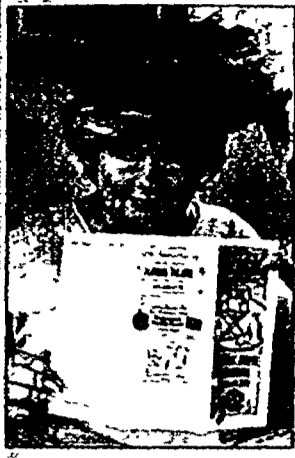


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Northville's Class of 2009 gave strong performances on the new Michigan Merit Exam and the ACT. See how the local students compared statewide. **Page 15A**



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**WHAT NEXT?** Township looking forward to REIS' new development

Project to be done in multiple phases amid air of 'cooperation'

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Now that the annexation ballot question failed and the former state hospital property will remain in Northville Township,

residents are asking, "What's next?" Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said Monday he has already spoken several times with repre-

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**ACREAGE:** See the exhibit map used by the developer during its negotiations with Northville Township which shows designated areas for commercial, residential, seniors and more. **page 5**

**ANTI-ANNEXATION: Workers say it took blood, sweat, tears**

Effort often became an emotional roller coaster

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Local volunteers are still reeling from the fight to keep 414 acres of Northville Township property from being annexed to Livonia.

The annexation proposal took place after developer REIS (a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers and Company) was not pleased with a township-approved plan last year for a multi-million-dollar mixed-use development on the former psychiatric hospital property in the township.

They sued the township for \$100 million, then moved people onto the property under the guise of them providing security, had them register as voters and then file a petition

with Wayne County to have the property annexed to Livonia.

The ballot question failed on Aug. 5 by a comfortable margin, with pro-annexation voters losing by more than 3,000 votes.

The grass-roots effort included more than 500 people who participated in Stop the Annexation. Taxpayers for Responsible Development and Citizens for Northville organizations.

"I felt like I was riding a wave," said Carol Poenisch of Northville Township, who headed up Stop the Annexation. "I had to be strong to stay on top."

**Who needs sleep?**

Poenisch hardly ate or slept the last few days before the Aug. 5 primary election.



C. Poenisch

"I'm exhausted," she said last Thursday, just two days after the election. It was the calm after the storm.

During the last few days before the primary, "I was pumping out so much adrenaline I wasn't even tired," she said. "The whole thing was effortless. I was doing everything I knew I needed to do. I was focused and fueled by the people."

Poenisch said she was amazed by the number of people who called her to say, "I want to help. What can I do?"

During the campaign, more than 750 Stop the Annexation yard signs were erected throughout the city of Livonia, and about 120 T-shirts were distributed, with the shirts having to be reordered twice.

On Aug. 2, the Saturday before the election, about 30 people manned a phone bank in Northville Square in downtown Northville, calling Livonia voters to ask that they vote "no" on the annexation proposal. A local restaurant even donated pizza to the callers.

About 10 people also sent out about 4,500 direct mail pieces in a two-hour period prior to the election.

**Money in, money out**

Fred Shadko of Northville

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**Celebrate 8**

Daniel Stinson, 2, plays with some Legos at the Northville Senior Community Center Friday as part of Northville Park and Recreation's Celebrate 8 day around the city. Activities at the senior center included games of crazy eights and lots of Legos to play with and look at.

**NOMI reopening; tanning salon coming soon**

**Empire Deli's status unknown**

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

There's only one thing that seems to remain the same when it comes to downtown Northville businesses, and that is that they are constantly changing.

Although details are not available yet, NOMI Restaurant, which faces West Main Street in Northville Square, will hopefully open with new owners for before the end of the month.

"If all goes well, and the closing takes place as planned, they hope to have a soft opening before the end of August," according to Margene Buckhave, owner of Northville Square with her husband, Bob. "We hope it will happen real soon."

Buckhave said although the name won't change, the style of the restaurant will.

"I think what people will see is a complete turnaround as far as the food, atmosphere and overall operation of the restaurant," she said.

Bob Buckhave said oil prices are coming, and that means the stock market is going up.

"There's such a direct correlation between the two, not just in our

state but the world," he said. "This is going to be a big shot in the arm for our economy"

**Empire closed, Chase for sale**

Empire Deli, located at 133 W. Main Street in Northville Square, is closed for the time being, and it's not known when or if the deli will reopen. The owner, Tim Walsh, was contacted but could not be reached for comment prior to press time.

A sign on the business, which opened on Nov. 7, 2007, states that it is closed for renovations.

The Chase & Grill, located on the lower level of Northville

Square, is for sale, but Dave Bastianelli, co-owner of the business with Brett Konol, isn't providing any information at this point.

"I don't want to talk about it," Bastianelli said on Monday.

Although it could not be confirmed, a source close to the situation said the business has been recently listed on a real estate Web site, www.loopnet.com as for sale.

The restaurant and bar is still open for business, however. Hours are 11 a.m.-midnight Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**Tanning salon ready soon**

A new tanning salon, Oasis Tropical Tanning, is scheduled to open soon on the Main Street level directly across from Pure Barre dance and fitness clothing store and next to gg Resort golf and women's sportswear store.

Shona Durocher-Patel, owner of the business, plans to have a grand opening sometime in September. The business will offer spray tanning and will have three levels of beds as well as a skin rejuvenation bed. Lotions and more skin-related products will also be available.

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# Kohl's celebrates grand reopening

Northville Township store gets wider aisles, new carpeting

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Brian Ford knows that easier shopping leads to better bottom lines.

As such, the store manager of the Northville Township Kohl's at 20155 Haggerty Rd. was excited to direct a ribbon-cutting ceremony early Wednesday morning for the department store's grand reopening.

Richard Henningsen, township treasurer, was on hand to help celebrate the store's remodel.

"We're glad you're part of the township, and we encourage residents to come take a look at the store's transformation," Henningsen said.

The Northville Township store opened in 1998, according to Ford. "New features include automatic



Photo by PAM FLEMING/Northville Record

Jeff Bowles, remodel coordinator for the Kohl's at 20155 Haggerty Rd., cuts the ribbon at the Northville Township store's grand reopening ceremony Wednesday morning. Pictured with Kohl's associates are Brian Ford, store manager, far left, and next to him, Richard Henningsen, township treasurer.

entrance doors, updated checkout stations, new fitting rooms with lounge areas, wider aisles, new merchandise displays to highlight the biggest trends in fashion and home, and new rest rooms," Ford said.

The store also has expanded junior, intimates and shoe departments and new carpeting throughout.

The store's transformation is part of a proactive approach to create an inviting and inspiring shopping

environment that meets the evolving needs of the department store's customers.

"These transformations are part of Kohl's new store design, launched in the fall of 2006, integrating comfort and convenience for today's shopper," Ford said.

The first Kohl's department store opened in 1962 at Menomonie Falls, Wis., the chain's corporate headquarters.

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and children's apparel, shoes, home goods, cosmetics, fragrances, lingerie and jewelry that appeal to the value-conscious consumer.

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## Dog park closed for Victorian fest

**Key fobs to be reprogrammed for users to go to Community Park**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Northville dog owners who frequent the Cady Street Dog Park will have to take their pooches to another park during next month's 20th Annual Victorian Festival.

City council members voted Aug. 4 to close the park Friday, Sept. 12-Sunday, Sept. 14, because the area for the kiddie rides, named Ryde Park, will be set up in the Art House parking lot.

A short section of West Cady Street by the Ryde Park, from Wing Street to the Art House, will also be closed for the duration of the festival.

The street will close at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 12, and reopen at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14.

In previous years, the kiddie rides have been set up along West Main Street, but festival organizers felt that the Northville Art House area would be a more suitable venue for the rides.

The rides run until 10 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday nights during the festival.

As such, the Cady Street Dog Park will be closed, and the staff and visitors to the Northville Art House are to use the parking lot at the Northville District Library.

Northville Parks & Recreation staff members have also agreed to notify registered users of the Cady Street Dog Park about the parking being closed during the

festival. Tom Swigart, a local resident and former councilman who uses the Cady Street Dog Park a lot, said he thought it was unfair that the dog park users had no input on the decision to close the park before it was made.

"I'm willing to try this once to see how it works," said Mayor Chris Johnson.

Councilwoman Michelle Fecht was also somewhat concerned that the noise created by the kiddie rides might annoy some of the nearby residents.

Traci Sincock, director, said the department will also be glad to reprogram Cady Street Dog Park users' key fobs so that they can use the Community Park Dog Park at Five Mile and Beck roads during the Victorian Festival.

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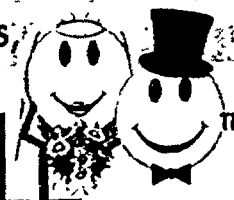
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St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Radiation Oncology Team is committed to providing patient-centered, high quality, state-of-the-art therapy and supportive services to all, in a professional, respectful, caring environment. The following are new medical staff members:



W. Sahijdak



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J. Goddard

**Walter Sahijdak, MD,** Radiation Oncologist, received his medical degree and completed his residency at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dr. Sahijdak is Board Certified in Radiation Oncology. He is a member of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology and American College of Radiology.

**Sal Jafar, MD,** Radiation Oncologist, received his medical degree from the Baghdad University School of Medicine, Baghdad, Iraq. He completed his residency at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Jafar is Board Certified in Radiation Oncology and is also the medical director of Radiation Oncology at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is a member of the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology and Michigan Cancer Research Consortium.

**Swati Dutta, MD,** Radiation Oncologist, received her medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Michigan. She completed her residency at Northwestern Memorial

Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Dutta is Board Certified in Radiation Oncology. She is a member of the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, Michigan Cancer Research Consortium, Michigan Society of Therapeutic Radiologists and Michigan State Medical Society.

**George Henning, MD,** Radiation Oncologist, received his medical degree from the Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, Ohio, and completed his residency at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. Dr. Henning is Board Certified in Radiation Oncology and a member of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, and Michigan Cancer Research Consortium.

**Samir Narayan, MD,** Radiation Oncologist, received his medical degree from the Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. He completed his residency at University of Michigan Hospital and Health Centers, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dr. Narayan is Board Certified in Radiology with a subspecialty in Radiation Oncology. He is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology.

The physicians' offices, Huron River Radiation Oncology Specialists, PC, are located 1.) In the Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, 734.655.2006; and 2.) 5301 E. Huron River Dr., PO Box 995, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, 734.712.3596.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information or for a physician referral, visit our website at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) or call 1-888-464-WELL.

IAV Automotive Engineering Inc., a subsidiary of German-based IAV GmbH, has hired Jeremy Goddard as vice president of sales and marketing —

North America, effective August 1. He will be located at the company's Ann Arbor headquarters.

Goddard will be responsible for all sales and marketing activities at IAV. In addition, he will help reinforce IAV's sales and marketing efforts as the company continues to expand its service portfolio and grow its business.

Before joining IAV, Goddard worked for Edscha Roof Systems Inc., as vice president, business development, North America, where he was in charge of sales and marketing, and served as a liaison to senior management based in Hengersberg, Germany. Previously, Goddard was director, business development, at Porsche Engineering Services (PES).

As a part of IAV's ongoing growth initiatives, its current Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Paul Moreton, will begin transitioning into his new role as director, strategic business development, where he will continue to provide input

on the strategic direction of IAV while mentoring the IAV sales team.

"We are thrilled to welcome Jeremy to the IAV team," said Ulz-Jens Beister, president, IAV Automotive Engineering Inc. "We are confident these changes will enable us to further assist our customers with their powertrain challenges and help ensure IAV's continued growth."

