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Kathleen Leo is proud that she's been able to cultivate a Michigan orchid in her Northville Township garden, which is one of six gardens featured in the July 9 Garden Walk.

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A round of disc golf was all it took for Northville graduate Stephanai Myers to realize what course to take - so she wrote a book on all of them!

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# Citizens hand deliver annexation message

## ■ Bill sent back to committee

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

In a three-day effort, area residents produced more than 1,300 letters against the proposed annexation of part of Northville Township to Livonia that were hand delivered to Michigan Senators on Tuesday.

In the meantime, HB 5779, the annexation reform bill, was sent back to the Senate Government Operations and Reform Committee, chaired by Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, Tuesday. The bill had advanced to a third reading just last Thursday.

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(See story below left.)

Copies of the letter, written by Sue Hillebrand, township clerk and trustee, was distributed to residents throughout the state starting on Saturday.

Fred Shadko, a member of Citizens for Northville, a grassroots organization supporting responsible development in the township, and Tom Swigart, former Northville city councilman, delivered the letters to Senators Jason Allen, Nancy Cassis, Alan Cropsey, Randy Richardville and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop about 9 a.m.

"We're supporting what happened on Thursday," Shadko said, referring to state Sen. Bruce Patterson moving annexation reform legislation, HB 5779, to a third reading.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. Mark Corriveau (D-Northville) as the primary sponsor and Mark

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## Sen. Patterson, residents lauded for reform move

## ■ Bill discharged from Senate Judiciary Committee

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

June 19 was a red letter day for members of State Senator Bruce Patterson's Fan Club.

In a historic session on the Michigan Senate floor, Patterson (R-Canton) led a fight on Thursday to move a bill out of committee and closer to a vote that could halt proposed annexation of a part of Northville Township to Livonia.

With more finagling than a used car salesman, Patterson was somehow able to push the stalled HB 5779 out of the Senate Judiciary Committee to a third reading.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) and passed in the House on March 19, 2008.

Patterson has long wanted action on annexation reform, as a proposal is slated for the Aug. 5 primary bal-

lot in Livonia to annex a part of the township, which is in his district.

The parcel up for annexation is the 414-acre site of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile Road owned by developer REIS, a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company.

The developer moved eight residents to the parcel several months ago and had them register as voters.

Seven of the residents then filed a petition to annex the property to Livonia. Only the residents who live on the property and Livonia residents will be able to vote on the proposed annexation, if it appears on the Aug. 5 ballot. The remainder of Northville Township residents will not be allowed to vote on the proposal.

After a third reading, a bill can be brought to the floor for a vote in the Senate.

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## Judge to rule soon on Beemer's MESC appeal

An administrative law judge is scheduled to rule in a couple of weeks on the Northville Community Foundation's denial of John Beemer's unemployment compensation through the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

A hearing wrapped up last Thursday afternoon in Troy after being continued for several sessions.

Beemer, who worked as the former farm manager at Maybury

State Farm, was fired by the foundation board on Sept. 28, 2007 and subsequently denied unemployment benefits.

If he loses his appeal on the local level, he can also appeal it at the state level. If the judge overrides the employer's denial, Beemer could receive about \$6,700 in unemployment compensation before taxes.

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## Art in the Sun

College for Creative Studies student Mario Moore works on creating some sidewalk art in pastel during Saturday's Art in the Sun event. Moore and another pupil from the Detroit college were hired to create art on the sidewalks of Northville during its downtown festival. See more photos from on page 18.

# Sex-ed curriculum passes; privatization dropped

## ■ Board voted on both Tuesday

By Nathan Menoian and Alea Hibbeln  
SPECIAL WRITER

A much-debated sex-education curriculum was approved by the Northville Public Schools Board of Education Tuesday after a number of administrative recommendations addressed concerns raised by parents in an effort to provide options for families uncomfortable with the curriculum.

Taking into consideration comments at two recent public hearings and at a June 17 meeting, the abstinence-based human sexuality education components of the new Michigan Men Curriculum required high school Health Education course received additional modifications.

"I think the addition of an abstinence-only course will accommodate the concerns of parents who prefer that approach for their children," said Joan Wadsworth, board president. "The board stressed respect for the different views of parents by allowing parents to choose

among several options which include an abstinence-based course, an abstinence-only course, utilizing alternative assignments, or testing-out of the sex-ed portion of the course."

The parent preference letter will be sent this summer to parents of students enrolled in the health course for the coming year, according to Wadsworth, and will indicate the availability of the abstinence-only course beginning in 2009 - in the event parents prefer to wait and have their student enroll in that course.

Last Tuesday, Wadsworth said the board reached out quite a bit.



J. Wadsworth

The human sexuality curriculum and instructional materials were reviewed and recommended by the school district's state-mandated Health Advisory Board and the District Curriculum Council

"We've heard the concerns and respect the different views we've heard as to what is best for kids in the area, and think we can offer some options."

before going to the Board of Education for approval.

"As reinforced in the teacher notes that accompany the curriculum, all lessons emphasize abstinence as the only 100 percent effective, emotionally and physically safe method for teens," said Northville Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Mary Kay Gallagher. "It is important to clarify that the instruction includes NO activities involving the distribution of condoms, condom shopping or the use of a replica model for

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## ■ Annexation message gets hand-delivered

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Meadows (D-East Lansing) and passed in the House in March

### New grass-roots group

Carol Poenisch, founder of a new grass-roots group, Citizens to Stop Annexation, said that even though the bill has progressed to this stage doesn't necessarily mean the state senators will bring it to a vote before the Michigan Senate recesses for the summer at the end of this week.

"The bill could sit in third reading until the end of the year and die," she said. "We need to put pressure on them (Michigan senators) to vote and to vote in supermajority. Only the Majority Leader can put this to a vote, but he goes by how the caucus votes in closed session." A supermajority requires that two-thirds of the legislators approve the legislation.

"The bill is on the (Michigan) Senate's agenda," Hillebrand said on Tuesday. "Whether it gets moved off and voted on is the question." She said she will still be accepting copies of the signed letters through the end of the day tomorrow at township hall.

"It's a small step, but it's a good step toward annexation reform," Hillebrand said.

### Letters still accepted

Citizens can download the letter at [www.stopannexation.com](http://www.stopannexation.com) and fax the letter to (248) 348-9889.

Community leaders are urging citizens to call senators in their districts to urge the passage of HB 5779, with a list provided on Stop Annexation Web site.

"My fax is burning through reams of paper," Hillebrand said about the number of letters being faxed to township hall. "They (the senators) need to vote on this bill. We had dozens who volunteered to walk neighborhoods and send e-mails over the weekend. If we had more time, we could get 10,000-20,000 letters. People are astonished to learn that townships have no protection against annexation in Michigan." Villages and cities do, however.

### Rallies slated this week

An anti-annexation rally is also slated for 7 p.m. tomorrow at Waterford Bend Park in Hines Park at the southwest corner of Six Mile and Northville roads.

Another rally is scheduled at 6 p.m. Friday at Veterans Park at the northeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads in Livonia.

"These letters have been used as a vehicle to get this information out to our residents and neighbors," Poenisch said. "We want to get them informed about what's happening and that they have the ability to write the leadership of the Senate to try to influence them to vote on this annexation reform bill."

Poenisch said the goal of Citizens to Stop Annexation is to stop the ballot proposal scheduled for the Livonia primary election that would annex the 414-acre piece of land where the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital sits. The property has been the focus of a dispute

between Northville Township and developers REIS, a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company.

REIS moved eight people onto the property months ago and had them register as voters. Seven of the eight petitioned Wayne County to have the property annexed to Livonia.

Poenisch said one of the eight residents has moved off the property, but the seven remaining residents would be allowed to vote on the ballot proposal. The rest of Northville Township residents will not vote on the proposal.

Absentee ballots have been received in the township and are scheduled to be mailed out next Wednesday, according to Hillebrand. The eight registered voters who live on the hospital property can vote on the annexation proposal at the Precinct 8 polling location at Silver Springs Elementary School.

Hillebrand said Mark Abbo, township supervisor, is also calling other municipal supervisors across the state to gain their support of the passage of HB 5779 in the Senate.

Even though the bill was moved back to committee on Tuesday, Laune Marrs of Citizens to Stop Annexation called State Senator Bruce Patterson a hero for getting HB 5779 to a third reading last week. "He brought back our faith in politicians," she said.

In reference to the letter campaign on the annexation reform bill, Marrs said, "This is what a grass-root organization does. It gets the community involved. The community has opened up and said, 'We're not taking this anymore.'"

## ■ Sen. Patterson, residents lauded

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While this does not ensure that the bill will come up for final passage, the action has sparked discussion on whether the annexation vote would be allowed to move forward if the bill was passed and signed into law.

In essence, the bill is ready to be voted on by the state senators. However, Senate Majority Mike Bishop still controls when and if it will come to floor for a vote.

Patterson apparently joined with Democrats to move both the Kreiner bill and the annexation reform bill to the Senate floor after long delays.

The Kreiner bill addresses alleged injustices to Michigan auto accident victims.

The bill was introduced after the Michigan Supreme Court's decision in a case that held negligent drivers were not responsible to their victims unless the injuries were truly life-altering. This bill has also been stalled in a Senate committee.

According to online reports, the Senate was afwitter with procedural motions on Thursday, including five failed attempts by Republicans to recess.

A group of Northville residents also traveled to Lansing on Wednesday to voice their frustration on the lack of action on the annexation reform bill.

Carol Poenisch, a member of Citizens for Northville, a grass-roots organization supporting responsible development in the township, was instrumental in organizing the group that drove to Lansing.

She reportedly made phone calls to interested parties for about five hours prior to the group's Wednesday morning departure.

This week is the last week the Michigan Senate is in session. A session can extend into July and even August, but with the primary election just around the corner, next week might be the last best chance for passage of the bill, which must be signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm before it becomes law.

"I give Bruce (Patterson) a lot of credit," Coriveau said. "He went all out. He's earned my respect forever."

Coriveau said he plans to send additional bills to protect Northville Township against the proposed annexation to Livonia in order to indicate how important this issue is to him and his constituency.

On Thursday evening, members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees praised both the residents who traveled to Lansing on Wednesday to support the legislation's passage as well as Patterson's efforts on Thursday.

"Senator Patterson has shown courage you rarely see in legislators," said Mark Abbo, township

supervisor. "I'm proud that he's representing Northville Township."

Coriveau also appeared at the township board meeting.

"We did make a significant step today," he said about the annexation reform bill being discharged from the Judiciary Committee. "But, we still have some work to do. There are no more excuses in the Senate. We just need some additional effort to get this (bill) to the finish line."

In acknowledging Patterson's efforts, Abbo said, "He put everything on the line for us, and I'm thankful he's our state senator. It's clear that regardless of what happens with the psychiatric hospital property that this annexation legislation is important."

Several of the citizens who traveled to Lansing appeared at the township board meeting as well, including former Northville City Councilman Tom Swigart.

"I think the people need to stand up and be heard," Swigart said to township trustees. "I want to support you."

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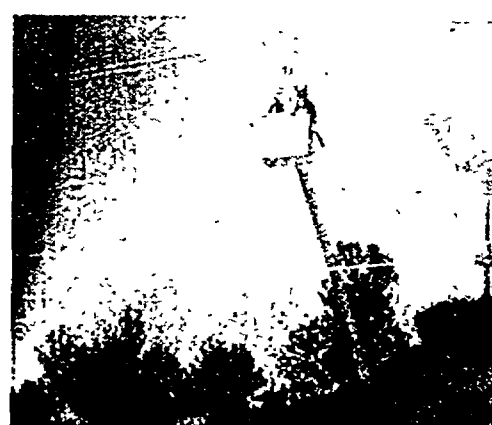
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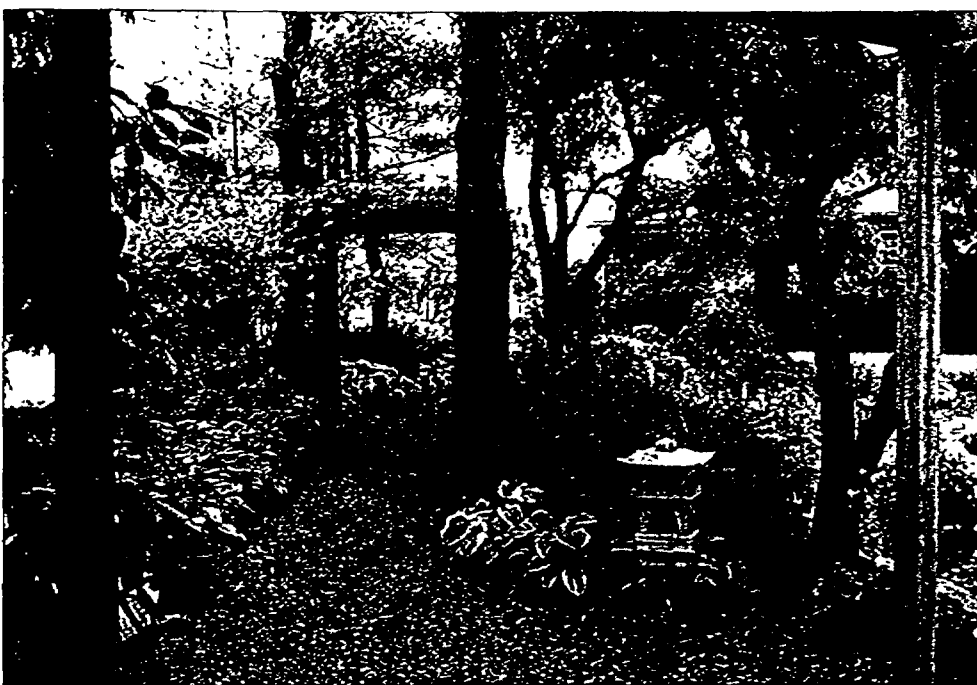
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The garden of Victor and Kathleen Leo features a forest-like path that runs beneath a trellis and a tea house and features pines and apple trees above.

## Country Garden Club excited about 15th walk set for July 9

### ■ Six gardens to be featured

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Kathleen Ripley Leo says a garden is a metaphor for life. And her and her husband, Victor's, garden will be one of six gardens to be featured in the Wednesday, July 9, Country Garden Club of Northville Garden Walk, which will feature many different styles and sizes of gardens.

The 15th annual event, titled "Art in the Garden," will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with the \$10 tickets available at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main Street on the northwest corner of Main and Wing Streets in downtown Northville or by mail until Monday. For details, including a downloadable ticket ordering form, go to [www.cgcny.org](http://www.cgcny.org) or call (734) 591-0360. The club meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month from September-June at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village or other locations.

The garden walk is the club's primary fundraiser, with special attractions to include music, a garden market at Mill Race Village, refreshments at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village, a raffle of donated items from local businesses and plein air painters (artists working outdoors) both at the individual gardens and at Mill Race Village on Griswold Street north of Main Street.

### A tale of two artists

The Leos have lived in Northville for 30 years. Kathleen is an accomplished writer and poet, with more than 12 books to her credit, including the book "Town One South, Northville Poems," for the city of Northville's sesquicentennial celebration and has taught in the creative writing department at Schoolcraft College in Livonia for more than 20 years, teaching novel, fiction and memoir writing.

Victor is a well-trained glass sculptor and retired Ford Motor Co. employee who worked in international labor relations



Northville Township homeowners Victor and Kathleen Leo stand in their garden that will be featured in the July 9 Country Garden Club of Northville's Garden Walk. Kathleen Leo is proud that she's been able to cultivate a Michigan orchid (right) in her Northville Township garden.

Many of Victor's beautiful creations, which can be purchased at area art galleries, will be found throughout the couple's garden during the walk.

"I think I've always been involved with the arts, starting out with ceramics," Victor said. "And Kathleen and I have been involved in the glass movement starting back in the late '60s and early '70s. We were part of the groupies of the Habitat Galleries that are in Royal Oak now."

Victor started taking classes in glass sculpture at the College for Creative Studies, and "I got hooked," he said.

Many of his pieces are combined with metal and/or wood. He rents time at various studios in the metropolitan area, and his work was recently on display at the Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery's "A Glassy Occasion" exhibit at Crosswinds Mall in West Bloomfield.

"The idea is to put glass into yet another dimension," he said. "I consider the artwork to be a painting on glass. The surface of glass to me is a canvas."

### A dozen different gardens

The Leos actually have out-

lined about a dozen different types of gardens within their yard, such as a culinary garden, butterfly garden and more. They feature everything from wildflowers to roses to perennials to annuals to herbs.

The couple also has a shared garden with their neighbors, Cindy and Karen.

"Cindy's grandchildren call one area of our yard the enchanted forest," Kathleen said.

Kathleen has a secret to share about how to keep critters out of the garden. "I use a concoction of granulated garlic, course-ground black pepper and red pepper flakes," she said. "I put it everywhere," she said.

The gardens even feature a tea house with marble-topped benches where Kathleen conducts Japanese tea ceremonies. Their garden is their sanctuary from the stresses of modern-day life.

Always the writer, Kathleen quoted a familiar garden saying that is the motto of the magazine Herb Quarterly: "When the world wearies and ceases to satisfy, there's always the garden."

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**How to purchase tickets:** The Country Garden Club of Northville's 15th Annual Garden Walk will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9. Tickets for \$10 each can be purchased at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main St. in downtown Northville, through Monday by downloading a ticket ordering form at the club's Web site, [www.cgcny.org](http://www.cgcny.org), or by calling (734) 591-0360.

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# A game of disc golf sets the course for Northville grad

## ■ Stephanie Myers compiles a guide book, "Disc Golf Michigan!"

By Alea Hibbeln  
SPECIAL WRITER

The day began like any other winter day in snowy Michigan. But when a friend brought Stephanie Myers — then a Northville High School junior — to a disc golf course at Kensington Metro Park, her future "course" was set. Myers fell in love with the sport that year, 1998, and today she is building a career driven by her passion.

But first, she would catch the 2000 PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association) Professional and Amateur World Championships at Cass-Benton Park in Northville. Cass-Benton built the disc golf course in 1999 just for the event, which included the course at Kensington and also one in Ann Arbor.

"It was the largest disc golf event in the world at that point, and that's what really got me interested because I could watch the pros play," said Myers.

### Field research

After graduating with a degree in environmental studies and communications from Western Michigan University in 2005, Myers converted a 1997 Dodge Ram diesel to run on vegetable oil. She attached a 22-foot trailer, threw her pooch in the passenger seat, and hit the road for six

straight months.

She and her "best friend" toured 90 disc golf courses from Detroit to the west end of the Upper Peninsula, averaging one every two days. Myers combed the courses for information she would later put in her guide book, "Disc Golf Michigan!"

"I would go way out of my way to play a course, and it would be unkempt and it wasn't what I expected," she said. "I prefer the short, technical courses as opposed to the long, open courses — and I wished there was a guide book that would tell me this stuff."

So Myers played, measured and photographed each and every hole of every disc golf course in the state.

"I took over 5,000 photos for the book because the photos can help someone get a feel for the course," she said.

Myers wasn't afraid to sleep in trailer parks, all alone under the stars.

"My dog is a really good guard dog," she said.

### A career of passion

"There was a lot of growth there. Being independent and taking the risk that I did, gave me the confidence to do something."

Myers works full-time marketing her book, which she self-published because she found that most publishing houses weren't interested in marketing a regional book.

"Besides," she said, "disc golf courses are always changing, adding holes and closing courses. By the time the book would have been published (about two years), it would have been outdated."

She is presently writing a second edition; the first debuted in 2007.



Stephanai Myers

"I plan to put out a new edition each year," she said.

"Disc Golf Michigan!" is sold at party stores across the state, including two in Northville — Six & Park Party Store on Northville Road, which borders the Cass-Benton course, and Good Time Party Store on 7 Mile. Both stores sell golf discs.

Myers is looking forward to an exciting event coming to Kalamazoo and Battle Creek this summer. Held August 8-16, the 2008 PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association) Professional and Amateur World Championships will be the largest disc golf competition in the world with over 1,000 players and an estimated 10,000 spectators. Armed with unsurpassed expertise, she's on the world committee helping to develop the players guide for the event.

"It's kind of coming full circle for me," Myers said. "I started watching this event in Northville and I've established a new hometown in Kalamazoo, and now it's happening here. It's really good timing for marketing the book."

"I'm pleased to find a large disc golf community here (in Kalamazoo)," she said, noting that Michigan is rated one of the top disc golf states.

Myers, who ranked second in Michigan and seventh in World for the PDGA Amateur Women's division, finds the Cass-Benton course in Northville to be one of her favorites in the state.

"It has the most diverse course with short, technical holes, longer open holes, elevation changes, water hazards and a long tee and a short tee for half the holes," she said.

### The book

In addition to playing the courses herself, Myers developed an online survey to see what other players wanted to know.

"I have always been entrepreneurial minded," she said.

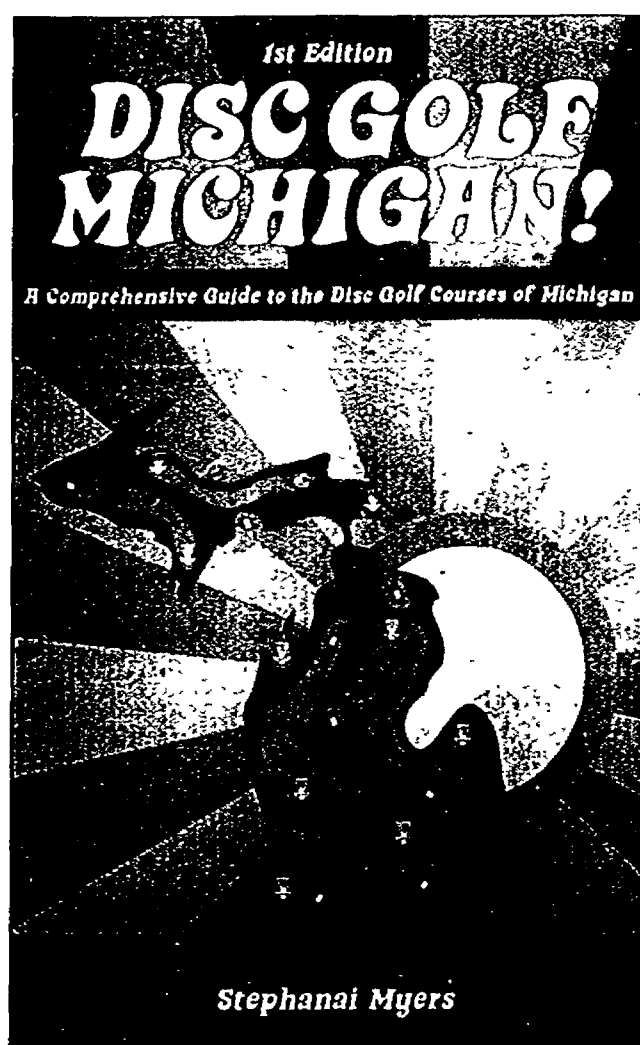
"Disc Golf Michigan!" is a comprehensive guide book that arms readers with information such as whether or not dogs are permitted, and the kinds of tee pads, maps and signs that are available. She also gives a short but thorough description of each course.

Adam Mitchell, also a Novi High School grad, considers himself "a very active disc golfer," playing three to four times a week.

"This book goes beyond what I would ask for in a guide book," said Mitchell. "Her book goes beyond the PDGA Web site guide. I'm going to keep it in my glove compartment. It has a lot of good reference points."

Mitchell said he agrees with Myers' opinion of the #1 course — Flip City Disc Golf Park in Shelby, Mich. spans 80 acres on privately-owned land.

"The park allows camping and accepts donations," he said.



Disc golf, also called Frisbee golf, is played much like ball golf but replaces the ball with a Frisbee-like disc. The sport began in the late 1960's and was the brainchild of "Steady Ed" Headrick, the inventor of the Frisbee. Over 5,000 photos of every hole on every disc golf course in Michigan are featured on Stephanie Myers' Web site, [www.discgolfmichigan.com](http://www.discgolfmichigan.com). At present, she has sold over 550 copies of the \$19.95, 175-page guide book.

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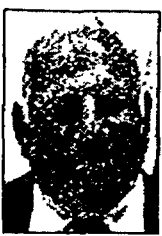
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## Absentee ballots going out July 2 for primary election

### ■ Voters go to polls on Aug. 5

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Absentee voters in Northville Township should receive their primary election ballots the week after the July 4th holiday, with mailing slated for Wednesday, July 2.

Mark Abdo, township supervisor, is running unopposed, as is Sue Hillebrand, township clerk. Eight candidates are vying for four seats on the Board of Trustees — seven Republicans and one Democrat. The Democratic candidate and the top four Republican candidates will appear on the general election ballot.

Following are biographical sketches on the trustee candidates:

#### Republican candidates

Marjorie Banner earned a degree in education from Iowa State University and a paralegal degree from Long Island University in New York. She worked as a legal writer for more than 20 years for JAS Publications/Verdict Research Group, Inc., and has been co-owner/operator of Banner Concessions for the past three years. She and her husband, Mark, have three children, Alexandra, Erin and Carolyn. She has served as a trustee for nearly eight years and is the board liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals. She has also been a member of the Economic Development Corporation, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and she chairs the Northville Historic District Commission. She co-chairs Michigan High School Figure Skating, is the test chair for the Skating Academy of Plymouth, is on the board and is a past president of the Lakes of Northville Homeowners Association. Outside interests include running, reading, culinary arts and spectator sports.

Mary Gans earned a bachelor's degree from Hunter College in New York City, a master's degree from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. from the University of Utah. He is a retired school administrator who worked at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. He has been a member of the board of trustees since 1996. He and his wife, Erica "Rikki," have three children, Derek, Russell and Jennifer. He served on the township planning commission from 1977-1990 and from 1996-2007, chaired the Economic Development Corporation for six years and has been a member of the Senior Advisory Council for 15 years. He has chaired Friends of

Northville Parks and Recreation since 1992, is a member of Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area, and is a member of First United Methodist Church in Northville. A soccer enthusiast, he is a member of the Michigan Soccer Hall of Fame.

Mindy Herrmann has served her country for 20 years and is now a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves after being called to active duty for 18 months in Operation Iraqi Freedom. She earned a bachelor's degree from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. In 2007, she was transferred to the Marine for Life Program in which she assists wounded Marines, those transferring from active duty to civilian life and their family members. She is currently enrolled in the Masters of Military Studies Program with the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. She and her husband, Fred, have two daughters, Annelie and Emma, and they are members of Northridge Church.

Steve Lomske is an architect and licensed builder who owns American Craftsman. He earned a bachelor's degree from Lawrence Technological University and did postgraduate work at the University of Michigan in construction engineering and management. He and his wife, Cecile, have a daughter, Natalie. A member of the Northville Historical Society and Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, he enjoys cross country skiing, bicycling, boating, drawing, writing and keeping up with current events.

Christopher Roosen earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and engineering math from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a master's degree in manufacturing engineering from the University of Michigan and works as an account manager at Visteon Corp. He and his wife, Karen, are members of St. Collette Catholic Church. He has served as vice president of the Woodlands North Homeowners Association. He is running for his second four-year term on the board, where he has been the liaison to the Northville Youth Assistance, the Economic Development Corporation and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. He was also appointed liaison to the planning commission in 2007. He enjoys travel, reading and amateur hockey and will be one of 60 Michigan delegates at the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis in September.

Jon Sabo works as the community manager of Highland Lakes Condominium Association. He formerly served on the city of

Northville's fire department as a fire inspector/fire fighter. He and his wife, Tracy, have two children, Sean and Allison. Sabo attended Grand Valley State University in Allendale and graduated from the Shearson Lehman Institute in Manhattan, N.Y., becoming a Certified Financial Consultant. He is also certified manager of community associations and an association management specialist. In the township, he served on the Public Safety Millage Committee, was a member of the School Design Committee and is on the steering committee of Citizens of Northville, a grass-roots organization supporting responsible development in the township. He enjoys skeet and trap shooting and is a coach for the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Shooting Teams.

Brad Werner is a retired real estate broker. He attended Schoolcraft College, where he studied architectural design. He and his wife, Sally, have four children. He has been a trustee for eight years and is running for his third term. He is a former chairman of the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission and currently serves on the Northville Youth Assistance Commission and the Senior Advisory Commission. He is also a member of the Motor Cities Stakeholder Committee and is a Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers fan.

#### Democratic candidate

Carol Poenisch is the lone Democratic candidate in the township board race. She co-founded Citizens for Northville, the grass-roots organization that supports responsible development, and recently founded Citizens to Stop Annexation, an organization attempting to prevent the annexation of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property in Northville Township to neighboring Livonia. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, a master's degree from Indiana University and is a physical education teacher for Detroit Public Schools. She and her husband, Volker, have two children. She is a member of the Northville Township Historic District Commission and was previously a Parks and Recreation Commissioner. She was also formerly president of the Friends of the Northville District Library.

## 11th District Democratic candidates exchange views

By Hugh Gallagher  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin and former Novi City Manager and developer Edward Kriewall say U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) is out of step with the people in the 11th Congressional District because he doesn't listen.

The two Democratic candidates for the 11th District House seat held by McCotter met last Wednesday for a quiet exchange of views before an audience of about 45 people at the Livonia Senior Center.

The forum, sponsored by the Livonia Democratic Club, was moderated by club president Patrick O'Neil, who asked questions from the audience and his own questions.

Larkin was critical of McCotter's style as well as his positions on issues.

"Mr. McCotter doesn't listen to people. He yells at you and storms off," Larkin said. "His politics are not your politics, they're GOP politics and he's a party hack."

Both candidates oppose the war in Iraq, which they link to McCotter and President George W. Bush.

"America was sold on a lie," Larkin said. "There were no weapons of mass destruction, there was no link with al-Qaeda."

He said the United States was right to enter Afghanistan because the Taliban government had harbored the terrorists who attacked the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. But, he said, that mission has not been completed and was weakened by entry into the Iraq War.

"Iraq was a mistake for the Bush Administration and I will

vote against future funding," Kriewall said. "America shouldn't be there."

He said the United States should get out of Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We can't afford to go into these countries and try to solve their problems," he said.

He said the country should be spending more on improved intelligence gathering than on waging war.

Larkin said energy was a major issue in this campaign. He said he favors more investment in alternative energy to reduce American dependence on foreign oil.

He said big oil has seen record profits under the Bush Administration.

"Stop subsidizing big oil," he said.

Kriewall said it might be time to rethink traditional Democratic opposition to drilling in the Alaska wildlife preserve.

"Drilling is a lot safer than it used to be, a lot more sophisticated today," he said.

Larkin said he opposes expanding drilling until more money is spent on developing alternative energy.

Kriewall's defense of Alaskan drilling was one of several positions taken by both candidates that are more conservative than those taken by the national party.

Kriewall admitted that he had voted for George W. Bush in the last two presidential elections. Larkin admitted that he did not vote for Bill Clinton in his second election because of the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

Kriewall called the Congress "dysfunctional" and the two-party system "obsolete" but "the

best we have."

Both candidates are opposed to the immigration reform legislation supported by both presidential candidates. "Illegal immigration is ruining this country," Kriewall said, then he quoted Fox News commentator Bill O'Reilly that the country couldn't accept everyone. O'Reilly is a conservative and often a target for Democrats.

Larkin said illegal immigrants compete with Americans for jobs and that current immigration laws need to be strictly enforced.

Larkin said he is a pro-life Democrat, but argued that decisions on abortion laws are made in the federal courts and that the Senate, not the House, decides on judicial appointments. Kriewall said he is pro-choice.

Larkin and Kriewall said they believe the Second Amendment supports an individual's right to bear arms. When asked about assault weapons, Kriewall said he didn't see any difference in a semi-automatic assault weapon and a high-powered hunting rifle.

"Quite frankly, bad guys get the guns, innocent people need to have guns," he said.

Both Larkin and Kriewall said they support a balanced budget. Larkin added that sometimes, as in the current economic downturn, it might be necessary to have deficit spending, but generally he supports a balanced budget and line-item veto for the president.

Both candidates said they favor a national single-payer health insurance system.

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### Candidate info sought for guide

Michigan candidates running in contested races for local, county, state and national offices in the August primary will soon receive an invitation to participate in Gannett Michigan Newspapers' 2008 Voter Guide.

