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Northville grief support center to have new home

Historical Society to lease house at 315 Griswold St.

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Cathy Clough and her staff at the New Hope Center for Grief Support are getting a nice Christmas present this year.

After coping with a too-small space for years, the staff will move soon to a historic house at 315 Griswold Street.

Members of the Northville Historical Society will lease the home to the business. City council approved the lease agreement in a 3-1 vote on Monday night, and John Baird, chairman of the New Hope board, gave final approval on behalf on Tuesday. Michele Fecht voted against



Cathy Clough

the proposal, and Nancy Darga was asked to abstain from voting as she is a member of the Northville Historical Society Board.

"There is some work that needs to be done on the home," Clough said. "We have a crew of skilled volunteers who will be doing the work, which includes making the building handicapped accessible and also putting in some support beams." The center director is not sure exactly when the move will take place. The goal is to perhaps move to the new location in February.

The long-term goal for the house on Griswold is for it to be turned into a historical museum. Archives are currently stored in the temperature-controlled garage of the home.

Historical society members entered into discussions with the center in the fall of 2007 regarding leasing the main floor of the city-owned house for an office for the center.

"We're anticipating this move with great joy so we can expand our services to the community," Clough said.

The space the center now occupies at 113 E. Dunlap since May 2000 is about 500 square feet for four paid staff and an abundance of volunteers. The center offers grief support services to adults and children who are grieving after the death of a loved one. All the services are offered at no charge. For more information, call

(248) 348-0115.

In January, the Board of Zoning Appeals granted a use variance to allow an office use for the grief support center.

The same month, city council approved a rental agreement with New Hope, subject to review and approval by the city attorney, proof that the organization is nonprofit and that all building permits are obtained and an occupancy permit is issued prior to the staff moving into the house.

New provisions were later negotiated, including the extension of the lease from one year to four; the rent being reduced from \$375 a month in the first year and \$400 month in the second year to \$325 in the first year and \$350 in the

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Written by Anne Margaret Lewis. Illustrated by Elisa Chavarri

COVER ILLUSTRATIONS BY ELISA CHAVARRI

Northville resident Elisa Chavarri designed this cover art for Traverse City author Anne Margaret Lewis' children's book "Santa Goes Green."

This illustration from the book "Santa Goes Green" depicts Finn, the lead character in the children's book, with Leopold, his adopted polar bear.



PHOTO COURTESY ELISA CHAVARRI

Freelance illustrator Elisa Chavarri of Northville created the colorful illustrations in the new children's book "Santa Goes Green."

DDA explores future of Northville's Cady Town

Just in talking phase now

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Cady Town on the south side of downtown Northville may become a more vibrant area in the future, depending on what city leaders and developers can accomplish.

The area was the subject of a discussion at Tuesday's Northville Downtown Development Authority meeting, with Planning Commission Chair Jay Wendt reviewing some possibilities for the land.

The discussion also included the vision for the Northville Downs site at the northeast corner of Center Street and Seven Mile Road, which would be an intricate part of a Cady Town project.

One of the most exciting concepts Wendt mentioned was a continuous river walk that would attract more visitors to Northville.

"I would also like to see Griswold Street extended to Seven Mile Road and have the Farmers' Market move to Cady Town," Wendt said.

The idea of having the market open year-round was also mentioned if it could be moved to an indoor facility.

Wendt compared the "new" Cady Town as something similar to Ann Arbor's Kerrytown, featuring trendy restaurants and unique shops.

City planners would have to discuss future concepts with the Northville Chamber of Commerce, as it is right in the midst of the area on south Main Street.

Northville Downs covers the river, now, so if plans were to build a river walk, opening up the river all the way to Hines Park, discussions would have to begin with the race track's owners.

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Northville artist illustrates 'go green' book

Children's story getting rave reviews

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville artist Elisa Chavarri knows just what to suggest for the environmentally-enlightened child this Christmas.

