auditioners should bring two copies of a head shot and

Contracts will be available for eight women and 10 men, including two singing roles for women and two for men. All ages are welcome to audition.

The theatre operates under a SPT Tier 4 contract with the Actors' Equity Association and hires non-Equity actors as well



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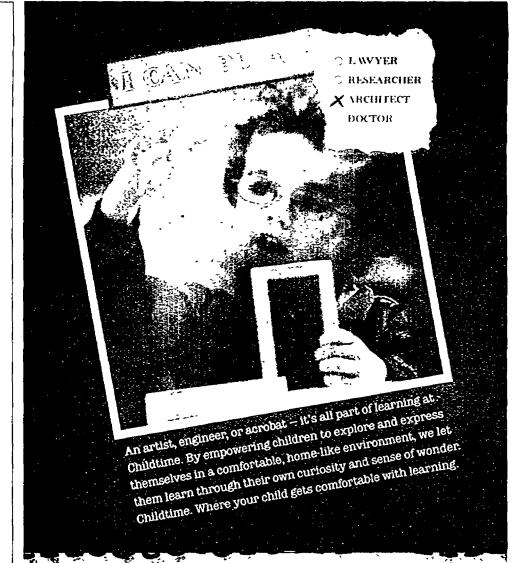
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### ■ Silver Springs' Moser top among district's elementaries

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Wanting to put the student at ease. Moser approached him with a we-can-do-this-together attitude, empowering him with the decision to come into the classroom when he was ready. Later that morning, the courageous boy stood up, wiped his tears and walked into Moser's class on his own. Today, he is growing right along with his classmates and is achieving his goals, much to his parents

Moser's skills in empathy extend beyond the classroom

"She is a friend to everyone on the Silver Springs staff," said Labadie.

Most of all, Moser enjoys watching her students grow.

"They are babies when they arrive, and they are so much more independent at the end of the year." she said.

When they are working on something that you're trying to teach them, and they get a smile on their faces and you know they get it, it's the greatest feeling," said Moser, "That's why I've been teaching first grade so

Moser, who was in advertising for 13 years, said she didn't have the fulfillment to do that for the rest of her life. She quit her job to pursue a career in

teaching, and is finishing her ninth year teaching the first grade. Moser is certified to teach art, general education, special education, and is qualified to be a learning consultant.

"My husband supported me through this career change," she said. "I never thought I wanted to be a teacher, because we don't have kids of our own. I quit my job and went back to school, and if I didn't have his support, I wouldn't have the fulfillment I have now. Teaching has fulfilled me in that way. I also wouldn't be the teacher I am without the support and guidance of the staff and the families.

"I just don't want the attention," the modest Moser said. "Does this have to be in the paper?

### Northville students pass MEAP, rank with best in the region By Chris Jackett

STAFF WRITER

Northville students performed well on the Michigan **Educational Assessment** Program tests given in fall 2007, according to state-wide scores released April 8 by the Michigan Department of Education.

The MEAP testing measures math, reading, writing and English language arts skills for third through eighth graders. The program also tests fifth and eighth graders in science and sixth and ninth graders in social studies, measuring students from each school and district throughout Michigan against standard state requirements.

Third through eighth graders in Northville scored in the 90th percentile in math, reading and ELA throughout each grade. The district posted impressive writing scores that only dropped below the 80 percent mark for fourth graders, and hit a high of 93.7 percent with seventh graders.

"I'm first and foremost proud of the scores we achieved," said Dr Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville Public Schools. "(Writing) is a pro-found skill set. Third graders at age 8 to 9 are just starting to learn it. It's a new, but very important, skill."

Řezmierskí said Northville third-grade writing scores were the highest in the tri-county area and fourth-grade writing scores were the highest in Wayne County.

"I think we compare favorably, although that's in the eye of the beholder, but I'm not aware of funding and (other issues some) districts may have," he said. "This is really about what we're all doing to be successful. We're very

MEAP Scores Percentage of students meeting or exceeding Michigan standards

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3	Novi	98.7	96.9	82.8	95.4	
3.	Northville	97	96.4	83.3	95.1	
3	Farmington	95.4	94.2	72	91.4	
3	Walled Lake	97.6	92.4	63.2	87.6	
3	State Average	90	86	57	81	
4	Novi	96.5	96.7	73.5	92.3	
4	Northville	95.2	96.2	73.1	93.9	
4	Farmington	93.1	91.7	58.5	85.8	
4	Walled Lake	945	90.9	53	85	
4	State Average	86	84	44	76	•
5	Novi	92.9	92.7	78.9	90.9	90.5 Science
5	Northville	92.5	97.4	85	97.1	98 Science
5	Farmington	85.4	92.4	68.6	88.9	88.6 Science
5	Walled Lake	92.6	90.4	71.5	87.9	92.5 Science
5	State Average	74	82	59	78	82 Science
6	Novi	94.4	93.8	88.2	92.9	88.6 Social Studies
6	Northville	94.6	96 ´	89.4	95.1	93.6 Social Studies
6	Farmington	79.3	90.6	83.1	88.7	83.9 Social Studies
6	Walled Lake	91.4	92.4	86.8	91.4	88 9 Social Studies
6	State Average	73	82	73	80	73 Social Studies
7	Novi	92.3	88.4	89	89.5	
7	Northville	91.1	90.5	93.7	91.2	
7	Farmington	80.1	83.5	82.3	84.2	İ
7	Walled Lake	86.2	87.4	86.3	88.7	
7	State Average	73	72	77	74	
8	Novi	93.1	88.8	84.6	88.6	92.8 Science
8	Northville	92	91.6	89.7	92	94.2 Science
8	Farmington	83.7	88.4	79.4	87.1	88.1 Science
8	Walled Lake	90.1	91	86.5	90.5	91.4 Science
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Source. Michigan Department of Education

pleased with what we're able to sustain. Our district did very

Despite posting some of the highest scores in the area, both Beels and Rezmierski said there's always room for improvement.

We're still scoring below

what we'd like to achieve," Rezmierski said. "We're on the right flight pattern in the design that we have.

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> Leonard Rezmierski Northville schools superintendent



### Northville Board of Education honors outstanding educators and employees

Six Northville Public Schools teachers and staff were honored by the Board of Education at its April 8. meeting as the district's recipients of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Area (WCRESA) 2007-08 Outstanding Educators and Employees awards. Northville's honorees are (above, left to right):

• Middle School Teacher of the Year — Laura Melvin, Meads Mill Middle School physical education teacher, with the district for 17 years. • Rookie Teacher of the Year — Sarah Debien, Meads Mill Middle School foreign language and lead-

ership teacher, with the district for two years. • Ancillary Professional of the Year — Jayme West, Winchester Elementary School social worker, with the district for six years.

• Elementary Teacher of the Year — Kathy Moser, Silver Springs Elementary School first grade teacher, with the district for seven years.

• Support Employee of the Year — Peggy Gordon, Hillside Middle School para-professional, with the district for 22 years.

• High School Teacher of the Year — Kathleen AuBuchon-Ruth, Cooke School special education teacher, with the district for 31 years.

"We are very pleased to be able to honor these exceptional individuals," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "They personify the incredible group of teachers and staff who every day touch the lives of the nearly 7,000 students in our schools.

The six Northville honorees also will be recognized at the WCRESA 22nd Annual Celebration of Excellence in Education on May 7, at Laurel Manor in Livonia

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### National Reading Month

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) visited Northville Coop Preschool to read to Connie Rzemien's 3-year-old preschoolers. Shown are (I to r) Danlelle Allen, Ben Crain, Max Boschman, Jacob Nicholson, Carly McGowan and Sophia lannarelli

### On Campus

### **Kettering University**

The following students from Northville were awarded degrees December 2007: Dawn Balko, bachelor of manufacturing; Daniel Garcia, master's in manufacturing management. Sandya Nath of Novi received a bachelor of mechanical

engineering degree.

### Saginaw Valley State University

Charles D. Thomas of Northville was named to the President's List for the 2007 fall semester.

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### Outsourcing talks heat up school meeting

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Education President Joan Wadsworth said that the board does not want to compromise the high standards of education that Northville has by continuing to cut from sources that will affect learning. However, none of the handful of teachers who addressed the board voiced concern over this. Instead, strong sentiments were on the issue of keeping the dedicated

support staff employed. Several parents and teachers were concerned about thorough background checks of employees that work for the outside companies. Many were concerned that because of the high turnover rate large companies are known to have, students will not feel comfortable boarding the bus with a new driver every few months.

Teachers also spoke about the interaction that custodians, bus drivers and food service personnel have with the students and feel that outside employees will not show the same concern for their health and safety.

Several examples were given on

how the current staff has gone above and beyond their job duties to help save the lives of students,



J. Wadsworth

and comfort children in lunch rooms. hallways and buses when needed. Wadsworth said that the

same background checks that go into hiring the current staff will be done with con-

tractual employees.
When asked if the board has considered keeping employees who are close to putting in 30 years so they can receive retirement benefits, Wadsworth said, "No." When asked if the board is considering making cuts in any other departments, Wadsworth talked about cuts made in the past, but did not mention any current attempts.

