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## Old Village, Cooke spared

### ■ Proposed increase in pupil/ teacher ratio dropped

By Alea Hibbeln  
SPECIAL WRITER

A big relief comes to parents of children who attend special education programs in Old Village and

Cook schools. Wayne RESA's proposed special education rules that would change the current student/teacher ratio from 10:1 to 30:1 have been rescinded after over 100 letters, phone calls and e-mails poured into the organization's office.

"We're overwhelmed by the response and truly glad at the number of parents who spoke out," said Wayne RESA communications director, Tracey Wright. "We hope that they continue to stay involved as we continue to tackle these

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funding issues."

"I think it's a good idea to drop those numbers," said Mark Francis, director of Education for Wayne RESA.

But a dark cloud looms as the statewide funding crisis forges on. It's only a matter of time before the district will dip into its rainy day fund. Bill-backs are on the horizon

as other districts know far too well. Some have to use their fund equity to pay huge expenses. These funds are in place for emergency spending. Most districts keep a 7-percent savings fund for unexpected expenses, but if they have to pay bills with it, the amount lowers and they will have to pay a hefty percentage rate when they try to borrow money.

"Eighty to 85 percent of budget is staffing, and there isn't anywhere else for districts to cut other than looking at staffing," said Francis.

"We have to see if we can be more creative with education across the board. Obviously those numbers weren't the fix, but the challenge now is finding other things we can do differently."

Francis, who was a special education building principal for nine years, knows the situation from the inside.

"Teachers and paraprofessionals love these kids in these programs," he said. "When I first started, these

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER, Northville Record

### Goin' to market

Bundled up against the early morning chill, Madeline Case, 2, rides in a little red wagon along with some flowers as she checks out the Northville Farmers' Market last Thursday with her dad, Jason. The market will be open from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday through October and is located at the corner of Seven Mile and Center St. This week, the Market kicks off the Chef's at the Market series, held the third Thursday of each month and including a market walk through with a chef, demonstrations, samples and recipes. A new program at the market, Recycle Garden Pots, accepts clean plastic pots, flats and seedling trays for re-use and recycling. Last year, the Market donated 3,500 pounds of food to Forgotten Harvest, an effort that will continue this year. And, on the first Thursdays of each month, sponsor Providence Park Hospital in Novi will bring a new program, Good for You, which includes nutrition, exercise and cooking ideas, recipes and samples.

## Developer subpoenas Citizens of Northville

■ One member served; one to be

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Robert Carson, the Bloomfield Hills attorney for developers

REIS, a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers and Company, has subpoenaed Laurie Marrs of Citizens



Laurie Marrs

for Northville and was attempting to subpoena Carol Poenisch as of Tuesday afternoon.

The grass-roots organization was formed several months ago to support the township government in an effort to promote safe neighborhoods, economic development, quality of life and responsible land development.

Joseph Xuereb, a Northville resident and Canton attorney representing Citizens for Northville, said Carson served papers to

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## RELAY FOR LIFE: Speaker says cancer can strike anybody

■ She hopes causes of cancer, not just cure, can be discovered

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Renee Grant exercised and was even teased about her healthy eating habits.

"I didn't eat fast food, fried food, didn't drink carbonated beverages and never smoked. I didn't eat doughnuts or red meat, and there was no breast cancer in my family," said the Northville resident. "When I was diagnosed with breast cancer, no

one could believe it."

In March, she appeared at Northville High School as a cancer survivor to give the kickoff address for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event in Northville.

Teams raise money for cancer research and services related to the disease during the annual event, which takes place tomorrow and Saturday at Ford Field on Griswold Street just north of Main Street.

Team members will participate in the 24-hour tribute to cancer victims and survivors from 10 p.m. tomorrow until 10 a.m. Saturday.

### The day she got the call

Grant, who lives with husband, Bob, an attorney, and sons, Connor and Evan, was faithful

about having annual mammograms. And, they had always come back as normal.

But one day, while performing a self-breast exam, she felt a lump. Soon after that, she had a biopsy the day she left for Naples, Fla., to vacation with four girlfriends to celebrate a landmark birthday of hers. She got the call from the surgeon who performed the biopsy the same day — March 3, 2006.

"They were all looking at me as I was looking out at the beautiful sky and blue water of the Gulf from within the luxurious condo we were staying in, and the voice in the phone was saying, 'I'm sorry to tell you, but the biopsy tested positive for cancer,'" Grant said.

Five months after her mammogram, she had a stage two 2.7-centimeter tumor. It was a partic-

ularly aggressive type of cancer. "The value of self-exams can't be overstated," Grant said. "If I had waited until my next mammogram, I wouldn't be standing here telling you to do it."

She had surgery, which took a third to a half of one breast, and then began 16 rounds of chemotherapy. Her older son, Conner, and two of his friends buzzed their heads the day before she started her treatments to make her feel more comfortable when her hair began to fall out. Throughout her treatment, friends brought over flowers, chocolate and meals.

"I never felt so loved," she said. "I got by with a lot of help from my friends."

After the chemotherapy came six weeks of radiation, which she

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**Breast cancer survivor**  
Renee Grant sits outside her Northville home with her Portuguese water dog, Lily, who really helped her through her treatments with lots of canine affection.

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## ■ RELAY FOR LIFE: Speaker says cancer can strike anybody

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calls "the invisible death rays," and infusions of Herceptin, an antibody treatment that didn't even exist a decade ago, for a year. She just finished her cancer treatment last May.

Grant believes her positive attitude and the ability to find humor in her situation helped her get through the ordeal of cancer. "I could always see the humor in everything, which was a good thing," she said, "even though my cancer jokes made some people uncomfortable."

Today, besides volunteering as a docent at the Detroit Institute for Arts, she acts as an unofficial outreach counselor to cancer victims. She's been referred to patients in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Missouri.

"I have run the gamut with this dreaded disease called can-

cer, and overall, it's been a positive experience," Grant said. "It gave me a fresh perspective on the value of passing years."

She hopes that some day researchers will be able to identify other causes of cancer besides activities like smoking, as well as a cure.

The American Cancer Society's Department of Epidemiology and Surveillance Research is currently asking men and women from 30-65 with no personal history of cancer to participate in a historic research study. The goal is to enroll 500,000 adults from various racial/ethnic backgrounds from across the U.S.

The purpose of CPS-3 is to better understand the lifestyle, behavioral, environmental and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer and to ultimately eliminate cancer as a major

health problem for this and future generations.

Although enrollment will not take place at Northville's Relay for Life, it will take place from noon-4 p.m. Saturday at the Canton Relay for Life at

Heritage Park and from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at the Monroe Relay for Life event at the Monroe County Fairgrounds.

For more information, go to [www.cancer.org/cps3](http://www.cancer.org/cps3), send an e-mail to [cps3@cancer.org](mailto:cps3@cancer.org) or

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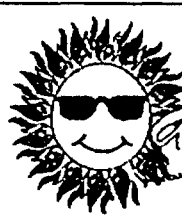
Looking at the bigger picture, Grant said people can support people they know who have or have had cancer by participating in events like Relay for Life.

"You have the power to make a difference," she said.

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### "Full Cups" book to come

Renee Grant of Northville was blessed to have many friends who brought her delicious meals during her cancer treatment. After her recovery, she decided to compile a cookbook, "Full Cups," containing some of the recipes from those meals, with the proceeds going to assist breast cancer victims who don't have medical insurance. Northville photographer Steve Fecht shot photos for the publication, and the cookbook will be available in local bookstores.



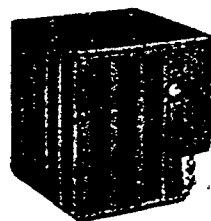
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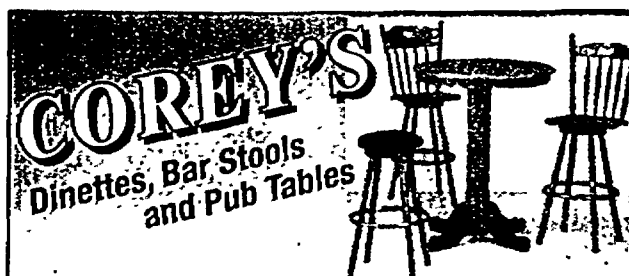
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#### SATURDAY

10 a.m. Opening Ceremony and Cancer Survivor Celebration Lap

10:15-11:30 Cancer Survivors Reception and Celebration. Survivors and their care givers enjoy brunch in the tent

10:30-11:30 a.m. Music by Apollo on stage

11 a.m.-noon American Cancer Society Mission Delivery "Picture A Cure"

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Drummunity: Join Lon Fithian in African drumming (near the stage)

12:30-1:15 p.m. Just for Kicks Line Dance Demo/Instruction/Participation (near the stage)

12:30 p.m. Silent Auction Bidder Registration: Get your bidding number before the start of the auction

1-2:30 p.m. Silent Auction (at the tent)

1:15-1:45 p.m. FIGHT BACK Ceremony: Express the love for our inaugural ceremony and help FIGHT BACK against cancer

1:45-2:30 p.m. Pure Barre Fitness Demonstration near stage

2:30 p.m. "Mister" Relay contest begins

2:40-3:45 p.m. Music by Class A on stage

3-4 p.m. American Cancer Society Mission Delivery: Breast Cancer Awareness: "Tell-A-Friend" phone calls to family and friends 40 and over to encourage them to get mammograms.

3:30 p.m. Payment/pickup of Silent Auction items

3:45-3:55 p.m. "Mister" Relay Results announced on stage

3:55 p.m. Bubble Lap Fundraiser

4-5:15 p.m. Be a Star! Teams do short performances for Relay for Life video on stage

5:15-6 p.m. Class A Band on stage

6-7 p.m. American Cancer Society Mission Delivery: Colorectal Cancer Awareness

6-6:45 p.m. Center Stage Dance Production/Shine! (near stage)

7-10 p.m. Music by a variety of Northville's Baseline Folk Society Musicians. Featured entertainers: Sue Laabs and sons, Kathy Nieman and Paul Balogh, Cathy Fitzpatrick and Julie Bengtsson, "Pa radocs," Jennifer Nativ and Rachel Hendnan, and "Rise Again"

9:30 p.m. Luminaria Lighting

10-11 p.m. Luminaria Ceremony:

Survivors and care givers will be given candles, all others present will be behind them for support. Special song will be sung together, then bagpiper Tyler Johnson will lead survivors, followed by everyone else around the track for a solemn lap of reflection. Softer music will follow for the remainder of the hour

11 p.m.-12 a.m. Northville Yoga Center candlelight yoga (near stage)

#### SUNDAY

12-1 a.m. Center Stage Dance Hip Hop/Funky Dance Instruction (near stage)

1-7 a.m. D.J. entertainment on stage

1 a.m. Pajama Fashion Show

Laps

2 a.m. Scavenger Hunt

2:15-4 a.m. Ultimate Frisbee Games in Center Lawn Area

3 a.m. Scavenger Hunt winners announced

4 a.m. Poker Lap

4:15-6 a.m. Kickball on diamond

9:30 a.m. Closing ceremony and awards presentation

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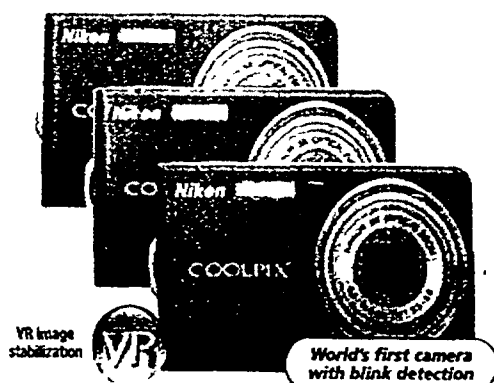
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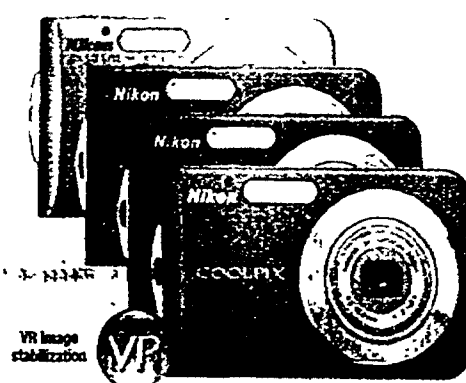
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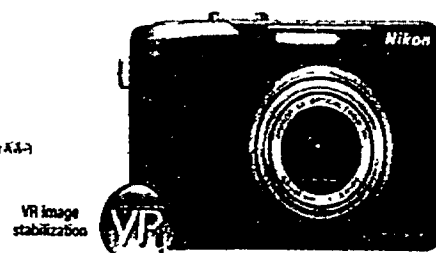
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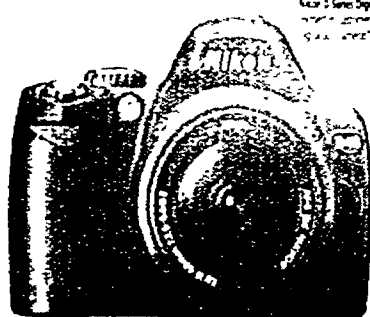
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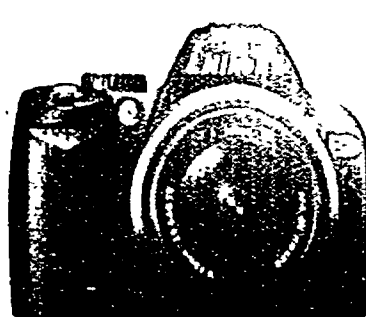
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## Mich. Senate approves ban on public smoking

By Chris Christoff  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

The state Senate voted last Thursday to ban smoking in public places including restaurants and bars, sending the issue back to the House, which has passed a similar bill.

The Senate vote puts a statewide smoking ban on the verge of final approval and a victory for antismoking advocates who have lobbied for years to ban smoking in public places.

The measure passed on a 25-12 vote. Unlike a similar House bill that passed, the Senate version would extend the smoking ban to casinos and bingo halls.

That could be an issue in the House, where Detroit's casinos had lobbied hard for an exemption to any smoking ban.

The Senate version would not affect American Indian casinos. Several attempts to ban smoking at Indian casinos failed, as opponents cited the sovereignty of Indian tribes and their businesses.

Supporters of the smoking ban, led by Sen. Ray Basham, D-

Taylor, framed the bill as a health issue for workers in bars and restaurants who are exposed to secondhand smoke.

Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, echoed some other Republicans, saying he once opposed a statewide smoking ban but had changed his mind because of a second report by the U.S. Surgeon General that found secondhand smoke to be a public health hazard.

"I'm now on the right side of the issue," Patterson said.

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## Where there's smoke (or not), there's fire

### Proposal to eliminate indoor smoking in public places has both sides fuming

By Alea Hibbeln  
STAFF WRITER

As Michigan inches closer to becoming a smoke-free state, local business owners and patrons with guns blazing. The state Senate voted last Thursday to ban indoor smoking in public places, including restaurants and bars. The House votes next, and, if majority rules, all it takes is a signature by Governor Granholm to make it official.

Senators in support of a smoking ban framed the bill as a health issue for workers in bars and restaurants who are exposed to secondhand smoke — something that none of the following people interviewed mentioned as a concern.

A crowded Joseph's Coney Island on Main Street recently underwent renovations, painting over smoked stained walls. Owner Nick Bensaj said it was the best business decision to make his place non-smoking.

"A lot of people tried to push me to non-smoking," said Bensaj. "We're seeing a little bit better business. It's good for families, it's good for kids, it's good for everybody."

Dana Fowler, co-owner of Urban Blues, was on a buying trip last week in New York where smoking is banned from public places.

"It was so nice to breathe in clean air and your clothes never smell," Fowler said. "I hate going in to places ... breathing in everybody's smoke. I can't stand it."

Sarah List, a sales associate for Urban Blues, said it's when the smoke starts filling up a restaurant and irritating her eyes that she has no desire to stay in an establishment.

Mary Starring, owner of Starring "The Gallery," said that if she has a choice between going to a smoking place and a non-smoking one every time.

"It would be great," said Starring. "The smell wouldn't be on your clothes."

Although he's not a smoker, Greg Denome thinks people should still have an option to smoke.

One of three owners of The Chase, located on the lower level of Northville Square, Denome said, "That's one of the reasons we put in an elaborate ventilation system." He doesn't think it will hurt business since all businesses will be in the same boat.

Alan Larson, a non-smoker from Plymouth, said he doesn't like government mandating where people can smoke.

"If people (smokers) want to go into a place where there's no smoking, they shouldn't patron it," said Larson. "The government has got bigger things to worry about."

"Smokers can go outside if they really want one," said Rita Patel, one of three owners of Solid Grounds coffee house. "I wouldn't want to dine in a place that smells like smoke unless it's big and the ventilation is good, but a lot of places aren't like that."

Stephen Skolnik, general manager of Nomi, said he doesn't think it's going to hurt business at all.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Ryan Bewernitt enjoys a cigarette at Northville's The Chase on a recent Tuesday afternoon. Smoking may soon be banned in all indoor public restaurants and bars in Michigan in a bill under consideration in Lansing.

"If it affects everybody, it affects nobody," said Skolnik. "A gin and tonic tastes the same whether or not you have a cigarette with it."

And Little Italy's general manager, Fabiola Brace, said, "We're a bar that welcomes kids, so I think people would be more than happy." Brace also said that people wouldn't be complaining of the smoke anymore during dinner hour.

Havanna Lounge on South Main doesn't serve alcohol, but the business depends on smokers as it carries a large selection of cigars.

"People come in here to smoke the hookah, smoke cigars, watch TV, play cards — just hang out," said manager Michael Koussan. "It would definitely hurt business."

Northville resident Mark Petroff said it doesn't make him

want to leave a place that allows smoking, but it's nice to wake up and not smell like smoke.

"I spend a lot of time in New York, and it's so nice to go out to bars and restaurants there," said Petroff.

"I'm certain our business will be cut," said Wagon Wheel owner, Charlie Ronk. "Other states claim it hasn't affected them, but I'm afraid it will. If they [smokers] drink, they'll probably just buy a six pack and stay at home."

Jan Zuyus, owner of Trader Tom's Tobacco Shop on Seven Mile, said that a state smoking ban would totally put her out of business.

"It's like going into a bar and ordering a glass of wine and not being able to drink it," said Zuyus. "It's going to hurt business in the state of Michigan, period — and we don't need to lose anymore business than we already have."

### Northville man on bike killed by car

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal accident on U.S.-23 near Piketon, Ohio, that claimed the life of a Northville man.

William Crowley, 57, who was participating in the Tour of the Scioto River Valley bicycle event, was riding a bicycle north on U.S.-23 when a 36-year-old Lucasville, Ohio, woman driving a 2005 GMC Envoy struck the bicycle, throwing Crowley. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Pike County Prosecutor Tony Moraleja said charges had not been filed but added that "the case will be reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office when the investigation is complete."

Cyclists in the two-day tour, held each year on Mother's Day weekend, pedal 105 miles from Columbus to Portsmouth, Ohio, the first day, and return to Columbus on the second day. Piketon is about 60 miles south of Columbus.

Gannett News Service

## 8 seek township trustee seats; Corriveau faces 3

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

In the 20th district state representative race, three Republican candidates from Plymouth — Abe Munfakh, Joe Van Esley and Jerry Vorva — will appear on the Aug. 5 primary ballot running against Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville). The office carries a two-year term.

Four newcomers and four incumbents will vie for spots on the Northville Township Board of Trustees in the Tuesday, Aug. 5, primary election.

New trustee candidates include Mindy Herrmann, Steven Lomske and Jon Sabo running as Republicans, and Carol Poenisch running as a Democrat. Incumbents on the ballot will be Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen and Brad Werner, running as Republicans.

Mark Abbo is running unopposed as a Republican candidate for township supervisor, as is Sue Hillebrand for township clerk and Richard Henningsen for treasurer.

All positions are four-year terms which will expire on Nov. 20, 2012.

The following people filed in Northville Township and will be on the Tuesday, Aug. 5, primary election ballot as Republican

precinct delegate candidates: Justin Casagrande, Sylvia Donkers, Sue Hillebrand, Mark Kwiatkowski, Ronna McDaniel, Donald Melotich, Blake Robberts, Christopher Roosen, Jon Sabo and Joseph Xuereb. Precinct delegates running as Democrats in the primary election include Marshall Blundy, Scott Craig, Gloria Gonek, Keerthi Jayasuriya, Elizabeth Johnston, Delener McCamey, Charles Nichols, Marian Novak, Marlene Oden, Michael James Oden, James Marvin Petrie, Carol Poenisch, James Porterfield, Robert Sawyer and John Joseph Sullivan.

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# Optimists of Northville/Novi plan May 20 night at improv

## Club looking for members

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Karen Watkins knows trying to find people to join a civic organization is no laughing matter.

With people's schedules so full in our fast-paced, mobile society, it's hard to convince people to take time out of their busy lives to get involved in local groups, no matter how worthy their cause or causes might be.

Northville/Novi Optimist Club members have decided to try a little comedy to attract new members with Optimist Night at the Improv, a membership drive at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, at the Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St., in downtown Northville.

The event is one of two NOW — which stands for Need Optimists

Now — club meetings

"We'd like for people to come see what the Optimists are all about as well as the improv night at the Tipping Point," said Watkins, club president.

The event is free and will include wine with hors d'oeuvres from Edward's Cafe & Caterer in downtown Northville. The membership reception will begin at 7 p.m., with the comedy starting at 8 p.m.

"Normally, improv night at the Tipping Point costs \$8 per person," said Anne Jardon, Optimist Club board member. "But, we're picking up the cost of the comedy for our guests at this special event with the hope that they will join our group."

The club was started in 2004 and through its various fund-raising efforts has supported the Arbor Hospice for Children, Cooke School and Old Village School, the Northville Civic Concern Back Pack Program, annual scholarships and other programs.

Optimist International is a volunteer organization that promotes the development of youth, an active interest in good government and civic affairs, and international accord and friendship.

Last September, the club honored Chuck Gaidica of Northville, WDIV Local 4 meteorologist, and Joan Wadsworth, president of the Northville Board of Education at its Charity Ball at the Sheraton Hotel in Novi. The two received the club's Exemplary Achievement Honor Roll Award.

The club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Bee's Knees ceramics shop at 141 E. Main St. in downtown Northville.

The first meeting of the month is the board meeting. "But everybody is invited to attend because we're so small," Watkins said. Guest speakers are often invited to the club's second monthly meeting.

The club plans three major fundraisers a year — a golf outing

in the summer, which has been very successful; the Charity Ball in the fall; and a Christmas tree sale in the winter.

Even though it's small, the group has done well with its fundraisers, with about \$10,000 currently in its treasury, which goes to its various charitable causes.

The club supports a reading program for third-graders in Beth Kuriluk's class at Silver Springs Elementary School in which students have to rise to the challenge of reading a certain number of books. By doing so, they earn the right to select books to give away to needy children. The Optimists also paid for a climbing wall for students at Old Village School and supports Arbor Hospice's grief counseling program.

The club invites counselors at the two local high schools to select a student who might be overlooked for a scholarship and awards two \$1,000 scholarships each year.

"The last couple of years we

haven't heard from Novi High School, so they both went to Northville High School students," Watkins said. Students nominated to receive the scholarships have to overcome some sort of adversity. The club also presents annual community service awards to students.

The club currently has about 20 members.

"We're small, but mighty," Watkins said. Members don't have to be a resident of Novi or Northville to be a member, and have to be a community leader to join.

For more information about the May 20 membership drive event, contact Anne Jardon at (248) 924-3198. For general information about the club, call Jennifer Weiler at (313) 595-7833.

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## OBITUARY



KENNETH S. STOPA, SR.

Age 60, of Canton, passed away on May 6, 2008. He was born on August 19, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan to Stanley and Sylvia (Urban) Stopa. Ken entered the United States Army in 1968 during the Vietnam War; he proudly served his country until 1970. He was united in marriage to Karen L. Woodruff on July 13, 1973 and spent 35 loving years together. Ken has a Masters of Science in Hospital Administration from Concordia College. He was Senior Respiratory Therapist for Children's Hospital in Detroit. He was known as one of the best therapists mainly because he got along with everyone. Ken also was a professor at Wayne County Community College and was well respected by all of his students. A significant aspect of Ken's life was his music. He was the front man for the well known Motown group the Silvertones. Ken was not only the lead singer for the Silvertones, but he also played the guitar, saxophone, flute, and harmonica. He submitted a song to Hitsville USA. They played many weddings and special events and they are still remembered today. He is survived by his beloved wife Karen; his mother Sylvia Stopa; his children, Kelly L. Gregory, John W. Gregory, and Kenneth S. Stopa, Jr.; his sister Geraldine (Bud) Hillard; his brothers, Donald (Paula) Stopa and Duane (Billie) Stopa; and his grandchildren, Brett Gregory and Ashley Gregory. He was preceded in death by his father. A funeral service was held last Saturday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Rev. Scott Crosstek with the First United Methodist Church of Brighton officiated the service. Mr. Stopa was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Karmanos Cancer Institute - Hospice, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201-9945.

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# Jim Belanger: Long-time Northville businessman passes away

The man who is credited with introducing soft cloth to carwashing, Jim Belanger, passed away May 1 at age 76.

Belanger was born on Dec 21, 1931, in Cohoes New York. He was the middle son of Lionel G. (Lee) and Mae. He had an older brother, Bud, and a younger brother, Jerry.

When he was 20, he got a baby sister, Gay, and 18 months later another sister, Michelle.

In his senior year at University of Detroit High School, his mother became ill and died.

"Devastated, he dropped out and joined the Air Force, where he completed his GED and studied mechanical engineering," said his eldest daughter, Gigi Belanger. "He was formally discharged following a stabbing incident which almost claimed his life. He returned home and continued his education at U of D."

Belanger was offered a job he could not turn down with Chicago Rubber. He entered sales and never looked back. During his years at Formax Company, he came up with a better idea of how to make an abrasive buffing wheel. His boss was unwilling to try his idea.

"Dad believed so much in it that he decided to develop the wheel on his own and run the test at Chevrolet," said Gigi. "It was so successful that it didn't wear out for days. He was encouraged by everyone to take the risk and start

his own company."

In August 1969, Belanger Inc. was born. He opened the coated abrasive business on the second floor of the historical building at 455 E. Cady St. that became known as the Belanger Inc. building (now owned by Jim's sisters). Over the years, he expanded to the first and third floor. Eventually, the business grew and prospered so much that they moved out of the historical building and into a newly-constructed coated abrasive manufacturing plant on Gerald Street.

By 1975, he entered the car wash industry, and despite the skeptics, introduced cloth attempting to replace plastic bristles. By 1986, this expansion required that car wash leave the historical building and relocate to a 40,000 sq. ft. manufacturing plant (now expanded an additional 20,000) on property developed by Jack Doherty on the old gravel pit off of Griswold, now known as Lake Success.

In 1976, he opened the Water Wheel Car Wash on the corner at the east end of Main Street, which was the test and research site for their prototype equipment. It is now the Northville City Car Wash under different ownership. In the early 1980's, Belanger opened another plant in order to manufacture his own sandpaper. This building has now been renovated into the Tipping Point Theatre.

"He was proud that his company generated over 200 jobs for residents of Northville and the surrounding communities, which in turn helped to support local businesses," said Gigi. "He grew his company when such businesses as Black's Hardware, Winner's Circle

Bar, Spaggi's Liquor Store, the Five and Dime, Lapham's Men's Store, Gennetti's Butcher Shop, dominated the Northville cityscape."

Belanger was a long-time supporter of Northville and in 1986 was named the small business person of the year by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

"All of this would not have been possible without the support and loyalty of his wife, father, friends and customers," said Gigi. "He worked day and night. Whether he had one employee, three or five, they stayed by his side 10 and 14 hours a day. It soon became a family affair."

Belanger's mother, Vi, ran the office and in 1972, his father, Lee, joined the company. The next year, Belanger's brother Jerry joined the company after retiring from the Air Force, and his brother Bud joined in 1977 shortly after the tragic and untimely death of Jerry.

"Over the years, many innovative ideas were developed and patented, thanks to the teamwork and creativity of the growing engineering team and the dedication of every employee," said Gigi. "It did not take long before Belanger Inc. was the leader in the industry. Northville had become headquarters for an internationally recognized, respected and successful company."

Belanger worked hard and played hard, said his daughter, adding that he especially loved golf and traveling. He belonged to Meadowbrook Country Club his entire adult life and played many fantastic and challenging courses including Pebble Beach, St. Andrews, Turnberry and many others

across the U.S., Dominican Republic, Mexico, Ireland and Scotland.

"He was considered an excellent golfer and at one point had a 2 handicap," said Gigi. "He hit the ball far and sank unbelievable putts and even achieved a hole-in-one."

He traveled to many places for business, said Gigi, but he loved Europe and Mexico the most and longed to know Greece and many other places that he was not able to get to before Alzheimer's disease interrupted his life and deprived him of the last 13 years.

"Dad thoroughly enjoyed taking in art, fine dining and shopping opportunities in the places he visited," said Gigi. "He immediately fell in love with many aspects of the culture and people of Mexico, and didn't hesitate to make a second home for himself, Nancy and Julie in Puerto Vallarta. It is difficult to describe how much he enjoyed himself, particularly the long walks on the beach and the hours of body surfing."

Gigi said her dad touched many lives along the way with his overflowing generosity, compassion and empathy. He funded many students' educational tuitions and believed wholeheartedly in the need for education in order to succeed. Additionally, he believed in the benefits of athletics and organized sports and made many efforts to support them. He was particularly drawn to the needs of children

everywhere.

"We are not even aware of all of the kind and generous gestures that came so naturally for dad," said Gigi, but are frequently reminded by people we encounter from the past."

Family meant everything to Belanger, whom Gigi said was an extremely loving and devoted husband to Nancy for 50 years; building a life and a home with her was his greatest accomplishment and source of pride.

"He absolutely loved being a father," said Gigi. "Whether he was holding each of us when we were little, taking care of us when we were sick, attending our sporting events, making the post-prom breakfast, visiting us at university, or dancing at our weddings. He adored each of his daughter-in-laws and had nine loving grandchildren."

Unfortunately, he only had the pleasure of knowing two before Alzheimer's started to set in.

"He will be greatly missed," said Gigi. "Each of us will hold him close to our hearts and cherish the memories. We were all blessed to have known him and been loved by him."

Belanger is survived by his wife, Nancy; five children, Gigi, Lee (Pam), Jimmy (Lori), Richard (Kathleen) and Julie; nine grandchildren; brother Bud (Lynne); sister-in-law Colette; and two sisters, Gay (Keith) and Michelle (Bob).

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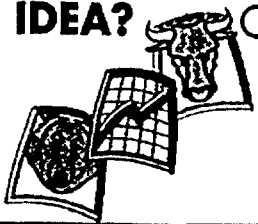
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## Home Sweet Home brings bit of Europe to Northville

■ Owner hails from Germany

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Metro Detroit shoppers can now find European decor right in downtown Northville at Christina's Home Sweet Home Interior.

Christina Scheffer had a successful home interior shop for about six months when she and her family lived in Kassel in central Germany.

Then, one day her husband, Sonke, who works for the automotive company Daimler, told her, "We're moving to the United States."

After the family, which includes their children Hendrik, 7, and Johanna, 5, settled into their new home in West Bloomfield last June, however, "I was bored," Scheffer said. "I knew it was time to open a shop here in America."

### Store in historic home

As luck would have it, Northville resident Janice Johns had recently redone her historic home at 410 S. Main St., hoping she could lease it as commercial space.

Johns renovated the home, built in 1865, a few years ago. The Northville Downtown Development Authority also recently awarded her a \$500 Technical Assistance Grant she can use to help develop some designs for landscaping and signs that will make the historic home look more like a commercial structure.

Scheffer opened the shop just a few weeks ago. The historic blue frame home on the southeast corner of Main and Griswold streets is a perfect location to showcase unusual home and garden items,

### Store days, hours

Christina's Home Sweet Home Interior at 410 S. Main Street in downtown Northville is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., with parking available behind the building. The store offers free gift wrapping, and Christina Scheffer, owner, can special order items that may not be available in her store. A grand opening is planned some time this spring.

For more information, call (248) 449-9722.

"I'm so happy to have Christina here," Johns said.

"I especially like Northville because it's a smaller town, and people are very friendly," Scheffer said.

"The philosophy of my store is to give people unique and special ideas to decorate on their own and let them feel comfortable and relaxed in their homes. In our day, there is so much hurry and stress. I think everybody needs a place to calm down and get new energy for their ongoing daily life."

### Tableware, kitchen items

Since she is so familiar with the manufacturers, Scheffer continues to order European goods for her new store in Northville.

Shoppers will find candleholders, plates, glasses and tableware, as well as vases, pots, curtains and wreaths that can make a dining or living room warm and inviting. A few items, such as soaps and bathrooms, are also available for bathrooms.

Items for kitchens include porcelain jars, glasses, kitchen towels, table runners, napkins,

bread baskets and more.

The store also features items for babies and children's rooms, such as appliqued pillows, stuffed animals and other objects for young people's areas.

Other offerings include decorative stone statues for home or garden, romantic quilts and pillows for a porch or favorite outdoor area.

Scheffer, who has a degree in economic engineering, also called her shop in Germany Home Sweet Home. She and her husband lived in a 200-year-old stone house in Germany that they worked on for years.

### Mother shares her talent

Her mother, Gerte, also has a flair for decorating, has visited the U.S. and still shops for her daughter's store. Items for the store come from Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark and England. "Her mother acts as her overseas buyer," Johns said. "She keeps her eyes open."

Scheffer said Johns said Scheffer doesn't realize what an asset she is to the area.

"She is the source for obtaining home decor items that you would find in comfortable, stylish homes in Europe," Johns said.

Scheffer develops a different decorating theme each month. May features green and white decorations and Lily of the valley creations. June selections will focus on roses and wedding gift ideas. July items will include lavender.

Although Scheffer doesn't have any formal training in interior decorating, she obviously has an eye for beautiful and unusual items for the home.

"She's doing what she loves," Johns said.

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Photo by Pam Fleming/Northville Record

Christina Scheffer has brought European decor to downtown Northville, at Christina's Home Sweet Home Interior. She ran a successful home interior shop for about six months when she and her family lived in Kassel in central Germany.

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## Walking on sore feet? Doctors diagnose

By Tracy Estes-Mishler  
SPECIAL WRITER

Some people need their hands or eyes to do their jobs. Howard Westergard needs his feet.

Westergard, 53, of Walled Lake has suffered for the past five years of heel pain, the most common problem affecting the foot and ankle, according to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. "It's hard to do my job some days," said Westergard, a construction worker. "I'm always on concrete. The longer I walk, the more it hurts."

Like Westergard, many people suffer from heel pain and Novi's Providence Park Hospital recently hosted its monthly Dinner with a Doctor series offering interested residents useful information on how to cope and combat heel pain.

Dr. Marc Borovoy, Providence podiatrist, said heel pain affects

everyone, of all ages equally.

"Causes are anywhere from flat feet or obesity to wearing the wrong shoes and supports," Borovoy said. "It doesn't matter how old you are, heel pain affects everyone equally from as young as 20 years and up."

Borovoy said the best advice he can give to avoid heel pain is to wear good supportive shoes and never to walk around barefoot.

"If you have heel pain, but love wearing shoes like sandals, you can cheat and wear them once in a while, but it's the support given on all sides of proper shoes that help the heel," he said.

Borovoy said plantar fasciitis is seen today in epidemic terms.

Plantar fasciitis, formerly called "policeman's heel" in the United Kingdom, is a painful inflammatory condition caused by excessive wear to the plantar fascia of the foot.

"We're seeing about 20 patients a day just for this reason," Borovoy said. "The earlier on in life you learn to wear proper shoes, the better you'll be later on in life."

He said plantar fasciitis causes stabbing or burning pain, which is usually worse in the morning because the fascia contracts overnight. As the foot limbers up, the pain normally decreases, but it can return after long periods of standing or after getting up from a seated position.

### Take care of your feet

Borovoy said it's important to take care of your feet.

"If you have heel pain, you can try over the counter medications first, along with pads and arch supports," he said. "Don't pad the heel however, it could make it worse."

He said treatment of heel pain includes stretching, at least three

times a day, and ice works as a natural inflammatory.

"Depending on what the problem is, such as neurological, biomechanical, arthritic or trauma, we should be able to help heal the pain," he said.

In some cases, surgery is needed to correct the problem. In other cases, Borovoy said patients may just need shoe inserts, injections, or simply strapping (taping) of the foot.

"Some people wear night splints, and are required to get casts or do extensive periods of physical therapy depending on the severity of the heel pain," he said. "Typically it's the mechanics that led to the deformity."

Westergard said he's been dealing with his heel pain for five years and hopefully with the help of Borovoy, he'll be pain free soon.

"I need it gone," he said. "It's terrible."

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- Mild swelling in your heel

Source: Mayo Clinic

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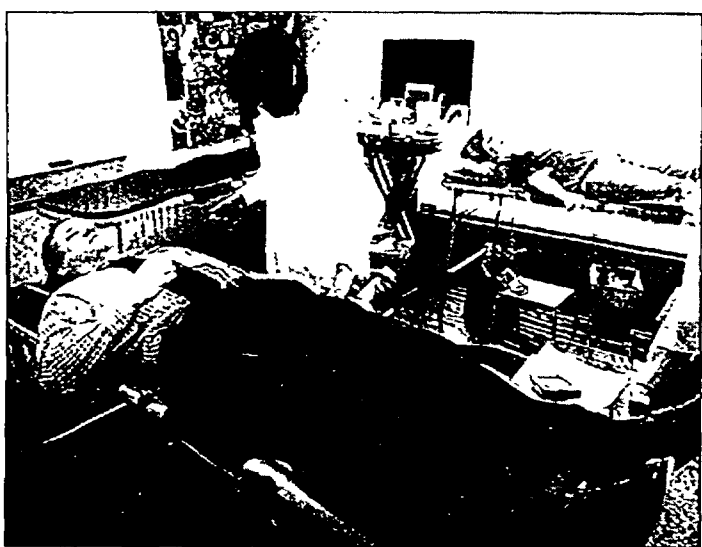
This month's topic is Stroke Symptoms, Treatments and Prevention presented by Dr. Bruce Silverman, Neurologist.

There is no charge to attend. For more information contact (888) 440-7325. Dinners are held in conference rooms A, B and C on the Providence Park campus at Grand River and Beck roads, in Novi.

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## A look inside an unsolved mystery

### ■ Fascination with true crime leads to book contract

By Nathan Mueller  
STAFF WRITER

Laura James has been obsessed with true crime stories since she was a teenager, reading books on famous cases about Lizzie Borden, Ted Bundy and Jesse James to name a few.

But for the Lyon Township resident and recent planning commissioner, reading the books was more a hobby than anything else. She graduated from college with a degree in journalism and worked at several newspapers before returning to school and becoming a trial lawyer in the mid-1990s.

Through all that she continued reading about true crime, with her infatuation reaching a high point when she stumbled on a book eight years ago regarding Dr. Zeo Wilkins and the James Jr. Wilkins was an American playgirl who bankrupted, shot, poisoned and manipulated 12 or more men before one (James Jr., she believes) took revenge. And that story captivated Laura.

"I thought it was too good to be true and I was obsessed with her ever since," Laura said.

That obsession led her to begin writing a book to tell the untold story of Wilkins and

James. The book started as a means of entertainment, but Laura felt there was enough of a story to try and pursue possible book deals.

However, getting an agency to believe in her idea was harder than she thought. She wrote notes to every literary agency in New York, without a response from any, and was so discouraged that she almost threw out everything she had been working on.

Finally, an agent contacted her and the book will soon become a reality.

"I was prepared to give up," she said. "But I'm glad I didn't."

The book is titled "The Love Pirate and the Bandit's Son: Murder, sin and scandal in the shadow of Jesse James." It tells the story of Wilkins' murder in 1924 in her Kansas City home by her lawyer, James Jr., who then stole \$100,000 in diamonds and bearer bonds from her. The book also gives more insight as to who James Jr. was because many do not believe he lived up to his father's legendary status.

But Laura said what she discovered will surprise the students of the James family — that James Jr. was a Ku Klux Klan member, murderer and severely mentally ill.

Laura started on the book about six years ago, traveling to numerous states and spending thousands of hours in the library. She said the story was so complex, that her background in law was crucial.

"The story required a great deal of legal analysis to fully

comprehend," she said. "It's a logic puzzle."

It is expected to hit stores this fall, and Laura said if she sells copies to anyone other than her mother-in-law then she is thrilled.

"As far as I'm concerned, it is a success as it is," she said.

Steve Galbraith, a lawyer and friend of Laura's, said the book was so fascinating he could not put it down — and he wasn't just saying that because he is her friend.

"It reads to some extent like a crime novel except it is a true story, so it has the benefits of both worlds," he said. "I've read a lot of typical detective-type novels and this is different, it is more suspenseful in many ways."

And the book is not all James has done in regards to true crime. She started a blog called "CLEWS: The Historic True Crime Blog" at [www.laura-james.typepad.com](http://www.laura-james.typepad.com) about three years ago to keep in touch and reach out to other true crime junkies and it has been a huge

success with more than hundreds of thousands of hits.

But for Laura it's not about Web hits or book sales.

It is about something she has loved since childhood, and although true crime is not for every one, Laura is living her dream.

"I've always been interested in patterns of human life. I don't enjoy inspirational twaddle," she said. "Some think we should only read about heroes, but I think we should leave that to the school children."

And the book is definitely not intended for them.

Photo by HAL GOULD

Lyon Township resident Laura James has been a journalist, lawyer and now she can add author to the list as her book titled, "The Love Pirate and the Bandit's Son: Murder, sin and scandal in the shadow of Jesse James," hits stores this fall.



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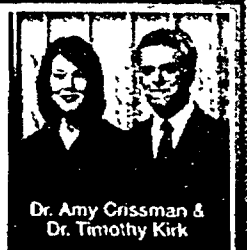
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# SENIOR CITIZENS



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## Senior Center launches new intergenerational program

■ Come read to youngsters

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Larry Duggan has fond memories of reading to his children.

Now he's able to read to youngsters at Maybury Child Care Center in Northville through a new program organized by the Northville Community Senior Center.

In the Intergenerational Program for Seniors, older residents are invited to travel to Maybury Child Care Center at 49875 Eight Mile Road west of Beck Road to read to children one day a week for about an hour.

"I was looking at the senior newsletter, saw the write-up about it, and thought it sounded like fun," said Duggan, 66, of Northville. "I signed up as soon as I saw the newsletter."

Although not a regular at the senior center, the retired school teacher, who taught middle school students how to use computers in Taylor, found the new program to be right up his alley.

He now goes to the child care center every Wednesday about 10 a.m., and he's been reading to the children for a couple of months.

"They seem to enjoy it," he said. "I don't like to just read the story. I like to make it come alive for them."

The children especially like a Sesame Street book he brought his first week at the center titled "The Monster at the End of This Book." In fact, he reads it every week.

"They know it so well that they know a lot of the words now," he said.

Duggan reads mostly to 3- and 4-year-olds, although a few younger children listen, too. "They usually break into two groups," he said.

His wife, Kathy, a retired high school math teacher in West Bloomfield, plans to join her husband in reading to the young children as soon as she recovers from some recent surgery.

"The books I read are ones we read to our children when they were small," Duggan said. "My kids loved them so much that I wanted to share them with other children. Eventually, I'll run out and will start going to the library."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Larry Duggan reads a book to a group of Maybury Child Care pre-schoolers on a recent Wednesday morning. Duggan helps out with Maybury's Intergenerational Program for Seniors which brings in readers for the kids.

Duggan, who has lived in Northville for 16 years, is a marathon runner who has run the Boston Marathon twice, enjoys golf and has two grandchildren.

And, he looks forward to going to Maybury Child Care Center each week. "I get as much out of it as the kids do," he said.

### Children love his visits

Kathy Prager, director of the center, said the children just love having Duggan come out to read to them.

"They run over and hug him as

soon as he walks in the door," she said.

So far, the Duggans have been the only area residents to participate in the program, but Prager hopes more residents will join. "I was really surprised to find out that we were the only ones interested in coming to the child care center," Duggan said. "I just love doing it. It's so neat to know that they're excited to have you come."

Sue Koivula from the senior center would like to see more seniors participate in the intergenerational program, in which

older adults are asked to come on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

"It's a great chance to volunteer, and it's a special way in which children can bond with older adults," Koivula said.

Nestled alongside Maybury State Park, the historic Maybury Child Care Center structure was

refurbished to serve infants and children up to age 6. Although space is limited, the center is offering a camp for school-aged children this summer. The center's staff believes that learning begins at birth and that the first few years of life are the most important years mentally and

physically for a child.

Those interested in reading to young children can call Prager at (248) 675-4000.

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

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The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on June 10, 2008 at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, Michigan 48135-1709.

The proposed project consists of short term corrective action plan improvements that will reduce infiltration and inflow into the interceptor system and correct structural deficiencies visually identified during sewer televising. Improvements include rehabilitation of portions of the interceptors, overflow regulator structures and upgrades to the manhole structures.

If the SRF application is successful, the County plans to begin construction of the above noted improvements in 2009. Sanitary sewer service for customers will be unaffected by the proposed improvements. Construction activities will be localized to the subject facilities, with little or no impact to traffic.

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Wayne	\$7.83	Westland	\$4.35	Oakland City (Novi)	\$3.05

Executive summaries of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the Clerk's Office for the following communities: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Romulus, Van Buren Township, Wayne, Westland and Novi. The complete project plan is available for inspection at OHM - 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI and Wayne County Department of Environment - 415 Clifford, 7th Floor, Detroit, MI, beginning on May 9, 2008.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on June 10, 2008 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written questions should be sent to:

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415 Clifford, 7th Floor  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Attention: Sue Ann Hanson

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## SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center  
LOCATION: 303 W. Main St.  
(248) 349-4140

### Thursday

Massage by appointment  
9 a.m.: TOPS  
10 a.m.: Basketball 50+ - NCSC; Golf League  
10:30 a.m.: Yoga  
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

### Friday

10 a.m.: Volleyball at Hillside  
11 a.m.: Poker  
1 p.m.: Movie

### Monday

Massage by Appointment  
9:30 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance  
10 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance, Oxyrise; Volleyball at Hillside  
11 a.m.: Strength Training  
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre  
1 p.m.: Let's Tell Your Story

### Tuesday

10 a.m.: Landscape Painting  
10:30 a.m.: Yoga  
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle  
1 p.m.: One Stroke Painting

### Wednesday

9 a.m.: Birch Run  
10 a.m.: Oxyrise, Volleyball at Hillside

11 a.m.: Strength Training

Noon: Bridge

1 p.m.: Craft Group

7 p.m.: Bridge

Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Volleyball  
TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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

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

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

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Chuck Nolan cuts a rug with Hillside student Ashley Hart.



ABOVE: Guests applaud during the Senior Prom held at Hillside Middle School.

RIGHT: Vickie Dickieson, a guest at last week's Senior Prom, gets some help in holding up a U.S. flag that was flown over the nation's Capitol building by Sen. Carl Levin in honor of her 80th birthday. Dickieson donated the flag to Hillside so that it could be seen flying there every school day.