Goddard earned a master's degree in international business from Michigan State University. He also received dual bachelor degrees in biology/environmental science from Auburn University in Alabama and in English from the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

Kevin Mantay, a student at Northville High School, will join a select group of students representing their schools, communities and country as People to People student leaders.

Mantay has been accepted into the People to People Leadership Summit in Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, August 6-15. All students accepted into a People to People program must meet rigorous academic and leadership requirements.

Mantay was nominated by educator Cathy Ooms of Northville High School and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

## OBITUARY

### DONALD C. YOUNG, JR.

Age 83, longtime resident of Northville, died Aug. 7, 2008. Memorial Service Thurs. 8/14/08, 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions to Father Flanagan's Boys Town appreciated.

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## BIRTH

### Eloise Kate Morante

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Grandparents are Luis and Judy Morante of Novi and Karl and Beth Sekerka of Novi. Great-great aunt is Blanche Gaurilowicz of Novi.

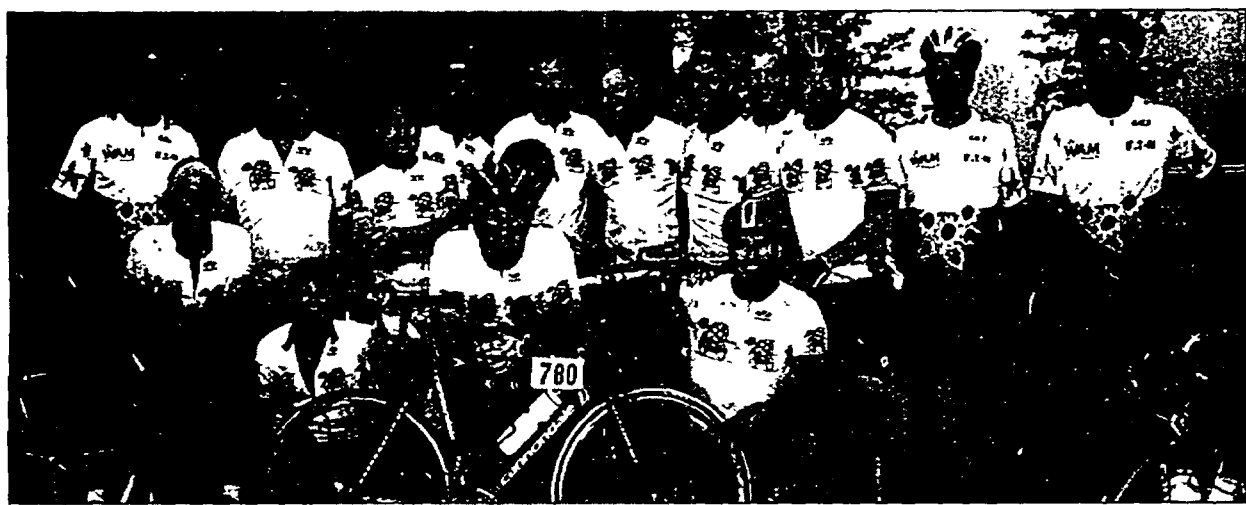


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### Howling Herd of Turtles

The "Howling Herd of Turtles", including a number of Northville residents, completed a three-day, 300 mile bicycle ride to support the Make A Wish Foundation of Michigan on Sunday. Eight-hundred riders and 200 volunteers participated in this year's Wish-A-Mile 300 Bicycle Tour, raising over \$1.6 million.

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for 35th District Court Judge

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# Former Northville resident celebrates 101st birthday

■ Used to reside at Allen Terrace

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Olive Helen Woodin achieved an accomplishment few have the opportunity to brag about on June 17.

The former resident of Allen Terrace Apartments in Northville who now lives at Marywood Nursing Care Center in Livonia celebrated her 101st birthday.

Observing the event with her were her daughter, Evelyn Longmire, an Allen Terrace resident; her son, Paul Emery of Grand Rapids; and eldest grandson, Tyler Young, also of Grand Rapids, who coincidentally celebrated his 58th birthday the same day.

The youngest of nine children born to Leonard and Olive Jane Swisher, Woodin was born in River Place, Okla., just a few months before Oklahoma became a state. Her father was a Scottish-Canadian from Nova Scotia, and her mother moved with her parents from West Virginia to Kansas.

The only one of her brothers and sisters to attend college, Woodin graduated with a bachelor's degree in business education from Oklahoma Baptist College in Oklahoma City. She even won the honor of being named the Harvest Queen at the college during her senior year.

At the age of 50 she returned to school and received a master's degree in special education.

An outstanding vocalist, she performed in many vocal groups. She was also a talented quilter who made about 50 quilts over the years



Submitted photo

Olive Helen Woodin and her daughter, Evelyn Longmire.

and was well-known for mentoring other women in the craft well into her 90s.

She outlived two husbands. Walter Emery and Ralph Woodin, taught business education while living in Washington, D.C., and, following the death of her first husband served as a volunteer for a year at Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., a school that assists Native Americans who need income support in Oklahoma. She also taught in the Lansing school system while her husband, Walter, an attorney and broadcasting law professor, taught at Michigan State University.

The mother of three children, her oldest child, Helen Cooley, lives in Kearney, Neb.

When asked what she attributes her longevity to, Woodin said, "Knowing I have purpose in serving the Lord by loving, caring for and praying for others."

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## IN THE SERVICE

Marine Corps Cpl. Aaron J. Rock, a 1998 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi, along with 2,200 Marines and sailors of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., recently completed the Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) aboard ships of the USS Iwo Jima Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG), off the North Carolina coast.

The COMPTUEX was the final at-sea training period for both the MEU and the ships of the Iwo Jima ESG as they ready for deployment. The COMPTUEX is normally followed by one more at-sea period known as the Certification Exercise, the final test before deployment, however, the last two exercises were combined to accommodate an accelerated deployment schedule.

The MEU's accelerated training schedule not only allowed the unit to participate in a Realistic Urban Training exercise in Indianapolis, Ind., but also simultaneously assist with flood-relief efforts in the state.

COMPTUEX tested the unit's command, ground, aviation and logistics elements' ability to work together as a cohesive force and meet numerous objectives during the exercise.

Rock joined the Marine Corps in March 2005.

## ENGAGEMENTS



Estigarribia & Fonss

Drs. Juan and Ilse Estigarribia, of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mariel

Estigarribia, to Christian Fonss III, son of Ms. Susan Willoe Fonss and Mr. Christian Fonss, Jr., of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School, a 2001 graduate of the University of Michigan, Stephen M. Ross School of Business and a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and is an associate at Foley & Lardner LLP.

The groom-elect is a 1995 graduate of Torrey Pines High School, a 1999 graduate of Boston College and a 2002 graduate of The George Washington University Law School and is an associate at Foley & Lardner LLP.

A Sept. 6 wedding is planned in Detroit.



Ryan-Beechuck

Hilary and Rachel Ryan-Fabbrini, and the late Richard Ryan, of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Robyn Ryan, to Robert Beechuk, son of Dan and Lorraine Beechuk of Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Northville High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed as a dietitian at the University of Michigan Hospital.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed as a pilot for Air Eagle Aviation.

An August wedding is planned.

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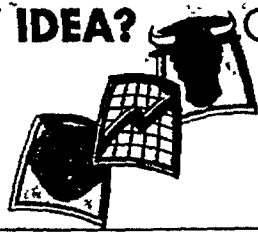
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# BUSINESS

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## BIZ BRIEFS

### Fourth Northville Chase

Chase opened a full-service branch inside the Kroger store at 17447 Haggerty Road in Northville on August 7, the fourth Chase location in town.

"Chase now has 44 locations in Michigan supermarkets as part of the state's largest bank branch network," said Daniel Dubeau, who manages Chase's network of in-store branches in Michigan. "Our two-for-one bargain on errand management makes banking even more convenient for busy customers."

Like their traditional counterparts, the in-store branches provide personal banking, lending and financial advising services to customers. The Northville Kroger location handles both consumer and merchant transactions.

The branches are at the front of the stores and offer extended hours on both weekdays and Saturdays. The Northville branch is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. An ATM is available during store hours of 6 a.m. to midnight. The Northville Kroger branch telephone number is (248) 305-6580.

Other Chase locations in Northville include a supermarket branch at 20401 Haggerty Road and two traditional branches at 29820 W. Eight Mile Road and 42901 W. Seven Mile Road.

### Golf outing promotes Hiller's philosophy

When Hiller's Japanese foods buyer Kyoko Watanabe won the 50/50 raffle at the 12th Annual Golf Outing, she did what Hiller's employees naturally do - donated her \$300 winnings back to the collective efforts, raising the total funds raised for ALS research to \$6,700. It was a no-brainer, says Watanabe, to give "found money" to a worthy cause.

"Our corporate culture is one of community and giving back," says CEO Jim Hiller, who chaired the annual fundraiser at Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford. Donations and proceeds from the daylong event, which attracted a crowd of 160 for golf and an elegant sit-down dinner, benefit the Hiller's ALS Center at Wayne State University.

With a new 52,000-square-foot store in Union Lake-Commerce Township and one set to open in South Lyon next year, the company currently operates seven stores - including Northville.

## Classic Movie Weekends at the Marquis start Sept. 5

■ \$5 tickets include popcorn

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

With the price of gas these days, everyone's looking for an inexpensive night out.

The Marquis Theatre at 135 E. Main St. in downtown Northville has just what the doctor ordered with Classic Movie Weekends that begin on Friday, Sept. 5.

Each Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. throughout the month of September, area movie lovers can watch a movie at the historic theater for only \$5, including popcorn.

Owner Inge Zayti encourages area residents to support this limited engagement.

"We recently showed some free movies and had a great turnout," Zayti said. "We hope patrons will support this new, low-cost series of classics."

Movie dates are Sept. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27. Doors open at 7 p.m.

The Marquis celebrates its 30th anniversary in September since reopening the historic venue after extensive renovations in 1978.

The anniversary series will include:

• Friday, Sept. 5 — "Murder on the Orient Express." An entertaining Agatha Christie mystery whodunit with an all-star cast, including Albert Finney, Martin Balsam, Ingrid Bergman and Sean Connery.

The film takes audiences back to 1934 where a train full of suspects and one murder victim make the trip from Istanbul to Calais especially interesting. Super sleuth Hercule Poirot sets out to solve the mystery.

• Saturday, Sept. 6 — "Operation Petticoat." World War II comedy starring Cary Grant, Tony Curtis, Gavin McLeod and Marion Ross about a submarine commander who finds himself stuck with a decrepit (and pink) sub, a con-man executive officer and a group of Army nurses.

A newly commissioned submarine newly is damaged in the opening days of World War II. Going slowly to this site, they find a stranded group of Army nurses and must take them aboard. Trying to get a primer coat on the sub, they have to mix white and red. When forced to flee the dock during an air attack, they find themselves with the world's only pink submarine.

• Friday, Sept. 12 — "The Natural." This is a beautifully-



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Marquis Theatre's Inge Zayti, right, her daughter Christina and Luke Zayti, 7, display brochures of the upcoming Classic Movie Weekends at the Main Street theater. The first film, beginning the first weekend in September, is "Murder on the Orient Express."

filmed movie about baseball as myth and stars Robert Redford, Glenn Close, Robert Duvall and Kim Basinger.

Roy Hobbs (Robert Redford), a young man whose gift for baseball sets him apart, finds that trouble dogs him, particularly when it comes to women. In time, as an aging rookie.

Roy must fight against his past to lead his team to the World Series and win the woman of his dreams.