A tearful bus driver spoke about custodians, teachers, food service personnel and bus drivers all having an effect on students' lives in one way or another. She said that administrators don't personally touch the lives of Northville children and therefore, cuts should be made at the top of the tree, not at the bottom.

### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP** OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS ANNUAL ARBOR DAY SEEDLING

The Beautification Commissions for the City of Northville and the Township of Northville will jointly host the annual "ARBOR DAY Seedling Giveaway" which will be held on:

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Residents of the City and Township of Northville and the Northville Public School District are eligible for the free seedlings. You must attend in person to pick up your seedlings, requests by phone or mail cannot be accommodated, nor large requests from groups

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Other audience members were upset because the majority of parents did not know about the study and would have attended had they been informed. Wadsworth said that the next meeting, which is slated for May 14, will be posted on the district's Web site. A decision on whether to privatize will be made by June 10 in order to make state budgetary deadlines

Bolitho said that Northville is just one of many districts in Michigan that is looking into pri vatization.

"It was nice to hear people appreciate all that these folks do for us," said Bolitho, in a phone interview.

Both Wadsworth and Bolitho said that no one is unhappy with the current support staff and that they wouldn't be looking into making these cuts if the economic conditions weren't so bleak

We only have a finite amount of money to work with," said Wadsworth



## City of Northville

2007 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality

### What is the purpose of this report?

Northville Public Works Department wants you to know that your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all 2007 Federal and State monitoring and reporting standards for quality and safety.

The City of Northville's source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River in the U.S., and parts of Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the U. S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute, performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from moderately low to very high based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards

For more about this report, please contact the Northville Public Works Department at (248) 449-9930 or visit the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/safewater.

### Who is responsible for safe drinking water?

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. In turn, the City annually tests the water to ensure the regulations are being met. Additionally, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which provide the same protection for public health

### What do you mean by "contaminants"?

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- · Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants. septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses
- · Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems
- · Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities

"Northville's tap water meets or surpasses all 2007 Federal and State standards for quality and safety."

### NORTHEAST AND SPRINGWELLS WATER TREATMENT PLANTS

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### Is the water tested for lead?

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning disabilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure

Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Northville is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but carnot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. If you are concerned about clevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested. Other steps to take include.

- Anytime your water has not been used for more than six hours, run your water for 30 seconds to
- two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking
- Always use cold water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula.
- Use faucets and plumbing material that are either lead free or will not leach unsafe levels of lead into

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791 or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

### City of Northville Lead and Copper Testing

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### Should I be concerned about drinking the City's water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. However, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/ CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791

The Northylle Department of Public Works will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies of this report are available at Northylle Cit. Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. This report is not mass mailed to the residents

The City of Northwille invites public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Please refer to the City's website, www.ci northyille mi us for meeting dates and agendus of the City Council. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report contact the Public Works Department at (248) 449-9930. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Emironmental Protection. Agency at www.epa.gov/safenater

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## City Hall and religion: A perfect match

### ■ GracePointe rents city of Novi council chambers

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

Two years ago, Pastor Brian Sleeth picked up and moved his family from Maryland to Michigan not knowing a soul, but trusting his

"For me, it's all about the call, there's got to be that internal sense," he said. "We just moved here ourselves and started meeting people."

### **Temporary location**

Now, with a congregation of about 25 people and no permanent facility, GracePointe Presbyterian church is holding Sunday service at the Novi Civic Center, in council chambers.

"It's our location for now, for at least the next year," said Sleeth, noting council chambers was not available Easter Sunday, so he performed a service at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. "We're going to be there (Civic Center) weekly."

During 2007, Sleeth used the amphitheater at the Crowne Plaza Hotel for Sunday service, but

recently felt it was time for a

change.
"We felt like, for the future, we wanted to be going to the next level," he said. 'This better

matched our next phase."

Council chambers is available to rent and GracePointe Presbyterian is not the first church to take advantage of the Civic Center facil-

"We've had churches rent space before for services," said Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director Randy Auler. "It's a way for them to build their church congregation. It's what these facilities are for, community use."

Surrounding communities, such as Farmington Hills and Northville, said religious organizations don't tend to rent their city hall facilities, but rather their community centers.

GracePointe has reserved council chambers through 2008, which will generate about \$11,000 in revenue for the city.

Other religious organizations that have utilized the Civic Center's facilities include Christian Congregation, Spirit Group, Sai Baba, Cornerstone Church and Oak Pointe Church.

'The Civic Center was perfect because it was very important for me to meet somewhere in the cultural hub of Novi and how appro-

priate we are meeting in one of the key places," Sleeth said. "We're blessing the room where decisions are made for the city."

### **Community involvement**

Although GracePointe Presbyterian is a Bible-based denomination, its concept is very unique, in comparison to other churches.

"We're going to be a completely different church from the churches that currently exist," Skeeth said. "We're not a church that wants to be the nice church on the hill that says 'come to us.' We're out in the community because we want to be thoroughly involved with their

GracePointe Presbyterian will offer nursery and children's church during Sunday services and, starting today, adult Bible study and "Discovery Club" children's min-istry will be offered at Parkview Elementary School.

The church is also trying to target different groups through coffee house concerts and a Hispanic

"We're starting with a core group of 25-30 (people)," Sleeth said. "Our goal is not to be a huge church; our goal is actually to plant churches. We'll be looking to start more churches in the metro Detroit

GracePointe Presbyterian Church is a branch of the Presbyterian Church in America denomination.

'We're the second largest Presbyterian denomination in the country," Sleeth said.

### Pastor's story

Sleeth had spent 10 years building a church from the ground up in southern Maryland before heading to the Midwest.

"Everything I am doing now had its initial seedlings with the other church," he said.

Although Sleeth knew he wanted to start another Presbyterian church, the location was an uncertainty, until he visited Novi. 'The thing that initially drew me

was the 10 Mile corridor, from Novi Road to Lyon Township,' Sleeth said. "We have a genuine love for this community.

With his wife and four kids, Sleeth spent 2006 getting to know people and making a name for himself in the community.

Sleeth has been in ministry for 15 years and ordained for 11 years. For the past nine years, he has been working on his doctorate and dissertation "Small Churches,

Starting Churches." Sleeth plans to graduate in May.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Pastor Brian Sleeth and his GracePointe Presbyterian Church congregation meet at the Novi Civic Center in the city council chambers.

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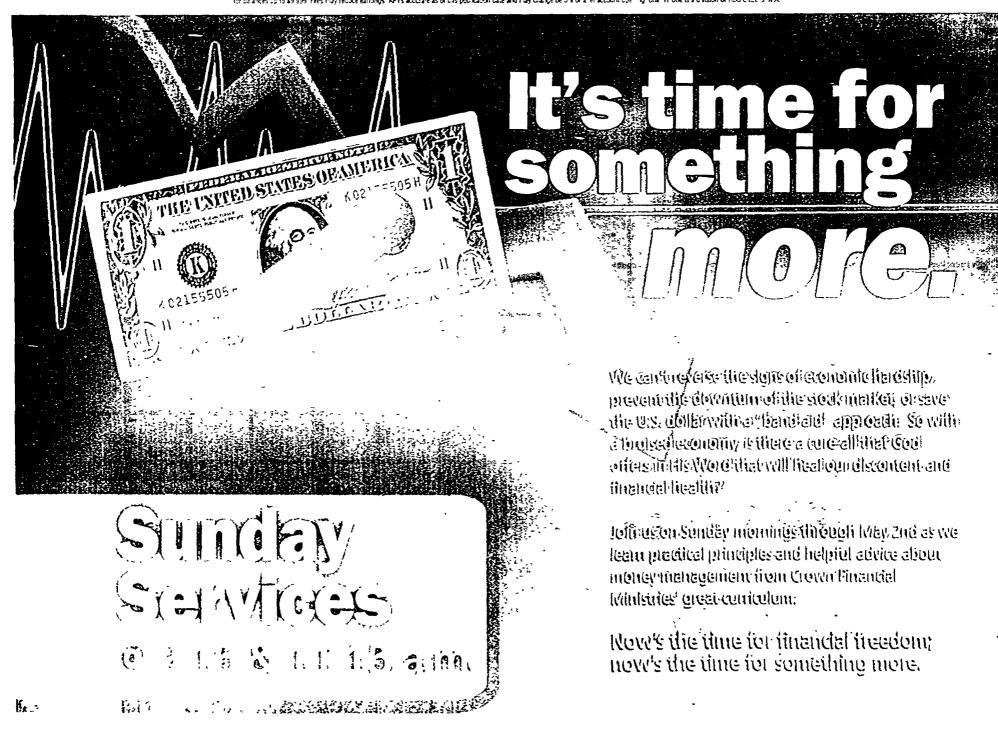
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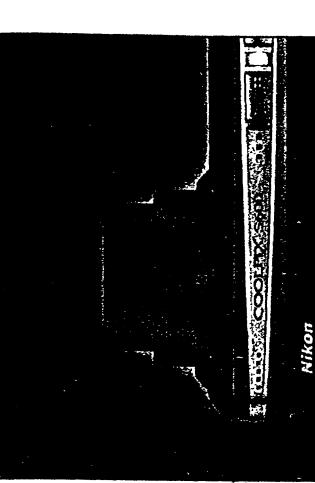
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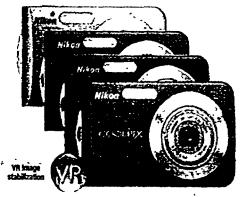
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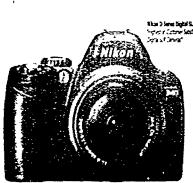
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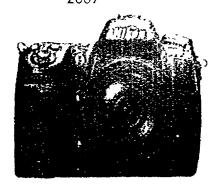
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# Taking the leap



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northwile Record Northville High Mustang Brianna Jenkins has been a leading and leaping force for the track team at the high jump.