## SENIOR PROM

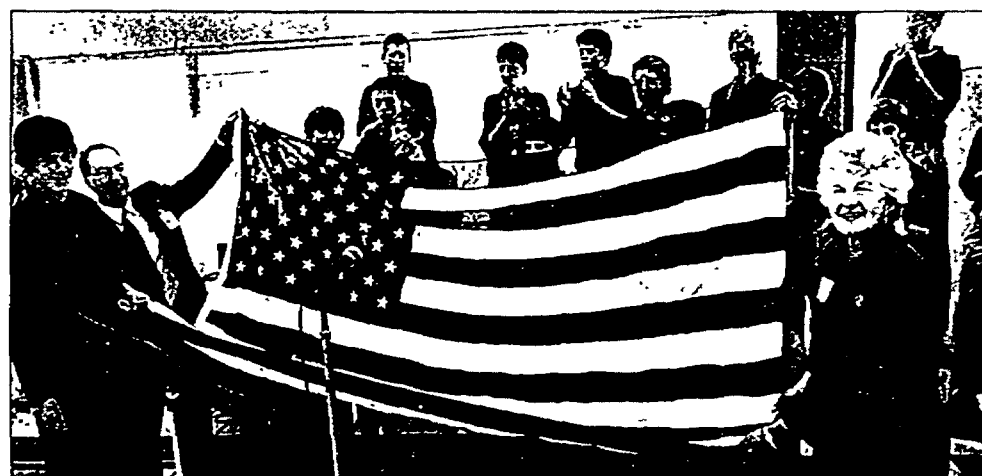


ABOVE: Hillside Middle School students Tess Reed and Hallie Tyburski take a food order from visiting senior citizens during the school's annual Senior Prom on May 7. This year's theme "Destination Greece" was reflected by the students wearing togas and decorations featuring scenes of ancient Greece and a number of classical columns resting in the school's cafeteria.

BELOW: The Northville High School jazz ensemble plays some big band arrangements.



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## An Open Letter to the Parents of All Northville Public School Students

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*Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.*

## Events just don't get much bigger

Victorian Festival may draw more visitors to the Northville community, but the biggest event in town may also be among the longest-lasting — and not just for its 'round-the-clock schedule.

On Saturday and Sunday, hundreds of strollers will trod to Ford Field on Griswold Street for Relay for Life, the cancer awareness and fundraising event that's become an annual tradition in many communities. Northville is one of 33 communities in the greater Detroit area, joining more than 5,000 similar events, participating in an event called by organizers both a party and a memorial.

The planning goes on for months, as teams prepare for the event and raise pledge money. The invitation to be part of the Relay family is open 365 days a year, and for many that's not an understatement.

As the Relay has grown in the area, the opportunity to participate ranges from those who "walk the walk" and organize the teams to, well, practically everyone in town. In recent weeks, team members have been seen throughout the community, hosting dinners, going door-to-door and doing anything else they can think of to bring money and awareness to the cause.

Besides the increased attention as the weekend nears, Relay is able to make a connection with people by revealing the stories of true heroes that live among us, the families and special individuals who tested their courage, faith and resiliency and provided a lesson in dignity and honor for all of us to learn from. These are people who, as a rule, are quick to describe themselves as "just ordinary folks," but prove very much otherwise. The patients, survivors and their families and loved ones behave in extraordinary fashion, and help us all remember what's truly important in life. The stories told in these pages of the inspirations behind Relay teams only hint at the volumes of tales that will be on display this weekend.

Best of all, the 24-hour-walk-around-the-track is as much festival as it is memorial, with music, themed laps and other activities that reflect the spirit of the occasion: A celebration of life.

Cancer, as those who participate with the greatest of personal connections, does not discriminate. People of every age, station and walk of life are affected, and they will be joined in a walk of pride and courage this weekend. We hope you'll take a lap for the team.

### Correction

The article in last week's paper about a federal lawsuit initiated by several Michigan racing interests indicated the Canadian-based firm Magna Entertainment Corporation is building the Pinnacle Race Course in Huron Township. The course is actually being developed by banker and thoroughbred owner Jerry Campbell and his wife, Lisa. Other principals include Jack Krasula, president of Truist search firm, and Michael McInerney, president of the Campbell's Jackson-based racing stable, Post It Stables.

## A-bloggin' we shall go

Look to the right. See all those letters to the editor? That's about half of what we were sent this week. (Don't worry — ALL of the letters will be posted on our redesigned Web site, [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).)

When there's a hot topic — like sex ed, or Maybury Farm, or the state psychiatric hospital — people tend to bang out some hefty commentary. That's fine, that's what this part of the newspaper is all about — voicing one's opinion.

Writing letters to the editor has been a part of this industry probably from day one. Some folks are habitual, others have never written one in their life. Either way, the letters section usually ranks right up there with obituaries as the most-read part of a paper.

For a weekly publication like ours, authors have a while to gear up their thoughts — but it's always a full week until you get to read their responses.

I should say "had" awhile because now we have something called a "blog" which is an instantaneous forum for communication.



Cal Stone

Our new Web site is a perfect method for you to get your voice heard — immediately — on any topic you wish. Could be about that hideous crosswalk sign downtown in front of the clock on Main Street, or about the shoes hanging from the power line by Northville Downs.

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There's also a Community Forums link that provides a menu of prepared topics: Local News, Local Government, Politics, Schools, Sports, Local Bands, Religion, Travel, Fashion, Movies, Books, Pets and lots more.

Our new Web site is a dramatic improvement in layout and it's much easier to navigate. Soon, you will be able to post photographs and organizations and clubs will be able to put their new letters on [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com). We've only just begun, so to speak.

This Web site will, in time, become your go-to site for local information and communication. Not only will you be able to get the score to the football game, you can blog about it with other fans, players and coaches. Tell others why you think a restaurant is great (or not). The opportunities are limitless.

Of course, we're still going to put out a newspaper that you can hold in your hand and swat flies with. Try doing that with a computer. But the Internet has brought a whole new world into our laps, literally. What are you waiting for? Log on to [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

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## LETTERS

### Children's safety not for sale

I am writing this letter to let the parents of Northville Public School children understand what impact it would mean to our children and community if the school board decides to privatize custodial services in our schools.

I am a day custodian at Thornton Creek Elementary School, and have worked for Northville Public Schools with pride for the past 15 years of my life. I grew up in Northville and graduated from Northville High School. My mother and my brother both work for NPS in the custodial department as well.

Like all my fellow custodians who work here for NPS, I have a very high regard and concern for the children I serve and for their safety. I have grown to love these children as if they were my own, and keep a close eye on them for their safety and well-being. On snowy days, whenever I see a child who is in need of mittens, hat or scarf, I always have extras for them to use. On cookie days, if I see a little one crying because they lost their quarter, I always make sure I have extra quarters to they can have their cookie. Through the years I have been invited to countless birthday parties and other events and been given so many cute little notes, pictures and presents made by the children. Miss Carla will always make it better, always is there no matter what, and the children know that. I am lucky to be able to watch them grow up through the grades.

If the school board decides to privatize custodial services, I am truly concerned about the safety of our children. These companies have extremely high employee turnover rates, and the district won't have any control over who they hire to work in our schools in front of our children. These companies have no interest in our children: They only are in it to make money. At what cost does our district and school board feel our children's safety is worth?

On Monday, the school board will be having a special call meeting about this extremely important privatization issue. It will be held at the Hillside Middle School auditorium at 7 p.m. I urge you to attend and voice your own concerns about this urgent issue concerning the safety of our children.

Carla McIntosh  
Howell

### Better alternatives for sex ed

I encourage all citizens to review the proposed high school sex education binder and videos. Make your voices heard at the public hearings. Your tax dollars not only pay for this classroom activity, they have paid for the binder development at the state level. I believe there are much better tools available than those chosen, independent of whether the chosen approach is abstinence-only or abstinence-based.

You have probably heard that so-called "comprehensive" (or "abstinence-based") sex ed "can be effective" and that there is "insufficient evidence" for abstinence-only education. Recent studies provide strong evidence for the effectiveness of abstinence-only education, despite the fact that funding for "comprehensive" sex ed trumps funding for abstinence-only sex ed by ratio of about 12 to 1. A leading researcher in the field, Dr. Stan Weed, recently released a study showing that sexual initiation was less than half as likely with an abstinence-only curriculum compared to a comprehensive-based curriculum. This means that the abstinence-only curriculum empowered teens to retain their virginity. Look up his testimony before a House committee on April 24 for a review of research from both sides of this issue.

The curriculum binder, "Healthy and Responsible Relationships," is far from being "based" in abstinence, in my opinion. It also has factual inconsistencies, inaccuracies and is far from being "comprehensive" regarding the weaknesses of a layer of latex in STD prevention. The curriculum contains small group exercises, which I believe are inappropriate for the shy, modest or undecided students. The abstinence video is very weak, and the birth control video is basically a "how to" menu, with very little "why not."

Please take the time to review the proposed materials and voice

your opinion at the public hearings. I would be happy to share (with one reader or with a group) some of the exercises from better curricula and/or videos that more effectively convey the reasons to wait. My e-mail address is [dman-couch@pol.net](mailto:dman-couch@pol.net)

Nancy Couch Nowak, MD  
Northville

### More sex ed study needed

On May 5 the Northville Public School Health Advisory Board met to consider the curriculum for teaching sex education in the new, required high school health class. This was the only meeting scheduled to discuss the materials, so I attended expecting a thorough discussion of planned videos, worksheets, and other activities.

I was sorely disappointed. Initially each member had two minutes to summarize his/her evaluation of material covering 10 hours of instruction. At least four committee members voiced concerns about specific aspects of the teaching materials. However, instead of discussing these items, discussion was abruptly halted and the curriculum was sent on to the next committee.

When I asked members for more information, they declined, showing me a "gag order" forbidding them from discussing anything unless it had been published in official minutes.

Is the school afraid of an honest debate?

Many issues remain, including:

1. The new curriculum appropriately discusses sexual intercourse in the context of relationships. One lesson presents a useful table of characteristics of "healthy relationships" vs "unhealthy relationships." But nowhere does it discuss the importance of time to a dating relationship. We all know that people (not just teens) tend to initially overestimate the depth of a relationship and minimize the problems. Does this mean that teens should think sex is appropriate if they perceive many "healthy" characteristics in their relationship — even if they've only been dating for, say, three weeks?

2. The lesson on Refusal Skills is specific and helpful. However, why not empower teens to start much earlier by managing their dates and relationships so as to minimize the frequency that they are required to refuse someone outright? Living too close to the edge of the cliff guarantees that some people will fall off.

3. A number of parents have told me they plan to exempt their children from the sex ed module. But the alternate assignment was never discussed. When this material was reviewed last time, parents alleged that the alternate assignment was onerous and punitive. Clearly, once the class is required, many more parents will be opting out. The school needs to proactively decide on the requirements and not leave this to teacher discretion.

Parents, I urge you to study the sex ed material at the public viewings starting May 19. Call (248) 344-8467 to register. Evaluate the material for yourself — and let's have an honest, complete discussion. We may not agree completely on the method we finally decide on, but we all want the best for our children. Let's model the kind of thorough study that we expect from our kids.

Barbara Soyster  
Northville

### Roundabout boondoggle has got to go

I travel quite often down Taft Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads, and the new roundabout is an accident waiting to happen.

My parents have lived in the Lexington Commons subdivision for almost 36 years, and now I have to watch out for my life every time I leave their house and enter onto Taft. It seems that most people do not understand the meaning of the word yield, especially the people driving on Taft. They still feel they have the right-of-way and

that everyone else should just get out of their way. They feel that, "Why should I have to slow down or stop for anybody who might already be in the roundabout?"

Since the roundabout was finished, I have almost been hit at least 10 times, and if I did not stop completely in the roundabout, I most surely would have in all of those instances. What purpose does the roundabout serve except to create confusion for quite a few drivers? The thing is an eyesore with over 50 signs trying to convey how it works — and those do not seem to help, but actually create more confusion. The cost of putting it in was a joke and more is about to be spent on landscaping it, which probably will make it more of an endangerment if it hinders visibility.

The city of Northville is lucky that a bad accident has not happened there, yet. The question isn't if one will happen, but when will one happen? And when it does, it most surely will cost the taxpayers of Northville more money because the city will, and should, be sued for constructing that hazard.

Brian Odom  
Novi

### Maybury can't be bought off

Why is it important to have an old farm anyway? A smelly one with dusty overalls people, a woman covering her mouth with a bandana like a vaquero as she cleans a coop. Why not have a sparkling fountain and a mute white swan in algae free water edged in cultured stone with an improved cultivar of European Beech draped over it.

Why not tell history and the ghosts to go find somewhere else to haunt.

One hundred and thirty years can be no more than a small journal page in the community mind... farms, institutions and a few factories, and a park in the middle of it that collected bits and pieces of all this information like a sieve. Green broken glass from 36 and the Father Hugo rose from the 20s and a tin 'cherries' sign from 72. What value can they possibly have? Who would balk if we take down the old tack and put up a Garden in Giverny? Wouldn't Monet be drop-dead artsy against a rustic wall?

Who's going to ask, "Where's the shelter, the halter, the twirling staff?" They used to be here, everyday, and brown hands so skilled they worked unpaused as eyelids went heavy.

No one will say, "I miss strewing woodruff and picking chives for the chicken feed.... checking on the bluebird nests and pink dye from beets."

Who could possibly grieve a history where the only thing we knew to do to the wilderness was to farm it. We took rocks, trees and black mud of the old ice age and made corn. To our eyes from highways, in a car, it happened overnight, to the oven driver it was his life in an acre, it could mean a child born and gone, even with willow bark teas. We got lessons from Laura Ingalls in grade school so it hardly needs repeating in the cheerful redness of a new barn, though I hear even on modern fuel it had to be inched like a stubborn mule through a canyon of sharp mica to its new home over a filled up fire hole where my boy picked out the rubble by hand, where poppies bloomed in ashes. It seemed ludicrous those 100 years can burn off in a day, and that entire livelihoods are instantly given new titles. The State sends their condolences, a social worker, and instant job repositioning in one breath.

And the smoke still curls while the Foundation introduces its new vision of rebuilding and unwraps business cards.

Cats with wet fur cling to bales all winter shoved in a tractor shed. Half starved hunters unaware the lease is signed while the vaquero sneaks in Purina and feeds the donkey awaiting legal status.

Who remembers the millionth trip carrying sacks of feed up the apron and begging gravity to cease while lifting, and pull harder while releasing. The loft stuffed up in fatty wool after shearing and empty milk cans, smashed thistle heads permanently decorate a honey-scented floor. How many

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years of service are gone in a day? Wasn't fire something belonging to pioneers of prairies or of television news reports, helicopters over dry wood mountains in full blaze? Here? At Maybury? In a rainy February where dampness chilled us to the bone.

History lit the night. John's white house looked stark, victorious and alone as a civil war veteran returning from the South. It was white even in smoke, and before John it was Mr. Maybury's house, and before him it was a dairy farmer's home. I think they told me about old milk bottles with the name stamped on them. A real treasure if you can find one in a pit of rubble.

They told me there was to be no more farm, that things would change "badly" and to get out now. There were signs posted not to trespass, and things were locked away, quickly. I thought it was funny. Like telling a bird not to go to into a certain tree, that it was off limits because it was bought and sold to someone who hated birds, and thought they were messy ugly creatures.

They ushered me in to see the scrapbook lying on John's bare floor. My picture was there, I was part of all this, but it was like someone I didn't know. I felt afraid at first to recognize what I was losing, before gratitude erased a lump in my throat. Who had been so thoughtful to collect memories so quickly and catch them all like butterflies before they got away?

The fields were always free so I went to them when I wanted to be by John's old honey bee hives spread like Mayan ruins. I found a wax frame to take home, wires gone, wood just fine, wax edging sealed it all, everything durable in a bee's work.

You can't buy off the farm, not Maybury anyway. History seeps in through the cracks like water, collective memories make puddles, and white ghosts carry bronzed grapevines and poetry. That's Maybury.

Built on the ideals of granite willed farmers and humanitarians who wanted to lead us away from death and misery, at least not so much of it... if you noticed.

Selena Browne  
Maybury State Park Living Farm Interpretive Staff, 1997-2001

### Great area for pet lovers

I must say that I was surprised at the attitude of the owners of the new Paws Total Pet Salon on the letter written in by a concerned resident of Northville. This certainly is a great area for pet lovers. You can always see someone walking their dog around this town.

I also know how many people in this area care for their pets because I have been a dog trainer here in Northville for over 20 years. I was glad to see that someone cared enough to write a letter of concern, because anybody that watched that show saw the worst of the dog business. I did not get that they were accusing this shop of being a puppy mill, but that we all should take a second look and make sure of what we are supporting in our communities.

Sharon Long  
Northville

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# The people of Burma/Myanmar are swamped – please help!

With the economic devastation that surrounds many in Michigan it may be difficult to hear the cries for help half way around the world in Myanmar, also known as Burma. The recent cyclone that has smashed into this country and its aftermath may have claimed as many as 100,000 lives. I have been reported that nearly 40 percent of the dead are children.

The storm waters are beginning to recede but the problems facing the survivors are just beginning to surface. Fights and mini riots have broken out in desperation for food and water. There is great need for humanitarian efforts that cover the basic necessities of life including: food, water, cooking utensils, charcoal, medical supplies, sanitation items and hygiene kits, clothing, water purification tablets, mosquito nets, plastic sheeting and tents.

The United Nations said as many as 1 million people have been made homeless. What is taking place far away from our homes is a major disaster and human misery on a mammoth scale. According to the World Food Program, some villages have been

almost completely destroyed and vast acres of standing rice crops have been wiped out. Flooding and road damage have cut off food supplies to people in need.

It appears the international relief efforts are being thwarted or significantly slowed down by the Myanmar isolationist junta which has been under military rule since 1962. Myanmar has been criticized by many in the West for years for suppressing pro-democracy parties such as the one led by Aung San Suu Kyi, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate who has been under house arrest off and on for the past 18 years. This is just going to make a desperate situation worse. Aung San Suu Kyi, like South African leader Nelson Mandela, has become the Asian symbol of peaceful resistance in the face of ugly oppression.

Myanmar last splashed on the consciousness of the world when nearly three dozen people were killed, and thousands detained this past September when the ruling military party cracked down on peaceful protest by Buddhist monks and other pro-democracy advocates. Yet, this story faded



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from our minds as the 24 hour news cycle was off chasing the latest news. The basic necessity of life are front and center for tens of thousands of people in Myanmar as they bury their dead, seek shelter and hopefully find the food, water, and medical attention to survive the storm that has changed their landscape and countless lives forever.

The short-term relief and longer-term rebuilding efforts are going to me monumental. As the flood water recedes the human needs will become more apparent for the survivors that struggled with the basics of life prior to this devastation.

Yes, we have our problems here in Michigan – but nothing like the

misery that has swamped the people of Myanmar.

You can help. Please do. Here are two organizations you can contact to help:

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## Business tax latest evidence of state's political incompetence

You might say the new Michigan Business Tax was born under a cloud and with an unnecessary "birth defect" that now has the state's business community up in arms. So how did we get here?

First, a quick recap: Last year, faced with a billion-dollar deficit and threat of a state government shutdown, the legislature passed and Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a new Michigan Business Tax.

The tax won widespread praise — at first. But weeks later, the deficit-fighting legislature tacked on an incomprehensible, inexplicable and unenforceable tax on a bizarre assortment of services, such as fortune-tellers and baby-shoe bronzers.

The business community rose in wrath. What they most worried about was that once there was a tax on any services, there soon might be a tax on all services. So at the last minute, thanks to Chamber of Commerce pressure, the service tax was repealed.

To make up the lost revenue, a 20 percent surcharge was then hastily tacked on top of the Michigan Business Tax, which took effect Jan. 1, 2008. Now tax bills are finally going out, and there's lots of howling going on — much of it legitimate. Some businesses are bitterly complaining their tax bills are double or triple what they used to be under the old Single Business Tax.

How did this train wreck happen?

A few days ago, I received a lengthy e-mail from a lawmaker (who wishes to remain anonymous) but who offers some valuable insights. Bottom line: "The service tax was the direct result of the brinkmanship of the GOP leadership in negotiations and

(the) lack of GOP members (in) responding to the requests of their traditional supporters in the business community."

That's pretty stunning — and here's my attempt to put this all into context: Leading up to the critical votes, both the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the Detroit Chamber tried hard to persuade legislators to pass an income tax increase big enough to cover the entire deficit.

Why? Simple: To avoid additional business taxes. The House of Representative figured it out. There, Democratic Speaker of the House Andy Dillon and other leaders tried repeatedly to pass a 4.7 percent income tax that would have resolved the budget crisis without resorting to the service tax.

But neither of the Republican leaders in the legislature — Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop nor House Minority Leader Craig DeRoche — was willing to step forward. They urged their members to hold back and let the Democrats take the political hit for a vote for more taxes. At one point, it looked as though there were as many as 10 Republican representatives ready to vote for an adequate income tax hike, but DeRoche wouldn't budge.

That was too bad for all con-

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cerned. In the end, the attempt to construct only one difficult vote for legislators — an income tax increase sufficient to resolve the budget crisis — failed. Instead, it left lawmakers with three tough votes: One for a smaller increase in the income tax; one for a service tax (that was repealed before it took effect); and one for a 20 percent surcharge on the new business tax.

Since no lawmaker wants to cast difficult and risky votes, it's hard to see how forcing three tough votes was better than one. But that was the political "new math" calculus in Lansing at the time.

And it produced a bitter brew. My legislative source concludes, "The brinkmanship game of the leaders led to a much worse result for the state. ... Republicans need to know that the negotiation and political games led to higher taxes and more revenue to grow state government. Pretty high price."

High indeed. At the end of the day, everybody wound up worse off. Lawmakers, both Republicans and Democrats, had to make three tough tax votes when one would have sufficed.

Businesses are now struggling with a 20 percent surcharge on the new MBT. And the state still faces chronic structural budget

deficits — deficits the present tax structure make virtually inevitable.

And the anti-tax fringe, namely the folks who are now trying to recall Dillon, got a new lease on life. Remember, they started out by going after any lawmakers who supported any tax increase, whether Republican or Democrat. Once they discovered there was limited support for recalls, they dropped all the other efforts and only went after Dillon.

The bottom line: Basing a policy for governing on political expediency turned out to be the worst possible outcome. Worst, not only for legislators who are now regarded as nincompoops by their constituents and the news media but also for the state as a whole.

This sorry tale illustrates all too well one of the worst aspects of our dysfunctional political system, namely, a wholesale preference by both parties for scoring political points instead of concentrating on rational, long-term government for the state.

If we're going to dig ourselves out of the jam we're in, this has got to stop. And we all need to find ways to express that — and to get the word to those we elect and pay to represent us.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Everyone hears about the big bucks that major motion pictures rake in at the box office, but there is another side of the money game when it comes to making movies. When a film production crew comes to town, the local economy gets a major cash infusion and jobs are created for our workers.

Until now, Michigan has been missing out on opportunities to attract big film productions. We have been getting passed by because it's cheaper and easier to film elsewhere. Compounding the problem, a lot of our talented film production workers leave Michigan to go to where films are being made: Hollywood, New York, New Mexico and Louisiana. The loss of these workers hurts our state by robbing our workforce of their talent. It also hurts our urban centers because many of these workers are young graduates — exactly the people we need to build vibrant cities and make Michigan a more exciting place to

work and live.

I'm excited to say that all of this is changing now that a new incentive package has taken effect in our state. It makes Michigan a top destination for filmmakers by turning our state into one of the most inexpensive places in the nation to film a movie.

Filmmakers will enjoy a 42-percent tax credit, the biggest tax break for the film industry in the country, in addition to other tax incentives, loan programs and job-training expense credits. This package has created a lot of buzz in the film community. Since the plan was signed into law early this month, the phone has been ringing off the hook at the Michigan Film Office. In a typical year, the Film Office looks at about six scripts. At the time the new incentives took effect, there were more than 80 scripts being reviewed. This is clearly the right change for Michigan.

Bringing the film industry to



### About Marc Corriveau

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Michigan will bring an immediate boost to our economy and create good-paying jobs for our workers. Caterers will be hired to feed film crews, and hotels will be booked to house them. Local production workers from grips to gaffers to production and camera assistants will be brought in to help the out-of-towners.

An excellent example of how much a movie can bring to a local economy is the film "Semi-Pro," starring Will Farrell and Woody Harrelson, which did some filming

in Flint. The one week of production that took place in Flint pumped \$1.5 million into the local economy. That's one movie in one week — just think of the possibilities of those scripts that are piling up in the Michigan Film Office.

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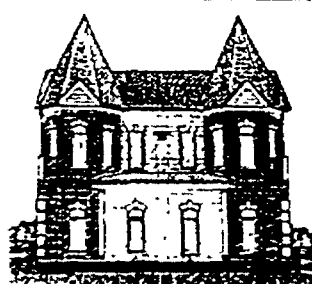
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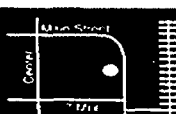
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# CALENDAR

Thursday, May 15, 2008

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## Local Events

### Kids Club for Grades 1-3

TIME/DATE: 4:30 p.m. Today  
LOCATION: Northville District Library

DETAILS: Join this fun program featuring stones, games and crafts about Mexico. Register at the Information Desk or by calling the library at (248) 349-3020.

### Author Returns to Michigan for Book Signing

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. (reading at 8 p.m.) Today  
LOCATION: Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville

DETAILS: Mary Soliel returns to Michigan to read and sign copies of her debut non-fiction: "I Can See Clearly Now: How Synchronicity Illuminates Our Lives". This life-altering and uplifting book provides a unique and magical way of looking at life through synchronicity. Soliel delves into the mysteries of synchronicity and describes through her own personal experiences how we are being guided, validated, and blessed with the power of meaningful coincidences.

CONTACT: Barnes and Noble (248) 348-0696. Visit Mary Soliel online at [www.marysoliel.com](http://www.marysoliel.com).

### Northville Democratic Club Town Hall Meeting on Immigration

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

DETAILS: Guest speakers will be Immigration Attorney Edward Walters and Metro Times reporter Sandra Svoboda who has written a detailed article about "undocumented" young adults in Michigan. To view her article, visit [www.metrotimes.com/editorial/sto](http://www.metrotimes.com/editorial/sto) ry.asp.

### Free Movie Hosted by SADD

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday  
LOCATION: Northville High School Cafeteria

DETAILS: Come see "Bee Movie". Arts and crafts fun before the movie. Refreshments on sale with proceeds going to education programs put on by SADD. Children under age 13 must be accompanied by a parent.

CONTACT: For more information, call Carolyn Miranda, SADD Advisor, at (248) 344-8420 or [mirandaca@northvilleschools.org](mailto:mirandaca@northvilleschools.org), or visit [nhssadd.googlepages.com](http://nhssadd.googlepages.com)

### Relay for Life

DATE: Saturday and Sunday  
LOCATION: Ford Field

DETAILS: Entertainment all day starting at 10 a.m. Saturday until 10 a.m. Sunday

CONTACT: Northville Recreation Dept. at (248) 349-0203

### Providence Park Job Fair

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday

LOCATION: Providence Park Medical Building, Conference Rooms A, B and C, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi

DETAILS: The Job Fair is to recruit new employees for its hospital that is currently under construction. Recruiting for RNs, CRNAs, Pharmacists, Cardiac Sonographers, Respiratory Therapists, Radiology Technicians, CT Technicians, Ultrasound Technicians, Physical Therapists, Physical Therapist Assistants, Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Environmental Services, Food and Nutrition Services and more. Full-time, part-time and contingent positions are available on all shifts. There will be on-site interviews. Bring your resume. Presentations about the hospital and small tour groups also available. For a complete listing of open positions, visit [www.stjohn.org/jobopenings](http://www.stjohn.org/jobopenings). For more information on the Job Fair, call Work Life Services at (248) 465-4570.

### Living Clutter Free with Feng Shui

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday

LOCATION: Northville District Library

DETAILS: Anna Rae Foster, a

professional Feng Shui consultant for the past eight years, will provide the tools and knowledge to make immediate positive changes in your home and office. Create harmony and balance in any environment. Seating is limited. Pre-register early. Cost is \$45.

CONTACT: (248) 982-5971

### Shepherds Handbell Choir Concert

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday  
LOCATION: First Baptist Church, 217 N. Wing St., Northville

DETAILS: The handbell choir members are all residents of Shepherds, a home providing "Compassionate Christian Care" for adults with mental disabilities. The concert includes playing and singing gospel songs and hymns, and reciting Bible verses. Shepherds is nonprofit, independent Christian care facility serving residents from around the country. It is located in Union Grove, Wisconsin.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 or [www.fbnnet.org](http://www.fbnnet.org)

### Northville Montessori Center Open House

TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Sunday  
LOCATION: 15709 Haggerty Road, just north of Five Mile Road

DETAILS: Our school is designed to prepare children both for successful higher education and for life. Please join us to learn more about the Montessori Philosophy of Education. For ages 3-12 years. Full day Kindergarten. School open daily from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

CONTACT: (734) 420-0924

### Linda A. Transou Melanoma March

DATE: Sunday  
LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Northville

DETAILS: The executive Committee invites you to be a sponsor of our 4th Annual Linda A. Transou Melanoma March. All proceeds from this event will be given directly to the Melanoma Research Foundation. Your sponsorship will help ensure its success and help make a difference in our community.

CONTACT: Beverly Behrend (248) 921-4828 or at [bev@qual-tymetalcraft.com](mailto:bev@qual-tymetalcraft.com)

### Foreign Film Series

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

DETAILS: This month's film is "Letters from Iwo Jima", in Japanese with English subtitles. Refreshments served and discussion follows the viewing

### Teens: Meet the Author!

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday  
LOCATION: Northville District Library

DETAILS: Michael Spradlin, author of the Spy Goddess fiction series and manga novels, will talk about his new novel, "Live and Let Shop." Copies will be available for signing. Call the library at (248) 349-3020 to register.

### HARPBEAT! Animal Fun House Musical Concert

TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Thursday, May 22  
LOCATION: Northville District Library

DETAILS: Harpbeat's harpist Donna Novack and musician David Eversole present a fun musical show for all ages featuring songs about animals from the farm to the zoo. Free tickets available prior to the concert. No advance tickets

### Huge Charity Yard Sale

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24

LOCATION: 311 South Wing Street, just south of the Northville Post Office

DETAILS: All proceeds to benefit the Breast Cancer 3-Day and Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Come and shop upscale retail for a cause!

### 21st Annual Flower Sale

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday, May 23; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, May 24

LOCATION: Downtown Northville, on Main Street between Wing and Hutton streets.

DETAILS: Over 20 top-rated greenhouses and garden shops will be selling perennials, annuals, roses, shrubs, exotic plants and trees. Garden art and accessories will also be available. The event is presented by the Northville Central Business Association and the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

### 16th Annual Plant Swap

DATE: 8-11 a.m. Saturday, May 24

LOCATION: Mill Race Village

DETAILS: Bring your own shovel and containers and spend the morning swapping a variety of plants, tools, books and magazines and sharing gardening tips with others. Donations to Mill Race Village also accepted. Bring baked goods and recipes to share.

CONTACT: For more information, contact the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845.

### Memorial Day Parade

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Monday, May 26

LOCATION: Downtown Northville

### Yankee Air Museum Presentation

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 27

LOCATION: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady

DETAILS: Randy Hotten from the Yankee Air Museum will talk about the museum's mission, the special aircraft it preserves, the fire that destroyed part of its collection in 2002 and the efforts to rebuild it. He will also talk about the Willow Run factory and its contributions to the war effort and Detroit's reputation as the Arsenal of Democracy. No cost but reservations are requested. Sponsored by the Friends of the Northville Library.

CONTACT: Register by calling (248) 349-3020.

### Downtown Planters Planted

DATE: Thursday, May 29

DETAILS: The Northville Garden Club and Northville Beautification together will prepare and plant almost 70 planters along the streets of downtown Northville.

### Moraine Elementary School Annual Fun Fair

TIME/DATE: 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, May 30

DETAILS: Games, food and fun for the whole family.

### Mill Race Village Docents Needed

TIME/DATE: 1:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31 (Docent Luncheon)

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

### NHS Class of 2008 Senior All Night Party

TIME/DATE: 10:30 p.m. - 4:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 2008

Tickets  
DETAILS: Senior All Night Party tickets are \$70; contact Shirley Rogers at (248) 348-7295 for more information. Get your tickets now! Make checks for tickets payable to Northville Senior Class Party. Order forms are available online at [www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us). Please mail orders and checks to Janet Goldberg, 18833 Oak Leaf Lane, Northville, 48168. Students who have purchased tickets must also fill out a permission slip to be signed by both a parent and the student. The permission slips are also available on the school website.

### Mustang Pickup

DETAILS: Mustang horses are now available for pick-up. Contact Mary Jo Balsius at (248) 349-0101 to schedule a pick-up date. Decorated Mustangs need to be

delivered to NHS by the afternoon of May 31.

### Decorations Help

DETAILS: Help is needed with the All Night Party decorations. Contact Jill Hardenbergh at (734) 420-0416 or Gretchen Stern at (248) 344-1366 if you can help.

### Community Walk Through

DETAILS: The community is invited to preview the Senior All Night Party decorations from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, May 31. For safety and security reasons the building will only be open to the public during these times. Please use the west entrance.

### Northville Historical Annual Garage Sale

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

Thursday-Saturday, June 5-7

LOCATION: Home of Bill and Carol Jean Stockhausen, 218 W. Dunlap, (corner of High St.), Northville

DETAILS: Donated items can be dropped off at the Stockhausen's home or at Mill Race village. Furniture is especially needed. All types of items accepted. Pick up is available by contacting Bill or Carole Jean at (248) 349-2833. Sponsored by the Northville Historical Society of Mill Race Village and the Girl Scouts.

### Amerman Ice Cream Social

TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday, June 6

LOCATION: Amerman Elementary School, 847 North Center Street

DETAILS: Everyone is welcome to join the fun at the annual Amerman Ice Cream Social. Come enjoy the live music, play carnival games, try your luck at the raffle, bounce on inflatables, and of course, eat ice cream. Entrance is free. Tickets are available for purchase at the event for games and food.

### Sherus Gallery of Fine Art

LOCATION: 133 W. Main Street, Suite 210, Northville

### First Friday Opening

Reception with Danna Harvey  
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 6

DETAILS: Wine and cheese opening reception during First Friday Art Walk. Guests will have an opportunity to meet the artist and view and purchase her works.

Artaissance with Danna Harvey Exhibit

DATE: Exhibit runs Friday, June 6 - Monday, June 30

TIME: Gallery is open 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday; and Noon - 4 p.m. Sunday

DETAILS: Artaissance-sher-us ArtMyStyle.com is a new concept in fine art shopping. The works of Danna Harvey will be in the gallery and online at [sher-us.ArtMyStyle.com](http://sher-us.ArtMyStyle.com). This online gallery is a whole new world for art lovers and features more than 100 artists, 18 genres and over 2,000 works of art. When ordering online, the art is shipped directly to the purchaser. CONTACT: (248) 380-0470

### Old Village School Fundraiser

TIME/DATE: Saturday, June 7

LOCATION: Empire Deli, 133 W. Main Street

DETAILS: Old Village School in Northville serves the needs of severely-impaired children ages 3 to 14. Detroit Lions' quarterback, Drew Stanton, has teamed up with the Empire Deli and its owners, John Colombani and Tim Walsh, to create a special fundraiser for the school. The event and auction will feature appearances by over a dozen sports professionals. Support is needed in the form of donations for the auction, such as memorabilia, tickets, services, cash donations, etc.

CONTACT: Contact the Empire Deli if you are able to help at (810) 772-8460.

### I Gave My Sole for Parkinson's Walkathon and 5K Run

DATE: Sunday, June 8

LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Eight Mile Road

DETAILS: 9:30-10:30 a.m. registration, 10:45 a.m. Opening Ceremonies, 11 a.m. walk/run start. For early registration, visit [www.parkinsonsmi.org](http://www.parkinsonsmi.org). MPF is sponsoring the \$6 park entry fee. Participants will walk or run on a level pathway that is stroller,

wheelchair, dog and child friendly. Entertainment, snacks and children's activities provided. Prizes will be awarded in several categories and all participants are entered into a raffle drawing. All are encouraged to form teams. Donations are requested. Mail contributions to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 31400 Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite, 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Proceeds support programs and services for Michigan residents affected by Parkinson's Disease, their families and health care providers.

CONTACT: (800) 852-9781 or [www.parkinsonsmi.org](http://www.parkinsonsmi.org).

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

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, June 21 and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, June 22

LOCATION: Downtown Northville

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

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

### Best of Both World's Party

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, June 27

LOCATION: Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: This Girl's Night Out, appropriate for ages 7-12, will feature a Hannah Montana Look-Alike contest, a rockin' makeover from Sweet and Sassy, glitter tattoos, a ride in a limousine followed by ice cream and treats with Maggie Moos and a karaoke contest and dancing from Center Stage. Register early as space is limited. Parents are not required to attend, but those wishing to attend must purchase a ticket. Tickets are \$14 and are available from the Parks and Rec. department.

CONTACT: Northville Parks and Rec. at (248) 349-0203

### 15th Annual Northville Garden Walk

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 9

DETAILS: Visit six exceptional gardens rain or shine. Special events at Mill Race Village: garden vendors, music, historical buildings open, and homemade refreshments. Tickets \$10 each, available June 1st at Gardenviews, 202 West Main, Northville. Mail order tickets available until June 30 at [www.cgcncv.org](http://www.cgcncv.org).

CONTACT: [www.cgcncv.org](http://www.cgcncv.org) or (248) 348-3263

### SHOWcamp Featuring Disney's 101 Dalmatians

DATE: July 21 - August 1, performance Aug. 2

LOCATION: Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St.

DETAILS: An educational and fun summer camp for children entering grades 3-8. Students will audition for roles in the musical and train with a choreographer, musical director and director. They will also be an integral part of building the set, creating costumes and will learn valuable tricks of the trade. At the end of 2 weeks, they will perform a full musical production of Disney's 101 Dalmatians. Cost is \$350, registration ends July 1. Before and after daycare available for a small fee.

CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or [tippingpointtheatre.org](http://tippingpointtheatre.org)

### Farmer's Market

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. every Thursday, May through Oct.

LOCATION: Northville Downs Parking Lot at the corner of Seven Mile and Center Street (Sheldon).

DETAILS: As always, fresh produce, baked goods, juried crafters, etc. From 8:30-9:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month, the staff from Providence Park Hospital will be promoting healthy recipes and lifestyles. The "Chefs at the Market" program every third Thursday of the month at

8:30 a.m. will feature local chefs and free recipes and cooking demonstrations. New for 2008: Recycle your planting pots and flats at the Pot-Recycling Station. CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org)

### Friday Night Concert Series

TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville Town Square on Main St. across from the Marquis Theatre

DATE: May 30 - Northville High School Jazz Band (jazz)

DETAILS: Early arrival is suggested for these free concerts and guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Presented by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Parks and Recreation Department.

CONTACT: Northville Chamber (248) 349-7640 or Parks and Rec. (248) 349-0203 or visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org) or [www.northvilleparksandrec.org](http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org).

### Tunes on Tuesday

TIME: 11 a.m. - noon

LOCATION: Town Square, downtown Northville. Rain location is Genitti's Hole-in-The-Wall, 108 W. Main St.

DATE: June 17 - Rennie Kaufmann will have you twisting, turning, laughing and singing in this creative and energizing performance.

DATE: June 24 - Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady will entertain the whole family with her guitar and singing voice.

DETAILS: Tune in for fun under the sun at this family concert series. Bring your water bottle, hat and sunscreen. Sponsored by the Northville DDA and Parks and Recreation. Visit [www.northvilleparksandrec.org](http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org) for a complete concert schedule.

### Northville Eclipse Base Ball Club

DETAILS: The Eclipse Base Ball Club plays other vintage ball clubs by the rules of the 1860s. Home games are played at Ford Field in Northville. For a complete schedule, visit [www.eclipsebbcc.com](http://www.eclipsebbcc.com).

TIME/DATE/LOCATION: 1 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at home vs. Royal Oak Wahoons

TIME/DATE/LOCATION: 2 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at home vs. Hartwick Pines Swampers

### Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.

CONTACT: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or [www.genittis.com](http://www.genittis.com)

### Surviving SamCo.

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17, 24 and 31; Thursday, May 19; Friday June 6; Saturday, June 7, 14 and 28; and Monday July 7. Also, 7 p.m. Friday, June 20. Also 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 12; Saturday, June 21 and Monday, June 30.

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.

Toy Chest, Children's Lunch Theater

TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9. 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10; Thursday, July 8; Monday, July 21 and August 18.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$14.95 for children and \$16.95 for adult, not including tax or gratuity.

### Tribute to Elvis Starring Sherman Arnold

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 19

### Tipping Point Theatre

LOCATION: 361 E. Cady St.  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or  
visit [tippingpointtheatre.org](http://tippingpointtheatre.org)  
"Manuscript"  
DATE: through May 24  
DETAILS: When a manuscript is discovered that can guarantee success, three college freshmen begin a quest for vengeance and fame in this dark comedy thriller. Tickets now on sale.

### Improv at the Point

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month  
DETAILS: Hilarious night of comedy in the style of the TV show "Whose Line is it Anyway". Features rotating cast of the best improv talent in the metro area. No two shows alike. General seating tickets are available 7 p.m. at the door on the night of the performance, \$8.

### CONTACT: (248) 347-0003

Fundraising Gala, Stardust-an Evening of High Rollers, Smooth Crooners and Lady Luck

DATE: Saturday  
DETAILS: This is the second annual fundraiser gala to support the non-profit theatre.  
CONTACT: Jennifer Steger at (248) 347-0003.

### 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  
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

### The Art House

Open 1-5 p.m. every Thursday-Sunday; 1-9 p.m. on "First Fridays" of the month.

LOCATION: 215 Cady St.

CONTACT: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or [northvillearts.org](http://northvillearts.org)

### "Osmosis" Adnan Charara Solo Exhibition

TIME/DATE: Exhibit continues through Sunday, May 25  
DETAILS: The Art House welcomes back Adnan Charara for this new solo exhibit. Free.

### Art Detroit Now

DATE: Thursday, May 8 - Saturday, May 10

DETAILS: Northville Art House is a proud participant of Art Detroit Now, which includes exhibitions, demonstrations and festivals showcasing the great art and talented artists in our area. One hundred galleries and museums, located in 16 cities throughout metro Detroit are involved. Free.

### Kevin VanHooser Solo Exhibition

TIME/DATE: Opening Reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday June 6. Exhibit continues through Sunday, June 22.

DETAILS: Just in time for Father's Day, Kevin VanHooser is influenced by sporting events and traditional artists like Bart Forbes and Norman Rockwell. He is a Detroit native and a graduate of the College for Creative Studies.

### Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field

DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 9:30 a.m. School Tour; 7 p.m. NHS Board Meeting

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 9 a.m. school tour; 4 p.m. Junior Scouts; 6 p.m. Rehearsal

Saturday: 3:30-5:30 p.m. Wedding

Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 12:30 p.m. Mackinaw Scouts; 4:30 p.m. Cub Scouts; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scouts

Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 7:30 p.m. Mill Race Weavers

Wednesday: 9:45 a.m. School Tour; 4:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts; 5 p.m. Rehearsal; 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Bridging; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church

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Northville Chamber of Commerce

LOCATION: 195 S. Main St., Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or visit [northville.org](http://northville.org)

### TGIF

TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Friday, May 23

LOCATION: Chamber Office

After Hours Mixer

TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21

LOCATION: Scottie's Kitchen, 149 N. Center St., Suite 201

DETAILS: Cost is \$510 for members.

Chamber Golf Outing Fundraiser

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. registration; 9:30 a.m. Shotgun start; 11 a.m. lunch; 3-4:30 p.m. dinner, awards and raffle, Tuesday, June 3

LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course, South Lyon

DETAILS: Four person scramble format. First place prizes awarded. Men's, women's and co-ed teams. Cost is \$150 for members and \$175 for non-members. Registration deadline is May 1.

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TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tonight

LOCATION: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth

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CONTACT: (248) 553-2955 or online at [farmingtonplayers.org](http://farmingtonplayers.org)

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TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday

LOCATION: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street

DETAILS: The Detroit Institute

of Arts Speakers Bureau will present "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan Artists Brush with Leisure 1895-1925" depicting works from the current DIA exhibition.

### Daughter of the American Revolution, Sara Ann Cochran Chapter

TIME/DATE: 6-8:45 p.m. Monday

LOCATION: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth

DETAILS: The Separation of Church and State will be the topic for the meeting

CONTACT: (734) 453-8194

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TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21

LOCATION: Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland

DETAILS: Combined lecture and trail hike to identify native plants, trees and shrubs. Wear proper shoes and dress for the weather. Members are free, \$3 cost for non-members. Hosted by the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association.

CONTACT: For more information, call (734) 326-0578 or visit [sembutterfly.com](http://sembutterfly.com).

### Livonia Historical Society's 52nd Annual Banquet

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Wednesday

LOCATION: American Legion Hall, Newburgh Road, north of Joy Road

DETAILS: Featuring World War II history authors and members of the 101st Airborne Paratroopers ("The Screaming Eagles") George Koskimaki and Mark Bando. Banquet includes full course dinner, salad, dessert and beverages. Cash bar, door prizes. Tickets are \$22 and are available at Livonia Greenmead Office or by calling (248) 349-5999.

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# Arbor Hospice Foundation's Art Dash benefit set tonight

## Tickets are still available

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Get ready, get set, go to tonight's Art Dash.

The annual benefit, which raises more than \$50,000 for The Arbor Hospice Foundation, will begin at 5:30 p.m. tonight at St. John's Golf and Conference Center on Five Mile west of Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township.

Proceeds will go directly back into the community to support the organization's end-of-life care and grief support services for children, adolescents and adults throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties.

Art Dash also increases awareness for the arts by providing an opportunity for artists to showcase their talent.

The event is being hosted by a volunteer committee led by founders and co-chairs Terry and Laurie Marrs of Northville.

The evening will include wine and food as guests peruse their favorite art pieces, raffle and auction items. After dinner, attendees' names are drawn every few seconds, and the dash is on for the piece of art of their choice. Every couple will go home with a piece of art valued at a minimum of \$250. Attendees are encouraged to have three-four pieces in mind prior to the dash in case their first choices are selected before their name is called.

"It truly is a great event," said Mary Poole, one of the artists who has donated art to the benefit for seven years. "As an artist, it is a wonderful opportunity to partner with an organization like Arbor Hospice to promote the arts and support the valuable services it provides to the community."

## Local and national art

More than 100 local and national artists contribute to the event each year, including pieces from downtown Northville galleries. John Heider, award-winning photographer for the Northville Record and the Novi News, has again donated a framed photograph to this year's event.

The first Art Dash took place in 2002. Last year, art donated to the event was valued at more than \$54,000, and the average fair market value of each piece was \$477. In six years, the fundraiser has collected more than \$278,000 for The Arbor Hospice Foundation.

Arbor Hospice has been committed to providing quality, compassionate care for those experiencing the end-of-life journey.

The organization is integrated into the community with the help of its experienced staff and caring volunteers through its certified hospice services, residential

## Buy tickets

Tickets to tonight's Art Dash at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, 44045 Five Mile Road, are \$350 per couple. They are available today by calling Glenda Gordon Kime at (734) 794-5122. The Artist & Sponsor Reception begins at 5:30 p.m., with the event beginning at 6:30 p.m.

grief support services and community education programs.

Arbor Hospice serves Ann Arbor and communities in Washtenaw County, western Wayne County and Downriver, with branches in Ann Arbor, Northville and Trenton.

The Arbor Hospice Foundation provides funding for programs and services for more than 3,000 people, including patients, their family members and community members. For more information, go to [www.arborhospice.org](http://www.arborhospice.org) or call 888-992-2273.