• Saturday, Sept. 13 — "The Great Gatsby." Starring Robert Redford, Mia Farrow, Bruce Dem and Karen Black, this masterpiece by F. Scott Fitzgerald is a story that could only have taken place in the Jazz Age, an era in which recklessness with money, liquor, women, and fast cars pervaded the American consciousness.

Dashing, enigmatic millionaire Jay Gatsby (Robert Redford) is obsessed with the elusive and spoiled Daisy Buchanan (Mia Farrow). This elegant story was brought to the screen with a meticulous concern for language, time, and place.

• Friday, Sept. 19 — "Gaslight." Starring Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman and

Joseph Cotton, this 1944 classic won Academy Awards for Ingrid Bergman and for the splendid Victorian set designs.

It is a story of a deceitful husband (Boyer) who tries to deliberately drive his wife (Bergman) insane.

• Saturday, Sept. 20 — "Funny Girl." Barbra Streisand and Omar Sharif star in this marvelous musical biography of the legendary Ziegfeld girl, Fanny Brice.

Fanny (Barbra Streisand) was all laughs on stage. Barbra Streisand received an Academy Award for her leading role.

• Friday, Sept. 26 — "The Sundowners." Deborah Kerr, Robert Mitchum and Peter Ustinov star in this movie that depicts the Australian Outback, as a family of sheep drovers who are always on the move are divided about settling down and buying a farm or continuing with the life they have always known.

The strong father Paddy Carmody (Mitchum) wants to continue with the life they are leading, but young son Sean begins to yearn for a more stable life. The mother (Kerr) is torn between the two important men in her life as this film explores

the ties that bind a family during changing times.

This film features phenomenal performances from the entire cast and was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture.

• Saturday, Sept. 27 — "Out of Africa." Meryl Streep and Robert Redford lead this beautifully composed love story based on Isak Dinesen's novel, which takes place on a Kenyan coffee farm.

This film is an eloquent, splendidly photographed memoir of Dinesen's love affair with an elusive, free spirited pioneer.

For more information about any of the Marquis' Classic Movie Weekends series, call the theatre at (248) 349-8110.

### 'Stuart Little' auditions Sept. 14

The staff of the Marquis Theater is looking for three main child actors as well as many other actors for its upcoming performances of "Stuart Little," which will begin on Saturday, Nov. 15.

Auditions will take place at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14, at the theatre on East Main Street.

Auditioners must read a poem or monologue no longer than 90 seconds, but it does not have to be memorized.

In "Stuart Little," the classic tale by children's author E. B. White, Mrs. Little, Mr. Little, and their son, George, live in a brownstone near New York City's Central Park.

The Littles have decided to adopt a younger brother for George, and while they're meeting the children at an orphanage, they are greeted by a mouse named Stuart, who can talk, walk upright, wear clothes and do nearly anything a human child can do.

There is no age limit for the lead part, but the three actors who will play the part of the mouse Stuart in the three different casts must be no taller than 5 feet.

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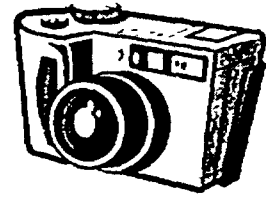
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# SUMMER AT THE STABLES



Angela Winter brushes a horse at the start of the day at Maybury Riding Stables. This is Winter's first year working as a guide at the stables.



Leroy Hone leads Denise Bardy on the start of her Maybury Riding Stables trail ride on a recent Thursday morning.

Photos by John Heider/Northville Record



Maybury Riding Stables hand Leroy Hone works on saddling up a horse for a day's work in the park's trails.



Presly Hone gets a nuzzle from her horse "Tango" before heading off as a trail guide at the Maybury Riding Stables.



Maybury Riding Stables trail guide Haley Keller brushes down one of the stables' 40 horses on a recent Thursday morning around 9 a.m. By 10, the horses need to be fed and saddled up and ready for riders.



Maybury Riding Stables trail guides Haley Keller, Presly Hone, and Ashley Geanides let their horses take a drink of water before heading off for the morning.

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## Novi Theatres offering red, hot season discounts

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

After hearing about General Motors' most recent round of job cuts, Novi Theatres' Performing Arts Coordinator Debbie Lannen felt the need to help members of the community facing difficult economic times.

Red Hot Discount is a limited-time offer for people to purchase Novi Theatres' season ticket packages at a discounted rate.

"We're basically cutting our prices in half," Lannen said. "I'm really taking a risk, but I couldn't just sit back. We've got to do something to give back to the community."

Red Hot Discount expires Sunday and offers theater-goers three different packages, including the full season, which is six productions, and the young actor series or the adult actor series, which each have three shows.

"The first thing people will start doing is say 'we're not going to the show because dad's getting laid off,'" Lannen said. "We want everyone to have a chance to see theatre."

Depending on the package, prices range from about \$19-47 for adults, and \$15-40 for children and seniors.

The season kicks off Aug. 14-16 with the production "The Pied Piper of Hamelin."

According to Lannen, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" is a classic fairy tale about a town that is infested with rats, and a piper who offers to rid the town of the rodents in exchange for payment. The conflict arises when the town's mayor doesn't keep his promise to pay the piper.

"The moral of the story is, if you tell someone you are going to do something, you better do it," Lannen said. "Stand behind your word."

The cast of about 30 kids, ages 7-18, is a mixture of residents from Novi, Northville, South Lyon, Farmington Hills and Commerce Township.

"We have some core kids who have been here a while and we have some brand new ones," Lannen said. "It's been challenging, instead of doing it the easy way, I'm having them play parts they normally wouldn't do."

"That's what acting is. You've got to learn to do other things, they have to work at it."

Lannen said the majority of the characters are double cast, with the exception of two of the lead roles and the kids who play the rats and the children.

For the first time, Novi Theatres offered a sneak peak of its summer production, as part of the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department's Sizzling Summer Art Series.

Pied Piper Preview in the Park was Aug. 10 at Lakeshore Park. Following the kids performance, magician John Kohl took the stage for a magic show.

In case there is inclement weather, Lannen said the preview will be moved to the theatre at the Novi Civic Center, which is where the actual performances take place.

"We're doing it in our smaller portion of the theatre, so it's a

### "The Pied Piper of Hamelin"

- 10 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14
- 10 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Aug. 15
- 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16

Tickets are \$8 and available online at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org). To purchase Red Hot Discount season tickets by Aug. 17, apply the discount code "Red Hot" at checkout.

The theatre is located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

For more information, contact Debbie Lannen at (248) 735-5615 or [dlannen@cityofnovi.org](mailto:dlannen@cityofnovi.org).

much more intimate show," Lannen said. "It's nicer for a children's show. It's almost like a studio production, so everyone is going to have a great seat."

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## Milford's Praise in the Park returns

By Kate Phillips  
SPECIAL WRITER

"Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water."

The words to an old spiritual give a glimpse of Praise in the Park.

The Huron River just may be stirred up by a heavenly hand during an afternoon of singing coming up at Central Park in Milford. It will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Julie Fernandez started the event four years ago to fill the park with music and friendship.

She loves sitting by the river on a Sunday afternoon, humming along to some beautiful Christian music. Part of the beauty is in the diversity — Southern Gospel, contemporary, hymns and original tunes.

Organizers invite all local churches to bring a praise band or ensemble to perform. Each is given a half-hour time slot.

Fernandez and her husband, the Rev. Mark Fernandez are glad to provide the opportunity for all churches to come together in cooperation. The feeling at the event is something remarkable.

"We have unity among God's people," said Rev. Fernandez, pastor of Freedom Life Church of God in Milford. "We are breaking down walls for Christ. It is not about who we are, it is about who He is."

Somehow the word has spread. Attendance doubles from year to year at Praise in the Park. What started out as a tiny event with 50 attendees has grown by leaps and bounds.

This year, organizers are expect-

ing 400 people at the fourth Praise in the Park.

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# bd's smooth transition in under new ownership

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

bd's Mongolian Grill may be under new ownership, but patrons won't see many changes at the MainStreet location.

Since founder Billy Downs sold the 35-restaurant, Ferndale-based Asian food chain to investors Roger Head, Clyde Culp and New York-based private equity firm Kinderhook Industries two months ago, the company has made a smooth transition.

"It's gone extremely well. We couldn't be happier," said Head, the company's new president and chief executive officer. "As far as the restaurants are concerned, it's business as usual. We're quite pleased with Michigan sales despite the economy. Novi performs extremely well for us. We're excited to be a part of that community and will continue to be a part of that community."

Serving the MainStreet complex for the past decade, the most noticeable change is the restaurant's name, which dropped the word "Barbeque" in favor of "Grill," a modification that took place before the ownership change.

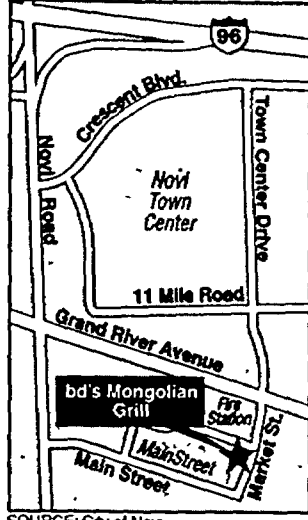
"Mongolian Grill has a nice ring to it. It's not barbecuing as Americans recognize it. It's cooking on a flat top-grill," Head said.

He said the name change and the possibility of additional items on future menus are the only changes customers should expect to see. In February, the restaurant began adding seafood options to the menu.

"We didn't buy the concept to change it. We like what Billy has done. The concept is sound," Head said.

Downs, who still serves on the board of directors and as a member of the marketing team, opened the first bd's Mongolian

## bd's Mongolian Grill



SOURCE: City of Novi

Barbeque in Royal Oak in 1992. "About a year and a half ago, Billy began to search for investors. He decided he wanted to take bd's to another level. As far as searches go, we were looking for a brand to buy, to be the franchisor, not the franchisee," Head said. "As we were looking for a brand to buy, we were looking for something in a unique space in the industry. Asian cuisine is thriving right now. bd's is pretty unique. We weren't looking at the Mongolian Grill space because we weren't familiar with it and we were just worried with it (when we found it)."

bd's Mongolian Grill has 35 locations in 11 states, and one in Mongolia. Ten of the locations are company owned, including eight in Michigan. The other two company-owned locations are in Denver and Chicago. The remaining locations are all franchises and are primarily based in Michigan, Ohio and the other Midwestern states, with three in Florida. Locations recently opened in Louisville and



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Novi's bd's Mongolian Grill employee Karlos Kowaleski cooks some lunch-hour food for visitors on a recent afternoon. bd's recently had a change in its ownership.

Cincinnati, with Pittsburgh and St. Louis recently by Downs as potential regions to explore. Head hopes to expand the brand through franchises, while

also adding company-owned restaurants to the Minnesota region. Head and Culp, who is bd's new chairman, own 97 Burger King's in the Midwest.

primarily based around their Minnesota headquarters.

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# Pizzeria opens at Twelve Oaks Mall

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

California Pizza Kitchen brings its brand of unique and gourmet pizzas to Twelve Oaks Mall; doors opened for lunch Monday.

The Most Recent is CPK's sixth in Michigan, joining Ann Arbor, Clinton Township, Farmington Hills, Livonia and Troy.

"We are thrilled to have it here. It's a great addition to the stores and restaurants we have here," said Peggy Hayes, marketing and sponsorship director for Twelve Oaks Mall. "There's been a pent up demand for this since we announced it last year. People have been calling and coming in asking about it."