## Jenkins will jump for U-M next year

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

Northville track star Brianna Jenkins turned heads by qualifying for state as a sophomore in the high jump.

Her continued improvements have not gone unnoticed either. and she will take her talents to the University of Michigan next

Head coach Nancy Smith gets to see what the versatile athlete can do on a daily basis and is proud to send an athlete to such a quality program

"I was amazed at her talent the first time she jumped and stepped on the track," Smith said. "Brianna works very hard everyday. She always has high expectations for herself and wants to improve from meet to meet.

### Versatility

Jenkins' best event is the high jump, but she competes in several other events. She won the high jump Friday against Franklin, She also was on the 800 and 1,600 relays and placed second in the 200 meters.

Smith said Jenkins could be good at whatever she wanted to with the proper coaching.

"I can basically put her in any event from the 100-400." Smith said. "We also think that we could use her in the hurdles and the long jump if we had more time to train her. She is willing to try anything we ask her to do."

Becoming one of the best athletes in Mustang track history at the high jump came with a lot of work before the season ever started.

"She worked all winter long with the hopes of exceeding her performances last season," Smith said. "She is often there after other members of the sprint team have left working with her high jump coach Brad Reynolds."

Jenkins also helps look after the other athletes as one of the senior captains.

"Brianna shows great leader-ship on the team," Smith said. "She works with the younger girls in both the high jump and the running. Her dedication in the offseason is also displayed to her teammates by attending offseason conditioning."

### **High expectations**

Expectations come high for Jenkins after setting the bar high as a sophomore. Smith sees a school record as a possibility.

"I think Brianna will break the school record this year with 5-5, Smith said. "We would like her to go 5-5, but I think she really could eventually even go higher. I would love for her to go out big this year and place in the top 3 at the state finals.

"Right now, I think she will win the conference and win the regional for the third straight

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



Alex Thurman winds up against Catholic Central.

## Thurman brings steady leadership

### Durham remembers cutting the senior captain years ago

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

Northville lacrosse head coach Greg Durham remembers having to cut Alex Thurman from a middle school travel team several years ago.

Thurman didn't let the cut stop him from trying out for the same coach as a freshman at Northville.

Durham was more than impressed with Thurman's speed and found a place for him

on varsity. Now a senior, Thurman has developed into one of the top players as a midfielder for the

Mustangs. "He just kind of grew from a little boy to a young man," Durham said. "He's actually got

some swagger to him." Thurman has become a senior captain for the Mustangs. While Durham said he knows how to

lead by example. "He's the man. He's a coaches' guy," Durham said. "He's been one of the better leaders since I've been coaching, and I've been coaching for a while. He's the first one there and the last one to leave. He's always working on his game. He steps it up in games, and that's lead-

"He's hard on himself, too. His expectations for himself are higher than what I would expect."

### Steady force

The Mustangs have struggled early in the season, starting 0-3 against some of the top teams in the state. While things haven't gone to plan for the team. Thurman has remained a steady force during the early games.

Thurman showcased his talents in a 12-5 loss against powerhouse Catholic Central. He found the net three times and dished out an assist.

"Even though we've lost our first three games, he's stood out," Durham said. "He's been the most consistent.

"He plays both ways. He's not just an offensive player. He's on all the special teams."

plenty of skill, it's something inside that Durham said sets the

senior apart from others. "He's got a lot of grit. He's tough He never quits," Durham said. "You can't teach heart.

"Some guys have all the talent in the world, but they don't have the heart. He doesn't have all the talent ... but he's got more heart than most players.

## NORTHVILLE ROUNDUP: Softball, baseball stay hot



Photos submitted by Diana Birdsall

Megan Hofmeister slides during Friday's win against Stevenson.

### Soccer blasts John Glenn 8-0

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Mustangs (6-0) knocked off Stevenson 7-4 Friday before beating Canton 2-0 Monday.

Against Stevenson, Jenna Dumbleton picked up the win. allowing three carned runs with seven strikeouts.

Allison Holmes went 2-for-2 with two walks and two RBI. Sarah Rounsifer started the scoring with a two-run homer in the first. Brittany Birdcall, Dumbleton and Karly Fisher had two hits each.

"We started out shaky defensively, but then settled down as the game went on," Northville head coach Teryn Chrzanowski said "Everyone was swinging the bat well. We had some big hits when we needed them."

- Against Canton, Holmes had a monster outing on the mound, striking out 14 while allowing just two hits and a walk for the

"Allison pitched amazing." Chrzanowski said. "She struck out the first ten batters. The defense backed her up when the ball was put in play.'

Dumbleton went 2-for-4 with a run and a RBI. Mary Rounsifer also had a pair of hits.

Rounsifer knocked in Dumbleton with a double in he third inning.

Dumbleton singled home the second run in the seventh.

We faced a tough pitcher and the girls did a great job putting the bat on the ball and laying off bad pitches," Chrzanowski said. "We left a lot of baserunners, but we had two big hits from Sarah Rounsifer and Jenna Dumbleton when we needed them

"I'm very proud of the way the girls are playing."

### Baseball

Northville improved to 7-0 and opened league play with a victory thanks to three wins last week.

The Mustangs beat Saline 5-3 and 8-2 April 8 before shutting out Stevenson 3-0 Friday.

Joe Mitchell, David Überti, Kevin Fisher, Kevin Uetz and Steve Anderson combined to pitch the shutout against Stevenson.

Head coach John Kostrzewa said Matt Deacon, Anthony Sergi, Uberti and Mitchell all had strong offensive performances during the



continued on 2 Allison Holmes delivers a pitch against Novi.



Submitted photo

### State Champs

The Northville Relics are Champions again. For the second consecutive year, The Relics have won the Michigan Parks & Recreation State Championship in the Men's 40+ division. This is third consecutive year that a men's team from Northville has won the tournament. The Relics beat Grand Blanc by three points, Jackson by six points and then handily won the championship with an overwhelming win over Kalamazoo, 99-59. Team members include manager Randy Miller, Bob Young, Rick Burkhardt, Greg Upton, Tom Lesko, Kevin Friesen, John Zannis, Rick McGowan, Jeff Shoff and Make Paulson.

### ROUNDUP: Tennis opens season with two wins

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### Soccer

Northville soccer blasted John Glenn 8-0 Wednesday.

Lauren Lokey and Julia Bawden each had two goals and an assist to lead the Mustang offense.

Katherine Jansen recorded her second shutout of the season in goal.

### Lacrosse

The Northville lacrosse team

fell 12-5 to Catholic Central on April 8. Scoring for the Mustangs were Alex Thurman (three goals), John Cass and Dylan Gelven. Nick Diegel dished out a pair of assists.

### Tennis

The Mustangs started the season with a pair of 8-0 wins, beating Salem on Friday and Walled Lake Central on Monday.

Haley Johnston, Joanne Weber,

Ursula Cauffiel and Jessica Yu (1-4 singles respectively) won all their matches in straight sets.

Doubles teams Kristin Randall and Laura Taylor (No. 1), Sabrina Masciulli and Abby Grajek (No. 2), Valerie Juan and Maudie Smith (No. 3), Sarah Koupal and Breanna Connett (No. 4) and Caiti Darish and Veronica Juan (No. 5) also won in straight sets.

Jeff Theisen can be reached at jtheisen@gannett.com.

### **Sports Shorts and Park & Recreation**

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### Boys Basketball Camp

The Northville boys basketball camp will run July 7-11 at the high school gym.

Kids entering grades 4-6 next school year are from 9-11:30 a.m. Kids entering grades 7-9 are from noon-2:30 p m

Cost of the camp is \$100. Checks should be made to Northville High School Basketball, Attn: Boys Basketball. Northville high School, 45700 W. Six Mile Rd., Northville, 48168. E-mail questions to

basketball@baldwin-capital com

### Girls Basketball Camp

The girls basketball camp for kids currently in grades 3-8 will take place June 16-20. The camp runs 9-11:30 a m

The cost of the camp is \$100

Checks should be made to Northville High School Basketball, Attn: Todd Gudith, Northville high School, 45700 W. Six Mile Rd. Northville, 48168 E-mail questions to

### GudithTo@northville k12 mi us. Willie Horton coming to

Former Detroit Tiger great Willie Horton and 1968 World Series winner is coming to As the Page Turns Bookstore and Gallery (149 N. Center St.) in Northville on April 17 to sign copies of The People's Champion

### Northville Parks&Rec have the following leagues open:

Adult Coed Softball League: Start, Sunday, May 4 Entry Fee \$410/team, 11

Northville Parks&Rec (248) 449-9947

Adult Open Morning Softball

Starting Week of June 16 Proposed game times, begin-

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If interested call League Director, Charlie G, (734) 459-

Men's Spring Basketball League: Monday, Wednesday &

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### Wegzyn signs with Bowling Green

Northville HS senior Matt Wegzyn signs a letter of intent to play football at Bowling Green State University. Mark and Mary Wegzyn (sitting) and Athletic Director Bryan Masi, and NHS head football coach Matt Ladach look on.