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## Meetings

**Northville Public Schools Board of Education**  
DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month (May 27)  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Amerman Elementary School

**City of Northville City Council**  
DATE: First and third Monday of the month  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

**Downtown Development Authority Meeting**  
DATE: Third Tuesday of each month (May 20)  
TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.

CONTACT: downtown-northville.com

**Planning Commission**  
DATE: First and third Tuesday of month  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall  
**Housing Commission**  
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 3 p.m.  
LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

**Historic District Commission**  
DATE: Third Wednesday of month

TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: City Hall  
**Arts Commission**  
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

**Beautification Commission**  
DATE: Second Tuesday of every month  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

**Northville Township Planning Commission**  
DATE: Last Tuesday of month  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

**Board of Trustees**  
DATE: Third Thursday of month  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Township Hall  
**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
DATE: Third Wednesday of month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Township Hall

**Youth Assistance**  
DATE: Second Tuesday of every month  
TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

# Old Timers' get ready for their annual luncheon at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

## Event set for Monday, June 2

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

"Mature" men in Northville, save the date of June 2.

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant at 108 E. Main St. will again host the annual Old Timers Luncheon that will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, June 2, with lunch to be served at 12:15 p.m.

This year will be the ninth year for the event, and Genitti's staff members have reserved the main floor for luncheon.

Last year, men between the ages of 50 and 98 attended the mid-day event, and organizers welcome newcomers.

"There's no program planned," said organizer Dick Ambler. "It's just a get-together."

Cost of the lunch is \$15, and a

cash bar is available. Reservations are required, as the organizers need to give the restaurant a count prior to the event and the organizers to prepare name tags.

The luncheon is being organized this year by Ambler, Hal Wright and Dave Longridge.

Ambler founded the event, modeling it after a luncheon he started with Chrysler retirees in 1996.

The three men sent out more than 100 letters or e-mails about the luncheon.

Ambler is retired after 25 years with Chrysler Corporation, where he worked in various positions in the human resources area and at the time of his retirement was a manager of wages and salaries. He was born in Detroit and moved to Northville at the age of 2.

Wright, a retired child psychiatrist, worked formerly the director of the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital.

Longridge was a longtime Northville Public Schools administrator. It was his first teaching job of his wife, Marge, that brought the couple to Northville in 1959.

Those who would like to attend the luncheon and trade stories about their life in Northville can send their check for \$15, made out to Genitti's to one of the three organizers: Hal Wright, 19850 Westhill,

Northville, MI 48167, (248) 349-1276; Dave Longridge, 20360 Woodhill Dr., Northville, MI 48167, (248) 349-0551; or Dick Ambler, 1176 Concord Ct., Northville, MI, 48167, (248) 349-1814.

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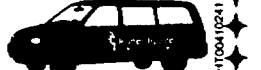
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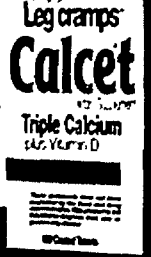
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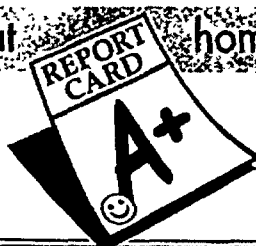
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## Six NHS musicians named to All-State groups

Northville High School has six more All-State musicians to add to its impressive list of performers. Five members of the NHS Jazz Ensemble I were selected as members of the prestigious, 18-piece All-State Honors Jazz band, and one member of the choir was chosen for the All-State Choir.

The groups performed on Saturday in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival, held on the campus of Western Michigan University.

Tony Pizzimenti, senior, trumpet player; Zack Thomas, junior, trumpet player; Brian Earle, junior, trombone player; Mike LaCivita, junior, trombone player; and Yongu Che, junior, alto saxophone player, were selected after performing with the Northville High School Jazz Ensemble I at the State Jazz Festival in April. Nathan Love, junior, saxophone player, was chosen as an Honorable Mention. In addition, junior Josh Buoy was selected for the All-State Choir.

"It's a big honor," said Mike Rumbell, Northville High School band director. "Over 25 percent of the All-State Jazz Band are Northville High School musicians. It's a tribute to the high level of proficiency and dedication these students have for music."

The Michigan Youth Arts Festival is the culmination of a nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools. More than 250,000 students across the state are involved in the adjudication process.

"The festival is an extraordinary experience that showcases



Shown following the All-State concerts in Kalamazoo Saturday are (l to r) Tony Pizzimenti, Mike LaCivita, Zack Thomas, Brian Earle and Yongu Che.

Photo by Leonard LaCivita

young artists with exceptional talents", observed Lora Frankel, festival chair. "The participants merit recognition for their achievements in the arts and in the educational process."

This is the second year three of the musicians were selected for

the All-State Jazz Band, as Pizzimenti, Thomas and Che were also chosen last year. These students played at the 2007 Michigan Youth Arts Festival as well as the 2007 Detroit International Jazz Festival with the All-State group.

The next performances by the Northville High School Jazz Ensemble I include the Spring Concert at the high school on Wednesday at 7 p.m., and at downtown Northville's first outdoor concert of the season on Friday, May 30 at 7 p.m. in the

Town Square. Tickets are available for the spring concert at the NHS Band Office and at (248) 344-8420 for \$5 each; the outdoor performance is free.

Submitted by Northville High School Band Boosters

### All five NHS Bands named state champs

Over 200 students at Northville High School can call themselves State Champions this spring, as all five bands at NHS earned First Division ratings at the MSBOA State Band Festivals this year.

The 9th grade band, 10th grade band, 11th/12th grade band, Jazz Ensemble I and Jazz Ensemble II all received Superior ratings by the state adjudicators.

Bands qualify for the State Festival by performing well at the District Festivals held earlier in the year. The competitions at both festivals include performance as well as sight-reading.

"These ratings are the culmination of a lot of hard work by these students," said Johanne Ray-Hepp, assistant band director at NHS. "The kids should be very proud of their accomplishments."

"The NHS Bands have achieved an incredible level of performance," added Michael Rumbell, the NHS band director.

The next performance by all of these bands will be the Spring Band Concert, "An American Band Concert - A Salute to Sousa" on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Northville High School Auditorium. Admission is \$5; tickets are on sale at the band office and at (248) 344-8420.



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/  
Northville Record

### Dino Dig

ABOVE: With construction helmets and safety glasses on, Thornton Creek students tackle their third annual "Dino Dig" last Wednesday morning. As part of a "Change Over Time" study section, kids go to dig through packed sand to find replicas of dinosaur bones - a sort of junior paleontology clinic.

The Dino Dig is funded from a grant given by to the school by the Northville Mother's Club.

RIGHT: Thornton Creek student Faith Rister tackles the third annual "Dino Dig" last Wednesday morning.



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# Get to know school district's unsung heroes

## Paraeducators and paraprofessionals host blood drive

By Alea Hibbeln  
SPECIAL WRITER

Northville teachers are known for making a difference in the lives of students, but look closer and see the inner workings of an extraordinary machine: the unsung heroes known as paraprofessionals and paraeducators.

They stand in zero degree temperatures during recess and before and after school. They see to it that students climb safely into buses and cross streets unharmed. They load up little ones' backpacks with assigned homework and don them with coats, hats and boots. They toilet the special education students

and tutor the gifted. They are in classrooms motivating students to follow direction. They even take notes if a student can't write.

Sixty-nine Northville paraprofessionals and around 90 paraeducators are members of the American Federation of Teachers.

To distinguish, paraprofessionals work within the K-12 program, assisting in mainstreaming autistic, and physically- and cognitively-impaired students.

Paraeducators serve 17 districts in Wayne County in programs which include students who are severely-cognitively-impaired, severely-multiply-impaired, and dually diagnosed who are both cognitively- and emotionally-impaired. Students may attend school until age 26, and some participate in vocational training at a variety of work sites.

The focus of this program is self-care and independence. And the list above doesn't even begin to encompass a day's work.

"The para-ed's are the angels among us," said Karen McDonald, a paraprofessional at Meads Middle School.

McDonald works in the resource room with sixth, seventh and eighth graders. There, McDonald holds study support hours for special education students. She also goes into the classrooms providing educational assistance and, last but not least, she helps take care of Bob, the iguana.

"We crack the whip," McDonald said. "We want them to learn something every day."

"We feel we are the heart of the school," said Sherry Hanovich, president of Northville Federation of Paraprofessionals. "We are there every day supporting teachers, kids, administrators."

## Reaching out

Both paraprofessionals and paraeducators will be hosting their first community outreach event, a blood drive with the American Red Cross, at the Northville Fire Department (215 West Main Street) from noon-6 p.m. on Monday. American Red Cross will distribute the donated blood to hospitals in southeastern Michigan.

To schedule an appointment to donate blood, register on line at [givelife.org](http://givelife.org).

Hanovich, a paraprofessional at Amerman Elementary, is not allowed to talk about her special needs student, but she is with that student all day in the classroom, making sure he or she is learning effectively.

Kathryn Sigler, president of the Northville Federation of Paraeducators and one of the founders of the union, said she looks younger than her age because of the center-based spe-

cial education program.

"When you put your whole heart into something, it shows," said Sigler. "I can come home every day and say that I absolutely love my job."

"Clinton once said that it takes a village," said Sigler. "It really takes the whole unit to work with these children: the doctors that work with them, teachers, paraeducators, parents. We have a lot of repetition working with these

kids and you get one little breakthrough and it's such a thrill. There is such a fulfillment in this job. These kids can go out and get jobs just like everyone else."

"We want to let the community know who we are," said Hanovich. "We are the eyes, ears and heart of Northville."

"I love being a para-pro, so I want to give back," said McDonald, who is in her seventh year at Mead Mill. "We are part of that infrastructure - that scaffolding that keeps the community strong."

McDonald said that teachers go out of their way to give students what they need to succeed, and so do the paraprofessionals and the paraeducators.

"We are committed to our jobs; we believe in education," said McDonald. "But half the time, at the end of the day, I can't even speak in a full sentence."



Photo courtesy of Joanne Spence

## Pasta for Pennies

On May 6, at Silver Springs Elementary, the winners of the Pasta for Pennies Program enjoyed their free lunch from the Olive Garden of Novi. Mrs. Moser's first grade class participated in the program which raises money to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - money that is desperately needed to help find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma and to help patients in our community. Mrs. Moser's class raised \$464.64 out of the \$3159.49 total raised by the great and caring kids at Silver Springs Elementary.

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This project consists of the furnishing, fabricating, and erecting approximately 324 square feet of destination signs on public rights-of-way in strict conformance with current standard Specifications for Highway Construction of the Michigan Department of Transportation. Contract documents and bid proposals can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department Downtown Development Authority at (248) 349-0345.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

LORI WARD, DDA DIRECTOR

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

(5-15-08 NR 413830)

## NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2008/09 BUDGET

Please take notice that on May 27, 2008 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. at Amerman School, 847 N. Center St., Northville, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Northville Public Schools will hold public hearings to consider the district's proposed 2008/09 budget. The Board may not adopt its proposed 2008/09 budget until after the public hearings. A copy of the proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage, rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours after May 20, 2008, at the Business Office, 501 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan.

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

This order is given by order of the Board of Education

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## ON CAMPUS

### Central Michigan University

The following Northville students were named to the fall semester honors list at Central Michigan University: Robert Luke Crawford, Kira L. Damusis, Stephanie Nicole Dechape, Lauren J. Denomme, Kathleen F. Gale, Laura Jeanne Halash, Joanna M. Harris, Jennifer L. Hicks, Timothy John Hietala, Heather Nicole Hyatt, Katelyn A. Ketchum, Bonnie R. Lentine, Nicholas Edward Manica, Marco C. Masciulli, Candra L. Nabozny, Michelle Grace Oldham, Steve E. Pryce, Katie L. Rosinski, Kristy L. Webster, Caitlin M. Wixted and Michael Peter Yuhas.

The following Northville students graduated from Central Michigan University in December 2007: Megan Didyk, Bachelor of Applied Arts; Kathleen Gale, Bachelor of Science in Education; Gerald Grimm, Bachelor of Science; Joanna Harris, Bachelor of Applied Arts; Derek Howell, Bachelor of Applied Arts; Candra Nabozny, Bachelor of Applied Arts; and Jeanette Schneider, Bachelor of Science.

### Madonna University

The following Northville students were named to the Dean's List this past term at Madonna University: Rachel Anne Baker, Alyssa Kathleen Bitell, Patrick J. Buckley, Hyun-Sook Choi, Shawn

B. Clavin, Samantha M. Coughlin, Andrea Diane De La Rosa, Julie May Dodswoth, Lauren Ann Duggan, Karyn Alexis Feick, Judith Grove, Susan D. Hansell, Amy M. Hudgins, Allison Michelle Hughes, Emily Sara Kalweit, Lauren Kane, James H. Kiurski, Kathryn E. Kramer, Kimberlee Anne Larson, Kelsey Lynne Lehman, Deanna Renee McDermott, Ann Catherine Mellling, Lauren Danielle Mix, Teresa McKenna Mochty, Courtney Anne Nixon, Jessica Lilah Oprisiu, Donald Cody Pickren, Denise M. Robaczewski, Jennifer Angela Sanders, Jillian Marie Szostak, Karen E. Tonch, Erik Robert Travis, William R. Walsh, Jacqueline Marie Ward, Laurie Lyn Weddle, Samantha Brienne Wood, and Elizabeth Anne Zobl.

The following students from Northville graduated from Madonna University this past term: Rachel Anne Baker, Nursing; Judith Grove, Language Arts; James H. Kiurski, English; Karen E. Tonch, Business Administration; and Erik Robert Travis, Private Security Certificate and Criminal Justice.

### Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Steve Bennett, son of Alan and Barbara Bennett of Northville, has been named to the Dean's List at Rose-Hulman for winter quarter 2007. Bennett is a junior majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Rose-Hulman is a private engineering, mathematics and science college in Terre Haute, Indiana.

### University of Nebraska

Kate Elsa McClymont, a junior majoring in journalism and mass communications, was honored recently at the University Honors Convocation by being named a High Scholar. This signifies that a student is either in the top 10 percent of their class or has a 3.6 cumulative grade-point average or higher.

Molly Ann McClymont graduated from the University of Nebraska this spring with a bachelor of journalism degree from the College of Journalism and Mass Communications.

### Mathematical Association of America Awards

Two Northville students participated in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America. Over \$20,000 in scholarships, ranging from \$250 to \$2,600, is awarded each year. Students take a two-part examination from topics in high school mathematics. Part One consists of 40 multiple-choice questions. Approximately 14,000 students registered to participate in Part I. The highest 1,000 scores from Part I are then invited to participate in Part II. Here students work on five challenging problems and write their solutions providing full justification and proofs of their claims. These are hand graded by college professors and professional mathematicians. The top 100 students are honored at an awards banquet and presented

with their awards. The awards ceremony was held on Sunday, February 24 at Oakland University in Rochester. Allen Yuan, a Detroit Country Day student from Northville, was awarded a \$400 scholarship. Yong Lu Che, a student at Northville High School, was awarded a \$250 scholarship.

### AT&T Scholarships

The AT&T Foundation, the corporate philanthropy organization of AT&T Inc., has awarded college scholarships to three Northville students who are children of AT&T employees. They are Jason Learman and Kristyn Dinger, both students at Michigan State University and Nicole Brants, a student at Loyola University in Chicago. The competitive scholarship selection process is based on an individual's overall merit, including academic achievement, leadership skills, work experience, awards and honors and participation in school and community activities. The scholarships can be renewed annually if students maintain specified academic guidelines.

### Wayne State University

Novi resident, and Northville High School graduate, Shivani Agrawal has been named to the Dean's List for the fall term of 2007. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have an honor

point average of 3.6 or higher. Agrawal is the daughter of Dr. Sunil and Sushma Agrawal of Novi.

### Marist College

Joanna M. Foss of Northville was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2007 semester at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

### Walsh College

The following Northville students received degrees from Walsh College at their winter commencement ceremonies in Troy: Judith Conti, Master of Science, Finance; Darius Ramone Cotton, Master of Science, Management; Sharon S. Garbarz, Master of Science, Management; Craig A. Summers, Master of Science, Management; and Patricia Michele Helwig, Bachelor of Business Administration.

### Grand Valley State University

The following students from Northville have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2007 semester: Colin D. Appleford, Tanya M. Bedrosian, Danielle C. Boloven, Chantel B. Caldwell, Joshua S. Cassidy, Elizabeth A. Cullen, Timothy C. Dalton, Clayton D. Engel, Traci L. Gagarin, Andrea M. Gorecki.

Anna G. Griebel, Angela C. Hersey, Danielle R. Hicks, Svaja A. Mikulionis, Kari A. Oshanski, Karen C. Paterson, Andrea A. Petres, Meredith A. Ponder, Jessica L. Pospiech, Ashley N. Schulte, Catherine A. Scott, Kim R. Sebastian, Courtney L. Siracusa, Kirstyn M. Wildey, Adam J. Zobl. A student must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 to be named to the Dean's List.

### Delta Chi Educational Foundation

Northville resident Leo Robert Svoboda, son of Kathleen Svoboda, has received a Certificate of Recognition for exceeding the Foundation's academic standards. The certificate is awarded to students that are members of the Delta Chi fraternity who excel in academics, serve the local chapter in leadership positions and share their time with the community. Svoboda will graduate from Bowling Green State University in May with a degree in Financial Economics.

### Dartmouth College

Lauren Theresa Rocco, daughter of Joseph and Rachel Rocco of Northville, was cited for outstanding academic achievement in Computer Science 019 during the winter 2008 term.



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### Northville High School Class of 1968

DETAILS: Anyone interested in a 40th reunion for the Class of 1968, please contact Ron Barnum at (248) 347-8808.

### Northville High School Class of 1988

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

### Northville High School Class of 1978

Pre-Party  
DATE: Friday, Aug. 1  
LOCATION: Chase Bar and Grill, Northville  
Reunion  
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 2  
LOCATION: Radisson Livonia  
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Eisele Junca by e-mail at juncaj@sbglobal.net

### Plymouth High School Class of 1968

DATE: Saturday, July 19  
LOCATION: Livonia  
DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion. For more information, contact Janet (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to phs40threunion@charter.net.

### South Lyon High School Class of 1963

DATE: Sunday, Aug. 10  
LOCATION: Baker's of Milford  
DETAILS: The Class of 1963 is hosting a 45 year reunion. For more information, call Barb Cook at (248) 349-5982.

### Dearborn and Edsel Ford High School Class of 1958

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 2  
LOCATION: Dearborn Country Club  
DETAILS: The 1958 January

and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion. Judy Richards Goerke 313-562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters 248-348-

9443, Shirley.peters@village-ford.net may be contacted for further information.

### Cass Tech Class of 1958

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 11  
DETAILS: For more informa-

tion about this 50 year class reunion, contact Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 or go to www.casstech58.com.

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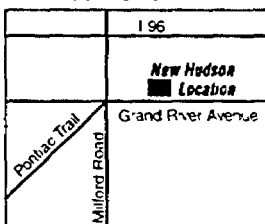
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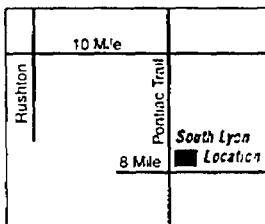
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# Kickin' in high gear

## Stern makes Top 10 list for goals, assists

By Jeff Thelsen  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville soccer star Sarah Stern has done it all for the Mustangs. Now she is flourishing as a goal-scoring forward on Michigan's top-ranked team.

In 2006, when the Mustangs rolled all the way to the state finals, Stern settled in at left mid after playing a little bit on defense.

Northville head coach Ron Meteyer admitted that neither was her preferred position, but she was doing whatever it took to get the most playing time and help the team.

In 2007, she moved to center mid when Theresa Yankovich went down with a season-ending knee injury.

"She's very adaptable — she's shown that," Meteyer said. "She's determined to make this her year, and she's been doing a good job with it."

This year, she moved to forward attack, a position that suits her ability to finish around the net.

"She's done whatever we've needed and wherever we've needed her," Meteyer said. "She's got a good left foot and a good right foot."

"Now, she is playing forward, her natural position. She's having a good time with it."

Stern leads the team with 16 goals after scoring a pair in an 8-0 romp Monday against Franklin. She is seventh on the Mustangs all-time list in goals with 44. She also moved to third in all-time assists with four helpers Monday for a career total of 39.

Playing midfield for two years leaves Stern without a realistic chance to move into tops of the scoring chart. Also playing with stars Lauren Hill and Danielle Toney allowed Meteyer the luxury of having another goal-scoring specialist help the team in other ways.

Meteyer knows Stern probably would've put up the comparable numbers to Hill or Toney if she played forward for three years, but that isn't what Stern worries about.

"She doesn't try to eclipse what those other people have done," he said. "That's not what her primary care is. It's never about Sarah. She's always about what she can do for the team."

### Playoffs? Don't talk about Playoffs!

Meteyer doesn't let the girls talk about the playoffs until they start. But he knows their eyes are on the biggest prize, especially after wrapping up the final divisional title.

"These kids are hungry," Meteyer said. "They're not worried about things that happened in the past."

The Mustangs came as close as possible to winning the state title, only to come up short in the finals

### Stern's career

**Freshman**  
1 goal, 1 assist  
**Sophomore**  
14 goals, 10 assists  
**Junior**  
13 goals 17 assists  
**Senior**  
16 goals, 11 assists

### All-Time Mustangs Top 10

Seventh with 44 goals — nine away from sixth  
Third in assists with 39 — 11 away from second

to rival Novi.

The Wildcats also beat the Mustangs last year, ending another deep run into the playoffs.

Stern and the rest of the Mustangs got their revenge against Novi earlier this year, something that propelled them to the top spot in the rankings.

Meteyer knows he won't have to worry about motivating his team this year.

"There's pressure on them, but at the same time, they're a hungry squad out there," he said.

### Leaving a mark

Stern has left a mark in many ways while playing many positions for one of the state's best teams for three years running.

But one thing that Meteyer says truly stands out in her game is her ability to get in the air to play the ball.

"She brings something that I've never had a forward do at the high school girls level," Meteyer said. "Her game in the air is far superior. When you have a corner ball that comes across and all the girls are jumping for it and she's 12 inches higher than the rest of them, that is just athletic ability."

"As long as she is able to get up above players, they know they've got to double and triple team her on corner and free kicks."

When teams overcommit to stopping Stern, it leaves the field open for others, as demonstrated by her dishing out four assists Monday.

Meteyer has coached several All-Americans at Northville and said each player brings a different aspect to the team. But he knows Stern is among the tops to play for the Mustangs.

"If I had to make up an All-Star team since I came back in 2000, she would be on the All-Star team," he said. "There's no doubt about that because of her aerial game, because of her hustle and enthusiasm and because of her pure athleticism, she would be in the starting 11."

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Mustang senior Sarah Stern shows off her scoring form.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

## ROUNDUP: Softball clinches divisional title with shutout

By Jeff Thelsen  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville softball (23-3, 9-0 in division) wrapped up the final divisional title with a 7-0 win Friday against Plymouth.

Allison Holmes picked up the win, striking out five and allowing just two hits with no walks.

Jenna Dumbleton (2 doubles, 2 runs), Mariel Wilson (2 runs) and Alex Kaszuba (run) had two hits each. Sarah Rounsifer drew three walks. Kelsey Whelan scored a run and knocked in a pair.

The Mustangs blew the game open with five runs in the second and capped off the scoring with two more in the fourth.

"It was a great day because the girls just clinched the division title with this win," Northville

head coach Teryn Chrzanowski said. "They're excited to know they get another shot at the conference championship."

Northville also beat Canton 7-1 May 6 on a make-up game.

Holmes got the win, striking out six and allowing five hits. Kaszuba went a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate to lead the bats. Mary Rounsifer, Megan Hofmeister and Mariel Wilson provided two hits each.

The Mustangs continued their hot streak with a 5-0 win Monday against Franklin.

Holmes earned another shutout, allowing four hits and two intentional walks with eight strikeouts.

Sarah Rounsifer went 2-for-2 with two intentional walks and a solo home run to lead the offense. Wilson and Brittany

Birdsall had two hits each.

Northville scored two runs in the third and single runs in the fifth through seventh innings.

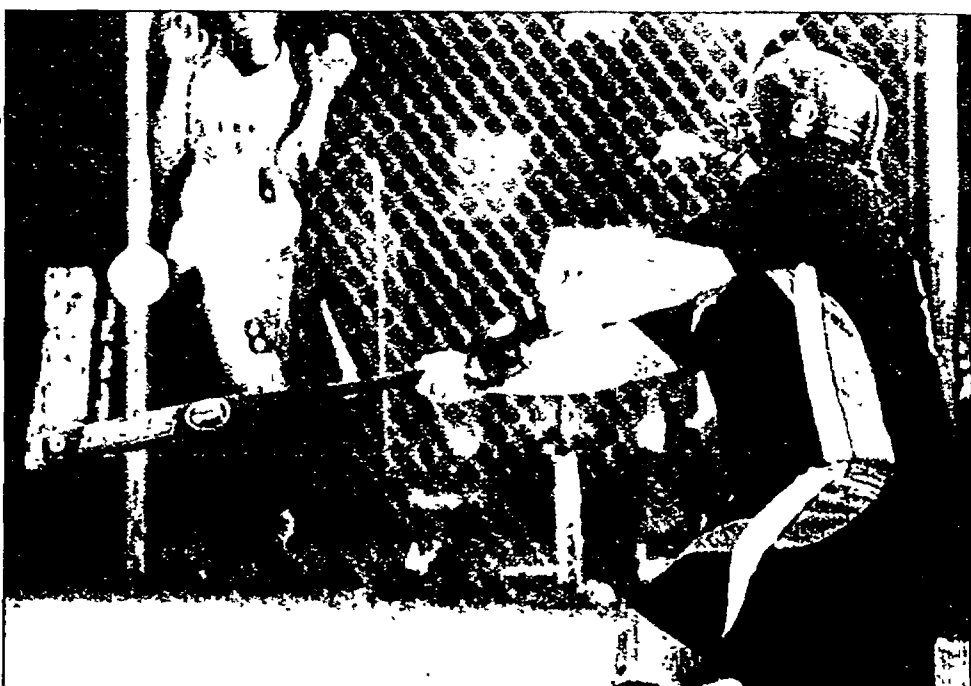
### Tennis

The Mustangs captured the league title by winning all but two of the eight flights, and placing second in the others.

Northville swept doubles play, with titles going to Laura Taylor and Kristin Randall at No. 1, Abby Grajek and Sabrina Masciulli at No. 2, Valerie Juan and Maudie Smith at No. 3 and Sarah Koupal and Breanna Connatt at No. 4.

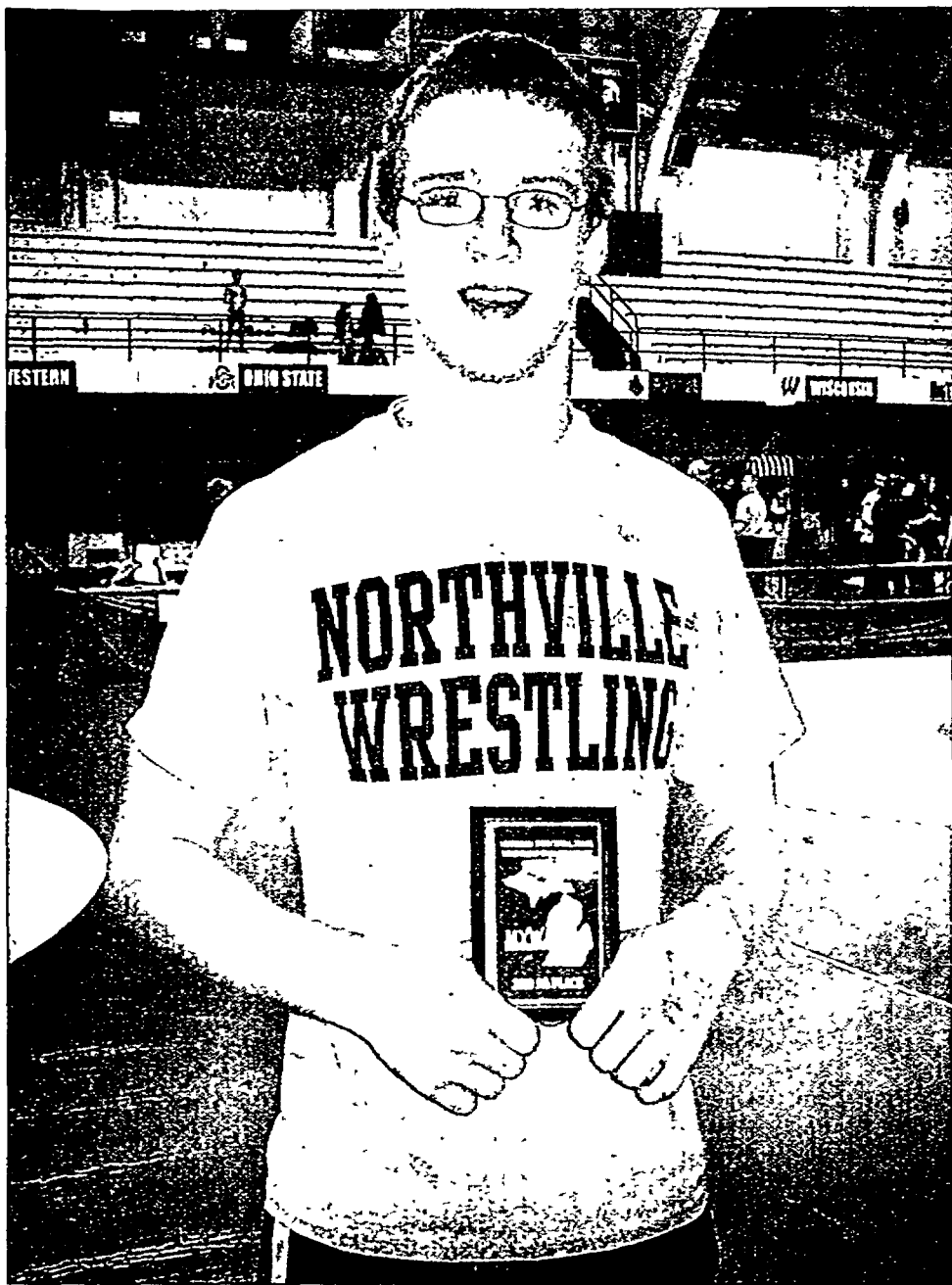
Winning singles titles were Joanne Weber at No. 2 and

continued on 2



Alex Kaszuba makes contact with a pitch during last Friday afternoon's home softball game.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record



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### Earning hardware

Northville High School Sophomore Nicholas Mudar took fifth place in the MYWAY State Championships March 28 at Michigan State University. Mudar also took second place at the "Release the Beast" tournament in Fremont on April 19.

## Sports Shorts

### 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. daily.

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 GudithT@northville12.mil.us

CC's Westside Football Camp

Detroit Catholic Central is hosting a non-contact football camp for

kids entering grades 5-9 June 16-19. The camp runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

each day and costs \$185.

Call (248) 596-3829 for registration.

### Adult Open Morning Softball League:

Starting Week of June 16

Proposed game times, beginning at 8:30am

Tue, Wed or Thur - Game day to be determined

Entry Fee \$445/team, Based on 8 Teams, 11 games.

If interested call League Director, Charlie G. (734) 459-7896.

Send sports shorts to Jeff Theisen at jtheisen@gannett.com.

## Northville Parks & Recreation

### Basketball

#### Womens Tuesday Team

Ex All-Stars	W	L
Old School	3	0
Shirts	3	0
Misfits (Poole's)	1	2
The Meow	1	2
I Wouldn't	1	2
Free Agents	0	3
Witness Us	0	3

#### Mens Wednesday Team

Champs	W	L
Nelson	2	0
NetWork	1	1
Too Young	1	1
Penetration	1	1
The Alliance	1	1
Z Team	1	1
Nvl Phys. Rehab	0	2

#### Mens Thursday Team

Kelly's Irish Pub	W	L
Yes Sir	2	0
ICD	1	1
Landsharks	1	1

Protect This House	1	1
Dixon, Inc.	1	1
AM Hoops	0	2
Red Hills	0	2

#### Mens Monday Team

Deep Impact	W	L
Nelson	2	0
Nothing But Aces	1	1
Squad	1	1
DH Liquor/Wine	1	1
Flint Topics	1	1
Frito Lay	0	2
Hickory	0	2

### Softball

#### Womens Tuesday Team

Girls Night Out	W	L
North Ridge Church 2	1	0
PLC Starting Gate 2	1	0
Starting Gate 1	1	0
Chix With Stix	0	1
North Ridge Church 1	0	1
Olde Town Fear No Beer	0	1
Tuscanettes	0	1

#### Coed Orange Division Sunday Team

BDI	W	L
	1	0

Coyote Golf Course	1	0
Doc's	1	0
Poole's Tavern	1	0
Boston Style	0	1
Poole's Ridge Runners	0	1
Sheehan's on the Green	0	1
Starting Gate	0	1

#### Coed White Division Sunday Team

Dy-No-Mite	W	L
One Under	1	0
The Mavericks	1	0
Arcadia Ridge Slammers	.5	.5
My Trivia Live	.5	.5
APL	0	1
Leadco Enforcers	0	1
Wagon Wheel	0	1

#### Mens Monday Team

Chase Bar	W	L
Rollercoaster Jones	1	0
Starting Gate	1	0
Ward Church/Rebeccas	1	0
Doc's Sport Retreat	0	1
Poole's Tavern	0	1
Superior Controls	0	1
Team 4	0	1



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### Champs

The Club Extreme ASICS U16 volleyball team won the gold May 4 at the Lakeshore Regional Championships in Lansing. The team practices out of the Novi/Northville area and is made up of 12 girls from Novi, Northville, Farmington Hills, Plymouth and Canton. They are all high school sophomores.

Front Row, left to right (high school in parenthesis): Michelle Franklin (Farmington), Kelly Maise (Northville), Christy Mueller (Northville), Lauren Dworzanin (Salem), Jasmine McBryde (Harrison);

Back Row: Coach Peter Lau, Brittany Dooley (Mercy), Paige Ince (Novi), Lauren Vance (Novi), Madison Owen (Northville), Coach Ted Mech, Candice McKenzie (Farmington), Morgan Hawkins (Salem) and Christine Mech (Novi).

## NHS Schedules



### Baseball

5/9 Plymouth	A	4 p.m.
5/12 Franklin	H	4 p.m.
5/14 John Glenn	H	4 p.m.

### Softball

5/9 Plymouth	H	4 p.m.
5/12 Franklin	A	4 p.m.
5/14 John Glenn	A	4 p.m.

### Track

5/8 Plymouth	A	3:30 p.m.
5/9 S. Lyon East	A	4 p.m.

### Boys Lacrosse

5/8 Canton	A	8 p.m.
5/10 Farmington	A	noon
5/13 Salem	A	TBA

### Girls Lacrosse

5/8 Brighton	H	7 p.m.
5/12 Hartland	H	7 p.m.

### Golf

5/7 WL Western (Bay Pointe GC)	A	3:30 p.m.
5/13 Franklin	H	3:30 p.m.
5/14 Canton	H	3:30 p.m.

### Soccer

5/12 Franklin	H	7 p.m.
5/14 WL Western	A	7 p.m.

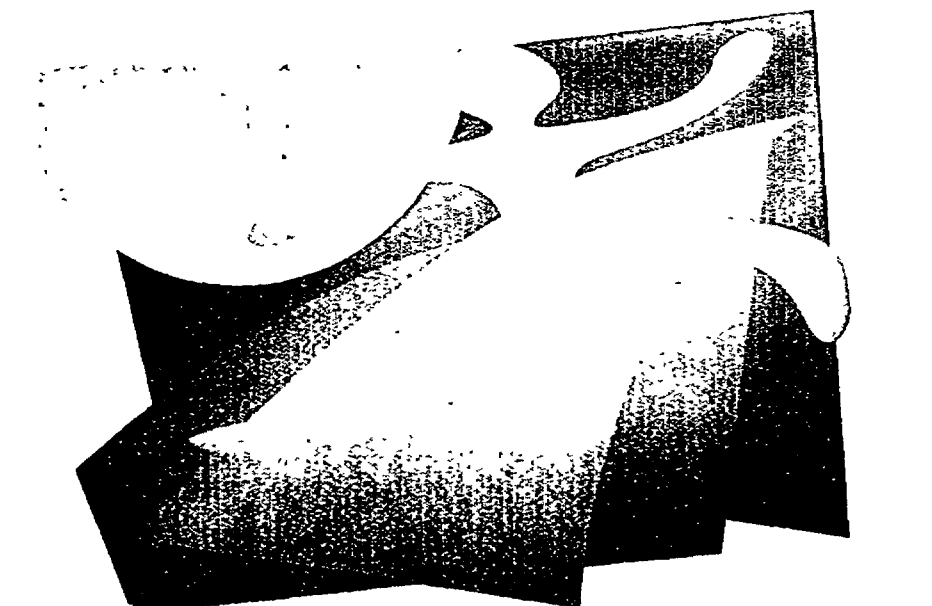
### Tennis

5/10 WLAA (Plymouth)A	TBA
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<b>HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL</b> 10 Mile between Meadowbrook & Haggerty Phone 248-427-1175 Sat. 5 p.m. Sun. 7:45 & 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m. Rev. Karen Henry, Pastor www.churchoftheholycross.com	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 8:45am Worship 10:00am Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor • 349-0665
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<b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI</b> 48305 10 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48174 Sat. 5:30 p.m. 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Rev. and Mrs. George J. Chirley, Pastor Parish Office 347-7778	<b>FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> on Haggerty Rd. North of 8 Mile Rd. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. (248) 348-7600 Dr. Ron Blake, Pastor
<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 24506 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi, MI 48375 Masses Sat. 5 p.m. Sun. 7:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. Holy Days 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Fr. Timothy Haggan, Pastor Rev. Mr. William Wadmann, Deacon Rev. Mr. Timothy J. Pion, Deacon Parish Office 349-8847	Your church could be here. Call 248-349-1700
<b>NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH</b> 32551 Five Mile Rd. (S. & Haggerty) Plymouth, MI 48170 Phone 734-420-0371 Sunday Services 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Rev. Fr. George M. Vassilakis, Pastor www.nativitygoc.org	<b>OAK POINTE CHURCH</b> 50200 W. Ten Mile Novi Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Casual contemporary live band (248) 912-0043 www.oakpointe.org
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# ROUNDUP: Baseball rolls to 22-1

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Cauffiel at No. 3.  
Haley Johnston (No. 1) and Jessica Yu (No. 4) were runner-ups.  
Northville continues to mow down league opponents, beating Canton and Plymouth 8-0 last week.  
The Mustangs won all their matches in straight sets.

## Golf

Northville completed two wins in two days. On Tuesday, the Mustangs topped Wayne 151-190.  
Steve Brown and Garrett Kelly led the charge by shooting 37s. Jeff Owens carded a 38.  
On Thursday, Northville beat Walled Lake Western 151-172.  
Alex Bernstein and Trevor Grigg each shot a 37 to lead the Mustangs. Wes Gates was next with a 38.

## Baseball

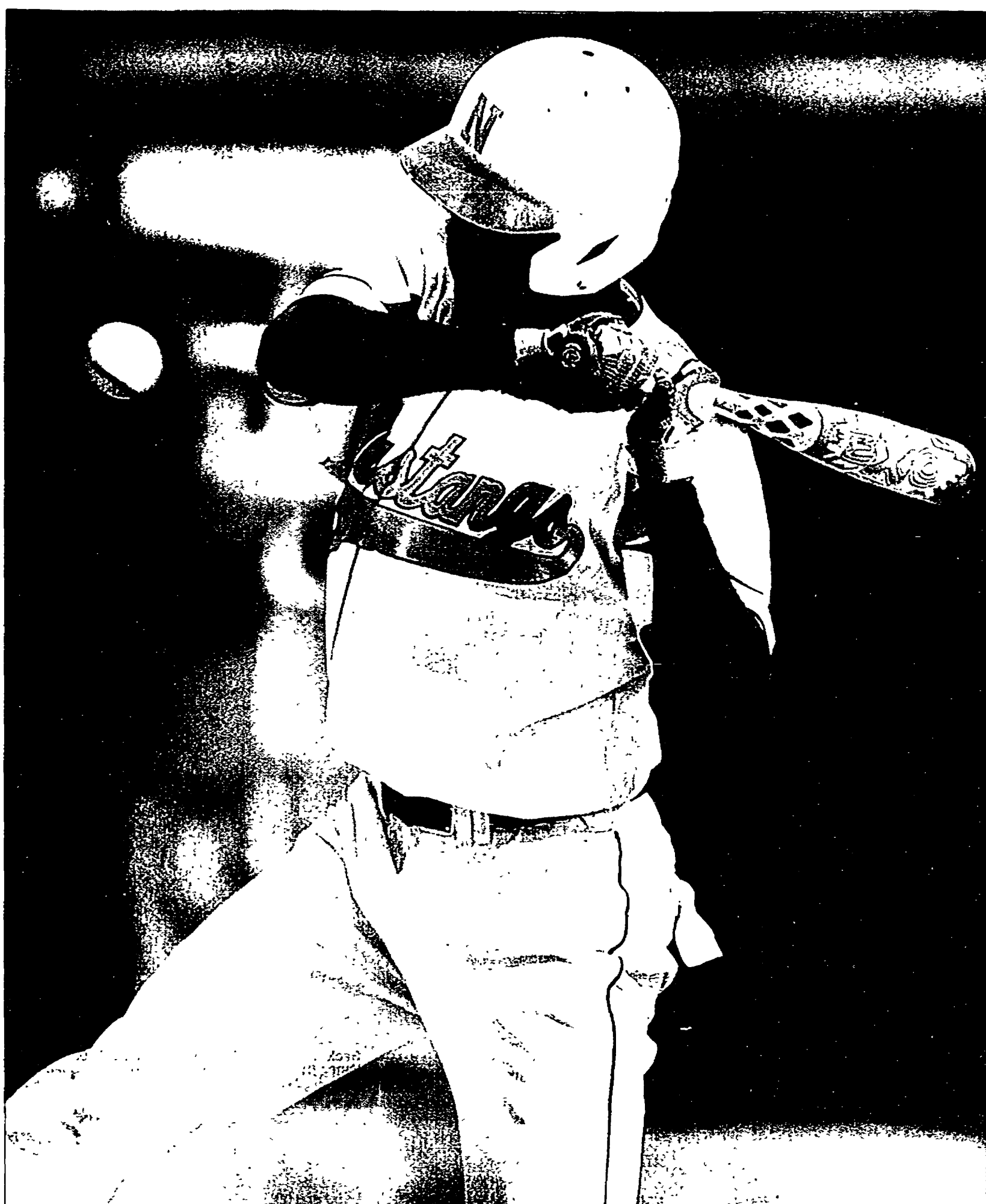
The Mustangs (22-1, 11-1) rolled off wins against league foes last week, beating Wayne, Canton, Plymouth and Franklin.  
Against Wayne, Matt Deacon and Damarri Saunderson each hit grand slams in a 14-4 win. Joe Mitchell got the win on the mound.  
In a 12-2 win against Canton, David Uberti allowed just three hits in 5 2/3 innings to get the win. He also had two hits at the plate. Steve Anderson led the offense with a 4-for-4 performance, and Mitchell, Dan Mills, Kyle Asher and Ross Riehl each had multiple-hits.  
Michael Collins pitched five shutout innings to get the win in a 10-0 shutout against Plymouth. Deacon, Mitchell and Anderson each had two hits to pace the offense.  
Monday, the Mustangs knocked off Franklin 12-2. Mills (2-3, run) and Deacon (triple, two runs) led the offense.

## Soccer

The Mustangs (13-0-2, 8-0-1) knocked off Plymouth 1-0 on May 7. Kelsey Fiscus scored the lone goal with a tick less than five minutes left in the game. She stole the ball, fought off a pair of tackles and shot it in off the crossbar from 17 yards out.  
Elana Ryznar earned the shutout.  
Northville recorded another shutout Monday, beating Franklin 8-0.  
Sarah Stern provided two goals and four assists, and Lydia Blair had two goals and one assist to lead the offense.

## Lacrosse

The Mustangs dropped to 4-10, losing a pair of games to Canton and Farmington last week.  
Northville struggled to find the net in a 6-0 loss to Canton last Thursday.  
Two days later, the Mustangs found the net, but still came up on the short end of a 7-5 decision. John Cass notched a pair of goals, and Alex Thurman scored a goal and passed out an assist.  
On May 1, the Mustangs beat Plymouth 9-7.  
Cass scored three goals and passed out four assists. Thurman had two goals and three helpers. Steve Lemke scored the game-winner on his first goal of the year. Andrew Lamoureux made 13 saves for the win.  
Northville struggled in a 13-4 loss to Flint Powers on May 3. Thurman scored two goals.  
The Mustangs rebounded with a 10-5 win against Howell on May 6. Thurman again provided two goals to go with two assists. Joe Berry, Joe Blasius and Sean Larabell scored their first goal each in the win.



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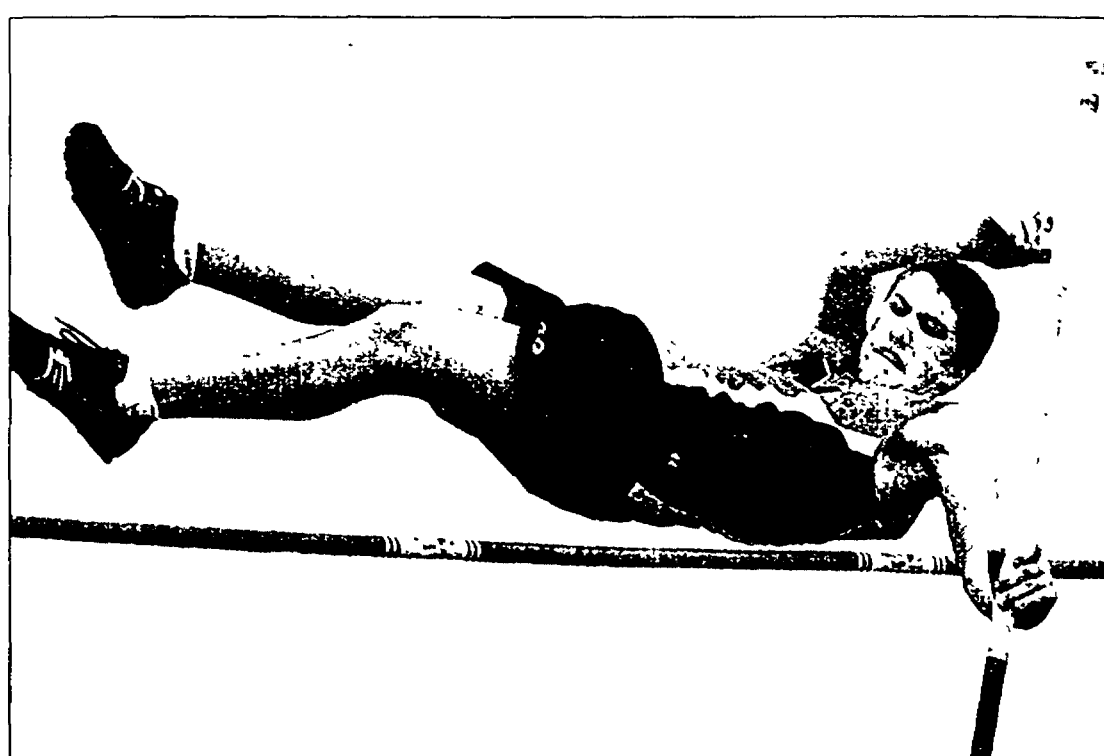
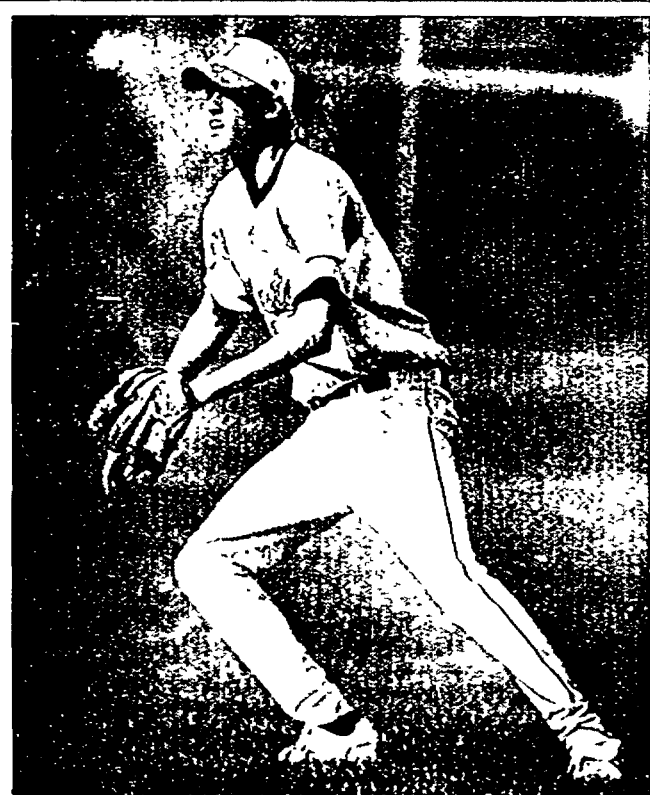
ABOVE: Mustang Damarri Saunderson was called out on this pitch, which seemed a bit high to the Northville bench.