She recently illustrated the book "Santa Goes Green" by Traverse City author Anne Margaret Lewis and distributed through Mackinac Island Press.

The children's book is a charming story about Finn, a boy who

tries to save Leopold, a polar bear he has adopted, from the impact of global warming. The tale is about the power one boy can have on the world around him.

Lewis has authored 10 children's books and is an Amazon and Barnes & Noble Top 50 best-seller and award-winning author (Ben Franklin Award Finalist, Midwest Booksellers Children's Honor Book of the Year, two-time American Booksellers Association BookSense Selections). She is currently work-

ing on a series of Finn & Leopold books.

The publisher just sold the option for movie rights to the book Dec. 5 to SeaStar Productions, which is run by a former Disney executive.

"Santa Goes Green" can be purchased at Barnes & Noble in Northville Township or at Borders in Novi. Readers can also buy it online (and preview the entire book) at www.mackinacislandpress.com.

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BORN TO BE AN ARTIST

Chavarri has been interested in art for as long as she can remember, even before preschool, and attended the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia.

"Drawing is something I've always enjoyed, and it probably helped that I had lots of encouragement from many creative family members, especially my mom," she said.

For the illustrations of "Santa Goes Green," her goal was to convey the cheerfulness and hope asso-

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"We can't do anything as long as the race track is there, but we have no desire for them to go away, because we love them," Wendt said.

Greg Presley, DDA chair, said the track owners have been approached in the past about the possibility of developing the site. "They have said that maybe that could happen in the future, but not now," Presley said. The track also provides a major source of revenue to the city.

"We need additional planning for that whole area before we get any developers there," said Carolann Ayers, DDA board member.

"If we work collectively, we could come up with a plan," said member Joan Wadsworth.

"This area has some potential," said Pat Sullivan, city manager.

Other ideas presented were to feature residential development in the south Center Street area, which could be developed with live-work units.

"There's also been some talk about bringing Beal Street all the way up to Wing or at least to Center Street," Wendt said.

"Cady Town can be the lighthouse of this town," he said. A meeting will be scheduled with several interested parties on the potential redevelopment of the area, with more information to be presented at the Jan. 20 DDA meeting. The potential development of the race track will be discussed further at the February DDA meeting. Questions include whether the race track owners are interested in furthering the economic development of the city and what they see as their long-term investment plans.

CADY TOWN OPPORTUNITIES, CONSTRAINTS

The city of Northville Master Plan states the following about Cady Town

- The vacant or underutilized properties of Cady Town provide opportunities for redevelopment
- Parcels within Cady Town are on the downtown fringe and are logically situated for growth and new investment.
- The Middle Rouge River and connection to the Mill Pond provide opportunities for riverfront development and walkways
- The historic significance of the Belanger Building should be preserved
- Reconstruction of the Beal Street Bridge would aid circulation and connection to Beal Town
- Former industrial sites may present environmental challenges
- Floodplain may present constraints for a portion of the site
- The city may consider zoning incentives such as height or density in exchange for developments which offer community benefits, historic preservation or environmental enhancement

ILLUSTRATOR

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ciated with the holidays and to create lovable characters.

"I strive to make my art fun, something that hopefully brings a smile to the viewer and something anyone can relate to," she said.

As a freelance illustrator and animator, she works with many different clients and art directors.

"It's very rewarding as an illustrator to see your work in print, and I've recently discovered how great it feels to be able to hold a children's book in your hands and turn the pages after a lifetime of loving children's books."

JUST MOVED TO NORTHVILLE

Chavarri just moved to Northville last January.

"My fiance got a job in Novi, but when we started looking for apartments we fell in love with Northville's charm and knew we wanted to live here. I like that the Northville community has a small-town feel, and the downtown and historic homes are beautiful."

Her fiance is from Alpena, and they are marrying Dec. 27 in her hometown of Lima, Peru, where she lived until age 4.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading, cooking, movies and dogs.