The new eatery gives shoppers and residents a new idea about what can be put on a pizza. With toppings ranging from barbeque chicken, shrimp and goat cheese, to pears, mangoes and avocados, a seemingly endless array of options mixing meats, cheeses, fruits and vegetables is possible. Larry Flax, co-founder and co-chief execu-

tive officer for California Pizza Kitchen, said the restaurant is the "Baskin-Robbins of pizza" because of the wide variety being offered.

"It's full service and very family oriented. We want to be the meeting place of the minds where parents and kids are both happy to go," he said. "If the description interests you, it'll deliver. We have one of the best salad menus in the country. We change the menu twice a year and test everything."

Flax said the restaurant, located at the mall's east entrance between Nordstrom and Lord & Taylor, hopes to capitalize on the foot traffic of the mall while also offering take-out services.

"Of our 200-some restaurants, a lot of them are in malls. We always try to be toward the outside of the mall," he said.

Being on the outskirts of the mall also makes it easier for the restaurant to be involved with the community.

"We do intend on being a part of the local community.

It's an important thing to us," Flax said.

He said tours for school classes before the restaurant opens for lunch and involvement with local little leagues are just a few of the things CPK restaurants commonly do.

The Novi location already has its first community event planned, a fundraiser for the Farmington YMCA Aug. 12.

"We are promoting their day like crazy because 100 percent of pizza sales go to them," said Erin Murphy, senior manager of public relations for the Marketing Department at California Pizza Kitchen's headquarters in Los Angeles. "We try to get the word out to their supporters so they can come in because the money goes back to them (the YMCA)."

Flax said CPK likes to surround its restaurants with other successful restaurants, and many national chains are lined up with The Cheesecake Factory and P.F. Chang's China Bistro.

"We'd rather like to see great restaurants around us. It creates

synergy," he said.

The new 5,500-square-foot restaurant will be open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Take-out orders can be placed, starting Monday, by calling (248) 449-3280.

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# CALENDAR

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## Local Events

**2nd Annual Kick-Off Gala Fundraiser for Mustangs Football**  
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Friday  
LOCATION: Laurel Manor, 19000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia  
DETAILS: Includes cocktails, Introduction of the Varsity Team, Silent Auction, Necklace and Autographed Jersey Raffle, dinner and live entertainment by Ultraviolet Band. Cost is \$75 per person or \$750 per table, which includes Hors D'oeuvres, dinner, open bar and live entertainment. Must be 21 to attend.  
CONTACT: For more information, visit northvilemustangs.com.

**Northville VFW Events**  
LOCATION: 438 South Main St.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-5982 or the VFW at (248) 348-1490  
**Garage Sale and Gold Party**  
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday  
DETAIL: Multi-family and Auxiliary table. Gold Party inside, bringing your old or broken items for cash. Accredited dealer. Inside in case of rain.

**Northville Democratic Club Bar-B-Q and Fundraiser**  
DATE: Saturday  
DETAILS: Second Annual Club Bar-B-Q at home of Scott and Annette. More details to follow. Suggested contribution is \$25. Come and join us for good food and drink and Democratic companionship.

**Northville District Library Weekly Activities**  
LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall  
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Closed on Sunday for the summer.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.

**American Victorian Fashion and Social Life**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Today  
DETAILS: Get ready for the Victorian Festival by attending this interesting presentation about Victorian times, complete with historic artifacts.  
**Foreign Films at the Library**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Monday  
DETAILS: Free movie viewing of "The Way Home", a Korean film with English subtitles. Free treats.

**"Fall Bulbs for Spring Color"**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Social, 7-8 p.m. Program Monday, Sept. 8  
LOCATION: Northville City Hall, 214 W. Main St.  
DETAILS: Hosted by Gardeners of Northville and Novi. Presentation by English Gardens. Public welcome.  
CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 349-2352 or visit our website gardenersnorthville-novi.org.

**Shane McFarland Healthy Kids Fun Run**  
DATE: Sunday, Aug. 31  
TIME: Registration 8:45-9:15 a.m.; Start Times 9:30 a.m.-5 years and under; 9:35 a.m.-6-8 years old; 9:40 a.m.-9-12 years old; 9:45 a.m.-12-14 years old  
LOCATION: Lexington Commons Park, 21201 Taft  
DETAILS: This half mile fun run/walk is sponsored by Lydia Dunn, age 9 and Abby Jensen, age 8, to help Shane McFarland, age 5, who has Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia and is going through chemotherapy. Registration fee is \$10 for kids up to age 14 and free for ages 15 to adult with an accompanying kid. Checks, cash or charge accepted. Entry fees are non-refundable and tax deductible.  
CONTACT: For more information, e-mail to abbylovesoccer@comcast.net or call Mary (Abby's mom) at (248) 380-0005

**Friday Night Summer Concert Series**  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Northville Town Square on Main St. across from

the Marquis Theatre  
DATE: Tonight - Steve King and The Dittlies (50s/60s)  
DETAILS: Early arrival is suggested for these free concerts; bring your own lawn chairs.  
CONTACT: Northville Chamber (248) 349-7640, or visit northville.org; or Parks and Rec. (248) 349-0203 or northvillepark-sandrec.org.

**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.  
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Sunday - Walker Tavern  
TIME/DATE: Noon Sunday, Aug. 31 - Mighty River Hogs of Midland County

**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  
**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.

**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: From 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. Aug. 21 will feature Marc Strausberg from Fleming's Prime Steakhouse.  
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**Genitti's Little Theater**  
LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.  
CONTACT: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or genittis.com  
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TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25; 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11; 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3; 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 and 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Oct. 4 (also 7 p.m.). Also 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 20, Tuesday Sept. 9, Wednesday, Sept. 19, Thursday, Aug. 28, Sept. 16 and Oct. 30, and Saturday, Sept. 13 and 27. Also 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24

**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. Dinner tickets are \$45 until Sept. 1 and \$49.95 after, lunch tickets are \$35.  
**Toy Chest, Children's Lunch Theater**  
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Monday August 18 and Saturday, Sept. 13. Special Halloween Performances 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 18 and 25 - wear your costumes.  
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.  
**Dinner and Doo-Wop**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 - Bob Posch and John Cionca  
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 - A Tribute to the Stars (Neil Diamond, Rod Stewart, Elvis, Buddy Holly)  
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 - The Reflections (Just Like Romeo and Juliet)



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Under a hot noontime sun, Greta Zaar, 3, checks on her friend Benjamin LaPonsey, 1, during the July 29 Tunes on Tuesday concert at downtown's Town Square.

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TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 - The Reflections (Just Like Romeo and Juliet)  
DETAILS: The cost for the dinner theater shows are \$49.95 per person. The cost for the matinee lunch and show is \$35.  
**Genitti's Acting Workshops**  
DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.  
DETAILS: Enjoy our famous family-style lunch or dinner, then presents "Voice and Body movement with one of our actors on stage. Play theater games; take backstage tour; \$16.95 per person.

**Marquis Theatre**  
LOCATION: 135 E. Main St.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or visit northvilemarquistheatre.com  
**Shoemaker and the Elves**  
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 14 and 15; 2:30 p.m. Saturday Aug. 16, 23 and Sept. 6, 13 and 20; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 14 and 21.  
DETAILS: This musical version of the Shoemaker and the Elves is the classic tale of a hardworking shoemaker whose life is transformed and enriched when visited by some magical friends. Don't miss Gracie the elf, fly across the stage. No children under the age of 3. Tickets are \$8.50 each. Groups rates and reserved seating for 20 or more are available. Call the theatre for tickets.  
**Classic Movie Weekends**  
TIME: 7 p.m. doors open, 7:30 p.m. movie starts  
DETAILS: Cost is \$5 which includes a box of fresh popcorn.  
DATE: Friday, Sept. 5 - "Murder on the Orient Express"  
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 6 - "Operation Petticoat"

**Tipping Point Theatre**  
LOCATION: 361 E. Cady St.  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or visit 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  
**I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change**  
TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 3-5 (Preview)  
TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday Sept. 6 - Oct. 12  
DETAILS: Tickets are \$23 sen-

ior/student and \$25 adult for Thursdays/Matinee; \$25 senior/student and \$28 adults for Friday-Saturday. Musical celebration of the 101st game.  
**Improv 101 Adult Class**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 8-Oct. 13  
DETAILS: Join Second City alumn and popular TPT performer Quintin Hicks and learn the basics of improv. Performance on Oct. 14. Cost is \$175.

**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  
**Poetry Reading**  
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Friday  
DETAILS: Tonia Bagwell will present poetry reading.  
**Book Signing**  
TIME/DATES: 2-4 p.m. Saturday  
DETAILS: Sherry McLaughlin, author of "Lessons from the Couch", will be available.  
**"When One Door Closes: A Teen's Inspiring Journey"** Book Signing  
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10  
DETAILS: Parents of Alex Graham, who battled and lost her life to cancer, will talk about her inspirational journey. Refreshments served.

**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

**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, call (248) 344-0497 or stop by the Art House.

**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.  
**Story Hour at Maybury**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. the second Saturday from May to Sept.  
DETAILS: For children ages 10 and under with an adult; bring a blanket and favorite stuffed friend; 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 August 14. 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) 349-8358.  
DATE: 11 a.m. Today - Forest Hike Bingo  
**History Hike**  
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon Sunday  
LOCATION: Meet at the History Kiosk and Arch, off Eight Mile Road entrance  
DETAILS: Enjoy an interpretive hike along our history trail and explore Maybury's past. Free with park entry pass.

**Family Campouts**  
DATE: Saturday and Sunday  
DETAILS: Hosted by Northville Parks and Rec. For more information, call (248) 349-0203.

**Mill Race Historical Village**  
LOCATION: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field  
DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m. Sundays June-Oct.  
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

**Village Calendar**  
Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 5:15 p.m. Rehearsal  
Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 4:45-6:45 p.m. Wedding (grounds closed to public)  
Saturday: Noon Private Party Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; noon Eclipse Baseball; 1-4 p.m. Village Open  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang  
Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation  
**Mill Race Village Open for the Season**  
TIME/DATE: Buildings open 1-4 p.m. every Sunday from mid-June to mid-Oct.; grounds open daily from sunrise to sunset.  
DETAILS: This historic Village includes seven buildings, dating from 1831 to the 1890s, moved from various parts of Northville to the park; two more were re-constructed with the aid of period photographs and plans. A tenth structure, the 1850's General Store, is being re-assembled in the Village, having been moved board-by-board from its original Main Street location. Costumed docents inform visitors about the buildings, their contents, and Northville's past. Many weekends, a blacksmith, musicians, weavers and rug hookers demonstrate their crafts. No admission charge.

**Macy's "Shop for the Cause"**  
**Benefits Mill Race Village**  
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 20  
DETAILS: In this program, shoppers buy a \$5 ticket, then take their tickets to Macy's Twelve Oaks Mall store on Saturday, Sept. 20. On that day only, savings of 10-20 percent are offered on most merchandise in the store - including sale items. Mill Race village benefits from the ticket sales. Tickets are available 9 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays at Mill Race Village Office, 215 Griswold St. and at Northville Candle and Gifts, 124 N. Center St. during regular business hours. For more information, call the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845.