LEFT: Mustang Anthony Sergi, catching the game against Wayne, looks to his coach for the pitch to call.

RIGHT: Mustang right fielder Kevin Fisher begins to make a break on a flyball to the outfield.

BELOW LEFT: Mustang Jessica Yu competes in a meet held at Novi Middle School.

BELOW RIGHT: Mustang Nathan Menovick clears the bar during a polevault attempt.





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### Parks & Rec

#### Northville Parks & Recreation

LOCATION: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School)

CONTACT: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities call (248) 349-0203 or visit northvilleparksandrec.org

#### Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE/TIME: 7 p.m. second Wednesday, every other month beginning in January

LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road

#### Group Fitness Classes

DETAILS: Classes include Yoga, Pilates Ball, Aerobics, Step, Kickboxing, Cycle and overall strength training. Class schedules are flexible and vary; monthly calendar available at website or call. Fees are \$8 for drop-ins or \$50 for an unlimited monthly resident pass. Classes held at Hillside Recreation Center or Senior Community Center. All fitness levels welcome to participate; certified instructors provide safe and fun workouts.

#### Open Adult Basketball

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every Sunday

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: \$3 per person.

#### Open Family Basketball

TIME/DATE: 4-6 p.m. every Sunday

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: \$2 per person.

#### Open 40+ Basketball

TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: \$3 per person.

#### Open Volleyball

TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. every Thursday

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: \$4 per person.

#### Open Badminton

TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: Competitive style badminton available; all skill levels welcome; \$7 per player.

#### Open Pickleball

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Saturday

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: New offering, \$4 per player. Call (248) 449-9947 for more information.

#### Open Table Tennis

TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m. every Saturday

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

DETAILS: Eight tables available, all skill levels welcome; \$5 per player.

#### Community Garden Plots

LOCATION: Thayer's Corner Nature Area, 8250 Napier Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

DETAILS: Community Garden Plots will be available for rent at Thayer's Corner Nature Area on a first come first reserved basis beginning April 17. The plots are 10x20' and will be plowed, staked and ready for planting after May 1, weather permitting. A storage shed is available for gardening tools, but there is limited water available at this time. Seasonal rental of each plot is \$25. One plot per household please

### Church Events

#### St. Paul's Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a.m. Contemporary, 11:30 a.m. Traditional

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.org

Sunday Worship

TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Single Place Ministries

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday

DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest

to singles; \$5 per person. Check website for details singleplace.org.

#### You May Be Your Own Worst Enemy

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 22

DETAILS: What are the most common roadblocks to happiness, success and good health and what you can do about them. Presented by Susan McKenna, life coach, author and motivational speaker.

#### Divorce Recovery Workshop

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m. every Thursday June 5-July 24

LOCATION: Emeritus Room

DETAILS: Cost is \$35 per person and includes the book "Growing Through Divorce."

Scholarships available. Childcare available for toddlers through grade six by registering two weeks before program begins.

June 5 - Networking/Midlife Crisis with Pastor Jim Russell. June 12 - Stages of Grief with J. Harold Ellens, Ph. D. June 19 - Putting Your Ex in Focus with Dell Deaton.

June 26 - Pot Luck Dinner and Legal Aspect of Divorce with David Jerome. July 3 - Church and Divorce. Spiritual Help and Forgiveness with Pastor Jim Russell. July 10 - Helping Children Through Divorce with Sharon Bergman. July 17 - Passage of Divorce is a panel discussion.

#### First Baptist Church of Northville

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing

CONTACT: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

#### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978

Sunday Worship

TIME: 9 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. Traditional, 9 a.m. Contemporary

Single Point Ministries

For single adults 40 years and older

CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m.

Fellowship and refreshments, Knox Hall. Join a group of friendly people for lunch following the single's class.

Every Monday: 7 p.m.

Learner's Bible Study, Room A101

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

Every Tuesday: 7 p.m. Praying Together, Sanctuary

Every Wednesday: 6:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study, Single Adult Ministries office; 7 p.m. Single Men's Bible Study; 7 p.m. Single Parents, Single Adult Ministries Office, free child care provided; 8:30-10 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball, Knox Hall.

First and Third Thursday: 6 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball, Knox Hall

Second and Fourth Thursday: Starting Again, an ongoing support group for those 50's and 60's who have lost a spouse through death. Meets in room C309.

Every Saturday: 10 a.m.

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

Every Sunday: 1-3 p.m.

Sunday, Tennis for beginners, Stevenson High School, Six Mile Road west of Farmington Road

Healing Hearts Ministry

DETAILS: We offer an 11-week bible study for women who have experienced abortion and want to know how to get through the pain. If you are suffering and would like to talk to someone, please call us

There is hope and healing in Jesus Christ. Also offered are bible studies for women who have been abused.

CONTACT: Terena Lawson at (248) 374-5926 or e-mail terena.lawson@wardchurch.org

#### Northville First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or funorthville.org

Sunday Worship

TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.

Healing Service

DATE: First Monday of every month

TIME: 4 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday

LOCATION: Room 10

Sharing Hearts Women's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday

LOCATION: Chapel upstairs

DETAILS: Child care available; cost is \$11 for materials.

Disciple One Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Sunday or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday

DETAILS: Course lasts 34 weeks; covers 70 percent of the Bible.

Disciple Bible Study: Jesus and the Gospels

TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every Sunday

The Faith Club

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday

DETAILS: This interfaith group will be reading "The Faith Club"; register at (248) 344-4248.

Radical Joy

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of each month

LOCATION: Chapel Lounge

DETAILS: For women looking to connect more closely with their faith, community and other women. Registration required.

LOGOS Youth Club

TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

DETAILS: Program includes recreation, dinner, bible study and music; grades 4-12.

Horseback Riding Small Group Spring Session

TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Friday, through June 6

LOCATION: Willowbrooke Farm, 7461 Brookville Road, Plymouth

DETAILS: Riding lesson followed by lunch and discussion of the book, "Faith is the Answer, But What are the Questions?" by James W. Moore. To register, contact Carol at (248) 380-4909.

Marriage Encounter

TIME/DATE: May 30-June 1

LOCATION: Youth Haven Ranch, near Jackson

DETAILS: \$50 non-refundable registration fee.

Blood Drive

TIME/DATE: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Sunday

DETAILS: The American Red Cross will be here conducting a Blood Drive. Walk-ins welcome as space allows. Registration preferred by calling Janet at (248) 349-6592.

M.O.M.S.

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Monday

DETAILS: Tips and Tricks for Traveling with children. Childcare available.

Men's Club Golf Outing

TIME/DATE: Tee Times 7:15-8 a.m. Saturday, June 21

LOCATION: Links-Of-Nowi, 10 mile Road, Novi

DETAILS: A Green Fee of \$79 includes golf, cart, lunch, prizes and support for Kid programs at FUMC. Play will consist of a 4-player best ball, golfers of all levels invited including families and friends. To reserve your tee time, contact Turner Osborne at (248) 344-4395 or turner.osborne@yahoo.com.

Vacation Bible School

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m.-Noon Monday-Friday, June 23-27

LOCATION: Mill Race Village

DETAILS: For ages pre-K through grade 5. Fee is \$20 per child or \$50 per family of three or more children. Registration deadline is June 1. Contact Heather at (248) 349-1144

#### Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

LOCATION: 770 Thayer, Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship

TIME: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship

TIME: 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tutto's in Old Church Square, Northville

CONTACT: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

Sunday Worship

11:30 a.m., with fellowship and food after service

#### Northville Christian Assembly

LOCATION: 41355 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 348-9030

#### Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or dfcnazarene.org

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Services: 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Emergency/Organic Service: 7 p.m. every Tuesday

Women of the Word Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Every Tuesday

Ladies Evening Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday

Quilting: 7 p.m. every Wednesday

Men's Evening Bible Study: 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday

Men of Purpose Prayer Group: 6 p.m. every Thursday

Family Meal: 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday; \$4 per person or \$12 per family

Mid-week Adult Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. every Wednesday

Mid-week Classes and Courses: 7 p.m. every Wednesday

Caravan, Club 56 and Youth Meetings: 7 p.m. every Wednesday

Men's Basketball: 7 p.m. every Thursday

Tae Kwon Do: 7 p.m. every Thursday

#### Oak Pointe Church

LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or oakpointe.org

Sunday Worship

TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

ReNew Life Ministries

TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are: GriefShare; DivorceCare; Anger Management; Dealing with Struggling Teens (for parents); YourSpace (for high school students); Every Man's Battle (for men seeking recovery from lust, pornography, and sexual addiction); Betrayed Hearts (for wives whose husbands struggle with pornography, sexual addiction, same-sex attraction or adultery); Changes that Heal (for those experiencing emotional or relational pain); and CrossCurrent (for men experiencing unwanted same-sex attraction).

Open Door Concert

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Friday

DETAILS: Break into summer with a night of Heart, Soul and Spirit, your favorite classics played live by local Michigan artists. Bring your friends or someone special and enjoy a night of pop, rock, folk and blues.

Spring Hill Day Camp

DATE: July 21-25 and July 28-Aug. 1

DETAILS: This is a day camp program for children that have completed grades first through fourth by summer.

#### Meadowbrook Congregational

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

CONTACT: Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, mbccc.org or office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship

TIME: 10 a.m.

Pilgrim Fellowship

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. every Sunday for grades 6-12

Bible Study Group

TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:45 a.m. every Tuesday

DETAILS: Reverend Art Ritter will lead this group; please call the church office if you are interested in attending

Confirmation Class and Graduation Sunday

DATE: Sunday

Road Rally

TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. Saturday

Prospective Member Meeting

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Sunday

Road Rally

DATE: Saturday

Widows Group

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 22

LOCATION: Guemsey Farms

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road, Novi

CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665, orchardhill-

snovi.com or info@orchardhill-snovi.com

Preschool/Kids Choir

TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

DETAILS: For ages 3-6; all are welcome.

#### Novi United Methodist

LOCATION: 41671 W. Ten Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-

and marketing in various locations throughout western Wayne County.

CONTACT: Tabatha Manuel (313) 561-4110 ext. 20 or tmanuel@ywcw-wwc.org

## Support Groups

### Angela Hospice Groups

LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia

CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

**General Grief Support Groups**  
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

DETAILS: Open to all losses.

**Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month

**Suicide Loss Support Services**

DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call Sherri Katz at (734) 464-7810 for more information.

**Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child**

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month

DETAILS: Call Ann-Patrice Foley to register, (734) 464-7810.

**Grief Support Quilter's Group**

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month

DETAILS: Make a quilt in memory of a loved one. No experience necessary. Register by calling (734) 953-6012.

**Women's Grief Support Group**

DETAILS: Sessions held in spring and fall. Call Joan Lee at (734) 953-6012 for dates and times.

### Anxiety Disorder Support Group

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday

LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia

DETAILS: Aim for Recovery is an organization holding meetings offering support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders and their families. Meetings consist of planned behavioral lessons and discussions. Educational material will be available. Donations for the program and materials are accepted.

CONTACT: Robert Diedrich at robtddrich@msn.com

### Crohn's & Colitis Support Group

DATE: First and third Wednesday of each month

TIME: 7-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center

DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left.

CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

### Food Addicts Anonymous Information Session

DETAILS: Twelve step program for individuals suffering from food obsession, over eating, under eating, and bulimia; weekly meetings held in Canton, Ann Arbor and other metro Detroit areas; no dues, fees or weigh-ins; everyone welcome including those who think they have food problems or are concerned about someone who may.

CONTACT: (734) 913-9614 or foodaddicts.org

### New Hope Center for Grief Support

DETAILS: The groups meet on a regular basis in various locations. All services for offered at no cost.

CONTACT: (248) 348-0115 or newhopecenter.net

### Circles of Hope

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

LOCATION: St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth

DETAILS: Ongoing support group for widows and widowers; group divides into three sections depending on stage of grief; meets same time as children's support group

### New Hope for KIDZ and Teens Support Group

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

DETAILS: Meets at the same time and location as adult group; for children ages 3-18 who have lost a loved one; kids divided into different age groups.

### Suicide Loss Support Group

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday and fourth Monday

LOCATION: First United

Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville

DETAILS: This is a drop-in support group for anyone touched by suicide.

### Starting Again

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month

LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville

DETAILS: Ongoing support group for widows and widowers who are facing the empty nest, either still working or recently retired.

### Wayfarers

TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. second Wednesday of each month

LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church, Room A107

DETAILS: For semi-retired or retired widows and widowers.

### The Lunch Bunch

TIME/DATE: Noon third Wednesday of each month

DETAILS: This is a monthly lunch group for widows and widowers; locations vary, call Ed Drost at (734) 261-8045 for more information.

### Parents of Hope

DETAILS: Small groups for parents who have lost a child are offered at some of our From Grief to New Hope workshops. Monthly support groups are also offered at the following times and locations:

**Livingston County Parents of Hope**

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month

LOCATION: Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 9455 Hilton Road, Brighton

**Oakland County Parents of Hope**

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of each month

LOCATION: Orchard Lake Community Church, 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake

**Sibling Loss Group**

DETAILS: Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Orchard Lake Community Church.

### Hike for Hope

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. event, Saturday, June 7

LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Eight Mile Road entrance, one mile west of Beck Road

DETAILS: Join us for a fun-filled family time walking or running and remembering our loved ones. The hike will be followed by a "Time of Remembrance" and a hot dog lunch. Registration fee is \$15 per person or \$25 per family before the event, \$20 per person or \$30 per family the day of the event. Donations from sponsors can be obtained by walkers. \$6 daily car fee to enter park.

### Psychotherapy & Counseling Services, Northville Counseling Center

**Anxiety/Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group**

TIME/DATE: Second Wednesday of each month

DETAILS: Call (734) 420-8175 for more information.

### Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center

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

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

### Divorce Support Group

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

LOCATION: Women's Resource Center, Room 225 McDowell Center

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

### Ask An Attorney

DATE: 5-7 p.m. second and third Monday of each month, Sept.-May

DETAILS: Ask an attorney about divorce and family law; first come, first served; sign-in begins at 4:30 p.m.; no fee.

CONTACT: (734) 462-4443

### Money Matters In Divorce

DATE: 5-7 p.m. first Monday of each month through May

DETAILS: Opportunity to ask a certified financial planner about the financial concerns related to divorce; walk-in, no fee; sign-in begins at 4:30 p.m.

## Clubs & Groups

### AAUW, Northville/Novi Chapter

CONTACT: For information e-mail mnjkeams@earthlink.net or call (248) 449-8693.

### Beautiful Singles Hiking

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. first and third Sunday of the month

LOCATION: Maybury State Park

DETAILS: Join singles of all ages for hiking and other activities.

### CONTACT:

http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/BSHiking/

### Business Networking International

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday

LOCATION: Ginopolis on Ice, Computware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth

DETAILS: This is a diverse group of business professionals that meet with the goal of exchanging referrals. Currently seeking different representatives from occupations including florist, mechanic, DJ, landscaper, dentist and caterer.

CONTACT: Carol Clarke, (734) 968-8254 or bni-mi.com

### Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northville-camera@sbcglobal.net or Northville Arts Commission (248) 449-9950

### Country Garden Club of Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-8674 or cgcny.org

**Gardens of Northville 15th Annual Garden Walk**

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 9

LOCATION: Six gardens in Northville

DETAILS: Advance tickets are \$10, available June 9 at Gardenviews.

CONTACT: Kate Daniel (734) 591-0360

### Gardeners of Northville and Novi

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of each month, Sept.-May

LOCATION: Rotate between Northville Library and Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: Visitors welcome.

CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or gardenersnorthville-novi.org

### Great Books Discussion Group

TIME/DATE: First and third Thursday of every month

LOCATION: Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington Road

DETAILS: Discuss novels, plays, poetry and nonfiction

CONTACT: (248) 349-3121

### Northville Book Club

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, May 30

LOCATION: Solid Grounds Coffee House, 133 W. Main St., Suite 222, Northville

DETAILS: Reading "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" by Robert M. Pirsig

CONTACT: northvillebook-club@gmail.com

### Northville Democratic Club

**Town Hall Meeting on Immigration**

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tonight

LOCATION: Forum, Hillside Middle School

DETAILS: Guest speakers are Immigration Attorney Edward (Ted) Walters and an immigration amnesty representative.

### Northville Garden Club

**Monthly Meeting**

TIME/DATE: Noon Monday, June 9

LOCATION: Home of Annie Nichols, 11120 S. Fairlane Dr., South Lyon

DETAILS: Annual picnic potluck.

**Downtown Planting**

DATE: Thursday, May 29

LOCATION: DPW yard

DETAILS: Together with Northville Beautification, we will prepare and the plant the 70 planters along the downtown streets.

CONTACT: Kate Uberti at (248) 347-9947

### Northville Genealogical Society

**Research Help**

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. every Monday and by appointment

LOCATION: Northville District Library, Local History Room

DETAILS: Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members.

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

**Monthly Meeting**

TIME/DATE: 1:15 p.m. computer

er genealogy class, 2:30 p.m. general meeting, second Sunday of month.

LOCATION: Northville District Library, Carlos Meeting Room, 212 W. Cady St.

### Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

**Meet and Greet Monthly Coffee**

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first Tuesday of each month

LOCATION: Member's home

DETAILS: All welcome to socialize, meet, greet friends and neighbors and learn about the activities and interest groups this club has to offer.

CONTACT: Colleen Namez at (248) 596-1940

### Northville Woman's Club

TIME: 1:30 p.m. first and third Friday, October through March

CONTACT: Karen Poulos, (248) 349-4684 or wpkp@comcast.net

CONTACT: (734) 655-8810

## Health Events

### American Legion Hall

100 Dunlap, corner of Center Street, Northville

**Strength Training Classes**

DATE: Mondays and Fridays

DETAILS: Diane DiVita is offering Strength Training classes (light weights with a little yoga stretching) for adults. For more information, call Diane at (248) 344-0928 or visit trianglesb@sbcglobal.net

**Yoga Class**

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

CONTACT: (248) 344-0928.

### St. Mary Mercy Hospital

LOCATION: 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia

CONTACT: (734) 655-4800 or stmarymercy.org

**Breast Cancer Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month

LOCATION: Classroom 10

DETAILS: Free bone density screenings from 6-6:45 p.m. at the Tuesday meeting, since May is Osteoporosis Month. The group offers a place for patients and survivors to gather and share experiences, learn coping techniques and find support and strength. For more information, contact (734) 655-1100

**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 3-4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month

LOCATION: Classroom 1

DETAILS: No fee or registration are required. For more information contact Audra Frye, Alzheimer's Association (248) 426-7055.

**Free Seminars-Michigan Bariatric Institute**

DETAILS: MBI offers three laparoscopic surgical weight loss options. Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding and Sleeve Gastrectomy at a free monthly seminar in the St. Mary Mercy hospital Auditorium. To register call (734) 655-2693, (877) Why-Weight or visit hospital Web site.

**Nutrition for Life**

DATE: Wednesday, May 21 - "Carbohydrates: 101"

TIME: 7-8 p.m.

LOCATION: Classroom 11, Marian Professional Building

DETAILS: Classes are led by Tamara Lark, RD; cost is \$15 per class or \$25 for two; early registration is required by calling (734) 655-8950.

**Clinical Research Trial Options for Cancer Patients**

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Thursday, May 22

LOCATION: hospital Auditorium

DETAILS: Free presentation about clinical research trials for cancer called "Tomorrow's Treatment Today." Speakers are Amit Mohindra, MD, Oncologist and Principal Investigator for Clinical Trials, St. Mary Mercy Hospital; and Oncology Research Nurse Coordinator Rose Ermete, RN, BSN, OCN, CCRP, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Registration is required. Please call (734) 655-8950.

**Joint Replacement Seminar**

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 22

LOCATION: Classroom 10

DETAILS: Free educational seminar about joint replacement options. Learn about pre-surgical classes, choosing a coach, post-surgery and more. You will recover faster and with less complications. To register or for more information, call the Center for Joint Replacement at (734) 655-2400.

**Oh Beautiful Helen Palmer**

### Image Recovery Center

DETAILS: One of the difficulties of cancer, or other medical treatment, is the effect on one's appearance and the physical changes that may accompany therapy, affecting hair, skin, and nails. St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center is a spa-like atmosphere with staff specially trained in image-enhancement services to help cancer patients heal from the inside out and regain their self-confidence in a supportive and caring environment. Services include: Free consultation and assessment, skin care, hand and nail care, massage therapy, reflexology, hair replacements, haircuts and styling of hair and wigs, prosthetics and bras, lymphedema compression products and educational resources. Services are offered to patients from any hospital, in addition to St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The general public can also utilize the services offered.

CONTACT: (734) 655-8810

### National Kidney Foundation of Michigan

**Personal Action Toward Health Program**

DATE: Every Tuesday, through June 4

LOCATION: Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street

DETAILS: This is a free six-week workshop designed to provide knowledge and skills to adults with chronic health conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, diabetes, emphysema, depression, and more. The program is suited for both the newly diagnosed as well as those seeking more aggressive management. Pre-registration is required and enrollment is limited.

CONTACT: Northville Senior Center, (248) 349-4140, or the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, (800) 482-1455.

### CPR/AED and First Aid Classes

CPR and AED - Tuesday, May 27

**First Aid - Wednesday, May 28**

TIME: 6-9 p.m.

LOCATION: City of Northville Fire Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville

DETAILS: These American Heart Association and Life Support Training Center (LSTI) classes offer two year certification. Cost is \$40 per course. For more information and to register, call the fire department at (248) 349-4730 or LSTI at (248) 304-6055.

### Baby and Me Infant CPR

TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, every other month (next class is June 13)

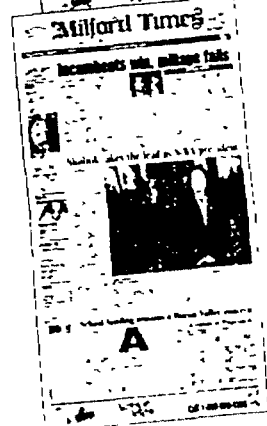
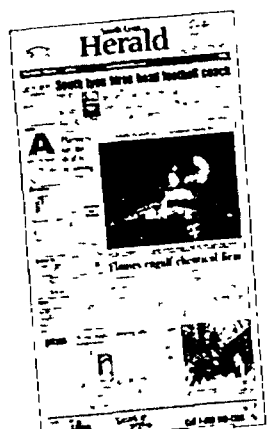
DETAILS: This family friendly session is for new parents and their babies. It will provide parents and grandparents knowledgeable support and simple hands-on instruction with their baby in case of life-threatening emergencies. Cost is \$20 for parents and baby and includes a manual and emergency wallet cards. Group rates also available.

CONTACT: Life support Training Institute at (248) 304-6055.



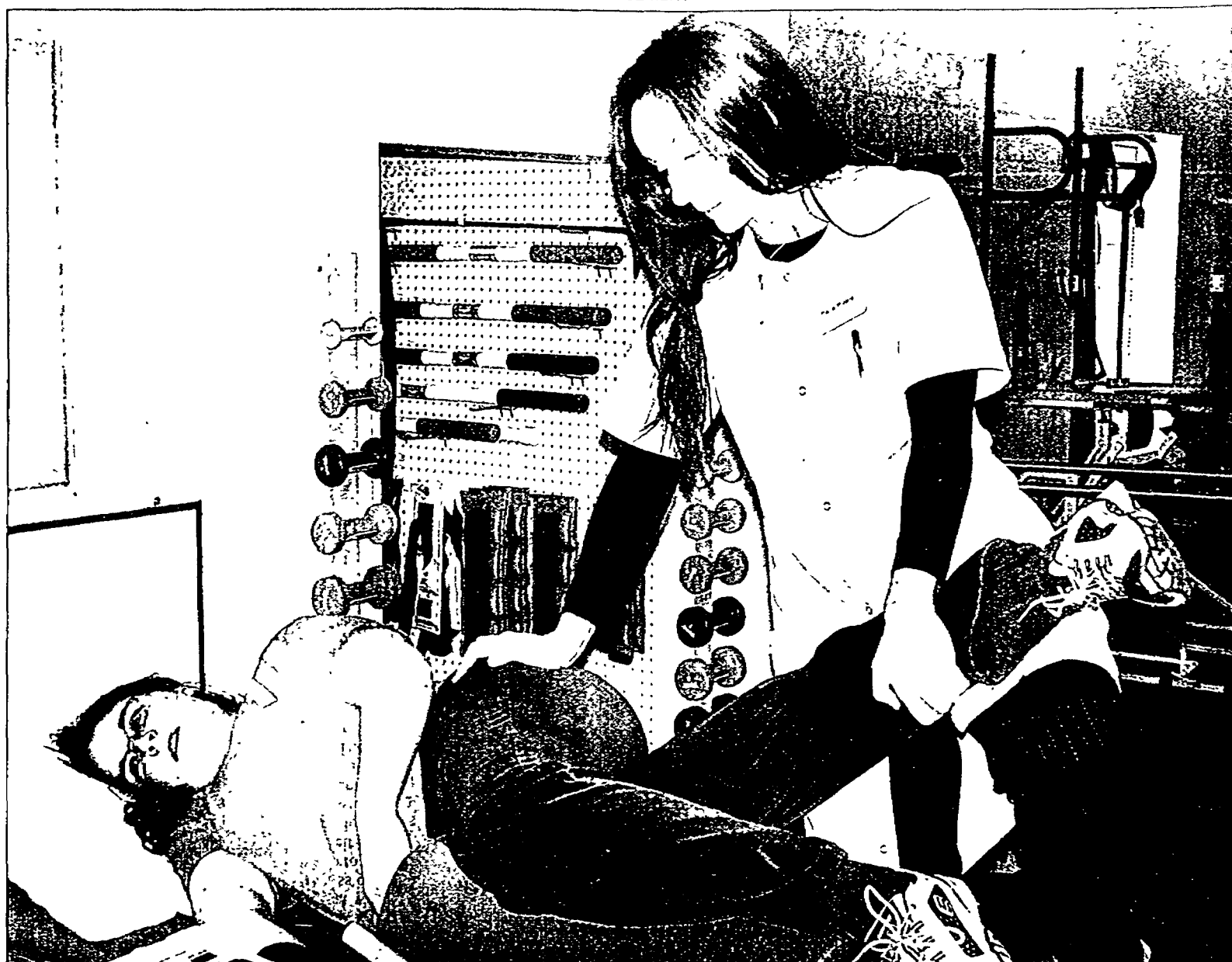
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Maria Mizera, a physical therapist at Northville Physical Rehabilitation, helps Megan Jamieson during her routine physical therapy treatment.

## Room to stretch

Rehabilitation space doubles for the health of it

By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

**N**orthville Physical Rehabilitation, which is celebrating more than 23 years of growth in downtown Northville, is about to experience another growth spurt.

This summer they will double their office space at 215 East Main Street. The physical rehabilitation provider will be occupying the entire first floor (6,000 square feet) of the two-story medical office building, located across the street from Starbucks.

### EXPANDED SERVICES

"We are excited about our continued growth in Northville," said Dennis Engerer, physical therapist. "The additional space will give us the opportunity to expand all of our services. We have needed additional treatment rooms, as well as a larger gym area, for some time."

"In addition to providing traditional physical rehab services, we have also offered a supervised fitness program for our discharged patients that may want to continue beyond their initial care."

### A CLINICAL FITNESS CENTER

According to Engerer, there are lots of people in the community that have the need to improve their strength, endurance, or function, and would like to attend a facility where they can get a structured and supervised fitness program designed with their ability or disability in mind.

"We are not trying to replace the local gym or health club, they certainly have their place," added Engerer. "The place

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that we want to provide is a clinical fitness center for the person that would not go to a traditional health club because of their injury or illness, or they may simply be looking for a more personal and professional approach. This new space will enable us to add new equipment, additional staff, and new programs."

The current staff of 22 employees at Northville Physical Rehabilitation consists of physical and occupational therapists, physical therapy and occupational therapy assistants, personal trainers, and exercise physiologists.

### REFERRAL-FREE VISITS

"People are traditionally referred to us by their personal physicians or surgeons, but they are also welcome to come in without referral or consultation," said Engerer. "We can recommend a treatment plan to their physician or help them set up a personal fitness program if they would like to join our fitness program



Sandy Strong, physical therapy technician, monitors the exercise routine of patient Ronald Sekerchak.

"We have the staff, expertise, and experience to treat a broad scope of diagnosis from simple sports-related orthopedic sprains/strains and joint replacements to long-term neurological disorders, such as multiple sclerosis or traumatic brain injury."

Engerer noted that over the years, Northville Physical Rehabilitation has attempted to cultivate a strong working relationship with local hospitals, medical

centers, physician's offices, and fitness centers.

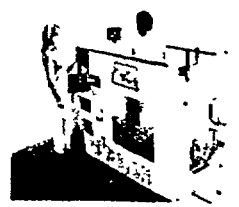
"We have always wanted to provide Northville with first class and convenient physical rehab services," he added. "We even provide transportation for our clients in Northville and communities that border Northville."

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**CANTON \$647,500**  
4 BR, 3.2 BA home. Great kitchen w/ granite, SS appls & island. Master w/ encl. closet & 2 WICs. 2-story foyer w/ wrought iron spindles. W-oak bsmt.  
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A Home You Deserve - Don't Envy Be Envid! 4 Br 3 1/2 Bath 1100+ Beautifully Fin Bsmt W/ Wet Bar, SS Fridge, Full BA, Granite Countertops & Sunlit Sound.  
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**CANTON \$519,000**  
Gourmet kitchen w/ cherry cabinets & floor, granite island. Dual staircase, two way fireplace. Home theater, finished walkout, brick paver patio & more.  
MLS# 28069743 734-453-6800

**CANTON \$399,900**  
Spectacular 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA Cape Cod w/ picturesque backyard. 2nd br bonus rm. 1st floor master w/ private study. 2-story GR w/ 3-way FP. Oversized kitchen.  
MLS# 28074105 734-453-6800

**CANTON \$350,000**  
4 BR, 3 1/2 BA home backing to mature woods. FR w/ granite c-tops, new SS appls & hwd flrs. FR w/ FP. Fin bsmt w/ bat, bath, rec. rm, workshop & more.  
MLS# 28074217 734-453-6800

**CANTON \$199,000**  
Better than new! Gorgeous 2BR, 2BA Canton Condo w/ upgrades. Brazilian cherry HOWD floors. 1/2 2-story gr m w/ FP. Kt w/ breakfast bar & maple cbrts.  
MLS# 28072308 734-453-6800

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$190,000**  
End unit backs to lovely park. Hard flrs. 1st flr mstr's cly. vaulted GR. fpa/dorming formal DR. light oak cabinets/gran in kit, att gar, deck & p fin bsmt.  
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**DETROIT \$64,900**  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS \$248,900**  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS \$315,000**  
3 car gar w/ cnc dr, newer windows, updated flr, w/ cherry cabs, updated 1/2 BA w/ gran, 1st flr Indry, FR w/ 1/2 bath chng, ca, sprink, deck w/ gazebo & more.  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS \$165,000**  
Rare find! Brick Tri-Level Architecture 1600+ Sq Ft 3 bdrm 2 full bath home nestled on oversized private wooded lot! Subject to short sale approval!  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS \$150,000**  
2 bdrm 2 bath 1500+ Condo in gated community w/ pool! Open flr plan, new maple flooring & granite. 2nd level pent, end pabr w/ marble flr & more!  
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**GARDEN CITY \$155,990**  
Porch&2 bar deck. Lg backyard w/ pool. Updated oak kt cabs, vinyl wchrs, steel entry drs. BA, w/ blinds, hwh, hwd flrs in 2 BRs & LR. New opt upstairs.  
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**HAMBURG \$700,000**  
Beauty&luxury on scenic rmt! 700' frontage & access to chain of lks. Extensive renow 4,600 sq on 2.7 acres. Energy eff & maint free. gran, hwd & remod BAs.  
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**HURON \$175,000**  
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**LAKE ORION \$334,900**  
Beautiful 4 bedroom colonial w/ two staircases. Great room w/ natural fireplace and hardwood floors. Updated kitchen w/ granite. Sunroom off kitchen.  
MLS# 30592059 313-886-4200

**LIVONIA \$300,000**  
Elegant home w/ cnc dr On 1/2 acre landscaped lot! 3 bdrms, FR w/ wet gran bars, fieldstone fp. Updates: furn, ac, hlt & BAs, wchrs & dimensional roof.  
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**LIVONIA \$189,900**  
A steal @ \$80 Sft. Uxoma quad level w/ oak out lower level overlooks lovely ravine lot. Needs updating great architecture & layout. Some updates!  
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**LYONS \$525,000**  
1.5 acres w/ pond! Hwd flrs. 2 Fps, 1st flr mstr w/ wchry cly, cnc dr, country porches. Maint Free Ext. 2 story GR w/ fieldstone fp & bridge, on fin MCO.  
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**MILFORD \$375,000**  
Sprawling ranch on 2 acre! Remodeled kt, W/O bsmt w/ wet bar/stone new opt paver pabr w/ fire pit, c/a, mstr level deck, hwd flrs, pond w/ fish, 3.5 BAs.  
MLS# 28068855 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE \$550,000**  
1.5 acre w/ updates! W/ remod kt w/ cherry cabs, remod mstr BA w/ oak tub & skylight, newer windows, opt, roof, furn, gran flr, 1st flr Indry & 3 car gar.  
MLS# 28049177 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE \$475,000**  
On Top of a Hill Surrounded by Woods! Pw Backyard w/ Ingrid Pool. New Insulation & Roof, Updated Kt, Wchry Flr & Gran. Fin Bsmt w/ Rec Rm, BA & Exer Rm.  
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**NORTHVILLE \$375,000**  
Spectacular Victorian w/ Charm, Details & Updates! Remod Kt w/ 42" Cherry Cabs, Renovated BAs, New Furn, CA, Opt L.o. Fp in LR, Windows & 9' Digs on FF.  
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**NOVI \$275,000**  
Matchless! Memorable! Inviting 2 story beauty, formal living rm w/ crown molding, spacious kitch, finished lower level w/ sauna, new roof, furnace & more!  
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**NOVI \$175,000**  
Great starter w/ turnaround drive. Updated kt, hwd flr in LR & FR, fin bsmt w/ rec rm, new wchrs, updated BA & lights, new c/a, softener & roof, newer furn and more.  
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**ROYAL OAK \$239,900**  
Charming brick & stone bungalow w/ tile walking distance to downtown Royal Oak! 3 BRs 3 BA. Frp/c, Flr rm, huge wood deck. 2 car part fin bsmt.  
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Exceptionally well kept Canton colonial featuring 2 story foyer, large oak kit, hardwood floors, formal LR & DR, large Fam Rm w/ fireplace, Master w/ dressing rm & in bsmt.  
\$369,900 (P-675AS)



**PREMIUM LOT**  
Super end unit 2 bd condo w/ 2.5 baths, finished bsmt, Fam Rm w/ fireplace & dr to private treed yard. Master w/veranda, freshly painted court like lot & so much more.  
\$169,900 (P-505CO)



**GREAT LOCATION**  
Situated on an oversized corner lot, just a short walk to neighborhood clubhouse, pool, park, & schools. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, 2 car Garage, huge backyard & over 2000 sq ft.  
\$229,900 (P-636ED)



**MOVE IN CONDITIONS**  
Charming 3br brick ranch with a full basement, hardwood floors, 2 car garage & all appliances stay. Very well kept.  
\$104,900 (C-740GL)



**MOVE RIGHT IN**  
Lovely 4 bd colonial w/ full finished bsmt plumbed for a bath, Maple Kit w/ granite, LR w/ fireplace, 3 car Garage w/ side entry, prof landscaping & convenient location.  
\$344,900 (P-276KA)



**PERFECT PLACE TO CALL HOME**  
Upper end unit condo in popular Livy Pointe in Canton. Curb appeal, open floor plan, large sun room, 2 baths, Great Rm w/ balcony, neutral kit w/ stools & priced just right.  
\$99,900 (P-672L)



**AMAZINGLY PRICED**  
4 bd bi-level w/ in med occupancy kit w/ appls, newer roof, windows, C/A, high humidity on furnace, large backyard w/ privacy fence & patio.  
\$99,000 (P-419MA)



**DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE**  
This 3 bd, 2 bath Cape Cod features a remod kit w/ Pergo, remod baths, new carpet, updated elec, plumbing, furnace, C/A, & siding. Beautiful home a must see!  
\$160,000 (C-326PE)



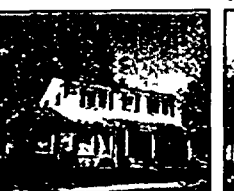
**ADORABLE CONDO**  
Charming & spacious 2 bd condo has been freshly painted. Large bedrooms, in-unit laundry, carpet, gas water inc, in low association fee. Great location!  
\$85,000 (P-467SA)



**PREMIUM LOCATION**  
Executive colonial located on the 6th green in Tanglewood. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 1st fl Master w/ bath, island kit, Great Rm w/ fireplace & towering windows, walkout bsmt, & Deck w/ spectacular views.  
\$499,900 (P-646SP)



**PERFECT STARTER HOME**  
Updates galore on this Livonia ranch w/ gourmet kit, finished bsmt w/ wetbar & glass block, hwd flrs, under carpet, fenced yard, & convenient location.  
\$150,000 (P-320TE)



**LOCATION LOCATION**  
Fabulous 4 bd, 3 ba Plymouth colonial featuring Fam Rm w/ fireplace, updated roof, siding, elec, & windows. Formal DR, LR, bsmt, 2 car Garage & fenced yard w/ Deck.  
\$250,000 (P-969TH)



**CUSTOM BUILT RANCH**  
2700 sq ft home on 1.5 acres. 3 bds, 3.5 baths, hwd flrs in kit, Foyer & all appls. Great Rm w/ fireplace, Butler's Pantry, open floor plan & park like setting.  
\$399,900 (P-200TH)



**SPACIOUS CAPE COD**  
2003 built 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/ bright & open floor plan, fantastic upgrades to 1st fl, lawn, 1st fl Master w/ private bath & WIC, handyman's dream. Garage, great location near schools & Metropark.  
\$234,900 (P-865TO)



**TRANQUIL LOCATION**  
Enjoy the peaceful setting on this lot in Royal Pontic Sub. 2 story Foyer, formal LR, DR, 2 story Fam Rm w/ dual fireplace, island kit w/ nook, Master w/ fireplace & bath, new carpet & Deck w/ retractable awning.  
\$359,900 (P-409TR)



**SUPER CLEAN RANCH**  
Fantastic 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch featuring an open floor plan, Fam Rm w/ vaulted ceiling, updated windows & roof, oak kit w/ ceramic tile, bsmt w/ recessed lighting & patio w/ hot tub.  
\$129,900 (P-429TR)



**3.5 ACRE WOODED LOCATION**  
Immaculate estate nestled in gated community. Kit w/ porcelain tile & granite, 1st fl, lawn, Great Rm w/ fireplace, 1st fl Master w/ jetted tub, 5 car Garage & too much more to list.  
\$550,000 (C-908TU)



**GREAT CONDO**  
Tranquil setting for this 2 bd condo in Van Buren. Fresh paint, vaulted ceilings, oak kit, Master w/ WIC, private laundry room, appl's stay & assoc dues include water.  
\$99,900 (P-839WI)



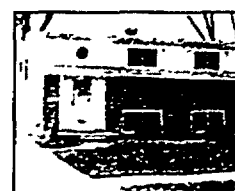
**NORTHVILLE BEAUTY**  
5 bd, 3.5 bath home feat. granite kit, formal LR, huge Fam Rm w/ 2nd brick fireplace, Master w/ WIC, bath, breakfast room, large kitchen, & 900 sq ft cedar Deck.  
\$395,000 (C-297WO)



**THE BEST ON THE SUB**  
Tons of upgrades on this cape cod home w/ hwd flrs, 2 story Great Rm w/ bridge overlook, corian counters, finished bsmt w/ media room & bath, & backs to pond. Move in ready!  
\$257,500 (C-674AU)



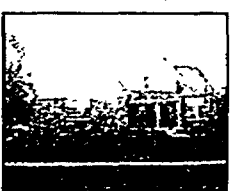
**GREAT HOUSE**  
Beautiful colonial shows like a model. 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated kit, newer carpet, vinyl windows, beautiful finished bsmt w/ glass block, & fenced yard close to schools & parks.  
\$179,900 (P-569AY)



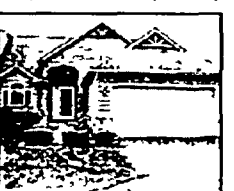
**MOVE IN READY**  
This home is fully updated - roof, w/ s windows, furnace, ducts, hwd, siding, hwd floors, maple cabinets, doors & carpet. Lha schools & great neighborhood.  
\$158,900 (C-404BU)



**GREAT FIND**  
This 3 bd brick ranch is perfect for you. Spacious Liv Rm, updated bath, Kit w/ dining area, finished bsmt w/ bar & bath, 2 car Garage w/ workshop. Cert Air & so much more.  
\$99,900 (C-724CA)



**THIS HOME HAS IT ALL**  
Located close to a ways, this 4 bd brick colonial offers a 3 car Garage, 2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, cherry cabinets, stainless steel appls & a huge Deck.  
\$250,000 (C-700CA)



**IMMACULATE CONDO**  
Priced below market value! Nestled in Brighton's popular Northridge Sub. 2 bd, 2.5 baths, walkout bsmt, vaulted ceilings, appl's stay, 1st fl Master w/ WIC & bath, 1st fl lawn & a Deck.  
\$223,000 (C-233CE)



**BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
Great new construction condo featuring a Great Rm w/ soaring ceiling, 2.5 baths, wonderful floors, large Master w/ 2nd bath, fireplace, large kitchen, large kitchen, & private area. More units avail. call for details.  
\$174,900 (C-750CO)



**ENJOY THE PARK**  
You can't find a better location! Brick ranch perfectly situated across from the Community Center & park. Spacious floor plan w/ large Liv Rm, finished bsmt, & all appl's stay.  
\$155,000 (CP-431EL)



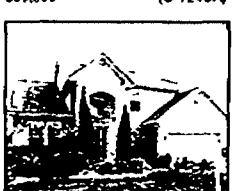
**WALK TO DOWNTOWN**  
Charming Plymouth contemporary home w/ an inground pool, fireplace, large Liv Rm, formal DR, Fam Rm w/ fireplace & bath, 2 full & 2 half baths & unbeatable location.  
\$410,000 (CP-670EV)



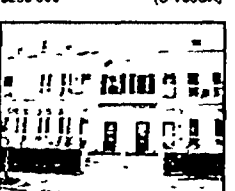
**START PACKING**  
4 bd colonial loaded w/ beautiful features. Oak hwd flrs, sharp kit, hwd & all appl's. Great Rm w/ fireplace & bath, 1st & 2nd fl lawn, Northville Schools & a large Master Patio, & more.  
\$275,000 (C-653GL)



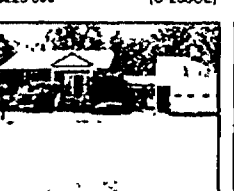
**OPPORTUNITY AWAITS**  
This 4 bd home is located in highly sought after Lakepointe V. Upgraded kit, large Fam Rm w/ fireplace, 1.5 baths, newer furnace & C/A, appl's stay, & Home Warranty.  
\$169,900 (C-218CR)



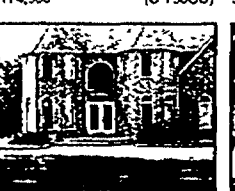
**A RARE FIND**  
You'll fall for this park like setting! Formal LR, DR, private Den, eat in kit w/ hwd, & all appl's, large Master w/ spa bath & WIC, part finished bsmt w/ home theater.  
\$274,900 (C-224KE)



**CHERRY HILL VILLAGE**  
Great location on this 2 bd, 2 bath colonial, gourmet oak kit w/ appl's, cozy sitting area, vaulted Master w/ WIC & bath, 1st fl laundry & more.  
\$190,000 (C-197MO)



**CUSTOM BUILT RANCH**  
Situated on almost an acre in Livonia, this ranch offers a newer furnace, hwd, elec, plumbing, Pella windows, oak floors, 2 baths, fireplace, large Garage w/ water & airc space.  
\$248,000 (C-723NO)



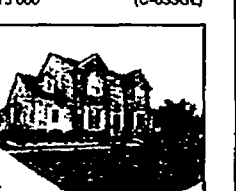
**ABSOLUTELY STUNNING**  
Beautiful 4000 sq ft home on 1 acre. Seller leaving all furniture! Lots of built ins, granite, hwd, tub & cabana. Great for entertaining w/ wetbar, large kitchen, formal DR, & updates galore.  
\$550,000 (C-456NO)



**SHARP COLONIAL**  
Beautiful 4 bd, 3.5 bath home in Independence Hills. Feat. a finished bsmt, inground pool, hot tub, & cabana. Great for entertaining w/ wetbar, large kitchen, formal DR, & updates galore.  
\$305,000 (C-801OL)



**SOLID BRICK HOME**  
Great 3 bd, 2 bath w/ updated kit, vinyl insulated windows, beautiful finished bsmt, appl's stay, over 1000 sq ft, 1 yr home warranty & Livonia Schools.  
\$149,750 (C-326SA)



**CUSTOM COLONIAL**  
Beautiful & expansive home feat. 4 bd, 3.5 bas, open floor plan w/ maple hwd flrs, vaulted ceilings, 1st fl Master w/ fireplace & bath, 1st & 2nd fl lawn, Northville Schools & a large Master Patio.  
\$549,900 (C-520SU)



**ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL**  
Toucan brick ranch feat. updated kit, bath, furnace, plumbing, windows & elec. Stylishly decorated, finished bsmt, great location & ready for you now.  
\$140,000 (C-455TO)