Letters recently mailed include the Web address and instructions needed for candidates to fill out their online questionnaires. Candidates are asked to complete the form online.

Any candidate who does not receive such a letter should contact Hugh Gallagher, Observer managing editor, at (734)953-2149 for instructions or assistance needed to get involved.

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## ENGAGEMENTS



**Gaidica-Zielke**

Chuck and Susan Gaidica of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Nichole Gaidica of St. Clair Shores, to Adam Francis Zielke of Grosse Pointe Woods, son of David and Judy Zielke of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the David Pressley School of Cosmetology in Royal Oak. She is employed at the Salon Ruelle in Grosse Pointe.

The groom-elect graduated with honors from Wayne State University with a bachelor of arts degree in public relations. He is employed at Marx Layne and Company marketing and public relations agency in Farmington Hills.

A September 2008 wedding is planned.



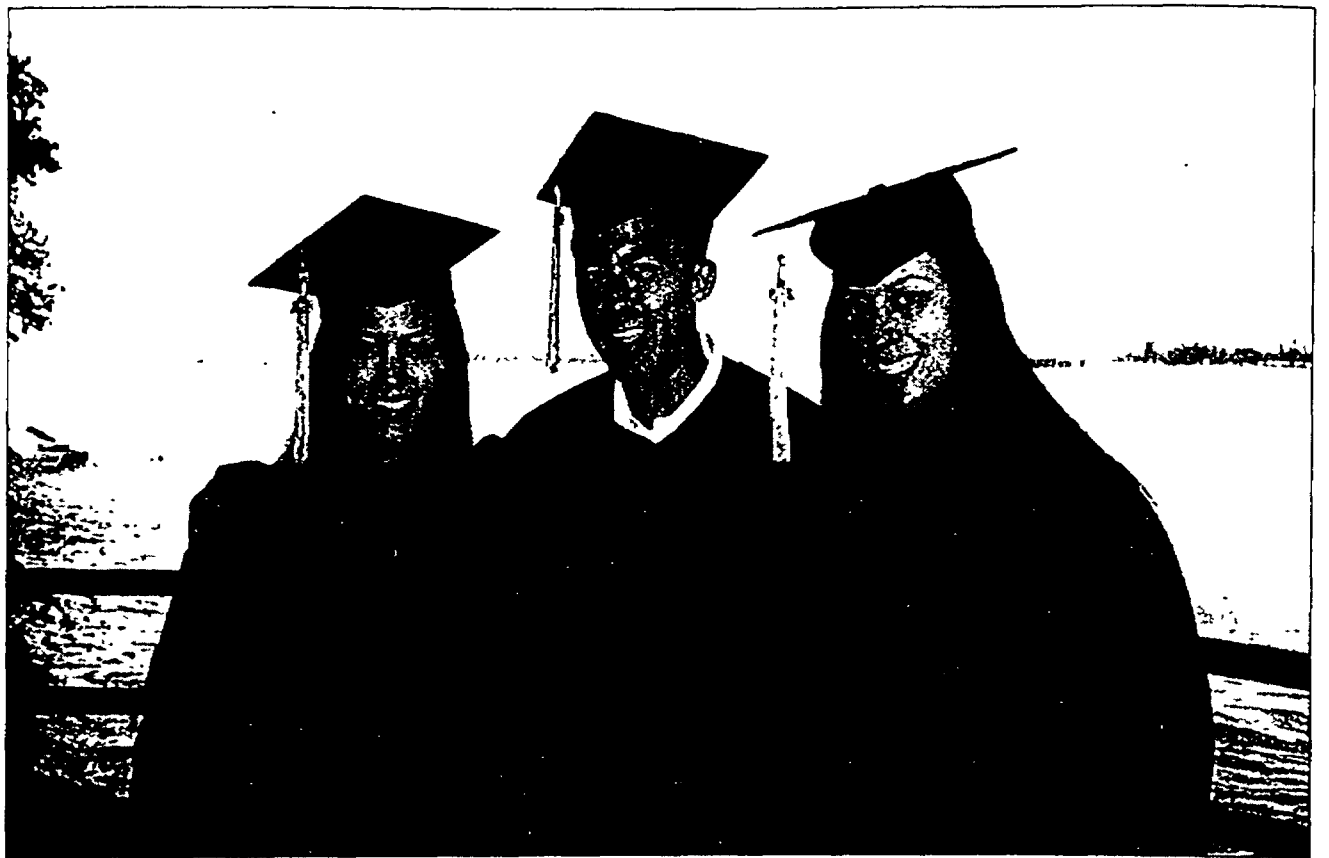
**Ossola-Simpson**

Ken and Mary Jane Ossola, of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Elizabeth Ossola, to James Tyler Simpson, son of Warren and Sally Simpson of Jenkintown, Penn.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School and a 2002 graduate of Northwestern University with a bachelor's degree in communications. She is employed as an English teacher at Maine West High School, Des Plaines, Ill.

The groom-elect is a 2000 graduate of Northwestern University with a bachelor's degree in history. He is employed as a marketing manager for the William Wrigley Junior Company.

A July 2008 wedding is planned.



Submitted photo

Twin sisters Jennifer Rhee (left) and Christina hug older brother, in Chene Park in Detroit as they prepare to graduate from Wayne State University Medical School.

## Is there a doctor, or four, in the house?

### ■ Brother and twin sisters join their older brother as doctors

By Alea Hibbeln  
SPECIAL WRITER

Is there a doctor in the house? Go on over to Mary Kay Rhee's house in Northville and call out that question and not one, two or even three, but four doctors will come running — that is, if all four of her children were still living at home.

Rhee's oldest son is a doctor living in Boston. Her next oldest son, 28-year-old Jonathan, graduated from Wayne State

University Medical School earlier this month right along with his twin sisters, Christina and Jennifer, ages 26. When the three siblings walked the stage alphabetically on graduation day, the humorous Dean of Students looked beyond Jonathan and asked, "Are there any more Rhees?"

"Kids at Wayne State would call them 'the triplets,' and Jonathan would get so mad," said Rhee.

All three aspiring doctors will be doing their residency in Chicago, but the good news is that two of the three plan to return to Michigan. Christina said she would rather stay in Chicago but will follow her siblings home if she is left behind.

The graduates are tight, as they took a trip together to Spain in March. But the twins are so bonded that their shoulders were

touching throughout the interview. Christina said she would never want to be born without her twin sister and that the people roaming the earth without a twin are missing out.

"There's always someone to do something with," she said.

How did all four children, born to a research scientist and a recent children's book author, become doctors? All have always showed an interest in science like their father, but when the "triplets" volunteered at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, the course was forever changed.

"That's when I became interested in helping people," said Christina.

Perhaps serendipity led the siblings into medicine, or maybe it

was a combination of left-brain dominance and a desire to heal their fellow man. Rhee said homework and good grades were always enforced, but her kids were naturally studious.

Jonathan will do his residency at McGraw Medical Center at Northwestern University. Afterwards, he will likely open a private practice in or around Northville in internal medicine.

Jennifer and Christina will likely become anesthesiologists for a hospital in Michigan. Jennifer will spend her residency at the University of Chicago Medical Center. And Christina will intern for a year at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids before completing her residency program at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

## IN THE SERVICE

Erin Caldwell, daughter of John and Linda Caldwell of Northville, has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis. She received three Congressional nominations and appointment offers from the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. A 4.0 student, Caldwell attended Northville High School and the

Universidad Del Valle De Mexico, in Saltillo, Mexico as a participant in the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program sponsored by the Northville Rotary Club. She was a Cadet Lieutenant with Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary in Novi. Caldwell starts her training at The Naval Academy in July.

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Members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees presented a resolution honoring Hillebrand for receiving the award June 19 at township hall.

"In order to be a clerk in a township organization, it's a choice. It's not a position," said Chip Snider, township manager. "She had to run for it. She inspires her staff to see the very important role that the clerk's office plays in township government."

Governor Jennifer Granholm announced the appointment of



Mary DuFour Morrow of Northville Township to a seat on the Michigan Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Commission. DuFour's term will expire in December 2010. She is the lead attorney for the Childhood Lead Prevention Unit of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office under Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy. DuFour was appointed due to her pioneering work in prosecuting landlords who rent lead-contaminated properties to families with children who become lead-poisoned. Currently, DuFour is

the only prosecutor in the state of Michigan to prosecute these types of cases under Michigan's Landlord Penalty Law

James D. Compo, Inc., custom builder and remodeler since 1961, was awarded the 2008 Energy Star Grant for Southeast Michigan. Compo also won the 2008 Blue Ribbon Award for Home Design from the Building Industry Association of SE Michigan (BIA) for their new model in Northville, the Dawson II.

Lastly, Compo was awarded four Sales & Marketing Awards from the BIA, including Best Web site, two Best Interior Merchandising awards, and Best Broker/Realtor Event, which was held at The Whitney.

Northville City Council recently approved the selection of Carolann Ayers to the Northville Downtown Development



Authority Board. Ayers fills a vacancy on the board recently created by the resignation of David Cole, owner of Great Harvest Bread Company. Her term will expire on Sept. 20, 2011.

In April, the DDA Selection Committee interviewed three candidates for the position. Ayers has been a Northville resident since 1969 and served as a member of the city council for 28 years and was the Mayor Pro Tem for many years. She served on city council through three major DDA projects and was first elected to council during the early stages of Mainstreet '78, which was the catalyst for re-energizing downtown Northville. Her time on council also coincided with the DDA's Mainstreet '93 project and the current Downtown Strategic Plan that included the reconstruction of the Town square.

She is a graduate of Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind., and has been the manager of C. Ayers Limited since 1988.

The following local agents have been recognized by the Allstate Insurance Company for high standards in customer satisfaction, customer retention and profitability. They are now among the top Allstate agents in the nation in auto, property and commercial

insurance and financial service sales.

• David Drabicki, who is part of the Allstate agency located at 21800 Haggerty, Ste. 206 in Northville.

• Paul Rogacki, who is part of the Allstate agency located at 420 N. Center St. in Northville.

Because of this, these local agents have achieved the distinctive Allstate Honor Ring award and have earned an invitation to attend Allstate's Regional Champions event. For nearly 60 years, the Honor Ring has been Allstate's symbol of outstanding achievement. Worn with pride by generations of Allstate agents, the Honor Ring recognizes each agent and is a symbol of the agent's dedication in serving customers.

Northville resident Michelle A. Sherwood, an attorney in the Ann Arbor office of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lyne, was a featured speaker last week at the Generic



Drugs Summit, sponsored by the International Institute for Research in Washington, D.C. Sherwood will speak on "Patent Term

Extension: 35 U.S.C. § 156(f): What Is the Approved Product?" The Generic Drug Summit attracts executives from the pharmaceutical industry, law, health-care, banking and the FDA. Congressman Henry Waxman of California is one of the keynote speakers.

Sherwood has more than 25 years of experience in the chemical and pharmaceutical industries. She focuses her practice on providing freedom to operate and patent validity opinions to generic pharmaceutical companies and related counseling. Immediately prior to joining Brinks in 2007, she served as corporate counsel in intellectual property for the Ann Arbor office of Pfizer, where she focused on securing litigation-resistant global patent portfolios, particularly in the area of new chemical entities. Sherwood has also defended large pharmaceutical companies accused of patent infringement and has experience asserting biotechnological patents for major universities. She earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh and her law degree from Seton Hall University.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

### Twistin'

As she's twirled around, Victoria Dufur, 9, smiles as she dances the "Twist" with her mom, Lisa, during 'Tunes on Tuesday' at Northville's Town Square. Musician Rennie Kaufman provided the tunes.

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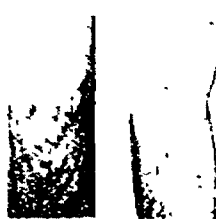
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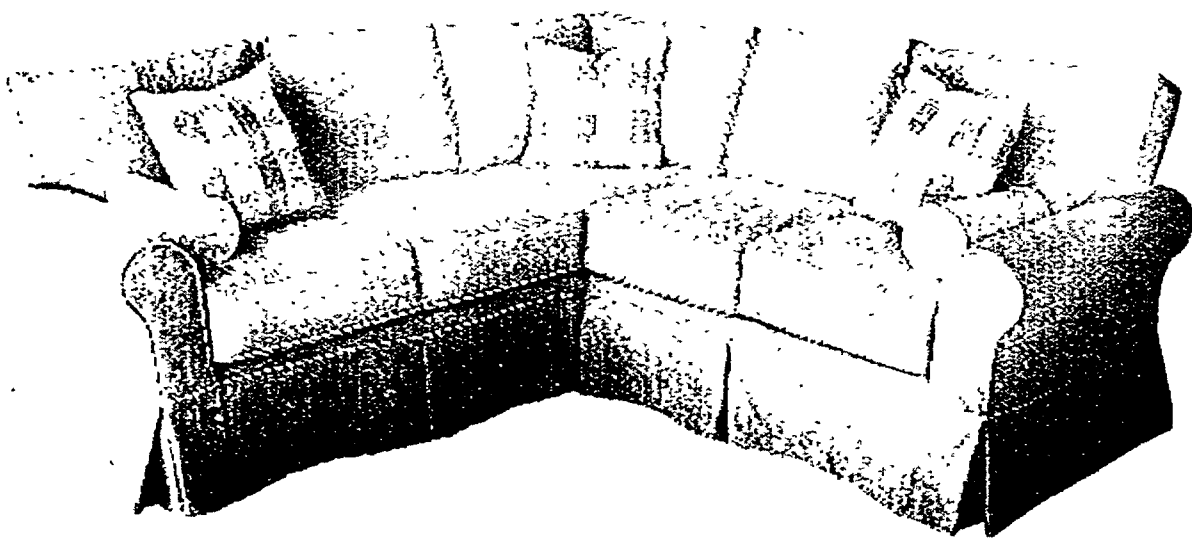
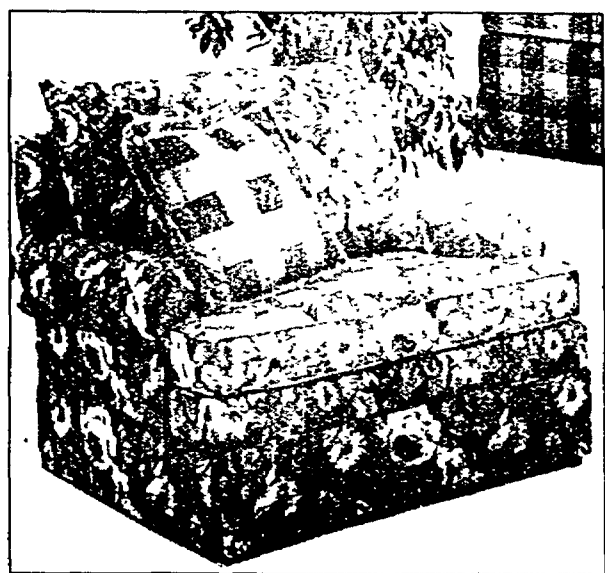
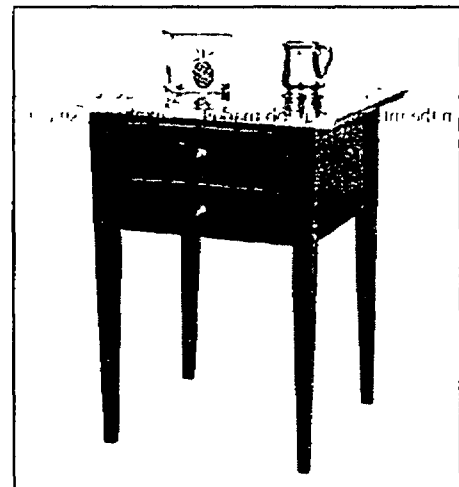
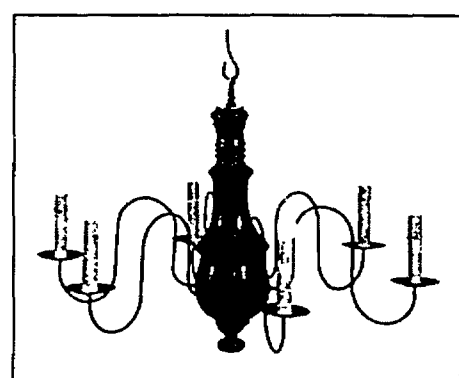
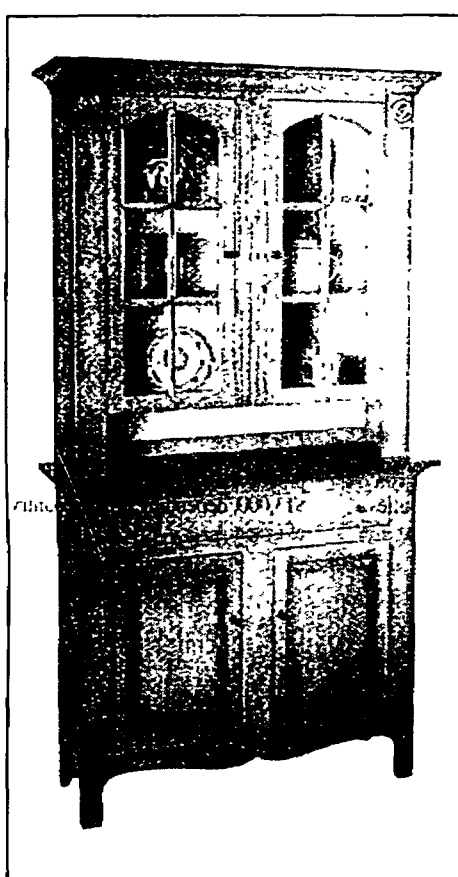
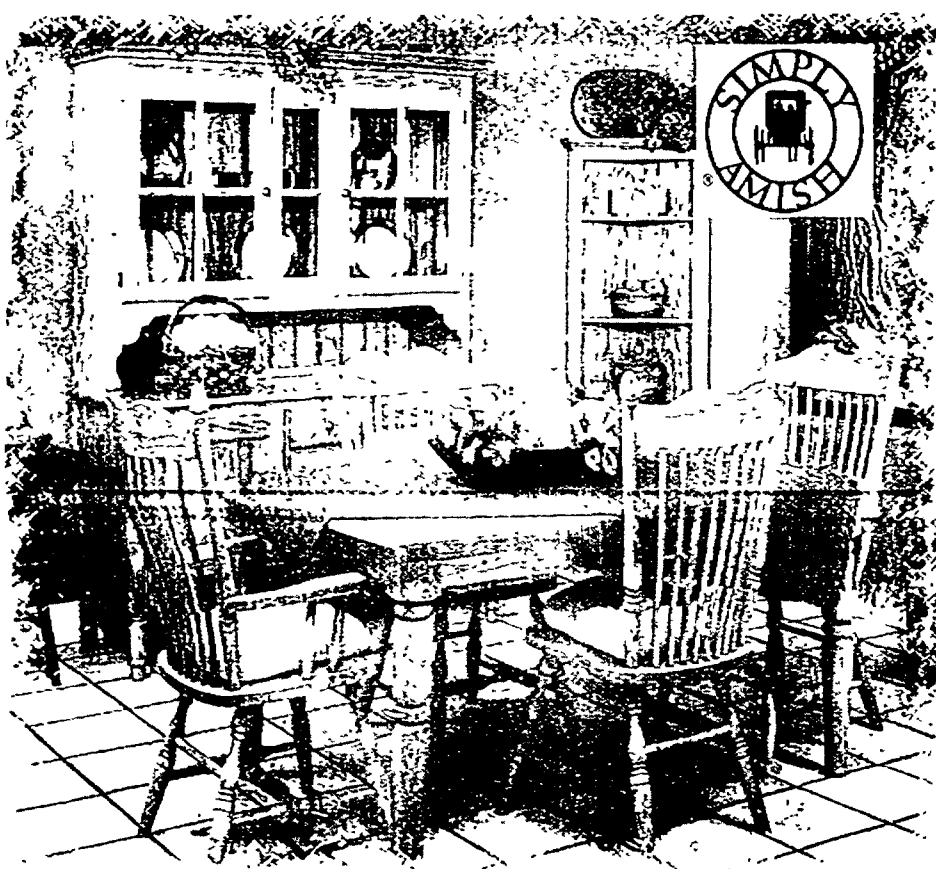
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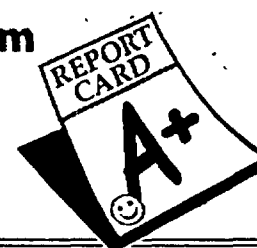
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# EDUCATION



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## Glamour lures exchange students, but Michigan captures them

■ **Foundation brings over 3,000 students every year**

By Alea Hibbeln  
SPECIAL WRITER

Disneyland, Hollywood, hot dogs, and an obsession with sports are the bait that lures high school foreign exchange students to the Land of Opportunity. Most of these greenhorns yearn to live with a family in California, hoping to catch a glimpse of the latest box-office movie star, though many wind up in Michigan. And when they do, they experience a taste of Americana that surpasses their initial starry-eyed dreams.

The Great Lakes state is right behind Texas for the highest number of families willing to open their homes to foreign exchange students.

"Michigan is a very philanthropic state," said Trish Dewald, a fundraiser for College for Creative Studies who grew up having many foreign exchange 'siblings.' "People are generous with their time and money, — and if they don't have the money, they give their time."

This rings true for Al Vardya, the owner of a technology solutions firm. Soon to become empty-nesters, Vardya and his wife, J.T., were recently looking for an opportunity to give back to their community when they stumbled upon EF Foundation for Foreign Study, an organization that brings in over 3,000 foreign exchange students from 40 different countries each year.

The 25-year-old foundation, overseen by the U.S. Department of State, seeks to break down social, language and geographical barriers. The exchange students come into the program seeking a cultural adventure. And thinking ahead, they know they need to be fluent in English in order to compete in the international job market. "All are learning multiple languages,

but when they leave the country after a school year or even a single semester, they indeed return home fluent in this one.

Vardya, now a volunteer exchange coordinator for the organization, networks within the tri-county area to find loving families willing to open their homes to students eager to learn about American culture. Vardya said some people become hosts because they want a 'sibling' for their own children. Others find hosting a way to ease the transition of a bustling household into empty nest-hood.

"I'm trying to build awareness with neighbors and schools," he said. "My focus now is also helping families begin the hosting process."

The Novi resident said he has a soft spot in his heart for foreign exchange students because his kids, who attended Northville High School (they live on the border of Novi and Northville), have had friendships with several. In fact, many exchange students from the EF program have attended both Novi and Northville high schools, especially in recent years.

"For many countries, it's a cultural thing to want to go abroad, and America has a mystique," Vardya said.

"It must be the Hollywood thing," responded Peter Almqvist, the only field recruit manager for the organization. Almqvist and his wife began hosting over 12 years ago when one of his daughters came home with a friend from Italy who was having a bad experience with her host family. Six months later, that exchange student left the Almqvist household in St. Clair Shores and returned home with joyful stories about her new American family.

Having had a rewarding experience himself, Almqvist hosted two exchange students, one male and one female, the following year. "There's nothing like bringing a boy into a house filled with girls," said the father of two daughters.

The fascination for cultural awareness doesn't just end with the exchange student. Host families find themselves riveted by stories

### More info

To learn more about EF Foundation for Foreign Study, visit the Web site [www.effoundation.org](http://www.effoundation.org). Families or individuals interested in learning about hosting can call coordinator Al Vardya at (248)347-4419 or email him at [avardya@umich.edu](mailto:avardya@umich.edu).

of life in other countries, told right in their own kitchens. From her own experience, Dewald said, "The little ones are enamored with their new big brother or big sister."

"The students coming from Australia and New Zealand, though they speak English, their culture and the school systems are so different," said Almqvist. "There are a lot of stereotypes about Americans. They get to see the real America through us, not through newspapers. Hopefully, these kids will be in positions of power and make decisions based on their experiences here."

And part of these experiences is a few things Americans take for granted, like a simple taco. Phillip, an exchange student from Germany, was living with the Almqvist family when he discovered the pleasures of fast food.

"He had to go to Taco Bell every day after school because he loved it," said Almqvist. "When he came back with his girlfriend, he took her on a tour of American restaurants."

EF Foundation hosts need not resemble the traditional American family. In fact, gays, lesbians, singles and grandparents can become hosts as long as they are at least 25 years old.

"They just need the space, the time and ability," said Almqvist.

While hosts don't receive money from the foundation, the students do pay for their own entertainment, clothes and even toiletries. The cost for an exchange student to enter the program is between \$7,000 and \$13,000, depending on the country of origin.



Submitted photo  
Al Vardya, coordinator for EF Foundation for Foreign Study, with his wife, J.T. (second from left), and daughters Tasha and Nikita.

## Livonia Public Schools Open Renowned Academically Talented Program to Out-of-District Students

Ten seats are open to students entering 3rd grade in fall 2008.

Limited Registration window: June 24-July 8

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2008-09 school year. This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will be open from June 24-July 8 at the Department of Instruction, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia 48154 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, visit [www.livonia.k12.mi.us](http://www.livonia.k12.mi.us) or contact Charlotte Worthen, Director of Instruction at 734-744-2589.

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## Class Reunions

### 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.

### 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](mailto:phs40threunion@charter.net).

### Northville High School Class of 1988

DATE: Weekend of July 26  
DETAILS: For further information, please contact Jennifer Clarkson at [jclarkson2004@yahoo.com](mailto: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  
DETAILS: The cost for the 30 year reunion is \$75 per person. "Crasher" tickets are available for the classes of 1976, 1977, and 1979 for \$25. Contact Janet Eisele Junca by e-mail at [juncaj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:juncaj@sbcglobal.net)

### 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](mailto:Judygoerke@yahoo.com) or Shirley Chiado Peters 248-348-9443, [ford.net may be contacted for further information.](mailto:Shirley.peters@village-</a></p>
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### 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.

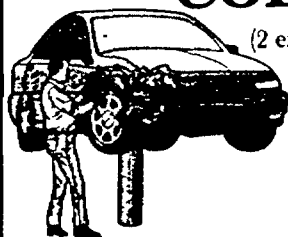
### Detroit Chadsey Classes of 1958

DATE: Friday, September 19  
LOCATION: Burton Manor, Livonia  
DETAILS: Cost is \$55 per person. CONTACT: Michael Poterala at (248) 548-4829 or [mspoterala@comcast.net](mailto:mspoterala@comcast.net).

### Cass Tech Class of 1958

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 11  
DETAILS: For more information about this 50 year class reunion, contact Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 or go to [casstech58.com](http://casstech58.com).

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### Teamwork

Ridge Wood Elementary School students Malika Sachdev, left, Kendal Dekker, right, and others work together to see if they can guide a small ball down a chute comprised of pool noodles during end-of-the-school-year field day activities.

## Morraine students go round the world

Hola! Salve! Salaam! Salut! Allo! Shalom! Hey! Namaste! O'la! Neih hou! All these greetings and more were heard at the International Festival held in April at Moraine Elementary School.

The International Festival was a combined effort by Susan Segerstrom, Spanish teacher at Moraine, and Claudia Ordonez, a Moraine parent. Sue Segerstrom pondered the possibility of a cultural event for quite some time but was concerned about pulling together the logistics on her own. Ordonez participated in a similar event at the American School in her native Sao Paulo, Brazil. So a partnership was formed.

As the more than 200 participants arrived they filled out "passports" then visited exhibits representing each country. Exhibitors displayed artifacts, clothing, photographs, music, maps, toys, games, hand crafts

and food from their countries of origin. Visitors had the opportunity to learn something about each country, as well as taste food. After guessing the answer to a trivia question a sticker with the country's flag was placed in the passport. Children then turned in their completed passports as a drawing for prizes was held. Area organizations and merchants who sponsored the event by contributing goods, services, or financial support included: the Moraine PTA, Awakening Art Gallery, Baby Bliss, Bilingual Fun, Great Harvest Bread Company, the Marquis Theatre, and the Bee's Knees.

Children from Amy Devlin's second grade class shared what they learned, wondered, or liked most.

Benjamin Jones learned about the three national sports of Canada. Johnny Vallespir liked

trying the chopsticks at the Taiwan display. "Practicing picking up candy with the chopsticks was fun. I did it the first time!"

Shane Rankin enjoyed the trivia questions. "It was really interesting the way they hid the answers. It was a lot of fun!"

Olivia Gibaratz wondered how many flags there are in the world. Other children who participated shared their favorites. Rishi Barad, a fifth grader who was also an exhibitor, explained that the displays and the passport activity were his favorite part. "We had India's national bird, some pictures and other artifacts. We explained about India's currency and sports."

Fifth grader Andres Ordonez, son of Claudia Ordonez, was enthusiastic about the food. "I

liked tasting all the food from all the different places. My favorite was the Greek food and the oleas." Andres explained that oleas is a Brazilian food where a candy like caramel is spread between two thin wafers.

Lauren Cassar, also in second grade, wore traditional Persian clothing representing her country of Iran. "I felt really proud. My grandma made my skirt by hand."

Cathy Rankin, a Moraine parent reflected on the evening. "Not in very many lifetimes do families have an opportunity to travel around the world. This evening at Moraine parents and kids alike had wonderful countries laid out right in front of them! What a wonderful learning experience."

### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF NORTHVILLE

At the regular meeting of the Northville City Council held on Monday, June 16, 2008, the City Council adopted a resolution amending the Fees, Fines, and Penalties Schedule for various City of Northville services, licenses, permits, and violations, effective on July 1, 2008. A complete copy of the amended fee schedule is available for public review in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, 248-349-1300, during normal business hours or on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

DIANNE MASSA,  
CITY CLERK

(6-26-08 NR 419246)

### CITY OF NORTHVILLE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS COPY MACHINES

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Northville for the furnishing of three copy machines. Bids must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk located in the Northville City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 at or before 2:00 p.m., local prevailing time, on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bidding documents may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk or on the City's website: <http://ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PurchasingAndRFPs/ProposalsBids.htm>

The City of Northville reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid in the interest of the City.

DIANNE MASSA,  
CITY CLERK

(6-26-08 NR 419751)

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008

To the Qualified Electors of the Charter Township of Northville, Wayne County:

Notice is hereby given that Monday, July 7, 2008 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election. Qualified electors may register to vote, or change their address, at the Township Clerk's office which is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Electors may also register at any branch office of the Secretary of State or any County Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Electors may register by mail by completing a Mail-In Voter Registration Application and forwarding the application to the election official as directed on the application by the close of the registration deadline. Mail-In voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting

Northville Township Clerk's Office (248 - 348 - 5800)  
44405 Six Mile Road  
Northville, MI 48168

Note: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND,  
NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP CLERK

(6-26-08 NR 419409)

### INVITATION FOR BIDS CITY OF NORTHVILLE PURCHASE OF 2008 WHEEL LOADER

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:00 p.m. local time on July 22, 2008 for the Purchase of a 2008 Wheel Loader.

Specifications for this unit along with contract documents can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

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 a contract to other than the low bidder should it be deemed in the City's best interest to do so.

JAMES P. GALLOGLY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
(6-26-08 NR 419461) DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

### CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the proposed modification of parking regulations for the Central Business District (CBD). The proposed changes are described as follows:

Section 17.01.13a Parking Within the CBD  
Section 17.01.13b Collective Parking  
Section 17.01.13c Shared Parking  
Section 17.01.13d Mixed Use Parking

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on July 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public input on the proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments may be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments will also be received at the above address.

RICHARD STARLING, BUILDING OFFICIAL  
(6-26-08 NR 419462) DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

### CITY OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

2008 CITY OF NORTHVILLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE JULY 1, 2008 WILL BE PAYABLE WITHOUT PENALTY AT THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, THE NORTHVILLE BRANCH OF COMERICA BANK, AND ALL BRANCHES OF COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION FROM JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2, 2008.

Taxes may be paid by mail, addressed to City of Northville, Attn: Tax Department, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, or in person at the City Clerk's Office Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The office will be closed Friday, July 4th, 2008 and Monday September 1st, 2008.

On September 2nd, 2008 a two percent (2%) penalty will be added, plus an additional 12 of 1% interest per month beginning October 1st, 2008. All payments received after 4:30 p.m. September 2nd, 2008 regardless of postmark will be subject to penalty and interest.