"My philosophy as far as my art is to always do my best work, keep pushing myself

and not just get into a comfort zone. Because of my interests and training in classical animation and children's illustration, most of my artwork is story- and character-driven."

She finds most of her clients through direct-mail pieces, and sent samples to Mackinac Island Press.

"I was excited to see such neat children's books coming from a publisher in Michigan," Chavarri said. "Fortunately, they liked what they saw and contacted me for this book."

Brian Lewis of Mackinac Island Press (author Anne Margaret Lewis' husband) said Chavarri has worked with many top companies, including Scholastic.

"She's not only incredibly talented, she is a great person," Lewis said.

He said Polar Bears International, the group that helped get polar bears on the protected list, has already endorsed the book, and a portion of the sale of each book goes back to protect polar bears. Gund is negotiating with us to make Leopold, the polar bear from the book, into an official Polar Bear International plush for next year. General Growth Properties plans to theme all of their malls with the book in 2009.

The company is also promoting the book on www.thegivings.pree.com, with a portion of sales going to Polar Bears International and Habitat for Humanity.

"Santa Goes Green" is getting rave reviews from teachers, librarians, parents and especially kids," Lewis said.

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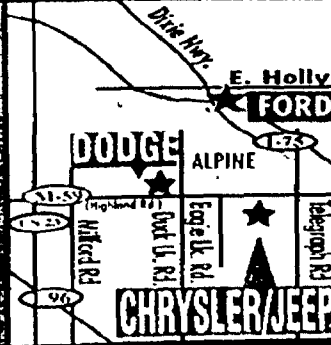
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RESOURCES FOR WOMEN

A good place to start is with the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement. A savvy resource that offers easy-to-understand information on topics like money management, retirement planning, saving and investing, as well as Social Security, health care and more. It also provides a retirement calculator and checklists of things you need to know if you become divorced, widowed or a caregiver. You can find this information at www.wiserwomen.org <<http://www.wiserwomen.org>> or you can call 202-393-5452 and order their publications for a few dollars. Two other Web sites worth a look are www.ms.money.com and www.wife.org.

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Gettin' brown in downtown

■ Oasis Tropical Tanning opens in Square on Main

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Shona Durocher-Patel says there's more to tanning salons these days than just the promise of darker skin.

Her and her husband's new business, Oasis Tropical Tanning, that just opened about a month ago at Northville Square at 133 W. Main St., offers such services as skin rejuvenation and the treatment of some skin conditions. A grand opening took place Nov. 21.

A native of the Romeo-Utica area and now a resident of Woodhaven in the Downriver area, she and her husband, Diven Patel, a pharmacist, also own a pharmacy in Woodhaven.

"I got him the book, 'The Secret.' The next thing you know he says, 'We're going to open another business,'" she said.

"The Secret," by Australian author Rhonda Byrne explores the power of positive thinking and how it can lead to success, and wealthy, in life.

"Initially, we were going to move here and even put a down payment down on a house, but with the market the way it is, we'd never be able to sell our house," she said. "But we really liked the area, and my husband thought we should open another business."

He found the downtown Northville location online. "So, here we are," she said.

They also have three children - one that just started high school, one that just started kindergarten and a 2-year-old.

The 1,400-square-foot space definitely has a tropical feel, with orange walls and palm-tree-inspired lamps in the lobby and a palm-tree decal on the large window at the back of the suite.

"I love palm trees," she said.

The salon offers several different types of beds, sunglasses and all different types of sun tanning lotions.

The skin-care line is by Serriesse, owned by actor Sylvester Stallone's wife, and nutritional products by S-Force, owned by Stallone. This includes Amia Rush, an energizing powdered drink mix.

TANNING BEDS

Oasis has five tanning beds - two Level I beds, one Level II bed, one Level

DETAILS

Oasis Tropical Tanning is located at 133 W. Main St. in downtown's Northville Square. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Walk-ins are welcome or call (248) 305-5482. A Web site will be coming soon at www.oasistannorthville.com

III bed, and the skin-rejuvenation bed, which provides no tanning at all.