### Senior A Champs

Amber Majorana and Tara Boliard.

The Little Caesar's Women Senior A Hockey Team of Detroit won the 2008 USA Hockey Womens National Championship on March 30 in West Chester, Pa., against the Needham, Mass., Huskies 5-3. Little Caesar's had to win four games against teams from around the country leading up to the final round. Members of the team include: Kristy Reinhardt (Royal Oak), Manon Rheaume (Northville), Sarah Clark (Novi), Tina Ciraulo (St Clair Shores), Rosie Cardillo (Ferndale), Meghann Schlaff (Windsor), Amy Shepler (Royal Oak), Joanie Denby (Sterling Heights), Lindsey Akers (Lincoln Park), Alanna Pfeffer (Royal Oak), Brooke

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## Marathon brings out Northville runners

The third Monday in April is Patriots' Day in Massachusetts and that means it is time for the Boston Marathon. This year's event will take place on April 21st. It will be the 112th running of the historic race (the world's oldest annual marathon). 25,000 runners will participate - the second largest Boston Marathon in

Many consider Boston as "the marathon". Being the only marathon



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one must qualify for (by running a certified marathon under an age-based time), it has special significance.

The 26.2 mile event goes from rural Hopkinton, through several small villages and towns, and finishes in Boston. Along the way, runners are encouraged by 500,000 cheering spectators. Whether a runner, volunteer, spectator or worker, this is a festive and fun time.

### **Northville Runners**

Eleven Northville residents are registered for this year's Boston Marathon: Michael Adamczyk (44), Nicole Armbrust (33), Timothy Ashley (51), James Austin (57), Kevin Foley (38), Rick Griffin (58), Sandy Logan (45), William Neafsey (40), Robert Stevenson (52), Richard Straub (52), and John Tarkowski (55).

Sandy Logan ran 11 marathons before qualifying for Boston at the Detroit Marathon last year. She considers Boston to be one of the most prestigious marathons due to its qualifying requirement and history. She is looking forward to the excitement of the Boston experience. In addition to running marathons, Sandy has completed seven Ironman triathlons.

William Neafsey considers Boston to be the "Super Bowl of Marathons" - the "Gold Standard". He had a long road to get to Boston - running marathons for 10 years before qualifying at the Little Rock Marathon - his 23rd. Will, also an Ironman athlete, will hav his wife, children and parents in Boston to cheer him on.

### **Boston Marathon Trivia**

With its rich and long history, there are many interesting facts about the Boston Marathon. Here are a few:

It is the second largest single day sporting event in terms of media coverage. Only the Super Bowl has more.

The first "Boston" was run on April 19, 1897. It was called American Marathon and had 15 participants.

Women were not allowed to officially run Boston until 1972 when eight women started.

The last time a runner from the United States won the men's race was 1983 (1985 for women). Kenyans have won 15 of the last 17 events.

The 100th running of Boston in 1996 had a record number of entrants - 38,708.

If you would like more information, check out www.bostonmarathon org. The race will be broadcast live on the VERSUS cable TV channel from 9:30 a m. to 12:30 p.m. on April 21.

### **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, April 30: The Run Fit 5K and Fit Kid's Run in Novi is an evening event sponsored by Running Fit. Start times are: 6:30 p.m. Kid's Run, 6:40 p.m. Mile, and 7:05 p.m. 5K. (www.runfit5k com)

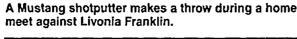
Saturday, May 10: The River Bank 25K Run in Grand Rapids offers a scenic course and challenging distance. Other events include 5K run/walk and 10K run. (www.53riverbankrun.com)

Northville resident Jerry Mittman is an avid runner and has completed over 600 races, including 59 marathons. He can be contacted at jjm997@hotmail.com.

# On the Move Boston FAST-FLYING 'STANGS



A Mustang shotputter makes a throw during a home





Mustang Aaron Chew finishes up the last leg of the 4x100 meter relay during a home meet against Livonia Franklin. Chew and the Mustangs took first place in this race.

### ■ Boys, girls top Franklin

The Northville track team beat Franklin 86-51 on an otherwise miserable Friday because of the

Seniors Lindsay Hagan, O'Malley King and Brianna Jenkins combined with sophomore Jacklyn Konopka and freshman Beth Roach to score 57.75

of the Mustangs 86 points. King won three individual events - the 100 hurdles (16.28), the 100 meters (13.3) and the 200 meters (28 07) - and started the winning 800-

meter relay. Hagan was first in the 800 meters (2 27), the 1,600 meters (5:31) and the 3,200 meters (12.00). Jenkins won the high jump (5-2), was on the winning 800 and 1,600 relays and placed second in the

Konopka won the long jump (14-11), the 300 hurdles (50 8) and was on the 800 and 1,600 relays Roach won the 400 meters (1.03), was part of the winning 800 and 1,600 relays and placed third in the high jump (4-11).

"I am happy with our performances so far this season with the ugly weather conditions we have raced in the last two weeks," head coach Nancy

a good weather day.

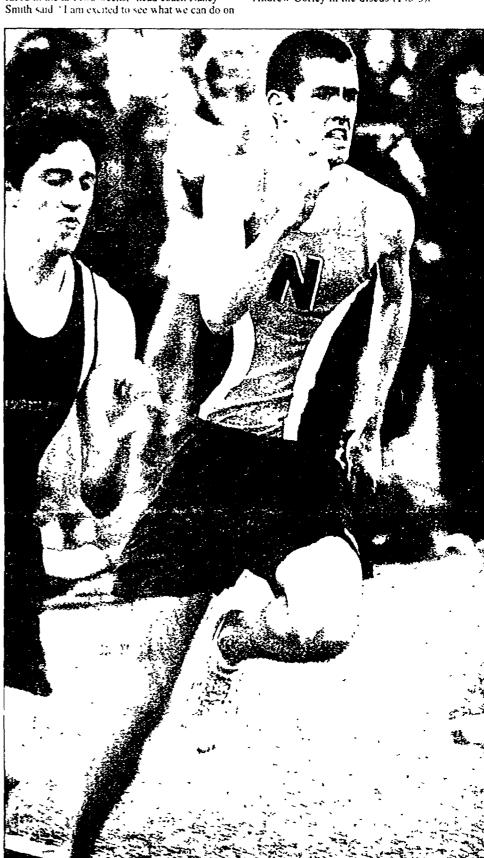
"Right now, we are without two important runners Daniela Drury in the sprints and Jenny Murphy in the distance events. Once we are healthy we will be able to rest some of the runners who we have been counted on so heavily?

### **Boys Track**

The Northville boys track team beat Franklin 90-47 Thursday at home.

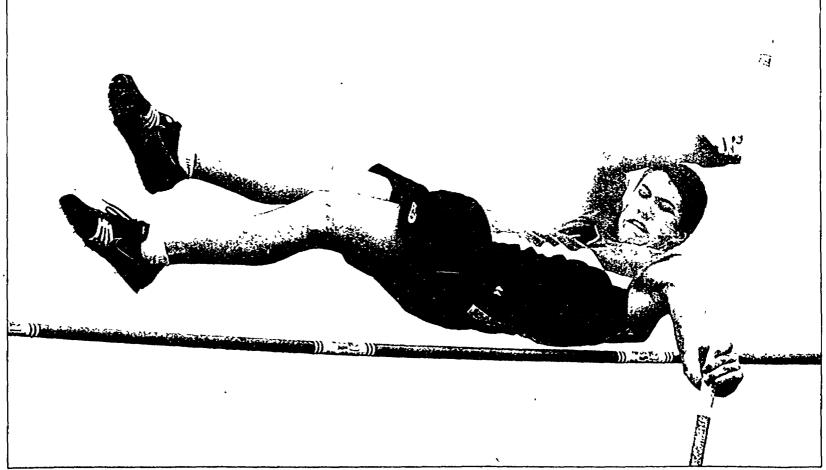
The Mustangs started the meet with a win in the 3,200 relay and a sweep in the 110 hurdles and never looked back.

Wins came from the 3,200 relay team of Habib Khan, Erik Peterson, Jack Dalton and Nick Kolbow (9:12), Evan Gerish in the 110 hurdles (14.42), the 800 relay team of Noel Key, Nick Putnam, Gerish and Aaron Chew (1:36), Dalton in the 1,600 meters (4:47), Kolbow in the 400 meters (54.39). Cavan Corcoran in the 300 hurdles (42 51), Kolbow in the 800 meters (2.07.37). Jon Zurek in the 3.200 meters (10 23), the 1,600 relay team of Khan, Kolbow, Nitin Jacob and Chew (3:55). Eric Franceschi in the high jump (5-9) and the pole vault (11-6) and Andrew Gorley in the discus (145-3).