JENNIFER L. SHEPARDSON  
DEPUTY TREASURER

(6-26-08 NR 419670)

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Northville among best

More than 30 Michigan high schools are among 1,300 nationwide that have been listed in Newsweek's annual listing of the best high schools in the nation.

The International Academy in Bloomfield Hills was the top-ranked school in the state, sitting at number 12. The school has consistently ranked at the top, taking the number one spot in 2003.

Newsweek listed 1,300 top high schools in the nation, using a formula based largely on the number of students who take rigorous Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Cambridge exams. Here are high schools in metro Detroit who made the list and their ranking:

Grosse Pointe South, 356; Andover High in Bloomfield Township, 377; Troy High, 545; Berkley High, 575; Groves High in Beverly Hills, 641; Farmington High, 759; Lahser High in Bloomfield Township, 822; Seaholm High in Birmingham, 875; Grosse Pointe North, 882; Walled Lake Central High, 927; Harrison High in Farmington Hills, 986; Athens High in Troy, 1,026; Dakota High in Macomb Township, 1,060; North Farmington High, 1,147; West Bloomfield High, 1,162; Novi High, 1,186; Northville High, 1,189; Walled Lake Northern High, 1,267; Thurston High in Redford Township, 1,290.

Gannett News Service

### Winchester wins with Apple

Six schools in Michigan — including Winchester Elementary — are the winners in the 2nd Annual Michigan Apple School Sweepstakes, a program that strives to instill healthy eating habits in students and give support to local farmers.

The contest, developed by the

Michigan Apple Committee (MAC), is open to accredited K-12 schools in Michigan. To participate, students clip and save the Michigan Apples logo from the bags of apples. Each logo collected counts as an entry for that school. Winners are chosen in a random drawing.

The 2008 winning schools are:

1st Place:  
• Saints Peter and Paul School, Grand Rapids  
• Velma Watson Upper Elementary, Newaygo  
2nd Place:  
• Sacred Heart of Jesus School, Grand Rapids  
• Legacy Christian Middle School, Grand Rapids  
3rd Place:  
• St. Joseph Academy, Richmond

Cash prizes in the amounts of \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 are awarded for first, second and third places respectively.

According to MAC Executive Director Denise Yockey, participation in the program has increased considerably in its second year.

"Ideally we would love to see all schools in Michigan taking advantage of this opportunity," she said. "In addition to the chance to win money, it's a great opportunity for teachers to talk with students about healthy eating habits and share with them the importance of Michigan agriculture, the state's second largest industry."

MAC will offer the sweepstakes program next year with a few new twists. Prize amounts will increase to \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$1,000 and a new computer will be awarded to the school collecting the most Michigan Apples logos.

For further information on the School Sweepstakes, visit [www.MichiganApples.com](http://www.MichiganApples.com).

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

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2008 in observance of Independence Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 7, 2008.

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

SUE A. HILLEBRAND,  
CLERK

(6-26-08 NR 419166)

### CITY OF NORTHVILLE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS POSTAGE METER

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Northville for the furnishing of a postage meter. Bids must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk located in the Northville City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 at or before 2:00 p.m., local prevailing time, on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bidding documents may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk or on the City's website: <http://ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PurchasingAndRFPs/ProposalsBids.htm>

The City of Northville reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid in the interest of the City.

DIANNE MASSA,  
CITY CLERK

(6-26-08 NR 419754)

### SYNOPSIS JUNE 19, 2008 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, June 19, 2008

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. CLOSED MEETING: (6:00 p.m.) Motion to enter into Closed Session as permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267) of 1976 or MCL 15.261)

A. Litigation Updates - REIS vs Township, Township vs REIS - discussion

Resume Open Meeting: Motion to resume open session.

1. Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - approved

2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:

A. Wayne County State Revolving Loan - approved

B. Resolution 2008 - 90, Honoring Clerk Hillebrand as The Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks' Township Clerk of the Year - approved

3. Public Hearings: None

4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: Supervisor Abbo thanked Senator Patterson for his efforts this week on the senate floor and numerous citizens who traveled to Lansing on behalf of Annexation legislation. (HB5779) In addition, the Supervisor thanked Rep. Corriveau for his continuing support as well. Several citizens spoke in support of Annexation legislation changes.

5. New Business:

A. Northville Community Park Drainage Project - approved

B. DPS - Equivalent Living Unit Factor Schedule - approved

C. DPS - Shoring Equipment - approved

D. DPS - Elevated Water Tank - payment #12 - approved

E. DPS - 2006 Distribution System Improvements - payment #7 - approved

F. Michigan Township Association Dues - approved

G. Coldwater Springs Nature Area bid award - approved

H. DPS - Five Mile Road Booster Station - payment #13 - approved

I. Wayne County Turbo Program - approved

J. DPS - Five Mile Road Water Main Replacement Phase 2 - approved

K. Professional Services - Coldwater Springs Nature Area - approved

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Ordinances: None

8. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$3,053,557.70 - approved

9. Board Communication & Reports: Reports were given by Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner, Chip Snider

10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: None

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:  
SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CMC

(6-26-08 NR 420054)





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### Old Village fundraiser

As her mom Diane watches on nearby, Old Village School student Ani Karageozian, 9, helps out at the auction table during a fundraiser for OVS at Northville's Empire Deli. The deli and its owner, John Colombani, teamed up with a bunch of Detroit Lions and local businesses to offer autographed shirts and other goods and services all to raise money for the school and its special physical education equipment needs.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

### It's over!

Silver Springs student Nick Volakakis enjoys Hula-hooping during his school's end-of-the-year field party at Ford Field.

## Board OK's curriculum for sex ed; drops privatization

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demonstration at any point in the course. There also is no reference to the "teenwire" website in any of the materials approved."

In May and June, school parents had multiple opportunities to review all the curriculum and instruction materials and were able to offer comment at two public hearings conducted by the Board of Education on May 22 and May 29, as well as at the Board Instructional Services Subcommittee meeting on June 17.

In response to input from parents, the following administrative recommendations were approved by the school board Tuesday night:

- The human sexuality components of the Health Education course will be "opt-in" instead of "opt-out." Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, a "parent preference" letter will be mailed to the parents of each student enrolled in the Health Education course requiring a signature for participation in all, a portion of, or none of the human sexuality lessons. In the past, an "opt-out" only letter was sent and only those parents who did not want their students to participate returned the letter.

- The video, It's Your Choice: Birth Control for Teens has been removed from the curriculum and materials approved for use during the lesson will focus on reducing the risk through other forms of contraception.

- Alternate assignment options will be developed and presented to the Board Instructional Services Subcommittee by October 2008 (prior to the teaching of the human sexuality portion of the class) for students whose parents elect not to have them take part in some or all of the lessons. This will include a process for students (with parent permission) to submit other topics/programs for approval as an alternate assignment.

- An "abstinence-only" course option will be developed for the 2009-10 school year based on the abstinence-only version of Healthy and Responsible Relationships and offered if enrollment in the course is sufficient. This will include the creation of a process for submitting supplementary materials for consideration. Parents of students enrolled in the health course for the 2008-09 school year may request a schedule change if they wish to wait until this option is available.

As with all high school courses required for graduation, another option students have is to "test-out" of the entire Health Education class by following the district's procedures for testing out. Students who successfully pass the test receive credit for the course on their high school transcript.

"In approving the curriculum and materials, with the administrative recommendations, school board members recognize the importance of providing a number of choices designed to meet the individual preferences of parents and families in our school community," Gallagher said.

## Sex-ed curriculum details

The one-semester course, which also covers a variety of other health-related topics — including nutrition, personal health and wellness, safety, and the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drug use — is required for all high school students (beginning with the Class of 2011) under Michigan's new graduation requirements.

While all Michigan high school graduates must successfully complete the Health Education course, participation in the human sexuality education portion is not a requirement of graduation. As in the past, parents can choose not to have their students participate in all, or part, of the human sexuality instruction.

The two human sexuality components of the course — which comprise about three weeks of the 20-week course — teach prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and sexual education. Throughout the instruction, abstinence from sexual activity is reinforced as the safest and healthiest choice for young people and the only 100-percent effective method for avoiding infection with STIs, including HIV, and pregnancy.

In a May 2006 EPIC MRA telephone survey about health-related issues, 79 percent of Northville school parents said age-appropriate reproductive health and sexuality education is important for their children and 76 percent said the instruction should include both abstinence and STI and pregnancy prevention and risk reduction.

The Northville Public Schools curriculum for human sexuality instruction and HIV/STI prevention includes lessons and materials that were selected from a program developed by the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Department of Community Health through a cooperative effort by parents, teachers and professional organizations statewide. The program has a copyright date of 2007 by the State of Michigan and is called Healthy and

A user-friendly binder detailing the human sexuality lessons and materials in sequential order, along with "teacher notes," has been created to make it easier for parents to preview the curriculum prior to turning in the "parent preference letter." Opportunities for parents whose students are enrolled in the health class to review the curriculum and materials will be available during the registration period at Northville High School in August as well as by appointment after that time.

### Opposition to curriculum

The board continued receiving comments from the community up to Tuesday's meeting.

"People have a right to engage with their school district," said Wadsworth. "I believe some were pleased that the district offered the abstinence-only piece, and that was what many of the folks asked for. On the other hand, we get criticized by some who would prefer we not offer it all."

Dr. Nancy Couch Nowak, a member of the Health Advisory Board, opposes the curriculum. She views the district's abstinence-only offering as very weak in abstinence, essentially removing only some of the information about the use of condoms and birth control.

"The small group exercises will still be included, and there remain some medical inaccuracies, and most of the parents opposing this curriculum remain upset," Couch said.

She has voiced strong concerns regarding the proposed material and videos. Some parents are

hoping the video on abstinence, which Couch calls severely outdated, or the birth control video be removed or undergo major changes eliminating small group activities, especially on more sensitive topics such as HIV/AIDS, STD's, condoms and birth control.

"The primary focus is not abstinence, and that is my main concern about this curriculum," Dr. Couch said. "Compare how much it relates to abstinence, and how much it relates to condoms and contraceptives. If the materials were studied exercise by exercise, it would be obvious this is more about protection and not abstinence."

### Privatization dropped

There will be no privatization of Northville schools' more than 160 custodial, transportation and food service personnel, at least for the next three years. The news was delivered by school board president Joan Wadsworth at Tuesday night's meeting when board members ratified a three-year contract between the district and Teamster's Local 214.

The contract terms, which begin this fall and end June 2011, include:

- a 2-percent reduction in employee wage schedule;
- a freeze on salary steps and longevity;
- an annual payment of \$390 for health care;
- and the introduction of a two-tier wage schedule for new employees (a 22-percent decrease

Responsible Relationships, HIV, Other STIs, and Pregnancy Prevention. In addition to being aligned with the curriculum requirements for sexuality education and instruction required by Michigan law, the selected lessons also meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum credit guidelines for health education.

Key themes woven throughout the abstinence-based Healthy and Responsible Relationships curriculum include:

- Parents and families are the first and primary sexuality educators for their children.
- Families and schools working together are more effective than each working independently from each other.
- Relationships are central to an individual's life and impact decisions about abstinence and sex.

- Young people have the power to control their personal behavior. When they are equipped with the skills they need, they are better able to exert their power.
- Abstinence is the primary emphasis as the safest and healthiest choice for young people.
- Sexual behaviors have consequences. Each individual should know the possible consequences, how to avoid them, and how to make healthy decisions now and for a lifetime.

- Sex education programs should address the needs of all students, including those who have abstained from sexual activity and those who are sexually active, now or in the future.

The Northville Public Schools human sexuality education components of the health class comprise eight class periods. Four of these focus on building healthy relationships, communication, understanding influences, knowing individual limits and escaping risks. Two class periods focus on HIV/STI prevention. One class focuses on reducing the risk of STIs and pregnancy through condom use while the final lesson focuses on reducing the risk through other forms of contraception.

— from Northville Public Schools

from current employees) beginning July 1, 2009.

Employees will still have the option to select coverage under Community Blue PP01 or Health Alliance Plan (HAP) and pay the difference for the more expensive coverage.

Other amendments involve snow days, field trips and overtime, but details were not available at press time.

"The decision on the part of the Board of Education earlier this year to explore the privatization of support services as a way to control costs and protect classroom learning was a difficult one," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "We already have great employees and great service in all these areas."

The agreement will save the district approximately \$1.2 million over the three-year period, enabling the district to continue employment of the schools' valued support service employees.

"The board is deeply grateful to the custodial, transportation and food service staff for their support in reaching this agreement," said Wadsworth. "We recognize the sacrifice involved. We are delighted to be able to keep our terrific staff and know that the school community is delighted as well."

The Northville Education Association (NEA), which represents more than 500 local teachers, continues negotiating with the district, as do other bargaining units. The NEA contract expires August 25.

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# FAITH



Thursday, June 26, 2008  
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## 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 firstpresnville.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.  
DATE: Tonight - Simple Cooking for Singles with Bruce Bell; July 3 - Outdoor Dinner & Lively Concert with Julie Firth, July 10 - The Love Doctor

### 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: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Traditional, 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.  
Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments for singles, 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.  
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. 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

A Stephen Ministry church  
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or furnorthville.org  
Sunday Worship (Summer)  
TIME: 8:30 and 10 a.m.  
Coffee hour at 11 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  
Men's Club: People, Pancakes and Praise  
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. second Saturday of every month (July 12)  
LOCATION: Fellowship Hall  
Summer Bible Study  
TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. every Sunday, June 22-Aug. 17  
DETAILS: Led by Rev. Lisa Cook. Cost is \$15.

### 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 visit dfcnazarene.org  
Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Services: 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Emergent/Organic Service: 7 p.m. every Tuesday  
Women of the Word Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Every Tuesday  
Ladies Evening Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday  
Men's Evening Bible Study: 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday  
Men of Purpose Prayer Group: 6 p.m. every Thursday  
Mid-week Adult Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. every Wednesday  
Mid-week Classes and Courses: 7 p.m. every Wednesday

### Oak Pointe Church

LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile

Road, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit 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; YourSpace; Every Man's Battle; Betrayed Hearts; Changes that Heal; and CrossCurrent.

CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.

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.

CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 to register or volunteer.

### Meadowbrook Congregational Church

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 10 a.m.

### Orchard Hills Baptist Church

LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road, Novi  
CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665, orchardhillsnovi.com or email to info@orchardhillsnovi.com  
Vacation Bible School  
TIME/DATE: 5-8:20 p.m. Sunday, and 6-8:20 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 24-29  
DETAILS: The game is on... and excitement is in the air! "Game Day Central: Where Heroes Are Made" will get kids in the game and help them learn how to become heroes both on and off the field. Open to children in preschool through grade 6. No cost.  
CONTACT: Jon Hix

### Novi United Methodist

LOCATION: 41671 W. Ten Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or umcnovi.com  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 9:45 a.m.  
Healing Service and Holy Communion  
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month  
Peace Vigil  
TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month  
LOCATION: In front of the church  
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

### GracePointe Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: The Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers  
DETAILS: Nursery staffed by

Nanny Poppinz.  
CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac.com, and gracepointepca.org  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 10 a.m.

### Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington

LOCATION: 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills  
CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or http://uufarmington.org

### St. John's Episcopal Church

LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth  
CONTACT: (734) 453-0190

### Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 54899 Eight Mile Road, South Lyon

### Church of the Holy Family

LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org  
Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday  
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

### St. John Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, between Grand River and Freedom Roads  
CONTACT: 248-474-0584

### Our Lady of Good Counsel

LOCATION: 47650 N. Territorial Road, corner of Beck Road, Plymouth  
CONTACT: (734) 453-0326, (734) 459-9893 or visit olgc-parish.net

### Crosspoint Meadows Church

LOCATION: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, south of Thirteen Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 669-9400 or visit crosspointmeadows.org.  
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. Bible study classes for all ages; 10:30 a.m. worship service.  
DETAILS: During these times

there are nursery and older children programs available including Noah's Ark and Promiseland (children's worship ages five through fifth grade). Our worship offers a blend of traditional elements along with contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship service.

### St. Thomas Orthodox Church

LOCATION: 29150 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

### St. John's Episcopal Church

LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth  
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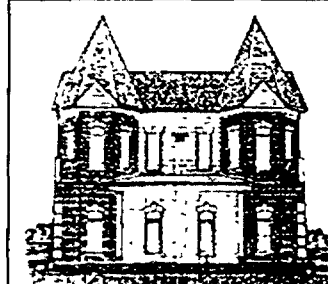
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## NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

### Malicious destruction

A Northville Township resident on Tournament Drive reported a malicious destruction of property incident that occurred between noon on June 1 and 4 p.m. on June 9.

The man said that his red 2007 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup had key-type marks on the driver's side rear, scratches down the passenger side and a broken rear taillight.

He told police that the vehicle was damaged while parked outside his residence, that he didn't notice it for a few days and that he had filed a similar report for this type of accident in the past.

A Novi woman filed a report that her car window was damaged between 7 a.m. and noon on June 6 at Northville High School.

The woman said the window wasn't damaged when she arrived at the school. When she went out at lunch time she found the back passenger window broken on her vehicle, with the entire window being cracked and spidered.

The case was closed due to no investigative leads.

A Northville Township resident reported that her vehicle's passenger side window had been broken out on Stonebrook Drive between 7 p.m. June 4 and 3 a.m. June 5.

The woman told police that the vehicle was parked in the driveway of a friend's house, and that she discovered the window had been broken out when she returned to the vehicle.

### Driving, license suspended

A Farmington Hills woman was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 6:40 a.m. on June 8 at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

The driver was pulled over when an officer on patrol noticed that her license plate was expired. She did not have her proof of insurance and told the officer that her license was possibly suspended.

A Detroit woman was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 11:15 p.m. May 31 at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

The woman was stopped for impeding traffic because she was

driving 26 mph in a 45 mph zone. The woman was able to produce a vehicle registration and proof of insurance but no driver's license.

She said there was no particular reason why she was driving that slowly other than she was just unfamiliar with the area. The driver told police she was not aware of any suspensions on her license.

### Retail fraud

A Novi man was arrested for retail fraud at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road at 7:30 p.m. June 5.

A loss prevention officer told police while on the sales floor he saw the man trying to pry open the plastic packaging of a pair of Bushnell binoculars while in a sporting goods aisle.

The man used a folding Swiss Army knife to cut the binoculars out of the packaging, concealed the binoculars in the left cargo pocket of his shorts and exited the store without offering to pay for the binoculars, which were valued at \$16.99.

The man also cut his finger with his knife but did not require medical attention.

### Driving while intoxicated

A Dearborn Heights man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 5:35 a.m. June 1 at Five Mile and Haggerty roads.

Police were dispatched to the location about a driver slumped over the wheel. When police arrived at the scene, the suspect's vehicle was stopped in the southbound through lane at Five Mile Road.

The vehicle was in drive and running, with the subject lying on the steering wheel. Police noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from within the vehicle.

The subject was unresponsive, and it took several sternum rubs the police before the subject came to. He was unaware of his surroundings and that he was in a vehicle. When asked how much alcohol he had consumed, he stated, "enough."

A Livonia man was arrested

for driving under the influence at 11 p.m. May 30 near Home Depot on Seven Mile Road.

Police were dispatched to the store's parking lot after a traffic accident on eastbound Eight Mile Road and Haggerty Road in the right curb lane.

Both parties stopped in the Home Depot lot.

One of the drivers told police that the other driver had crashed into the rear end of his vehicle while he was stopped at a red light at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

He also told police the man who hit him seemed slow and confused and may have been intoxicated.

The man who hit the vehicle told police he was returning home after spending time with friends and did not have anything to drink.

He did remember crashing into the back of the vehicle and said he stopped to make sure everyone was OK and did not notice any damage to either vehicle.

He later said he had consumed two beers, with the last

beer being consumed about an hour ago.

### Theft from auto

A Northville Township resident on Lyric Court told police that her GPS unit was stolen from her vehicle about 5:30 p.m. on June 4.

The woman said she parked her vehicle in front of her home about 5:30 p.m. on June 4 and about noon on June 5 went out to her car and found the front passenger door window had been broken out and her GPS was missing.

A Northville Township resident on Knightsford told police that a golf bag and clubs were stolen from his truck between 11 p.m. May 28 and 1 a.m. May 29.

The truck was parked on the street by his home. The sports equipment was covered and in the truck bed.

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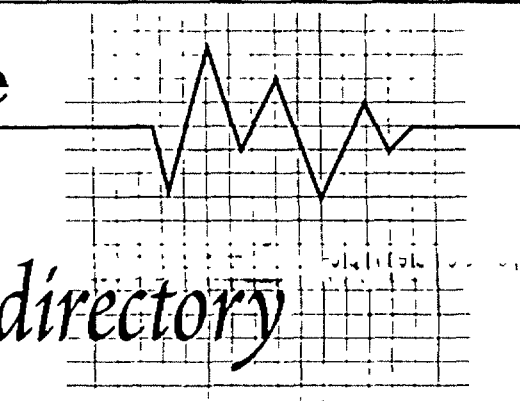
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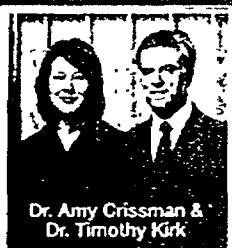
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### Weed out shady mortgage practices

The U.S. Department of Justice has, to its credit, taken a serious interest in mortgage fraud, as evidenced last week by the announcement of charges against more than 400 people nationwide, including 28 in the Detroit area. If the charges here are typical, most are people who scammed lending institutions by fabricating the buyer's income, inflating appraisals, and setting up straw buyers to flip a property again and again. The prosecutions are well and good, because the loose lending environment certainly allowed many crooks to game financial institutions -- to the tune of \$50 million just in these southeast Michigan cases brought by the U.S. Attorney's Office. But there is little sign that the government has taken much interest in pursuing the opposite scenario: the scam artists who preyed on vulnerable home owners.

Home owners who signed documents upon getting promises that seemed too good to be true should have known better, of course, and glibble borrowers may not have been defrauded according to the letter of the law. Still, some were outright swindled -- with false paperwork inserted into their documents, among other things -- and it would be nice if home buyers, as well as lenders, had the nation's premier enforcement agencies covering their backs, too.

In the cases that have been public, financial institutions may get some restitution, and down the road that may help stabilize mortgage markets. Certain neighborhoods -- and in these cases, they're scattered throughout southeast Michigan -- may also stabilize once they're past the seesaw caused by the crooks' inflated appraisals followed by the shockingly low prices of foreclosure sales.

But for a permanent end to unscrupulous practices, home buyers and their neighbors have to look to the Legislature. Michigan has already enacted licensing and rules for lending officers, which didn't exist before. Next up: bills that would outlaw predatory practices in home mortgages.

The mortgage crisis uncovered a host of unsavory -- and sometimes just ignorant -- practices on the parts of both lenders and borrowers. Even as borrowing scams get prosecuted, regular home buyers still need more backup.

*This editorial originally ran in the Detroit Free Press.*

### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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#### Now that's funny!

Comedian Joel Tacey got a big smile out of kids who attended the kick-off to the Northville Library's summer reading program on a Monday afternoon.

## Outsource to Michigan: It's sink or swim time

Michigan must take advantage of its strengths. So, I say we should market Michigan as the place where the rest of the country can outsource domestically.

Don't ship your jobs overseas; we have a domestic alternative right here in the good ol' "arsenal of democracy." No, we do not have the wage structure of Bangalore or Beijing, yet, but we do have other cost and natural benefits that we need to exploit to our advantage.

Let's send Jeff Daniels, the swooning voice of the Pure Michigan Economic Development campaign, to both coasts to tout the real advantage of below-average rent for professional office space, abundant factories with immediate occupancy, significantly more bang-for-your-buck on housing stock from a starter home to a mega mansion on a Great Lake or recreational

lake. And let's not forget to mention a university and community college system that graduates more skilled workers than can be absorbed by our stagnant employment market at the moment.

Michigan is at a crossroad. Like a novice swimmer bobbing up from the bottom of the pool for the third time, we will either learn to adapt and change or will sink. We cannot lead and prosper in the 21st century without casting off the negative anchors of law, public policy and beliefs that bind us to the 20th century industrial model. Our industrial might brought us to the dance but it is not going to take us home. Change, innovation and talent will.

#### Change or perish

Lou Gerstner, the former CEO of IBM, has foreshadowed where

Michigan has been careening when he said, "No institution will go through fundamental change unless it believes it is in deep trouble and needs to do something different to survive." Michigan has been struggling to adapt to the disruptive, transformational global economy longer than any state. We must change or perish!

With entrepreneurialism, creativity, innovation and capitalism in our DNA, along with being surrounded by clean and abundant water, makes Michigan the 21st century global warming, wet spot. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proclaims, "The Great Lakes are the largest surface freshwater system on the earth. They contain about 84 percent of North America's surface fresh water and about 21 percent of the world's supply. Only the polar ice caps contain more fresh

water." Given the threat of global warming, perhaps some of the coastal cities will be tapping the polar ice water in the future but not in the way they would like.

Similar to a stock that has hit bottom, perhaps now is the time to "buy Michigan at its low point." Sure, as with any stock purchase, timing is everything. Michigan may have a further downward spiral to go before it ticks up. Yet, I say we need to be hawking Michigan as the next "take off state."

Michigan needs to stop acting like Willy Loman from Death of a Salesman. What we have here in Michigan is worthy of investment from within the U.S. and abroad. We need to convince folks that they better get in on the "ground floor" before the state takes off. We are not going to thrash around at the bottom of the pool forever.



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How about billboards on the east and west coasts extolling the virtues of the "North Coast" where the cost of living is lower, the roads are bumpier but less congested, and cleaner air and abundant water are taken for granted. Trade in that high-priced fixer-upper in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago, Seattle, Atlanta or Miami and get two-for-the-price-of-one here in Michigan -- a principal residence

such as an upscale loft development in Detroit or a suburban location as well as a cottage "Up North."

We should be able to agree that as a state, while we are down, we can become the 21st century destination. And like hot a fishing hole, once discovered, it will be difficult to find room to get your line in the water.

Outsource to Michigan while you still have the opportunity.

## Obama stirs memories of Bobby Kennedy

With spooky coincidence, the first week of June marked both the 40th anniversary of U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's assassination -- and the winning by U.S. Sen. Barack Obama of the prize RFK had sought.

I was involved in Bobby Kennedy's campaign for President, which was so abruptly and tragically ended in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, just after he claimed victory in the California primary election. Kennedy's campaign began, you will remember, in the anguish of an unpopular and stake-mated war. In that long-ago era, he didn't even make up his mind to enter the race until March 16. And yet, he had a real shot at the nomination -- especially after President Lyndon Johnson's decision two weeks later not to run for re-election. The country desperately wanted change. The war in Vietnam looked as though it was going to go on forever, while the cultural revolution of the 1960s was in full swing. With LBJ's withdrawal, Vice President Hubert Humphrey became the establishment candidate for President, with the original insurgent, U.S. Eugene McCarthy, still drawing the anti-war vote. But nobody really thought McCarthy could win, and many younger, anti-

establishment folks swung -- hard -- to Bobby Kennedy.

A small group of us in Michigan, including current Democratic National Committee Member and MSU Trustee Joel Ferguson, joined together to battle the party regulars. It was a struggle against considerable odds, but by early June, we felt we were fighting the machine to a standstill in terms of pledged delegates. The national convention in Chicago was still more than two months away the night of the California primary, a close-fought affair between Kennedy and McCarthy. Exhausted, I spent the night at my parents' house near Ann Arbor.

I never will forget the shock when my mother came into my room the next morning. She was in tears. "I'm so sorry, but I must tell you that Bobby Kennedy was assassinated last night." The room spun, my heart stopped. My tears flowed. Actually, he did not die until early the next morning, but the dream had died when the shots were fired.

I had been deeply moved by the potential RFK had to bind back together our deeply divided country. He appealed to black and white, working-class stuffs and Ivy League graduates, the poor, the disenfranchised, those who were

alarmed by crooked labor unions and the Mafia. For a time, it seemed as though his spirit and humble charisma could call us all together as Americans.

In August, we went off to the convention in Chicago. In a gesture of respect, the convention managers played a film about RFK's life. Things paused, and we all surged onto the convention floor and began spontaneously to sing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," one of the Kennedy campaign's theme songs. We sang. And we sang. And they turned out the lights to shut us up. And we sang on. And on.

We must have been there for an hour. Defiant, angry, weeping. And finally we walked out of the convention hall to find our country a diminished place where the sun might have shone but where the lights of hope had been dimmed.

Fast forward forty years. Last week we saw another young senator emerge as a Presidential nominee. I'm not sure how his candidacy will develop; he's relatively young and inexperienced. But he is five years older than Bobby Kennedy was -- and has just as much experience in the Senate. And many voters are motivated by the nature of his appeal. He seems to want to go beyond conventional, partisan, bickering politics and



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knit our country back together again -- something some of us at the Center for Michigan have been trying to do for this state. So in some ways, Obama's appeal reminds me of Bobby Kennedy's. Which is why the coincidence in one week of his clinching his party's nomination and the anniversary of RFK's death was so spooky ... so scary ... and so moving.

The goals both these men shared are goals that mean much to our Michigan, now so troubled, buffeted and torn by economic trouble and loss of hope. So many of us are dismayed by what seems like endless bickering between political leaders who can't seem to get on with the urgent business of saving our state. After two years of research, lots of thought and much talk, there does seem to be a common-ground consensus

agenda on what is needed to transform Michigan: A talented and globally competitive workforce. A vibrant economy and great quality of life. Effective, efficient and accountable government. A virtuous intellectual and leadership circle that hums with promise and informed hope. It is all clear that what is lacking at the state level is both a sense of urgency and the political will needed to actually get things done.

As for the urgency, it's now clear Michigan is at a hinge of our history. The decisions we will make over the next decade will go a long way to determining what kind of state we will have in the next half century or more. And as to political will, it all begins and ends with leadership and a vision that pulls us together. Bobby Kennedy's vision inspired so many of us four decades ago. This

year, a new generation is inspired by Barack Obama's claim to a new, better kind of politics. Here in Michigan we must find that same kind of far-seeing, challenging leadership -- not solely Republican, not only Democratic, but both -- leadership that can bring us together to save our state.

#### Correcting The Record

My column last week chastised Gov. Granholm for not adopting Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's idea for a four-day, 10-hour work week to save gas. Turns out she released a letter urging state departments to do exactly that, one day before my column was published.

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Michigan Public Service Commission to hold hearings on recent power outages

Earlier this month, a series of thunderstorms crossed the Lower Peninsula. In addition to causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in property damage, the storms caused an estimated 720,000 customers of Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy to lose electric power for several days, including tens of thousands of residents of Oakland County.

Anyone who has been without power for any length of time knows what a distressing problem it can be. When your electricity goes out, your life becomes a bit harder for a time. It is in these times that we take comfort in our relationships with friends and family as we share meals, refrigerators, and laundry service.

Thanks to our sophisticated, modern power system, we can also rest assured that while our power may go out unexpectedly, it is usually restored in short order. Unfortunately this recent spate of outages was accompanied by additional difficulties.

According to an announcement by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), many residents were unable to notify their utility company of power outages and downed power lines via the company's toll-free number. This may have played a role in extending the time some residents were without power.

Fortunately, the MPSC is taking action. In a statement, the commission said, "the Michigan Public Service Commission has an obligation to ensure that utilities are providing customers with reasonably reliable service, to protect the public from hazardous downed power lines, and to promptly respond and restore power to customers suffering from outages." The MPSC has decided to conduct an investigation over the next 60 days to determine what exactly happened with the utilities' distribution sys-



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tems after the power outages, why it happened, and whether anything can be done to prevent similar problems in the future.

In Oakland County, the MPSC is holding a public hearing in Pontiac on Monday, June 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Auditorium in the Oakland County Courthouse. The courthouse is located at 1200 N. Telegraph Road.

I am glad the commission is taking this step. I encourage anyone affected by these outages to attend the hearing. Let your voice be heard.

### Solution to Cobo Hall impasse

Recently I introduced legislation that would make available \$50 million in seed money for the proposed expansion of Cobo Hall if the players in the project sign a consensus agreement in conjunction with a financial commitment of public and private funds.