"This bed produces infrared photo-therapy for fine lines, wrinkles, moisture, redness," Durocher-Patel said. "I actually had a customer in the other day who had an allergic reaction to something that affected his hands. He used the bed and it cleared the symptoms."

In the VersaSpa spray booth, patrons can receive a spray tan, an anti-aging spray moisturizer or both.

"You can have your whole body, just your face or legs," Durocher-Patel said. A prep spray is also available. "They have this at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas. As soon as you walk out, you're 20 percent darker, and it lasts about a week. Every hour for about 12 hours, it gets a little darker."

Tanning packages are available, with costs ranging from \$10, \$12 or \$14 for a face-only tan; \$14, \$16 or \$18 for legs-only; and \$25, \$30 and \$35 for full body. The most expensive service available is the full-body prep, max bronze and hydration treatment for \$45.

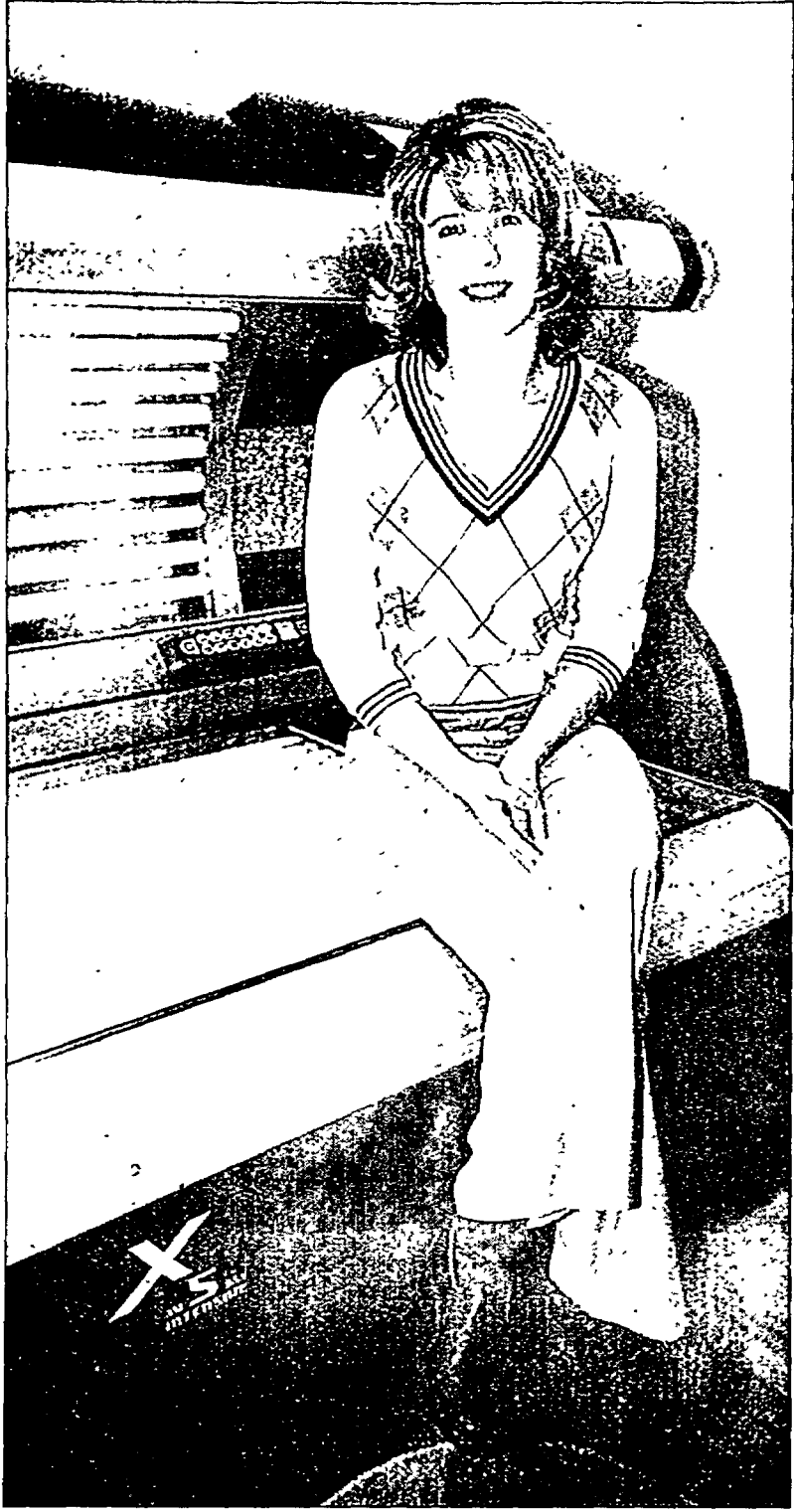
"Some claim there are actually health benefits to tanning because of the vitamin D," she added.