Evan Gerish runs the third leg of the 4x400 meter relay.

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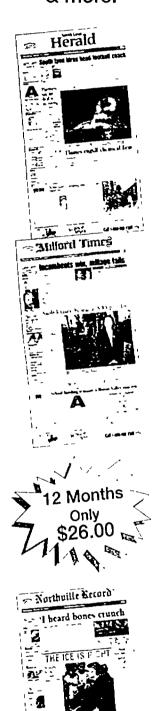


Mustang Nathan Menovick clears the bar during a polevault attempt.

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By Sally Rummel SPECIAL WRITER

Nobody watches the weather like Brien Worrell.

As the owner of Brien's Services, Inc. in Milford, Worrell has to know the weather forecast so he can best be prepared to dispatch his staff and fleet when and where needed.

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Brien Worrell has been "counting down the days" 'til his own official start of spring — that is, when he feels he can comfortably put away his snowplow equipment for the season.

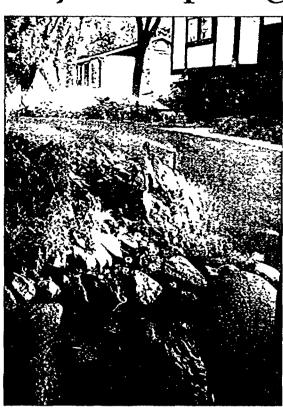
As of the date of this publication, he's pretty sure that "spring has sprung," keeping in mind that late storms do happen and it's best to be prepared.

"I have to know when to have our people 'on call' and when to prepare our trucks for a big storm," says Worrell, from his offices at 815 Union, one mile east of Pontiac Trail.

He's proud that his business' reputation as a community supporter extends during times of bad weather, assisting municipalities and homeowners when his expertise and equipment could be help-

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He's also glad to serve on the Milford Township Board and the Village Parks & Recreation Committee.

"I'm passionate about national observances like Earth Day and Arbor Day, too, that help educate people and pro-mote environmental issues," says Worrell, the father of six-year-old twins Jarrett and Tenley, along with wife Tammy.

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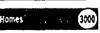
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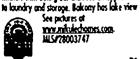








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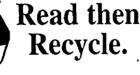
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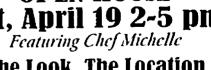
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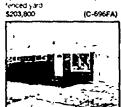
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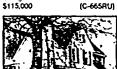
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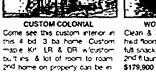


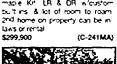
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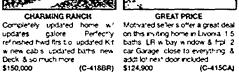
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Great price on this home that offers 3 bd 2 baths. Fam Rm w.



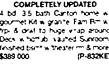
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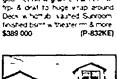


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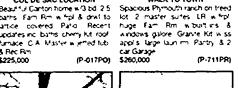
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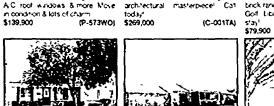
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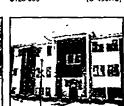
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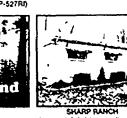
MUST SEE 3 bd brick ranch w 2 fireplaces, dual staircase 2 Kit's newer windows 2 grals for outside entertainment had firs in most rooms & nice Farm Hills location Seller must sell! \$235,000 (P-961GR)



Here it st 2018 sq it ranch offering custom ichemy. Kir i 3 i car aft Garage, covered porch updates galore 5 sins of drivis 3 skylights aide open floor plan i 8 too much more to I st \$209,900. (P-829LA) This Wanut Lake estates 3 bd ranch is just a short walk from the bright Kit & gleat kit. Muse right (P-185LA) immed occ \$199,900 \$199 900



Enchanting colonia widecorator touches to Forma LRIDR separate Fam Rm witrol large Kn wall applie. Master buasts his & her closets. & partially finished tisms. (P-711PR) \$209 000 (P-527RI)





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HANDYMAN SPECIAL Great opportunity in Westland Almost a half acre of land convenient location, some updates including furnace high Krt & bath freeds some TLC but has loads of (C-110RO) potential (P-270WA)



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Can schools Shows like a model
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LARGE CORNER LOT Nicely decorated bungsion w/ updated fix newer carpet freshly parted new plumbing hwh. G.A. privacy ferice wished in large yard. 1 yr Warranty & home is up to code. \$89 000 (P-652GU)



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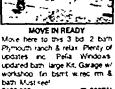


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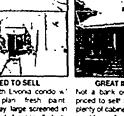
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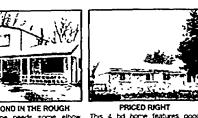
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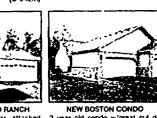
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This home needs some elbow grease but features an updated furnace, hwh, windows, & garage sized rooms, newer furnace & hwh, almost 1200 sq ft, & is priced to self. Would make a great starter or detais (C-638WE) \$104,900 (C-248BA) (P-662WI)



features some features some new carpet, remodeled bath, new stove & w'glass block, Pty-Can Schools & just steps from downtown Ptymouth \$135,000 (C-942/R) (C-720JO)



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hwd floors, glass block in bsmt. Liv Rm withpli & 1286 sq ft. Call foday furnaces 2 balconies large affic & \$94,000 (P-617Pf)





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Fantastic Canton colonial, priced to sell Oak kit, 2 stry FR, mas suite w/ fash ba. Priv bokyrd. Warm décor t/o Ready to move in.

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Awesome fir plan, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, granite kit, upgrades everywhere. 1st fir mstr wi fashion ba, 2 car gar, bsmt. Must see. MLS# 28050674 734-453-6800



R 2.1 BA, grmt kit w/granite, chy cabs & firs, mas glam ba, highly sought loc across the park. Prof landscaped flagstone crtyrd.

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4 BR, 3.1 ba Col. GR w/skylights & Fp. Mas w/vitd cig & WIC. Hdwd in kit, foyer & DR. Fin bsmt. Seller give \$5,000 close

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acre lot. Traditional floor plan featuring formal DR, FR w/FP. Large mstr w/WIC & BA. Full fin bsmL

4 bedroom colonial sits on almost 1.2

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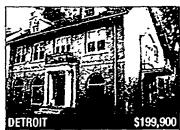


4 BR w/1893 sq ft. Kit '06 w/mpl cbs, Cor ontr top & pergo fir. Updts incl nwr wndws, roof, siding, both BA's uptd '06 w/vanity!

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complex backs to Ig open commons area. GR w/vitd cig, Fp & hdwd firs. New frig, dishwasher & sink. Prof fin bsmt. MLS# 28055560 734-453-6800



Must See! Historic Indian Village Sprawling 6 BR 3.5 BA w/Many Updates Incl All New BAs & Kit. Exposed Beamed Cings, Butiers Pantry, 2 Fps & Wet Bar. 248-347-3050 MLS# 27214305

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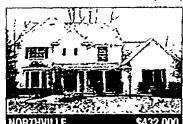


Northylle Col. 4 BR, 3.1 BA backs to woods. Gourmet kit, open fir plan, mstr w/glam bath, Jack & Jill, & Princess ste. Special finance through SIRVA. 734-453-6800 MLS# 28048172



4 Br. 3-1/2 Ba Col. Frml LB & DR. Grmt Kit W/new Appls, 1st Fl rm mstr. Guest Br W/ full Bath & Wic. Breezeway To 2 Car Gar.

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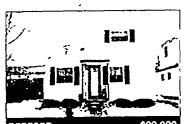
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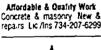
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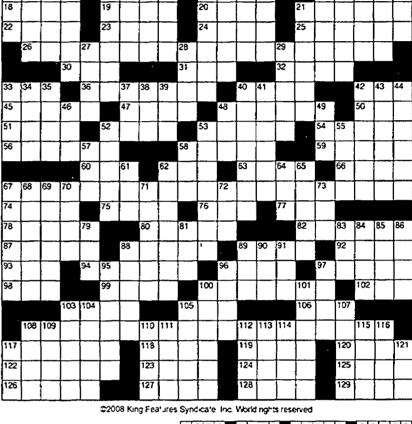
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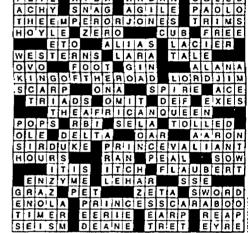
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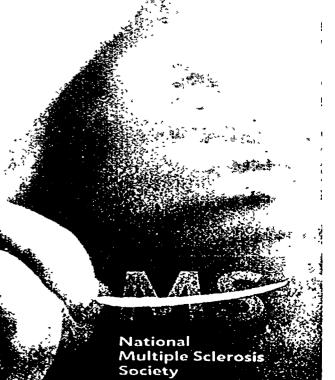
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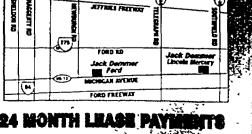
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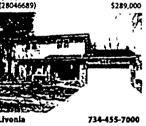
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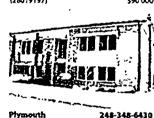