**GARDEN CITY RANCH**  
Located in a great area & priced to sell quickly! This one has a finished bsmt w/ full bath, stove, fridge, home warranty, updated furnace, siding, kit & more.  
\$199,900 (C-753WH)



**NEWER CANTON COLONIAL**  
Spacious 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/ open floor plan, fresh paint, newer roof, 1st fl lawn, Master w/ bath, cathedral ceilings, formal DR, large kitchen & good location.  
\$200,000 (C-233BR)



**UPDATED PLYMOUTH RANCH**  
Great price & move in quality! Neutral decor, hwd flrs, updated windows, siding, bath, 2.5 car Garage w/ workshop, double tub, beautiful trees & home warranty.  
\$149,900 (C-207BR)



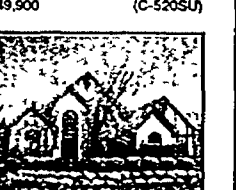
**MOTIVATED SELLER**  
Bungalow in incredible condition! Excellent location, newer roof, siding, carpet, hwd flrs, tons of storage space, appl's stay, finished bsmt & more.  
\$185,000 (C-185CO)



**A MUST SEE!**  
Cute Westland bungalow w/ updated furnace, C/A, hwd, finished bsmt w/ bath & rec area. HUGE Garage, covered decks, vinyl ins windows & extra deep lot.  
\$125,500 (C-725FA)



**PRICED FOR QUICK SALE**  
Fantastic curb appeal & great location. Large fenced lot, newer windows, newer doors over 1600 sq ft, spacious layout, 2 car Garage & more.  
\$79,900 (C-245FO)



**EXECUTIVE CAPE COD**  
Premium brick exterior, elevation backing to wooded preserve. Open floor plan, 5 generous sized bedrooms, 4.5 baths, finished bsmt w/ fireplace & sauna, Ply-Can schools, & so much more.  
\$549,900 (C-116FO)



**ENTRY LEVEL CONDO**  
This home features a Master w/ WIC, Kit w/ dining area, spacious Liv Rm, hwd floors, & lots of updates.  
\$114,500 (C-536LU)



**CENTRAL PARK BEAUTY**  
You won't be disappointed here! Gourmet island kit w/ hwd floors, spacious Fam Rm w/ fireplace, formal LR, DR, 2 story Fam Rm w/ fireplace, 2 car Garage & patio. Priced to sell.  
\$319,900 (C-366SP)



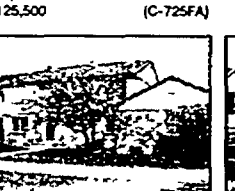
**SUPER CLEAN & NEAT**  
Over-sized kit w/ all appl's, LR w/ fireplace & cave cell, formal DR, hwd flrs, to updated baths, Master w/ crown mold, fireplace, wetbar & tons of storage.  
\$185,000 (C-442SP)



**UPDATED WESTLAND RANCH**  
3 bd, 2 bath home w/ oak kit, LR w/ fireplace, hwd flrs, to nice sized yard w/ 2.5 car Garage, privacy fence, hot tub in enclosed Gazebo, finished bsmt & a bar & more.  
\$125,000 (C-629FL)



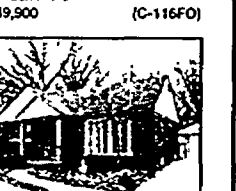
**CUSTOM DESIGNED FORMER MODEL**  
3 bd, 2.5 bath, 2041 sq ft home w/ granite island kit w/ 7 way fireplace, brick door to elevated Deck, cash cell's jetted tub, nature preserve like backyard & much more.  
\$254,655 (C-567AL)



**NOVI CONDO**  
Spacious newer condo w/ 2 bd, 2.5 bath, hwd flrs, fireplace, & A/C. Newer carpet, drvl leading to Deck, fenced for pets, faces commons area, full bsmt, carpet, & area pool.  
\$115,000 (P-212BA)



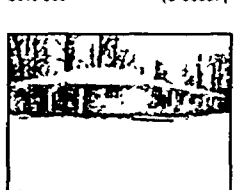
**BETTER THAN A MODEL**  
50k in upgrades on this 3 bd, 2.5 bath home that backs to faraway kit w/ 52" cherry cabinets, appl's & extended bar. Vaulted Great Rm, 1st fl Master & too much more to list.  
\$275,000 (P-243CL)



**UPDATED & MOVE IN READY**  
Charming 2 bd brick ranch w/ fireplace, hwd flrs, newer roof, windows, updated kit, & bath. Appl's stay, neutral, L.P. in bsmt, sunroom, Garage, fenced yard & lovely landscaping.  
\$119,000 (P-620CU)



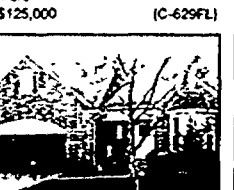
**MAINTENANCE FREE**  
Move in condition! 3 bd ranch w/ numerous updates. Appl's stay, great neighborhood, screened sunroom of kitchen & lots more.  
\$133,900 (P-113DA)



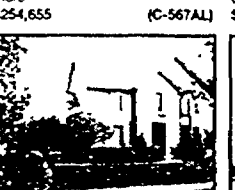
**SPRAWLING RANCH**  
3200 sq ft, 3 bd, 3.5 bath brick home in Canton offering Fam Rm w/ fireplace, large kit w/ party bar, fireplace, 1st fl Master w/ fireplace, 3 car Garage & on a 1 acre lot.  
\$389,900 (P-651GL)



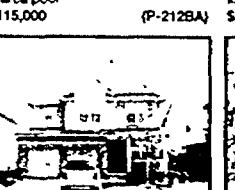
**POPULAR FAIRWAYS WEST**  
Inviting 2 story foyer w/ hwd flrs, formal LR, DR, Fam Rm w/ fireplace, w/ fireplace, granite kit w/ butlers pantry, Master Suite w/ jetted tub, in bsmt 3 car Garage & Deck w/ hot tub.  
\$389,900 (P-561GL)



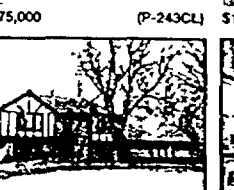
**QUIET FAMILY SUB**  
Lovely 4 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod w/ hwd flrs, Kit w/ eating area, large baths, 1st fl Master, 1st fl lawn, large closets, upgraded carpet, vaulted ceilings & huge bsmt.  
\$229,900 (C-099KE)



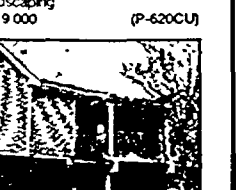
**FABULOUS COLONIAL**  
Totally updated home w/ 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Fam Rm w/ fireplace, formal LR, DR, fireplace, Kit w/ nook, fireplace, awesome wrap around Trex Deck, backing to woods. A must see!  
\$389,900 (P-496ME)



**CANTON'S FINEST**  
4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/ gourmet kit w/ nook & all appl's. Downstairs stamped concrete patio, vaulted Master, fireplace, recessed lights & great location.  
\$235,000 (P-193MO)



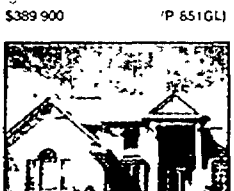
**FANTASTIC COLONIAL**  
5 bd, 3.5 bath Plymouth home w/ bright & open floor plan. Neutral decor, crown mold, hwd & ceramic tile, paver walkways, fireplace, Deck, over patio & prof landscaping.  
\$345,000 (P-890NO)



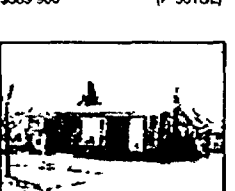
**NICE CONDO**  
2 bd, 2 bath Melvindale condo w/ neutral decor, all appl's stay, laundry, Deck, in-unit laundry, close to everything & priced to sell.  
\$99,900 (P-612NO)



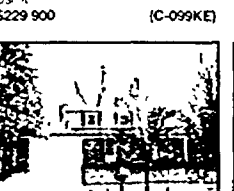
**NORTH CANTON COLONIAL**  
4 bd, 2.5 bath spacious home w/ 2222 sq ft, Premium updates to woods, large baths, Fam Rm w/ fireplace, LR w/ fireplace, 2nd fl bath, 2 car Garage, & a lot more.  
\$229,900 (P-337PE)



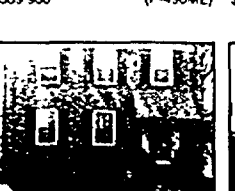
**UNPACK & RELAX**  
Traditional floor plan in this Canton colonial. Formal LR, DR, private LR w/ fireplace, Scenic Kit w/ nook & appl's, Fam Rm w/ fireplace, Master w/ volume of 2 WIC's & a lot more.  
\$339,900 (P-207PI)



**CHARMING HOME**  
Dear Heights 3 bd brick ranch w/ 1.5 baths, LR w/ bay window, Fam Rm w/ fireplace, Kit w/ fireplace, windows, roof, Florida Rm, fireplace, Garage & great sub.  
\$149,900 (P-457PL)



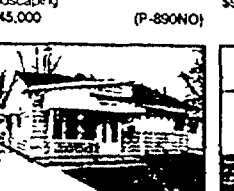
**BACKS TO WOODS**  
Peaceful setting for this 4 bd Plymouth colonial. Gourmet kit w/ skylights & pantry, Master w/ crown mold & large WIC, fireplace, bar, office & storage & so much more.  
\$295,000 (P-460RO)



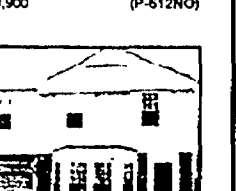
**GREAT COLONIAL**  
3 bd brick home offering updated windows, furnace, C/A, hwd kit w/ premium hwd flrs, finished bsmt w/ bath, newer doors, privacy fence & close to x ways.  
\$108,000 (P-445RU)



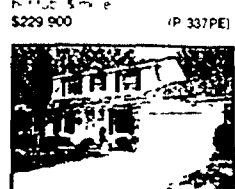
**EXCEPTIONAL VALUE**  
Original owner is motivated! Pristine condition, bright & sunny cherry kit w/ pantry island & eating area. Generous sized bedrooms, loft area, Deck, Home Warranty & all appl's stay.  
\$219,900 (C-659SC)



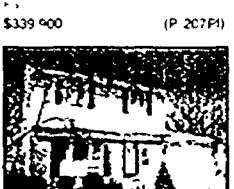
**RENT NO MORE!**  
Take a look & fall in love w/ this updated ranch. Vaulted beamed ceiling in LR & Kit, updated Kit, bath, windows, furnace, C/A, & roof. Nice size yard, Garage & more.  
\$74,900 (P-211ST)



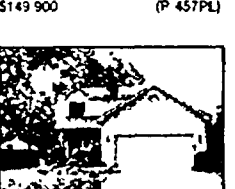
**MOVE IN READY**  
This 2 bd condo is waiting for you! Updates inc. paint, wood, fire lighting, faucets, hwd & finished bsmt. Perfect end unit location w/ private patio & art Garage.  
\$130,000 (C-580ST)



**TRAILWOOD COLONIAL**  
This home is perfect in every way. Updated to 4 bd, 2.5 bath, open floor plan, brick fireplace, fireplace, walkway, Fam Rm w/ fireplace, 2 car Garage, & a lot more.  
\$295,000 (P-044TA)



**UPDATED COLONIAL**  
Great price on this 3.5 bd colonial in Plymouth. Open floor plan, Fam Rm w/ fireplace, Deck & fenced yard, updated windows, furnace, elec, roof & more. Close to downtown & x ways.  
\$219,900 (P-325TE)



**UNBELIEVABLE VALUE**  
Fairy new construction, large Fam Rm, 4 bd, 2 ba, 1456 sq ft, hwd flrs, 1st fl Master, 1st fl lawn, huge Master w/ jetted tub, in bsmt & huge yard backing to woods.  
\$125,000 (P-131VA)



**IMMACULATE HOME**  
Milton dollar lot on this fantastic 1993 sq ft home w/ 3 bd, 1.5 baths, finished bsmt, newer furnace, C/A, garage door, oak kit w/ dr to Florida Rm, home warranty & tons more.  
\$168,900 (P-660YA)

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May 16-17, 10-4pm Howell - 3368 Crooked Lake Road at Chilson Rd 7000 sq ft home. Quality Sale! 5 sofas dining set, king bedroom, rugs, entertainment center, desks, TV, linens, exercise equip, bar stools, electric car, foist, musc yard tools & more!

## ESTATE SALE By Americana

May 15-17, 10am-4pm 18558 Heather Ridge Northville S off 7 Mile W of Beck. Details 248-739-4197 americanaestatesales.com

## ANN ARBOR. Fundraiser for 4H Equine &amp; Canine Club

May 17 & 18, 9am-5pm 3340 North Terminal, btwn Earhart & Sutton

## BEVERLY HILLS

Fri & Sat, May 16-17, 9-5 Subdivision Garage Sale in West Beverly Hills bordered by 14 Mile (Saxon) & Beverly, Evergreen & Southfield Roads

## BIRMINGHAM

619 Shiley btwn Maple & Lincoln Thurs-Fri, 21-22

## SALE!

BIRMINGHAM - Neighborhood Garage Sale. Birmingham Estates, May 15-16 & 17, Thurs-Fri, 8-4pm N of Maple, E of Adams

## BLOOMFIELD TWP

Hickory Heights Sub. Sat, May 17, 9-4pm. 10 plus homes N of Waukesha (17 Mile), W Adams

## BRIGHTON 6910 Somerset

(behind Costco) May 16-17, 9am-3pm. Lots of baby clothes, toys, nursery furniture and tools.

## BRIGHTON May 16 &amp; 17, 8-5

4450 Elderberry Dr. off Spencer Furniture, TV, bedroom sets, mattresses, refrigerator double oven stove, baby items and household

## BIRMINGHAM May 16-17, 9-4pm

2060 W Lincoln (3 Bks) E of Seaholm (High School) Housewares, games, handicapped equip, sports, yard, etc.

## BLOOMFIELD HILLS A HUGE GARAGE SALE!

Antiques, clothes, dolls, garden-orchid, clock, furniture, sofa, chairs, lamps, everything you could want. Call 248-486-6154, off Eastways, btwn Long Lake & Southfield, May 16-17, 8:30am-3:30pm.

## BRIGHTON TWP. MOVING

May 15-17, 9-4pm 8827 Da Vin Dr. Woodland Hills Sub. off Hunter Furniture patio set, snowblower, air compressor, household goods misc

## BLOOMFIELD HILLS

3140 Middlebury, S of Maple, btwn Cranbrook & Lahser, from Lahser enter Berkshire Thrus-Sun, 10am-7pm. Ralph Lauren, Coach, collectibles, kids stuff, decorator's items

## Garage Sales

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## BIRMINGHAM - HUGE 2 FAMILY SALE!

Tons of furniture, housewares, toys, etc. Thrus, May 22-24, 9-4 Southfield, N of Maple, W of Southfield

## BRIGHTON May 16, 17, 9am to 5pm

9941 Highgate Rd. Unique household items

## BIRMINGHAM - Sat May 17, 9-4pm

768 Sufferd Ave, 48009 Antiques, brass, silver, bikes, toys, accordion, golf clubs, furniture & household items

## BRIGHTON May 17, Sat Only

9am-3pm, 1625 Woodlake Circle, Rickett & Oak Ridge Furniture, household & misc

## BRIGHTON Multi Family Sale!

1089 Lincoln Dr, off Brighton Lk Rd & Northridge Thrus & Fri, 9-3pm

## Bloomfield Hills - 4 Family

945 Timberlake, N of Quanton, W of Lahser Thrus-Fri 9-4pm Furniture, collectibles, household items & much more!

## BRIGHTON - Huge Sale!

Great Sub! Babies kids & adults, sports equip, toys clothes & more! Designer clothes from impulse 5380 Fieldstone Ct, across from Oak Pointe Fri 9-4pm, Sat 9-3pm

## BRIGHTON - Sat &amp; Sun

10am-4pm Household, small furniture, Christmas decor & more 8340 Jack Pine Dr, Winding Pines Sub, E of US23 off of Fieldcrest, S of Lee Rd

## BRIGHTON - Thrus &amp; Fri, 5/15 &amp; 5/16, 9-3

Furniture, drill press, lumber, propane heater, toys, clothing, jewelry, household items 7687 Spring Trace (Birkenstock Sub/Off Hacker)

## BRIGHTON - Chadwick Farms Sub Sale

May 15, 16, 17, 9am-4pm, off of Maltby Rd, 1/4 mile west of Rockett

## BRIGHTON SETTERS POINTE Sub sale. Multiple homes

May 17, 8am to 4pm. On Hamburg Rd., btwn Maltby & Wincas Lk. Rds.

## BRIGHTON, 8410 Alcott Ct

May 16, 17, 8am to 1pm Baby items, sports equip, X-Box, toys, misc items

## BIRMINGHAM - May 15-16, 9-4pm

1043-1 N Old Woodward N of Maple off N Old Woodward Collectibles furniture, antiques & more

## BRIGHTON MAY 15-16, 8am to 3pm

10499 Piedmont Dr, R-dwood Sub off Cuver Rd Weight bench, home decor furniture GI Joe, misc

## BRIGHTON - HUGE SUB SALE

Hodges/Fishers/Southby 32+ homes Household, kids stuff, bikes furniture, and more S of Lee E of Rockett May 15-17, 9am to 4pm

## BRIGHTON-LAKE OF THE PINES SUB SALE

ON Culver 1/2 West of Pleasant Valley May 15-17, from 9-4 Antiques furniture and tons more!

## CANTON MULTI SUBS

Oakvale, Storegate & Cherry Hill Orchards N Palmer, S Cherry Hill E & W of Lilley May 15-18 Look for signs

## CARRIAGE HILLS SUB SALE

Thrus-Sat, May 15-17, N of Ford Rd, S of Warren btwn Canton Center & Lilley Rds

## CANTON SUB-WIDE SALE!

Pickwick Village N of Ford, E of Lilley May 15-17, 9am-5pm

## CANTON 6564 Boston Hill Lane

May 15-16-17, 9:30-5pm Bikes lawnmowers, 3 new yard items, baby items & stroller, invalid walker

## CANTON Sub Wide Garage Sale

Forest Trails Sub in Canton, May 15-16 and 17th, 9am-5pm South of Joy Road and West of Sheldon Road

## CANTON - Lg sale to support orphans

Charter Academy 4911 Ford Rd Fri 6-9pm, Sat 8-3pm, Sun 8-3pm. All the bit of everything!

## CANTON MAYFAIR VILLAGE SUB-WIDE SALE!

Thrus-Sun May 15-18, 9am-5pm S of Joy E of Sheldon. Too much to list!

## CANTON PINWOOD SUB SALE

May 15-16-17 9-4pm E of Beck, S of Cherry Hill Come for great stuff!

## FARMINGTON HILLS - Old Farm Colony Sub Sale

Sat May 17, 9-5pm S off 10 Mile E of Middlebelt. Many houses with lots of great items!

## COMMERCE TWP GUN &amp; KNIFE SHOW - Sun, May

11, 9-3pm Limited table space available! 3860 Newton Rd, 48382 248-953-9908 or 248-894-9477

## FARMINGTON HILLS HUGE SUB SALE

9AM-5PM, Thrus-Sat, May 15-17, 9-5pm S of 10 Mile E of Middlebelt. Many houses with lots of great items!

## FARMINGTON 2nd Annual Wynel Condos

Fri-Sat May 15-17, 9-4pm W side of Farmington Rd btwn Grand River & 9 Mile Household, books, misc

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## DAVISBURG COMMUNITY WIDE SALE

May 16-17, 9:30am-3:30pm Midpoint park (In downtown Davisburg)

## FARMINGTON HILLS ESTATE SALE

Fri-Sat, 10-6, 21544 Randall E of Orchard Lake, N of 8 Mile Antiques, vintage clothing - adult & kids Fabric, sewing items, all household items must go!

## FARMINGTON HILLS Forest Park S. Davidson Garage Sale

- 20+ Homes May 15-17, 9am-5pm, S of 9 Mile, W of Inkster E of Middlebelt

## FARMINGTON HILLS, Everything!

Furniture, antiques household, fish sale Thrus-Sun, 10-5 30527 Perry's Xing W off Farmington & S off 14

## FARMINGTON HILLS, Normandy Hill Sub wide sale

11 mile & Farmington Rd May 16-17, 9-5pm Antiques, furniture & lots of misc

## FRANKLIN 13 Mile btwn Telegraph &amp; Franklin on Oakleaf Thrus-Sat, 8am

Antiques, oriental rugs designer clothes, & more!!

## FRANKLIN - May 15-17, 9-5

30133 Chevrolet Hills Ct, S off 13 Mile, Franklin/Telegraph Designer clothes, good household, linens, art crib & misc

## GARDEN CITY Multi Family Sale

Some antiques, collectibles, games & more 32371 Pierce, St Ford, W Merriman, May 15-22, 10-5

## GARDEN CITY - May 15-17, 9-4pm

30523 Rush, Warren btwn Middlebelt & Merriman off Sunset. No early birds. A-Z don't miss!

## HAMBURG May 15-17, 9am-6pm

7609 Kilkenny Dr in Tara Glen Sub off Hamburg Rd. Antiques, original folk art, decor, clothes, and more

## HAMBURG SUB SALE

Sat, May 17, 9-3pm Huron River Highlands Sub, off W M-36 & Hamburg

## HARTLAND-MULTI-FAMILY

Clothes, toys, furniture, lots of misc May 15-17, 9am-6pm 5281 Pleasant Hill Fenton

## HARTLAND, Wed., May 14 thru Sat, May 17, 9 to 3pm

Heritage Meadows Sub Sale Multi-homes M-59 to Clark Rd to Mathew Ln to sub

## HIGHLAND Seller moving out of town

everything must go! Garage stuff to kitchen appliances 358 Glenepines off Milford Rd, Prestwick Village Thrus, Fri Sat 9-5pm

## HIGHLAND Thrus-Sat, May 15-17, 9-5

2730 Vero Dr North off Wardlow Rd Just East of Harvey Lake Rd Furniture, (most like new) baby items, home goods etc

## HIGHLAND TWP. Timber Ridge Sub Sale

Sat, May 17th 8-4pm S side of M-59, btwn Milford & Hickory Ridge Rds

## HIGHLAND TWP. May 15-16, 9am to 5pm

1015 Troon, M59 & 23 Furniture, kids items, household misc

## HIGHLAND, MAY 16, 10am to 4pm

1960 Otesing Ln, 1 mile N of M-59, W on Wardlow New wedding & shower items, dresses, New Avon, Household, computer parts, jewelry, antiques

## HOMETOWN NOVI COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE

May 16th, 17th & 18th 9am-4pm 13 Mile Rd, east of Novi Rd.

## HOWELL - Hickory Meadows Community garage sale

May 15-16, 8am-5pm Located on the N side of M59, between Eager Rd & Michigan Ave

## HOWELL Community garage sale

Hampton Ridge May 15, 16, 17, 9-4 Located on the E side of Latsen across from Meyers

## HOWELL - Multi Family

Sold our Cottage! Kid's stuff, tons of household, desk, etc. Thrus, Fri, Sat, 9-4 Henderson Rd at Oak Grove







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*Sandi Taylor*

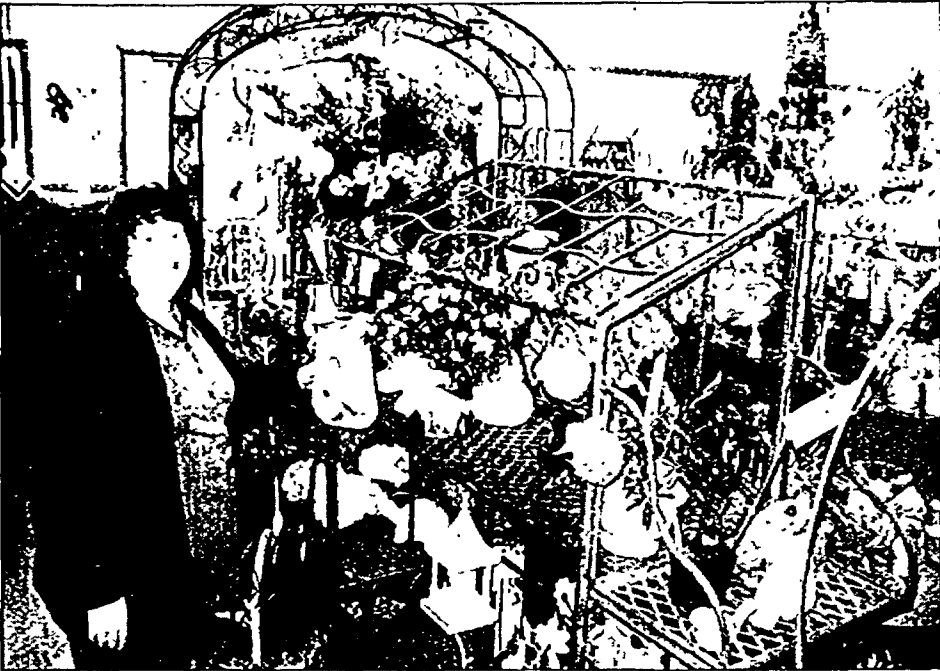


Photo by SALLY RUMMEL

Beaty's Florist & Greenhouse owner Sandi Taylor stands amidst a sea of gifts and flowers in their busy retail story in Hartland

**Beaty's Florist & Greenhouse**

248-887-1411 • [www.beatyflorist.com](http://www.beatyflorist.com)

Beaty's Florist & Greenhouse in Hartland has been going green long before it became politically correct.

This full-service florist and garden center has been a destination for garden lovers in the Hartland/Highland areas since 1940, although the original business was located across the street from its present location at 13790 W. Highland Road in Hartland. Now in its third generation of family ownership, Beaty's is lovingly tended by Sandi (Beaty) Taylor and her husband, Kent. Her parents, Harmon III and Janet Beaty are often found working on the premise, but jokingly say they have retired.

But this bustling florist and garden center keep all of the Beaty's busy, including two of Sandi and Kent's five daughters, ages 5 to 19. A full-service florist and gift center is housed in the main retail store and it is filled to the brim with gifts, statuary, garden accessories, even gourmet kitchen/cooking items.

Beaty's Florist has truly become a destination for generations of families who turn to this professional florist in times of happiness, in the case of weddings and births, yet also in times of sadness, with funeral tributes of flowers, statuary, stones and memorials.

When gift baskets suit the occasion, Beaty's staff can pull together a unique, one-of-a-kind gift filled with foodie favorites and other specialty items to suit the individual tastes of the lucky recipient.

Now that spring has sprung at Beaty's, a huge variety of annuals and perennials, small shrubs and bushes surround the shop — arriving daily for the garden-lovers in all of us.

*"People don't realize that we actually grow most of our plants right here."*

**Sandi Taylor**

Beaty's Florist & Greenhouse

"A lot of people don't realize that we actually grow most of our plants right here on the premises," said Taylor, pointing to the greenhouses that have been the nurturing home to thousands of plants during the growing season. "Many people also don't know that we're open year round and hold two open houses to celebrate both spring and the Christmas season."

She loves to see the customers who have been coming here for years, as they carefully select "just the right" plants and accessories to accent their outdoor living spaces.

"Statuary items, stepping stones and other garden accessories are especially popular right now," said Taylor.

Beaty's Florist & Greenhouse is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, with extended hours coming for spring.

— By Sally Rummel

*The staff at Independence Village*



Photo by SUE DONOVAN

Let our family of experts help your family with your retirement needs. Pictured above are, front row, from left, Beverly Immel, General Manager, Julie Goodreau, Food Services Director; Rita Sandon, Activities Director; Sarah Fenton, Property Administrator and Victoria Standing, from left: Carolyn Pelland, Leasing Director, and Lisa Iacobelli, RN.

**Independence Village of White Lake**

248-360-7235 • [www.seniorvillages.com](http://www.seniorvillages.com)

Independence Village of White Lake is Oakland County's Premiere Retirement Community.

Located minutes from Milford, Commerce, West Bloomfield and Waterford, this Luxury Senior Community offers unparalleled quality and exceptional services to meet all your retirement needs.

Residents of Independence Village experience affordable private apartment homes with all the amenities that make life enjoyable. Activity Director, Rita Sandon, inspires residents to meet and enjoy new friends through entertainment and special events.

Our staff is looking forward to meeting you! Visit us Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 2

p.m. for our Spring Open House.

Beverly Immel, General Manager, said "Our community offers a wonderful opportunity for seniors to enhance their life with new friends and social connections."

"I continually see our residents rejuvenate their mind, body and spirit through music, exercise and laughter."

For residents needing more support, Enhanced Services are offered in "The Harbors," with the accent on service.

Independence Village offers the perfect blend of independence and support. The convenient shuttle service makes driving optional, and pets are welcome.

Call 248-360-7235 to arrange a personal tour.

*Independence For You ~ Peace Of Mind For Your Family*  
*A Senior Village Community*

*Amy Goble*



In Hamburg, Amy Goble and her husband Rodney launched the first MRS physical therapy clinic in May 1999.

*Ashley Weaver*



Ashley Weaver and her husband Scott share ownership of the Webberville and the Fowlerville MRS clinics with Rodney and Amy Goble.

*Michelle Brostrom*



Photos by KRISTINA DRAKE

Michelle Brostrom and her husband Matt are joint owners of the South Lyon MRS facility with Rodney and Amy Goble.

**Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists**

810-231-6904 • [www.mrspt.com](http://www.mrspt.com)

Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists has no doubt earned its reputation as the premiere physical therapy practice in Livingston County. They specialize in manual physical therapy, orthopedic and sports physical therapy, occupational medicine and aquatic physical therapy.

What you may not know, however, is that Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists (MRS Inc.) is a dynamic business that has grown successful between a small group of classmates, teammates and friends who all shared the same personable, hands-on, intensive approach to physical therapy.

Amy Goble and her husband Rodney launched the first MRS physical therapy clinic in May 1999. Amy studied Recreational Therapy at Central Michigan University and went on to receive her degree as a Physical Therapy Assistant from Baker College. She is also certified as an Aquatic Therapist.

"We have a state-of-the-art facility but what we value most is our hands-on approach. That is what makes our patients feel at home and comfortable," Amy said.

The Hamburg facility includes an aquatic center featuring an underwater treadmill and stationary swimmer. Hamburg has expanded its services to include a full Wellness Center complete with fitness memberships, personal training group fitness classes, metabolic testing, and massage therapy. The facility is also equipped for sports-specific training in their nearly 4,000-square-foot turf Performance Training Center which features the Pro Batter video pitching machine.

The Gobles expanded their company and to date they have 7 facilities serving Southeast Michigan.

"Each facility is privately owned and operated by people who share the same philosophy," Amy said. "We are all hands-on and work each day with our patients because it is what we all enjoy

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**Amy Goble**

Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists

doing."

Both the Fowlerville and the Webberville MRS clinics are a joint venture with Rodney and Amy Goble, and Scott and Ashley Weaver.

Ashley Weaver graduated with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the University of Michigan. She also has experience that you just cannot get from a university. Ashley understands a patient's pain and frustration first hand. An avid runner, Ashley suffered a serious lower back injury and underwent spinal surgery followed by her own intense physical therapy. She returned to running and went on to complete a marathon a little over a year after her surgery.

It is Ashley's goal for every patient to experience the same suc-

cess. She also has a special affection for seniors and volunteers her time offering weekly exercise programs at the Fowlerville Senior Center.

The South Lyon facility is a joint ownership between Rodney and Amy Goble and Matt and Michelle Brostrom. Michelle is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is a Doctor of Physical Therapy and has received a specialist's certification in the McKenzie method of treatment of spine disorders.

"The McKenzie method originates in New Zealand and focuses on a much more specific diagnosis of back and neck complaints," Michelle explained. "Back pain is often treated so generally. With this method of diagnosis it allows us to focus on the specific source of the back pain so that we can create a precise treatment plan."

Michelle has also received extensive training in the treatment of pediatric disorders. Her expertise includes the treatment of orthopedic and neurological disorders as well as athletic injuries and cumulative trauma disorders.

The ladies that represent Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists all agree that quality care starts with a friendly, caring, family atmosphere. Their approach to physical therapy treatment is intensive, personalized, and hands-on.

Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists is located at 10020 Professional Center Drive in Hamburg. For more information contact Amy Goble in Hamburg at 810-231-6904, Ashley Weaver in Fowlerville at 517-223-2100 or Michelle Brostrom in South Lyon 248-446-2801. You can also learn more about Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists on-line at [www.mrspt.com](http://www.mrspt.com).

— By Kristina Drake

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## Dana Fowler



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Urban Blues' owner Dana Fowler is most comfortable helping her customers get the look and feel of a perfect fitting pair of jeans. Then, she can help them top them off in her trendy Northville store.

## Urban Blues

248-344-9000 • [www.urbanbluesdenim.com](http://www.urbanbluesdenim.com)

If your business card reads "Better butts thru better jeans," you have to be curious about one of downtown Northville's trendier clothing stores.

Owner Dana Fowler has been earning the reputation of being a smart fashion consultant who knows what looks good on her customers — her denim customers.

"A lot of women wear jeans that don't flatter their looks or fit right," she said. "It is very important to find the right fitting jeans. That is what is most important to me. Trying on jeans is like trying on bathing suits. It's a very tough process."

Dana knows that in order to find just the right fit she needs to spend a lot of time with her customers. And that suits her just fine.

"I will pick out several styles for customers to try on and then I will give them my honest evaluation," she said. "Customers appreciate my honesty because they want what looks best on them and I want them to keep coming back."

Her customers should trust her — Dana is a graduate of fashion design and merchandising and also attended the Fashion Institute of Technology. Fashion is what she has a passion for, and it shows in the advice she offers and the merchandise she sells in Urban Blues.

Some of the more recognizable denim lines include True Religion, Rock and Republic, 1921, and Hudson. In addition to denims, Urban Blues also carries dressy tops, sweaters and jewelry. All can compliment a nice fitting pair of denims.

Dana said there is no limit as to what is in style today — straight leg, boot cut, flared, wide bot-

tomed are all popular. She said that boot cut are probably the most flattering and fit the most sizes. Women can choose to look good in high-rise, mid-rise or low-rise denims and Dana has a great selection of all of them.

One of her favorite and fun activities are private denim parties, which are sponsored by one person who invites friends and family to an after-hours evening of trying on denims and modeling them for the "private" audience. Throw in beverages and hors d'oeuvres and everyone has a lot of fun.

So why did she choose Northville to start her first business?

"A friend of mine also owns a business in downtown Northville and introduced me to the town," Dana said. "I noticed that there weren't any stores like Urban Blues here and I wanted to bring a hip, trendy clothing store downtown."

"I think people would rather shop in downtown Northville than at one of the local malls. The people are friendlier here and the service is more personalized."

Those characteristics fit Dana to a 'T' just like her denims fit her customers.

"I keep records of what my customers buy and their sizes," she said. "That way if a husband or boyfriend comes in looking to buy them a gift, I have a pretty good idea of what they like."

Now that is customer service.

Urban Blues is located at 114 W. Main St. in Northville. Stop by today and look better tomorrow.

— By John R. Hall

## Janice Eldon



Photo by DAWN TOMCZYK

Jan works one-on-one with every client to provide entirely personalized skin pampering sessions.

## Jan's Skin Spa

248-515-8987 • [www.jansskinspa.com](http://www.jansskinspa.com)

Tucked into a cozy corner of downtown South Lyon is a business that offers what we all deserve, but so rarely achieve... gorgeous, radiant skin. Jan's Skin Spa's charismatic founder, Janice Eldon, has made it her mission to rejuvenate and purify the skin we're in, so that our mirrors reflect back our beauty, not our age.

"Think of me as a personal trainer for your skin," invites Jan.

A licensed esthetician with both a dermatological background and seven years of salon experience, Jan brings an experience-based knowledge and professionalism to her work. In addition, she stays current on the latest evolutions in the facial/bio aesthetics field through continual research and training. In this way, she is able to offer her clients the most effective and innovative services available.

Jan designed her business to provide a tranquil and private retreat from the hustle and strain of daily life. Customers hail from across the county and beyond to enjoy everything from body-wraps and microcurrent facial/body sculpting, to glycolic peels and hair removal. The Spa's injection specialist, Kris Rondeau, RN, BSN, applies her own expertise to easing away clients' lines and wrinkles with Botox and dermal fillers. Most popular, however, are Jan's specialty facials:

"I've developed a system that combines the best of four different styles of massage that work on uplifting under the chin and over the face," she said.

Jan's beautifying services extend to professional make-up application — using and retailing the finest eco- and skin-friendly cosmetic products from Mirabella, Bioelements and AHAVA Dead Sea Laboratories. Clients can likewise choose from a

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Janice Eldon  
Jan's Skin Spa

myriad of uniquely scented Root Candles also offered at the Spa.

With the popularity of her services on the rise, Jan's time is always at a premium. However, as a 17-year South Lyon resident and a strong supporter of fellow business owners, Jan is proud to volunteer as an ambassador for the South Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce.

In her spare time, Jan likes to spend time with her family, along with faux painting, refinishing furniture and home decorating.

Jan's Skin Spa is located at 105 N. Lafayette St. in South Lyon.

Interested in turning back your skin's clock? Visit [www.JansSkinSpa.com](http://www.JansSkinSpa.com) for a full list of services, or call Jan today at 248-515-8987 for an appointment.

— By Dawn Tomczyk



## Dawn Salvati



Photo by NATHAN MENOIAN

Standing and smiling at La Casa Del Rio Grande in New Hudson are, Kathy Centala, the newest employee, and owner Dawn Salvati, at right.

## Rio Grande

248-446-7700 • [www.riogrande-restaurant.com](http://www.riogrande-restaurant.com)

In the heart of a sleepy one-goat town like New Hudson, you'd figure a fast meal for a great price and taste — plus WiFi — would be hard to find, but that just isn't the truth. To find this out for yourself just remember "Go West!"

Just a tad west of New Hudson, on Grand River Avenue, you'll find a restaurant setting the standard for all other restaurants to follow. A standard that respects quality, service and taste at the highest level — yours.

Contrary to the slow pace and long wait at other restaurants that survive on franchise recognition, La Casa Del Rio Grande is operated in a customer-focused, family-friendly manner which owner Dawn Salvati pours herself into.

Being the business owner and operator for more than six years has been hard work, but it's what she believes in and what her loyal customers have come to expect when their delicious authentic Mexican meals are served to them piping hot.

Dawn will not sacrifice taste and quality or cut corners — that's not her style. Her goal is to maintain a high standard of great tasting food that brings you back over and over and has you telling your friends about her food.

There are differences that stand out once you get past the menu items that seem familiar. The things that create recognition for La Casa Del Rio Grande from the others include special touches like locally owned and operated with a lot of TLC.

It makes a difference because Dawn is the owner and she is there to answer any question, or listen to suggestions, you might have along with

her great team of servers.

Fresh ingredients are prepared on-site, not trucked in frozen from some corporate kitchen out of state. Each and every customer can order food exactly how he or she likes it, whether it be mild or extra spicy. Fresh also means exceptionally good tasting food and the peace of mind knowing your meal was prepared for you that day, not weeks before.

Annoyed when given one of those blinky-light pager things in an attempt to appease a 40-minute wait for over-priced food? Take a quick drive 5 minutes down the road to get better food, better service, save 40 minutes and some money — that is exactly what Dawn and her staff have been offering over the years.

For years customer surveys have consistently reported great service, excellent food and an awesome value for their money. That's why diners come back and that's what Dawn finds rewarding.

You can also count on La Casa Del Rio Grande for home or office banquet needs with fantastic menu items at affordable prices. Tell Dawn your party plans and let her offer you some awesome ideas.

May is a big month at Rio Grande with multiple celebrations and specials. This year we will be celebrating Memorial Day with an "All-American BBQ". Come join the fun!

La Casa Del Rio Grande is 1 mile west of Milford Road on Grand River Avenue, in New Hudson. Print a Web coupon and check out the menu items at [www.riogrande-restaurant.com](http://www.riogrande-restaurant.com).

— By Michael J. Pilotti

## Susan Alderson R.N.



Photo by SALLY RUMMEL

Susan Alderson, R.N., owner of Fountain of Youth Skin Renewal Centre in Hartland, invites you to stop in and learn more about non-invasive skin care techniques such as this Intense Pulse Light equipment that can take years off the appearance of your skin by removing age spots and other skin conditions.

## Fountain of Youth Skin Renewal Centre

810-632-6123 • [www.fountainofyouth-mi.com](http://www.fountainofyouth-mi.com)

There's no reason why you have to look your age anymore.

With a myriad of safe, FDA-approved, non-invasive skin care treatments available today, people can literally turn back the hands of time and enjoy the benefits of looking great, no matter what their age.

Fountain of Youth Skin Renewal Centre in Hartland is able to provide all of these services in a medically-supervised, yet relaxed spa setting.

Owner/aesthetic nurse specialist Susan Alderson, R.N. has created an oasis of care with a menu of services to enhance anyone's appearance.

Services include Botox, Juvederm, Restylane, laser treatments for hair removal, skin tightening and wrinkle reduction, spider vein removal and acne treatment, intense pulse lighting for brown spot removal and rosacea treatment, micro-dermabrasion and glycolic peels, among others.

"I operate in a medical manner, yet provide an atmosphere of restoration, rejuvenation and relaxation," said Alderson.

As a registered nurse for more than 26 years, Alderson views her services as an art, studying each person's face and finding the best treatment for each individual.

Her skills as a nurse provide the added component of safety and experience.

"Let me show you how you can look and feel

your very best with a number of non-invasive, affordable treatments," said Alderson.

Fountain of Youth Skin Renewal Centre is proud to carry a number of physician-grade skin-care products and a full line of mineral make-up, reflecting Alderson's philosophy that beauty is only skin deep.

Glytone Skin Care products and Jane Iredale mineral make-up are well-known, reputable beauty lines that many people will recognize by name and reputation.

New this year permanent cosmetic make-up, skillfully performed by Kim Hirn.

A licensed aesthetician is also on staff.

You'll also enjoy stopping in to the boutique setting of Fountain of Youth Skin Renewal Centre — artfully displayed with fashion handbags and jewelry for sale.

"Stop in and see what we have for spring fashion fun this year," invites Alderson.

Walk-ins are welcome, as time permits.

No-pressure consultations are provided at no cost.

"We're pleased to offer reasonable prices that are affordable for most people," she added.

Fountain of Youth Skin Care Renewal Centre is located in Fountain Square Plaza on M-59 at U.S.-23.

Stop by or call for an appointment today.

— By Sally Rummel

## Barb Herzog



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Barb Herzog takes her work as a physical therapist very seriously at HealthStyles — something she has been doing for 16 years in South Lyon.

## HealthStyles

248-486-1110 • [www.healthstylesrehab.com](http://www.healthstylesrehab.com)

It's been 21 years in the physical therapy business and Barb Herzog still enjoys using her motherly instincts to ensure what is best for her clients and her own children. Not only has Herzog's attention to caring been a positive influence on her patients, it has also been a strong influence on her daughter as well.

"My daughter (one of four children) is in college, pursuing a medical career," she said. "My work with HealthStyles has definitely been an influence."

Just like the importance of a well-planned career path, so too is a well-planned physical therapy path. Herzog wants every step of the way at HealthStyles to be comfortable, thought out, and mapped out in a way that plans for successes and eliminates the unknowns.

HealthStyles has occupied the same location at 301 S. Lafayette since 1992, becoming a solid part of the South Lyon business community. Herzog and her trained professionals have demonstrated their care and commitment to patients, assisting them in their recovery and health needs, using the benefits of their skills and experience so that "no one needs to go it alone," noted Herzog.

"This business is personal to all of us," she added. "We want our patients to get better and to tell others about their experience with us. It is not just a job for us — everyone cares about the patients, which keeps them coming back."

One way of showing care is having a presence at the local school sporting events. HealthStyles staffs a trainer, Mary Beth Fuhrman, at South Lyon East High School and provides a trainer for the weight room at the original South Lyon High

School. Adjacent to the HealthStyles clinic is the fitness center, which is run by director Megan McGinty.

Herzog's professional team includes six therapists, two physical therapy assistants, one occupational therapist, and one speech pathologist.

Besides being an active mom, Herzog is involved in several professional organizations to promote and improve the care available to her clients, as well as the people in her community. She serves as president for the Physical Therapy Provider Network for Michigan and Ohio, is on the board of the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Association.

She enjoys time off on the golf course and has been a member of some recent winning teams at the annual Chamber golf outing. With her daughter off to college, Herzog is now busy mentoring her niece and gathering community input for new ideas and services that people have asked for — and is doing what she can to provide them.

With her leadership, Herzog and her staff have been able to add Blue Care Network to their list of accepted insurance programs and is available at HealthStyles.

The clinic is open to the public for a variety of health and wellness activities for the young and seasoned body. Business hours are from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information call 248-486-1110 or visit [www.healthstylesrehab.com](http://www.healthstylesrehab.com).

— By John R. Hall

## Dr. Toomajian & Dr. Bowers



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Priamari Bowers, far left, and Laurie Jayne Toomajian, far right, have a lot of fun with their staff, while assisting patients with their health and well-being through state-of-the-art dental care.

## Laurie Jayne Toomajian, DDS & Associates

248-348-6780 • [www.smilenorthville.com](http://www.smilenorthville.com)

If you are looking for Laurie Jayne Toomajian, DDS & Associates at its familiar location in the gray house on Center Street in Northville, you'll see that the practice has moved into a brand new location on 201 E. Main St.

That's where you'll find the dynamic team of Laurie Jayne Toomajian and Priamari Bowers, two experienced dentists and partners in the dental practice.

Existing and new patients will find the new "digs" a better place to be serviced by the experienced dentists and staff.

"As many people know, we have been searching for a new facility to better meet the health-care needs and busy schedules of our patients," Toomajian said.

What hasn't changed is the fun and professional atmosphere in the new office in downtown Northville.

"Patients will be getting the exact same personalized care that they have come to expect from us," Toomajian added. "We continue to be deeply invested in the health and well-being of our patients through state-of-the-art dental care."

"But we continue to make dental work as fun as it can be. We laugh as much as possible."

Bowers agrees, saying that the overall health of their patients is the top priority.

"Our goal is to continually develop our practice,

build lasting relationships with our patients and their families through thoughtful on-going dental care, and establish strong roots in the community," she said.

Both dentists graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School. Toomajian opened her Northville office in 1988. Bowers joined her eight years ago. Both women feel it is important to give to local schools, churches and organizations.

The dentists promote a family and professional atmosphere in their new location, where they moved to in mid-February. They treat adults and children with a great deal of care in their relaxed atmosphere. Toomajian noted, "We take care of patients even if it means holding their hand during treatment."

The entire staff's commitment to its patients begins with a highly trained and enthusiastic dental team and an emphasis on working well together.

"Our whole team is motivated to work together to help our patients," Bowers added.

The new location provides easy access and is within walking distance to all downtown businesses. For an appointment of more information call 248-348-6780 or visit [www.smilenorthville.com](http://www.smilenorthville.com).

"We are anxious to share our new facility with you," smiled Toomajian.

— By John R. Hall

## Suzy Bone



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Interior designer Suzy Bone stands next to a custom Williamsburg oil painting that she contracted a local artist to do for the bathroom in her Northville home.

## Interiors By Suzy, LLC

248-305-7314 • suzym112@yahoo.com

Home and business interiors are an important part of expressionism — giving an insightful look into the tastes and lifestyles of home and business owners. In today's economy, the need for an expert interior designer is even more important.