It was the skin rejuvenation bed that actually prompted her to talk her husband into opening the tanning salon. She experienced one at another tanning salon near her home and Woodhaven and feels it even helps relieve the pain of her arthritis.

"I thought, 'Wow. If we could offer the skin rejuvenation bed along with the tanning beds, people would come,'" she said.

Soon, the business will also offer massage and facials.

"We're very happy to be here," Durocher-Patel said.



Shona Durocher-Patel pauses near one of the many tanning beds of her recently-opened Oasis Tropical Tanning Spa inside Northville Square.

PHOTO BY JOHN FEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

NEW HOME

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second, third and fourth years.

New Hope will now pay for electric and gas, with the city paying for water, sewer and garbage. (The city was responsible for all utilities under the original agreement.)

The center would also be required to give the city a year's notice if the staff decides to end the lease.

Society members want to lease the property to generate revenue to offset maintenance and utility costs for the building. The lease agreement will generate \$3,900 in new revenue for the society in the first year and \$4,200 in year two, less the expense of upgrading the house for office use.

Chris Gazlay, president of the historical society, said that the society's budget is zero for operating Mill Race Village, and that members have been forced to dip into the endowment to run it.

Fecht voted against the rental proposal because she thought it might set a dangerous precedent, with other counseling centers currently leasing property in the city at decidedly higher rents.

"I don't think we can be in the business of subsidizing counseling centers," Fecht said. "I think you're putting a Band-Aid on a much bigger issue (the lack of funding for Mill Race Village). The city owns the property and the building, and there are better ways of providing a better revenue stream (for the village)."

Mayor Chris Johnson, however, favored the deal. "You do have the potential for a conflict (with other city businesses), but I think this is a real effort to squeeze every nickel that's out there (for the society). I would be willing to try this out," he said.

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• For the Dec. 25 edition, display advertising and editorial deadlines are Friday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. The deadline for classified advertising is Monday, Dec. 22, at 4 p.m.

• For the Jan. 1 edition, display advertising and editorial deadlines are Friday, Dec. 26, at 5 p.m. The deadline for classified advertising is Monday, Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.

News submissions can be sent to news@northvillerecord.com or calling (248) 349-1799, Ext. 237. Display advertising inquiries should be directed to (248) 349-1700, Ext. 229. The classified advertising department can be reached at (888) 999-1288.

CVS grand opening set

The new CVS Pharmacy in downtown Northville at 133 E. Dunlap St. just east of Center Street will have a grand opening celebration from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21. Santa Claus will be on hand from noon to 2 p.m. Special events will be going on in the store throughout the celebration, and food will be served, featuring hot dogs, chips, cake and beverages. One man's name and one woman's name will be pulled from sign-up slips in the store and will be named a king and a queen shopper, respectively. Shoppers have until 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, to sign up for an opportunity to be one of the royal shoppers. The two will be involved in the store's grand opening ceremonies and will receive a \$25 gift card for CVS purchases. Store hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Meijer helps the needy