This proposal provides an excellent opportunity for everyone involved in this important project to set aside their differences and come to an agreement for the good of greater Detroit and the state as a whole. I really think this has the potential to unify southeast Michigan and boost the image and national profile of Detroit in these tough times.

Senate Bill 1348 would provide \$25 million from the 21st Century Jobs Fund for the Cobo expansion or renovation in 2009 and another \$25 million in 2010.

The fund is appropriated \$75 million annually to jumpstart Michigan's economy now and diversify and grow the state's economy in the future.

This legislation represents a wise investment that could yield very significant results, such as an infusion of tourism dollars into Michigan, an influx of new companies, and other job-creation and economic-growth opportunities. The proposal should also provide a critical safeguard to retaining the North American International Auto Show and will make more convention and tourism options available to the state.

The latest plans to expand Cobo Hall call for a 120,000-square-foot addition and infrastructure improvements. During the past 10 years of study and proposals, the project has been slowed by disagreements among the participants. I am optimistic that this measure offers a sensible alternative.

This is not a giveaway. The state has a real incentive to use this money as a carrot, if you will, to help bring the parties together and revitalize the entire state's economy. We need to work together with those willing to invest.

The bill has been referred to the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee.

Your feedback is always welcome. You can contact me by e-mail at: [sennecassis@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:sennecassis@senate.michigan.gov), or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

### In Your Voice

The following are excerpts from readers participating in In Your Voice, our online forum for discussing issues at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

#### ■ TOM WATKINS: China's minority "problem" is a world problem

Mr. Watkins, thanks for your article about the reality and importance of the problems Uyghur is facing now. Due to Chinese economic development, it seems that many people are just closing their eyes to speak out about the Chinese repression of Uyghurs. Uyghuristan has been under Chinese occupation since 1950 and Uyghurs were called by Chinese in 1970s as "friendly nation." Now, after more than 50 years, exactly when oil prices gets higher and higher, Chinese links us to Al-Qaeda terrorists. Chinese are hard workers without innovation but with trickies to copy from others secretly. They are not only copying the western technologies illegally but also the government of China copied the "US war on terror" without shame and just to justify their killings of Uyghurs so they can explore our rich oil and other resources. The world should be aware in time that stronger China on Uyghur-

Tibet blood will be big threat not only to our lovely cats and dogs but to our environment and all of us!

Arkin

Thank you, Mr. Watkins, for your much needed attention to the plight of the Uighur people. Minor corrections:

1. Uighur is pronounced "Doye-gur," not "we-gar" - that's the way the Chinese and Westerners say it who cannot pronounce it correctly.  
2. Uighurs are a TURKIC people, not TURKISH people. Turkic people originate in the region of southern Siberia and today are represented by such ethnicities as Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Uzbek, Turkmen, Turkish, Tatar, Turan, Azerbaijani, Kurd, Chechen, Georgian and others. Modern Turks or Turkish people are just one branch of Turkic people now living in Anatolia or today's Turkey.  
Shohmurod

#### ■ KOJI: Newest restaurant serves favorite dishes of Japan and Korea

I've been to Koji three times so far, for both lunch and dinner. Good sushi, good quality green tea, and crispy tempura (never eat soggy tempura).  
Mistro

### Correction

In an article in last week's paper about the June 17 Downtown Development Authority meeting, it stated that \$12,000 was awarded to the only company that presented a bid recently on a wayfinding project for the city of Northville. The project involves the development of signs on nearby highways directing motorists to Northville. The DDA Board has approved the bid from Highway Service Company, Inc. of Trenton, but the award has to also be approved by city council.

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**Physical Therapy  
Rehabilitation Update**

by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

**THAT'S STRETCHING IT A BIT!**

Basically, there are four types of stretching. Static stretching is a sustained stretch, which is held and leveraged with another limb or against gravity to "deepen" the stretch. Ballistic stretching involves placing the body in a stretched position, followed with small bounces (intended to deepen the stretch). An active stretch is one in which the opposing muscle group contracts and pulls the body into a stretch. Finally, a dynamic stretch involves moving the body or a limb through a range of motion. While it was once thought that static stretching before exercise would prevent injury, it is now known that performing a static stretch prior to any type of muscle contraction slows down and weakens the muscles involved, worsening performance. A physical therapist can help you determine which exercises are right for your body and your needs. Specializing in orthopedic and sports rehab, we are dedicated to traditional patient centered care coupled with cutting edge physical therapy technology. For appointment and referral information, call NORTHVILLE PHYSICAL REHABILITATION PC at 248.349.9339. We are conveniently located at 215 East Main, Suite B. We are presently accepting new patients.

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# CALENDAR

Thursday, June 26, 2008  
hometownlife.com  
fax: (248) 349-9832

## Local Events

### Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Half Marathon

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. tonight - REI, 970 West Eisenhower Pkwy, Ann Arbor, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 28 - West Bloomfield Recreation Activities Center, 4640 Walnut Lake Road, Rm 102, West Bloomfield, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 10 - REI, 17559 Haggerty Road (at Six Mile), Northville.

DETAILS: Local team being recruited to participate in the Rock'n'Roll San Antonio Half Marathon on Nov. 16. Four informational meetings held locally. This program trains you to run or walk a half marathon, while helping the Foundation's Michigan Chapter raise funds to find a cure for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. A kickoff party will be held on July 17 at Neilsen's Fitness Center in Southfield. Training begins July 19-20.

CONTACT: Ellen Sherwood, CCA Team Challenge Endurance Manager, (248) 737-0900

### The Farm Lady "Bugs for Lunch"

TIME/DATE: 11-11:45 a.m.

Today  
LOCATION: Northville District Library

DETAILS: Meet Gertie the Guinea Hen and learn why Grouchy Ladybug and Charlotte the Spider are the farmer's good friends. All ages welcome. One hundred free tickets available ten minutes in advance.

### Best of Both World's Party

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Friday  
LOCATION: Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: This Girl's Night Out, appropriate for ages 7-12, features 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

### Summer Storytime

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Friday  
LOCATION: Northville District Library

DETAILS: Enjoy a lively storytime. No large groups due to space limitations.

### Northville and Novi Garden Walk Adventure III

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

Saturday  
DETAILS: Visit six homeowner gardens in Novi and Northville and learn ideas for container gardening, ponds, garden art and even a condominium garden. Tickets are available at Diners Greenhouse in Novi, Gardenviews in Northville and Backyard Birds in Plymouth. Northville's Town Square is hosting a Gardeners Market Place featuring vendors, raffles, refreshments and restrooms. For more information, go to [gardenersofnorthville-novi.org](http://gardenersofnorthville-novi.org)

### Creative Crafts

TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. Monday  
LOCATION: Northville District Library

DETAILS: Kids of all ages welcome to drop in to make a variety of crafts. No large groups due to space limitations.

### Face Painting Fun

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tuesday

LOCATION: Northville District Library

DETAILS: Drop in to have a fun design painted on your face and receive a surprise.

### Barnes & Noble

LOCATION: Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road, near Six Mile Road  
CONTACT: For all events contact Betsy Storrs at (248) 348-1274 or e-mail [crm2648@bn.com](mailto:crm2648@bn.com)

### Summer Storytimes

TIME/DATE: Through Sept. 2  
DETAILS: Children entering grades one through six can read any eight books, list them, and record their favorite parts of the book in their "Summer Reading with Andrew Clements" journal. They then bring their completed journal to any Barnes & Noble to receive a coupon for a free book and enter to win an autographed copy of an Andrew Clements book.

### Weekly Storytimes

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays  
DETAILS: Storytimes are various themes and involve story reading followed by crafts, games and activities.

### Book Signing

TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Saturday, July 19  
DETAILS: Book signing by author Beverly Armstrong

### Compuware Arena Drive-In Theatre

DATE: Through Sunday, Sept. 7  
TIME: Gates open at 7:30 p.m.; movies start at dusk or around 9 p.m.

DETAILS: Features first-run double-feature family-oriented movies on three screens. Tickets are \$9 for ages 13 and older, \$7 for ages 4-12, ages 3 and under are free. Students with ID are \$7 on Sunday-Thursday.  
CONTACT: (734) 927-3284 or [compuwarearena.com](http://compuwarearena.com)

### Sherus Gallery of Fine Art

LOCATION: 133 W. Main Street, Suite 210, Northville  
Artaisance with Danna Harvey Exhibit

DATE: Exhibit runs through 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: Artaisance-sherurus.ArMyStyle.com is a new concept in fine art shopping. The works of Danna Harvey will be in the gallery and online at [sherurus.ArMyStyle.com](http://sherurus.ArMyStyle.com). This online gallery 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

### The Muses Art Show

TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, through June 30

LOCATION: Picasso Cafe, 39915 Grand River, Novi

DETAILS: Showing of drawings and painting in different media of models who have posed for this group of artists. The artists include Barbara Eko Murphy of Northville, Mary Step from Northville/Novi, Daria Fileta from Novi, Peggy Kerwin of Northville and Jeff Cancelosi of Northville among others. The public will enjoy seeing the variety of approaches to the same subject. This group will also be drawing models outside, next to the Northville Art House, during the July Garden Walk.  
CONTACT: Picasso Cafe at (248) 427-0500

### Ford Field Family Flick

TIME/DATE: 8-11 p.m. Thursday, July 3 (movie starts at dusk)

LOCATION: Ford Field, 150 Hutton

DETAILS: Games, crafts and the family-friendly movie "Surf's Up." Suitable for all ages. No cost, but refreshments for sale. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, flashlights and bug spray. In case of rain, event moved to the Senior Community Center gym, 303 W. Main St. No registration required.  
CONTACT: Park and Rec. at (248) 349-0203

### Fourth of July Farm Breakfast

TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. until parade time, about 10 a.m., Friday, July 4  
LOCATION: Northville Masonic Center

DETAILS: All-you-can-eat breakfast sponsored by Union Chapter #55 RAM and Northville Commandery #39 KT. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes, ham, juice, tea and coffee. Adults are \$6, children \$3.

### Fourth of July Parade

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Friday, July 4

LOCATION: Downtown Northville

DETAILS: If you have a parade entry and would like to participate, you must pre-register by June 22.

CONTACT: (248) 374-0200

### 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 [cgcnv.org](http://cgcnv.org).  
CONTACT: [cgcnv.org](http://cgcnv.org) or (248) 348-3263

### Lobster-fest

TIME/DATE: 5-8 p.m. Saturday, July 12

LOCATION: Northville Square lobby, 133 W. Main St.

DETAILS: The Rotary Club of Northville is sponsoring this event to benefit local charities, including the Northville Library and Northville Historical Society. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Tickets are \$50 with a choice of lobster tail or steak. Cash bar and live entertainment. Tickets available at the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

### Democrats of West Oakland County

#### Summer Picnic

DATE: Sunday, July 13  
LOCATION: Home of Jim and Gail Gualdoni

### Northville Grub Crawl

TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m.

Thursday, July 29

DETAILS: Tickets are now on sale for the 4th annual Grub Crawl where participating restaurants offer free samples of appetizers and signature menu items. Cash bar specials also available. Free shuttle available or guests can "crawl" on their own. Also, A grand prize drawing for an outdoor grill. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Gardenviews and Good Time Party Store. Crawlers must be 21 years old or older.

CONTACT: For more information, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit [northville.org](http://northville.org)

### Farmer's Market

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

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

DETAILS: On the first Thursday of each month from 8:30-9:30 a.m., Providence Park Hospital presents "Good For You", promoting healthy recipes and lifestyles. The "Chefs at the Market" program, third Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m., features local chefs and free recipes and cooking demonstrations.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or [northville.org](http://northville.org)

### Friday Night Summer Concert Series

TIME: 7 p.m.

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

DATE: Friday - Doug Deming and the Jeweltones (rockabilly blues)

DATE: July 4 - Paul King's Rhythm Society (big band/swing/patnotic)  
DATE: July 11 - Shawn Riley Band (blues)

DETAILS: Early arrival is suggested for these free concerts, bring your own lawn chairs.

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

### Tunes on Tuesday

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

DATE: Tuesday - Rick Kelley,

original music to get you on your feet and moving.

DATE: Tuesday, July 8 - PALamazoo HulaBalloo, Susan and her puppets invite you to join in the fun.

TIME: 11 a.m. - noon

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 [northvillepark-sandrec.org](http://northvillepark-sandrec.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 [eclipsebbc.com](http://eclipsebbc.com).

TIME/DATE/LOCATION: Post-parade Friday, July 4, Gating Gun Base Ball Shootout and World Premier Four-team Event

TIME/DATE/LOCATION: 1 p.m. Saturday, July 5, at Crossroads Village, Mighty River Hogs

### Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.  
CONTACT: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or [genittis.com](http://genittis.com)

#### Surviving SamCo.

TIME/DATE: 6:00 p.m. Friday Aug. 8; 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28, July 12, and Aug. 2, 9, 23 and 30; and Monday July 7. Also, 7 p.m. Friday, July 11. Also 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28; Friday, July 18 and Aug. 1; Monday, June 30, and Tuesday Aug. 5 and 12

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. Dinner tickets are \$45, lunch tickets are \$35.

### Toy Chest, Children's Lunch Theater

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.

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. Will open any date for 25 or more.

#### Tribute to Elvis Starring

Sherman Arnold

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

DETAILS: Dinner and show tickets are \$45 per person.

#### Neil and Frank; A Tribute to Neil Diamond and Frank Sinatra

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 18 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19

DETAILS: Lunch and show are \$35 per person. Dinner and show tickets are \$45 per person. Help us celebrate our 37th anniversary.

#### Genitti's Acting Workshops

DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more

DETAILS: Enjoy our famous family-style lunch or dinner, then practice voice and body movement with one of our actors on stage. Play theater games; take backstage tour; \$16.95 per person

### Tipping Point Theatre

LOCATION: 361 E. Cady St.  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or visit [tippingpointtheatre.org](http://tippingpointtheatre.org)

#### 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 show alike. General seating tickets are available 7 p.m. at the door on the night of the performance, \$8.

CONTACT: (248) 347-0003

#### SHOWcamp Featuring

Disney's 101 Dalmatians

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. July 21 - August 1, performance Aug. 2

DETAILS: Summer camp for children entering grades 3-8. Students audition for roles in the musical, train with a choreographer, musical director and director, help build the set, create costumes and learn valuable tricks of the trade. At the end of two weeks, they will perform 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)

#### Don't Dress For Dinner

DATE: Wednesday-Sunday, June 11-29

TIME: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday

DETAILS: This hilarious farce, Tipping Point's premier production last fall, is back by popular demand along with the entire original cast. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available from the box office.

### 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

### As The Page Turns

LOCATION: 149 North Center Street, Suite 102, Northville

CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or [www.asthepageturns.biz](http://www.asthepageturns.biz)

#### Jean Alicia Elster Book

#### Release Party

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

August 1

DETAILS: Come celebrate her new book "Who's Jim Hines".

### Solid Grounds CoffeeHouse

LOCATION: 133 W. Main St., Northville

CONTACT: (248) 348-9737

#### Open Mic Nite

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

Tuesday

Carol Smallwood, classical

guitarist

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - noon

every Saturday

### 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)

### Summer Art Classes and Camps

DETAILS: Summer art and pottery classes and camps available for children, ages 2 through teenagers. Creative Tots, Parent/Child classes, Creative Kids, digital photography, pottery and sculpture classes, Fantastic Fridays, Still Life Open Studios, quilting, basket weaving and jewelry are just some of the classes and camps being offered. For information or to register, visit [northvillearts.org](http://northvillearts.org), call (248) 344-0497 or stop by the Art House.

#### Northville Arts Commission

#### Seeks Commissioners

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month

DETAILS: The Northville Arts Commission is seeking volunteer Commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House. Candidates need only to have a passion for expanding the arts in Northville! Committees are formed to assist in the development and facilitation of Art House educational programs, events and exhibitions. If interested, call (248) 344-0497, e-mail [info@northvillearts.org](mailto:info@northvillearts.org) or visit [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org).

### Maybury State Park

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads.)

State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually (\$6 annually for seniors 65 and older) 2008 permits now available at park office, 20145 Beck Road.

CONTACT: (248) 349-8390, Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or [FriendsOfMaybury.org](http://FriendsOfMaybury.org).

#### Story Hour at Maybury

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. the second Saturday from May to Sept.

DETAILS: For children ages 10 and under, meet at the Concession building; rain or shine. For more information, call the Park Office at (248) 349-8390.

#### Summer Programs for Kids

DETAILS: Free children's programs are offered five days a week until the end of August. All programs meet at the Concession Building area unless otherwise noted. A State Park motor vehicle permit is required for park entry. For more information, call (248) 349-3858.

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. today -

Nesting Nooks

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

Rot Trot

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Tuesday -

Animal Olympics

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

Habitat Hunt

TIME/DATE: 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Fireflies

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Thursday, July 3 -

Dragons and Damsels

TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26

DETAILS: A One Mile Run/Walk at 5 p.m.; 8K Run/Walk at 5:30 p.m. Benefits the Friends of Maybury State Park. For more information, visit [northvilleroad-runners.org](http://northvilleroad-runners.org).

### Mill Race Historical Village

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



ing volunteers dress in period-reminiscent costumes to inform visitors about the history of Northville and the village buildings. Costume assistance available and training materials 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. Have questions? Call Judy Davis at (248) 347-4871.

#### Northville Chamber of Commerce

LOCATION: 195 S. Main St., Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or visit northville.org  
TGIF  
TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Friday  
LOCATION: Chamber Office

**After Hours Mixer**  
TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 16  
LOCATION: Cambridge Homes

## Regional Events

#### Compuware Drive-In Movies

TIME: 7:30 p.m. gates open; 9 p.m. (dusk) movies begin  
DATES: Through Sept. 7  
LOCATION: Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth  
DETAILS: Prices for the drive-in movies are \$9 for ages 13 and older, \$7 for children 4-12, and free for children 3 and under. Students with current school identification are \$7 Sunday

through Thursday. Movies can be listened to through the FM radio in their cars. For movie listings, go to [compuwarearena.com](http://compuwarearena.com) or call the theatre hot line at (734) 927-3284.

#### The Purple Gang

TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 8  
LOCATION: Johnny's Grill, 146 High St., Belleville  
DETAILS: An interactive murder mystery dinner, set in 1931 and based on Detroit's own Purple Gang. Sponsored by the Belleville Area Historical Society to benefit the Belleville Area Museum. Donation of \$35 includes dinner and the mystery. Produced by Dore Productions of Northville. To order tickets, call

Cathy Horste at (734) 697-3662.

#### Women's Caring Program Twilight Gathering

TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m., July 10  
LOCATION: Meadowview (home of Carol Walters), 2955 Morrow Lane, Milford  
DETAILS: More than 800 women will gather for a gourmet meal, beverages and silent auction. The event benefits the Childcare Commitment Program which offers one-time awards to families in need that are ineligible for child care assistance from the state. Tickets are \$100 in advance, \$125 on site.  
CONTACT: (248) 415-1442 or [womenscaringprogram.org](http://womenscaringprogram.org) to register.

#### Italian Language Classes

LOCATION: The Italian American Club, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia  
ADULTS  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. and 8-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, through July 9  
DETAILS: Cost is \$37.50 for the class and books.  
CHILDREN  
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon every Saturday, through July 12  
DETAILS: Cost is \$25 for the class and books.  
CONTACT: For more information, call (734) 421-3460 ext. 2

#### Plymouth Art in the Park

TIME/DATE: noon-8 p.m.  
Friday, July 11; 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Saturday, July 12; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, July 13

LOCATION: Streets of downtown Plymouth and Kellogg Park  
DETAILS: Over 300 artists, entertainment and food will be featured in the 29th year of this event.  
CONTACT: Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540 or go to [artintheparkinc.com](http://artintheparkinc.com)

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DATE: Saturday, Aug. 9 and Sunday, Aug. 10  
LOCATION: Willow Run Airport, 801 Willow Run Airport, Belleville  
DETAILS: Warbird show featuring a salute to the P-47 Thunderbolt, W.W. II Heavy Bombers, a variety of vintage and modern military fighters, Bombers and Transports and an armored W.W.II battle reenactment. Gunner Sgt. R. Lee Erney, star of the film "Full Metal Jacket," will sign autographs and pose for pictures both days. Tickets are \$15 for adults until July 1. From July 1-Aug. 8, tickets are \$20 for adults. At the gate, tickets are \$25. Pre-paid parking is \$5, \$10 at the gate. The Flightline Chalet provides a tented area with tables and chairs for an additional fee of \$25 per person, per day in advance, \$40 per person, per day at the gate. Children 15 and younger free with adult. Limited to 300 people daily. Tickets available at starticket-splus.com, charge by phone at (800) 585-3737, or visit any Meijer store and purchase at the

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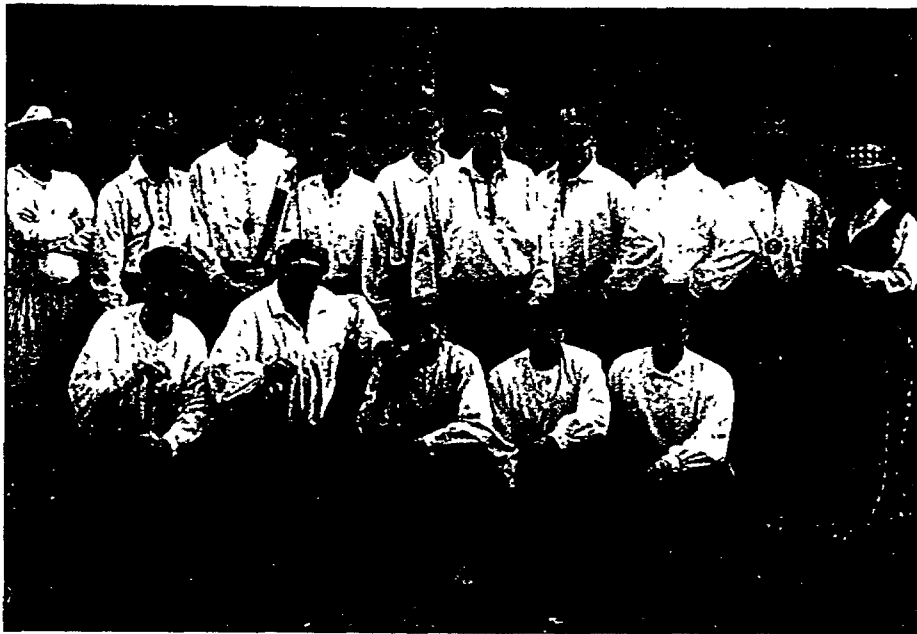
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Submitted photo

The Northville Eclipse Base Ball Club.

## Eclipse organizes shootout

### Four teams participating in Gatling Gun Shootout for July 4 holiday

Since its reorganization, the Eclipse Base Ball Club has participated in several tournaments, often wishing they could host one of their own. Because Ford Field is not large enough to accommodate two simultaneous matches, such a tournament would require scheduling half of the matches at an alternate field or abandoning their home field altogether to play the entire tournament at a venue some distance from downtown Northville.

Club members devised a unique plan whereby four clubs would compete in a single match; every club batting and fielding three times against each of the other clubs for a total of nine innings. The importance of direct, head-to-head competition would be diminished, however, as the club accumulating the most tallies (runs scored) throughout the entire contest shall be declared the victor.

The time of the multiple-club match will be roughly the time necessary to play two normal baseball matches as 36 half-innings will be played instead of 18.

The game will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 4 at Ford Field with individual base run-

ning and throwing contests beginning at noon.

Because of its "recent" invention, in 1862, and the similarity between its revolving chamber and the rotation of participating clubs on the ball field, the Eclipse Base Ball Club has dubbed this event the "Gatling Gun Base Ball Shootout".

#### About the teams

Northville formed its first base ball club in 1867 which appears to have been the foundation for the club referred to as "Eclipse" in 1869. The vintage ball club formed in 2003, embracing then name of 134 years earlier.

Hats: Orange and black  
Shirts: Cream  
Pants: Black with orange sash  
[www.eclipsebbc.com](http://www.eclipsebbc.com)

The Eclipse Base Ball Club would like to thank the following three vintage base ball clubs for spending their July 4th holiday in Northville and joining the Eclipse Base Ball Club in this unique experiment:

#### WOOD COUNTY INFIRMARY INMATES

Organized in 2004 through the Wood County Historical Center, site of the 19th century infirmary and lunatic house, it is part of the museum's adult educational outreach.

Residents of the infirmary were called "inmates" (not prison inmates), hence the team name. Practices and games are

at "Inmate Field" at Wintergarden Park, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Hats: Dark blue and white  
Shirts: Dark blue with white collar  
Pants: Dark blue  
[www.woodcountymuseum.org](http://www.woodcountymuseum.org)

#### WALKER TAVERN WHEELS

Walker Tavern was a stage-coach stop on the Old Chicago Road (now US-12) and is now a state historical park and part of the Michigan Historical Museum system.

2008 is the inaugural season for the Wheels.  
Hats: Blue and white  
Shirts: Very light blue  
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[www.michigan.gov/walker-tavern](http://www.michigan.gov/walker-tavern)

#### WYANDOTTE STARS

As early as October 5, 1867, the original Wyandotte Star Club defeated the Monitor Club of Taylor by a score of 85-15! The current vintage base ball club began competing on the field 140 years later on September 8, 2007. The "Y & S" logo incorporated on the Stars' uniforms was used by Wyandotte sports teams in the 19th century.

Hats: Dark blue and white  
Shirts: White with dark blue logo and bib outline  
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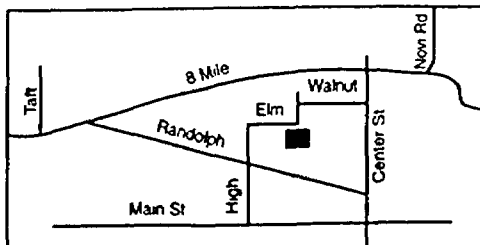
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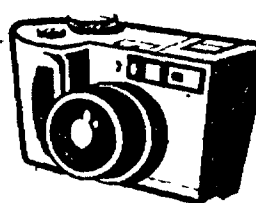


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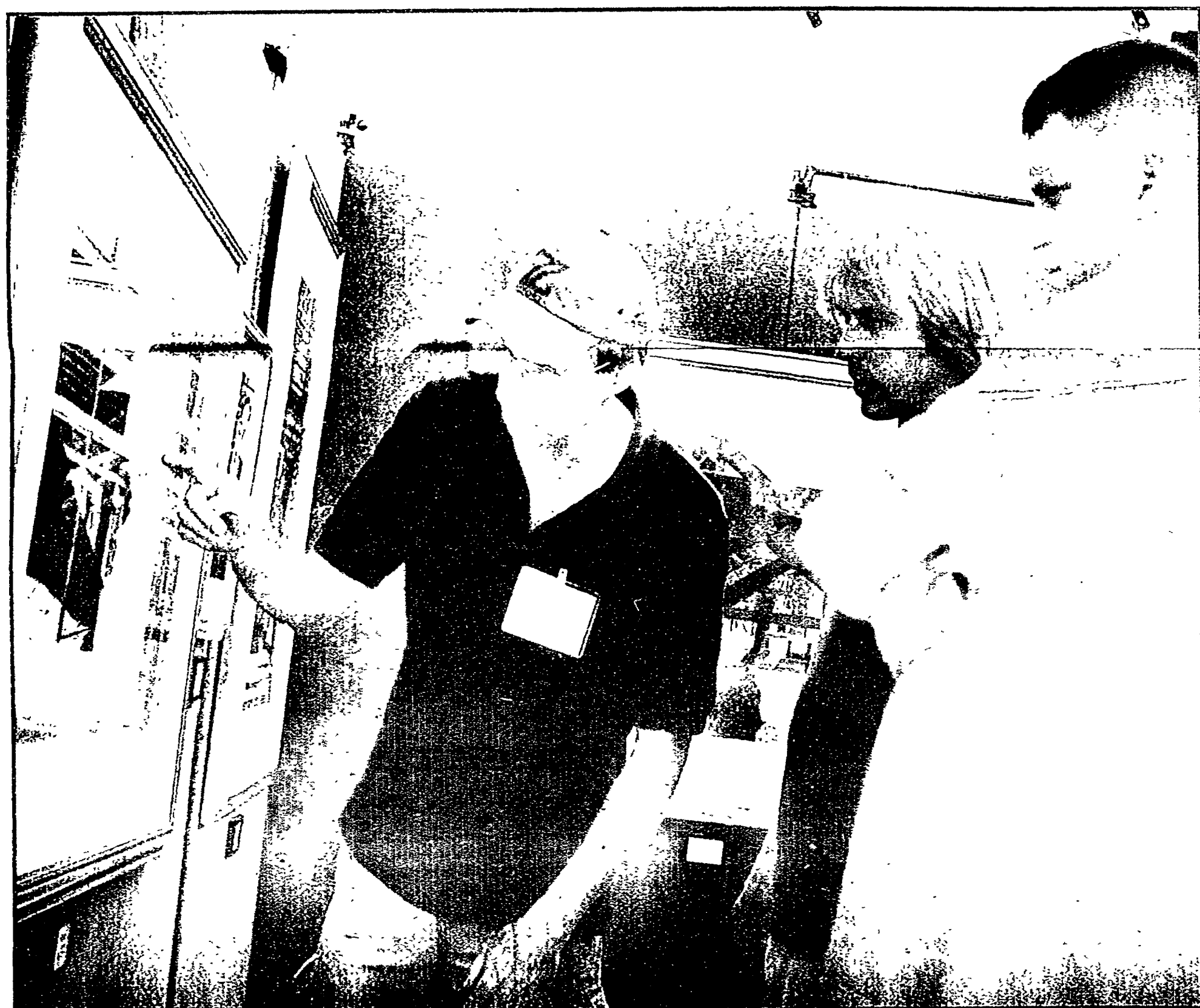
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## ART IN THE SUN

CLOCKWISE, FROM THE TOP LEFT:

Ella Roeske, 3, gets a piggy-back ride from her dad, Pete.

Art in the Sun fest-goers work their way down West Main Street during Saturday's event that annually takes over the streets of downtown Northville.

Bea King checks out some prints offered for sale.

Ann Arbor-based watercolor artist Scott Hartley, left, shows some of his work to visitors to his Main Street booth. Hartley won Best of Show, and Mike Moats, a nature photographer from Sterling Heights, earned Honorable Mention.

An Art in the Sun attendee checks out some tie-dye outfits.



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# Midnight Sun adds outdoor club to Novi nightlife

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

With Florida's famed nightlife 1,000 miles away, Craig Jelinek and Kevin Cermak decided to bring the atmosphere to Novi by opening Midnight Sun in the Crowne Plaza Hotel courtyard.

The South Beach-style cabana bar and club features live disc jockeys spinning dance music from 11 a.m.-2 a.m. every other Saturday through Sept. 20, eight dates in all. The grand opening was June 14.

"In Michigan, we have a very short window of good weather and, honestly, everyone wants to be by the water. We are a giant outdoor courtyard with a huge stereo system and light show," Jelinek said, adding the courtyard pool supplies the water aspect.

"Where else can you go and lay out by the pool and listen to live DJs. We line the pool with black leather couches at night when the lounge chairs come out. There's nowhere else in Detroit that offers a daytime pool party."

Midnight Sun offers two sides of the Florida nightlife. From 11 a.m.-7 p.m., visitors can sit in swimsuits and sip drinks by (or swim in) the pool or in cabanas as DJs spin music. From 7 p.m.-2 a.m., the venue transforms into more of a Miami-style nightclub with patrons adorned in dress attire.

"We want guests to feel as if they're transported for an afternoon and not in Michigan or Novi," Jelinek said. "I expect to see a decent crowd during the day, but a bigger flow during the night. There's going to be a feel

that you're on vacation and people tend to loosen up a bit. The mood is going to be more loungey at night. It's going to turn into an outdoor night club."

Jelinek said the location at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, just off Interstate 96 and Novi Road, is ideal for club-goers. The hotel is a big piece of the location as well.

"I think the location is most brilliant about it. It's centrally located, right off I-96. We don't endorse drinking and driving, so why not party in a hotel," he said, noting club-goers don't need to stay at the hotel to come to Midnight Sun. "It's a fun, relaxing way to spend the afternoon. It just makes sense to have it at a hotel. Leave your car keys in your room and come down."