**Northville Chamber of Commerce**  
LOCATION: 195 S. Main St., Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or visit northville.org  
**After Hours Mixer**  
TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20  
LOCATION: Hyatt Place, 19300 Haggerty at Seven Mile Road  
DETAILS: Cost is \$10.  
**TGIF**  
TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22  
LOCATION: Chamber Office

## Regional Events

**Free Family Fun Day**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1-5 p.m. Sunday  
**LOCATION:** The Learning Experience, 37550 Seven Mile Road, Livonia  
**DETAILS:** This premiere child care development center has recently opened offering child care to children age six weeks to five years. During the Family Fun Day, a special performance by The Music Lady is from 2-3 p.m., plus moonbouncer, refreshments, arts, crafts and more.  
**CONTACT:** (734) 591-2039 or thelearningexperience.com

**Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool Open House**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6-8 p.m. Wednesday  
**LOCATION:** 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia  
**DETAILS:** The preschool is currently enrolling for the 2008-09 school year. Class sessions are available as follows: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday for 4-year olds; 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday for 3-year olds. Potty training is not required. Low cost tuition.  
**CONTACT:** (734) 844-8147 or go to academicpathwayspreschool.com for more information.

**EMU GOLD Alumni Party**  
**TIME/DATE:** 8:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21  
**LOCATION:** 5th Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi  
**DETAILS:** Join the EMU Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) and friends for a night of live music, networking and fun. The event is \$5 which includes admission to the reception, an appetizer buffet and the band performance. Alumni and friends are welcome.  
**CONTACT:** For more information, or to RSVP, contact Acadia Hahlbrock, EMU Office for Alumni Relations, at (734) 487-0250 or alumni\_relations@emu.edu.

**Concert for Lost Voices**  
**TIME/DATE:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24  
**LOCATION:** 9548 Main St. Whitmore Lake (rain location is Whitmore Lake High School)

**DETAILS:** Josh White, Jr., Kitty Donohoe and Peter "Madcat" Ruth and other roots musicians are donating their music to this concert to benefit programs for incarcerated and at-risk youth. Food by Zingerman's Deli will be for sale. Lost Voices is a non-profit group that facilitates roots music writing workshops for youth in institutions. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. They are available online at www.lostvoices.org and at local Whitmore Lake merchants.  
**CONTACT:** lostvoices.org

**Madrigal Chorale of Southfield Auditions**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26  
**LOCATION:** Rochester Church of Christ, 240 W. Avon Road, west of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills  
**DETAILS:** This chorale, under the direction of Robert A. Martin, is holding auditions for all voice parts for the 2008-09 season. Singers should be prepared to sing a brief solo and sight-read a piece of music. Call Marie at (248) 352-9527 to arrange an audition time. Highlights for the season include an annual holiday performance in Greentown, a benefit concert, a scholarship competition and some new twists to some old favorites. This is a non-profit organization. Members volunteer their time and talent, work together to achieve vocal excellence and promote vocal education.

**"Connections" Artist's Show**  
**TIME/DATE:** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Aug. 31  
**LOCATION:** Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Center for the Healing Arts, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi  
**DETAILS:** Local Artist Jim Quinlan presents "Connections" a colorful exhibit of original painting from the artist's collection of watercolor and acrylic creations that looks at one man's perspective on life and nature.

**3rd Annual Plus-Size Clothing Sale**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20  
**LOCATION:** St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia  
**DETAILS:** Reasonably priced.

gently used clothing for sale for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60, and up to 5 XL). Sponsored by the Michigan Bariatric Institute and St. Mary Mercy Hospital.  
**CONTACT:** For more information, call (734) 655-2692.

**Rock Financial Showplace**  
 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi  
**CONTACT:** Call (248) 348-5600 or visit rockfinancialshowplace.com.

**Novi Rubber Stamp and Paper Arts Festival**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10-5 p.m. Saturday, 11-4 p.m. Sunday  
**DETAILS:** \$6 online advance tickets, includes early entry at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and free Sunday pass. \$8 at the door Saturday, includes free Sunday pass. Sunday only \$6, children under 12 are free.  
**My Favorite Bead Show**  
**TIME/DATE:** Noon-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31  
**DETAILS:** Show will feature over 40 bead vendors as well as free beading workshops throughout the event. Admission is \$6 for adults, ages 15 and under are free. \$5 parking.

## Meetings

**Northville Public Schools Board of Education**  
**DATE:** Second and fourth Tuesday of the month (Aug. 26)  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Old Village School, 405 W. Main St.

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

**Downtown Development Authority Meeting**  
**DATE:** Third Tuesday of each month (August 19)  
**TIME:** 8 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.  
**CONTACT:** downtown-northville.com  
**Planning Commission**  
**DATE:** First and third Tuesday of month

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** City Hall Housing Commission  
**DATE:** Second Wednesday of every month  
**TIME:** 3 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Allen Terrace, 401 High St.  
**Historic District Commission**  
**DATE:** Third Wednesday of month  
**TIME:** 7 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** City Hall Arts Commission  
**DATE:** Second Wednesday of every month  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Art House, 215 W. Cady St.  
**Beautification Commission**  
**DATE:** Second Tuesday of every month  
**TIME:** 7 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

**Northville Township Planning Commission**  
**DATE:** Last Tuesday of month  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile  
**Board of Trustees**  
**DATE:** Third Thursday of month  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Township Hall Zoning Board of Appeals  
**DATE:** Third Wednesday of month  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Township Hall  
**Beautification Commission**  
**DATE:** Third Monday of month  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Township Hall  
**Youth Assistance**  
**DATE:** Second Tuesday of every month  
**TIME:** 8 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

## Senior Events

**Senior Community Center**  
**LOCATION:** 303 W. Main St.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-4140  
**Thursday**  
 Massage by appointment  
 8 a.m.: Walking Club  
 9 a.m.: TOPS  
 10 a.m.: Golf League;  
 Basketball 50+-NCSC  
 10:30 a.m.: Yoga  
 11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

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Detroit Tiger Game departure time noon: Bridge  
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle  
 1:00 p.m.: Computer Class-Int. Level  
**Friday**  
 8 a.m.: Walking Club  
 10 a.m.: Volleyball at Hillside  
 11 a.m.: Poker  
 11:30 a.m.: Walking Club  
 1 p.m.: Movie "Made of Honor"; Computer Class-Int. Level  
**Monday**  
 Senior Olympics Begin-through Aug. 22  
 Massage by appointment  
 8 a.m.: Walking Club  
 9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg,  
 Beginning Line Dancing  
 10 a.m.: Oxychise, Volleyball at Hillside  
 11 a.m.: Advanced Line Dancing  
 noon: Walking Club  
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre  
**Tuesday**  
 8 a.m.: Walking Club  
 10 a.m.: Reiki by appt.  
 10:30 a.m.: Yoga  
 11:30 a.m.: Walking Club  
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle  
 1 p.m.: Computer Class - Beg. level; Road trips/scenic drives thru America  
**Wednesday**  
 8 a.m.: Walking Club  
 10 a.m.: Oxychise; Volleyball at Hillside  
 10:30 a.m.: GPS Demo  
 11:30 a.m.: Walking Club  
 Noon: Bridge  
 1 p.m.: Computer Class - Beg. level  
 7 p.m.: Bridge

**Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Volleyball**  
**TIME/DAYS:** 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
**LOCATION:** Recreation Center at Hillside  
**DETAILS:** All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.  
**CONTACT:** Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947  
**Adult 50+ Fun Co-ed Volleyball**  
**TIME/DAYS:** 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday  
**LOCATION:** Recreation Center at Hillside  
**DETAILS:** Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome.  
**CONTACT:** Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947  
**Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Basketball**  
**TIME/DAYS:** 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday  
**LOCATION:** Senior Community Center  
**DETAILS:** All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.  
**CONTACT:** Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947  
**Health Walking**  
**DATE:** Monday-Friday  
**TIME:** 8-10 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.  
**Pilates Class**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6 p.m. each Tuesday  
**Bunco**  
**TIME/DATE:** 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month  
**DETAILS:** Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.

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

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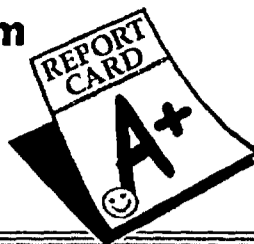
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## Northville Class of '09 gives strong MME, ACT performances

### Northville Class of '09 Spring 2008 Michigan Merit Exam (MME)

Content Area	% of Students Performing at Proficient or Advanced Levels
<b>READING</b>	
Northville State	90%
<b>WRITING</b>	
Northville State	62%
<b>TOTAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS</b>	
Northville State	78%
<b>MATH</b>	
Northville State	41%
<b>SCIENCE</b>	
Northville State	86%
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	
Northville State	52%
<b>COMPOSITE</b>	
Northville State	80%
<b>ACT</b>	
Northville State	46%
<b>Writing (Scale: 2 to 12)</b>	
Northville State	87%
<b>Mathematics</b>	
Northville State	57%
<b>Reading</b>	
Northville State	95%
<b>Science</b>	
Northville State	80%

### Spring 2008 ACT

These scores represent the average scores of high school juniors who took the ACT during the Spring 2008 Michigan Merit Exam test period.

Content Area	Average Score
<b>COMPOSITE</b>	
Northville State	23.9
<b>English</b>	
Northville State	23.7
<b>English + Writing</b>	
Northville State	17.6
<b>Mathematics</b>	
Northville State	22.8
<b>Reading</b>	
Northville State	17.5
<b>Science</b>	
Northville State	23.8
<b>Writing (Scale: 2 to 12)</b>	
Northville State	19.0
<b>Reading</b>	
Northville State	23.9
<b>Science</b>	
Northville State	18.8
<b>Writing (Scale: 2 to 12)</b>	
Northville State	7.6
<b>Mathematics</b>	
Northville State	6.6

The Northville High School Class of 2009 performed well in all subject areas on the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) and ACT, according to results released last Thursday by the Michigan Department of Education. (See chart below.)

This marks the second year that high school juniors across Michigan took the MME, including the ACT, which has replaced the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test for high school students. As with the MEAP (which is still administered to elementary and middle school students), MME scores are one component used by the state to determine if individual high schools achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as required under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

In March 2008, more than 500 NHS students participated in the MME, which is comprised of three components:

- A free ACT college entrance exam score that students can use to apply to college. ACT scores indicate the extent to which students are prepared for college-level work and are required by the vast majority of colleges in Michigan and the United States. The ACT provides a composite (overall) score, along with content area scores.
- A free WorkKeys job skills assessment that connects work skills, training and testing to improve students' education and job opportunities.
- Michigan assessments that measure student knowledge in math, science, social studies and persuasive writing not covered in the ACT and WorkKeys tests.

The combined MME assessment measures student learning in the Michigan high school standards, benchmarks and core content expectations contained in the new Michigan high school graduation requirements (which went into effect with the Class of 2011). The MME also is one of the eligibility requirements for students to qualify for the \$4,000 Michigan Promise Scholarship that can help families pay for college, technical and trade schools.

"Our high school curriculum is rigorous and our students rise to the occasion," said NHS Principal Rob Watson. "The outstanding performance by our students on the MME and ACT is a reflection of the strong partnership between our student, teachers and parents that is focused on the goal of success for

all students."

### About MME Scores

The Michigan Merit Examination (MME) is the state assessment administered to all students enrolled in Grade 11 in March of each year. The MME consists of three major components: the ACT college entrance examination, the WorkKeys job skills assessments in reading and mathematics, and Michigan assessments in mathematics, science, social studies, and persuasive writing. The combined MME assessment measures student learning in the Michigan high school standards, benchmarks, and core content expectations.

MME high school assessments are offered in the spring and fall of each school year. Students will have one opportunity to retake if needed to qualify for the Michigan Promise Scholarship.