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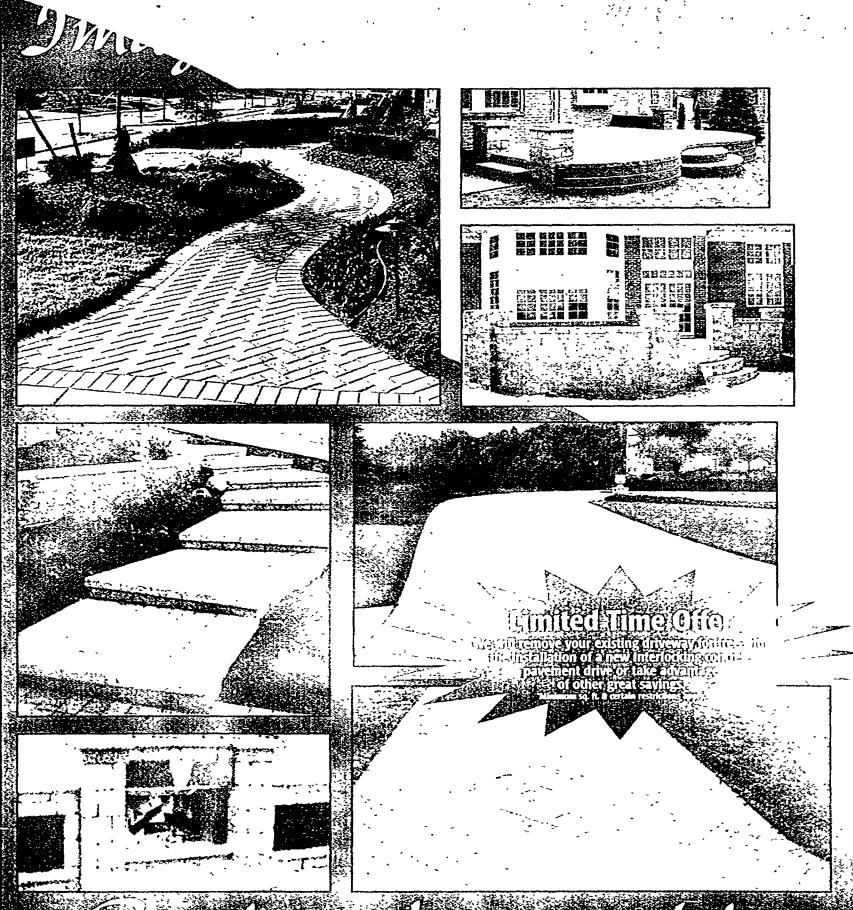
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## Add drama to the yard

By Metro News Service

Homeowners looking to increase their living space frequently turn their attention outdoors.

It's often more affordable to repurpose outdoor spaces into entertaining areas than adding on rooms or raising the roof of a house.

Decks and patios are no longer just a summertime retreat.

The possibilities for creating comfortable and attractive outdoor environments extends the use of the yard year-round.

When looking to outfit your outdoor rooms, there are a number of elements and products that can provide the style you desire. Some of the most popular add architectural interest, such as pergolas, gazebos and arbors.

When shopping for landscaping elements, keep in mind that today there are many alternatives to wood that are environmentally friendly, easier to maintain, and more affordable for the average homeowner.

When decking out your landscape, Finyl Vinyl offers these suggestions for transforming outdoor living spaces.

■ Furnish your "rooms." Today's outdoor furniture isn't the patio sets of years past. Stylistically worlds ahead, many

pieces of furniture — from sofas to

chaise lounges — are constructed with weather-resistant fabrics ensuring they're beautiful and durable.

Create multiple entertaining and seating areas throughout the yard for a variety of places for guests to gravitate.

■ Highlight areas of impact. Draw focus to a walkway, distinguish an entryway, or set the boundaries of a seating area by using an architectural structure, such as a vinyl arbor. You can even beef up boring lines of a home simply by adding an arbor to the design.

**■** Create year-round capabilities. Installing a firepit or warming lanterns, or by closing in a gazebo or greenhouse with removable walls/windows, you easily expand the seasonal use of the yard. This certainly stretches the value of the investment made toward outdoor spaces.

■ Add appliances & amenities. For those who are blessed with mild temperatures most of the year, fully equipping an outdoor room with some of the comforts you'd expect inside can really set your yard apart. Decked out with cozy furniture, speakers, a summer kitchen, and ambient lighting, your outdoor space will be comfortable and certainly a conversation point.

## Make the most of a small space

By Metro News Service

Finding enough landscape to start your dream garden is often a big hurdle to clear.

But a lack of landscape doesn't mean you can't have the lush garden you've always dreamed of. Instead, it simply means you'll have to pull a few tricks out of your gardener's cap to get the most out of the land you do have.

■ Use containers: Container gardening has grown especially popular in recent years, as the size of most people's yards has shrunk.

Plant whatever you'd like in containers, which take up less space than a traditional garden and also offer more flexibility, as the containers can be moved around at will. Containers can also be moved around for parties or placed at different places in the yard if you'd like your landscape to have a different look every now and then.

**■** Consider the color: Much like the paint you choose for a room can give the illusion of that room being bigger or smaller than it really is, the color of your garden can offer a similar illusion. The color blue is known for making gardens look larger than they are, so keep these cooler colors at the back of the garden to give the impression that they are more distant.

Consult with a local gardening professional, be it your landscaper or a salesman at a nearby gardening supply store, for advice on which plants will best match your needs.

■ Build up, rather than out: A raised bed for your garden won't take up as much space, but will still allow you enough room for an attractive, landscape-complementing garden. Some can even be built atop moveable structures, making them similar to container gardening with respect to their flexibility.



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# Floors go from functional to fabulous

By Tracy Pulley | GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

When Jamie Beckwith started planning the decor for her home in Franklin, Tenn., she knew it needed to complement the house's old-world characteristics. When it came to flooring, she chose materials that showed their handmade origins.

From the wide planks of hand-hewn distressed walnut in the living room to the tumbled travertine in the foyer, Beckwith's floors reflect not only her home's personality but also an evergrowing trend in homebuilding toward high-end natural materials that are low maintenance with minimal environmental impact.

"Everybody is going to a hand-crafted look, getting away from flat flooring," says Dan Antes, owner of Nashville, Ind.-based Distinctive Hardwood Floors. "Natural, organic texture is a big thing."

Antes, whose work was featured in December's Blueprint magazine, uses reclaimed wood when he can. "For that project we used oak reclaimed from barns throughout the South," he says. "It's expensive... but an even more expensive option is using urban timber, working with cities to gather individual trees that are cut down for electric companies or construction."

### Materials matter

In Nashville the green trend is evident as homeowners choose renewable resource materials such as bamboo and cork flooring in greater numbers.

Traci Henry, owner of furniture store and design service At Home Nashville, has seen demand for recycled and organic goods increase tremendously in the past year.

"Everything from cork to bamboo to reclaimed timbers, and definitely more big-plank exotic woods," she says. She's designed several floors that bring outdoor

Photo by MANDY LUNN'GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Jamie Beckwith has hand-hewn walnut flooring at her home in Franklin, Tenn. "Everybody is going to a hand-crafted look, getting away from flat flooring," says Dan Antes, owner of Nashville, Ind.-based Distinctive Hardwood Floors.

elements into the home as well.

Bamboo and cork "are niche items, but we are seeing this trend grow more and more," says Abby Buford, a spokeswoman for Lowe's, the national retailer.

Buford cites bamboo and cork's ability to insulate against outside tempera-

tures and absorb sound as two of the benefits of these renewable materials. "Bamboo has a high durability," she says, and it is easy to harvest. Not only is cork soft to the touch and hypo-allergenic, it can be harvested "multiple times without cutting down a

tree," Buford says.

### Trend is for texture

At Erwin Tile and Marble, owner Joe Erwin has seen trends come and go in his 20 years in the business. His favorite floor material these days, porcelain tile, doesn't fit into the natural materials trend, but he's a strong proponent nonetheless.

"Porcelain has come so far,"

Erwin says. "It looks like any kind of stone or marble you could imagine; each tile is made to look unique, and it's more durable, requires less maintenance than real stone."

Erwin does like the trend toward flooring that's unique. He hasn't built cookie-cutter floors for clients in a long time. "We are doing a high-end marble project right now in a master bath," he says, "creating a rug design with a large border with gold and black marble. It's labor-intensive but very beautiful." Erwin also has a lot of requests for floors designed with four, five, sometimes six different tile sizes mixed randomly to create a custom look.

Although stone maintains steady popularity as a flooring material, in Nashville wood is still the mainstay for most upscale homes. Chuck Crispin, craftsman and designer of the 2007 "Floor of the Year" creates distinctive wood floors for custom homes across the country. "We're doing a hand-scraping technique that removes the softer wood and gives a texture to the floor," Crispin says. "We burnish it with a natural coat of oil and finish with wax."