Although Jelinek said he prefers the term "experience"

instead of "party," he expects the new venue to fit into the Novi nightlife quickly and easily.

"I think it'll fit in wonderfully with the opening of MBarGo all the way to where Dirty Martini is," he said. "We wanted to set ourselves apart from others. We are an exclusive event. You're open every Friday and Saturday and the novelty wears off."

The club is going to bring the Florida vibe to Michigan, bringing in tropical plants, internationally-known DJ Godfather, putting shadow-dancers on some of the balconies and a catwalk across the Fountain of Youth pool. A tiki bar, beer tub, masseuse cabana and VIP area are other features of Midnight Sun.

The venue has different cover charges for day and evening admission. Reserving tickets online is not only cheaper, but

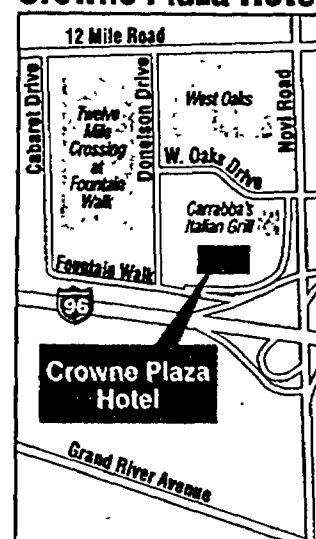
makes things easier when arriving. Ordering online, day prices are \$10 and evening is \$20. A 15-hour all-day pass costs \$25 online. All prices increase \$5 if purchased at the door, but women can also RSVP online and get in free, at least for the grand opening. Jelinek said prior to the event.

"The presale ticket allows people to skip lines and guarantees admission," he said.

Prior to the grand opening, Jelinek said, "It's almost sold out. I expect us to have a great first event and people to come experience it. We're going to be open eight times this summer. It's the same hotel we did a big New Year's Eve party in and sold out the hotel, over 2,000 people."

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### Midnight Sun at Crowne Plaza Hotel



# MBarGo opens at former Tequila Rain location in Novi

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

After 22 months of success, Tequila Rain closed March 8 with promise of a new and improved bar and nightclub for the Lucky's complex in Novi.

The new venue, MBarGo, opened its doors recently with a flash of Vegas and Miami style, and music by DJ AM and DJ YO-C.

"It's a complete 180 from Tequila Rain," said Erin O'Neill, event sales manager for the complex. "It's kind of a play-off of Double Six. It's nicer than anything in Novi."

O'Neill said the venue, located at 44325 12 Mile Road in

Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, is more upscale than other venues. It also features a new bar and additional seating on the outdoor patio — all decorated in a modern white leather and plastic look.

"The rest of the facility is done up to the nines and we wanted to bring it up to that," O'Neill said.

Although the former Tequila Rain venue has sold its once-popular mechanical bull, the added space, seating and new VIP room with bottle service adds to the attraction.

Upon heading up the stairs on the southwest end of the Lucky's complex, MBarGo patrons will pass through an

entry area with six large-screen televisions and mirrors to pay the \$10 cover charge at a table backed by the "Wall of Grey Goose," which, exactly as it sounds, features several shelves behind glass that are lined with more than 50 bottles of Grey Goose vodka.

MBarGo held its grand opening May 22 to a solid first showing, O'Neill said.

"It went great. We had a very good-looking crowd," she said.

O'Neill said the upstairs venue is past its days of being spring break in Novi, and now caters to the 25 and older crowd with a Miami club style.

Still welcoming everyone 21 and older, the venue is open 9

p.m.-2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with the VIP room available only by advance reservation.

In accordance with the style change, the dress code is much stricter. O'Neill said most men wore dress shoes and a button-down shirt for opening night.

For more dress code specifications or information about the venue, visit [www.mbar-gonovi.com](http://www.mbar-gonovi.com).

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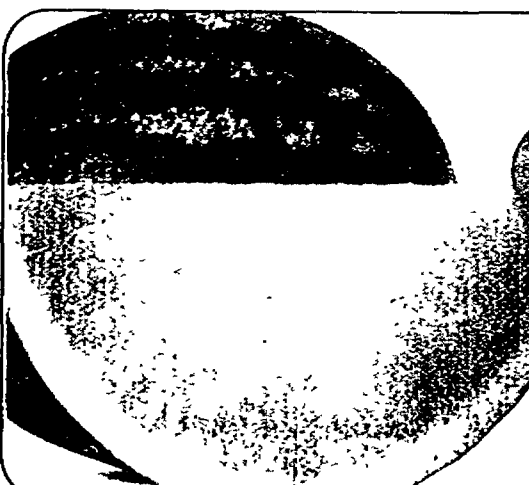
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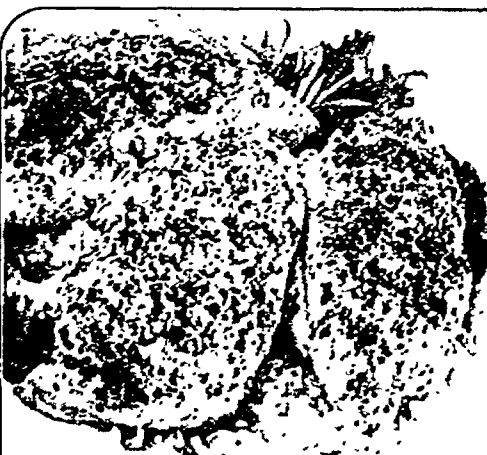
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# DIAMOND KING

## Northville's Anderson leads baseball All-Area Teams

By Jeff Theisen  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville's Steve Anderson came through big time in two big positions for the Mustangs — shortstop and batting No. 3.

Anderson's offensive statistics speak for themselves. He hit at a .505 clip (50-99) with 13 doubles (team high), two triples and three home runs, a .768 slugging percentage, was on base just less than 60 percent of the time, led in RBIs with 45 and was third in runs scored with 44.

"He was by far our most consistent offensive player."

Northville head coach John Kostrzewa said. "He never went through any slumps. He hit the ball extremely well."

"He started on a good note and finished on a good note."

Just as important to Kostrzewa, Anderson was just as good in the field. He made just seven errors at short in 33 games.

"He's got good arm strength ... and he's very athletic,"

Kostrzewa said. "He takes good routes to ball. He made plays that were pretty difficult look easy."

Anderson might not be the rah-rah type of leader, but he didn't have to be. His numbers on offense and defense spoke volumes about his play for the 31-3 Mustangs who claimed divisional and conference titles.

"He brought a kind of calmness," Kostrzewa said. "I think our team looked to him to do things to lead us. He would come up with big hits time and time again."

Grand Valley State now gets the services of Anderson, and Kostrzewa thinks he will continue to get better.

"At the collegiate level, he's going to generate more and more power," Kostrzewa said. "He's made unbelievable progression from his sophomore year to his senior year. He's going to keep making that progression when he goes on to the next level."

### First Team

Northville lands a host of players on the All-Area First Team in Matt Deacon, Joe Mitchell, Damaris Saunderson and Michael Collins.



Northville's Steve Anderson hustles to scoop up a ground ball during a home game against Wayne.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

### All-Area Baseball

#### Player of the Year

Steve Anderson, Northville senior

#### First Team

Steve Buglione, Milford junior  
Ricky Samuel, Lakeland junior  
Brett Burmeister, Lakeland junior  
Garrett Reichle, Lakeland junior  
Austin Darket, S. Lyon sr  
Matt Deacon, Northville junior  
Joe Mitchell, Northville sr  
Damaris Saunderson, Northville sr  
Michael Collins, Northville sr  
Tyler Scott, Novi sr

Phil Celesti, Novi sr  
Tony Thomas, CC jr

#### Second Team

Kevin Uetz, Northville sr  
David Uberti, Northville sr  
Kyle Asher, Northville sr  
Donny Holland, Lakeland jr  
Aaron Saarella, Lakeland jr  
David Karmann, Lakeland sr  
Jake Smith, S. Lyon sr  
Max Kondrath, S. Lyon jr  
Garrett Green, Novi sr  
Pat Schlenke, Novi sr  
Dan Kilger, Novi jr  
Steve Harding, CC jr

Gordy Hao, CC jr

#### Honorable Mention

Dan Mills, Northville soph  
Anthony Sergi, Northville jr  
Bryar Miller, Milford soph  
David Hench, Lakeland jr  
Dan Vess, S. Lyon sr  
Chris Eckler, S. Lyon jr  
Dan Enright, Novi sr  
Jake Walker, Novi sr  
Mike Place, Novi sr  
Keenan Hart, CC jr  
Jake Hanson, CC sr  
Jack Nelson, CC jr

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## Lion's Kaminsky tops All-Area

By Patrick Pinter and  
JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITERS

Playing lacrosse at the college level was not even on the radar for South Lyon junior Kelsey Kaminsky three years ago. Having the ability to play for a state championship in high school was not either.

Because of her dedication to the game of lacrosse Kaminsky will have the experience of doing both. This year, Kaminsky led the Lions to a 22-1-2 record, with their only loss coming to Birmingham United in the state finals.

"Winning a state championship was a big thing for us. Even though we didn't do that and we lost one game when we look back on it we still think of all the good things we accomplished," Kaminsky said. "We played much better as a team this year, and we were very close on and off the field."

Kaminsky is the 2008 All-Area girls lacrosse Player of the Year. She finished the season with 63 goals and 11 assists for a team-high 73 points. She was also selected the All-State First Team.

The South Lyon midfielder was a steady force for the Lions this year and provided the team with a consistent scoring threat. Midway through the season, Kaminsky verbally committed to continue playing lacrosse at the

### All-Area Girls Lacrosse

#### Player of the Year

Kelsey Kaminsky, S. Lyon jr

#### First Team

Tarah DeBord, S. Lyon sr  
Shannon Kennedy, S. Lyon jr  
Rachel Curmi, S. Lyon jr  
Samantha Szegedi, S. Lyon sr  
Ashley Glenn, S. Lyon soph  
Alison Modafferi, Hur. Valley sr

University of Delaware.

Four years ago, South Lyon was barely an after thought in the game of lacrosse, but now, with the emergence of the team over the past two seasons, Kaminsky looks back on the development of the team as something special. "Right now, I am really focused on improving different parts of my game," said Kaminsky. "It has really been an honor to be a part of something special here at South Lyon. This was a team that helped build up a program and has opened lacrosse up to a lot more people in South Lyon. When people thought about South Lyon lacrosse, they used to think of it as a joke. Only our friends, family and coaches believed in us, and now we have kind of shown that we belong."

Brianna Smotherman, Huron Valley soph  
Danielle Smith, Huron Valley, so  
Liz Souther - Northville sr  
Sarah Bielskis - Northville jr  
Danielle Brace - Northville sr

#### Second Team

Kim Fix, S. Lyon sr  
Rachel Iturralde, S. Lyon sr  
Hannah Gorman, S. Lyon soph  
Sarah Green, S. Lyon jr  
Sarah Kilbourn, Huron Valley, jr  
Ashley Mecum, Huron Valley, sr

#### First Team

Three Northville girls make the First Team All-Area — Liz Souther, Sarah Bielskis and Dani Brace.

All three were the top scorers on the team, with Souther leading with 36 goals, followed by Bielskis with 27 and Brace with 21.

"(Souther) is a great stick handler with a powerful shot," Northville head coach Lindsay Hoyt said. "(Bielskis) was an aggressive player with good knowledge of the game."

"(Brace) was just an overall type of player you would want on your team. She can play any position and play it well."

The rest of the All-Area First Team includes Tarrah DeBord, Shannon Kennedy, Rachel

Sarah Connelly, Huron Valley, jr  
Emily Michelin, Huron Valley, soph  
Hannah Deacon - Northville jr

#### Honorable Mention

Valerie Pesonen, S. Lyon sr  
Melissa DiRado, S. Lyon sr  
Ashley Mushna, S. Lyon sr  
Brit Shand, Huron Valley, jr  
Carrie Pitzer, Huron Valley, jr  
Farah Harajli - Northville jr  
Anne Laurie Medonis, Northville sr  
Maria Schneider - Northville sr

Curmi, Samantha Szegedi and Ashley Glenn from South Lyon and Huron Valley's Alison Modafferi, Brianna Smotherman and Danielle Smith

#### Second Team

Mustang Hannah Deacon makes the Second Team All-Area. The junior was next on the scoring list with 12 goals.

Filling out the rest of the Second Team are South Lyon's Kim Fix, Rachel Iturralde, Hannah Gorman and Sarah Green, and Huron Valley's Sarah Kilbourn, Ashley Mecum, Sarah Connelly and Emily Michelin

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Kelsey Kaminsky receives All-Area girls lacrosse Player of the Year honors.

## ALL-AREA

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Deacon's job at leadoff was to set the table for everyone else, a job he did very well. He batted .495 (49-99), while hanging out 12 doubles and a three triples with a home run. He also led the regular starters in on-base percentage at .604, runs (56) and stolen bases (21).

Mitchell was another force at the plate, hitting .427 with 12 extra-base hits in 103 at bats. He drew a team-high 28 walks and was second in runs with 47.

Saunderson provided the big bat, leading the team with five home runs while hitting .367. He was second in RBIs with 44 and crossed the plate 30 times on his own. He has already signed a contract with Philadelphia after being drafted recently.

Collins was the guy that took the ball in the big games. He went 8-1, with an ERA of 1.91 and a shutout. He struck out a team high 60 batters in 44 innings of work. Hitters batted just .182 against him.

"From an offensive standpoint, everything was set up by Matt Deacon," Kostrzewa said. "Then to have a returning guy in Joey Mitchell following him ... Joey handles the bat well. Then you have a guy like Damarii. He's kind of a free swinger, but he can hit the heck out of the ball."

"Our lineup has so much balance that we never really had any lulls."

The rest of the First Teamers include Novi's Tyler Scott and Phil Celeski; Catholic Central's Tony Thomas; Milford's Steve Buglione; Lakeland's Ricky Samuel, Brett Burmeister and Garrett Reichle; and South Lyon's Austin Darker.

### Second Team

The Mustangs place three more on the All-Area Second Team in Kevin Uetzi, David Uberti and Kyle Asher.

Uetzi was the closer supreme for Northville. He excelled in shutting down the opposition in the late innings, producing seven saves while posting an anemic 0.46 ERA. He was second on the team with 41 strikeouts in just 30.3 innings. Batters hit just .154 against him.

Uberti was a strong, two-way player, posting great numbers at the plate and on the mound. Uberti finished 6-1 on the mound with a 2.88 ERA while hitting .410 (25-61).

Asher was yet another steady slug in the potent offense. He batted .330 (29-88) with five doubles, two home runs, scored 33 runs and knocked in 26.

"We had a tremendous amount of balance," Kostrzewa said. "The guys have checked their egos at the door for team success."

The rest of the All-Area Second Team includes Lakeland's Donny Holland, Aaron Saarella and David Kamerman; South Lyon's Jake Smith, and Max Kondrath; Novi's Garrett Green, Pat Schlenker and Dan Kilger; and Catholic Central's Steve Harding and Gordy Hao.

### Honorable Mention

Receiving All-Area Honorable Mention are Northville's Dan Mills and Anthony Sergi; Milford's Bryar Miller; Lakeland's David Hench; South Lyon's Dan Vess



Above: After getting a hit, Northville's Damarii Saunderson gets good-job fist punch from base coach Brad O'Neil.

Below: Mustang Matt Deacon follows through on a grand slam against Wayne.

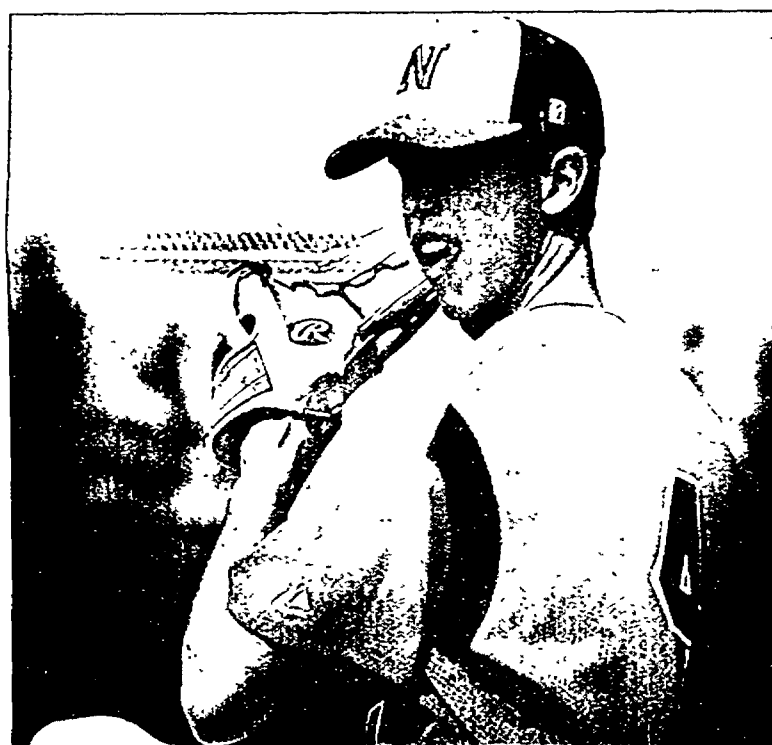


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Mustang pitcher Mike Collins goes into a windup at Northville High School.

and Chris Eckler; Novi's Mark Heard, Dan Enright, Jake Walker and Mike Place, and Catholic Central's Keenan Hart.

Jake Hanson and Jack Nelson.

The All-Area teams are submitted by coaches from Northville.

Novi, Catholic Central, South Lyon, Milford and Lakeland and compiled by Jeff Theisen and Patrick Pinter.

## Northville Parks & Recreation

### Basketball

#### Womens Tuesday

Team	W	L
Old School	7	0
Ex All-Stars	5	2
Shirts	5	2
The Meow	5	2
Poole's Tavern Misfits	3	4
I Wouldn't	2	5
Free Agents	1	6
Witness Us	0	7

#### Men's Monday

Team	W	L
Nelson	7	0
Deep Impact	5	2
Nothing But Aces	5	2
Squad	4	3
DH Liquor & Wine	2	5
Flint Trojans	2	5
Frito Lay	1	6

### Sand Volleyball

#### Thursday Women 4s

Team	W	L
Team Mooseknuckle	12	3
Beach Ballers	9	6
Service	9	6
Call Me Ishmael	7	8
Kung Fu Spiking	7	8
The Beaches	7	8
Sand Diggers	6	9
Diving Divas	3	12

#### Tuesday Orange Coed 4s

Team	W	L
Diggin For Gold	11	1

Crashers	10	2
Damaged Goods	7	5
Team Deadwood	7	5
Panthers	6	6
Sky High	4	7
Nothing But Fun	3	9
Hack Attack	0	12

#### Tuesday White Coed 4s

Team	W	L
Sky	11	1
Reckless Driving	9	3
Carpe Dig'em	8	4
New Attitude	8	4
We Got Your Dig	8	4
Castaways	3	9
Sand Watches	1	11
Huge Midgits	0	12

#### Wednesday Coed

Team	W	L
Ball Slappers	13	2
Starting Gate	13	2
Spiked Punch	11	4
Irish Setters	10	5
Pancake That	6	9
Sand Blasters	3	12
Sand Slingers	3	12
Blone & Red	1	14

#### Monday Mens 2s

Team	W	L
Gen-X	11	1
Brahn Chiropractic	7	2
Shawn Striped Zebras	9	3
Waitresses With Tattoes	9	3
Medieval Monsters	5	3
Burns & Oliver	7	5
Team JZ	7	5

Sand Dawgs	6	5
Old Spartans	6	6
Redwoods	6	6
Team Spartan	4	8
Old & Older	3	9
Old But Still Tall	3	9
Panthers	3	9
Who Dat?	2	7
Here For Beer	1	11

#### Thursday Womens 2s

Team	W	L
Better Late Than Never	11	1
Ball Slappers	13	2
Anne & Sarah	10	2
Team Scraft	11	4
Still Movin'	4	11
Service	3	12
Sugar & Spikes	3	12
Boombas	2	13

#### Wednesday Coed 2s

Team	W	L
Serve & Hope	12	3
Panthers	9	3
Double Down	8	4
Crashers	9	6
Just Juice	7	8
Ace	4	8
Rock Stars	4	8
Bump & Run	1	14

### Softball

#### Womens Tuesday

Team	W	L
PLC Starting Gate 2	6	0
Starting Gate 1	5	1
Girls Night Out	4	2

North Ridge Church 2	4	2
Chix With Stix	3	3
North Ridge Church 1	1	5
Olde Town Fear No Beer	1	5
Tuscanettes	0	6

#### Coed Orange Division Sunday

Team	W	L
Doc's	5	0
Poole's Tavern	4	1
BDI	3	1
Coyote Golf Course	2	3
Poole's Ridge Runners	2	3
Starting Gate	1	3
Boston Style	1	4
Sheehan's on the Green	1	4

#### Coed White Division Sunday

Team	W	L
One Under	5	0
My Trivia Live	4.5	.5
Arcadia Ridge Slam	3.5	.5
The Mavericks	2	3
APL	2	3
Dy-No-Mite	1	3
Leadco Enforcers	0	5
Wagon Wheel	0	5

#### Mens Monday

Team	W	L
Chase Bar	4	1
Poole's Tavern	4	1
Rollercoaster Jones	3	2
Starting Gate/Reberras	2	3
Superior Controls	2	3
Team 4	2	3
Doc's Sport Retreat	1	4

## Sports Shorts

### Hasse in All-Star game

Northville football standout Greg Hasse will compete in the 2008 All-Star Football Game 2 p.m. July 19 at Spartan Stadium at MSU. Tickets at the gate will be \$10, with presales costing \$5. Tickets are available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope and check to Jim Clawson, 21681 Thorfare, Grosse Ile, Mi., 48138. Checks should be made out to the MHSFCA.

### Northville summer camps

Northville High School Athletic coaches will be sponsoring a number of youth sports camps this summer. The following camps will be offered:

Sand Volleyball - July 14-18, grades 7-12

Boys Basketball - July 7-11, grades 4-9

Visit [northville.k12.mi.us/nhs](http://northville.k12.mi.us/nhs) Link: Athletics for more information.

### 3-on-3 soccer tourney

U-M will host the 17th annual 3-on-3 Micro-Soccer Shootout

Camp on July 19 at U-M's Mitchell Field.

Cost is \$100 with a four-game guarantee.

For more information, call (734) 647-1201 or e-mail [klurkee@umich.edu](mailto:klurkee@umich.edu).

Ages span from seven to adult for boys and girls with recreational and competitive brackets for each.

For more information, call (734) 647-1201 or e-mail [klurkee@umich.edu](mailto:klurkee@umich.edu).

Registration must be postmarked by July 10.

### 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 [ballwin-capital.com](mailto:ballwin-capital.com).



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### Kickin' Broncos

The Northville Bronco U-10 Travel baseball team won the Michigan USSSA South Farmington Invitational baseball tournament this past weekend. The team played very well offensively, with three of their week-end victories decided by a margin of eight runs. Front row (from left): Zachary Prystash, Steve Grosz, Kevin O'Connell, Jack Satterfield and Willie Yanagi. Back row left to right: David Weber, Roy Spencer, Brendan Hicks, Brett Ridener, Josh Gertley and Alex Putman. Not shown is Nick Wilds.

## LACROSSE

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### Honorable Mention

Players receiving All-Area Honorable Mention are Northville's Annie Laurie Medonis and Maria Schneider; South Lyon's Valerie Pesonen.

Melissa DiRado and Ashley Mushna; and Huron Valley's Brit Shand, Carrie Pitzer and Parah Harajli.

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## Celebrations That Sizzle

FAMILY FEATURES

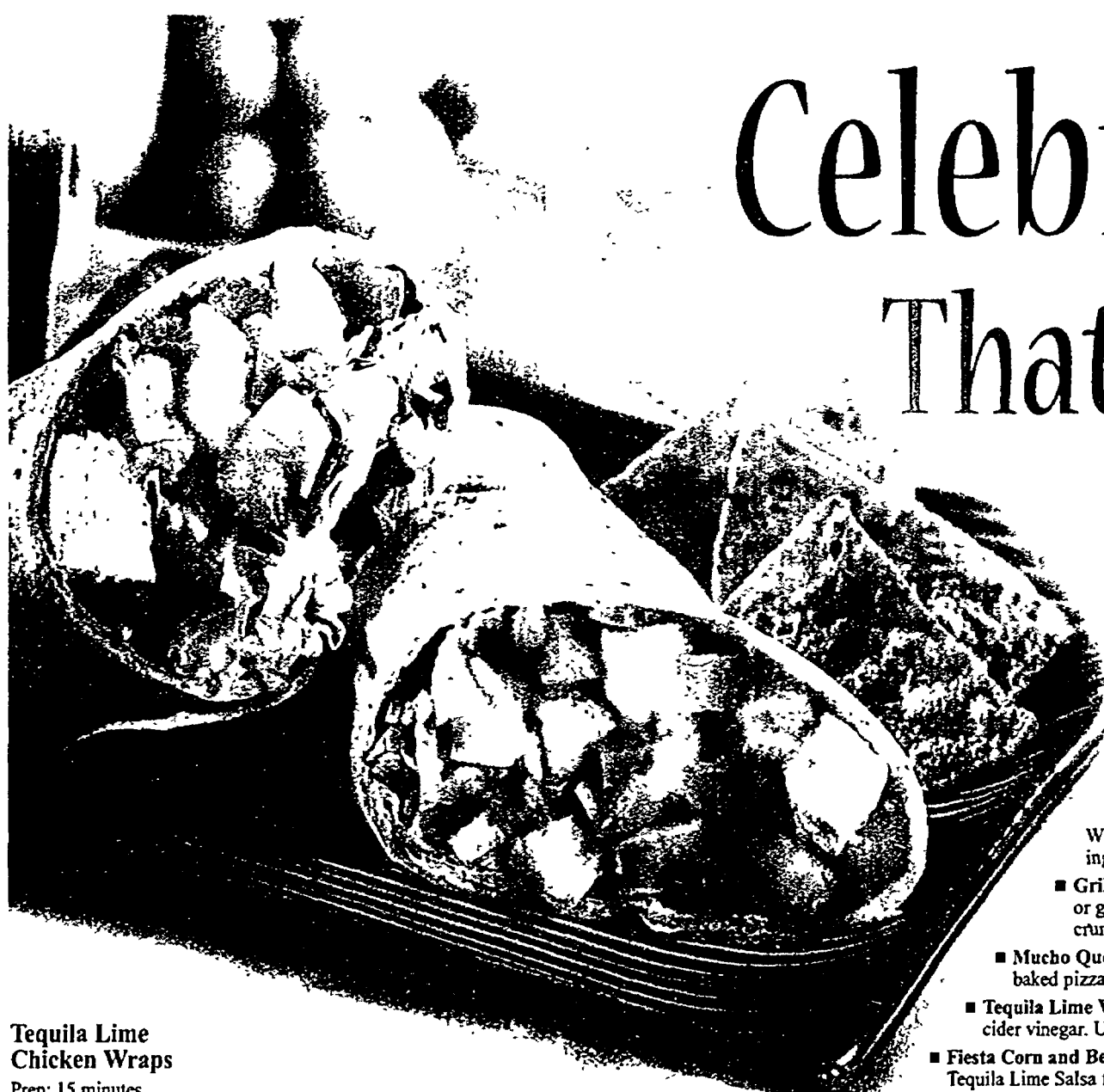
**M**ake all your celebrations sizzle this year with salsa! Let your taste buds dance with easy to make, flavorful dishes that add zing to any party. Carry the bold, fun theme through by using bright, colorful tablecloths and centerpieces of paper flowers, or add a sprinkling of confetti for fun. Turn up your favorite Latin music for some salsa dancing — maybe even a tango or two. After all that dancing, you'll want to cool off with some refreshing sangrias or icy, fruit-flavored sodas.

### Spice Up Your Celebrations With Salsa

When you're looking to add sizzle to your party, salsas can make entertaining deliciously easy:

- **Grilled Steak Salad:** Marinate your favorite steak in Salsa Verde. Broil or grill. Slice steak and serve over mixed greens, with additional salsa and crumbled tortilla chips.
- **Mucho Queso Pizza:** Spread Mexican Four Cheese Salsa con Queso over a pre-baked pizza crust. Sprinkle with your favorite pizza toppings and bake!
- **Tequila Lime Vinaigrette Dressing:** Combine Tequila Lime Salsa with olive oil and cider vinegar. Use on your favorite combination of salad greens or cooked shrimp!
- **Fiesta Corn and Bean Salad:** Add corn, black beans, diced red peppers and mangos to Tequila Lime Salsa for a colorful side dish.
- **Bulgur Salad:** Add Pico de Gallo to cooked bulgur, black beans and corn. Toss and chill. Sprinkle with cilantro.
- **Shrimp & Avocado Salad:** Toss Pico de Gallo with cooked shrimp and sliced avocado; serve on a bed of mixed greens.
- **Shrimp Diablo:** Sauté shrimp with sliced peppers. Toss with Triple Pepper Salsa and serve with rice.

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### Tequila Lime Chicken Wraps

Prep: 15 minutes  
Makes: 4 wraps

- 1 cup Pace Tequila Lime Salsa, divided
  - 2 cups diced, cooked chicken
  - 1 large red pepper, diced (about 1 cup)
  - 1 large ripe avocado, diced (about 1 cup)
  - 1/2 cup sour cream
  - 4 flour tortillas (10-inch), warmed
  - 2 cups shredded lettuce
1. Stir 1/2 cup salsa, chicken, pepper and avocado in large bowl. Stir remaining salsa and sour cream in small bowl.
  2. Spread 1/4 cup sour cream mixture onto each tortilla. Top each with 1 cup chicken mixture and 1/2 cup lettuce. Fold sides of tortillas over filling and then fold up ends to enclose filling. Cut each wrap in half before serving.

### Triple Pepper Papaya Shrimp Salad

Prep: 15 minutes  
Makes: 4 servings

- 1 pound peeled, cooked large shrimp
  - 1 papaya, peeled, seeded and diced
  - 1 cup whole kernel corn
  - 4 green onions, chopped (about 1/2 cup)
  - 1 cup Pace Triple Pepper Salsa
  - 1 tablespoon lemon or lime juice
  - Mixed salad greens
1. Combine shrimp, papaya, corn and onions in large bowl. Add salsa and lemon juice and toss to coat.
  2. Serve over salad greens.

Tequila  
Lime  
Chicken  
Wraps



Triple Pepper Papaya Shrimp Salad

### Pico De Gallo Tortilla Soup

Prep: 15 minutes  
Cook: 15 minutes  
Makes: 4 servings

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Pace Pico De Gallo Salsa
  - 2 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)
  - 1 large zucchini, diced (about 2 cups)
  - 1 cup diced, cooked chicken
  - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves
  - 3 corn or flour tortillas (6-inch), cut into thin strips
1. Heat salsa, broth, zucchini and chicken in 4-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook 10 minutes or until zucchini is tender.
  2. Stir cilantro and tortilla strips into saucepan.
- Tip:** To cut tortillas into thin strips more easily, roll them up first, then cut them crosswise into strips.

### Salsa Verde Pork & Pepper Stew

Prep: 15 minutes  
Cook: 5 hours  
Makes: 6 servings

- 2 pounds boneless pork shoulder, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
  - 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
  - 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
  - 1 jar (16 ounces) Pace Salsa Verde
  - 2 large red and/or green peppers, diced (about 2 cups)
  - 3 large carrots, thickly sliced (about 1 1/2 cups)
  - Chopped fresh cilantro leaves
  - Hot cooked rice
1. Place pork in large bowl. Add flour and toss to coat.
  2. Heat oil in 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add pork and cook in 2 batches until well browned.
  3. Stir pork, salsa, peppers and carrots in 6-quart slow cooker.
  4. Cover and cook on HIGH 4 to 5 hours or until pork is fork-tender. Sprinkle with cilantro and serve with rice.