High school MME scores are reported as raw numbers of students, not percentages and are reported at four performance levels:

- Level 1: Advanced
- Level 2: Proficient
- Level 3: Partially Proficient
- Level 4: Not Proficient

A performance level is a range of scale scores that corresponds to student achievement levels. The MME student achievement levels are (1) Advanced, (2) Proficient, (3) Partially Proficient, and (4) Not Proficient. The divisions between the levels are called cut scores.

The cut scores are recommended by a panel comprised of educators and other stakeholders throughout the state. This panel uses detailed descriptions of what students in each of the performance levels should know and be able to do. Based upon these detailed descriptions and actual assessment items, the panel recommends the score that best separates each performance level from the next to the Michigan Superintendent of Public

Instruction. The Michigan State Board of Education approves the final cut scores and performance level ranges.

The performance levels can be reasonably compared across subjects to indicate whether students are meeting Michigan performance expectations in each subject.

### State chimes in

Scores increased slightly this year on the state's high school test, the Michigan Merit Exam (MME), according to the Michigan Department of Education. High school juniors were tested this past spring on the MME, which includes the college entrance exam, the ACT.

Compared to the results from spring 2007, the percentage of Michigan public school 11th graders who scored at the proficient or advanced levels improved slightly in the subjects of reading, writing, English language arts, and science. There was no change in the percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced in math. There was a slight decline in the students who scored proficient or advanced in social studies.

"We are seeing the benefits of a renewed emphasis on high school achievement," said State Board of Education President Kathleen N. Straus. "Schools, parents, and students are becoming more aware that high school achievement is the launch pad to post-secondary success and greater opportunity for a high-paying career."

For each subject area, the percentages of 11th grade students achieving proficient or advanced performance levels compared to 11th graders from the previous year were as follows: Reading 62% up from 60%; writing 41% up from 40%; English language arts 52% up from 51%; mathematics 46% in both years; science 57% up from 56%; and social studies 80% down from 83%.

The MME includes a national ACT college entrance exam. On average, Michigan students who took the ACT as part of this state test had the same composite score (18.8) as last year's students on this test.

"The MME, with the inclusion of the ACT, is a rigorous test and all students have to be prepared with the knowledge to excel," said state Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan. "As the requirements of the new high school curriculum continue to be implemented, we expect to see students' scores improve."

The state's new graduation requirements went into effect beginning with last year's freshman class, and are not reflective in this past spring's MME, Flanagan explained.

"Once all students are given the opportunity to become proficient in subjects like algebra, where districts are developing different ways for kids to learn in a traditional classroom or a career pathway, we will see this commitment by schools and students rewarded with greater success for all kids," he said.

Schools receive a variety of printed and electronic reports for the MME, including Parent Reports that show their student's performance on the statewide assessment. Schools are to make available to parents the printed Parent Reports

when students return to class this fall, or to mail the Parent Reports home upon receipt. Parents are encouraged to contact their school's Guidance Office if they do not receive their student's printed Parent Report by mid-September.

The Michigan Merit Exam is given each spring to Michigan 11th grade students. Completing the MME qualifies the student for the \$4,000 Michigan Promise scholarship, administered by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

To qualify for the \$4,000 scholarship, students must take the complete MME and receive scores in reading, writing, mathematics, and science. To qualify for up-front installment payments from the Department of Treasury, students must achieve the Proficient or Advanced level in those same subjects. They will receive \$1,000 during their freshman and sophomore years of college, and then receive the remaining \$2,000 after successfully completing two years of college.

In addition to enabling students to earn the \$4,000 scholarship, taking the MME provides students with a free college-reportable ACT score, accepted by a vast majority of colleges in the United States. They also receive an ACT WorkKeys score for employability skills related to reading for information and applied mathematics.

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Bids will be accepted until **Thursday, September 4, 2008 10:00 a.m.** local time at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Sealed bid packages shall be delivered to: Northville City Clerk's Office 215 W. Main Street Northville, MI 48167. Bid envelopes must include the words "Northville Community Park Irrigation Well Pump Replacement" on the outside of the envelope.

Northville Parks and Recreation reserves the right to waive any irregularities, reject any or all bids or accept any proposals which may be in the best interest of the department.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC TRACI SINCOCK, CPRP  
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(8-14-08 NR 427547)

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Copies of the proposed budget are on file with the Library Director at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady Street, Northville, Michigan, for inspection during regular library hours. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers and property owners of the Northville District Library District, comprised of the City of Northville and the Charter Township of Northville shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the budget.

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# Students entertain shoppers for local music camp finale

Attendees able to design artwork for own CD cover

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Downtown Northville shoppers were pleasantly surprised to hear music wafting through the East Main Street area last Saturday.

Students from a local music school performed live downtown for the finale of a summer music camp.

The annual Summer Music Camp took place at Broughton Music Center in Northville last week, with 12 students participating in the week-long educational experience.

"We had pianists, violinists, cellists, violists and guitarists this year," said Keelan Hogan, sales associate at the school hand drumming instructor at the camp.

The hand drumming portion of the camp included bongo playing, tambourine playing and other hand drum instruments.

The students also recorded a CD of all of their performances and all of the songs they worked on during the camp. They also had the opportunity to design artwork for their CD covers.

Steve Fecht from Steve Fecht Photography next door to the music school and his staff assisted the students in the photo and artwork for the covers.

Chris Ilyas, 10, of Northville, who will be a fifth-grader at Northville Christian School, attended the camp for the first time this year. A pianist, he has been playing for about three years.

"I really enjoyed the camp," Ilyas said. "I liked the hand drumming, photography and making new friends." He took a photo of himself making funny faces for his CD cover.

"I thought it was a good experience and would attend the camp again," he said.

Eleanor Feltnr, 16, of Novi, plays the cello. This was the second year she attended the music camp, but this was the first time she was able to design a CD cover. "It was a lot of fun," she said. "I really liked all the people there and getting to play my cello." Feltnr will be a junior at Northville High School. Her sister, Grace, 9, also attended the



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Northville Record

**ABOVE: Patrick DeRita, 9, jams on his guitar with other music campers in Northville last week. RIGHT: Mary Grace Sinkovich, 9, readies her violin during a band camp held at Northville's Broughton Music Center.**



camp. She plays acoustic guitar, and this was the first year she attended the camp. "I liked performing at the music center, tie-dyeing the T-shirts and the photography," she said. She will be a fourth-grader at Thornton Creek Elementary in the fall.

### A chance to interact

"The goal of the camp was to get the students more involved in music and to allow them to interact with other students," Hogan said. Most of the students at the school have individual lessons.

"This gives them a chance to not only perform with other musicians but also play different types of music," Hogan said.

"The fusion of the different genres of music is pretty interesting. It also gives them the opportunity to perform, which a lot of them have not gotten to do."

The music camp is scheduled each summer. Close to 500 stu-

dents in the area take music lessons at the Northville location.

Students also enjoyed tie-dyeing a T-shirt during the camp that they were able to keep as a souvenir of their music experience.

Instructors at the camp included Laurie Jarski, owner of the school, who taught the string ensemble group and the overall group; Jim Maxwell, who taught the rock guitar class; Hogan, who taught the hand drumming class; Tom Sheppard, who assisted with many different classes; Rob Williams, who taught a class on effects pedals; volunteers Brad Reese and Jaime Arendt; and staff from Steve Fecht Photography, who helped with the CD covers.

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 LOCATION: Barnstormer Banquet Center, Whitmore Lake  
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**Detroit Chadsey Classes of 1958**  
 DATE: Friday, September 19  
 LOCATION: Burton Manor, Livonia  
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 CONTACT: Michael Poterala at (248) 548-4829 or [mspoter-ala@comcast.net](mailto:mspoter-ala@comcast.net).

**Northville High School Class of 1958**  
 TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20  
 LOCATION: Meadowbrook Country Club  
 DETAILS: Cost is \$50 and includes dinner. Cash bar.  
 CONTACT: Ed Wittenberg by e-mail at [edwittenberg@hotmail.com](mailto:edwittenberg@hotmail.com) by Sept. 1.

## ON CAMPUS

**Dartmouth College**  
 Lauren Theresa Rocco of Northville has been cited for outstanding academic achievement in Government 3 during the Spring 2008 term. Members of the Dartmouth faculty are invited to submit citation reports only when a student's work is sufficiently distinguished to merit special recognition. Typically, only a few undergraduates receive citations each term.  
 Rocco is the daughter of Joseph and Rachel Rocco.

**Hope College**  
 Lauren Harmer of Northville has graduated Magna Cum Laude from Hope College. This honor is awarded to graduates who achieved a minimum 3.6 grade point average during their four years of study.

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## CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

### Larceny from auto

Police were dispatched to a residence on Glenhill Drive the morning of July 14 following a report of a theft from a vehicle that took place between 10 p.m. July 13 and 5 a.m. July 14.  
A woman said someone had smashed out the passenger-side window of her vehicle that was parked in the driveway and stole her purse.  
A neighbor called later to say they had found part of the contents of her purse on their lawn.

The woman found all of her belongings except for her money and driver's license. The purse was valued at \$100.  
Another resident reported that someone had gone through the interior of her vehicle on Glenhill Drive between 6 p.m. July 12 and 11 a.m. July 14.  
The man reported that a garage door opener had been moved from the vehicle to the back of another vehicle in the garage, but nothing else was missing.

### Bicycle stolen on Taft

A resident on Taft Road reported that a bicycle was stolen between noon July 19 and 9 p.m. July 20.  
The woman said her bike was locked outside her condo next to two other bikes that were not disturbed.  
The 15-to-20-year-old black Concord bike was valued at \$1,000 when purchased.  
Another officer was able to recover the stolen bike for the resident when he handled a

found bicycle report July 21.

### Underage alcohol arrests

Three 16-year-old Canton men were arrested and issued citations for underage alcohol consumption at 10:51 p.m. July 18 on Griswold Street.  
An officer on routine patrol found the youths when making a property check of businesses along Griswold.  
The property is an office

complex at 670 Griswold that is complex secluded and bordered by train tracks to the west and Lake Success, an old gravel pit, to the east.  
The officer noticed several vehicles parked along the north side of the first parking lot when all of the businesses were closed.  
The boys admitted they had gone behind the businesses to drink. Police found cans of Keystone Light beer at the scene.

A 17-year-old Northville Township man and 18-year-old Northville Township man were also arrested for underage consumption of alcohol at 12:31 a.m. July 14 on Walnut Street.  
An officer was dispatched to the residence on a loud music complaint.  
The 18-year-old cut his hand climbing a fence behind the apartment while trying to evade police.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

## NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

### Driving, license suspended

A Redford Township man was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 5:40 p.m. on June 30 at Haggerty and Five Mile roads.  
An officer was notified by another officer, who was working as a spotter, that a vehicle had turned left on a red light onto eastbound Five Mile Road from southbound Haggerty Road.  
A Sterling Heights man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 8:54 p.m. on June 30 at Five Mile Road and Centennial Drive. An officer pulled the man over because he noticed that he had a January 2008 tab on his license plate, and he learned that the man's license plate had expired on Jan. 29.  
A Northville Township man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 3:34 a.m. on July 2 at E. Northville Place

Drive and Eight Mile Road. The man was pulled over because he did not have an operational license plate light.  
An Inkster man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 12:57 p.m. on July 3 at Six Mile and Haggerty roads. The man was pulled over for disobeying a red light while turning from southbound Haggerty Road onto eastbound Six Mile Road.  
**Attempted theft from car**  
A Northville Township woman reported that someone had gone through her vehicle between 9 p.m. July 2 and 9:30 a.m. July 3, and she also found the driver's door ajar and the dome light on. Contents of the center console had been dumped onto the car seat.