Crispin says that, nationally, homeowners are moving away from polyurethane-coated floors and back to waxing. "With polyurethane, what you see is what you get," he says. "If you get a scratch in it you have to refinish the whole floor. ... Wax is repairable over time, and a scratch looks like a natural part of the floor. It's beautifully imperfect."

Nashville homeowners Jill and Michael Park are learning about beautiful imperfection in their new home. The floors, made of 5-inchwide dark walnut planks, are showing every step made by their teenage son and his friends. "It is beautiful, but it shows everything," Jill says. "I had to buy two industrial-size mops."

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# Follow these steps to a 'green' lawn

By Metro News Service

There are millions of acres of manicured lawns in this country — from golf clubs to parks to homeowners' own front yards.

Many people believe a perfect, manicured lawn positively reflects back on the person who toiled for it, and evokes a feeling of importance and pride.

However, the steps most people take to achieve that pristine, green lawn are often anything but green in the environmental sense.

By being environmentally conscious and exploring natural alternatives to lawn care, homeowners can have their cake and eat it, too.

Essentially they can have a thriving landscape without the environmental side effects of chemical products and other pollutants.

Here are a few ideas:

1. Position large collection basins outdoors under the downspouts on your home.

These basins can collect rainwater that can be used to water garden plants during dry spells, alleviating the drain on fresh water supplies.

2. Choose plants, trees and grass-

es that are indigenous to the area in which you live.

Essentially this is working with the environment, instead of trying to maintain a landscape of intolerant species. Plants accustomed to the climate and natural predators may require less water and fewer pesticides.

3. Look for organic fertilizers that will be a benefit for the environment rather than destroy it.

A great organic fertilizer that is very inexpensive is compost. Create a compost heap in the yard or in a container to which you add grass clippings, vegetable peels, egg shells, and other organic matter. Use the compost to feed the land-scape.

4. Look to alternative pest management instead of pesticides.

Let good bugs stay in place that will eat or destroy the ones that target the landscape. Invite birds that feed on insects to the yard by creating a welcome atmosphere for them.

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It is possible to achieve a beautiful lawn and landscape while being environmentally conscious.



## Consider these questions before planting a tree

By Metro News Service

Whether doing it to be more environmentally conscious or to make your home's landscape more aesthetically appealing, planting a tree or trees around your property can be a great way to spend some time outdoors while making a positive impact on your surroundings.

But before heading to your local nursery or out to the yard with your shovel, there are some things to consider when it comes to planting trees around your property.

■ What type of tree?

Do you want to plant an evergreen or a deciduous tree? Each tree comes with its own benefits. Evergreens won't shed their leaves in the colder months, meaning they'll provide shade year-round. Since evergreens remain thick in the winter, they make good choices for homeowners

who want their trees to function as barriers from wind or noise.

Deciduous trees provide functionality as well, but on the opposite end of the spectrum. Deciduous trees can provide shade in the summertime and allow sunlight to come through in the wintertime once they've shed their leaves. For homeowners with young children who love to play in the yard, deciduous trees can protect kids from getting too hot in the warmer months and too cold during winter.

This involves knowing what the tree will look like down the road. You won't want to plant a tree that will get very big too close to your home, as a storm or other inclement weather could result in the tree potentially damaging the house. Even if that does not happen, you want to avoid having the tree removed when it

reaches maturity. If you feel it's gotten too big and you do want it removed to avoid an accident, this can be a costly expense.

Another thing to consider is property lines. If the tree crosses the property line when it reaches maturity, it could cause trouble for you with your neighbors. Also, you don't want the tree to be in a position where it's impeding sunlight from reaching a neighbor's home in winter (or your own home for that matter).

Before deciding on where to plant your tree, know how big it is likely to get, and make sure you don't plant it too close to your property line, especially if it will be very large once it reaches maturity.

■ What is the tree history?

Most local nurseries won't sell trees that have proven problematic to residents of the area in the past.

Some trees carry with them a sus-

ceptibility to certain disease or insect infestations, while others are known for having weak wood that won't stand up well in areas where wind is a staple of the weather.

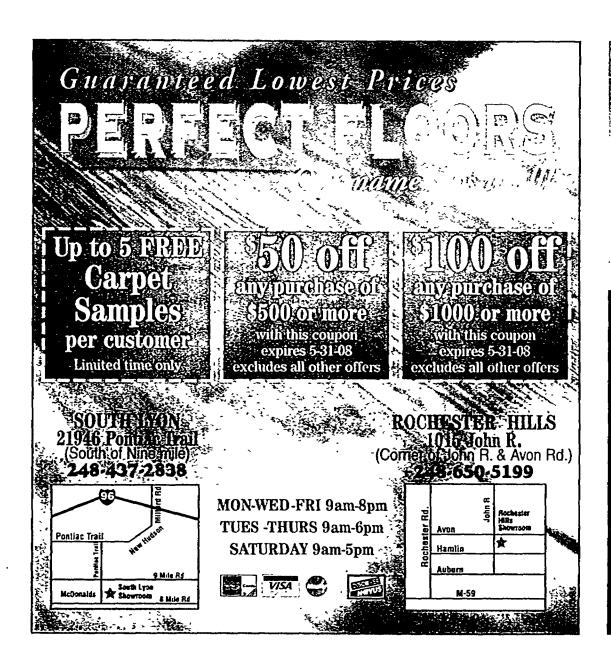
Be sure that the nursery you choose only sells trees that have a proven track record of success in your area. While it's a nice idea to have an exotic tree in your yard, it's not nice to have to pay to treat such trees when they can't handle the local weather or insect population.

■ What will the tree look like? Looks are important, as no one wants to plant an eyesore in their

front yard. Trees can be wonderful additions to a landscape by complementing surrounding flowers or shrubs and even the color of your home.

Ask a local nursery professional what a specific tree will look like throughout the seasons.

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# Make the house look new again

By Tracy Pulley | GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

With the real estate market stagnating, more owners are choosing to stay put and make small updates to their homes, changes that can make a room jump from 1987 to 2008 in an instant. Homebuyers seem to be making more modest revisions as well, saving their remodeling dollars for a rainy day.

Trading out polished-brass doorknobs for oil-rubbed bronze handles, replacing square stainless steel faucets with curved brushed nickel ones and similar changes make a big difference without costing a ton of money.

Lynn and David Moler moved into their 1,200-square-foot Antioch, Tenn., home in August. They're using their modest renovation budget to change the little details first.

"The house was built in the '70s, and I don't think anything's been done to it since then," Lynn says. "Everything was dark or shiny brass. It looked old."

The Molers began by putting satin nickel faucets in the bathrooms. At \$70 each, the faucets were an

affordable update that instantly made the sinks look fresher. They then painted the dark oak kitchen cabinets white and replaced the brass handles and hinges with contemporary satin nickel pulls.

"They're sort of squiggly looking, sort of modern," Lynn says. "We had to buy 20, but at \$5 each it fit our budget."

The Molers are doing all of the work themselves, even tearing down a dining room wall to create a more open feeling in the kitchen area (they did ask a construction-savvy friend to first make sure it wasn't load-bearing).

"We're learning as we go," Lynn says. "We'd like to change the door-knobs next — every one of them is brass — but it's not as high a priority right now."

**Explore options** 

The Molers have their priorities in order, says Jeanie White, an accredited home staging professional based in Nashville, Tenn. White spends most of her time helping owners revamp their homes in preparation for sale, but that experi-

ence has taught her what makes a house look up to date.

"A lot of times people get comfortable with a certain period of time in their life and decorate accordingly," White says. "It can be difficult to nudge yourself out of that comfort zone."

She suggests starting with simple changes such as new light fixtures and contemporary cabinet hardware and faucets in the kitchen and bathrooms.

"If you really start to walk through a house and add up all of the fixtures, it can be overwhelming," White says. "You can start small; maybe focus on the public areas like the living room, the powder room, the kitchen — and work your way from there."

Trends will change

At Cumberland Hardware in east Nashville, co-owner John Varallo's customers are buying oil-rubbed bronze hardware and fixtures more than ever, although satin nickel is still a popular finish.

"Bright brass just looks older right now," Varallo says. "It's a dead giveaway that a home is 20 years old."

Varallo says remodelers are also changing outlets from brown or black to white and almond, and that narrow light switches are being replaced with wide rocker switches or round dimmers.

"That's a big thing — accent lighting," Varallo says. "People are getting away from overhead lights and installing wall sconces for atmosphere."

Phillip Mitchell, owner of Bellshire Hardware in Nashville, is still selling overhead light fixtures, but they're replacing the \$5 builderstandard square glass ceiling light.

"People are going to a more elaborate light fixture, cut glass that creates a starburst pattern across the ceiling," he says. "Of course, lighting is a fashion. It goes in and out more than cabinet handle finishes do."

Mitchell is concerned about one new trend.

"Remodelers sometimes choose an inexpensive deadbolt that tarnishes and peels after about a year," he says. "If you put a quality lock on, you can enjoy it while you're living there and know it's more secure."