Pico De Gallo Tortilla Soup



Salsa Verde Pork & Pepper Stew

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Make smart, tasty choices for healthy eating

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It's important to understand what to look for when making choices for a heart-healthy eating plan. Learning about fat and cholesterol can help you make smart choices and let you enjoy a diet abundant in flavorful foods while reducing your fat and cholesterol intake.

## Fat and Cholesterol Facts From the American Heart Association

- There are four major fats in the foods we eat: saturated fats, *trans* fats, monounsaturated fats and polyunsaturated fats.
- The "bad fats" are saturated and *trans*. They raise bad cholesterol (LDL) in your blood.



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It's the overall pattern of choices you make that count when building a heart-healthy diet. It's easy to select heart-healthy foods — look for vegetables, fruits, whole-grain, high-fiber foods, fat-free or low-fat dairy products, lean meat, poultry and fish to include in your sensible eating plan.

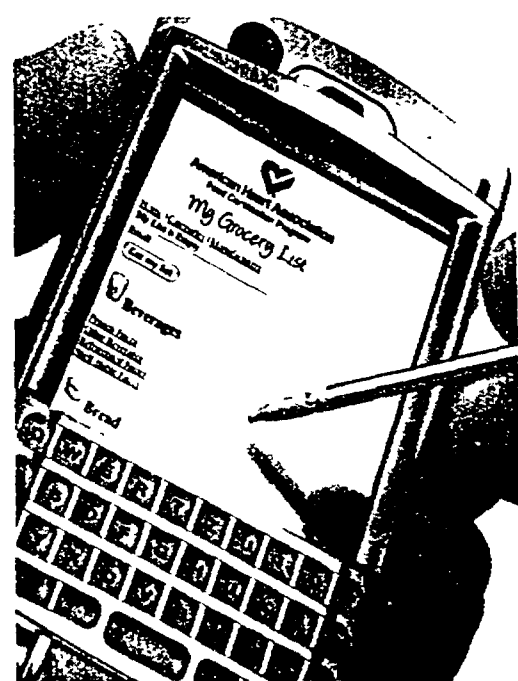
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## Heart-healthy grocery shopping just got easier

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Start by building your free, heart-healthy grocery list at [heartcheckmark.org](http://heartcheckmark.org). Click "My Grocery List" to choose from hundreds of foods certified by the American Heart Association. Add household necessities in the "My Items" category, and enter your e-mail address to save your list for future use. The result is an organized, easy-to-use grocery list sorted by category, such as breads, dairy case, meats, snacks and more.

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## Vanilla Flans With Berry Coulis

Serves 4; 1 flan and 3 tablespoons coulis per serving

- Vegetable oil spray
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup fat-free evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup egg substitute
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 8 ounces frozen unsweetened mixed berries, thawed and juice reserved
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup frozen unsweetened mixed berries (optional)

Put oven rack in center of oven. Pre-heat oven to 325°F. Lightly spray four 6-ounce ramekins or custard cups with vegetable oil spray.

Pour water into small saucepan. Bring to a rolling boil over high heat. Turn off heat, cover pan and leave on burner.

In food processor or blender, process evaporated milk, egg substitute, egg, 1/4 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla until smooth. Pour equal amounts (about 1/2 cup) of mixture into each ramekin.

Place 13-by-9-by-2-inch glass baking dish in oven. Pour boiling water into dish, then carefully place ramekins in dish. Bake 40 minutes, or until knife inserted in center of flan comes out clean. Carefully remove baking dish from oven and place it, with ramekins still in water, on cooling rack. Let cool slightly, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, gently stir together 8 ounces mixed berries, 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Pour into fine sieve over medium bowl. Using back of a spoon, press berries firmly until all liquid is strained into bowl and only a thin coating of berry skins remains in sieve. Set coulis aside.

About 30 minutes before serving flans, set remaining frozen berries out to thaw slightly.

When flans are slightly cooled, remove ramekins from baking dish. Run knife around edge of each ramekin to release flans. Place dessert plate over each ramekin and invert. Serve warm or refrigerate and serve chilled, covering with plastic wrap once flans are cooled.

To serve, spoon coulis around each flan. Top with 1/2 cup mixed berries, if desired.

### Nutrient information per serving:

186 calories, 10 g protein, 32 g carbohydrates (29 g sugars), 55 mg cholesterol, 1.5 g total fat (0.5 g saturated, 0.0 polyunsaturated, 0.5 g monounsaturated), 2 g fiber, 156 mg sodium

Dietary Exchanges: 1/2 fruit, 1/2 skim milk, 1 other carbohydrate, 1 very lean meat

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**HIGHLY MOTIVATED SELLER!**  
Original owners have gone all out to get this baby ready for it's new owners. All new paint, appls, upgraded cab's, huge Master w/ bath ceiling, & much more! \$329,900 (C-754FO)



**CHARMING COLONIAL**  
Charming 3 bd brick colonial w/ 1.5 baths, 3 bds 2 fireplaces, fin bsmt, glass block nice layout, newer windows, 2 car Garage & more! \$150,000 (P-711HU)



**BREATHTAKING!**  
Excellent curb appeal on this great home! 4 bd 2.5 baths, huge Kit, 1st fl laun, 2 story Great Rm, lovely paver patio, & quiet cul de sac location. \$184,900 (C-777DA)



**MOVE IN READY**  
3 bd brick home w/ large eat in Kit, patio door, huge backyard, 2 full baths, LR/DR combo, huge fenced yard, & convenient location. \$169,900 (C-120DU)



**EXTRA LARGE LOT**  
1337 sq ft home w/ 3bd, 1.5 baths, spacious Kit w/ appls, hwd flrs, 2 large Master w/ vaulted ceiling, unique arch entryways, part finished bsmt, & updated roof. \$75,000 (P-301FO)



**PRESTIGIOUS LAKE PROPERTY**  
Spacious lake front living on own sports Rush lake. Bring your own builder. Possible washroom, 1st fl Master w/ bath, 1st fl laun, & big open Kitchen. Don't miss out on this one! \$210,000 (P-113SA)



**WELL MAINTAINED DUPLEX**  
Great opportunity! Each unit has 900 sq ft w/ 2 bds, 1 bath, large Kit w/ quality cabinets, new roof, windows, & private lake access to Whitmore Lake. \$169,900 (C-322FA)



**Vacant Land**  
**SOUTH LYON VACANT LOT**  
On a private road w/ a wooded backdrop. Will require an engineering field golf courses & upscale homes. Survey & geology studies available. Over one acre. Privacy is perfect as is the price. \$74,900 (C-000LA)



**PLYMOUTH CONDO**  
Cute ranch condo w/ large brick paver patio, updated appls, & windows. Pets allowed. Good location & clubhouse activities w/ heated pool & home warranty. \$99,500 (P-699NE)



**ELEGANT & AFFORDABLE**  
2603 sq ft colonial offers 4 bd 2.5 baths, excellent curb appeal, located deep in sub, luxury Master w/ bath & WIC, big Kit, extra deep walkout bsmt, & appls stay. \$399,900 (P-900RE)



**GREAT LOCATION**  
Spacious open floor plan w/ neutral decor, newer roof, & windows, huge Fam Rm w/ trpl part finished bsmt, great Deck in fenced yard, appls stay, & 1 yr warranty inc. \$148,900 (P-399SU)



**A LOT TO OFFER**  
2 bd, 1 bath home offering a new furnace, C/A, hwh, immediate occupancy, & convenient location. \$34,900 (C-518BA)



**LAKE FRONT LIVING**  
City's Landing on Ford Lake offers this end unit ranch condo w/ 3bd, 2 bath, huge Master, LR w/ trpl & drpl to balcony, updated windows, freshly painted area pool, & more! \$134,900 (P-655CL)



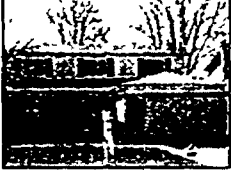
**FANTASTIC VALUE**  
Newly built 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo, 1st fl hwd flrs, large LR w/ trpl, 1st fl Master w/ bath & WIC, 2nd fl bath w/ WIC, & Bath, lot, Fam Rm, & more. \$147,900 (C-394DO)



**PRICED RIGHT**  
Beautiful 3 bd, 3 bath condo w/ full finished 1st fl, 2 car Garage, built in 2005, 1st fl Master, 1st fl laun, & big open Kitchen. Don't miss out on this one! \$149,900 (P-364GA)



**LARGE COUNTRY LOT**  
Not your ordinary sub of floor plan. Designer Kit w/ granite & walnut flrs, 2 story Great Rm w/ nat trpl & views of backyard. 1st fl Master w/ bath & WIC, & great location. \$349,900 (P-927JA)



**LOCATION, LOCATION**  
Lovely home backing to commons. Great floor plan w/ maple Kit, Fam Rm w/ trpl LR/DR, sunroom, large Master w/ bath, newer furnace, & C. windows, doors, & paver patio. \$218,000 (P-477W)



**CHARMING RANCH**  
Immaculate 1168 sq ft, 3 bd, 1.5 bath brick feat a large Master w/ 10x7 bonus room, refinished hwd flrs, updated Kit, part fin bsmt, 2 car Garage, appls stay, & home warranty. \$119,900 (P-999LU)



**PERFECT STARTER HOME**  
4 bd, 1 bath home w/ newer bath, Kit, windows, roof, hwh, furnace, 6 panel doors, & Pergo to. Extra deep bsmt, freshly painted, & home warranty. Great place to call home! \$124,900 (P-200MC)



**PLYMOUTH'S BRADBURY**  
Beautiful view & lots of windows! 1 bd condo w/ nice oak Kit, Master w/ wall of closets, bath w/ new tile & surround, neutral t'o, fin bsmt, & area pool & clubhouse. \$110,000 (P-421NE)



**PLYMOUTH RANCH CONDO**  
Popular Bradbury offers this completely remodeled condo w/ oak Kit, & stain steel appls, 1st fl laun, updated bath, new paint & carpet, full bsmt, & area pool w/ clubhouse. \$114,500 (P-815NE)



**BEAUTIFUL BRICK BUNGALOW**  
When only the best will do, spacious floor plan offers 3 bd Master w/ trpl, bath, covered ceilings, LR w/ trpl, updated bath, windows, carpet, paint, & elec. \$69,900 (P-421PT)



**UPDATES ABOUND**  
Move here & enjoy newer windows, remod Kit, newer roof, flooring, updated baths, formal DR, fin bsmt, stamped patio in fenced yard, & 3 nice sized bdrms. \$187,500 (P-151PR)



**CHARMING**  
Traditional floor plan w/ formal LR, DR, large Kit w/ appls, Fam Rm w/ trpl Master w/ private bath, lot area could be playroom, or Den, freshly painted, & good location. \$199,999 (C-519RI)



**PITTSFIELD TWP. COLONIAL**  
Well maintained home on 1.4 acre lot. Open floor plan, spacious Kit, Fam Rm w/ bath ceiling & trpl huge Deck, finished bsmt. Same Schools & more. \$197,000 (C-323RO)



**SELLER MUST SELL!**  
Rare find on this custom ranch on almost an acre in Farm Hills. Beautiful landscaping. Kit w/ granite, Fam Rm w/ trpl, fin bsmt, newer roof, 1st fl laun pool, & circular drive. \$189,000 (C-432RO)



**COUNTRY LOT IN THE CITY**  
Wide buildable lot in an area of newer 1400-1700 sq ft homes. Treed rear & western boundary. Great location just a few steps away from Lawson Field & playground. \$29,900 (C-574VA)



**GARDEN CITY'S FINEST**  
One of a kind custom built home w/ circular staircase, w/ balcony, Master w/ bath, Sunroom, 26x24 Deck, guest house, Fam Rm w/ trpl & too much more to list. \$285,000 (C-621WT)



**NICE HOME**  
3 bd bungalow w/ newer Deck, new front porch, 2 car Garage, large Master Bdrm, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, & more. Subject to short sale approval - make an offer. \$55,900 (C-255AS)



**TOTALLY RENOVATED**  
Great floor plan offering lots of space. Beautiful addition makes this close to 1400 Sq ft. \$99,500 (C-985BA)



**BACKS TO WOODS**  
3 bd, 2.5 bath home feat: gourmet Kit w/ appls & pantry, vaulted Great Rm w/ trpl, finished bsmt w/ wetbar, 1/2 bath, huge rec room, & theater. Great location, a must see! \$210,000 (P-917BR)



**UPGRADES GALORE!**  
2006 Built home feat 3 bds, 2.5 baths, pond view from oak Kit w/ granite, spacious Fam Rm w/ trpl, Master w/ WIC, vaulted ceiling, & end tub, & too much more to list. \$274,900 (C-211BR)



**GREAT PRICE**  
Motivated seller offer a great deal on this moving home in Livonia. 1.5 baths, LR w/ bay window & trpl 2 car Garage, & addit lot next door included. \$114,900 (P-415CA)



**ENJOY THE VIEW**  
Comfortable 3 bd Waterford home w/ updated white Kit, w/ granite, updated bath, & carpet, well maintained w/ loads of storage, right across from Cass Lake. \$129,900 (C-884CA)



**PARK LIKE SETTING**  
Beautiful 3 bd 2 bath brick ranch w/ walking distance to grade school. Hwd flrs, brick trpl, 1.5 car Garage, part fin, bsmt w/ bath, newer roof, windows, oak Kit, furnace & C/A. \$119,900 (P-136DE)



**GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY**  
Well known pizza business for sale. Great chance to be your own boss. Call for further details. \$84,900 (C-344FO)



**BREATHTAKING VIEWS**  
Traditional floor plan feat formal LR/DR, Fam Rm w/ gas trpl & views of wooded backyard. Large island Kit w/ appls, Master w/ volume cell, WIC, & luxury bath. \$257,000 (C-156GR)



**HUGE YARD!**  
Lovely updated home on almost 1/2 acre of land backing to woods. Newer paint, refinished hardwood floors, vinyl windows, with warranty, & a 2 car garage. \$115,500 (C-721HA)



**MECHANIC'S DREAM**  
Let your dreams come true in this 3 bd brick ranch w/ huge 3 car Garage, & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, eat in Kit, full bsmt, & covered patio. \$140,000 (C-025JO)



**CUSTOM COLONIAL**  
Come see this custom interior in this 4 bd 3 ba home. Custom maple Kit, LR & DR w/ custom built ins, & lot of room to room. 2nd home on property can be in laws or income property. \$249,900 (P-241MA)



**CUL DE SAC LOCATION**  
Beautiful Canton home w/ 3 bd 2.5 baths, Fam Rm w/ trpl & drpl to patio, covered patio, recent updates inc. bath, cherry Kit, roof, furnace, & C/A, Appl's stay, & Rec Rm. \$220,000 (C-017PO)



**NEWLY REMODELED**  
Redone top to bottom in 2007. Open floor plan, maple Kit, large Fam Rm, bright Master w/ 3 closets & bath, neutral paint & carpet to new roof, windows, doors, etc. Must see! \$210,000 (C-110RO)



**RARE OFFERING**  
Wonderfully cared for Canton cape cod w/ generous updates. 3 bd 2 bath, spacious rooms, Fam Rm w/ trpl & French doors to Deck, open Kit, 1st fl Master bsmt, & 2 car Garage. \$175,000 (C-608SO)



**MOVE IN READY**  
Move here to this 3 bd 2 bath Plymouth ranch & relax. Plenty of updates inc: Pella Windows, bath, large Kit, oversized Garage w/ workshop, fin bsmt w/ rec rm, & bath. Must see! \$169,900 (P-808TA)



**PRICED TO SELL**  
2 bd 1.5 bath Livonia condo w/ open floor plan, fresh paint, appliances stay, large screened in patio, updated furnace & hwh. Pets welcome & 1 yr Home Warranty. \$89,900 (C-281UN)



**BEST LOCATION IN SUB**  
Awesome location backing to woods. Gourmet Kit w/ conical & stain steel appls. Glamour bath w/ Jacuzzi tub, Master w/ bath, & hwh. Pets welcome & 1 yr Home Warranty. \$399,900 (C-215BA)



**CANTON CONDO**  
3 bd 2.5 bath, 1870 sq ft detached condo built in 2002. Great island Kit, Master w/ bath & WIC, Den Rm, Fam Rm w/ trpl patio w/ rec room, & more. \$210,000 (C-932BR)



**IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY**  
2 bd condo on beautiful Colonial Estates. Full bsmt, large Liv Rm, Dining Area, 2 car Garage w/ opener, C/A, & ceiling fans. Appl's stay. \$114,900 (C-613CO)



**WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH**  
Great 2 bd condo w/ fresh paint, vaulted ceilings, & skylights, new carpet, snack bar in Kit, Fam Rm, Dining Area, small animals welcome, & a beautiful location. \$116,500 (C-331PI)



**GREAT OPPORTUNITY**  
Traditional floor plan feat a formal LR/DR, large island Kit w/ hwd flrs, & appls. Spacious Fam Rm w/ trpl Master w/ bath & her w/c's, & a private bath. \$223,000 (P-576AA)



**BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING**  
Awesome 4 bd 2.5 bath home feat hwd flrs to Kit w/ 42 cabinets, & appls, & buyers pantry. Amazing Deck & patio, Fam Rm w/ trpl vaulted Master w/ WIC, & so much more. \$250,000 (P-035AR)



**CUTE & COZY**  
Wonderful ranch on almost half an acre on prime real estate property. Very nice open floor plan, 2 bd lots of big windows, bright & airy 2 car Garage, great updates to & moved occup. \$107,000 (P-403CA)



**FABULOUS FIND**  
The amenities of this home will outshine the effort needed for paint & cleanup! 2003 updates inc. shingles, siding, furnace, C/A, baths, oak Kit, patio bsmt & built in grill. \$155,000 (C-465CA)



**NOVA CONDO**  
Great condo for lease least 2 bd 2 baths, 2 car att Garage, w/ trpl walking distance to 12 Oaks Mall & Fountain Walk. Great location & very well kept. \$1,700/month (P-280CA)



**AWESOME CANTON BUY**  
Open floor plan w/ large rooms. Open Kit w/ drpl to large Deck, Master w/ bath, & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, eat in Kit, full bsmt, & covered patio. \$399,900 (C-681CH)



**PERFECTLY LOCATED**  
Canton beauty 3 bd 2.5 baths, Kit w/ appls, vaulted Fam Rm w/ trpl & recessed lights, vaulted Master Suite w/ WIC & glamour bath. \$210,000 (P-892CR)



**OUTSTANDING CONDO**  
2 bd 2 bath ranch condo located in Westland's Deerhurst community. Master Bdrm w/ private bath, awesome Kit w/ granite, Great Rm w/ trpl bsmt, private Deck, & more. \$144,500 (C-881DE)



**PERFECT STARTER**  
Great floor plan for this 3 bd ranch w/ updated carpet, spacious eat in Kit, finished bsmt w/ dry bar, updated C/A, 2 car Garage, & nice fenced yard. Walk to elementary school. \$114,900 (P-261FA)



**SHOWS LIKE A MODEL**  
Sparkling clean colonial w/ over 2600 sq ft, cherry cabinets, gas flrs, no paint, Geo-Deck, extra deep bsmt, huge side entry Garage, & priced to sell. \$254,900 (P-711FI)



**GREAT FIND**  
Don't wait to build, you could have this better than new Carrington model instead! Tastefully decorated large island Kit, 1st fl laun, Master Suite, & oversized Deck. \$229,900 (P-896HI)



**BEAUTIFUL CANTON CONDO**  
2 bd 3 bath condo w/ a huge Master w/ 2 w/c's & bath, 1st fl laun, soaring ceilings, Library w/ built ins, finished bsmt w/ bath, excellent location & close to everything. \$219,500 (C-491KJ)



**NEWER CONDO**  
Great find on this 2 bd 2.5 bath home in Canton. Metabolous, maintained open floor plan, Great Rm w/ vaulted ceiling & trpl loft overlook, bright oak Kit, patio Deck, & pond view. \$168,000 (C-173LO)



**UPDATES GALORE**  
Gorgeous home on Spring Hill Lake in Stoneham sub offers over 6000 sq ft custom details to granite kit w/ subway fln, walkout bsmt w/ a pae or inlaw suite & more. \$120,000 (P-863MA)



**NORTHVILLE BEAUTY**  
Great home w/ 3 bd 2 baths, huge Kitchen, w/ Pergo, Master w/ 2 w/c's, professionally finished bsmt w/ bar & bath, tons of storage space, & so much more. \$395,000 (P-137MA)



**FABULOUS COLONIAL**  
4 bd 2.5 bath stunning home w/ gourmet Kit w/ hardwood floors, LR/DR, a crown mdy, vaulted family room w/ fireplace, vaulted Master w/ glam bath. \$379,000 (P-487ME)



**EXCEPTIONAL POND VIEW**  
Popular Ridgewood offers this nice colonial w/ 4 bd 2.5 baths, Fam Rm w/ trpl formal LR/DR, island Kit w/ nook, large Deck off Family Rm, & 2 car Garage. \$175,000 (C-990OT)



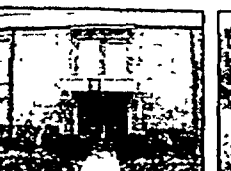
**GORGEOUS CAPE COD**  
Great find in sought after sub. Open floor plan, bright Kit w/ new granite & Pergo opens to large Deck w/ pond view. Great Rm w/ vaulted ceiling, tons of windows, skylights, & lot. \$279,900 (P-704PO)



**NOT A DRIVE BY**  
Like new 3 bd 2.5 bath home w/ large lot for office or game room, 265 acres of commons, 15 parks, tennis courts, walking trails, 2 pools, soccer field, & so much more. \$145,000 (P-048RI)



**AWESOME HOME**  
Great Livonia home w/ 1026 sq ft, 3 bd 1 bath, updated kit, cabinets, & conical, LR/DR w/ hwd flrs, prof finished bsmt w/ home theater, new Trex Deck, & new driveway. \$149,900 (P-200RO)



**LOVELY LIVONIA CONDO**  
Stunning 3 bd Dearborn colonial, updated w/ Fabulous fin bsmt, formal DR/DR, updated bath, nice sized bedrooms, updated bath, windows & roof, great location. \$93,500 (C-380UN)



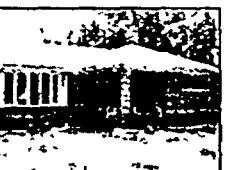
**LAKE VIEW**  
2 bd 1 bath condo, brand new carpet, great room sizes, awesome enclosed porch, Clubhouse w/ heated pool, 5 pets are welcome. \$432,500 (C-711VA)



**GREAT BUY**  
Nice condo overlooking commons area, 2 bd 1.5 bath, 2 story unit w/ private setting, hwd flrs, appls stay, & great Canton location. \$104,900 (P-131V)



**JUST LIKE NEW**  
Nice 1500+ sq ft Northville condo w/ 2 bd 2.5 ba, freshly painted to new Kit floor, bonus room, Dining Room, 2 car Garage, & walk to downtown shopping & events. \$130,900 (P-102WA)



**NATURE ABOUND**  
All brick ranch w/ 4 bd, finished walkout bsmt, updated Kit w/ appls, freshly painted new carpet in bsmt. Garage & priced to sell. \$129,900 (C-347W)



**GREAT LOCATION**  
You won't find a better value that right here. 2 bd 1.5 baths, att. Garage, appls stay, full bsmt close to everything in Walled Lake & more. \$135,500 (C-519W)

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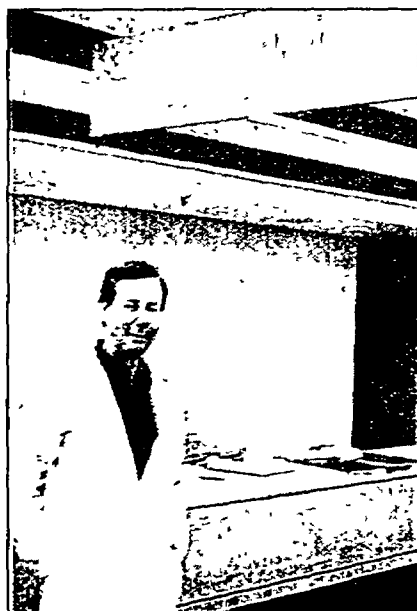
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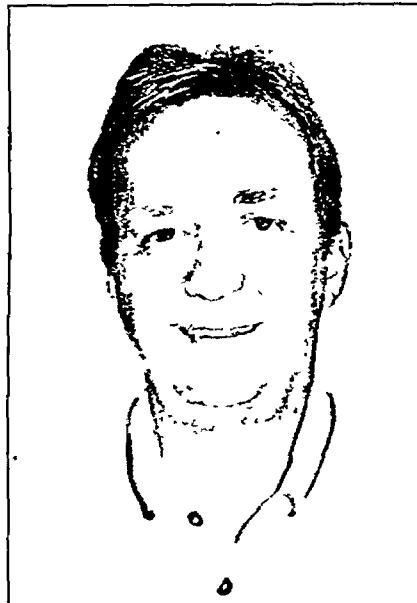
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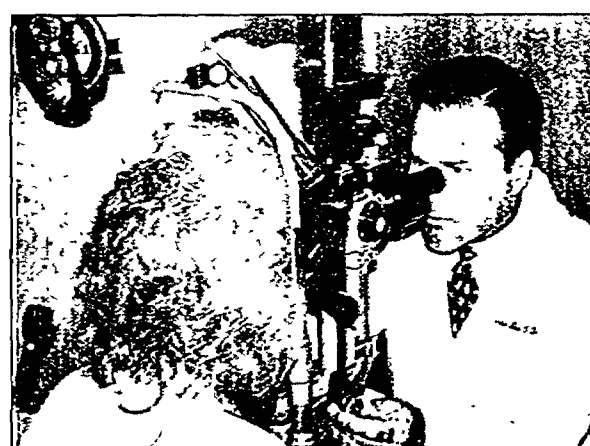
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Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists has expanded over the years to include clinics in South Lyon, Hartland, Fowlerville, Ann Arbor, Davison, and Pinckney. The clinics also provide Athletic Training services for several surrounding area school districts.



Rodney Goble • Hamburg

## Rodney Goble, Physical Therapist

Goble played baseball for the University of Michigan, the US Olympic Sports Festival Team, and the International Athletes in Action. He also spent one year with a minor league professional baseball team. He keeps physically active by mountain biking, trail running and

hiking, and is the leader of sports teams at The River Community Church in Hartland.

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Rodney Goble and his wife Amy own and operate MRS at 10020 Professional Center Drive, in Hamburg.

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Matt Brostrom • South Lyon

## Matt Brostrom, Physical Therapist

Matt Brostrom and his wife Michelle have co-owned MRS of South Lyon with the Gobles since October 2005.

Brostrom received his masters degree in physical therapy from the University of Michigan and has continued his education with numerous post-graduate courses, including a McKenzie certification in mechanical diagnosis and treatment.

An avid runner and bicyclist, Brostrom has competed in many races and marathons and has treated Olympic runners and professional athletes.

Michelle Brostrom holds a doctorate in physical therapy from the University of Michigan, professional certification in the McKenzie method of spinal care, and extensive training and experience in working with brain injuries.

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Jouni Mantyla • Hartland

## Jouni Mantyla, Physical Therapist

The Hartland MRS facility is co-owned by the Gobles and Jouni (pronounced Yoni) Mantyla. Mantyla brought his extensive athletic and physical therapy experience to the United States from his native Finland in 1993.

Mantyla broke Finnish swimming records for the 100m and 200m backstroke in 1978 — they remained unbroken for 12 years — then later traveled with the Finnish Olympic athletes as a team sports massage/physical therapist from 1984 to 1993.

He continued his physical therapy education and joined MRS's Hartland location in 2003.

Mantyla's motto is "If it's not manual and physical, it's not therapy". It fits perfectly in the MRS philosophy of therapy.

The parents of two children, Mantyla and his wife Anne became United States citizens in 2006.

Visit Jouni Mantyla at 10860 Highland Road, in Hartland, or call 810-632-1000.



Scott Weaver • Fowlerville

## Scott Weaver, Physical Therapist

Scott Weaver and his wife Ashley co-own the MRS facility in Fowlerville with the Gobles.

"Having both grown up in the small Michigan town of Sault Ste. Marie, similar to Fowlerville, we both understand and value the close-knit values of the area and have put a vested interest into this community," Scott Weaver said.

Weaver holds a masters degree in physical therapy from the University of Michigan and Ashley completed her doctorate in physical therapy from the same university. Weaver played baseball for the university, earning Academic All-American and Big Ten Freshman of the Year, and Big Ten Player of the Year as a junior. He joined the Detroit Tigers organization after his junior year. His Tigers career was cut short due to rotator cuff issues. He continues to play competitive softball "to keep the competitive juices flowing."

"I have a passion for sports and recreation and understand well the physical demand and potential mechanisms of injury for the athlete," Weaver said.

MRS of Fowlerville is located in the newest medical facility in Fowlerville. The Fowlerville Professional Center is located at 202 E. Van Riper Road, Suite 200. Call 517-223-2100 to reach Scott and Ashley Weaver.

The gentlemen of Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists and Wellness are committed to providing the best hands-on treatment for physical therapy available anywhere. Visit [www.mrspt.com](http://www.mrspt.com) or call 810-231-6904 to learn more about what the experts in personalized hands-on manual therapy can do for you.

— By Cynthia Grochowski

Dave Jr., Travis, Jon and Josh Porta

# Grace & Porta Benefits

810-227-7540 • [www.graceandporta.com](http://www.graceandporta.com)

Fruit and bagels have replaced coffee and donuts as the Porta brothers' morning meeting staples when they're making presentations to clients and prospective clients.

In a corporate world trying to battle obesity and its accompanying lower productivity, "Wellness" has become a "weighty" issue for insurance providers such as Grace & Porta Benefits of Brighton.

"Did you know that 53 chronic diseases are a direct result of obesity?" asked Jon Porta, whose position in this family-owned independent insurance business has him meeting with companies with 10 or more employees. "The U.S. is actually #1 in obesity rates in the entire world, beating out Mexico, Poland and just about every other developed country."

While these rates and charts are an interesting topic of discussion for most people, they are the bread and butter of Grace & Porta Benefits, whose primary mission is to serve the employee benefit needs of local companies, many centered in Livingston County.

"It's in every business' best interest to promote wellness within their company, and we're here to help them do that," said Dave Porta, Jr., the senior member of this four-brother company.

The Porta brothers work cooperatively with human resource departments and small business owners to help them make creative and educated decisions regarding employee benefits and health care plans.

They are following in the successful footsteps of the founders of Grace & Porta Benefits — Ed Grace and Dave Porta, Sr., who started the company in 1979. Now in its second generation, Dave, Jr., Travis, Jon and Josh purchased the company together in 2004.

Now they add their own youthful spin to utilize technology, new marketing strategies and relationship-building to optimize health plans for everyone's benefit.

For the client, the level of service provided by Grace & Porta Benefits means that they have access to an on-line human resource tool that provides them with an employee handbook, federal posters and information about COBRA — all with the click of a mouse through their Web site.

In addition, the Grace & Porta staff takes on many of the administrative details of their clients' insurance accounts, including additions and deletions of people on the plan.

"We'll also help our clients with claims issues so they have someone acting on their behalf," say the brothers. "We do a six month review with each client, so we are continually monitoring and updating their account, based on their changing needs."

"Our real goal is to help employers get their employees fit," says Jon Porta. "We are working on programs to get baseline health risk assessments through a separate company, not the individual's employer, to provide prevention and early detection strategies to keep the work place healthier and more productive."

The brothers are as friendly on the basketball court as they are in the workplace.

While they make sure together to meet their professional goals, the Porta brothers also stay active as a family, playing basketball and training in South Lyon. They have a second location at 10000 E. Van Riper Road, Suite 200, with small companies in



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Continuing their family's tradition of customer service are, from left, Travis, Jonathan, David and Josh Porta of Grace & Porta Benefits of Brighton.

northern counties out of this second office.

All are married and three of the four have children — six granddaughters for Dave and Judy Porta, who now reside in Coopersville, MI.

Grace & Porta Benefits is located at 7219 Grand River Ave. in Brighton. Call them at 810-227-7540.