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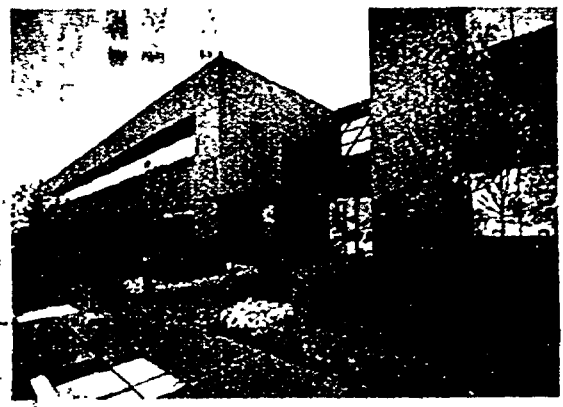
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**NOMI reopening**

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**Script and the City closing**

Although the business just opened on Oct. 7, 2007, Script and the City, a stationary, cards and custom invitation shop located at 105 N. Center Street, is looking for a buyer.

Unfortunately, owner Tanya Rynicke's husband, Dennis, has been transferred to Chicago, so she'll be moving to the Windy City with him.

A "For Sale" sign has been posted in the window for several weeks.

"I'm in the process of trying to sell it," Rynicke said on Monday.

Interested parties can contact her at (248) 349-3885. The store will be closing sometime in September. A going-out-of-business sale is going on now.

**Red Pepper Deli to open**

For those who like fresh, vegetarian food, the Red Pepper Deli, under the ownership of Carolyn Simon, is supposed to open soon at 116 W. Main St.

The organic deli will be on the lower level of the Long Building across the street from Northville Square on West Main Street on the north side of the building facing the parking lot. The deli will offer about 90 percent raw food.

"We'll be making lots of smoothies and will serve nut milk and

fresh juices," Simon said.

This will be the place to go to jump start healthy eating habits by making better food choices.

The menu will include salads and sandwiches made-to-order every day with fresh herbs, greens and

homemade dressings with special entrees, soups and desserts that will change daily.

In addition to a selection of raw breads the Red Pepper Deli will also carry a couple of Great Harvest Bread Company's delicious selec-

tions.

The menu will also feature wheat grass, raw desserts made from fruit and vegetables and raw cookies from Michigan's health-food store, The Tree House. Health tonics made from fresh juices will also be

sold.

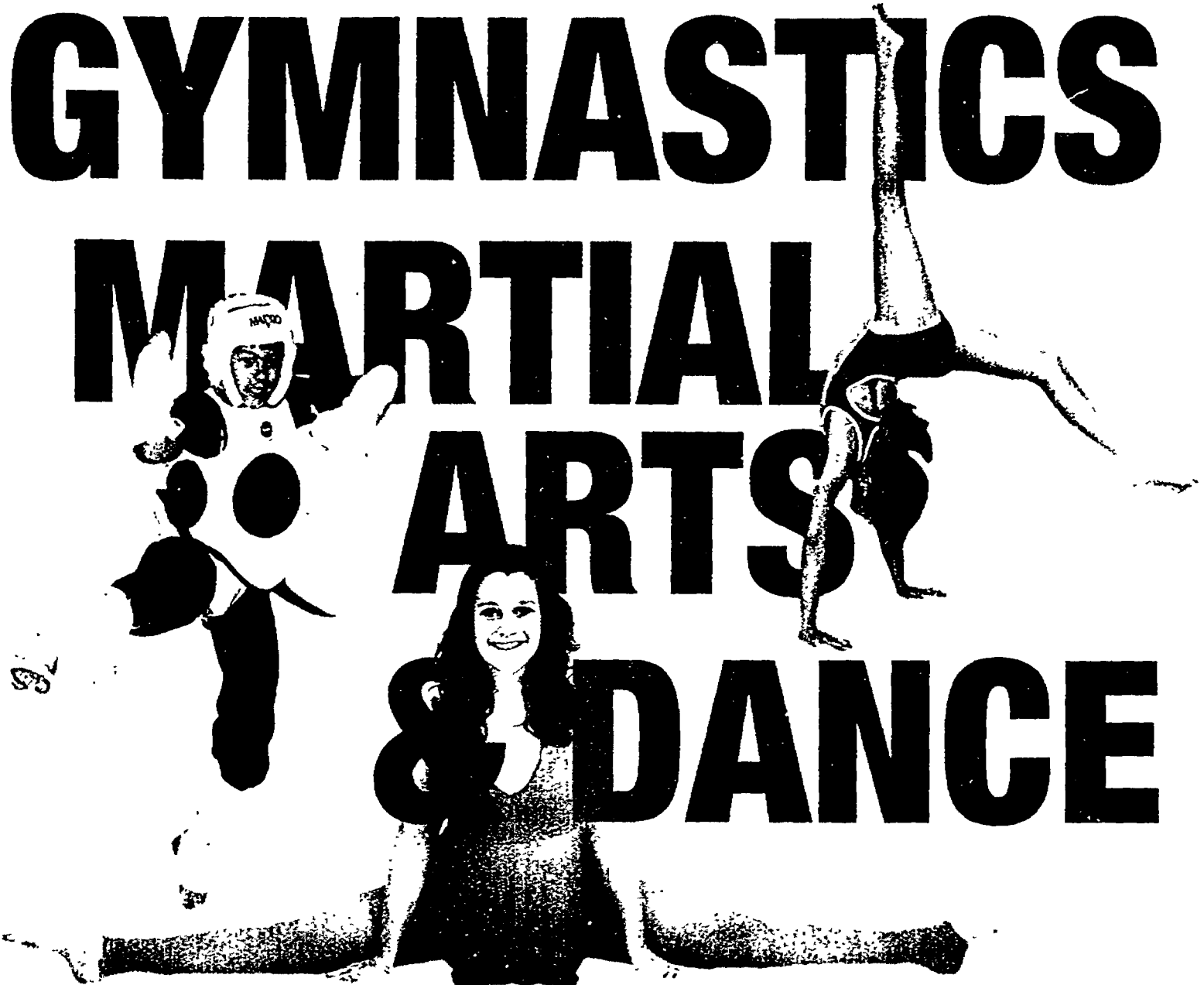
"I'd really like to open by Labor Day Weekend," Simon said.

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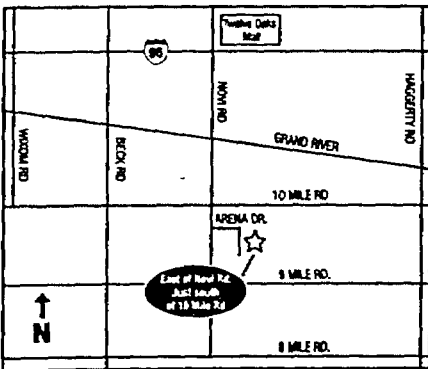
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# SPRING FORWARD

## KLAA brings good and bad changes to schedules

By Jeff Thelsen  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The final phase of the high school sports season comes with the spring weather and finishes with the summer heat.

By then, two seasons of sports in the brand new Kensington Lakes Activities Association will be in the books.

But the biggest sports season of all will be waiting to crown inaugural division, conference and association champions.

The KLAA consists of all the teams from the KVC and WLAA with a new school from South Lyon and a pair of schools from Waterford involved.

The mega-conference will have 24 teams once Parker (in Howell) is open and joins.

As it stands, the 23-team league is broken into four divisions.

Northville is paired with schools being very close in proximity, including arch-rival Novi, to make up the Central Division. The other teams include South Lyon, new school South Lyon East (which has every class but seniors this year), Livonia Stevenson and Salem.

The South Division fills out the other half of what is known as the Kensington Conference. The South consists of Canton, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Wayne and John Glenn.

The 12-team Lakes Conference consists of the North and West Divisions.

In the North are Lakeland, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott.

The West includes Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Milford, Pinckney and Parker (when or if it opens).

The following is a look at how the Northville spring sports will be affected.

### Baseball

Northville head coach John Kostrzewa is looking forward to the new league, but not the schedule.

Monday and Wednesday will be single games with doubleheaders on Fridays.

Kostrzewa was used to playing single games Friday and possibly a tournament or a doubleheader with a non-conference opponent on Saturday.

If he tried that this year, he runs the risk of playing four or more games in a 24-hour period.

"The old schedule allowed you to play a real tough non-league schedule on Saturdays," he said. "If you happen to have a rainout, when are you going to make that

up? You could play five out of seven days."

He said the new schedule of games would make it taxing on a Major League team.

But it's not all doom and gloom for the Mustangs. Kostrzewa is looking forward to playing Novi in a game that now has a lot more meaning to it with divisional and conference titles on the line.

"That's a good thing. That's one of the positives for our sport," he said. "I think the concept of the league is great. I think it's going to be a fantastic league."

The strength in the Central Division is going to create quite a race with Novi, Salem (WLAA runner-up), South Lyon and Stevenson battling it out with newcomer South Lyon East.

"Our division is going to be tough," Kostrzewa said. "It's going to be real competitive."

### Softball

Northville softball will be combined with the two teams that have kept the Mustangs from winning the WLAA title the past two years — Stevenson and Salem. Throw in rival Novi and South Lyon from the KVC, and it should make for a wild path for whichever team wins the title. New school South Lyon East isn't expected to be ready to challenge just yet.

"I definitely think that the KLAA will be the premier league in the state," Mustang head coach Teryn Chrzanowski said. "We have a lot of talent and great competition and it will be hard for all teams to win a conference championship."

On the downside, Chrzanowski is skeptical of how the schedule will be handled — single games Monday and Wednesday and doubleheaders Friday.

"We are now playing four games a week instead of three, which makes it more difficult on pitchers," she said. "We usually play double headers or tournaments on a few weekends throughout the season and double-headers on Fridays makes it a lot harder to keep our players from burning out."

That aside, Chrzanowski can appreciate the lack of travel with the tight location of the schools.

### Girls Soccer

The Mustangs will be part of the hardest division in the state. Joining Novi and Stevenson, the three teams are almost always ranked in the top 10 and sometimes in the top five together.

Before last year, Novi had won three straight state titles. Before that, Northville was the state

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continued on 2 KLAA softball teams will play single games Mondays and Wednesdays with a doubleheader on Fridays.



Mustang Anthony Sergle takes a cut.



A Wildcat and Mustang battle for control of the ball.



Two Mustangs complete a handoff in a 4x100 relay race.

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# Spice Up Summer VEGGIE STYLE

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**S**ummer is the perfect time to take the party outdoors — longer days, warmer weather and plenty of seasonal ingredients to plan a menu around. Creating a relaxed backyard bash is easy! Professional chef and Food Network personality Cat Cora has recipes that can stand the heat and are great for any casual outdoor gathering.

Chef Cora uses colorful and tasty ingredients to whip up the ideal summer meal in minutes. She offers some sizzling recipes that are easy to prepare and save time in the kitchen.

For a Mediterranean take on the classic burger, Chef Cora recommends blending Kalamata olives, fresh scallions and tangy feta with veggie burgers.

"Nothing says summer like burgers on the grill, and the Greek Veggie Burgers with Olive Garlic Sauce are my absolute favorite — extra flavorful and juicy," said Chef Cora. "This recipe can easily be doubled or tripled when serving crowds, and you can make these burgers on an outside grill while enjoying the party."