## Proper mix of light depends on bathroom's size and uses

By Teena Hammond Gomez I GNS

It takes a savvy mix of light to properly illuminate a bathroom. The old days of a strip of lights above a bathroom mirror are gone. Now homeowners are choosing multiple types of light to serve different func-

"In the lighting industry, we call it layers of light. This means creating multiple ways of lighting a single space if possible. In the bathroom, it's not unusual to have three layers of light," says Joe Rey-Barreau, associate professor in the College of Design at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Layer 1

The first layer of light is at the sink, where in the past people have put a single light bar with exposed bulbs over it. The trend is to move away from that type of fixture and hide the bulbs behind a shade to cut down on glare. It also serves another purpose: With shades, regular light bulbs can be used instead of the special round ones needed for the exposed strips.

"Another thing I recommend is to put a dimmer on that light at the vanity. What really happens in a bath-

your vanity is much more than you typically need. You might have a situation where you're putting on makeup or shaving and you need quite a bit of light. But those are relatively few moments. You don't always need that high amount of path lighting," Rey-Barreau says.

"By putting in a dimmer, you create a much more comfortable level of light — especially if it's a bathroom adjacent to a bedroom. By dimming them, you can maintain them as if they're a night light so you don't get that blast of light in the middle of the night."

To reduce shadows on your face while shaving or applying makeup, add vertical sconces beside a bathroom mirror as well as one above the mirror. Don't be afraid to mix and match lights in the same room.

Layer 2

The second layer of light would be general lighting in the center of the room. The rule of thumb is if a bath-. room is 25 square feet or less, an extra ceiling light isn't needed. But larger bathrooms need an extra light, whether recessed or a chandelier.

'Now it's not unusual to see chandeliers and highly decorative fixtures room is the amount of light you get at in bathrooms. That's been a very, very big trend. You can use a dimmer for the same benefit as a vanity light on that ceiling light," Rey-Barreau says.

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The third layer of light would be over a shower or tub. That light would need to be designed for wet conditions.

Eric Steinbrenner, sales and marketing manager for Brecher's Lighting, says there are now more decorative options than a plain recessed shower or tub light."There is a trend to use little globes that look more finished out, not just a piece of

glass dropped down in the trim of a recessed light. You can get a little bit of a decorative element in your shower light," he says.

Many customers are also matching lighting fixtures to their bathroom faucets, either in finish or by purchasing everything from the same line so the style is the same. "Oilrubbed bronze, brushed nickel and chrome are the top three sellers in bathroom lighting fixtures,"he says. "Brushed nickel is good because it's on the border of contemporary but also looks a little bit traditional."

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# Looking up

## It's the ceiling's turn for special treatment

By Teena Hammond Gomez | GNS

The blank canvas of a ceiling has become a creative outlet for many of today's architects, builders and designers.

It's a vast area to cover and one of a home's most visible features since walls are often hidden by furniture. Some designers think of the ceiling as the fifth wall.

Historically, ceilings did feature decorative elements. But during the mid-to-late 20th century, ceilings were ignored and painted white.

Now, white is out, and choosing the same ceiling color as on your walls, or a notch or two lighter, is a trend gaining in popularity.

Generally, dark ceilings will make a room seem cozy while lighter colors will make it seem larger.

Once standard, 8-foot ceilings are now being replaced in new construction with ceilings of 10 to 12 feet, or higher, with thick crown moldings and other features adding interest to the space. Some entryway ceilings are 18 or 19 feet, with cathedral-ceiling foyers hitting 23

feet or more in some homes.

Tray ceilings are no longer just rectangular or square boxes. Instead, they are being created in varied shapes and with two and three steps up to create layers of color and crown molding. A tray ceiling can make a room feel larger.

In many high-end custom homes, there are at least three rooms where architectural designs are added to ceilings.

"I would say as a rule that you would do something on the great-room ceiling and the master bedroom and the dining room," says Mickey Corcoran, owner of Corcoran Homebuilding & Remodeling LLC in Louisville, Ky.

He said other rooms are optional, and children's bedroom ceilings don't usually get special treatment.

Corcoran has added everything from barrel vaults to tray ceilings, coffered ceilings and radius tray ceilings to the homes he's built.

"Every home I build has multiple ceiling features," he says.

"I feel like your simple square or even octagonal tray is sort of dated now. I might do them in a basement to hide ductwork, but not upstairs."

Interior designer Trisha Johnson, director of interior design for Powell Design Group in Louisville, says she's been working on a new treatment for vaulted and tray ceilings.

"It's hand-painted paper and comes in really large sheets," she says. "We tear it into different random pieces, and it's applied like a wallpaper, and they overlap each other. The end result looks like a faux finish, but it's half the cost and comes in 50 different colors."

Johnson says the hand-painted paper can also be added within the squares of a coffered ceiling, and she used it in a dome ceiling in a home she decorated.

She suggested mosaic tile as another option for dome ceilings.

"We do so much new construction, and it seems like the ceilings get taller and taller and more detailed" Johnson says

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"I don't know why, but really interesting ceilings are the fad right now."

### **CEILING TYPES**

- Coffered: This term can be used to describe a ceiling with exposed beams, or a ceiling with recessed square panels instead of a flat surface.
- Vaulted: Slopes from one side of the room to the other, with the highest point at one side of the room.
- Soffit: Dropped-down areas of the ceiling in boxed or curved shapes to add flair and define specific spaces. In the past, soffits were often used to fill the open spaces between the tops of upper kitchen cabinets and the ceiling.
- Tray: An indented shape on the ceiling that makes the area higher and has a flat center. Can be single, double, triple or more, with multiple layers. A radius tray is in a shape other than a square or rectangle. Crown molding is often used within a tray ceiling with cove lighting tucked behind the molding to create a soft glow.
- Barrel arch: A semicircular ceiling that is rounded to look like half of a barrel. Can rise to 16 feet or more depending on the builder.
- Cathedral: Both sides of the ceiling slope up, and the highest point of the ceiling is in the center of the room.

Sources Trisha Johnson, director of interior design for Powell Design Group in Louisville, Ky; Mickey Corcoran, owner of Corcoran Homebuilding & Remodeling LLC in Louisville

## Revamp your home with the perfect designer

By Hollie Deese | GNS

There are plenty of things to consider before you shell out cash for a designer. And just like fabric, no two designers are created the same. But with a little research and some realistic expectations, you can find the one who is right for you.

Know what you want

This is probably one of the most important steps when it comes to hiring an interior designer. Don't let yourself get intimidated by the fact that they are professionals. Everyone has their own sense of style, and that shouldn't go out the window just because you didn't go to school for it.

Know space's function

Most designers agree that this is the most important thing to know before going into a project.

"You should have a vision for how you are going to use the space," says Gail Cook, a designer with Baylor Bone Interiors in Nashville, Tenn. "That is one of the most helpful things for a designer."

Know what you like

"We try to make it easy for (clients)," says Shirley Horowitz, presi-

in Nashville."We don't expect them to know what they want or how they need to decorate or else they would not come to us."

Designers want customers to tell them whether they like basic contemporary, traditional or transitional, or if eco-friendly design is important to them. Also try to know how involved you will be in each process, although this is something that may evolve once the project is under way.

Set a realistic time frame

As much as you want a designer to work miracles, they can't control everything.

"We're up-front with people about the amount of time it takes to get things,"especially with customordered pieces, Cook says. "There are limitations to what we can do."

Also, if you are making major changes - removing a wall, for example - expect the unexpected. It is always good to build in more time than you think it will take whenever structural changes are being made.

Set a realistic budget

If you can't afford top of the line, be up-front about it. That way, the

designer can take your likes in mind but not consider pieces that are out of your price range.

Sometimes being realistic also includes being flexible -- especially if you fall in love with a piece of furniture that costs more than you had planned on spending. In that case, consider redoing the room in steps.

Be familiar with designer

Before you begin the interviews, narrow your search by becoming familiar with the work of designers you like. Most have Web sites where you can look through photos.

Talk money

The most uncomfortable conversation is also the most important.

Everyone needs to be up-front about a payment schedule, and it is all about honesty and openness.

Not every designer charges the same. Some charge by the hour, some by merchandise, some by project.

Be clear and get the paperwork done so there is no confusion deep into the project.



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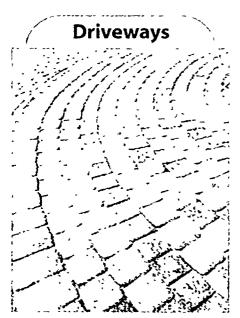


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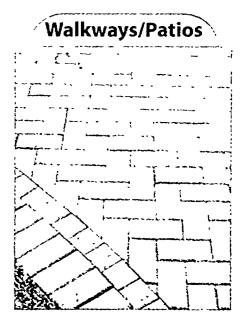


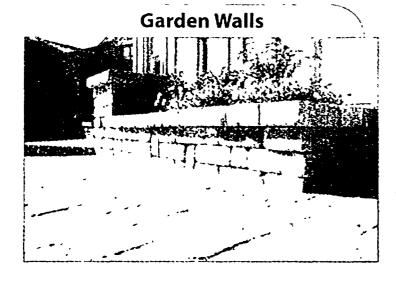
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