The Northville Township Meijer store is matching funds from what is being donated by local shoppers at the store and giving the money to given to Northville



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From left: Greg Presley, chair of the Northville Downtown Development Authority; Patty Castrodale of Brookside Travel; Lois Presley; and Chris Roosen, township trustee, at the Dec. 10 Northville Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party at the offices of Cambridge Homes, located in the Portafino Model Home in the Tuscany Reserve subdivision in Novi. The event is one of the most well-attended community parties each year for city of Northville and township business owners and others involved in the two communities. The party, sponsored by Cambridge Homes, was catered by Little Italy Ristorante in downtown Northville. Attendees were also asked to bring a nonperishable food item to be donated to the Northville Civic Concern food bank.

Civic Concern in the form of gift cards. Marlene Kunz, director of the charity, said the store collected \$435 from Meijer shoppers the first week of the campaign, making the contribution \$870 to the organization. "This is the first time we've ever been chosen for this contribution," Kunz said "We had five children who still needed angel shoppers for their Christmas list. These gift cards were used to purchase items at Meijer for the children." Kunz thanks all of the area residents and Meijer for their contributions during the holidays.

Register for Ski and Snowboard Club

Northville Parks and Recreation is taking registrations for Ski and Snowboard Club. All students in middle and high schools are encouraged to participate. Club

membership includes bus transportation on Friday evenings, group lift tickets and rental equipment discounts and lessons at Mt. Brighton Ski Area. Club membership is limited.

Registration is \$165 for city and township residents; \$170 for school district residents in the City of Novi; and \$175 for non-residents.

Adult chaperones are needed for trips and will receive complimentary skiing. Contact the Northville Parks and Recreation Department (Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline Road) 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or call (248) 349-0203.

NHS singers for hire

Northville area residents and businesses have a unique opportunity to hire special entertainment for their holiday parties. Members of the NHS Choir program,

including BackBeat and TrebleMakers, are available to sing at private events during the holidays and throughout the year. The money raised is used to defray the cost for students to go on the spring choir tour.

For more information, contact Mary Kay Price, NHS Choir Director, at Prycema@northville.k12.mi.us

'Tis the month before Christmas at Northville Pole

Childhood magic comes to life in the Victorian town of Northville this holiday season. Relive the memories of seeing the collection of Santa's at the downtown Hudson store while waiting in line to tell your "wish list" to the jolly old elf himself. Northville Square located at 133 W. Main Street in downtown Northville will be transformed into the

Northville Pole through Dec. 21. There will be a unique display with more than 100 Santas. Visitors will also be charmed by the grand heart-warming village scene that stretches across nearly 20 feet of windows.

It is a free event for the whole family. Santa will be available for photos with the children from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays; and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Northville Pole is located in Northville Square at 133 W. Main Street, Northville MI. For further information contact Miss Harriet's Dance Studio at (248) 349-1111.

Saddlery aids Gleaners

Northville Saddlery, 200 S. Main St., Suite C, in Northville, is serving as a collection site for the second year for Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. "Sometimes we

get so involved in the holiday rush that we forget the real meaning of Christmas," said Marti Lockwood of Northville Saddlery. "This year, more than ever, our neighbors could use a kind thought and a helping hand. Our goals is to collect 500 pounds of nonperishable food or \$500." Citizens are encouraged to drop off food during business hours before Dec. 22. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; and noon to 8 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call (248) 349-7388 or go to www.northvillesaddlery.com.