If your guests crave more than burgers, add a bit of sophistication with a spicy Asian mango stir-fry — complete with crisp vegetables, Thai chili, toasted almonds and Morningstar Farms Asian Veggie Patties. Or try Chef Cora's veggie steak and spinach salad with a lively soy-lime dressing. It's a refreshing complement to any summer meal.

For more quick recipes and fun food ideas, visit [www.seeveggedifferently.com](http://www.seeveggedifferently.com).



Greek Veggie Burger With Olive Garlic Sauce



Spicy Mango Stir Fry

**Spicy Mango Stir Fry**

Prep Time: 40 minutes  
Time to Table: 40 minutes  
Yield: 8 cups stir-fry mixture; 4 to 6 servings

- 4 Morningstar Farms Asian Veggie Patties (1 package), thawed
- 1 Thai chili pepper, birdseye chili pepper, small red Serrano pepper or jalapeño pepper, seeded and thinly sliced\*
- 1/4 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon grated gingerroot
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil or vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 cup broccoli florets
- 1 large carrot, bias-sliced (1/2 cup)
- 1/2 cup sliced yellow, red or green bell pepper
- 3 mangoes, peeled, pitted and sliced
- 1/2 cup fresh snow peas, trimmed
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon sliced green onion (optional)
- 1 tablespoon slivered almonds, toasted (optional)

Cut each veggie patty into 4 strips. Place in 9 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with chili pepper. In small dish, stir together soy sauce, gingerroot and garlic. Pour over patties. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes. In large nonstick wok or skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Stir-fry onion in hot oil for 1 to 2 minutes. Add broccoli, carrot and bell pepper. Stir-fry for 2 to 3 minutes or until crisp-tender. Stir in mangoes. Add snow peas, patty strips and marinade. Cook and gently stir for 1 to 2 minutes or until heated through. Stir in cilantro. Garnish with green onion and almonds, if desired. Serve immediately.

\*Note: Using the jalapeño pepper decreases the spicy hotness of the stir-fry. Since hot chili peppers contain volatile oils that can burn your skin or eyes, wear disposable or rubber gloves when working with them. If your bare hands do touch the chili peppers, wash your hands with soap and water.



Professional chef and Food Network personality Cat Cora

**Greek Veggie Burgers With Olive Garlic Sauce**

Serves 4

- 4 Morningstar Farms Grillers Original Veggie Burger Patties

**Sauce**

- 2 tablespoons plain low-fat yogurt (strained if you like)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/3 cup Kalamata olives, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped scallion
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon fresh oregano, chopped
- 2 tablespoons crumbled feta

**Rolls and toppings**

- 4 onion hamburger rolls, split and toasted
- 4 lettuce leaves, washed and dried
- 4 tomato slices
- 4 cucumber slices (optional)
- 4 thin slices red onion (optional)

Place frozen veggie burger patties in non-stick skillet. Heat burgers, covered, over medium heat for 7 to 7 1/2 minutes, turning burgers halfway through cooking time.

While burgers cook, stir together yogurt, garlic and all remaining sauce ingredients. To serve, place each burger on a roll, spoon on a little garlic sauce, and top with lettuce, tomato, cucumber, and onion slices to your taste.

**Asian Spinach Salad**

Prep Time: 20 minutes  
Time to Table: 20 minutes  
Yield: 12 cups salad; 4 to 6 servings

- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 2 small cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 10 cups fresh baby spinach leaves (about 8 ounces)
- 1 medium red onion, halved and sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 package Morningstar Farms Meal Starters Veggie Steak Strips
- 2 tablespoons dry roasted unsalted peanuts (optional)

In small bowl, combine lime juice, soy sauce, cilantro, brown sugar and garlic. Whisk in 2 tablespoons of the oil. Set aside.

In large salad bowl, place spinach. In large nonstick skillet heat 1 teaspoon of the remaining oil over medium-high heat. Add onion. Cook, stirring occasionally, about 3 minutes or until tender. Stir in salt and pepper. Spoon on top of spinach in bowl.

In same skillet, heat remaining 2 teaspoons oil. Add veggie steak strips. Cook and stir for 2 to 3 minutes or until heated through. Remove from skillet. Keep warm.

Add lime juice mixture to hot skillet, stirring to remove any bits of steak strips. Heat through. Drizzle over spinach and onions. Arrange steak strips on top. Garnish with peanuts, if desired. Serve immediately.

All recipes courtesy of Cat Cora



Asian Spinach Salad

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# Dance and Dreams

## Dance students pursue dreams at Gayle's

By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

**For** the past 26 years, it has been all about tradition and dreams at Gayle's DancePhase dance studio in Wixom. In fact, the theme of the last recital — the 26th annual recital — was "Where Dreams Begin."

For the many dancers who have trained at Gayle's DancePhase, whether they were serious, having fun, or getting great exercise (or all three), it has truly been a time for dreams.

### A BEGINNING FOR DREAMS

Under the guidance of co-owners and instructors Gayle Winnie and Tina Bishop, the studio has become a center of cultural enrichment for young girls and boys, who have learned the importance of discipline and training through dance instruction.

Gayle's sister, Tina Bishop, wrote in the "Where Dreams Begin" program introduction "We see our students as the next generation of this family. We cherish them while they dance, we miss them when they leave, and we embrace them when they return to visit. The DancePhase students make our dreams come true every day, and we hope to see them all reaching for stars!"

Speaking of reaching for the stars, Gayle and her staff recently came back from Hollywood where they trained and danced with many well-known national instructors. While there, the dancers had a chance to see a taping of the television show "So You Think You Can Dance" and interacted with the cast.

This is just one of the many activities that students participate in as part of their ongoing learning experience at Gayle's DancePhase.

### TEAM DANCE

The competitive dance teams were national award winners in Las Vegas in 2007 and will represent the studio in 2008 at a similar competition in Ohio, where they anticipate winning many awards. But winning awards is not the ultimate goal of Gayle and her trained staff of professional instructors.

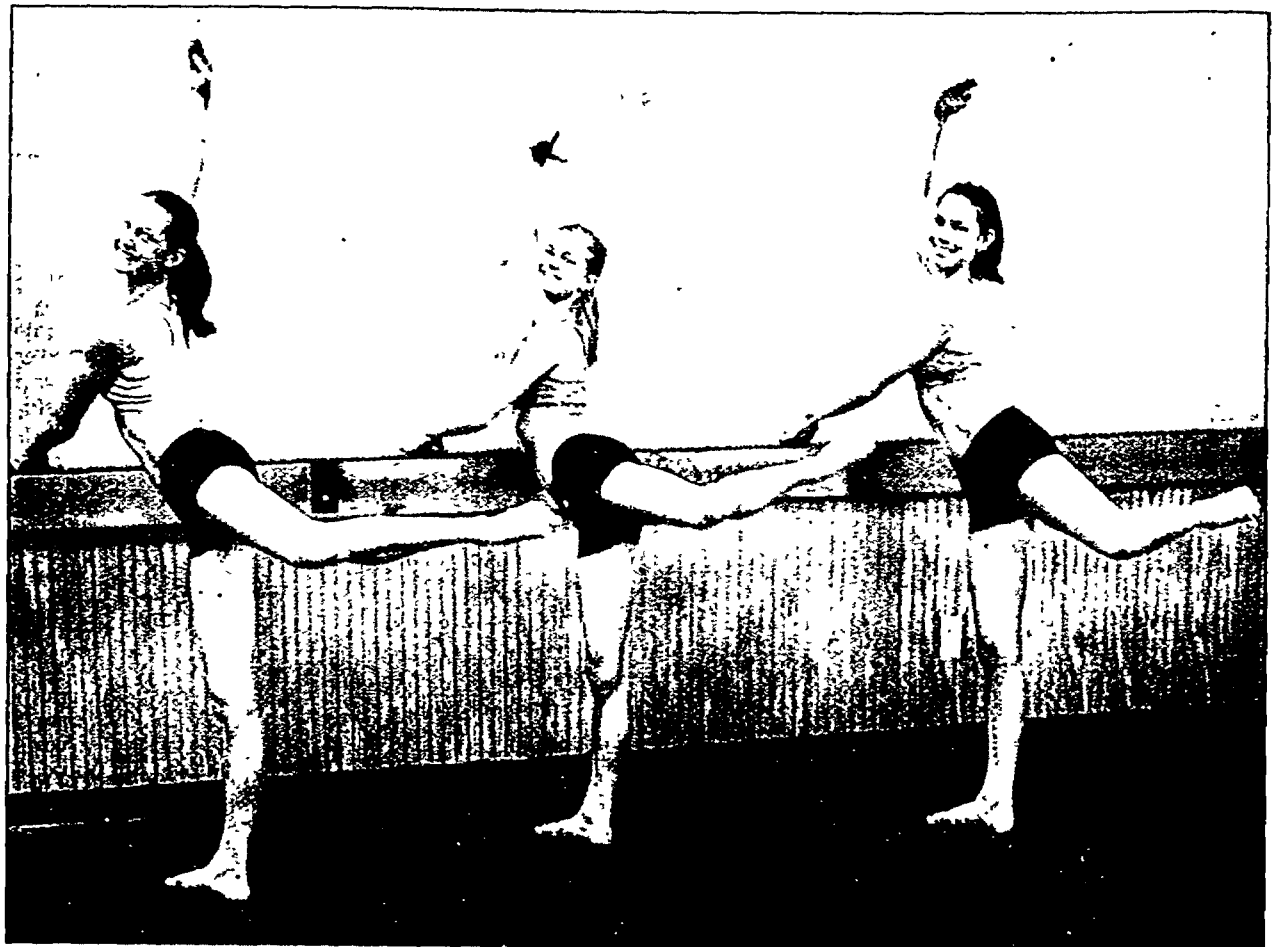
"We don't only teach kids to win competitions, we teach them to dance," Gayle said. "What they get out of their experience here benefits them in their life skills. But there are probably at least 50 dancers who have been with us over the 25 years who are now making a living in dance."

### HAVING FUN

Besides the national and regional competitions, the students at Gayle's DancePhase participate in a number of different events.

Dancers perform regularly at Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock basketball games, the South Lyon Pumpkin Fest Parade, at Cobo Hall, local malls, homes for the elderly, and much more.

Gayle's DancePhase brings in guest teachers several times throughout the dance year. These



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Gayle's DancePhase in Wixom offers classes in Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Pointe, Lyrical, Ballet Technique, Hip Hop, Jazz Technique, Tumbling, and combination classes.



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professional teachers are from all over the country. "They provide personal attention, which is great for a determined dancer," said Gayle.

The studio is also home to the Majestic Dance Ensemble of Michigan. This local ballet company performs in Ann Arbor each season. The ballet company is open to ballet students ages 6 and up from all over Michigan.

### DADS AND BOYS

Young boys also have opportunities to "burn off energy" as Gayle said during a special all-boys hip-hop class. Some of them do it for fun while others are very serious about dance.

"We also have an active group of dads who are here to support their children," said Gayle. "They build props and even dance in a fun number."

Gayle's DancePhase is located at 51770 Grand River Ave. in Wixom, and offers classes in Tap, Jazz,



Boys, girls and adults not only learn to dance at Gayle's DancePhase in Wixom, but also enjoy great physical conditioning, life-long poise and personal confidence.

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Gayle is very big on communication between her staff and the

families and dancers. "We are very organized and believe in a communications system," she said. Each student is given a physical mailbox where information including newsletters, notes, and dance shows are regularly put in a folder in each mailbox. Lost and found items can often be found in the mailboxes, too!

At the end of the day, as Tina stated in the recital program, the studio appreciates the trust that parents put in them to share their "most valuable possessions with us."

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