That's why an experienced designer, like Suzy Bone of Interiors by Suzy, LLC, can help people create the look they want. Suzy has 25 years of design and decorating experience. She believes what sets her apart from other designers is her business model — helping people create the interior design they want — and not what a decorator wants to sell them.

"I'm unique in that I decorate around the person," Suzy said. "I meet with people in their homes, see what they already have in their home (or business) and work with them on a design that will fit their taste and their budget. You don't have to spend a lot of money to get a beautifully updated and decorated room."

In fact, Suzy said that people may be surprised to learn that interior decorating isn't as high-priced as they may think.

"I charge \$69 for the first hour and \$39 an hour for each hour after that. And I believe that 100 percent of my customers are happy."

For that fee, Suzy will perform a number of different design services, including choosing paint colors for interior walls, flooring and carpet, creating window treatments, upholstery, arranging furniture, designing and creating lampshades, choosing custom pillows, bedding and bedskirts, chair caning, and even recommending people to perform the work or repairs. She said that out of all her services, her specialty is choosing wall colors.

"Wall coloring is the most important factor to con-

### Design Tips by Suzy Bone

- Color variations can make or break a room. Subtle changes can make the room look great or just average.
- Lampshades are important. Always bring the lamp with you when picking out a lampshade.
- Sofa placement can give more room. Center the sofa in a room or angle it as opposed to placing it against a wall.
- Area rugs can be angled to match an angled sofa or chair, or just add interest.

sider in decorating," she said. "I take 3,200 colors on every visit and compare them to what is already in the home, such as furniture and window treatments. Then I consult with the customer to get an idea of what color they are looking for and then come up with the perfect color."

She said that mid- to deep-tone colors are popular now as well as bright colors, the preferred choice of younger people. "We have gotten away from whites and off-whites but color is cyclical, these may someday be in style again," Suzy added.

Word-of-mouth advertising has been spreading very nicely for Suzy, who returned to the Northville area after spending several years in Atlanta, Ga., where she owned four decorating stores. She stresses that all of her customers throughout the area have learned that interior design does not have to come at a hefty price.

"There is no reason to go out and buy a lot of furniture to make a home look better," she added. Call or e-mail Suzy today for a consultation.

## The staff at Gago Fertility Center



Photo by CYNDI LIESKE

Providing personalized care at the Gago Center for Fertility are, from left, Laurelle Meulenberg, Dr. L. April Gago, Tiffany Maza, Biffie Maza, and Robert Pavic.

## Gago Center for Fertility

810-227-3232 • www.gagofertility.com

Dr. L. April Gago's mission is to offer a customized approach to fertility care for each of her patients.

"Each couple is unique, and their medical and reproductive and personal situation is unique," she said. "At Gago Center for Fertility/Michigan Center West, we work with couples to determine the best treatment plan for each couple based on their fertility issues, their personal feelings and beliefs and their desires at the time. Our goal is to assist couples in their reproductive journey and build a healthy family."

Services offered include in vitro fertilization, fertility evaluation and personalized care plan, intrauterine insemination, PCOS treatment, fertility preservation, donor eggs and sperm, saline infusion sonography, and semen analysis. Dr. Gago and her staff work with patients to determine what services are right for them.

"Some couples may want to try in vitro fertilization right away, others may just want to know what their options are," she said. "Even within a couple, one person may be in one place on the journey and their partner may be in another. I try to help them clarify what their needs are so that I can help them. I spend a lot of time talking with them to learn what they need."

Nutrition, exercise and lifestyle are three major factors that can increase a couple's ability for conception, she said. "If they make some changes toward a healthy lifestyle, they can greatly improve their chances," Gago said. One client added exercising into her daily routine and lost 25 pounds. The weight loss helped her to successfully become pregnant.

"We try to help couples sort out the fertility issue so we can learn what the best options are for them," she said.

Dr. Gago believes in a holistic approach to fertility, encouraging her patients to explore the use of meditation, massage and stress reduction techniques to assist them. She also refers them to an acupuncturist for care.

A native of Brighton, Dr. Gago graduated from Brighton High School. Her father Dr. Arthur Browne, operated a family practice in Brighton for more than 40 years.

Dr. Gago served as director of the IVF Program for the University of Michigan donor oocyte program, and director of the fertility preservation program for the University of Michigan. She is now the IVF director of Gago Center for Fertility/Michigan Center West. Dr. Gago obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of California San Diego. She completed a fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Wayne State University.

The Gago Fertility Clinic includes caring staff members Dr. Gago selects to reflect her mission of helping patients achieve fertility. "We really try hard to be patient-friendly," Dr. Gago said. "We want to make it a calming, less stressful experience for the couple. I employ people that I enjoy working with and that patients would like."

The Gago Center for Fertility is located at 2305 Genoa Business Park Drive, Suite 180, in Brighton. The office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, and 8-10 a.m. Saturday. Call today for an appointment.

— By Cyndi Lieske

## Armene Kaye, Esq.



Submitted photo

Armene Kaye places special emphasis upon family law, estate planning, probate court matters, civil lawsuits, and criminal litigation in the district courts.

## Law Offices of Armene Kaye, P.C.

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Ever since she was very young, Armene Kaye knew she wanted to be a lawyer. Her childhood dreams would lead her into a profession that helps people in need.

It came as no surprise to many when she started a law practice in 1999. She was determined to provide sound legal advice with an old-fashioned work ethic. Kaye soon found herself facing consumers that wanted instant gratification in a technology driven society. A business plan for the new millennium was in order.

One of the main goals was to develop long-lasting relationships with clients. A realistic viewpoint would be offered to clients. All would be treated with respect and understanding if the first goal was to be achieved. A paperless office that would reduce clutter and waste made its way into the plan.

A thriving practice was born with a long line of satisfied customers. "There's really no secret to the success," Kaye said. "It takes a never-ending commitment to continuing legal education to sharpen your legal skills. You can't just rest on your laurels. You have to embrace technology and do your legal research. That's necessary to gain the competitive edge these days."

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## Mary Jane Bussey and Stacey Lane



Photo by SALLY RUMMEL

Beading Friendlyz owners Mary Jane Bussey and Stacey Lane enjoy sharing all aspects of beading — from selecting beads and crystals to the fun of sharing the hobby with friends.

## Beading Friendlyz

248-742-8440 • www.beadingfriendlyz.com

Knowing that beading is a social hobby that promotes friendship, it's not surprising that Highland's newest business is called Beading Friendlyz — started by two friends who understand this unique camaraderie.

"Beading was a hobby for both of us and our friendship and love of beading brought us a perfect business opportunity," said owners Stacey Lane and Mary Jane Bussey.

Open since March 28 in the new Highland downtown business development known as Highland Station, Beading Friendlyz has already become a destination of hobbyists, friends and shoppers who also enjoy the boutique aspect of this new store.

"In addition to a huge array of beading supplies, we've also garnered some unique items from tote bags and jewelry pouches to colorful indoor/outdoor rugs, planters and more," said the owners.

But beaders who take their hobby seriously will especially appreciate the broad range of beading supplies, including a large selection of Swarovski crystal, sterling silver and gold-filled findings (clasps, etc.).

Serious beaders agree that this hobby can be economical for jewelry-lovers who can make their pieces much more affordably than buying them, plus they can control the quality of the piece by purchasing their own quality components.

Even more important than the supplies is the knowledge that can be bestowed upon beaders of all skill and interest levels through classes, social beading hours and just casual conversation with the two owners who love to bead.

*"Beading promotes a special camaraderie."*

Stacey Lane & Mary Jane Bussey  
Beading Friendlyz

"Beading promotes a special camaraderie," agreed these two owners, who met each other at their former computer-related work place, then began a hobby of beading together that bonded their friendship.

Social beading takes place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening, while more serious class time can be found in a flexible class schedule of beginning beading classes, beginning stringing, a watch class and seed bead stitching/herring-bone class.

"Beginning beaders will be interested to know that we don't charge for introductory classes," said Lane and Bussey. "You'll just have to pay for the supplies you use during class."

Beading Friendlyz is located at 141 N. Milford Road., Suite 101, just 1/4 mile south of M-59 on the west side of the road. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Stop by to learn more, today.

— By Sally Rummel



## Ruslana Medyanikova



Photo by NATHAN MENOIAN

Ruslana Medyanikova, owner of Polished Outlook in Milford, offers many soothing and aromatic therapies to her clients.

## Polished Outlook

248-685-9898 • [www.polishedoutlook.com](http://www.polishedoutlook.com)

Ruslana Medyanikova, an internationally trained Esthetician and owner of Polished Outlook Salon-Spa-Boutique along with her expertly trained staff, offer the ultimate in European spa services and hair design.

Ruslana was one of the first skin care professionals to be licensed in the Ukraine as well as having her own business in 1986. With her valuable skills and unsurpassed knowledge she came to the United States with her husband Vasyi, and her daughter Alina. After receiving her Michigan training and license Ruslana became a valued employee at Polished Outlook. Eventually she took ownership of the popular salon.

"In order to be the best we must continue advancing our education so we can offer new cutting-edge services on a regular basis," she said.

Among their newest offerings: New Radiance Non-Surgical Facelift; De Tox for Life Therapy; ThermoSoft — a self-heating therapy for the hands — and the Manuka Honey Layered Facial; a natural antioxidant supplying cells with vitamins, amino acids and minerals while promoting collagen production.

The boutique continues to carry their own specialized private label skin care and hair care products. Ruslana continues to fuse nature and technology in all new products, creating beautiful hair and skin for clients.

The salon offers a VIP Rewards Program to encourage guests to share their experience with family, friends and colleagues. Points are converted into dollars for spending on the many wonderful products and services at Polished

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Polished Outlook

### Outlook.

Signature Spa Packages are available or guests may create their own in an atmosphere that is warm, tranquil and relaxing.

"I love what I do, and enjoy making our guests feel better by looking their best," Ruslana said. "In my free time I enjoy being with my family."

Polished Outlook is located in a historical home in the village of Milford, 119 E. Washington St.

Business hours for Polished Outlook are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

For further information, call 248-685-9898, or visit the Polished Outlook Web site at [www.polishedoutlook.com](http://www.polishedoutlook.com).

## The ladies at LaFontaine



Photo by NATHAN MENOIAN

Maureen LaFontaine, in the driver's seat, is surrounded by her staff at LaFontaine, including, Sarah, seated beside her, and, standing, from left, Connie, Mary Trudy, Shannon, Angie, Mandy, Kristen, and Judy — just some of the women at LaFontaine Automotive in Highland.

## LaFontaine Automotive Group

248-887-4747 • [www.thefamilydeal.com](http://www.thefamilydeal.com)

Maureen LaFontaine loves her family and her work. She and husband Mike started LaFontaine Automotive Group in 1980, and are growing busier all the time.

They recently had one of their best months ever in Highland, and Maureen says that one of the key reasons for their success is that they "take care of the customer". Besides their Highland location, they have dealerships in Dearborn, Dexter, and Saline.

Whether opening another dealership, or enjoying record sales, LaFontaine will again be making history with the opening of the first new Traditional Green Dealership in Michigan.

The grand opening for the 63,000-square-foot, Buick Pontiac GMC Cadillac dealership will be this June, and is located on M-59/Highland Road, just west of Hickory Ridge, in Highland Township.

"It's going to be fantastic," Maureen said. "Not only are we taking care of the environment, and providing more jobs in the community, but we're making sure our customers will be well taken care of."

It will be the first dealership in Michigan to qualify for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®). Their present Highland location will convert to a used car super store.

"Our new facility will have a boutique, flower store, and Bistro Café, which is something I've

wanted to do for years," Maureen said. "Another great thing will be that while the parents are in the finance office taking care of business, there will be a TV monitor allowing them to keep an eye on their kids in the play area. There also will be computers for the children to use."

A huge fish aquarium will be right next to the play area, providing an exciting visual for the children and customers to enjoy. Maureen said the new building also features a covered area in the pull-up service areas to shield customers in times of bad weather.

Benefits of going green are that it conserves energy, water, and natural resources. It improves the indoor environment and reduces impact on the outside environment. There will be a reduction of waste sent to landfills — as well as harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

Maureen believes their new dealership will provide a more pleasant experience for their customers, a more productive workplace for employees, and a healthier environment overall.

The motto at LaFontaine is to "work hard, play hard, and the customer is number one".

"My two sons are the general managers, my daughter, nephew, daughter-in-law and her mom work here with us too," Maureen said. "We think of our staff as family."

Stop by LaFontaine Automotive, located at 2530 E. Highland Road, in Highland, today.

— By Nathan Menoian

## Carolyn Williams & Laura McKay



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Co-owner of Perfect Floors, Carolyn Williams, left, and Laura McKay sit amongst the many samples of wood flooring at Perfect Floors of South Lyon.

## Perfect Floors

248-437-2838 • [www.perfectfloorsllc.com](http://www.perfectfloorsllc.com)

Carolyn Williams and Laura McKay love working at Perfect Floors in South Lyon. They enjoy working with products that enhance their customer's homes. They enjoy working with the many home and business owners in the South Lyon area. And they feel they are an important part of the local South Lyon business community.

Williams is the wife of Perfect Floors' owner Ron Williams. She has worked with her husband since 2004. Their son, Ronnie, also works in the business. The couple have another son and a daughter, too.

McKay joined the staff in summer 2007. She was looking for a part-time job close to her South Lyon home and found the perfect one (no pun intended) McKay and her husband have two young sons.

Williams said that flooring products change the entire environment of the home, making it cleaner, updated and "happier."

Having popular brand names in their spacious 10,000-square-foot showroom is a big plus, too. The names include Armstrong, Bruce, Congoleum, Lauzon, Mannington, Mohawk, Shaw and Stainmaster, to name a few. Hardwood flooring, carpeting of every texture and color, vinyl flooring and laminate are neatly displayed throughout the store — a store that customers can feel right at home in.

"Most of our business comes from customer referrals," said Williams. "They talk to other people who notice the flooring in their homes. And I enjoy going out in the community and talking to people about where I work, too."

She noted that many people come back to Perfect Floors when they need to replace flooring, preferring to keep the business in the community and enjoying the customer service they receive.

"Our customer service is better than the big-box stores," Williams added. "And our installers have been with us for years. Some customers ask for them by name."

McKay said she has enjoyed her experience so far at Perfect Floors, learning all about flooring and sharpening her already well-established customer service skills.

"The store has a great selection and the people to help pick out just what customers want," she said. "It can be a tough choice deciding on which flooring is best for the home."

McKay added that she is almost looking forward to the day when the carpeting wears out in her new home so she can replace it with something new from Perfect Floors. She also noticed that a lot of her neighbors in the new subdivision are Perfect Floors' customers.

"Once I started working here I saw that my neighbors were regular customers," she added.

"The nice part about the customer service is that Ron gives out a lot of good advice to people who call or stop by, even people who have not bought flooring here. He will get an answer for everyone, even if he has to call them back."

Williams is proud of the fact that Perfect Floors is very involved with the community and gives back as much as it can. That suits people like co-worker McKay just fine. "South Lyon is fortunate to have a business like this in the community," she said.

Perfect Floors is located at 21946 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. Call or stop by today. Their store hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

— By John R. Hall

## Susan Stowe

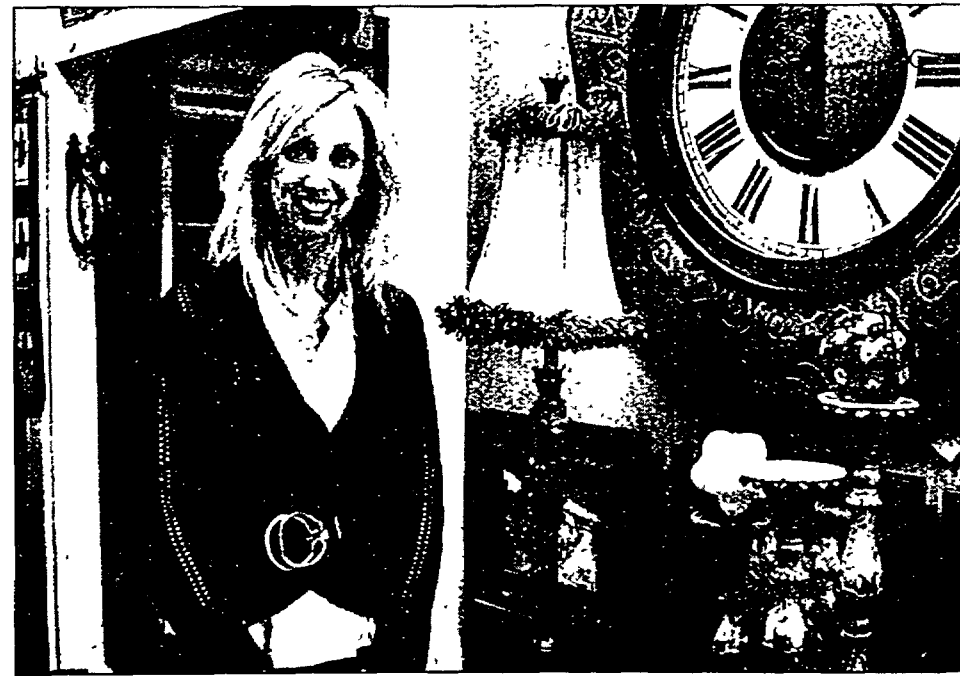


Photo by DAWN TOMCZYK

Susan Stowe attends multiple home and gift markets to ensure that her customers (both general public and decorators) have access to the latest design trends. "I want to be a leader in my industry, not a follower."

## Grande Trunke Home

248-446-6040 • [www.grandetrunkehome.com](http://www.grandetrunkehome.com)

Susan Stowe, owner of Grande Trunke Home in downtown South Lyon, works daily amidst a distinctive and affordable array of unique, breathtakingly beautiful home décor and gift items. Statuesque lamps, gorgeous European timepieces, witty placards and show-stopping floral arrangements blend seamlessly together in a series of cleverly constructed vignettes. Sprinkled throughout are an artful variety of candles, art, cards, glassware, seasonal items and other gift accessories for beautifying the home.

Interestingly, Susan's career began on a very different track. Following in her family's footsteps, she spent nearly 20 years in marketing at Ford Motor Company, until an opportunity arose to pursue a life-long goal.

"It was always a dream of mine to open my own home décor and gift store with my mom by my side, and it just happened that the opportunity presented itself about 10 years earlier than I anticipated," laughed Susan.

On September 15, 2007, the first customer walked through the painted doorway of Grande Trunke Home.

Already, Susan has cause to thank South Lyon and surrounding communities "for voting Grande Trunke Home as 2008's Best Specialty Shop and Best Card/Gift Shop in South Lyon." She attributes much of this success to the unwavering support of her mother, Diane McEachern, who has proven indispensable in the upkeep of inventory, displays and sales. Susan emphasizes how fortunate she is to not only be living her dream, but to also regularly spend quality time with her mom.

Susan prides herself on offering the most current and unique items out there — things that you won't find anywhere else in the area. Other specialty services include gift cards and wish lists, a special offer/announcement mailing list, open trunk special events, in-store decorating assistance, and more.

"When you enter Grande Trunke Home, you can expect to receive excellent customer service and always be greeted with a friendly and welcoming 'hello,'" Susan said.

Fifteen-year residents of South Lyon, Susan, husband Jerry, sons Austin, 14, and Alex, 12, and daughter Emma, 8, are enamored with small town life. They fill their family time with practices, games, recitals and visits to her nearby folks. In addition, Susan loves to shop, garden and decorate, and enjoys vacationing at their cottage in Alger, where good friends, good neighbors and glorious scenery make for an idyllic get-away.

Her husband, Jerry, and her business are also strong supporters of charitable organizations, such as Active Faith, school events and teams, a home for troubled girls, Relay for Life, and the National MS Society in honor of her father who, though diagnosed with MS at the age of 33, is still going strong.

Grande Trunke Home is located less than a block south of the historic South Lyon Hotel at 105 N. Lafayette, and is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Monday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday. Stop by today.

— By Dawn Tomczyk



## Nicole Petrick



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Nicole Petrick, assistant director of The Learning Tree, poses with some of the children at the facility's 'sprayscape' — a place to cool off in the summer

## The Learning Tree

248-446-8791 • [www.learningtreechildcare.com](http://www.learningtreechildcare.com)

Nicole Petrick is having fun with the kids. That's how it should be and how it really is at The Learning Tree in South Lyon. Nicole, the assistant director of the childcare center, said the best part of her job is watching the kids grow up and "the excitement on their faces when they learn to do something new."

Nicole and the experienced staff of teachers at The Learning Tree, nestled into a residential subdivision at 22820 Valerie, have made it their profession to have a nurturing and fun place for young children to learn and grow — and one where parents take an active role in each child's development.

"Children want to have a fun time and we want them to keep coming back," said Nicole. "I believe the more fun that a child has while they are learning, the more they will want to come to The Learning Tree every day."

Nicole has been at The Learning Tree for a year. She has spent the last eight years in the childcare field, starting as a teacher. She has furthered her experience by taking elementary school coursework at Oakland University and Oakland Community College.

What is important to parents is that their children have a safe and positive experience, which is what Nicole stresses. "Our staff is CPR certified and have passed background and driving record checks," she said. "We are very diligent in checking photo identifications of visitors and there is always a staff or office member present to watch who comes into the building. We will not let any child go with someone who we don't know or who does not have photo identification."

After the children arrive in the morning (the facili-

ty opens at 6:30 a.m.) they start their day with a nutritional breakfast, followed by free play and activity choices. Children then meet for a pre-arranged activity, followed by a break down into smaller, primary groups which attend activities such as art, science, literacy in each separate classroom. There is time for outdoor fun in the outdoor play area. Later, lunch consists of nutritional food such as fresh fruit, vegetables, milk, and water. A rest period follows lunch when children nap or engage in quiet activities and soon after that, another fun-filled outdoor play session is scheduled, weather permitting. This summer the children can cool off at the outdoor "sprayscape".

Nicole also said the younger children get special visits from the South Lyon Fire Department and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department where representatives discuss safety issues and let the children sit in a fire truck or police car. There are even critter visits from a local petting farm.

"We try to do as many things as possible for the children who are too young to go on field trips," said Nicole. Older children can go and visit science museums, art museums, even government buildings. Some of these field trips occur during the summer day camps for children who have just completed kindergarten up to 12-year-olds.

At pick-up time, The Learning Tree can arrange to transport siblings from South Lyon schools to their own building so all of the children can be picked up in one spot. It is just one more convenience for busy parents. The facility stays open until 6:30 p.m.

Call Nicole at The Learning Tree, 248-446-8791 or visit [www.learningtreechildcare.com](http://www.learningtreechildcare.com).

— By John R. Hall

## Tricia Auten



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Tricia Auten has created a home-based, direct-selling business called Mystique Jewelry. She hopes to have representatives in five states in the next two years

## Mystique Jewelry

866-925-6978 • [www.mystiquejewelry.net](http://www.mystiquejewelry.net)

Mystique Jewelry is a home-based, direct-selling business. Tricia Auten and her husband co-founded the business two years ago.

Auten describes the business as profitable, allowing the individual to take their business talents and social skills to a new level.

"We offer jewelry from local artisans, to those from Peru, Italy, New Zealand, and Utah. It's modern, conservative and artistic jewelry that appeals to all tastes," Auten said.

Their selection is wide. It includes belts, buckles, and watches, earrings, rings, anklets, toe rings, slides, bracelets, and necklaces of sterling silver and other organic metals.

Mystique Jewelry is sold through independent consultants that want an identity outside their home, and are looking for a fun way to meet people and earn income.

"There are three things that Mystique Jewelry offers," Auten said. "Great products, a great and generous hostess program with free products based on sales, and an amazing ground-floor business opportunity."

They also offer adolescent jewelry, and jewelry for men, at affordable prices. Auten says prices range from \$12 to \$169 — offering something for everyone's budget.

"We try to work with local artisans for jewelry.

A portion of our line is Michigan made," she said. A new Mystique Jewelry catalog is due to launch soon with even more beautiful pieces from which to choose.

Auten says her goal is to change people's lives by offering them a business opportunity.

"We ask them to go and set up home shows," she said. "We're looking for any woman who wants to make a little or a lot of income and have fun doing it."

Auten, who used to own a wellness company, says she loves helping people. Besides Mystique Jewelry, she is a full-time mom, and is expecting her third child in May.

An accomplishment she noted was the ability to chase a dream and go after what she believed in.

She also is aligned with The Pink Door, an organization that makes mammograms available to those who can't afford it.

"It's all about early breast cancer detection," Auten said. "Mystique Jewelry has even designed some jewelry pieces for that."

Within the next two years, Auten would like to see Mystique Jewelry in five other states.

Call or visit Mystique Jewelry's Web site today to find out how to become a part of this growing business.

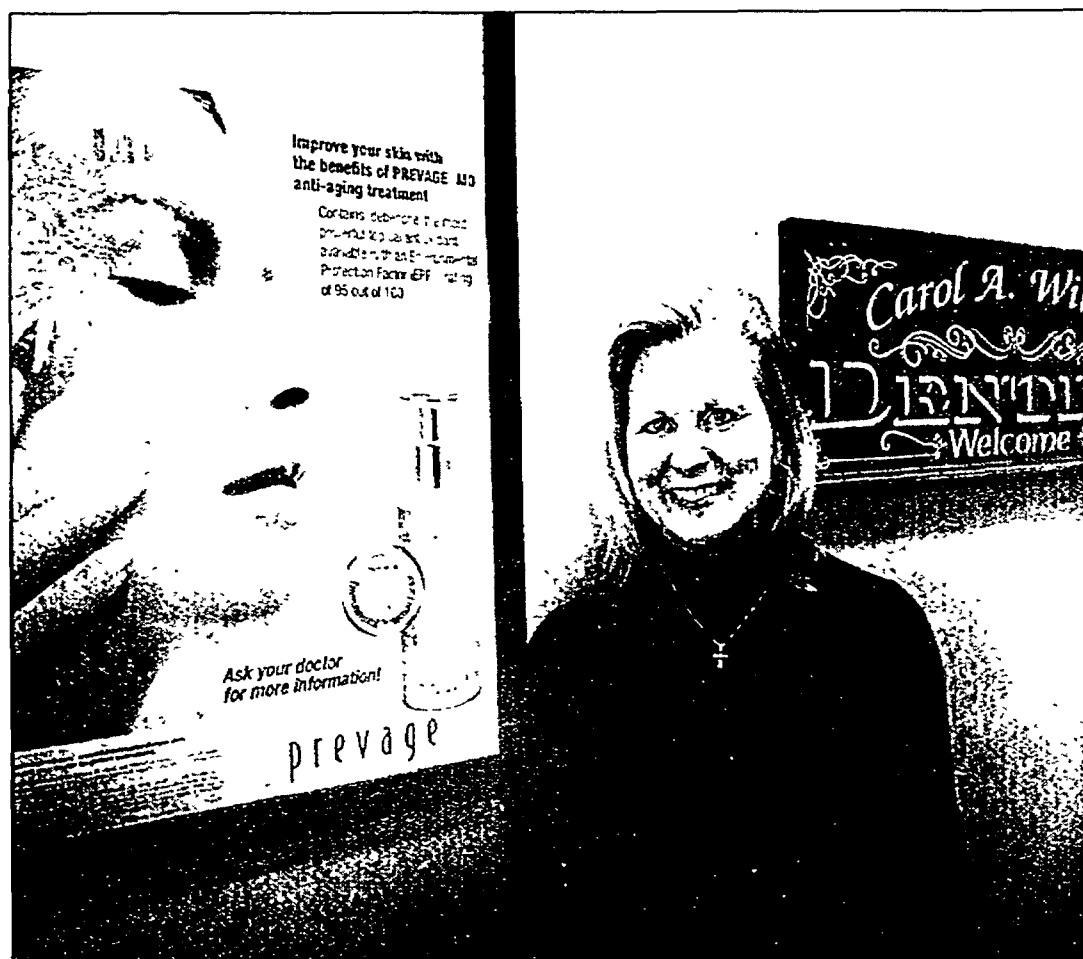
— By Nathan Menoian

## The staff at Carol Wilkop, DDS



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The women dedicated to helping patients feel good about themselves are, from left, Colleen Williamson, Debra Coppens, Jennifer Lucero, Dr. Wilkop, Mindy Viazanko, and Brooke Davis. At right, Dr. Carol Wilkop has added new services, such as skin care and Botox, to her Milford dental practice.



# Carol Wilkop, DDS

248-685-2035

It might seem unusual for a dentist to venture into the business of Botox injections and other treatments to combat the signs of aging. But for Carol Wilkop, DDS, it was an obvious next step.

After all, she explained, for a head and neck specialist like her, she's committed to helping people look their best.

"This allows me to more fully treat my patients, to fully accommodate them," Wilkop said. "I can give them a beautiful look. I can give them a beautiful smile, and I can help them with their skin. It's interconnected and absolutely about providing

health care."

Wilkop expanded her practice into the skin treatment area a few months ago, after completing additional training that qualifies her to do so.

While she finds the dental profession enjoyable and rewarding, she felt like she "hit a wall" in her career and needed to branch off.

"I can do a lot to improve the appearance of teeth, but I could n't go any further. Now I can go further," she said.

At the Wilkop Dental Center on Main Street in downtown Milford, Wilkop now offers Botox injections, typically used

*"You will see the difference in how people will relate to you at work or on a social basis. And let's face it. People judge us on the way we look, whether we like it or not."*

Carol Wilkop  
Milford Dentist

between the eyes and forehead. Juvederm — an injectable gel to

treat facial wrinkles and lip lines — and Prevage MD, a highly-

concentrated anti-aging skin treatment containing antioxidants, sold exclusively in physicians' offices.

For most people, the signs of aging appear in face when they are about 30 years old, Wilkop said.

By beginning treatments sooner rather than later, patients often require less frequent maintenance appointments — and skin can be improved, she said.

Results from Botox typically last three to four months at first, but often longer after a few treatments, she said.

Results from Juvederm last as long as a year.

"And the antioxidants (in Prevage MD) actually heal your skin," Wilkop said.

An increasing number of men and women are realizing that a few minutes of professional skin treatments at her office can mean drastic improvements, Wilkop said.

"You will see the difference in how people will relate to you at work or on a social basis," she said. "And let's face it. People judge us on the way we look, whether we like it or not."

Call Wilkop today at 248-685-2035.

— By Aileen Wingblad

## Mary Kabisa



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Mary Kabisa, owner of Casa De Amici, South Lyon's newest interior design business, is ready to welcome customers to her decorative showroom and retail store

## Casa DeAmici

248-446-8050 • [www.casadeamici.com](http://www.casadeamici.com)

The name itself speaks of a friendly atmosphere — Casa DeAmici — which is Italian for “house of friends.”

Mary Kabisa, owner of South Lyon's newest interior design business, has already felt very welcome in the community. She describes her business with the simple phrase “unique furnishings and interior design.” And unique it is.

Her retail shop at 129 S. Lafayette St. in South Lyon displays her taste in decorative home furnishings in a full-working design showroom, including kitchen and bath displays. Her interior design services show how she combines different features for a unique look that is customized to every client's needs.

“I want people to feel comfortable with me,” she said. “Interior design does not have to be too expensive and I want everyone to be happy with whatever they choose to do in their homes.”

Mary said some of her customers want to create a whole new look by starting from scratch, while others prefer to make minor changes that reflect their individual tastes and budgets. “Small changes can make a whole house look new,” she added.

Looking new can mean adding a piece of furniture, wall covering, or rug but it can also mean adding something that is already in the home — or hidden away. “I suggest that people never throw anything out from the garage,” Mary said. “You never know what you might be able to use again.”

Mary has had 14 years of experience in interior design and was encouraged to start her business in South Lyon by a close friend and business associate who is also an interior designer.

“I had to pinch myself to see if I was really

doing this,” she said. “It has always been a dream of mine to own my own business but I didn't think it would happen this soon. I still have kids in high school!”

Having her own business means taking pride in the community, and she is very supportive of local artisans who display and sell their products in her store.

Her care and concern for others extends to local organizations, too. She is a strong supporter of the Pink Door, a Milford-based nonprofit organization that helps raise money to pay for mammograms for people who do not have insurance or who have high co-pays.

Her compassion is also very evident in her approach to each customer.

“I feel that I can help design their homes to reflect who they are and not who I think they are,” Mary added. “I want them to be happy with their decision and happy with the suggestions I make.”

Mary is also realistic about today's economy and that may have an impact on business. But she knows that there are many customers who want to continually upgrade their homes and who still need her decorating expertise, an expertise that she has developed through many “life experiences.”

“Being in people's homes gives me a lot of ideas,” Mary noted. “Designs change all of the time and it is important to see how people keep up with these changes.”

Casa DeAmici is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Consultations are by appointment. “Just call — and I'll accommodate your special needs,” Mary said.

— By John R. Hall

## The Women of Superior Cadillac



Photo by KRISTINA DRAKE

Making every transaction a smooth one at Superior Cadillac GMC in Brighton are, from front left: Colleen Hicks, Linda Wrubel, and Carrie Bunting; back row: Diana Grace, Jessie Potter, and Beth Cooper. Not pictured: Barb Novak.

## Superior Cadillac GMC

810-227-1100 • [www.superiorcadillacgmc.com](http://www.superiorcadillacgmc.com)

The Superior Cadillac GMC dealership located in Brighton is a business focused on being the leader in customer service through teamwork, honesty and integrity.

Behind the scenes and up front there is a wonderful group of women in the know, working to make each part of every transaction a smooth one.

The ladies of Superior Cadillac GMC agree that the dealership has a special way of making people feel at home with a friendly, honest and professional environment.

Customer Relations Manager for almost 6 years, Diana Grace has over 10 years Hospitality Management experience and holds the dealership team to the highest standards of providing exceptional customer service throughout the dealership.

Finance Manager for 8 years and 4 years working her way up from the other facets of the dealership, Carrie Bunting meets the challenges of the financial needs in this changing economy in the constantly evolving automotive market. “It can be a challenge to meet the finance needs of a customer,” Carrie said. “But it is worth it as the customer appreciates our efforts.”

Linda Wrubel holds a Marketing Degree and has been with the company for 15 years. Her Title Biller position requires that all transactions are in compliance with all states, their guidelines and legalities of putting each vehicle sale together for delivery. “This is a nice, easy going place to work,” Linda said.

Beth Cooper is a Sales Consultant with nearly 20 years of automotive sales experience building a customer clientele throughout the GM product portfolio.

With a Masters Degree in Organizational Leadership and her 15 years with the company,

*“It can be a challenge to meet the finance needs of a customer, but it is worth it since they appreciate our efforts.”*

Carrie Bunting  
Superior Cadillac GMC

Colleen Hicks's position as Office Manager oversees daily accounting procedures. “I appreciate the many friendships I have made here, with all my co-workers as well as with our customers,” Colleen said.

Barb Novak has been a Sales Consultant with Superior Cadillac GMC for over 15 years. Barb's loyal customers are extensive. Barb is dedicated to her customers, and is always working to make that new customer her next loyal customer.

Jessie Potter has been with the company for three years while she is currently attending Washtenaw College full-time. As Office Administrative Assistant, Jessie handles many duties including data entry, inventory, receivables and incentives.

Visit Superior Cadillac GMC at 8282 Grand River Ave. in Brighton. The dealership is open from 9 a.m. through 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. through 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m. through 3 p.m. Saturday. Call 810-227-1100 or visit online at [www.superiorcadillacgmc.com](http://www.superiorcadillacgmc.com).

## Nancy Nawrocki & the staff at Nawrocki Center for Elder & Family Law



Photo by SALLY RUMMEL

Nancy Nawrocki of the Nawrocki Center for Elder & Family Law is committed to the work that she does through her office, church and community



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The staff at Nawrocki Center for Elder & Family Law includes, from left, Susan Peters, Stephanie Simone, SueAnn Daniel, the new elder-care coordinator; and Ronda Ritchie.

## Nawrocki Center for Elder & Family Law

810-229-0220 • [www.nawrockilaw.com](http://www.nawrockilaw.com)

Nancy Nawrocki of the Nawrocki Center for Elder & Family Law has always blazed a trail for herself and the clients whom she serves.

As one of the only attorneys in Livingston County to take a holistic approach to ensuring quality of life as people age, Nawrocki continues to work on behalf of her elder clients through the maze of estate planning, probate avoidance, Medicare and Medicaid planning, special needs trusts — as well as divorce, abuse and other elder-law issues.

Now she has added a new component to her current services with Life Care Planning, a process that provides a practical approach to help families meet the inevitable challenges of caring for an aging family member.

Life Care Planning is actually a national organization, of which Nawrocki is a founding member. The group is called the National Association of Life Care Planning Law Firms, and Nawrocki is one of only two such attorneys in the state of Michigan.

“Our goal is to bring together the entire family so we can find, pay for, and keep the care that allows our elder clients to age in place, wherever that environment happens to be for them,” explains Nawrocki. “By working as a team, we are able to assess the situation, research possible solutions,



Kari Miles, associate attorney

and explore all available sources of financial help.”

Helping her achieve these goals is elder care coordinator Sue Ann Daniel, who has recently been added to Nawrocki's staff.

She assists clients in obtaining housing, medical care and accessing

community services that will improve their overall quality of life.

“My goal is to help clients remain independent and autonomous for as long as possible,” says Daniel, who has more than 17 years of experience in working with the elderly and their families, most recently with local hospice groups.

Together with other on-staff professionals, Nawrocki Center for Elder & Family Law is able to make a huge difference in people's lives, one client at a time.

In addition to helping her clients, Nawrocki has been involved in a myriad of community organizations. She was an elected trustee of the Cromaine District Library, served on the board of the Women's Resource Center and is a charter mem-

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ber of the Academy of Special Needs Planners, assisting the aged and disabled.

She has been commended by the city of Brighton for her service to the community by nominating and electing her into the Michigan Women's Roll of Honor.

Perhaps her heart is closest to her work as the first woman president of the Presbytery of Detroit, where she leads 80 Presbyterian churches in the Detroit area.

A graduate of Wayne State University School of Law, she recently has enrolled in a masters of law

degree program from Stetson University School of Law in the elder law program — the first of its kind in the country.

She and her husband, Paul, have been married for 38 years and are the parents of three grown children, as well as six foreign exchange students that are an important part of their family.

Call or visit Nawrocki Center for Elder & Family Law today to plan for your future and the future of your children.

— By Sally Rummel

## Carla Royer



Photo by JEFF L. LOVELESS

Carla Royer prepares a permanent make-up treatment at Absolutely Fabulous, the salon she owns and operates to give people a relaxing place to unwind and feel beautiful.

## Absolutely Fabulous

248-231-7134

In the hectic rat race that most of us call life, a person needs a place to relax and feel pampered, and for those individuals living in the South Lyon area, they can find just that at Absolutely Fabulous.

The salon's creator, Carla Royer, knows very well how crazy life can get. Six kids, a dog, and a few guinea pigs will keep anyone busy at home. But Royer knew she was not the only one with a stressful life, so with inspiration from other women and her husband, she set out to create a relaxing place for people to unwind.

At her salon, located at 555 S. Lafayette St. in South Lyon, Royer offers an array of treatments to improve looks, increase confidence, and soothe the soul. In a relaxing, peaceful atmosphere, guests receive rejuvenating facials and body services, anti-aging skin treatment, nail care, structural balancing, massage therapy, cosmetic enhancements, eyelash extensions, and much more.

Royer, who holds a certificate from the state of Michigan for permanent make-up application, is always ready to help a person feel better about themselves. Permanent make-up tattooing is just one way she achieves this.

"With my help you can wake up in the morning with your make-up already on," Royer said. The tattooing allows the individual to feel great about their looks and save time preparing for the day.

At Absolutely Fabulous, Royer and her staff of

*"With my help you can wake up in the morning with your make-up already on."*

Carla Royer,  
Absolutely Fabulous

three, show their concern for perfect strangers in other ways too. There is a standing offer from Carla to any cancer survivor who could benefit from her unique talents — her permanent makeup services are free.

"Because of the treatment they have gone through," Royer explained, "their eyebrows usually do not grow back. And I gladly help them with that."

Everyone deserves some care and attention like that provided at Absolutely Fabulous.

Make your appointment today by dialing 248-231-7134, and let Royer and her staff take care of you.

— By Jeff L. Loveless

## Mona Patel, Rita Patel & Teresa Berent



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Sisters Mona and Rita Patel and Teresa Berent have brought a unique blend of flavor, art, atmosphere, and entertainment to Northville with Solid Grounds Coffeehouse.

## Solid Grounds Coffeehouse

248-348-9737 • www.solidgroundcoffeehouse.com

What do three women do with backgrounds in information technology, customer service, and in-flight airline service? They open up a very unique coffee shop in downtown Northville.

Sisters Mona and Rita Patel and Teresa Berent have brought a unique blend of flavor, art, atmosphere, and entertainment to their business and people have welcomed the new venture with open arms.

"We chose Northville because it is a growing area with a good blend of people," said Rita.

"There is a real sense of community here."

"We wanted a one-of-a-kind business that represented different ethnicities," said Mona.

There are several things that make Solid Grounds Coffeehouse unique. One of them is the atmosphere. The appealing décor is a blend of modern color schemes mixed with a number of art pieces created by local artists.

"These are consignment pieces which are available for sale to our customers," Mona noted. The appearance of this artwork gives the impression of a miniature art gallery. All of the women had input on the interior design and worked with a professional to create the finished product.

Another unique item is the menu, which includes a number of products including freshly-made chai, a spicy sweet tea, smoothies (a favorite with kids), coffee selections, appetizers, and sandwiches. Teresa, whose favorite drink is chai, said that it takes a little extra time to make the tea from

scratch but she has been told by customers "that we have the best chai in Michigan."

While customers enjoy the refreshments and ambiance they are also entertained by singers and musicians. The women audition performers who come from around the area and the genre includes modern rock to country, performed by different age groups. Tuesday nights are open-mic night for aspiring artists. Solid Grounds Coffee House recently hosted a musical and instrumental performance from members of Northville area bands.

Having local talent is one way the owners can give back to the community that has supported them so well in their first year. "Northville is a great town," said Rita. "People want to see us succeed." And patrons can see a lot of Rita, who describes herself as very sociable. All three women divide up the various business activities and all feel it is important for business owners to be there to run the business and meet the customers.

"It makes a big difference when owners run the business," said Teresa. "We make sure each customer is happy."

As the weather warms up, customers will be able to enjoy outdoor seating and entertainment, as the women plan to install an outdoor sound system.

Stop by Solid Grounds Coffeehouse, located on 133 W. Main St. in Northville, today. And bring your laptop, too — there is free wireless Internet.

— By John R. Hall

## Rhonda Bifano



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Dr. Rhonda Bifano offers premium eyeglass frames and state-of-the-art technology at Bifano Eye Care of South Lyon.

## Bifano Eye Care

248-446-1146

Dr. Rhonda Bifano continues to bring new technology to a very old facility in downtown South Lyon.

Rhonda, an optometrist with Bifano Eye Care, has been serving her patients from the converted historic old home at 317 N. Lafayette St. in downtown South Lyon for 10 years.

And while the structure retains a lot of its history, there is definitely a high-tech look to the interior examination rooms.

"Technology changes every day and we have to keep up with it," she said. "When you own a business you can't be complacent — you have to move forward."

Forward is the key word here. Rhonda, along with her business partner Chris Bifano, have two locations (the other is in Dearborn) and they are committed to offering the most advanced eye-examination equipment in the field. That includes equipment that will photograph the back of a patient's eye, enabling Rhonda to make an immediate diagnosis of any eye disease, or systemic disease such as diabetes or high-blood pressure.

"The eye is a window to a person's overall health," she said. And Rhonda is more than happy to show that "window" to patients right on the spot.

Rhonda keeps up with new technology in other ways, too. She is a member of the Michigan Optometric Association, which requires members to take continuing education classes. She is also on the advisory board of The Laser Center.

Speaking of laser, Rhonda said that many people are opting for Lasik surgery today, which has become the "gold standard" for corrective proce-

dures, she noted. This procedure is co-managed between Bifano Eye Care and area surgeons. She added that some newer trends in eye care include contact lens implants and bifocal implants.

Bifano Eye Care is also known for its large selection of eyeglasses — and not just any selection.

"We only carry premium products," said Rhonda. "We want customers to have frames and glasses that will last a long time. We don't carry discontinued products, either. And we always stand by what we sell."

Besides exams and eyewear products, Rhonda also handles emergency eye care.

"We treat minor abrasion and infections," she said. "It is actually better to come to us rather than go to a hospital emergency room. We are up to date on all of the treatments for the eyes. Whereas an emergency room treats everything, we specialize in the eyes."

Rhonda, an optometry graduate from Ferris State University, has lived in South Lyon since 1992. She has two pre-teen children.

She staffs the South Lyon location 2½ days each week and spends an equal amount of time at the Dearborn office.

Rhonda has been very happy having a business in South Lyon, particularly in the historic old home.

"Our business has grown every year," she said. "And South Lyon is a great place to open a business, too."

Contact Rhonda today for an exam.

— By John R. Hall

## Renee E. Geran



Photo by JEFF L. LOVELESS

Dr. Geran of South Lyon Orthodontics shows off the spacious, laid back style of her state-of-the-art dental office.

## South Lyon Orthodontics

248-437-1620 • www.southlyonorthodontics.net

For years, people have resisted getting braces. Mostly the look of braces drove people away, but with state-of-the-art dental care, like that practiced by Dr. Renee E. Geran at South Lyon Orthodontics, those days are over.

With new methods of straightening teeth and improving facial features affected by jaw growth problems, Dr. Geran is able to fix dental problems with very minimal interference with your lifestyle.

Invisalign, a popular choice among more mature patients, uses custom made aligners that are removable and virtually invisible. This method is very effective with people who have had braces, but did not wear their retainers long enough.

If Invisalign is not right for your teeth, don't worry, there are other options. Dr. Geran also offers porcelain braces, which are hardly noticeable.

Even with all these great options for mature patients, Dr. Geran has not forgotten about her younger patients. That is why she, and her staff, has established an atmosphere where kids come in willingly.

For starters, there is a reward system for younger patients who practice excellent dental hygiene, and Dr. Geran does not just give out gold stars and lollipops. Those patients who brush as instructed and take care of their dental appliances earn points toward gift certificates to places like Best Buy, McDonald's, Borders and Mickey's Dairy Twist!

Younger patients also love changing the colors on their braces, and Dr. Geran encourages them to bring their siblings along when they come for an appointment.

*"The benches near the dental chairs are often used by a patient's brother or sister. They like to watch and see what colors the older sibling is going to get on their braces."*

Dr. Geran  
South Lyon Orthodontics

"The benches near the dental chairs are often used by a patient's brother or sister," said Dr. Geran, while pointing to a sitting area right next to the dental chair. "They like to watch and see what colors the older sibling is going to get on their braces."

With all these great options there is no reason not to contact Dr. Geran. So if you are looking to improve your smile, the 2007 People's Choice for Best Orthodontist would love to help you change your life for the better. Don't put it off! Call them today at 248-437-1620.

— By Jeff L. Loveless



## Jennifer Mitchell



Photo by KRISTINA DRAKE

Jennifer Mitchell has made it her business to help families through personal, non-medical, in-home care

## Home Helpers

810-844-2113 • www.homehelpers.cc

Family life can be very complicated all on its own. Between working and raising children there are few spare moments left in a day. If you were to add to that the need to become caregiver for aging parents or to help a family member recovering from surgery or a serious illness, your free moments become non-existent.