— By Sally Rummel

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## Drs. Ronald Studer and John Parker



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John S. Parker left, and Ronald A. Studer combine 50 years of veterinary experience to care for pets and pet owners

## Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic

248-449-7447 • www.bpvnet.net

As a small animal veterinary clinic, Briarpointe in Novi stands tall. Doctors Ronald Studer and John Parker possess 50 years of practice between them.

From the first day of their partnership in 1991, Dr. Studer said they have worked to treat patients and clients as individuals — giving the best information they can to the pet owner, allowing them to make informed decisions about the care of their pet.

From routine check-ups to surgery, Briarpointe takes care of broken bones, wounds, performs spays and neuters, and provides medical, surgical, and basic dental services.

Their services include: complete laboratory services, laparoscopy, radiosurgery, in-clinic pharmacy, radiology, dental radiology, and geriatric medicine.

"We're consultants, working for the betterment of the patient," Dr. Studer said. "We offer options to the pet owner and ultimately it's their decision on how to proceed."

The two doctors enjoy hobbies that help them relax when away from the clinic. Both are married, parents, and also pet owners.

Dr. Parker plays the bagpipes and studies Theology. He is a 1988 MSU graduate and has a degree in Medical Technology.

Dr. Studer enjoys practicing photography and playing golf. He is a 1973 MSU graduate and holds a Master's Degree in counseling from Oakland University.

At Briarpointe, Dr. Studer said they want clients feeling comfortable and confident when bringing their pet in, regardless of which doctor they see. The doctors never use any medications or procedures they wouldn't use on their own pets.

Dogs and cats comprise most of Briarpointe's patients, with guinea pigs, gerbils, and birds, and even an occasional Iguana making up the rest.

"A growing number of Briarpointe doctors are specialists," Dr. Studer said. Briarpointe refers clients and pets only to Board Certified specialists in cardiology, neurology, internal medicine, ophthalmology and other specialties. Both doctors regularly attend local and national seminars to keep up with the latest treatments and technologies.

The two doctors are members of professional organizations including The Association of Avian Veterinarians, Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, American Animal Hospital Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, and American Veterinary Dental Society.

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic is located at 47330 Ten Mile Road in Novi. Their hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 248-449-7447 for an appointment.

— By Nathan Menoian

## Jim Seghi



Photo by NATHAN MENOIAN

Jim Seghi's new appointment-only showroom in South Lyon features state-of-the-art design tools, kitchen cabinet and tile displays, catalogs on computer and on-staff designers

## Jim Seghi Renovations

248-437-2454 • www.jimseghirenovations.com

When's the last time a contractor gave you an affordable quote, showed up on time, finished on time and cleaned up after the job was done? It's the way Jim Seghi of Seghi Renovations operates on a day-to-day basis from one satisfied customer to another.

Though the economy has made it difficult for many business owners, Seghi knows that his reputation for honesty and integrity is what kept him going. That's why he continues to receive referrals: referrals from customers like Pam and George Burke of South Lyon, who had a partial basement renovation of about 2,400 square feet.

"I found him (Seghi) very easy to work with, very accommodating and very professional. He showed up when he said he would show up. He was on time with the project. He listened and had good suggestions — and he was affordable," said Pam Burke.

She plans to install a kitchen in the basement in the future; she'll call Seghi to finish the job.

A New Hudson resident and local businessman, Seghi believes in his hometown.

"We're in a great community. This is a beautiful area, I wouldn't be opening up a showroom in South Lyon if I didn't think so," he said. "If you need a bigger house or your home needs a facelift, I can help you!"

Who doesn't want to make the most of their home? In many cases, Seghi can meet and exceed the homeowner's hopes and expectations, using his unique vision and nineteen years of experience. Now more than ever it's smarter to renovate, not relocate, he believes.

When it comes to design, Seghi plans each improvement with value added in mind. He's uniquely qualified to help homeowners not only make the best choices but realize all the possibilities their renovation can accomplish.

Soon it will be even easier to design that dream home with the opening of Seghi's new appointment-only showroom in South Lyon. With state-of-the-art design tools, clients will enjoy one stop shopping, making it even more convenient. He considers it one of his greatest accomplishments.

"It will be a lot quicker. You can talk about all the products right there. Instead of going to two, three or four different showrooms, they can do it all in one fell swoop. It saves time for both of us," said Seghi.

The appointment-only showroom will have kitchen cabinet and tile displays, catalogs on computer as well as on staff designers. Opening soon, the showroom/office will be located at 440 North Lafayette by the railroad tracks near Pontiac Trail. Visit [www.jimseghirenovations.com](http://www.jimseghirenovations.com) or call 248-437-2454 for an appointment.

And now Seghi and his wife, Ellen, can improve your health as well as your home with Mona Vie, a delicious nutritional beverage blend of 19 body-beneficial fruits including Brazilian acai. They've witnessed the results through their own use and have been advocates ever since. Contact Jim at 248-921-5552 or Ellen at 248-921-5855 for this amazing product; or browse the Web site at [www.monavie.com](http://www.monavie.com).

— By Annette Jaworski

## Richard Miller



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Richard Miller of Miller Media Vision can handle all of your photography needs

## Miller Media Vision

248-345-6741 • www.millermediavision.com

When it comes to senior photos, it's all about you. Why not make it a fun project, says Richard Miller of Miller Media Vision?

When it comes to high school senior photo sessions, his number one rule is that it should be an enjoyable experience. That's why he makes an extra effort to make his subjects comfortable. He doesn't rush clients through.

"All photos are taken right here at my home, so it's a homey feeling. Here it's relaxing. I tell the kids they can play their music or whatever they want," says Miller.

Now's the time for the graduating class of '09 to schedule an appointment so photos will be ready in plenty of time for the school yearbook.

Seniors may believe they're obligated to use the official school photographer. Not so, says Miller. Clients have the freedom to choose whatever photographer they wish. Miller believes he offers added value, experience and creativity.

For example, students have access to natural beauty including backyard trails, flowering gardens, a pond and boat. There are no restrictions on the number of poses, changes or even hairstyles — particularly helpful for girls. There are no off-site location charges if you have a favorite spot within 20 miles.

All senior packages can also be used for family portraits. It's a good way to preserve precious memories at an affordable price. He offers beautiful canvas backed prints at reasonable prices. For example and 8X10 runs \$25.

"It has the look and feel of a painting," Miller pointed out.

Probably his most exciting new business venture is the webcast of sports videos, particularly the recent webcast of a complete season of South Lyon

Girls Varsity Soccer. Here Miller is on the cutting edge. It's the first time in the state of Michigan that non-state playoffs in the state were on the Internet, he pointed out. The reception has been overwhelming. In one month the Web site received 4,000 hits to view the games.

He's enthusiastic about its many possibilities. It's great for a coaching tool and parents or relatives that are unable to attend can watch at their leisure.

Colleges can view the games for recruiting. Booster clubs can even use it as a fund-raising by collecting sponsors. The online webcast videos can be adapted to nearly any sport, he adds: football, basketball, soccer, volleyball and more.

They are currently looking for any teams throughout the KLAA that would like to take advantage of this next fall. He is also seeking young talent to fill paid positions, where they would receive valuable training. Right now he is recruiting high school juniors and seniors or college students that would like to film, direct or announce fall sports programs.

Of course, Miller Media Vision also provides experienced event photography. They shoot ten hours of photos and or videos for each wedding. As an added touch they provide a wallet size photo for each guest the day of the ceremony. The photo is selected by the bride and groom from the actual wedding day and printed on site. Guests are pleased and surprised to receive this thoughtful remembrance from the bride and groom.

A die-hard sports fan, Miller is involved with the local community and takes great pride in assisting the coaches with little league football and baseball for his 9-year-old son.

Contact Rich Miller for a photo sitting today, or visit his Web site for more information.

— By Annette Jaworski

## Dr. Christopher Bifano

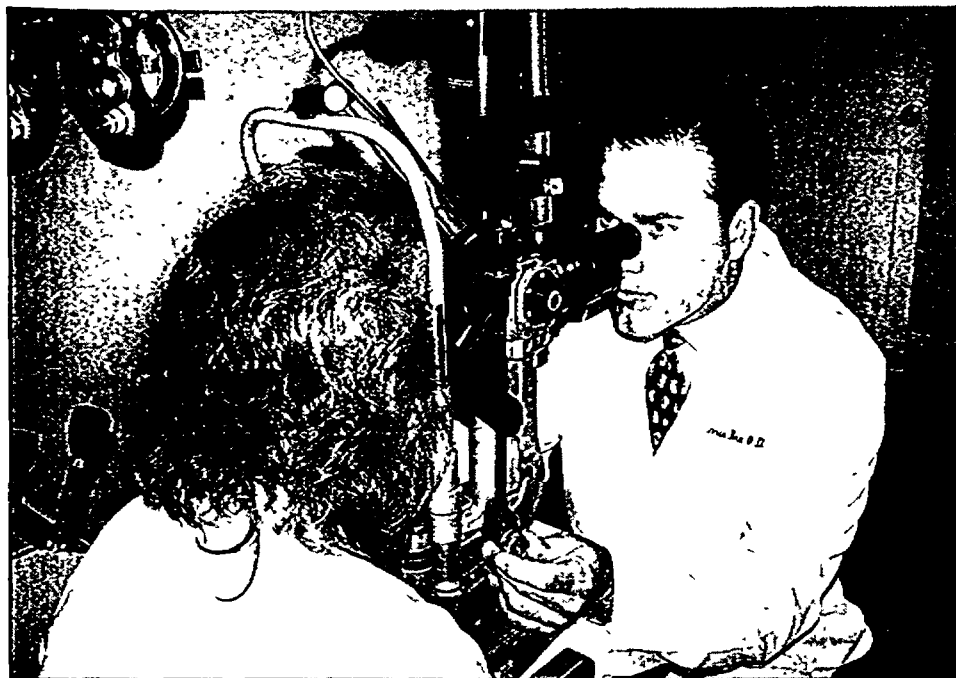


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Dr. Christopher Bifano puts special emphasis on customer service at Bifano Eye Care in South Lyon.

## Bifano Eye Care

248-446-1146

Any business can sell a product or service. The really good ones sell products and services backed up by customer care, experience, and up-to-date technology advances.

Those are the attributes of Christopher Bifano, O.D., and Rhonda Bifano, O.D., whose reputation for happy customers has been known throughout South Lyon and the surrounding communities for years.

Dr. Bifano is quick to point out that his experienced staff deserves much of the credit for his business' success.

"We are carrying on the family tradition of good customer service," he said. "The doctors and staff are what set us apart from our competition."

His notoriety for good service began with the Bifano family of optometrists, including his sister and father who practiced in Dearborn for many years.

Even now, Dr. Bifano maintains an office in Dearborn Heights where he splits his time with the South Lyon practice.

Dr. Bifano, a resident of South Lyon and father to Lauren 10, and Michael, 12, is very involved in the community. He coaches South Lyon Panthers football and CYO baseball.

Bifano Eye Care sponsors several high school events and the business is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce.

A graduate from the Ferris State College of Optometry, Dr. Bifano has been in business for 17 years. And not only does all of that experience give his patients a "good feeling" — the experience makes them "feel comfortable here," he added.

*"We are carrying on the family tradition of good customer service. The doctors and staff are what set us apart from our competition."*

Christopher Bifano, O.D.  
Bifano Eye Care

Dr. Bifano keeps up on the latest technology in the field of optometry and he believes in staying one step ahead of the technology curve.

Services at Bifano Eye Care include eye exams, contact lenses, eyeglasses, and treatment of eye diseases. Dr. Bifano also offers refractive surgery in partnership with the TLC Laser Eye Centers.

The Bifano Eye Care staff includes two doctors and three opticians. Doctors are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Bifano Eye Care is located at 317 N. Lafayette St., two blocks north of Lake Street, in South Lyon. Call to make an appointment today.

— By John R. Hall

## Joseph Montante



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Joe Montante is happy to help people develop good interviewing skills as the director of the personal development division of Zone Influence.

## Zone Influence

248-443-9619 • www.zoneinfluence.com

The search for a new job can be rewarding and frustrating. Frustration equals failure and that is something that Joe Montante does not like to see in his clients. Montante is the director of the personal development division of Zone Influence, a company that specializes in programs to assist people in the preparation required for today's interviewing challenges.

"We meet with individuals to enhance their personal competitive position during job interviews," said Montante. "Let's face it, there is more good competition for jobs today. People need to establish good techniques before the interview process."

Montante, who has had many years of experience interviewing, hiring, and terminating workers, said that Zone Influence has the credentials to help anyone improve their interviewing skills. "If you want to be a better golfer you hire a golf coach," he said. "You do that because you want to be the best at what you do. It is the same with being able to be the best equipped to handle the interview process. You can consider us your interview coaches."

The process is simple. Montante said that people who have had trouble getting past the interview stage of the hiring process or who simply want to sharpen their interview skills should visit the Zone Influence Web site at [www.zoneinfluence.com](http://www.zoneinfluence.com). While there, they can learn about the various programs and costs.

There are three different personal development programs, beginning with the Standard, which costs \$35 and includes its T.E.A. (total effort approach) program, providing the framework used by thousands to enhance their Personal Competitive Position. The second program, Silver, costs \$65 and, besides T.E.A.,

includes the "Life a Competitive Nightmare" workbook. It is loaded with scenarios and diagrams that are very useful. The top of line program is Gold, which costs \$100 and includes the training in the other two programs plus a one-hour, one-on-one session with a member of Zone Influence's professional power team where goals are reviewed and guidelines are set.

"We ask our clients if what they have been doing during their interviews has been successful and why," said Montante. "We also ask them what has been unsuccessful and why they believe that."

Montante knows that everyone has different skills sets when it comes to interviewing and that is why Zone Influence has different templates based on these skill sets. "Most people will fit into one of these templates," he added.

Montante and his staff take the time to learn about individuals, how many interviews a person has been on and what their interview strengths and weaknesses are. "If you fail at the interview process that means someone else got the job you wanted," he said. "We don't want people to fail." When a client completes a program, Zone Influence provides a pre-interview checklist. Zone Influence will discuss successful case histories to show that, as Montante said, "Our programs are not theories to test drive — they are based on experience."

People who sign up via the Web site or who call Zone Influence and enroll in one of the three programs will also learn about the five interviewing sins that may cost them the job they want.

For more information visit [www.zoneinfluence.com](http://www.zoneinfluence.com) or call 248-443-9619.

— By John R. Hall

## Dr. Samuel K. Rosemberg

# Sam Rosemberg, M.D., F.A.C.S.

248-735-2441 • [www.srosemberg.com](http://www.srosemberg.com)

When a patient needs help with a physical problem or questions relating to his or her own health, they generally don't have time to wait to see a doctor and they want someone who cares about their well being. Those are the good qualities of Dr. Sam Rosemberg, M.D., one of Michigan's most respected urologists. Friendliness and promptness are evident almost immediately when patients visit his Novi office.

His attention to patients comes from over 40 years of experience as a urologist. He truly cares about each person he sees and treats.

"We don't make our patients wait when they need to see us," he said. "When they call we don't tell them they have to wait a few days or weeks, we see them the same day."

That's good news for people who suffer from

male and female incontinence, male infertility, and painful bladder conditions, to name a few problems.

Rosemberg and his helpful staff are equipped with the latest technologically advanced equipment to handle a number of in-house procedures.

"We are now equipped to do many procedures in our office instead of the hospital," Rosemberg added. "This allows the patient to go home right after the procedure and avoid spending the whole day at the hospital."

Being able to successfully treat painful problems in a timely and convenient fashion is especially important for patients who may suffer from intestinal cystitis (IC), a clinical syndrome characterized by chronic urinary urgency (feeling the urge to urinate immediately) and frequency (frequent urination) with or without pelvic pain.

Rosemberg said the symptoms of intestinal cystitis may vary among individuals and are often misdiagnosed.

"You need to understand the symptoms and what causes them," he added.

His understanding of this condition is a perfect example of his attention to detail and the care for his patients.

For nearly three years, Rosemberg and his staff at the clinic, located in the DMC Hetchman Building at 41935 W. 12 Mile Road (just west of Meadowbrook Road), have been helping patients as if they were family members — and their patients often express their thanks in mouthwatering ways.

"We often get cookies — and one patient even brought in a fully cooked fish!" said Rosemberg.

Besides his duties at his clinic, Rosemberg is chief of urology for the Huron Valley Sinai Hospital and is on staff at the new Providence Park Hospital in Novi. He is available from 9



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Sam Rosemberg, M.D., F.A.C.S., and his staff

a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday at the Novi location; and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday in Commerce at 8391 Commerce Road.

Rosemberg noted that the hours fluctuate depending on his patient's needs — which are always his priority. He is reachable anytime through a 24/7 answering service. Most insurance plans are accepted.

Visit Rosemberg's Web site at [www.srosemberg.com](http://www.srosemberg.com) to learn more about the various procedures available (listed in the box) or call the clinic at 248-735-2441.

— By John R. Hall

## Procedures Available

- Male and Female Incontinence
- Artificial Urinary Sphincter
- Pelvic Floor Muscle Rehabilitation
- InterStim Therapy for Intractable Incontinence
- Urodynamics for Diagnostic Treatment
- Male Infertility
- Male Slings

- Vasectomy and Vasectomy Reversals
- Impotence / Erectile Dysfunction
- Penile Implants
- Laser & Micro Surgeries
- Prostate Cancer Surgeries
- Prostate Surgery In Office (TUNA)
- GreenLight Photoselective Vaporization of the Prostate (PVP)



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Sam Rosemberg, M.D., F.A.C.S., stands in the lobby of his Novi practice



## Jack W. Bolling, P.C.



Photo by SALLY RUMMEL

Milford attorney Jack W. Bolling takes a less traditional approach to estate and legacy planning by encouraging families to pass on their hopes and dreams to the next generation, not just dollars and cents.

## Law Office of Jack W. Bolling, P.C.

248-684-9742 • [www.jackbollinglaw.com](http://www.jackbollinglaw.com)

"... the lawyer has a superior opportunity of being a good man. There will still be business enough."

— Abraham Lincoln

Using the integrity and honesty of Lincoln's words as a guide for his law practice today, Milford attorney Jack W. Bolling encourages area families to plan for the legacy they will leave their children.

"Today's 'Baby Boomers' are more interested in intangible values such as memories, life lessons and morals learned over a lifetime than they are in a traditional inheritance and property," said Bolling, whose law practice specializes in estate and legacy planning.

That's why his practice is more about building trust and relationships than about wills, documents and papers. Of course, these are a necessary part of every legal transaction, but Bolling emphasizes the importance of this generation's hopes and desires, history and stories, traditions and values, as it relates to a legacy left for the next generation.

Bolling encourages his clients to think beyond their financial matters and look into their own life's fulfillment by asking themselves the following questions: What really matters most to me? What would I really like to accomplish? What legacy do I really want to leave behind?

Bolling looks forward to meeting personally with each client to listen to their life stories and help them determine their future plans. "Any attorney can fill out paperwork, but decisions for your family need to

be made in terms of people and relationships, not just dollars and cents."

Bolling has trademarked his unique approach to the estate planning process and accompanying legal services as Legacy LifeLines (TM). This process includes three steps: Counseling and plan design; Funding of the revocable living trust; An on-going "maintenance program" that is unique among area attorneys.

Bolling has always taken "the road less traveled" in his own personal approach to careers and planning. Following a law enforcement career that spanned 12 years, and a successful career in the direct marketing industry, Bolling went back to school to become an attorney, and at age 56, earned his Juris Doctor from Michigan State University College of Law, just seconds after his son, Bryan, graduated from the same class.

He has gathered all the lessons he has learned in his professional life, along with his personal stories, including a marriage of 37 years to wife Elaine and the successful raising of three grown children, two sons who are lawyers and a daughter who works in business management. All of these have created a life experience that is invaluable in assisting clients with their own planning.

Bolling shares his passion for legacy planning with local groups and as a guest columnist for Gannett Newspapers. Visit [www.jackbollinglaw.com](http://www.jackbollinglaw.com) for the date of Jack's next estate planning workshop. His office is located at 800 N. Milford Road, Suite 400, phone 248-684-9742. — By Sally Rummel

## Gary and Mark Childs



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Gary, left, and Mark Childs offer quality bikes, one-day repair service, tune-ups and more at South Lyon Cycle.

## South Lyon Cycle

248-437-0500 • [www.southlyoncycle.com](http://www.southlyoncycle.com)

As our community has grown, so has South Lyon Cycle. The Childs brothers, owners and operators of South Lyon Cycle, are devoted to bikes.

South Lyon Cycle stocks a large selection of bicycles at great values. Mountain, comfort, hybrid, road, cruiser, recumbent, BMX, freestyle and juvenile bicycles include top brands like Trek, Gary Fisher, Giant, Electra, Townie, Haro and G.T. Expert assembly is offered on all bikes.

Bikes are offered in a variety of sizes including 12-inch, 16-inch, 20-inch and 24-inch wheel bikes for children as well as adult models in many frames and sizes.

Customers are sold a bike that meets their needs with proper fit for comfort and safety emphasized. Helmets are recommended and correct sizing and fit for safety and comfort is free.

South Lyon Cycle offers an extensive parts inventory and popular accessories — including trailers, child carriers, bike carriers and women's and men's gel comfort saddles. Hammer Nutrition endurance products and supplements are also stocked.

One-day repair service is available on all brands. Tune-ups are a specialty for better performance and the safety of any bike.

With gas at \$4 plus per gallon, the solution to some of the world's biggest problems is right in your garage. For your health, for the world, and for our future, for trips of 2 miles or less, go by bike! Once you try riding your bike, instead of driving your car, mini van, truck or SUV for short trips, you may find that you are not only saving gas, but enjoying yourself as well.

*"Once you try riding your bike, instead of driving your car, mini van, truck or SUV for short trips, you may find that you are not only saving gas, but enjoying yourself as well."*

— Gary and Mark Childs  
South Lyon Cycle

South Lyon Cycle offers many accessories, such as racks, baskets and bags to carry everything from groceries to work equipment to camping and sports gear to small dogs.

South Lyon Cycle is located in downtown South Lyon at 209 S. Lafayette (Pontiac Trail), two blocks south of Ten Mile Road, minutes from Island Lake State Recreation Area, Kensington Metropark, Maybury State Park, the Huron Valley Trail System and South Lyon's Rail Trail.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

## Ronnie Williams III



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Ronnie Williams III, right, has the solid backing and training from his father, Ron Williams Jr., one of many reasons that Perfect Floors is the perfect place to buy flooring.

## Perfect Floors, Inc.

248-437-2838 • [www.perfectfloorsinc.com](http://www.perfectfloorsinc.com)

Ronnie Williams III is following in the footsteps of his dad, Ron, Jr. and that is good news for the many customers of Perfect Floors of South Lyon. Ronnie is carrying on a tradition of excellent customer service coupled with an outstanding choice of floor coverings for homeowners looking to replace their existing flooring, or for those who are planning what they want on each floor of their newly constructed homes.

"We have a very big showroom," said Ronnie. "The variety and selection are as big as can be, especially for a family-run business."

Ronnie's uncle, Tom, also works in the business and each family member is very involved with every sale.

"We take the hands-on approach," Ronnie added. Ronnie has been watching and learning from his dad, who has been in the flooring business for 20 years. Ronnie has now passed his fourth year in the business. He works closely with customers who walk into the store at 21946 Pontiac Trail and also goes out to homes and businesses to give estimates.

It's a full-time job keeping customers happy and Ronnie knows the importance of customer service. He knows that people have choices and he encourages them to shop around.

"We know that people will shop for estimates," he said. "We don't mind it at all. It has never hurt us before and it won't hurt us now."

Ronnie said he is seeing a lot of customers turning to hardwood flooring now and Perfect Floors has selections available from a number of leading manufacturers, including Bruce, Mohawk, and Shaw.

If a customer doesn't see exactly what they want or has a specific brand in mind, Ronnie and his family can "pretty much get anything the customer wants" from its suppliers.

Another reason why customers like the service at Perfect Floors is because of the experienced installers.

"We keep six two-man crews working full-time," said Ronnie. "These are the same people who have worked for us for years."

The customer service includes not only South Lyon but extends into Novi, Northville, New Hudson, Milford, and Brighton. Ronnie said he even works in the Detroit area, thanks to customer referrals.

"We have to go everywhere to keep our customers happy," he added.

Referrals are a sure sign that people like the products and service from Perfect Floors. And that's no surprise. Ronnie said he stands behind the slogan of guaranteed lowest prices, which means that customers don't have to waste a lot of high-priced gas driving around from store to store to get the best price.

But beyond price, it is the care for customers that keeps people coming back to Ronnie and the staff at Perfect Floors. Visitors are encouraged to stop in with any questions about flooring. Ronnie will be more than happy to provide the answers.

Store hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Visit the store or online today. — By John R. Hall

## Abe Ayoub



Photo by HAL GOULD/SOUTH LYON HERALD

Abe Ayoub invites people to his Web site, [www.soldabe.com](http://www.soldabe.com), to virtually tour the many homes available.

## Mayfair Real Estate

248-486-9227 • [www.soldabe.com](http://www.soldabe.com)

Abe Ayoub of Mayfair Real Estate is a busy man in spite of the slumping Michigan real estate market. He attributes his busy schedule to the many referrals he gets from happy customers and his proven track record for working hard to sell homes. For his efforts he was voted the 2007 "People's Choice" Award winner by readers of the South Lyon Herald.

"When I list a home it doesn't sit there with a sign on the lawn," Ayoub said. "It's about dedication, hard work, and being available 24/7." One of his favorite sayings is, "I don't just list your home — I sell your home."

Ayoub, who also goes by "Mr. Real Estate", noted that right now homes listed in the low \$200s average six months to a year to sell. Homes in the \$400s usually take a few months longer.

He has advice for people looking to buy in this area. "Now is the time," he said. "The market for buyers is better now than it was last year."

And it doesn't matter where the home is listed; Ayoub said he can sell it. Although an expert in this area, Ayoub said, "If it is anywhere in the Western Hemisphere I'll sell it!"

He invites anyone to visit his Web site at [www.soldabe.com](http://www.soldabe.com) and take a virtual tour of the many homes he has listed. The virtual tour also has an audio track that provides additional information.

Besides selling homes, Ayoub is a paid-on-call firefighter in Lyon Township. He also sits

*"I don't just list your home — I sell it."*

— Abe Ayoub,  
Mayfair Real Estate

on the township's Tax Board, is a board member for the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the South Lyon Kiwanis.

Besides his active role in the community, Ayoub is a family man, too, and enjoys fishing with his children during his time off. He noted that managing his family is just as important as managing his career.

Ayoub started in the real estate business 17 years ago on a part-time basis to earn some extra money but that status eventually changed. "It really took off for me and I have stayed with it ever since," he added.

For more information contact Ayoub at 248-486-9227 or e-mail [soldabe@comcast.net](mailto:soldabe@comcast.net).

— By John R. Hall

## Bill Conn



Photo by KRISTINA DRAKE

Bill Conn is a custom boot designer whose designs are distinct, exclusive and just what his customers are looking for in a well-fit boot.

## Mule Skinner Boots & Western Wear

754-475-0342 • [www.muleskinnerboots.com](http://www.muleskinnerboots.com)

Bill Conn is a custom boot designer and the proprietor of The Mule Skinner Boots & Western Wear, a unique store located in beautiful historic Chelsea.

Bill has been in the boot business for 36 years.

As a custom boot designer, Bill designs many of the boots himself. He selects quality leathers, stitch patterns, toe and heel styles.

Mule Skinner Boots carries nine to 18 pairs of original boot designs. Bill's customers anticipate the new styles and they sell out quickly. His boots are distinct and exclusive, and that is exactly what his customers are looking for.

Bill offers a full line of the largest selection of handcrafted boots in Michigan. The store's stock of 3,000 boots includes a wide selection from premier boot makers and unique styles made from exotic materials. Also available are quality work boots, motorcycle boots, and several styles of mules for the ladies and concealment vests by Colorado Leathers.

When Bill isn't designing boots he is handcrafting replica cowboy holsters. He makes the holsters in the tradition of the old west. Using machinery dated from the late 1800s, and old holsters as patterns, he creates historically correct holsters for original and reproduction Colt, Remington and Smith & Wesson revolvers.

Although it is impressive, it is not the selection of boots, or even the quantity, that sets the store apart. It is the attention that Bill gives to each of his customers.

Bill prides himself on customer service, taking the time to make sure a boot fits before it walks out

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Mule Skinner Boots & Western Wear

of the store. More than anything, Bill wants a customer to be happy with their boots, both in comfort and style.

"Remember, Saturday, July 19, is the National Day of the Cowboy," said Bill. "Also, in September, come in and help us celebrate our 36th anniversary."

You can visit Bill at The Mule Skinner Boots & Western Wear in downtown Chelsea, at 118 S. Main St., or on the Web at [www.muleskinnerboots.com](http://www.muleskinnerboots.com).

— By Kristina Drake

## Randy Patterson



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Randy Patterson conducts home inspections for Pillar to Post in order to help make the indoor environment safe for people and pets.

## Pillar to Post

248-755-3422 • [www.pillartopost.com/westoaklandlivingston](http://www.pillartopost.com/westoaklandlivingston)

Home inspections are part of the usual process in home buying and selling. But as homeowners learn more about the environment they live in, they are becoming concerned about health issues and safety in their homes. That is why many people are calling home inspection professionals like Randy Patterson of Pillar to Post to perform comprehensive inspections of their homes to ensure they are living in a clean environment.

Patterson, based in Novi, has been performing home inspections for his company, Pillar to Post, for the past five years and has worked in the home inspection business for 20 years. He is experienced in finding the causes of problems such as asthma, allergies, and unexplained illnesses, to name a few. Many of these causes stem from poor construction, faulty appliances, and lack of proper maintenance.

"We can find things that people don't suspect are causes for health problems," he said. "A good example is a gas appliance that may be leaking and exposing occupants to dangerous levels of carbon monoxide."

Part of the Pillar to Post inspection routine is to also check for mold, pet dander, and volatile organic compounds (V.O.C.s). "It can be as simple as people storing old cleaning products that giving off gases, something they may not even be aware of," Patterson said.

Patterson starts at the top — literally — during his inspection process. He checks the asphalt shingles on the roofs for deterioration. He sees a lot of shingles that begin to show wear after 12-14 years instead of the average of 20 years. This points to a problem within the attic itself.

"Poor soffit installation or too much insulation

causes poor ventilation and temperatures to rise in the attic, baking the shingles," he said.

Other home check up procedures Pillar to Post performs are: test gas appliances; check plumbing for leaks; take air quality samples (very important in home where people suffer from allergies); inspect electrical hook-ups; test for radon; check for V.O.C.s (additional charge).

Patterson compiles a comprehensive inspection report in a binder with folders where customers can keep bids for work to be performed, receipts for maintenance and repairs, and a utility log where homeowners can keep track of their utility bills in order to give potential buyers a complete record of energy costs. The report includes digital photos of all areas in the home where problems or potential problems exist. This detailed report is included in the standard \$375 checkup fee.

"The report gives people an understanding of the conditions they live in," Patterson said. "It also allows them the opportunity to plan a budget for what corrections need to be made. We make recommendations to correct these problems, which includes three referrals of home improvement contractors."

Patterson is certified to work in the fields of mold and radon detection as well training in well and septic maintenance. He is a member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce and a Novi resident.

Patterson, 60, finds time to relax by playing golf, dancing, cooking, or listening to music. He and his wife have four children and two grandchildren.

For more information call 248-755-3422 or visit [www.pillartopost.com/westoaklandlivingston](http://www.pillartopost.com/westoaklandlivingston).

— By John R. Hall

## Dr. Anthony Mastrogiacomo



Photo by NATHAN MENOIAN

Dr. Anthony Mastrogiacomo of South Lyon Foot & Ankle is always happy to welcome new patients.

## South Lyon Foot & Ankle

248-486-8886 • [Ammastrog@aol.com](mailto:Ammastrog@aol.com)

Until feet start hurting they probably don't get the care they deserve. At South Lyon Foot & Ankle new patients get the red carpet treatment.

Dr. Anthony Mastrogiacomo says his office puts the patient first and does so in a variety of ways.

The office schedules patients with minimal waiting time. Plus they do their best to get patients in to see the doctor within 24 hours of first calling.

"We're very service-oriented here," Dr. Mastrogiacomo says. "Our office is kept extremely clean and very friendly."

Young or old, everyone gets the best treatment.

"We treat lots of school age children, mostly for warts and ingrown toe nails. I regularly treat athletic injuries such as sprained ankles. And I treat heel spurs for the everyday working man and woman."

He makes custom orthotics for all the different types of sports. He can make the inserts for ice skates, ski boots, baseball and other types of athletic footwear.

Dr. Mastrogiacomo is Board Certified in Podiatric Medicine and Surgery, performs in-office surgery, and is on staff at Huron Valley Hospital.

"I enjoy taking care of all my patients. When they come for their appointments it's sort of like visiting with a good friend you haven't seen in a month," Dr. Mastrogiacomo said. As an added ambience to the office, patients can relax and listen to satellite broadcast music playing in the background.

Some of the doctor's activities outside the office include playing ice hockey, biking, walking the trails at Kensington Park, and snow skiing.

Part of a close family, the family traveled to

Europe last year and visited their father's hometown in Italy. And prior to that, the doctor traveled to Austria for some snow skiing.

"I graduated from University of Michigan and did my medical schooling in New York City. I've been practicing for 11 years, and have another office in Commerce Township," he said.

One of the important aspects of his practice is making sure the local elderly receive proper foot care.

"I participate in the Medicare Diabetic Shoe Program providing one pair of medically designed shoes each year to the patient. And I give talks at some of the area community organizations on the importance of proper foot care," Dr. Mastrogiacomo noted.

Helping out in the community is one way he gives back, supporting sport programs at local schools such as the baseball, ski, and equestrian teams. Additionally he helps more teams through South Lyon Parks and Recreation.

Describing himself as easy-going, active, having a good sense of humor and someone who loves his work, Dr. Mastrogiacomo tries to make each day a good one for his patients.

"I come to work to enjoy myself, and if my patients leave in less pain than they came in with, that makes me happy. I also try to choose staff that are here to enjoy themselves," he said.

South Lyon Foot & Ankle is located at 22245 Pontiac Trail, in the Brookdale Square Shopping Plaza. Call 248-486-8886 for appointments.

— By Nathan Menoian

## Brian Bak & the staff at Bakman



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Owner Brian Bak is flanked by co-workers Dane Craig and Garrett Fairbanks, the young award-winning student designer. Not pictured is Teresa LaVigne who completes the design team.

## Bakman Floral Design

248-437-4168 • [www.flowersbybakman.com](http://www.flowersbybakman.com)

The economy may be a little slow right now but life goes on — and so do the many events that require the expertise and products offered by Brian Bak and his staff at Bakman Floral Design in South Lyon.

"Events still happen," said Brian, who has spent 28 years in the floral design business. "In fact, we have weddings booked all of the way through October. The earth does not stand still because of the economy."

Brian attributes his record-setting sales pace to a number of different things. He gives a great deal of credit to his experienced staff. "We have no turnover here," he said. "Even people who have left still come back to help out during the holidays."

Brian is very proud of the number of young vocational students that he mentors in the floral design trade, including Garrett Fairbanks. The young man has taken great strides in the field and many of Brian's customers have noticed his flair for floral design.

"Customers have called us back, thanking us for Garrett's work," said Brian.

He is a firm believer in educating young people and Brian mentors as many students as possible each year. He is also a charter member of the Lyon Area Rotary, serves on the executive board for Teleflora, and is the committee chairman for the Great Lakes Expo in Grand Rapids.

"All of these commitments help us in our referral business," Brian noted.

Bakman Floral Design has won several "People's Choice" awards for florists, chosen by Herald readers, including the 2008 award. He knows that peo-

ple have choices but he believes they choose Bakman because of its innovative ideas and because he stands behind all of his work. And there are other reasons, too.

"When a person comes in at 6:05 p.m. and we are closing, they will get service," Brian said. "I will also make a delivery at that time if necessary. We can't forget our delivery department — Tony, Angela and Anthony — who are standing ready to transport our creations straight to your door." It is all about good customer service.

"You can get flowers anywhere but it is customer service which is the most important."

Brian believes in continual education for his staff — and for his younger customers too.

He talked about a recent visit to his store from a junior Girl Scout troop.

"They came in to make corsages and bud vases," he said. "They had to do this in order to get a merit badge. All of them got such a kick out of working on their projects."

Customers have "gotten a kick" out of Brian's great service from his location, too.

"It is all about making people happy," he said.

Bakman Floral Design is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The store is located at 22880 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon.

Customers can also visit the Web site at [www.flowersbybakman.com](http://www.flowersbybakman.com).

Call or stop by today.

— By John R. Hall



## Alan Verstraete



Photo By JOHN R. HALL

Alan Verstraete is ready to demonstrate the nuances of wine and food selections at the newly-opened Wine Sync in downtown Northville.

## Wine Sync

248-374-9463 • [www.winesync.com](http://www.winesync.com)

With little fanfare, Alan Verstraete introduced downtown Northville to his new wine tasting bar/retail showroom in early May. Wine Sync opened its doors at 122 W. Main and with it, Verstraete brought a new concept for wine connoisseurs and novices in the Northville area.

This is the second Wine Sync location owned by Verstraete. His first store opened last year in Mt. Clemens.

According to Verstraete, Wine Sync is a "quiet, laid back, and relaxing place to enjoy a good glass of wine. We are a retail wine shop that has the luxury of including a wine bar for tasting."

Verstraete cited his company's mission statement, which emphasizes the commitment to consumer education on the "principles of successful food and wine pairings. We are dedicated to share our knowledge and experience of wine with our customers every day. Our commitment is to be in sync with our customers."

Keeping in sync with customers means that Wine Sync employees must dedicate themselves to training and learning the nuances of wine tasting, so they can pass that knowledge on to customers.

"Our staff will help people to select the right wine for the food they may be preparing at home that day," Verstraete noted.

He said he hopes to attract both the experienced wine drinker and ones who want to learn more about wine and its various nuances. His own preferences are a good learning curve for his customers, too. For example, Verstraete said he prefers a Pinot Noir or Sauvignon Blanc with his salmon dinner or enjoys a Chianti with his pasta.

"I was in the retail food business for 30 years and I learned a lot about wine and food pairings," he said. "After I sold my business my wife and I visited a lot of wineries and I developed a real passion for the wine business."

Verstraete said that Michigan produces a lot of very good white wines and noted that the "big reds" from California are also very popular among his customers and wine drinkers in general. But he likes to keep a variety in his store and rotate them on a regular basis. If customers request a certain wine, he can usually order it for them from one of his vendors. In addition, Wine Sync sells a variety of Belgian beers, which can also be synced up with the right food.

"There are a lot more wine drinkers among young people today," Verstraete added. "They are becoming more knowledgeable about wine — especially in the Northville area." He chose Northville because of its downtown area, which lends itself to a lot of pedestrian traffic and is in close proximity to residential neighborhoods. "If you put a store like this in a strip mall it wouldn't be as successful," he added.

For Verstraete, success comes from the look on a customer's face, who has just learned more about wine and food pairings, including matching wine with food that he or she brings in or selecting from the cheeses and crackers at Wine Sync. "There is no high-pressure selling here," he said. "It is relaxing and educational."

For more information call 248-374-9463 or visit [www.winesync.com](http://www.winesync.com).

— By John R. Hall

## Kenny Walkup



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Kenny Walkup works in his new sterile lab at Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy. Recently Walkup's South Lyon lab became one of 3 PCAB accredited labs in Michigan — one of 40 in the United States.

## Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy

248-446-2643 • [www.specialty-medicine.com](http://www.specialty-medicine.com)

There is a new look at Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy in downtown South Lyon. You might not be able to see it too well from the front of the store at 116 N. Lafayette St., but there are a whole lot of good things going on in the back of the store.

Kenny Walkup, whose business it is to create medicine for humans and animals, just added a new sterile lab in the back on this business, which gives him and his staff the ability to make up all of the sterile medicines in-house.

That's important to Kenny, because in his own words, "it allows us to do a lot more stuff." The new lab meets all of the requirements needed for a sterile atmosphere include air monitoring and pressure.

Right behind the new lab is a conference room, which will seat 57 people and be used for continuing education and training for Kenny's customers and the South Lyon community, too. "I feel that part of my job is to educate patients, doctors, and students on what specialty medicine compounding is."

Kenny especially likes talking to young students about what he does — like his daughter's elementary school classmates — who learn about his work during career day at the school.

"Kids think that medicine for pets is really cool," he said.

Kenny knows all about customized medications for both pets and humans. He has gained a national reputation for being one of the leaders in his field.

Besides his emphasis on continuing education,

Kenny is well known for his expertise in veterinary and hormonal replacement medicines.

"Most animal meds affect animals the same way they affect humans," he said. "The difference is that animals digest things differently than humans and that changes how the meds need to be administered in most cases."

While kids like to hear about making animal medicine, Kenny's two-legged customers are happy to learn about hormone replacement, which Kenny said, "helps patients combat a multitude of symptoms including hot flashes and night sweats."

Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy also carries a wide assortment of vitamins and supplements from leading manufacturers such as Biotics, Ortho Molecular, and Metagenics. All of these items can be found in the familiar storefront, away from the new sterile lab and conference room.

And when people are not learning about specialty compounding medicine in the new conference room, it will be available for local civic groups to rent. It has a rear entrance and can be used for a number of functions — just one more service that Kenny provides for the South Lyon community. Educational seminars and other events are posted on the Internet.

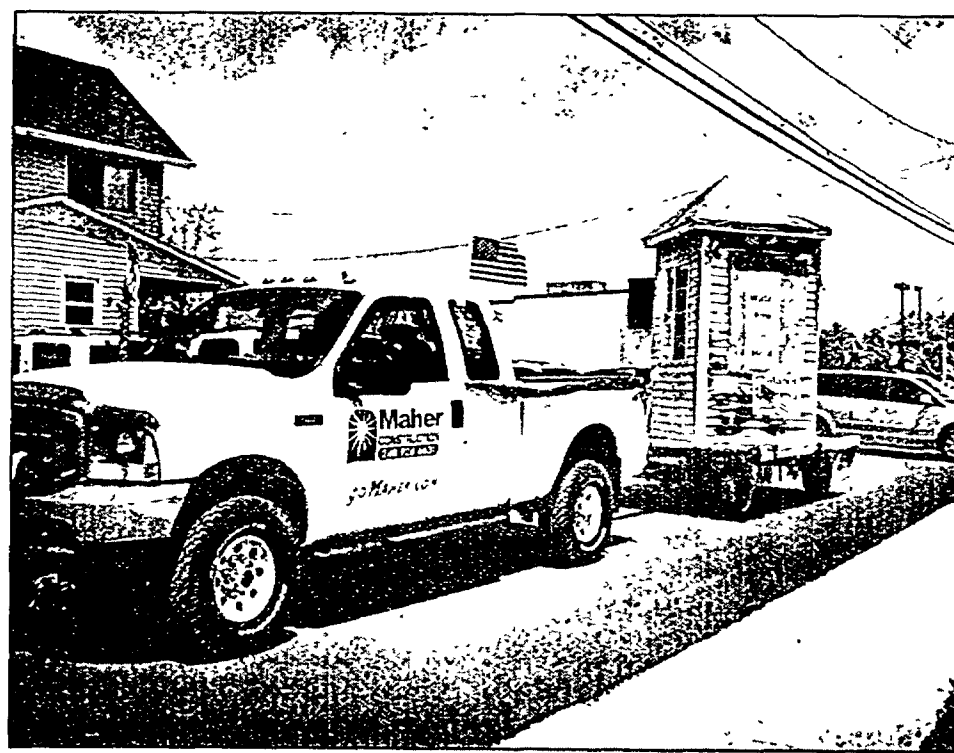
Pharmacy hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday; 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. The pharmacy closes for lunch from 12:30-1 p.m. Kenny also offers 24-hour emergency service.

— By John R. Hall

## Jim Maher



Jim Maher, owner of Maher Construction in Walled Lake, stands by his fleet of trucks, which all carry the motto 'Maher Makes It Happen'.



Photos by NATHAN MENOIAN

Maher Construction is dedicated to the community — and to having fun. This year the company entered a float in the Walled Lake Memorial Day Parade.

# Maher Construction

248-926-6631 • [www.goMaher.com](http://www.goMaher.com)

As soon as a homeowner experiences a flooded basement, torn roof, water-soaked dry wall, broken windows, or fire damage and smoke — they scramble to the phone book looking frantically for someone they can call for help.

Maher Construction wants every homeowner in Oakland, Livingston, and Washtenaw counties to know it will only take one phone call for a qualified and licensed crew to be on the way to the home, within one hour — day or night.

Jim Maher, sole owner of the company, says his motto, "Maher makes it happen", is not an empty promise.

"We restore people's shattered dreams and lives," he said. "That motto is printed on all of stationary, and our trucks."

Maher Construction guarantees a 60-minute emergency response time. They have specialized equipment to handle disastrous situations. And their crews are qualified and experienced to handle all the necessary repairs.

"We fix roof leaks, basement floods, frozen pipes, even mold remediation," Maher said.

The company is qualified and experienced in fire and smoke clean-up/restoration, storm and wind damage, snow, ice and freeze damage, and sump pump

failures.

Maher says that, as a restoration specialist, homeowners can be assured that their home will be quickly and efficiently mitigated from the initial claim to the final inspection.

Describing his company as an "established local business in a specialized field", and highly qualified at what they do, Maher is proud of the work he's accomplished in a relatively short amount of time. He's only 36.

Maher is married to Darcey and they have a 20-month old son, Andrew. The Mahers reside in Wixom. "I'd say my greatest business accomplishment is that I've grown this company in a recessed economy," he said. "And I'm committed to being the best."

Maher's goal for this year is to make his company the "coolest" company to work for. "We take our work very seriously, but we like to have fun," he said.

They're very big into promoting family. The office refrigerator is kept stocked with food (selected by the staff), and refreshments enjoyed by the employees, and offered hospitably to clients and vendors, all paid for by the owner.

They participate each year in the Walled Lake Memorial Day Parade with a crew-built float, followed by an employee family-cookout at their facility,

along with visitors from the parade.

Maher graduated from Ferris State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Construction Management. He is Michigan licensed builder for over 14 years, a Certified Home Inspector, and a Professional Master Remodeler.

He also is a member of The City of Walled Lake Urban Design Committee, and sits on the City of Wixom Planning Commission.

If those activities didn't keep him busy enough, Maher volunteers as an Oakland County Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator, and City of Wixom Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator.

Maher doesn't stay idle in his off hours. He also is a member of the Better Business Bureau (BBB), and Building Industry Association (BIA), as well as the Lakes Area chapter of Rotary International.

"I'm a go-getter," Maher said. "I am a people person and enjoy my work. And I believe it's important to give where you live."

Maher Construction purchases much of their materials and supplies from local businesses, and they sponsor local athletic teams.

His start in the construction industry started while in high school. "I did a few small remodeling jobs and enjoyed doing them."

As the saying goes, the rest is history. Maher Construction is a growing, vibrant business in Walled Lake. And because of their solid reputation and steady growth, they are looking for a larger facility in the area.

The Maher name is known in the construction industry, and has been for years. Maher Construction works diligently to maintain the family name and reputation.

Chances are, Maher said, "I'm the one going out to do the appraisal on calls." The company also has maintains a Construction Division for new builds and remodeling jobs.

Along with the quality work Maher Construction provides, the selection process for their employees is almost unheard of in the construction industry.

"We are pretty thorough," Maher said. "We regularly do employee background checks which includes drug testing, driving records, credit report screening and psychological profiling."

Located at 937 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake, Maher Construction may be contacted by calling 248-926-6631; or fax 248-926-6641. Visit their Web site at [www.goMaher.com](http://www.goMaher.com) or e-mail them at [info@goMaher.com](mailto:info@goMaher.com).

— By Nathan Menoian



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## Dave Grimes Sr. and Don Beck



Submitted Photo

Co-owners Don Beck, left, and Dave Grimes Sr. provide one-stop shopping for family or business insurance needs.

## Quality Insurance Services, Inc.

248-437-1700

Dave Grimes Sr. and Don Beck have a good thing going for them — and for the people they serve at their business, Quality Insurance Services, Inc. Both men are customer-service driven, a byproduct of their small town, "friendly business" orientation; and both men have just the right property and casualty insurance option for home and business owners.

"We both grew up in small towns and we have always emphasized small town service," said Dave. "Our markets are generally competitive and we strive to provide the best service." That service includes many different insurance options for their clients. As independent insurance agents, Dave and Don can find the best rates and services for its residential and commercial customers.

"Being independent gives us the opportunity to shop around," said Don. "And it isn't just shopping for the best prices. We have worked with so many of the same insurance companies for years that we know which ones have the services to fit a particular customer's needs. It isn't just about rates. We take time to learn about each individual and the more we know about them the more we can understand their needs and match them with the appropriate insurance company."

Quality Insurance Services, Inc. has worked with several Michigan-based insurance companies for years, those who understand Michigan home and business owners. The list includes Auto Owners, Frankenmuth, Citizens, Hastings, and Pioneer. All are rated A+. Dave handles commercial accounts

while Don specializes in residential insurance. Combined they have over 80 years of experience writing insurance policies. Both said that there "isn't anything we can't write." The list includes \$100,000 homes to multi-million dollar business complexes.

Both men share the credit for their business success with their co-workers. "We are a team," said Dave. "No one works for us. We are only as good as our staff. There is always someone here who can answer a customer's questions."

Not only that, but Dave and Don keep trying to find the best policies for customers after the sale, too. "We review policies and update the information with our customers," said Dave. "Our goal is to save our customers money."

Because of their emphasis on customer service, Quality Insurance Services, Inc. has a very high customer retention rate. "We give back to the community by being involved with major civic organizations and churches in South Lyon," said Don. "We also support the local schools."

Dave added, "We are a very big advocate of supporting our local businesses. Businesses need to support each other, certainly if they expect support from the residents."

Quality Insurance Services, Inc. is located at 214 S. Lafayette St. in downtown South Lyon, and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

— By John R. Hall

## Burt and Ron Walker

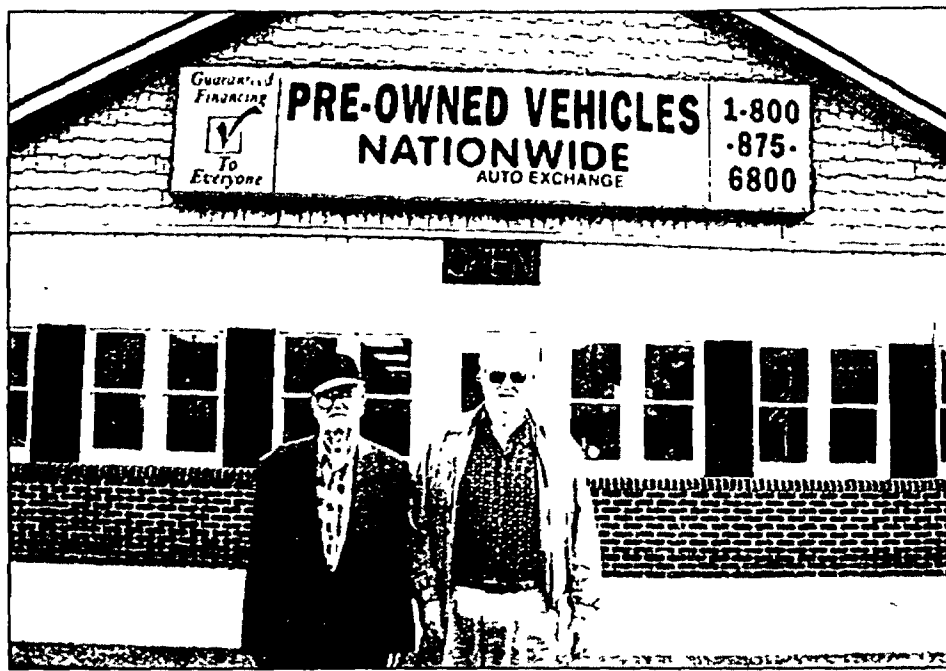


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Burt and Ron Walker are a dynamic father and son duo in the used automotive dealership industry. As owners of Nationwide Auto Exchange in Howell, they bring more than a century of experience in buying and selling used cars.

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If the customer isn't happy, nobody is happy.

It's a simple concept, but one that Nationwide Auto Exchange in Howell takes very seriously.

"I will stand behind what is promised, because a fair deal between buyer and seller is the most important part of doing business," said Ron Walker, who has been in the used automotive dealership business for over 50 years.

These years of experience have taught Ron Walker many things. One of the most important is that relationships built over time will help match buyers and sellers through a trusted network of wholesalers and dealers.

As the owner of Nationwide Auto Exchange at 9990 E. Highland Road in Howell, Walker has developed these bonds over five decades of doing business, the last 17 years in Livingston County.

He also learned at the experienced automotive hands of his father, Burt Walker, who owned Motor City Auto Auction on Telegraph Rd. in the metro Detroit area during the 1950s.

"He was the man who persuaded American Motors to participate in selling their cars at auto auctions," said Walker. His father still comes into the office every day, celebrating his 90th birthday on June 16.

Located on the east side of Howell not far from the M-59, U.S.-23 interchange, Nationwide Auto Exchange is hard to miss. With a huge acreage of cars and trucks at all price levels and colorful balloons waving customers in, this local business is ready to provide vehicles to the public at virtually wholesale prices.

"We're not like huge automotive franchise dealers," said Walker. "We spend little on advertising, big expensive buildings and loan interest fees, allowing us to pass on the savings to our customers."

Nationwide Auto Exchange also stands out because of its ability to match cars with buyers.

"We specialize in finding cars and trucks for people," said Walker. "Just tell us what we're looking for and our 'nationwide' network will help us locate it for you, at a fair price."

Whether a buyer is looking for a low-mileage 2008 model down to a much more affordable older car, Nationwide can find it for you. "We operate three facilities — Hartland, Battle Creek and Waterford — so our 'network' for locating vehicles is extensive," added Walker.

After all these years, it's still a family business, with Ron, his father, and Ron's daughter, Diane, who serves in an administrative role in the office.

It's a business that Ron is very proud of, but ask him his greatest accomplishment, and he'll tell you something very different. "I took a retired race horse and turned it into the Best Playing Polo Pony of one of the most prestigious polo tournaments in the U.S.," said Walker of his leisure hobby.

Nationwide Auto Exchange is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 810-632-4660 or visit their Web site at www.nationwideautomi.com

— By Sally Rummel

## Brian Burke

# The Grapevine

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Brian Burke is finally doing something he is so passionate about in a community that he cares about so much. Brian is the owner of The Grapevine, a new gathering spot for wine enthusiasts and anyone seeking a casual wine tasting and dining experience in the heart of downtown Novi. The business opened in January 2008.

Located in the Main Street complex on Grand River Avenue, The Grapevine is "filling a niche" for people who share similar demographics to Brian and his wife, Lori, who have five grown children.

"We really wanted a place where we could go and just relax," he said. "I think we have created it here."

"Here" is the definitive word, too. Brian has been a Novi resident for many years and worked in the community for a long time, too. As he sold cars at, and managed Tom Holzer Ford

since 1986, he became very familiar with many Novi residents. He also watched the Main Street complex build up and really feels that it is "the place to be."

Brian got his idea for a wine bar after several visits to various Napa Valley (California) wine

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— Brian Burke,  
Owner of The Grapevine



Brian Burke is happy to have located his business — The Grapevine — in Novi's desirable downtown business development.

tasting rooms. "Some of the wine tasting rooms were 'happy' and there were party atmospheres," he said. "Some weren't too festive and I had the idea that I could throw a better party. I knew I could do it by offering a great selection of wine coupled with some food in a comfortable atmosphere."

The Grapevine is designed for people to spend hours sipping and socializing — and then coming back again for more fun. "We don't want people to just come in and then leave right away," said Brian. "We are not interested in turning customers over. We want them to stay."

And people will stay, too, thanks to the staff, which is driven to be the best at customer service and are always learning as much as they can about the wines they serve. Brian thinks the most offensive three words in customer service are "I don't know" and strives to keep his staff educated. He even asks his kitchen staff to serve customers in order to understand the demands of the wait staff.

Beyond service he strives to have the best products, too. Red wines and white wines are kept in separate cellars at different temperatures to preserve the freshness of each variety. Customers can walk into the cellars and pick out their favorites, or ask a staff member to join them in the walk-in cellars, recommending various wines.

The wine list is complimented by an impressive menu of homemade soups, salads, cheese plates, grilled pizza, and small-plate entrees. "We don't have any main entrees but the small plate variety is just the right size," said Brian. "The most expensive item is our Pan Asian Lamb Chops and we recently added an extra lamb chop while keeping the price the same."

He added that several world renowned chefs from the culinary school at Schoolcraft College have visited The Grapevine and been bowled over by the food and wine.

And speaking of wine, Brian said that more and more people are drinking wine today, some because they view it as healthy and others because they are looking for real value, especially the value they find at The Grapevine. "People want good wine without spending a lot of 'silly' money," he said.



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Brian Burke stands in one of The Grapevine's wine cellars where customers are invited to walk in and pick out their favorite wine.

These same customers are those who don't fit into any demographic profile wither. They are people who want to come in and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere without feeling threatened or pressured. Brian said his customers walk in wearing cut offs or tuxedos. And "walk in" is the operative phrase here.

"This downtown atmosphere is the future," he said. "Pedestrian traffic lends itself to our business. People can walk in and learn what we are all about."

Novi residents already know a lot of what Brian is all about. He is active in supporting the community through his involvement as a City of Novi Planning Commissioner, a current member of the Board of Directors of the Novi Park Foundation and has identified the Novi Youth Assistance as a local charity he intends to support.

When not serving the community Brian said he is the "chief cook and bottle washer" at The Grapevine. Chances are, his customers will like all of the hats he wears.

The Grapevine is located at 43155 Main St., Suite 202.

For more information or reservations call 248-344-4044 or visit www.thegrapevineofnovi.com.

— By John R. Hall

## Jeffery Allen PT, OCS



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Allen Physical Therapy

According to Jeffery Allen, Board Certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist, and owner of Allen Physical Therapy, plantar fascia (heel pain) can be successfully treated by addressing trigger points in the foot and lower leg using dry needling, a method which involves inserting a solid filament needle directly into the trigger point of a muscle.



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# Allen Physical Therapy

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**There** was a new look last year at Allen Physical Therapy. Now there is another new look this year. Jeffery Allen, Board Certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist, and owner of Allen Physical Therapy, introduced his warm water swimming pool for aqua therapy when he opened his new relocated office at 321 Pettibone. The latest news is that Allen is introducing a new form of trigger point muscle treatment known as "dry needling."

"Dry needling is a manual therapy technique designed to release localized areas of muscle contractions called trigger points and to relieve pain," said Allen.

What makes dry needling so unique is that Allen Physical Therapy is the first clinic in Michigan to offer such a technique. It is currently being practiced in other parts of the U.S. and around the world but this will be the first time it is introduced in Michigan.

"This is probably the most effective means of alleviating trigger points of pain," Allen said. "It

is much faster than standard physical therapy."

Dry needling is just one of several manual therapy techniques, which are applied to areas of injury and dysfunction where muscles and joints are not functioning properly, usually resulting in pain and limits of every day activity. According to Allen, the use of hands-on techniques such as dry needling are, "very effective in correcting biomechanical disruptions in the body, leading to more complete rehabilitation and recovery."

Allen noted that dry needling has been the most researched and documented new method of manual physical therapy that he can ever remember. The process involves insert of a solid filament needle directly into the trigger point of a muscle. It is most effective for treating: neck and back pain; shoulder pain, headaches, and plantar fascia (heel pain).

Dry needling is a manual therapy technique, it is not any way associated with or comparable to acupuncture, and it is used for completely different reasons. Dry needling has been developed to relieve pain and tension by attacking the very

source of the discomfort — trigger points.

Allen has spent a great deal of time learning the technique from Jan Dommerholt, PT, MPS, FAAPM, an accomplished and experienced Dutch-trained physical therapist, in his offices at the Pain & Rehabilitation Medicine Center in Bethesda, Md. Dommerholt has taught dry needling techniques in Europe, the U.S., and Canada — and has incorporated these techniques into his manual therapy practice. He has published numerous research articles about dry needling, and is considered the world's foremost expert in the use of needling to manage myofascial pain syndromes.

One of Allen's patients, Anna Dugan, said she is very happy with this new manual therapy treatment and has seen immediate results.

"When I came into the office one day I couldn't walk," she said. "Jeff started to use dry needling on my knee and all of the sudden I could walk again without pain. I couldn't believe it."

Dugan learned about Allen from a fellow church member who recommended him when she

could not find someone to help her relieve the constant pain she was in. She was facing additional spinal fusion surgery until Allen began working with her.

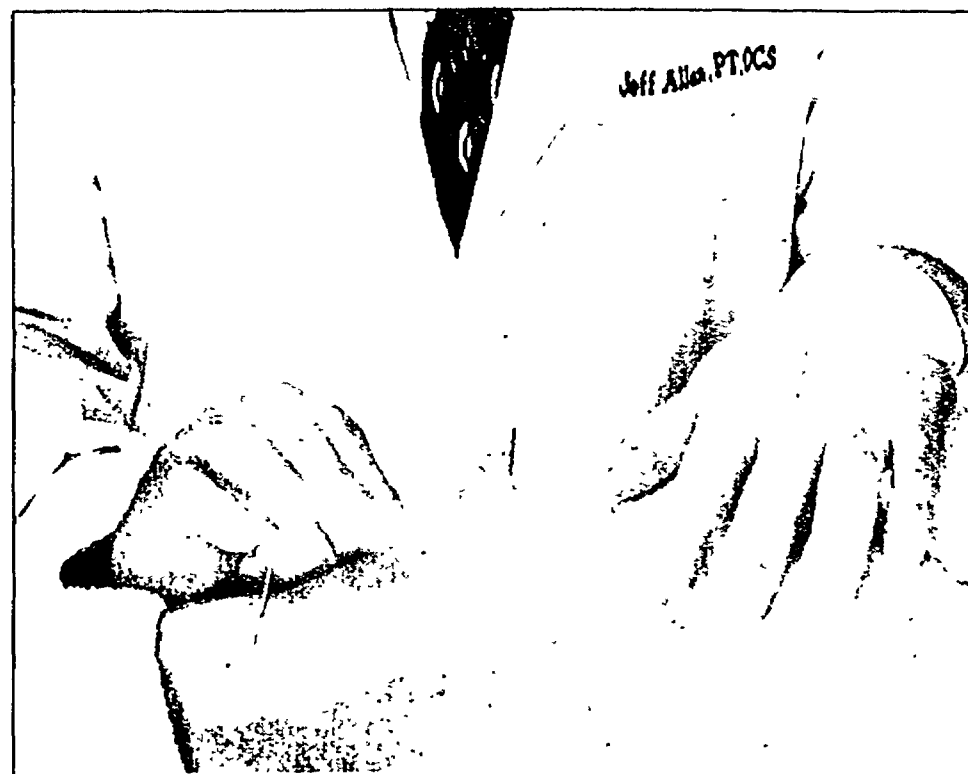
"I would follow that man to the end of the earth," she added.

Allen, who has 17 years of manual orthopedic experience, has lived in South Lyon for eight years and he has developed an outstanding reputation for the care and attention that he and his staff give to all of their patients. And there is no doubt that he is very excited about this dry needling manual therapy, which will give even more people reason to visit Allen Physical Therapy.

"Not only is this new to South Lyon, it is new to Michigan," he said. "That is very exciting. It is an absolutely awesome treatment."

For more information on dry needling, the warm water swimming pool, and many of the other physical therapy techniques call 248-437-2322 or visit [www.allenphysicaltherapy.com](http://www.allenphysicaltherapy.com).

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Dry needling was developed to relieve pain and tension by attacking the very source of the discomfort — trigger points. Here, Jeffery Allen demonstrates by applying dry needling to trigger points in the lumbar paraspinals.



Patients at Allen Physical Therapy learn about the dry needling procedure from the experienced hands of Jeffery Allen.