Jennifer Mitchell has made it her business to help families in these tough situations. Jennifer owns Home Helpers in Brighton. Home Helpers offers personal, non-medical, in-home care. Jennifer's clients cover a wide range that includes new mothers, people with disabilities and those recovering from surgery, chemotherapy patients and seniors.

The care a client receives from Home Helpers is not only one-on-one and personalized, it is in the client's own home.

"Home is a great place to recover," Jennifer said. "Often people get better faster at home. Even seniors seem to stay healthier longer when they can remain in their own home comfortably."

Home Helpers offer in-home care as a wonderful alternative for seniors who may not want to leave their own home when things become more difficult. Jennifer is happy to take the chore out of caring for loved ones so that families can get back to just enjoying the quality time with each other.

Jennifer's compassionate and experienced care givers are available to help with daily activities like housekeeping, meal preparation, transportation, medication reminder, personal grooming and even simple companionship. Home Helpers develops its own care plan based on the needs of the client and the family. They are happy to communi-

cate with the client's medical care providers throughout the client's time with them.

Jennifer really enjoys what she does for a living and takes great pride in her business. "Starting a business in this economy was a big risk but I really felt there was a need for this type of service," Jennifer said.

Unlike some similar services, care givers are employees of Home Helpers and not subcontractors. Jennifer completes a full background check of her caregivers. "I would never send anyone out on an assignment that I wouldn't trust to take care of my own mother," Jennifer said.

She also gets to know each of her care givers personally and matches them to the individual client on a case by case basis. "I feel like a match-maker sometimes," Jennifer said with a smile. "It is very important to me that each client receive assistance from a caregiver they are not just comfortable with, but someone that shares the same interests and possesses specific skills that will benefit the client."

Jennifer runs two Home Helpers offices and can even assist you in finding care for loved ones out of state, nation wide.

Jennifer offers a free in-home consultation for potential clients. She comes to visit the client and their family to gauge the level of care required and so that the family and the care giver can get to know each other. Every in-home care plan is tailored for both the client and their families needs.

If you would like more information about Home Helpers you can contact Jennifer by telephone at 810-844-2113.

— By Kristina Drake

## Rekha Kostecke, MD, FAAP



Submitted photo

The caring women of the pediatric staff include, from left, Becky, Lisa, Dr. Kostecke, and Abbey

## Dr. Rekha Kostecke, Pediatric Medicine

248-676-0991 • www.milfordkidsdoctor.com

All parents want the best medical care for their children.

Dr. Rekha Kostecke has found that the best care is only possible only through a close relationship between doctor and patient. She's a board certified Pediatrician with a small practice in Milford.

"We know our patients well," said Rekha Kostecke, MD, FAAP. "You are not just a number, like at some of the bigger practices."

She's seen that some parents are referred to doctors in large medical practices, not knowing there is a better alternative.

"People are pushed into big groups," said Kostecke. "They don't know there are doctors like me who have time to get to know their patients."

"Once they find me, they seldom leave. They don't want to let me go even if they move away."

Kostecke emphasized that a good relationship with a doctor not only makes visits a more positive experience, it also helps with the quality of care. She is confident that when parent calls late at night because their child is sick, she remembers the child, and can make good recommendations over the phone.

"I don't have to guess, because I know that child," she said.

The comfortable, unhurried setting at the office of Dr. Kostecke makes for a better diagnosis and treatment choices.

"I spend lots of time talking to the children and their parents, because the parents know what is going on with their children," Dr. Kostecke said. The child-friendly office is filled with toys and

bright colors. It's a fun place for kids but it's not filled with germs.

Babies see the doctor in a special examination room set aside for baby well-visits. All the patients wait in either the "sick" waiting room or the "well" waiting room, so kids don't catch the sniffles at a check-up. Staff sanitizes the examination rooms and waiting areas often, especially if they've seen particular illnesses.

It's all a part of Dr. Kostecke's love for her patients.

"All these children are like my huge family," she said, showing off her walls filled with pictures and letters from grateful parents.

Dr. Kostecke has been practicing in Milford for the last nine years. The doctor feels right at home in Milford, with her husband Mike, who has been a Milford resident all his life. They have a 5-year-old son named Jay.

Kostecke makes it easy on patients by accepting most forms of insurance, including PPO, HMO, Tri-Care and Medicaid.

The office of Dr. Rekha Kostecke is open at convenient times for families. Hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 1:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, 2-6 p.m. Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Dr. Kostecke can be reached by e-mail at Dr.Kostecke1550@comcast.net

Call or stop by the office located at 1550 N. Milford Road, Suite 307, in the Woodland Center in Milford, today.

— By Kate Phillips

## Dr. Kathy Duncan



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Dr. Kathy Duncan uses a soft touch to correct spinal alignment in her Novi and Allen Park offices.

## Soft Touch Chiropractic

248-348-2000

For Dr. Kathy Duncan, talking about her business, Soft Touch Chiropractic, is like taking a nostalgic trip down memory lane.

So many foundations for her success began with the teachings of her father and the many lessons she learned as a registered nurse working in a hospital in critical care and the emergency room. When she looks back on her experiences in the medical field, she knows that her patients today have benefited from her knowledge of her field and her genuine care for them.

"My nursing experience has been very helpful," she said. "I utilize it every day when I am examining and helping my patients."

Basically, the soft touch tissue approach to treatment focuses on the spine, muscles, tendons and ligaments. "I have to thank my dad for getting me interested in the soft touch chiropractic method. He went to a seminar on the subject and began using it in his practice. He was getting such good results that I decided to give it a try. I used the method during the years I worked with dad before eventually using it in my own practice," she said.

Dr. Duncan's method involves using constant static pressure on specific points along the spine, allowing the spine to realign and balance the nervous system. "Patients are surprised by how gentle and non-invasive the method is," she said. "Yet despite its gentle nature, the method produces dramatic results."

Dr. Duncan has been using this method to successfully treat her patients for 18 years — the last 15 at her present location on Novi Road, just south of Ten Mile Road. And her patients have remained very loyal to her.

"I have had some patients for the entire 18 years," she said. "I have enjoyed hearing stories about their kids and even their grandkids. I've even been invited to some of their weddings, too!"

Her patients think so much of her methods and her friendly personality that 98 percent of them have come to Soft Touch Chiropractic through referrals and word-of-mouth. Despite the many familiar faces among her patients, there are also many new ones as well. The group is becoming decidedly younger.

"I'm starting to see a lot more children," Dr. Duncan said. "There are so many activities for them and their sports are becoming so much more competitive. I have seen a lot of sports injuries."

She has also seen a lot of new faces who are trying out soft touch chiropractic for the first time, curious to find new ways to take better care of their bodies. "People know they have to take responsibility for their health," Dr. Duncan said.

The slower economy has not been a deterrent. Affordable alternatives, such as soft touch chiropractic, have come at a very opportune time.

"People are looking for alternatives to more expensive methods of pain relief," she added.

Thanks to her recent purchase of her father's practice in Allen Park, Dr. Duncan can now bring her popular practice to a larger audience. That suits her just fine. "The main thing that I enjoy is helping people," she said. "I enjoy what I do and do not feel like I am going to work every day."

Soft Touch Chiropractic is located at 23895 Novi Road, Suite 400, in Novi. Contact Dr. Duncan today at 248-348-2000 to see how she can help.

— John R. Hall

## The staff at Huron Valley State Bank



Photo by KATE PHILLIPS

The staff at Huron Valley State Bank are involved in the community. Pictured from left are Stephanie Russell, Ronica Goetterman, Lori Verbrugge, Melissa Herron, Kim Winstead and Nellie Corey

## Huron Valley State Bank

248-684-9626 • www.hvsvb.com

It's good customer service — with a smile. Huron Valley State Bank in Milford is filled with friendly faces and fine service.

"We're committed to customer service," said staff member Stephanie Russell.

That's because the staff is from Milford and surrounding areas — they are the friends and neighbors of every customer.

It shows.

"Everyone gets greeted by name because we know everybody," said Melissa Herron. "People feel good when they walk in."

The bank opened in downtown Milford in 2005. Last year it opened a new location on Milford Road, south of downtown Milford.

It offers business and personal deposit accounts, checking and savings accounts, residential and commercial loans, plus 24-hour online and telephone banking. The bank even provides free courier service to local businesses.

Huron Valley State Bank was actually named the 2007 Business of the Year by the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"We were given this award because we are dedicated to the Huron Valley area," said Lori Verbrugge, vice president of retail operations.

Staff members of the bank are involved in all kinds of events, like local runs and walks for charity.

"We care about the community we serve," said Ronica Goetterman. "We want to be involved."

Every year the staff puts together a busy Relay for Life team. Right now they're selling luminaries, plus moon and stars for the 2008 Relay.

*"We pride ourselves on providing superior service to all our customers."*

Kim Winstead  
Huron Valley State Bank

They're also a part of American Red Cross blood drives, Milford Memories and Red Cross parades. They are known for driving an ice cream truck at the Independence Day parade in Milford, passing out free ice cream.

"Everyone loves it," said Nellie Corey. Staff members are active in the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, Highland Business Association, Milford Rotary Club, and the Huron Valley Council of Arts.

"We pride ourselves on providing superior service to all our customers," said Kim Winstead. Huron Valley State Bank is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Stop by at 130 S. Milford Road, or call 248-684-9626. Visit them on the Web at www.hvsvb.com.

— By Kate Phillips

## Lisa B. Vanderhoof & Brenda W. Smith



Photo by DAWN TOMCZYK

Two of the friendliest people you'll ever meet are Lisa Vanderhoof, left, and Brenda Smith, who breathe new life into the networking world with their Women's Forum networking group.

## Women's Forum Networking

Brenda 248-437-6010 • Lisa 248-486-2800

As a woman, what would you say to an evening without work, without chores, without men and entirely without stress? Co-founders of Women's Forum and long-time friends, Lisa Vanderhoof and Brenda Smith have struck that magical, stress-free balance between being professionals and being women.

"We went beyond what people said women are supposed to want, and thought about what women actually want," grins Brenda, "and what we want is a night out with our girlfriends."

And so that is precisely how they approach their networking. The Women's Forum has all the benefits of your typical networking group — a chance to connect with local professionals, swap cards and be inspired — but with these fun twists: there are no dues, no mandatory attendance, no volunteer requirements, no putting you on the spot, no formalities, no clique-iness, and absolutely no reason why you shouldn't stop by for a visit.

Lisa emphasizes, "We'll embrace you when you come. We love meeting new people!"

Brenda and Lisa first fashioned the Forum 10 years ago after needs they recognized in their own career-life balance.

As agent, owner and manager of Lisa Vanderhoof Agency, Inc. and an exclusive agent of Allstate Insurance Company and Allstate Financial Services, Lisa understands well the social isolation that professional women experience daily. And Brenda, putting in long hours as a Certified Public Accountant and small business advisor for her company, Brenda

W. Smith & Company, PC, has a long-standing acquaintance with high pressure and limited free time.

Their goal, then, was to create an atmosphere that encouraged more socialization and less sales pitch, more flexibility and less structure, more play and less work.

Lisa remembers networking women who "went from dreading to go, to 'I can't wait to go!'" once they experienced the low-key, welcoming nature of the Forum. Brenda notes that, "While we do encourage new people to pass around business cards, there's no standing up or singling people out, and nobody's going to shove anything down your throat!"

Designed for working and retired women of any age, position or profession, the Women's Forum is currently about 60 strong, with between 8 and 15 women attending monthly. The group gathers on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. The girls keep it fresh by rendezvousing at a different restaurant each time. The self-motivated, social meet-and-greet begins at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., everyone sits down to a lively dinner. Each woman pays her own tab. Attendance is "come when you can."

Brenda and Lisa promise that you'll be welcomed with equal enthusiasm, whether "come when you can" translates to once a month or once a year.

Call Lisa at 248-486-2800 or Brenda at 248-437-6010 to learn more.

— By Dawn Tomczyk

## Real Estate One — Milford



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The women at Real Estate One — Milford come from a variety of backgrounds, but all use their unique insights and experiences to perform at their best for real estate clients

## Real Estate One — Milford

248-684-1065 • [www.realestateone.com](http://www.realestateone.com)

Believe it or not, for Real Estate One in Milford, 2007 was a good year.

While home sales were slow for some companies, the women of Real Estate One kept going strong.

In fact, in 2007, 50 percent of the agents at Real Estate One performed equal or better than the previous year.

In 2007, the Milford branch was recognized during their company awards ceremony for being the Top Fundraising Office, beating out several offices much larger in size.

The 23 women in the office are proud to support the Real Estate One Charitable Foundation, with contributions going to both the Special Olympics and the American Cancer Society. In 2008, Real Estate One Milford won the People's Choice Award for Best Real Estate Office for the second year running.

Why do these women succeed and how can they in this market?

"It's their skill in the development of lifetime relationships," observed Vicki Ascherl, manager. "Women are nurturers by nature and tend to be very empathetic, which is a welcome form of support during a stressful time in the housing market."

"In addition to that, our agents have proven records of customer service, industry knowledge, integrity and professionalism."

The women in the office come from a variety of backgrounds. Some have been in the real

estate business for 30 years, while some are new to the business. All use their unique insights and experiences to perform at their best.

"Some people think that realtors are suffering due to the current housing market, but women tend to adapt very well and they are great at multi-tasking, which is necessary when dealing with foreclosures, short-sales, FHA financing and leases, transactions which require tracking a lot of details," Ascherl said.

Surprisingly, the office has had a recent upswing in applications from women interested in becoming real estate professionals.

"Women gravitate to the profession because it represents freedom, a flexible schedule and an unlimited amount of income based on your own drive, determination and professionalism," Ascherl said.

"It is our time as women to step into the driver's seat and determine our own direction when it comes to career fulfillment, income needs and lifestyle and real estate is one of the only careers where we can actually do that."

Stop by their office to learn more. Real Estate One is located at 560 North Milford Road in the heart of downtown Milford.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

You can also contact these realtors at 248-684-1065, or visit them on the Web at [www.realestateone.com](http://www.realestateone.com).

## Linda Bonham & the staff at Advantage Tax & Financial Services

## Advantage Tax & Financial Services

248-889-7991

[www.advantagetaxservice.net](http://www.advantagetaxservice.net)

There's a clear advantage. During uncertain financial times, any advantage is important. Those who seek help from Advantage Tax and Financial Services are a step ahead.

"This is the time to get to work on your financial situation," explained Linda Bonham, investment advisor. "There are a lot of opportunities out there."

"If you haven't gotten started this is a good time to explore your options. Everyone should review and update their portfolios."

Linda Bonham has been serving the public as a financial advisor and tax preparer for more than 20 years.

But she recalls hesitating to seek expert financial services.

"I do help young couples who are just starting out," she said.

"Sometimes a few suggestions can make a big difference. It is always a good idea to have someone look over your finances, no matter how much — or how little — you have. The young couples who I help out are people with goals, who are working to achieve them in the long run."

Bonham is an independent investment advisor.

"There's a big advantage to being independent," she said. "We're not just selling whatever one particular company has available. We're able to go out and find out what's best for each client, and provide exactly what we see as appropriate."

All sorts of investments are fair game — from stocks, bonds and mutual funds to life insurance and annuities.

Bonham is good at helping clients sort through the confusion, and can explain investment options in terms that make sense. Those who aren't familiar with the financial world will get a new understanding. Other clients come with a vast knowledge about investing. Bonham is glad to collaborate, and work with them on achieving their financial goals.

"There are some people that just don't have time to worry about the details — I help take care of everything, to make their life easier," she said.

Bonham is dedicated to the people in the community where she lives and works.

She has lived in Highland Township nearly her entire life. Linda and her husband John raised two daughters, Jenni and Marcie, in Highland. Now the couple also enjoys the company of four grandchildren and several beloved "grand-dogs."

Jenni and Marcie now work at Advantage Tax and Financial Services alongside their mother.

"This is where I am from, and where I always intend to stay," said Bonham. "This community is family to me."

The Highland woman is involved in various community groups, like the Highland Business Association and Women in Business. The business provides support for Sparks in the Park, the Joel-Jeremy Fund and other local projects.

Advantage Tax and Financial Services is located at 208 W. Highland Road, Suite 102, at Milford Road in Highland. To reach Linda Bonham call 248-889-7991 or go to [www.advantagetaxservice.net](http://www.advantagetaxservice.net).

— By Kate Phillips



Linda Bonham provides expertise in financial planning and tax preparation.



Advantage Tax and Financial Services has been in the same offices for four years, located on West Highland Road near Milford Road in Highland Township.



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The professionals at Advantage Tax and Financial Services, pictured in the front row from left, Marcie Bolden, Linda Bonham, Jenni Upleger, and in the back row, Glenda Becker, Beth Reiche and Sue Burton, provide expert service. Sherry Hess is not pictured.

## Margo Kramar



Photo by ED FLEMING

The staff at Margo's strive to fulfill the salon vision — "Customer service is our top priority and we go the extra length to ensure quality and to treat all clients with integrity and kindness."

## Margo's Salon & Spa

248-348-9130 • [www.margossalon.com](http://www.margossalon.com)

Margo Kramar is busy and she likes it that way — it's a testament to her and her staff's commitment to keeping their clients looking and feeling great.

Margo's Salon & Spa in Northville provides hair design, color and restructuring, massage therapy, energy work, electrolysis, nail care, skin care, waxing, makeup and products to a wide variety of clients.

Even though Margo's has been business since 1986, Kramar continually reinvents the services and staff through professional education.

The staff at Margo's strive to fulfill the salon vision — "Customer service is our top priority and we go the extra length to ensure quality and to treat all clients with integrity and kindness." Staff members are thoroughly trained in their specialties but work as a team to ensure client satisfaction and comfort.

The staff truly enjoys what they are doing. Being selected as the People's Choice winner for Best Salon for 2008 as well as three prior years, has given Kramar and her staff the confidence they are listening to their customers needs.

One staff member commented that Margo is not just a boss — she's a friend and treats everyone, even clients, like they are members of her own family.

"We are dedicated to offering the highest quality products and services to our clients, so we spend a lot of time learning about the latest tech-

niques," said Kramar. "We have an extensive line of treatments within each service we offer, so we can provide very individualized care to meet the needs of everybody."

Margo's Salon and Spa is a team player in the community as well.

"We are members of, and participate in, the activities taking place through the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority," she added.

"We want to be active contributors in the community and help organizations like Locks of Love, the Look Good, Feel Better Program sponsored by the Cancer Society, and many other organizations."

Margo's offers gift cards and personalized custom gift baskets that make an ideal gift for Mother's Day, as well as Father's Day as there are many services tailored to male clientele. Graduates would appreciate gifts from Margo's as well.

Margo's offers styles and packages for everyone including brides and their bridal parties. It's perfect for the occasion when you not only want to dazzle others but be assured that you are looking your best in photographs that will be preserved for decades.

Margo's Spa & Salon is located 141 E. Cady. Call 248-348-9130 or 248-348-6462 or visit the Web site at [www.margossalon.com](http://www.margossalon.com) for more information.

## Janice Raupp



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Janice Raupp works with Real Estate One in South Lyon

## Real Estate One South Lyon

248-981-6348 • [www.JanRaupp.com](http://www.JanRaupp.com)

Janice Raupp believes "Experience Isn't Expensive — It's Priceless". She has put in the hard work to prove it.

As a realtor consultant with Real Estate One in South Lyon, Jan is coming up with 20 years worth of experience in residential and commercial sales. She prefers to view life from the positive rather than negative.

"Michigan is a car-driven market that has been hurting and has a trickle-down effect, but home sales are picking up," she said. "In fact, we just had one of our most successful months in South Lyon."

Jan is licensed in new home construction and commercial properties. She also has a builder's license, GRI certification, is a Corporate Relocation consultant, and is certified in Home Staging.

"With Home Staging, I help homeowners better prepare their home for sale. So many things can be done to make a home more marketable," she said. "Simple ideas like trimming back some of the trees and shrubs give the home more curb appeal. There are many other suggestions as well."

Currently she is marketing Asbury Hills Village, just off Grand River Ave. in New Hudson, offering luxury ranch and cape-cod style condominiums at what she is calling, very good prices.

Some of condo's standard features (not upgrades) include granite kitchen countertops, 42" upper kitchen cabinets, hardwood flooring in kitchen and foyer, monitored security system,

insulated garage door with opener, central air and 90 percent efficient gas furnace and water heater.

Working with her at Asbury Hills is Real Estate One associate Peter Argenta. The condominiums offer first floor suites; daylight and walkout lower levels; and is close to Kensington Metro Park and I-96.

In her free time, Jan enjoys working on fundraisers for her church. She is married to a now retired nursing-home administrator. She describes herself as "positive, energetic, and diligent".

Jan says there are many in the real estate business having a notion that it is easy to make a lot of money. But only the ones who put in the hard work with a 24/7 mentality actually survive. Her business depends on referrals, and she knows the importance of networking.

"You have to be on call all the time," she said. "If you aren't working on a sale, you don't make money. The realtor has to be available whenever the client needs them."

South Lyon has many opportunities in the resale-housing market, as well as new construction. "My experience, knowledge, and tools can help home buyers and sellers with their every need," she said.

Real Estate One in South Lyon is located at 346 N. LaFayette. Contact Janice Raupp at 248-437-3800 ext. 210. Direct: 248-981-6348. E-mail: [JanRaupp@realestateone.com](mailto:JanRaupp@realestateone.com).

— By Nathan Menoian

## Kathy Tosoian



Photo by NATHAN MENOIAN

Kathy Tosoian, MA, LLPC, NCC is Director of Educational Services and Youth Development with Dale Carnegie® Training, offered by Ralph Nichols Group, Inc. in southeastern Michigan. The course helps teens and adults live up to their potential, overcome fears, and become the person they want to be.

## Dale Carnegie Training

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For Kathy Tosoian, life took on a new meaning after enrolling in the Dale Carnegie® Course 14 years ago.

"I went through a period in life when I needed to find my purpose," Tosoian said. "I was a stay-at-home mom and my kids were in school full-time." A friend suggested she take the Dale Carnegie® Course to build her confidence and help her become focused on this next phase of her life. Even before completing the course, she was amazed at how much it was making a difference and knew instantly that she wanted to become an instructor.

"In just 48 hours (four hours, once a week for 12 weeks), I felt like a new person: confident, enthusiastic, positive, directed. I feel I even became a better parent (role-model) for my children. Raising them with the Dale Carnegie® principles as a foundation, they grew up with stronger leadership abilities, people skills, greater self-confidence, enthusiasm, and pride." Kathy and her husband, John, are the proud parents of two successful grown children.

While Kathy enjoys teaching the course to people of all ages, she is especially passionate about working with teens and young adults. She has a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in counseling. She takes a personal interest in helping teens to live up to their potential by building their confidence in all sessions of the Dale Carnegie® Course.

"Psychologists have proven that people are held back in life because of a lack of faith in themselves. They're afraid! They make excuses to justify why they're not living up to their capabilities. It all has to do with their level of self-confidence. We believe every one has a comfort zone. If we stay within our comfort zone, we can't grow. We won't take risks. Opportunities in life, however, lie

outside our comfort zone. The person who is willing to stretch their comfort zone is the person who will get more out of life." Classes are taught in a positive, supportive environment and focus on what the students do right. The benefit of this is that their confidence immediately begins to grow.

Tosoian adds, "Teens face many serious issues today and must make many more decisions than we ever did at their age. Many of these issues are centered around peer pressure and competition. Today's pressure is greater and most teens have not been taught the skills to deal with stress and worry. So they sometimes rely on external means to ease their pain. The course teaches principles they can rely on so they're equipped to handle stressful situations. We give them classroom opportunities to practice the principles they can use for the rest of their life."

The human relations aspect of the course encourages students to build stronger relationships with family members and friends. "Many times parents comment on how their relationship with their son or daughter improved as a result of their participation in the course. They even become more tolerant of their siblings!" Tosoian said.

The course focuses on 5 key areas: self-confidence, human relations, communication skills, leadership, and maintaining a positive attitude (which includes the ability to manage stress and worry). In addition, participants graduate with more enthusiasm and motivation. The Dale Carnegie® Course is accredited by ACCET and may be recognized for college transfer credit and CEU's.

To enroll or to attend a free orientation session, contact Kathy Tosoian at 248-437-7897 or [kathy\\_tosoian@dalecarnegie.com](mailto:kathy_tosoian@dalecarnegie.com).

— By Nathan Menoian

## Dr. Jill Seguin



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Dr. Jill Seguin of Milford Dental Care

## Milford Dental Care

248-685-0941 • [www.milforddentalcare.com](http://www.milforddentalcare.com)

Milford Dental Care is making a lasting impression with their patients by offering quality dental care to the Milford area and beyond.

Dr. Jill Seguin has over 14 years experience providing dental care. She owns Milford Dental Care and serves patients also from Highland, White Lake, Commerce Township, Waterford, Walled Lake, and Brighton.

"One of our many services that we provide is cosmetic dentistry, which I find rewarding in helping patients feel better about themselves," she said. Her practice also offers dental cleanings, tooth-colored fillings, crowns and bridges, children and infant care, dentures and partials, and dental implant restoration.

Patients who may be a bit nervous are offered noise-reducing headphones and an iPod to listen to during their dental treatment. Nitrous oxide sedation is also available.

Making patient comfortable is a priority at Milford Dental Care and is noticeable as soon as you walk into their office. In the reception room there is a comfortable sofa and chairs, fireplace, and a flat-screen TV. Kids will find things to occupy themselves with as well, from a large selection of toys, video games or DVD movies.

Recent additions to help increase patient comfort level are enhanced elements inspired by the ancient study of Feng Shui. After consulting Trish Hibberd, a local Milford consultant, Dr. Seguin was eager to implement these changes.

Dr. Seguin's experience is extensive. She graduated from University of Detroit in 1994. She has attended the Las Vegas Institute and Pankey Institute for advanced training. She has earned a Fellowship from

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Dr. Jill Seguin  
Milford Dental Care

The Academy of General Dentistry and is currently working on her MBA from The University of Michigan.

"I'm training right now for the 60-mile breast cancer walk that will take place this coming September. It's a three-day event with a 20-mile walk each day," she said.

The office participates with most traditional dental insurance plans and offers third party financing, such as CareCredit.

Some of Dr. Seguin's dental tips include: brushing at least twice a day, flossing at least once a day, and dental checkups at least every 6 months. Patients new to Milford Dental Care receive a thorough exam which includes an intra-oral camera tour of their mouth.

Milford Dental Care is located at 1201 N. Milford Road.

The practice is open Monday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Call 248-685-0941 today for an appointment.



## Gina Piazza & Marilynn Piazza-Esper



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Gina Piazza, center back row, and her sister Marilynn Piazza-Esper, on Gina's left, love teaching and working with students of all ages in their Northville dance studio, the Piazza Dance Company.

## Piazza Dance Company

248-348-3720 • [www.piazzadanceco.com](http://www.piazzadanceco.com)

What started out as a small dance studio 27 years ago has blossomed into a way of life for the generations of recreational and professional dancers at the Piazza Dance Company.

That's because Gina Piazza and her sister, Marilynn Piazza-Esper, have put their hearts and souls into making their studio a place for people of all ages to learn the many disciplines of dance while enjoying a nurturing and friendly atmosphere.

The studio, which is located in the Northville Plaza Shopping Center at 42333 W. Seven Mile Road, has always been a family-owned business. Gina and Marilynn opened it with a third sister and eventually their daughters became involved as instructors, while their husbands helped working behind the scenes in stage management and general maintenance of the facility.

The sisters speak very fondly of their students. "We really care about our students," Marilynn said. "It's not just about the competition, we care about how much they can learn and grow."

She added that her school is willing to try different venues to offer the best training for its students. This year, the Piazzas will take their senior students to California to learn dance under several different renowned dance instructors. Other examples include the upcoming summer classes aimed at providing "the ultimate entertainment" for ages 12 and older.

"We are offering a week-long Precious Princesses camp," said Gina. "The fantasy camp meets July 28 to Aug. 1 and is full of imagination, dance, dress-up, games and crafts. Little princesses will enjoy lovely, glittery make-up and dress-up sessions with boas, tiaras, magic wands, fairy wings and more. Other activities include Princess-of-the-Day-themed games, a keepsake craft, and story time. Participating

princesses will learn a charming dance which they will perform for all the parents and friends of the enchanted kingdom on the last day of the camp."

Many of the students start young and continue on through high school. The ages range from 3-60+.

"It is really gratifying for former students to come back with their own children," Gina said. It is no wonder why students continue to come back — the Piazza Dance Company is a fun place to be.

"By now we have the formula down pretty well," Gina added. "We are very professionally run by experienced instructors. Every instructor has her own specialty. We even teach the students what make-up to wear on stage. And best of all, we have a very strong and supportive group of parents."

One of the best examples of teaching and leadership involves the dance captain program. These captains are nominated for their roles by instructors, based on their work ethic, leadership skills, and interpersonal skills. They are also responsible for leading their teams during activities such as the annual Christmas show, which is put on entirely by the students. Their 2007 show, which was staged at the Rock Financial Showplace, drew large crowds and was a big success.

The Piazza Dance Company is also host to the Northville High School dance team, which practices three times per week at no charge to the team. This giving and caring gesture is just one of many that Gina and Marilynn share with the Northville community.

For more information on their schedule of events, including a June three-day workshop or two-week dancer "boot camp" in August, call 248-348-3720 or visit [www.piazzadanceco.com](http://www.piazzadanceco.com).

— By John R. Hall

## Tina Engler-Socha



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Tina Engler-Socha looks forward to serving customers — even while on maternity leave — and meeting their families and friends at Fowlerville Ford.

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Tina Engler-Socha enjoys making the car-buying process for new and used cars seamless and hassle-free for her customers at Fowlerville Ford.

"Purchasing a vehicle is a big, expensive decision," Tina said. "Being informed is important."

Because of her high energy and positive attitude, Tina said about half of her business comes from referrals and repeat business.

"I really love our community, thanks to years of getting to know many people through Fowlerville Ford," Tina said. "Our customers have been coming here for years and we have developed relationships with their friends and families based on trust and loyalty."

She also added that along with owner Ken Hagar, Fowlerville Ford offers the highest trade-in values for vehicles in the area.

"I'm lucky to have an owner like Ken Hagar," Tina said. "Like many women in business, I'm a mom first and Ken is very flexible with my situation."

Tina and her husband Jeff, whom she considers her best friend, are expecting their second son on May 28. In her spare time she enjoys vacationing, golfing, entertaining, and scrapbooking.

It's been a banner year for Tina. She is the number one Ford sales representative in Livingston County and is number 21 in a three-state region that covers Michigan, Northern Ohio and Northern Indiana. Nationally, Tina took the number 70 spot for 2007.

"I'm proud to work for Fowlerville Ford," she said. "I also owe my success to an experienced owner and sales staff, which includes Jerry Bell

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Tina Engler-Socha  
Fowlerville Ford

who in six months time catapulted to the number four spot amongst the top 10 Internet Business Close Rate Dealers in the Detroit Region for 2007."

"I am grateful for my job, family and friends, and my customers," Tina said.

Fowlerville Ford is located at 8100 Country Corner, just south of the I-96 exit, in Fowlerville.

Tina can be reached by calling the dealership at 517-223-7777, extension 215, or by e-mailing [tengler@fowlervilleford.com](mailto:tengler@fowlervilleford.com).

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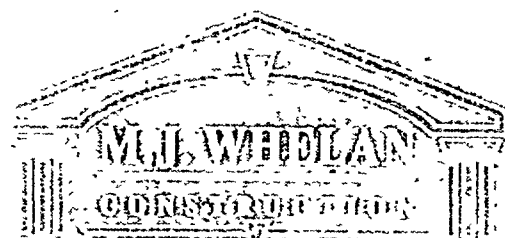
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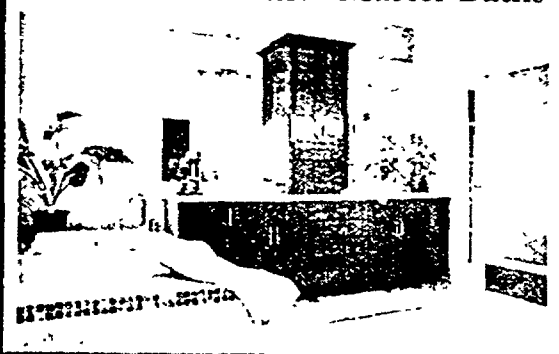
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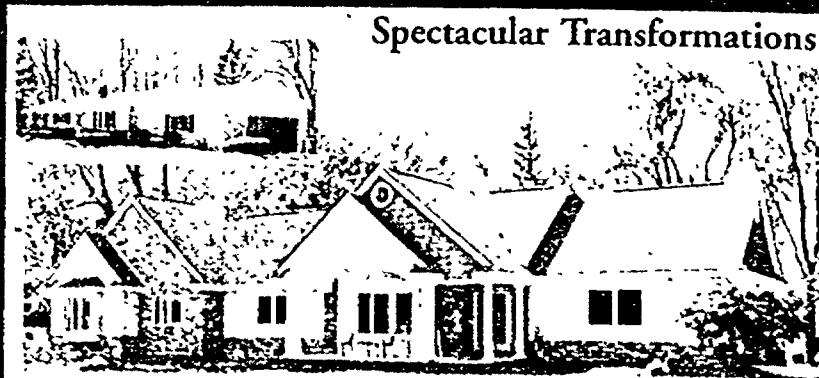
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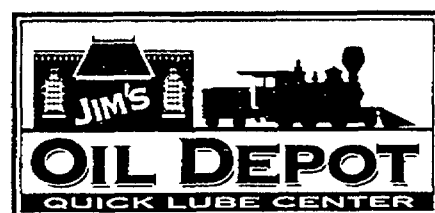


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novi people's choice winner

# Dinser's: Experts with a green thumb

By Tracy Estes-Mishler  
SPECIAL WRITER

When it comes to quality, selection and service, Dinser's Garden and Flowers was voted best.

In business for more than 85 years, and located in Novi since 1971, Dinser's offers a family-owned customer-friendly environment where nothing but the best leaves the greenhouse.

Owned and operated by fourth generation Dinser brothers, Mike, Tom, Gary, Billy and Robert, when it came to getting their hands in the dirt, running the family business came naturally. Mike Dinser, 60, said the family business is all he and his brothers knew and he is glad to share it with the community of Novi and the customers who patronize Dinser's.

"As kids we swept floors, pulled weeds and helped out as much as we could," Dinser said. "That's how we learned. Of course we played a lot, too, but now we're working. This is our livelihood."

The concept for Dinser's began more than 100 years ago with Mike's

great grandfather, Joseph Dinser. He said Joseph had a hobby greenhouse, which he used to dabble in plants and flowers.

It wasn't until 1915 or so, according to Dinser's, that a business was built and became the first FTD shop in the metro Detroit area.

Norma LaFever, 23-year employee of Dinser's, said it's an honor for people of the community to recognize Dinser's for the quality of growing and patronizing the center each year.

"We're really service orientated," LaFever said. "We're a family business and that really makes a difference. It's more personable coming here than to say a one-stop shop. You will learn where the plants need to go and how to care for them. We like to teach our customers."

LaFever said Dinser's helps customers design their own garden centers with nothing but the freshest flowers and plants available.

"We're one of very few greenhouses left growing under glass," she said. "We take great pride in our plants and flowers and it truly is an honor to be named best."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Dinser's is operated by members of the Dinser family, including, from left, Rob, Ryan and Tom.

Dinser said the coming 2008 season will bring a lot of new varieties in plants and he's looking forward to the season kicking off. "We generally pick up on the new things being offered to keep our customers up to date," he said. "We try real hard to grow the best stuff we can. We offer

high quality and a good selection, and that's our motto."

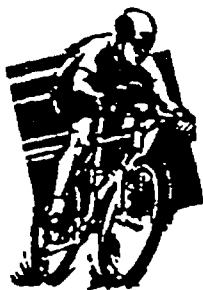
Dinser's Garden Center is located at 24501 Dinser Drive in Novi. The store is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Dinser's at 248-349-1320 or [www.dinsers.net](http://www.dinsers.net).

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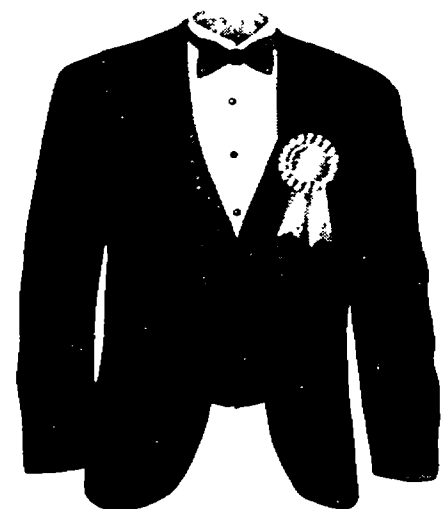
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## Northville Area Food Outlets

**Best Specialty Coffee House**  
Tuscan Cafe

**Best Place for Breakfast**  
Joseph's Coney Island

**Best Sunday Brunch**  
Fox Hills Country Club

**Best Fast Food Restaurant**  
Wendy's

**Best Family Restaurant**  
Helen's Uptown Cafe

**Best Place for Soup**  
Zoup

**Best Salad Bar**  
Zoup

**Best Place for Burgers**  
Poole's Tavern

**Best Place for Hot Dogs or Coney's**  
Joseph's Coney Island



Mary Starring offers a wide variety of artwork in Starring, the Gallery — Northville's choice for Best Art Store.

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Colleen Pidruzny is the head pastry chef at Edward's Cafe, the People's Choice for the best desserts.

**Best Place for Subs**  
Subway

**Best Place for Ice Cream**  
Guernsey Farm Dairy

**Best Place for Chicken**  
Guernsey Farm Dairy

**Best Quality Dining Restaurant**  
Tirami Su

**Best Place for Desserts**  
Edward's Cafe

**Best Italian Restaurant**  
Little Italy

**Best Place for Seafood**  
Rocky's

**Best Oriental Restaurant**  
Jasmine

**Best Tex-Mex Restaurant**  
Border Cantina

**Best Place for Pizza**  
Starting Gate Saloon

**Best Place for Steak**  
Dead Wood

**Best Place for Barbecue Ribs**  
Pooles Tavern

**Best Wine Selection (rest.)**  
Little Italy

**Best Beer Selection (rest.)**  
Little Italy

**Best Place for Romantic Dinner**  
Little Italy

**Best After-Work Meeting Place**  
Chase Bar & Grill

**Best Sports Bar**  
Chase Bar & Grill

**Best Place for Dancing**  
Manhattan Club

## Northville Area Service Providers

**Best Hair Salon**  
Margo's Salon and Spa

**Best Place to Bank**  
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**Best Real Estate Company**  
Remax

**Best Real Estate Agent**  
Patti Mullen

**Best Auto Service**  
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### Northville Area Retail Stores

**Best Art Store**  
Starring, The Gallery

**Best Pharmacy**  
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Gabby Mortimer, Rita Bruglio, and Lindsey Vershave provide Northville with the Reader's Choice for the Best Baked Goods at Great Harvest Bakery.



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**Best Bakery/Baked Goods**  
Great Harvest Bread Co.

**Best Floral Shop**  
Costco

**Best Grocery Store**  
Hiller's

**Best Party Store**  
Good Time Party Store

**Best Jewelry Store**  
Orin Jewelers

**Best Lumber Yard**  
Northville Lumber



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Dena Kallgren and Nina Watkins help families by offering quality used clothing at Baby Baby, the People's Choice for the Best Resale Shop in Northville.

**Best Beer Selection (Store)**  
Good Time Party Store

**Best Wine Selection (Store)**  
Hiller's

**Best Children's Wear**  
Moon & Me

**Best Men's Wear**  
(TIE)  
Alexanders  
Fine Threads

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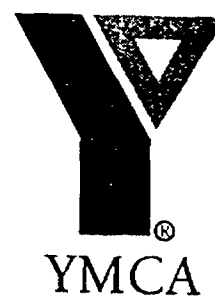
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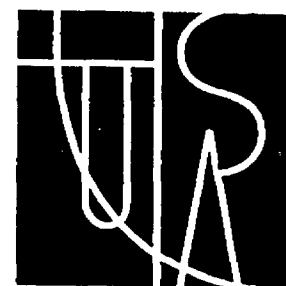
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South Lyon Village Bakery

**Best Coffee House**  
Java House

**Best Breakfast/Desserts/Seafood**  
Big Boy

**Best Sunday Brunch**  
Lucas

**Best Sandwiches/Burgers/Steak/Wine/Beer/After Work/Waiter**  
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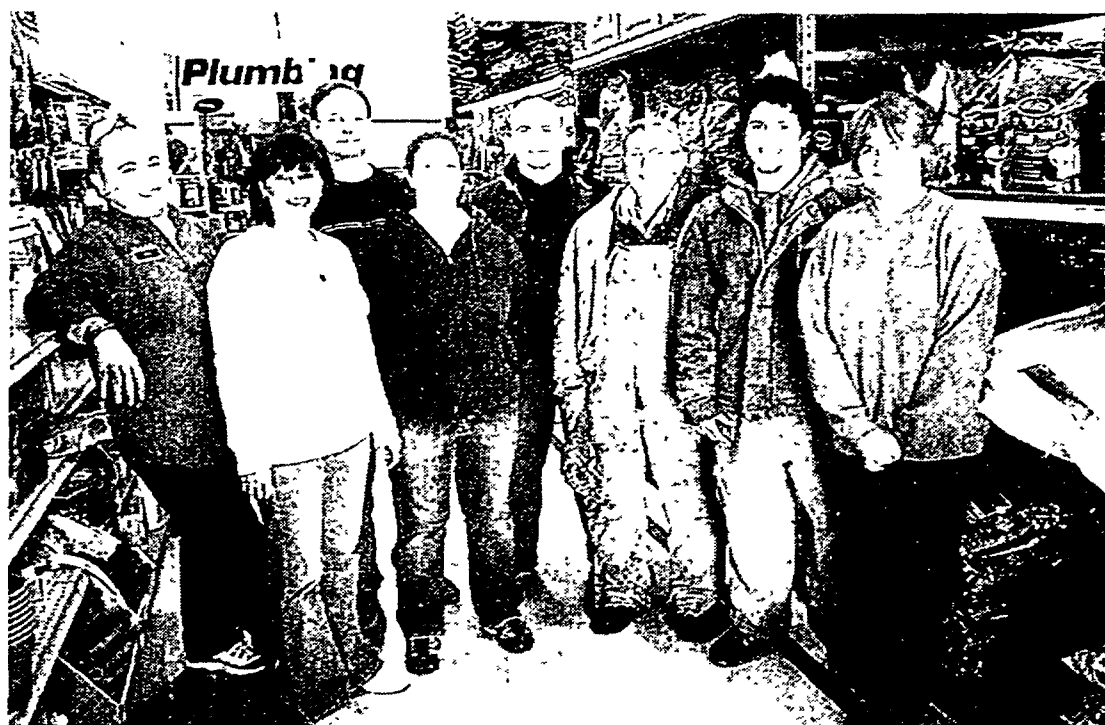


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Some of the crew at South Lyon Lumber, including, from left, Linda Dowsett, Rose Shull, Shawn Shull, Marilyn Brennen, Shawn Southworth, Darwin Prieskorn, Ryan Klosner and Joann Sharrard, were part of what earned the business Best Lumber in the People's Choice Awards.

**Best Fast Food**  
Wendy's

**Best Family Restaurant/Quality Dining/Romantic Dinner**  
Fiore

**Best Salad/Ribs/Chicken**  
Aleko's

**Best Hot Dogs/Coneys**  
Brown's Root Beer

**Best Subs**  
Subway

**Best French Fries**  
McDonald's

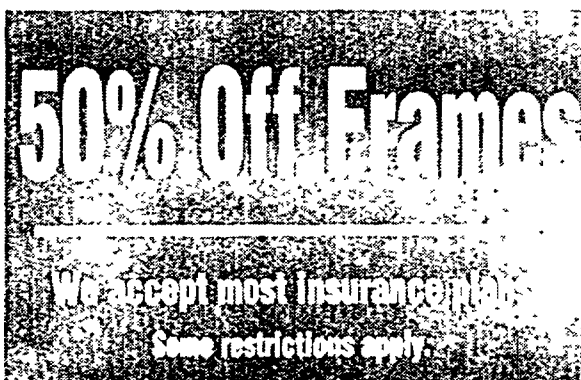
**Best Ice Cream**  
Dairy Queen

**Best Oriental Restaurant**  
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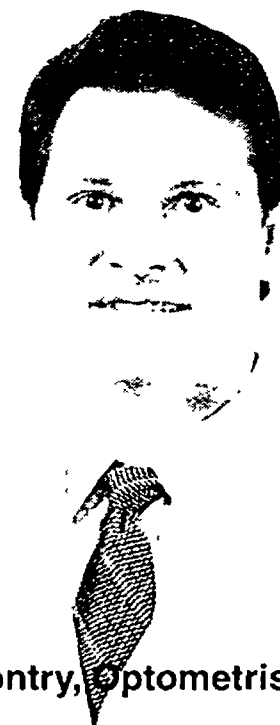
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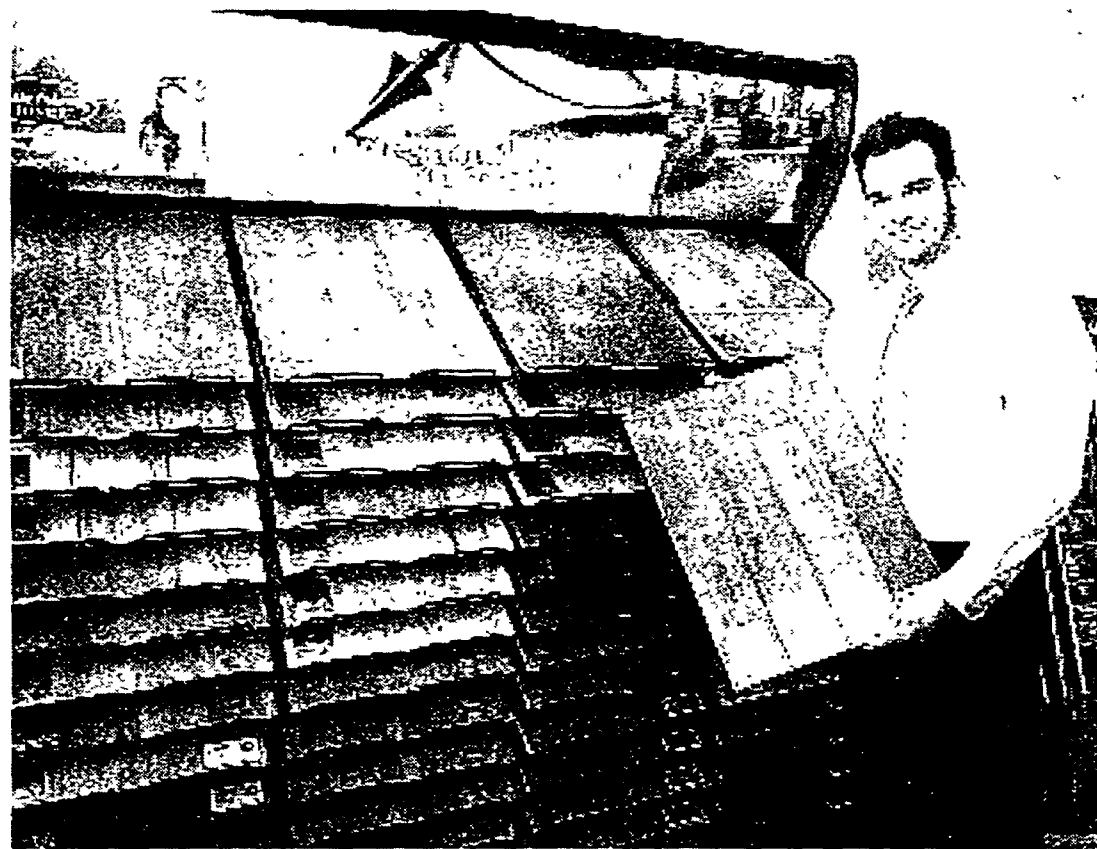


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Ronnie Williams and Perfect Floors were named Best Carpet and Flooring business during the South Lyon Herald's People's Choice Awards.

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## huron valley people's choice winner

# People come to Dimitri's for hot dogs, coneys and breakfast

By Aileen Wingblad  
STAFF WRITER

The people of Huron Valley have spoken.

If you want a scrumptious coney or hot dog, Dimitri's Coney Island in Milford is the place to be. And by the way, you can get a terrific breakfast there, too — the best around, in fact.

Dimitri's has snared two People's Choice awards this year, for Best Coneys and Hot Dogs — just as it has for the past several years — and for Best Breakfast, a first for the popular eatery. The awards came from votes cast by Milford Times readers.

"We're really excited — when I got the call telling me we won, we were bouncing off the walls," smiled Jim Themelis, owner and manager of Dimitri's.

Themelis said Dimitri's offers a "traditional Coney Island menu," and it's his own chili recipe that makes the coneys and hot dogs favorites among customers.

"Most people like the two coneys and fries with chili, onion and mustard," Themelis said. "Quite often, they'll get chili on the fries, as well."

At Dimitri's, everything is cooked to order with special touches that have people wanting to come back for more, time and again.

"And this is an open place, where the cooks will talk to you, and food is prepared right in front of you. First and foremost, we give customers what they want," Themelis said.

As for being named best place for breakfast in the Huron Valley, Themelis said it's "an honor" which he attributes to Dimitri's extensive menu and fresh, tasty ingredients. Breakfast is served anytime and is prepared when ordered to order to satisfy customers' tastebuds — and appetites.

"We have lots of variety on our regular menu and several daily specials," he said.

From corned beef hash, 20 different types of omelets, pancakes and french toast to hand-carved Virginia ham, sausage links, hash browns and more, there's plenty to choose from at Dimitri's.

A big seller — for big eaters — is "Dimitri's Breakfast," which includes a choice of two or three eggs, hash browns or American fries, bacon and sausage and ham, pancakes, toast and jelly. "People come in for that, and they are good for the day," Themelis said.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Dimitri's Coney Island won the Huron Valley's People's Choice Award for Best Breakfast and Best Hot Dogs/Coneys. Pictured here from left are, Vaso Micakovic, Jahnise Parks, Stephanie Themelis, John Kline, Audrey Bacha, Jennifer Johnston, Fay Themelis, and Jim Themelis.

Of course, people get more than terrific food at Dimitri's.

With its family-friendly atmosphere, Dimitri's has become a neighborhood gathering place.

"You come in here, and there's a really good chance you are going to run into someone you know. That's one of the things customers say they like about being here — seeing someone they haven't seen in a long time. It happens all the time," Themelis said.

And a large group of local senior men has adopted Dimitri's for their informal coffee club every morning, Monday through Saturday, where they debate just about everything from local happenings to world issues.

"They try to get me into their discussions, but I tell them I better just stay out of it," Themelis grinned. "But they love coming here, and we love having them."

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Jim Themelis  
Dimitri's Coney Island

anniversary this month and will be having plenty of specials to commemorate the milestone.

"It's our way of giving back to the community, to say thank you for all the great years we've had here," said Themelis.

And there are plenty more to come, he said. "This is a great center here, and a lot of people come in and feel like it's their home, their kitchen, and they have no problem

telling us how to make things," Themelis said. "And we listen to them. Otherwise, we have no business being here."

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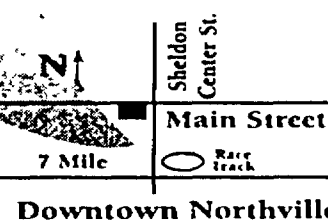


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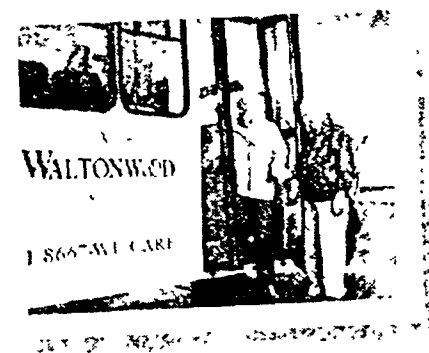
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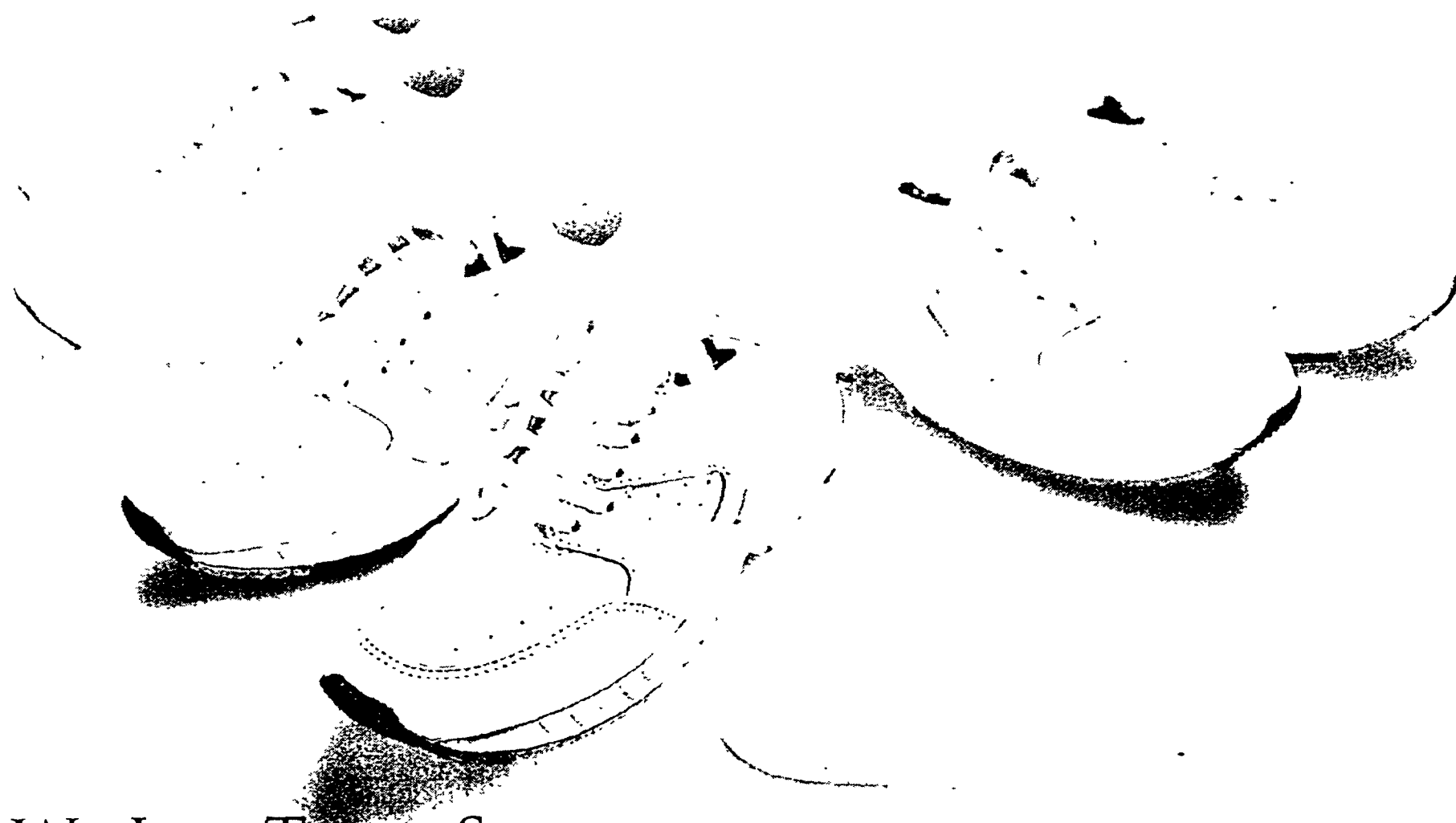
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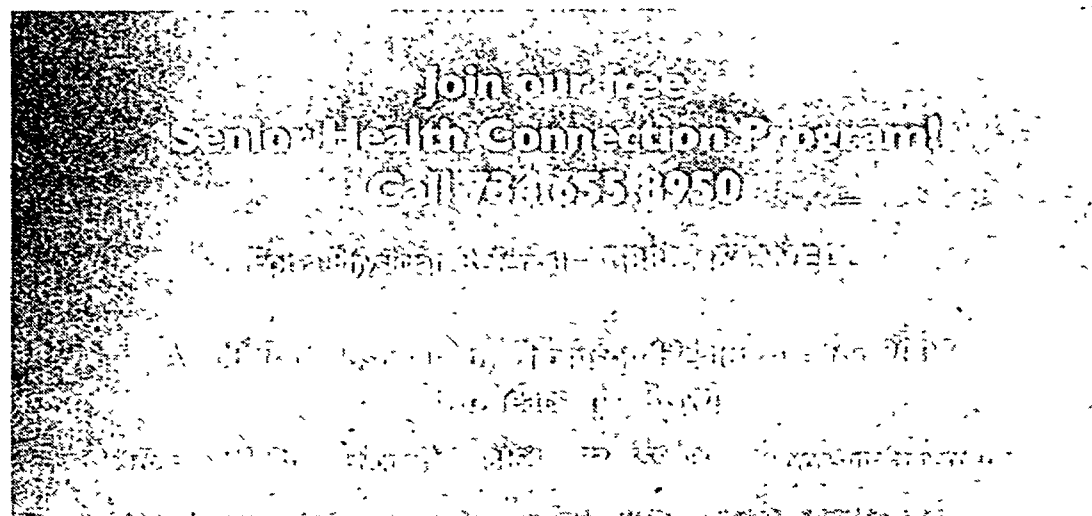
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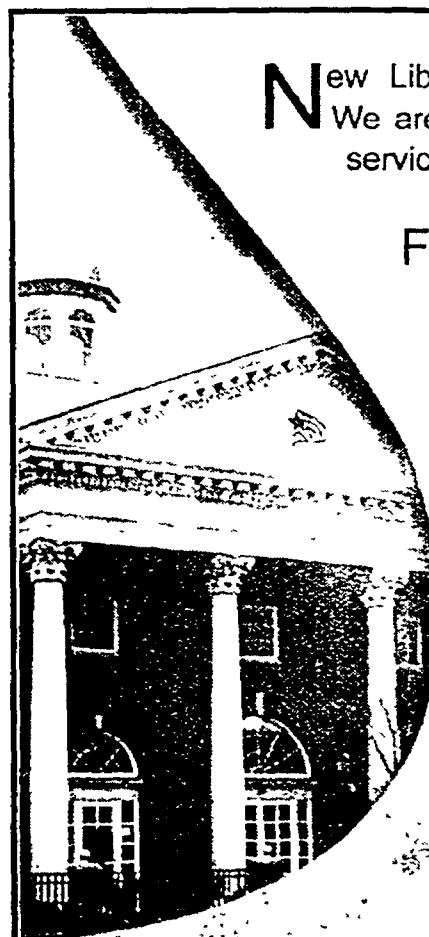


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Octavius Germany, age 91, from Dearborn was seen in January. A retired architect and engineer, Octavius had a goal of driving again. With his new glasses he states, "Everything in the distance looks clearer...I'm impressed with my new lenses. This is what's going to win the day for me."

For John Roberts, age 82 driving became dangerous as he couldn't see the street signs or traffic signals. However by fitting special telescopic lenses into his regular prescription "I was able to drive once again. I could see the TV screen in its entirety. With another pair of special reading glasses I could read small print once again."

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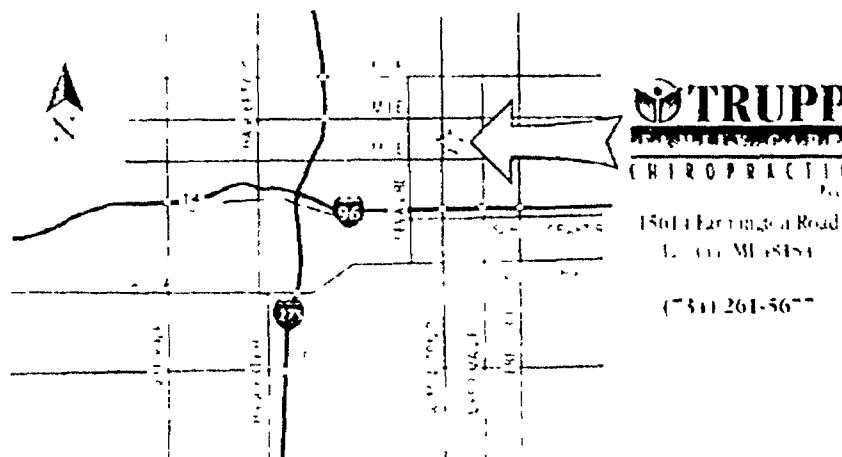
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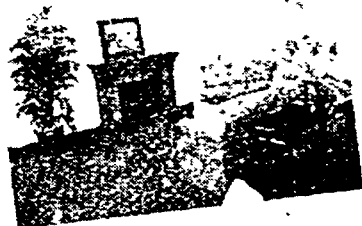
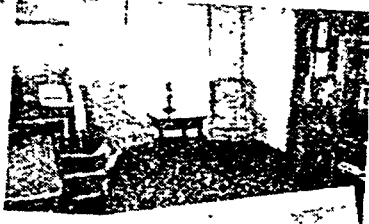
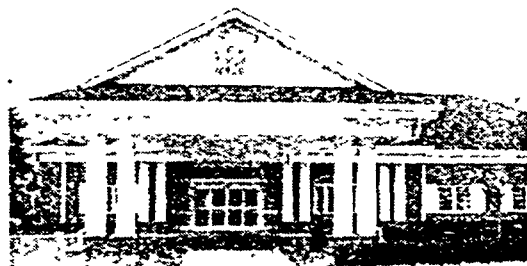
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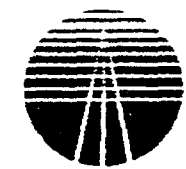
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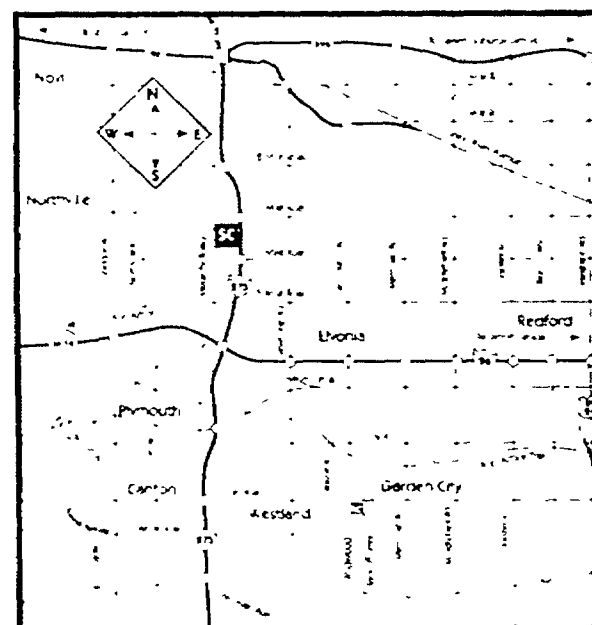


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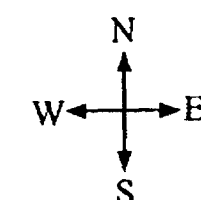
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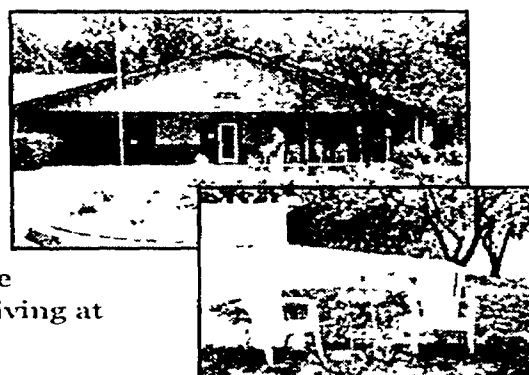
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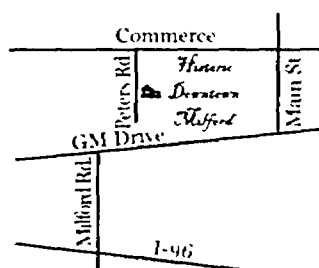
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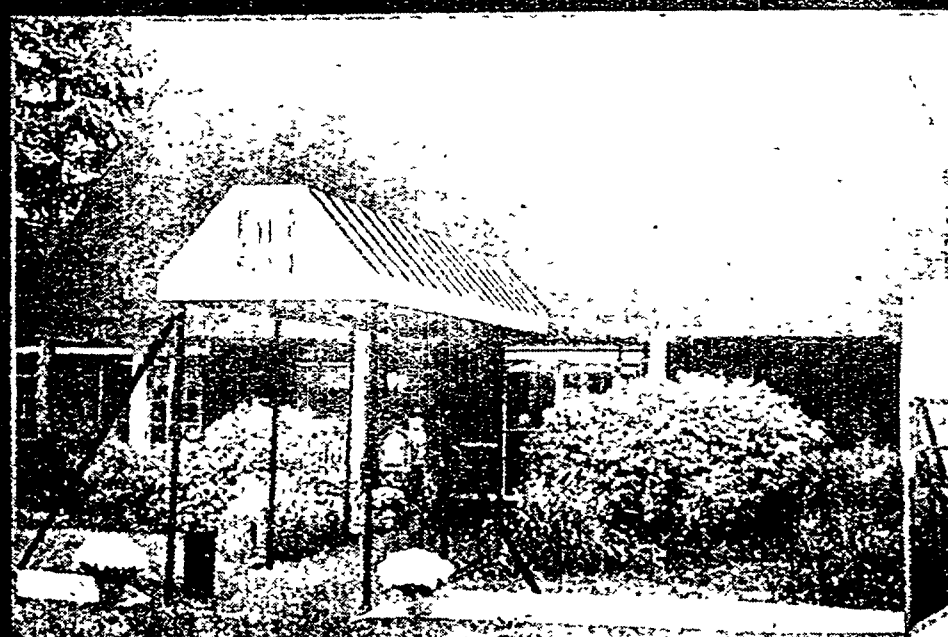
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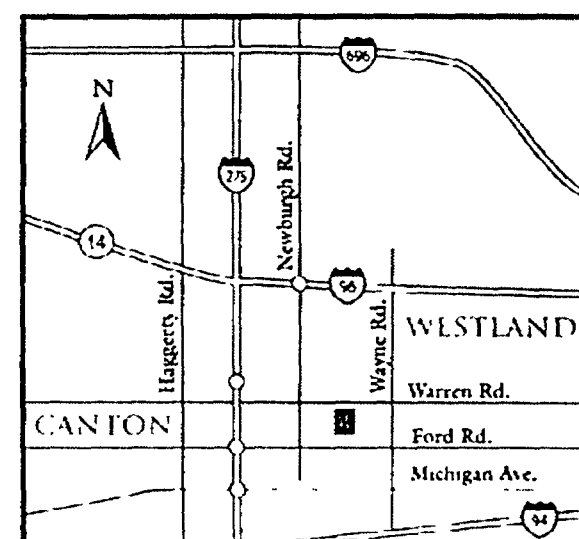
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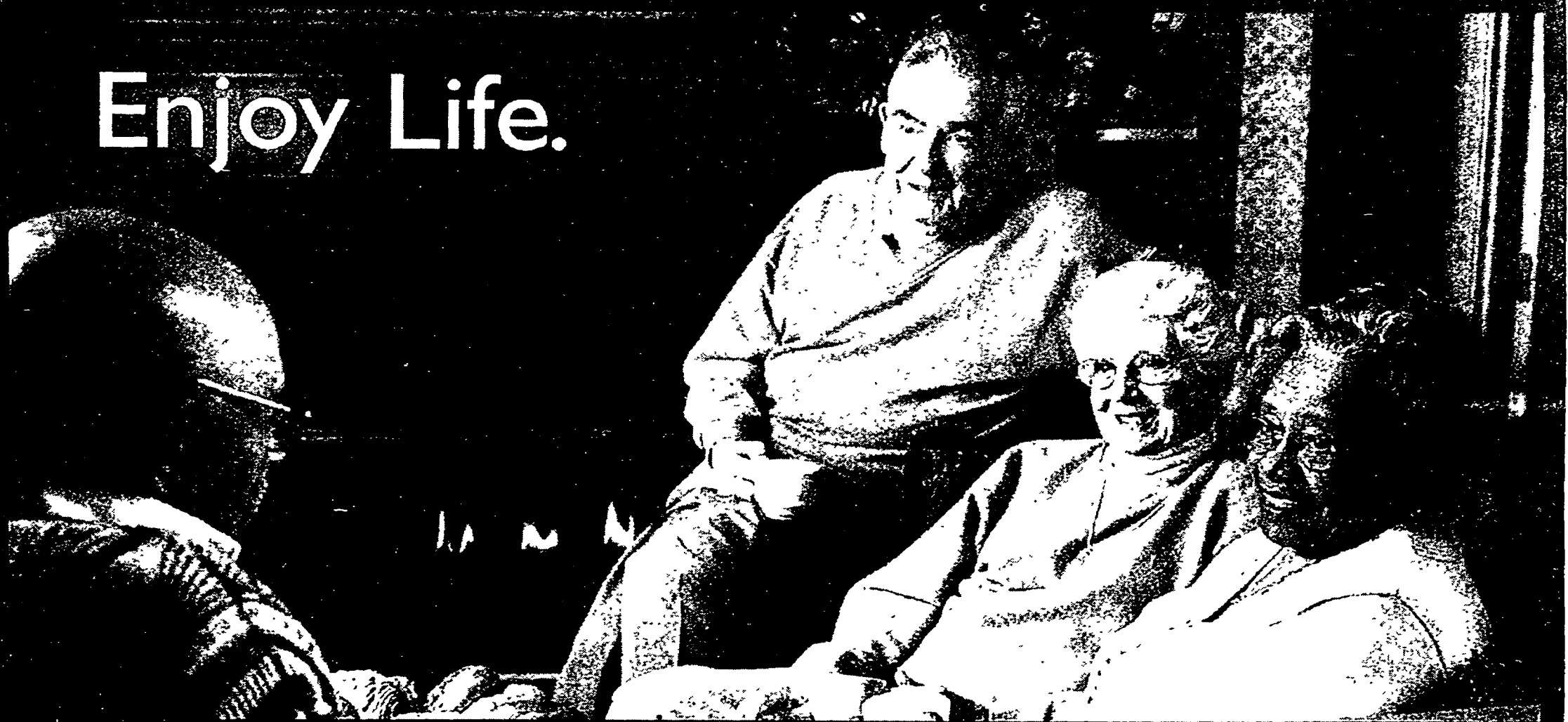
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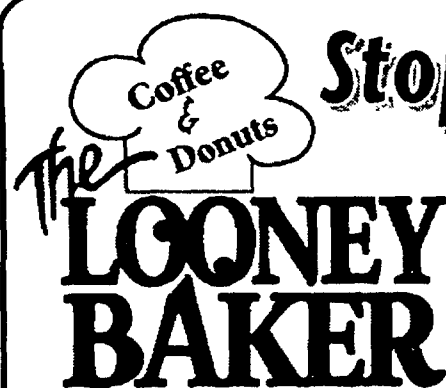
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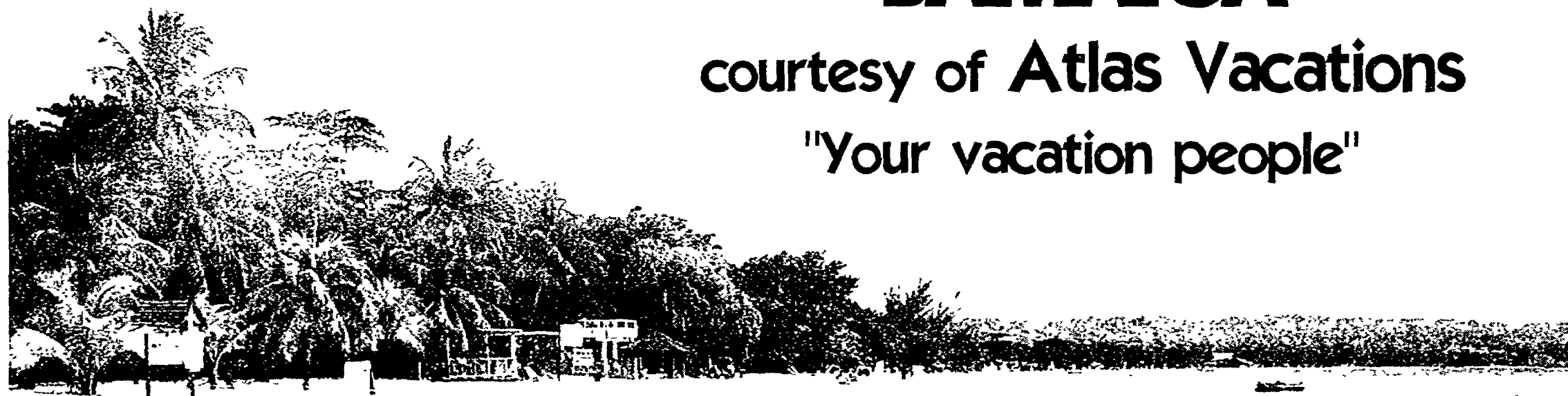


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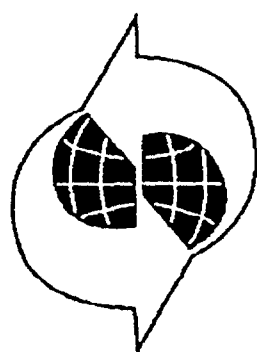
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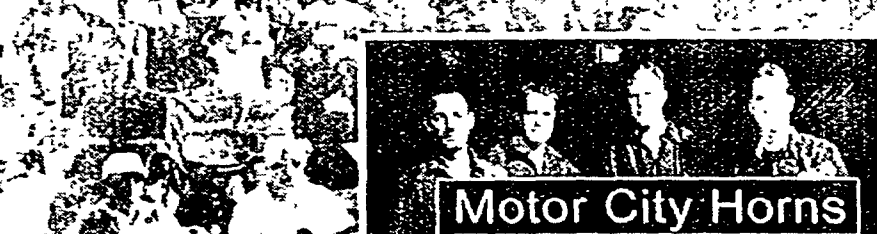
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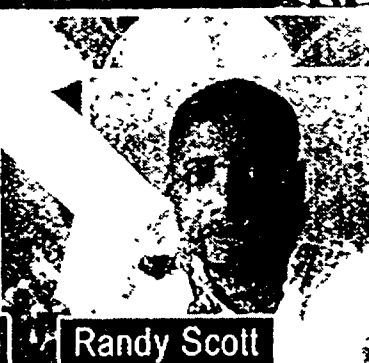
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# South Lyon Hotel proves to be the total package

By Nathan Mueller  
STAFF WRITER

General Manager Corry Bala is quick to deflect praise after the South Lyon Hotel raked in seven People's Choice awards this year.

He points to the faithful customers, hard-working staff and most importantly, the late Paul Baker for the Hotel's continued string of success.

This year the Hotel took top honors in best sandwiches, burgers, steak, wine, beer, after-work meeting place and even had the area's best waiter.

"Paul Baker set up a real good system and we are just keeping that same system going," Bala said. "And I think we are fortunate that we are in a strong community that supports us."

The system Bala refers to is what Baker called the 'Bump and Run.' The goal is to have managers talk to every single customer when they come into the Hotel and not just watch them. It helps keep the atmosphere friendly, and Bala credits his staff for "making it look easy" because they are so good.

One person who stood out is bartender Ryan Marvin. Marvin has worked at the Hotel for seven years and runs the upstairs bar. His speed and ability to interact with customers made him popular.

But like Bala, he too is humble.

"We are the busiest bar in town for a reason," he said. "Because we have all good bartenders."

The history of the building also helps create the quaint, small-town feel that appeals to the community.

The building is 141 years old this year, and Bala said its setup allows them to be versatile with seating and also gives them the ability to host business meetings in a private banquet room.

People come to the Hotel after work or just to get away because they know they will see a familiar face and be greeted with a smile.

And while the awards mean a great deal to the restaurant/bar, Bala said his favorite part is the ability to wear a lot of different hats and interact with the customers.

With each day comes a new story and a new person.

"On any given day I can talk real estate with one person then go to the next table and talk bailing hay," he said. "We just have such a great mix of people that makes each day enjoyable."

Photo by HAL GOULD

Chef Paul Ackman, left, and general manager Corry Bala stand outside the entrance to the historic South Lyon Hotel. The Hotel won seven South Lyon Herald People's Choice awards, an honor Bala said is attributed to a hard-working staff and faithful community.



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# Tirami Su: As good as the name

By Nathan Menoian  
SPECIAL WRITER

At Tirami Su in downtown Northville, owners Frank Grippi and Megan Abrams think alike.

The two are engaged to be married next year, and also share the business.

Their time together at the restaurant is focused on two things: Serving quality food, and customer satisfaction.

Grippi has 29 years experience in the restaurant business. He was born and raised in Italy, and came to New York when he was 20-years old. He started out as a dishwasher, and then moved to kitchen help, and eventually became a chef.

"It took me 10 years to learn the Italian and American dishes, and the right way to prepare each of the over 1,500 different items I can make," Grippi said.

Tirami Su has been in Northville seven years, but Grippi came into ownership five years ago. He also is the main chef there.

Grippi said receiving the People's Choice Award touched him.

"I am very appreciative of those who voted, and it really means a lot to us."

"The restaurant name is based on a dessert. It's lady fingers soaked in Kahula and espresso," described Abrams. "That caffeine gives you a pick-me-up feeling. The name of this restaurant is based on that too, a real pick-me up."

Specializing in pasta, steak, and seafood, selections are authentic Italian/American dishes chosen from the owner's personal favorites, as well as family recipes.

"Everything we serve here is top-notch, fresh, and made from scratch. And keeping the restaurant very clean is most important to us," Grippi said.

Lunch runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with prices from \$6.99 to \$10.99.

The menu offers salads, sandwiches, burgers, and Penne Lobster, Spaghetti Carbonara (which Abrams calls the best in town), Spaghetti Carrettiera, Chicken Cacciatore, and many veal and seafood dishes, including Salmone alla Vodka.

Dinner selections include Antipasti — Calamari Tirami Su with Baby Squid; Toscana Salad



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Frankie Grippi and Megan Abrams own and operate Tirami Su Italian Restaurant in downtown Northville.

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Pasta dishes include Penne Mari Monti with rock shrimp, Italian sausage; or a Linguine Pescatore with rock shrimp scallops, clams

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Other choices include Chicken and Shrimp LaRosa; Veal Michelangelo; Osso Buco; Filet Mignon, and many seafood dish selections.

Tirami Su can accommodate ban-

quet parties, has call-ahead seating, and takes dinner reservations.

They have a non-smoking dining area, with smoking allowed only at the bar. A select food bar menu is available too.

In warmer months their patio is open.

For dessert, Abrams mentioned a few that have become favorites there: Tirami Su, Lemon Italian Ice, Cannoli, and Tartufa Dark truffles.

"We love what we do," Grippi said. "For those who have never been here before, I ask that you come out and try us once, and I know you'll come back."

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# Zaydee's voted Huron Valley's best coffee house

By Alison Bergsieker  
STAFF WRITER

Since he took ownership six months ago, Wafi Albarshini, 28, has made a lot of changes at Zaydee's Coffee House in Highland. And those changes started with the basics.

"We cleaned. This place was filthy," he said.

Once the cleaning was caught up, he added new menu items, more staff and what he calls "the best service."

And the service must be pretty darn good, considering Zaydee's was voted best coffeehouse by area residents in the 2008 Milford Times People's Choice awards.

The award now proudly hangs above the condiments in the shop, and Albarshini said his regulars immediately noticed.

"A lot of people were happy about it," he said. "We treat our customers like family. We give them the very best service."

Zaydee's serves Seattle's Best Coffee and recently added a new



Photo by HAL GOULD

Zaydee's Coffee House in Highland was voted Huron Valley's People's Choice for Best Coffee House. Pictured are, from left, Wafi Albarshini, Joseph Matteson, Anthony Matteson, Katherine Boudreau, and Madalyn Winans.

line of sandwiches and salads. Albarshini said his favorite is the chicken caesar sandwich, and his favorite drink on the menu is the turtle mocha, which is chocolate, caramel and hazelnut syrup mixed

with espresso and milk.

The shop sells a lot more than just coffee, including bagels, muffins, pastries, bottled water and teas, energy drinks and other beverages.

Free wireless Internet service has helped morning business, too, he said.

Albarshini said he enjoys owning the store because he loves the coffeehouse atmosphere.

"It's a place to chill instead of going to the bar, especially on the weekend," he said.

And although he grew up in Westland, he said he has plans to move to the Huron Valley area in the near future.

"I always give the customers whatever they want," Albarshini said.

"Stop by and enjoy us sometime. We're also here to support our city. Anyone who needs help with a donation can always stop by."

The shop doesn't have regular specials, but punch cards are available at the counter and a 10 percent senior discount and other discounts are in the works for the future, Albarshini said.

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## Bringing color to the world ...

Village Florist won the Huron Valley Area's People's Choice Award for Best Floral Shop. Pictured here are Kathryn Brock, left, and Shelby Camerella.

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novi people's choice winner

# Sipping a fine wine at the Grapevine of Novi

By Tracy Estes-Mishler  
SPECIAL WRITER

Brian and Lori Burke know a great wine when they taste one. And they used their love for the grape to teach others about fine wine by opening the Grapevine, in Novi, named best wine restaurant for 2008 in the Novi News' People's Choice Awards.

In business since January, the Grapevine offers a relaxed atmosphere for those looking to treat themselves to a nice glass of wine with friends or just to enjoy the ambiance.

"I'm honored the people of Novi voted for us," said Brian Burke, resident of Novi. "There are some decent wine lists in the city, and we've tried hard to bring to the menu items you don't normally see everywhere else."

"To be named the best is quite a compliment. Lori and I have worked hard to make the Grapevine a destination for people to come and enjoy."

The 2,500-square-foot wine bar is located on Market Street in downtown Novi, offering more than 1,600 bottles of wine and more than 250 labels. The Grapevine offers a 30

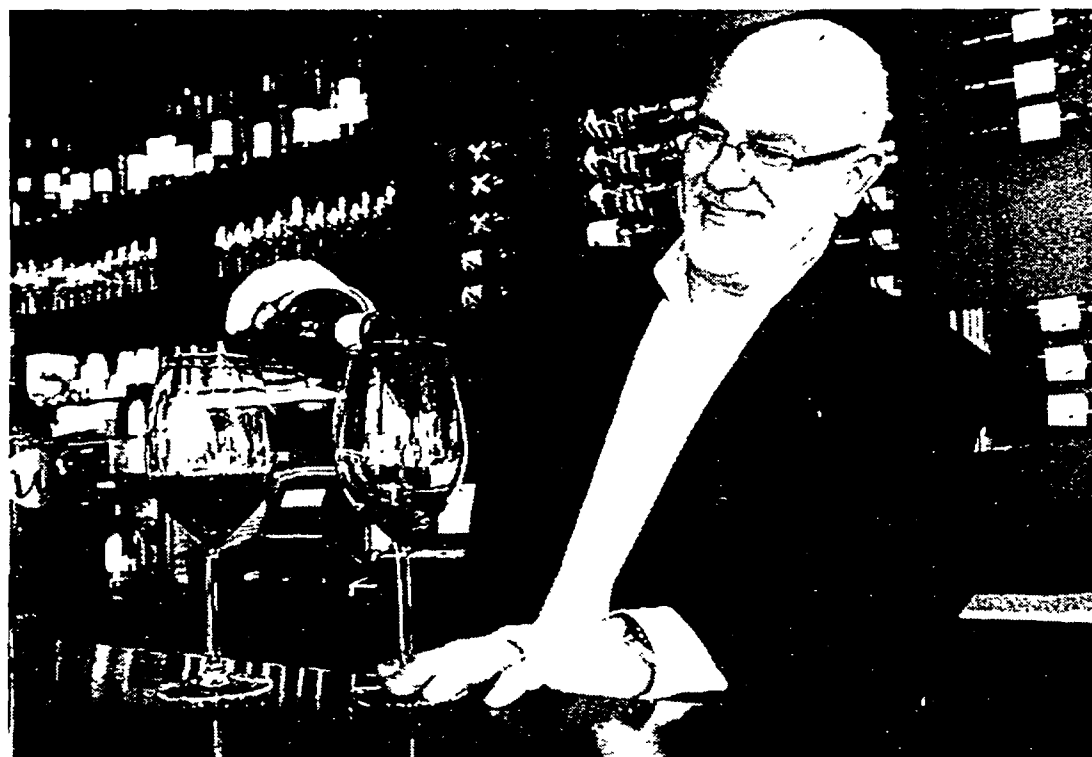


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Brian Burke's wine bar, The Grapevine, was voted Novi's Best Wine Restaurant.

piece tapas menu, including soups, salads, cheese platters, grilled pizzas and five dessert choices.

Burke said he does not consider the

Grapevine a restaurant, though a small plates menu is offered.

"A restaurant makes you think about going in, ordering, eating and

leaving," he said. "That's not what we want. We want people to come in, order good wine and food and be here all night long. It's more about the experience and being able to enjoy yourself and the environment."

The Grapevine seats more than 75 people inside with additional chairs on the patio. The destination is also available for private parties.

Burke said the future of the Grapevine is limitless. "With honors like being named the best wine bar, that shows us we're onto something," he said. "This is going to be an awesome journey, and we're looking at expanding in the future if at all possible."

Burke said though the Grapevine is new to the community, he's glad he ran with the idea opening its doors after an inspirational trip to Napa in 2004. "It's all about being able to do something you don't regret later on in life," he said. "I couldn't imagine not having the bar now. It's our life."

The Grapevine of Novi is located at 43155 Market St. Call 248-344-4044 or visit [www.thegrapevineofnovi.com](http://www.thegrapevineofnovi.com) for more information.

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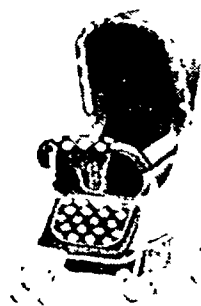
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# 2008 novi people's choice awards

## Novi Area Food Outlets

**Coffee/Donuts**  
Dunkin' Donuts

**Coffee House**  
Starbucks Coffee

**Breakfast**  
Denny's

**Sunday Brunch**  
Denny's

**Deli**  
Busch's

**Fast Food**  
Wendy's

**Family Restaurant**  
Ram's Horn

**Soup**  
Panera Bread

**Salad**  
Pizza Marvelous

**Burgers**  
Red Robin



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Regular shoppers and consigners at Novi's Smart Chicks clothier Ginger Luckins, left, and Joyce Elaine check out some of the styles available at the Grand River Avenue shop.

**Hot dogs/coneys**  
Leo's Coney

**Subs**  
Pizza Marvelous

**Dessert**  
Guernsey Farms Dairy

**Sushi**  
Shiro Restaurant

**Italian**  
Andiamo Novi

**Asian**  
China Cafe

**Mexican**  
Border Cantina

**Greek**  
Leo's Coney & Honey Tree

**Pizza**  
Novi Pizza Company

**Martini**  
MiXX Lounge

**Wine Store**  
Novi Fine Wine

**Wine Restaurant**  
Grapevine

**Beer Store**  
Novi Fine Wine

**Beer Restaurant**  
Gus O'Connors

**Romantic Dinner**  
Andiamo Novi

**After Work Meeting Place**  
Library Sports Pub & Grill

**Sports Bar**  
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**Dancing**  
Post Bar

## Novi Area Service & Retail Providers

**Entertainment/kids**  
Chuck E. Cheese

**Bank**  
Telcom Credit Union

**Consignment**  
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**Eye Care**  
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Novi's Red Robin restaurant was voted the Best Place for Burgers in Novi.



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### Huron Valley Area Food Outlets

**Best Coffee House**

Zaydee's Coffe House

**Best Breakfast**

Dimitri's Coney Island

**Best Sunday Brunch**

Bakers of Milford

**Best Sandwiches**

Perriez Milford House Bar & Grill

**Best Family Restaurant**

Sparkies Bar & Grill

**Best Soup**

Perriez Milford House Bar & Grill

**Best Salad**

Perriez Milford House Bar & Grill

**Best Burgers**

Red Dog Saloon

**Best Hot Dogs/Coneys**

Dimitri's Coney Island

**Best French Fries**

Perriez Milford House Bar & Grill

**Best Ice Cream**

Stucchi's

**Best Chicken**

Holden's Party Store

**Best Elegant Dining**

Gravity Bar & Grill

**Best Desserts**

Gravity Bar & Grill

**Best Ethnic Restaurant**

El Patio



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Huron Valley Furniture was voted the Huron Valley Area's People's Choice for Best Furniture Shop. Pictured here are Cheryl Barnes, left, and Judy Shurman.

**Best Pizza**

Jets Pizza

**Best Steak**

Highland House

**Best Barbeque Ribs**

Highland House

**Best Wine Selection**

Colasanti's Produce & Plants

**Best Beer Selection**

Hector & Jimmy's

**Best Romantic Dinner**

Gravity Bar & Grill

**Best After Work Meeting Place**

Lu & Ruby's Bar & Grill

**Best Fast Food**

Taco Bell

**Best Sub Shop**

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### Huron Valley Area Service Providers

**Best Barbershop**

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Wind River Gallery

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Nail Effects

**Best Real Estate co.**  
Real Estate One., Inc.

**Best Real Estate Agent**  
Mary Ann Wilson at Real  
Estate One

**Best Apartment complex**  
San Marino Apts

**Best Manufactured Home  
Community**  
Hartland Meadows

## Huron Valley Area Retail Stores

**Best Furniture Store**  
Huron Valley Furniture Inc.

**Best Bakery/Baked Goods**  
Milford Baking Company

**Best Floral Shop**  
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northville people's choice winner

# Keeping Northville rolling

By Nathan Menoian  
SPECIAL WRITER

Since they first opened for business in 1960, Northville Collision has repaired tens of thousands of vehicles. 48-years later they're still going strong.

Their first shop, located on Dunlap Street, was doing well and prospering.

As the downtown area grew, the need for additional public parking increased. In 1971, the city made Northville Collision an offer on their building, and they accepted.

"It actually was a blessing for us," said owner Robert Ahern, who bought the business from his father, Bill, in 1984. "The city sold us the property we're in today at 700 Doheny Drive, with twice the room and at quite a reasonable price."

From their 5,000-square-foot shop they average 50 vehicles a month. And not surprisingly, every winter they go from being 'busy' to 'hectic'. A 100 percent lifetime warranty is given on all of their repairs.

Nine employees staff Northville Collision. The technicians are certified and licensed in their area of expertise. Not only does the staff stay up-to-date on auto-body repair; they utilize current technology.

Ahern said the expense for that new technology has been worth it.

"We own a \$10,000 compression welder for spot welding frames the way they were manufactured in the factory, and a \$20,000 computerized measuring system for frames as well."

They also lease a Nitrogen Generation paint booth, which puts out fewer emissions, and uses less paint.

One extreme repair that stands out there is one they refer to as, 'The Nightmariner', associating it with a bad dream. A 2006 Mercury Mariner had been hit very hard in the left front.

"That job cost \$20,000 when finished," Ahern said. "It was very close to being totaled out by the insurance company. When we first saw the vehicle, the left-front tire had been pushed back to the floor on the driver's side. The owner was tickled pink with the results, even though it required two months worth of work."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The nine employees at Northville Collision get vehicles back on the road and include a 100 percent lifetime warranty on the repairs.

In 1974, Ahern attended Central Michigan University studying Zoology for three years, in hopes of becoming a veterinarian.

But since the number of candidates selected for that program was so few out of the thousands of

applicants, Ahern returned home. Upon his father's request, he joined the family business full time.

"It's a tough business, but I'm a people-person and enjoy dealing with our customers," Ahern said. "Best part of it, we have repeat cus-

*"It was very close to being totaled out by the insurance company. When we first saw the vehicle, the left-front tire had been pushed back to the floor on the driver's side. The owner was tickled pink with the results, even though it required two months worth of work."*

— Robert Ahern  
Northville Collision

tomers that are like family friends."

If a bill totals somewhat higher than a deductible, Ahern finds that customers often pay the full amount just to keep their premiums from going up, especially if their teenager was driving the vehicle at the time of the incident.

Ahern said he is proud of the work they do at Northville Collision, his loyal staff, and their commitment to serving the community.

They are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and other hours by appointment.

For more information, or to make an appointment with this People's Choice winner, call Northville Collision at 248-349-1090 or visit [www.northvillecollision.com](http://www.northvillecollision.com).

south lyon people's choice winner

# National City wins Best Bank

By Jessie Ellis  
STAFF WRITER

Walk into the South Lyon branch of National City Bank and you will instantly know why they were chosen as Best Bank for the People's Choice Award. Head teller Bonnie Tuckey and tellers Karen Stiles and Val Herrman are there to greet customers with smiles and laughter.

"We were tickled," Stiles said of their reaction when then learned they had been named Best Bank. "We know so many of our customers."

Tuckey has been a teller for 30 years and Stiles has been there for 25 years. The women know just about everyone who walks through the doors. Herrman hasn't been around as long, but said she appreciates knowing who is a long time customer by the way Stiles and Tuckey greet people. Tuckey grew up in South Lyon and graduated from school here.

Tuckey may have been at the bank the longest, but she's still younger



Photo by JAMES MITCHELL

Carolyn Weschler, left, Alex Nafranowicz and JoAnn Crook are part of the National City team who earned Best Bank honors from the South Lyon Herald's People's Choice awards.

than some.

"I'm the baby of this family," she joked. "I tell them, I'm baby, the brat and the boss."

The women are very proud of the honor that their customers have bestowed upon them. "We were thrilled to hear," said Tuckey, "because

we know we're best bank."

Consumer banker Carolyn Weschler points to the bank's excellent customer service as one of the reasons they were named best banker. "I don't know that this happens at other banks, but when you call this branch you talk to an actual person over the phone," Weschler said.

Weschler also pointed to the longevity of the staff. "Probably the fact that we've been around for so long," she said. "We have stellar customer service."

Weschler was also glad to hear that the branch had been named Best Bank from the People's Choice Awards. "I was happy," she said. "Surprised but happy."

All members of the team at the South Lyon branch of National City Bank are acutely aware of the source of their award.

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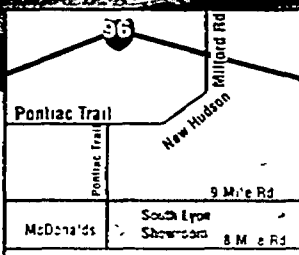
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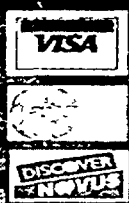
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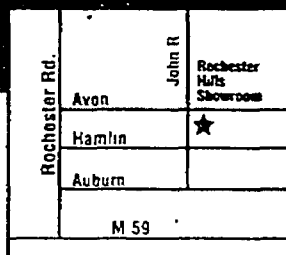
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