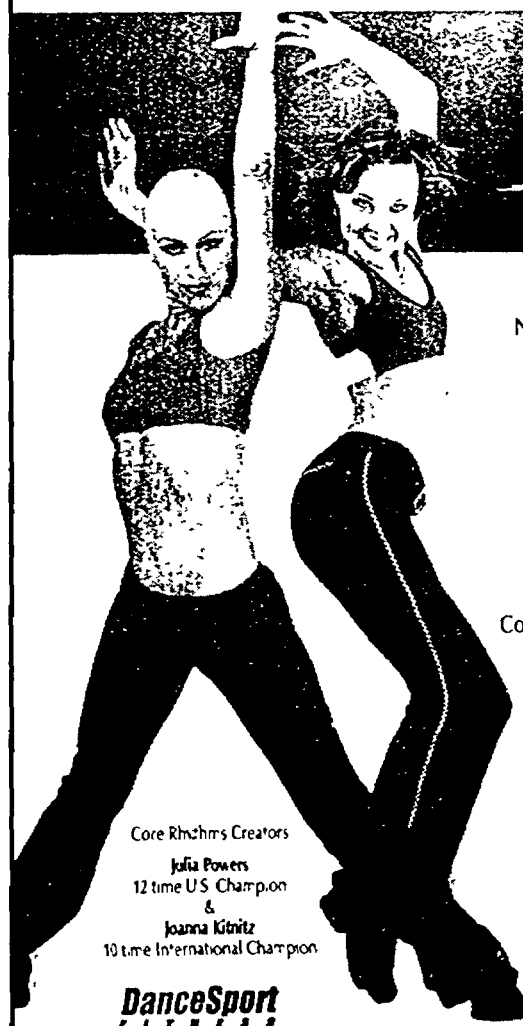
Bell ringers needed

The Salvation Army is looking for a few good bell ringers for its Christmas Kettle Campaign. All the money raised during the Christmas holiday stays in the Plymouth/ Northville community. The campaign continues until Dec. 24. The three sites in Northville for bell ringing are the Northville Post Office, Shopping Center Market (Hiller's) on Center Street and the corner of Main and Center in front of Orin Jewelers. If your group or family wishes to get in the holiday spirit and help someone at the same time, please call Judy Kohl at (248) 348-2678. Particularly needed are ringers during the weekday hours. No previous experience needed.

Union contract approved

Members of the Northville City Council ratified a contract in a closed session Monday night for 2008-2011 with employees represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, representing public works employees. The previous contract ended July 1, 2008. This is one of four unions representing city of Northville employees. The city is currently negotiating contracts with members of the other three unions.

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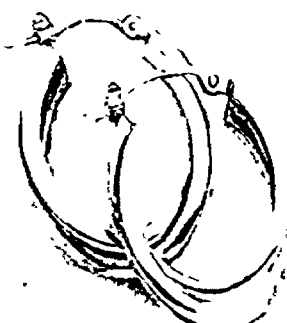
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Rezmierski's contract extended through June 2011

■ New contract includes 1% pay increase for superintendent

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education piloted a new format for evaluating Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski's performance for the 2007-08 school year, and approved his evaluation at its Nov. 18 meeting.

The new evaluation instrument — closely based on a format developed by the Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA) — focuses on assessing the district's progress in achieving the annual goals set by the Board of Education, as well as the superintendent's leadership role as chief executive officer of the school district.

In addition, the strong link with the MASA format means the district's Superintendent Evaluation tool reflects the key components of MASA's voluntary professional development and credentialing program for Michigan K-12 superintendents called The Courageous Journey. Dr.

Rezmierski is currently finishing the third and final year of the innovative, three-year, performance-driven program designed to provide school district leaders with the skills necessary to improve student achievement; operate an outstanding school district; and work effectively with staff, school boards and communities toward these goals.

"The annual superintendent evaluation is one of the major functions of the Board of Education," said Board President Joan Wadsworth. "The process provides an opportunity for both the Board and the superintendent to reflect on the year — how well we did in achieving goals and what adjustments should be made going forward. While the superintendent evaluation tool used by the Board has always had a strong emphasis on evaluating progress toward district goals and the superintendent's performance as the CEO of the school system,



Dr. Leonard Rezmierski

For details of Rezmierski's review by the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, see this story on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

the new format takes a more focused approach that provides greater direction for the district." Although pleased with the direction provided by the pilot evaluation instrument, Wadsworth said the Board will likely continue to revise the format over the next few years to ensure it offers a meaningful assessment of the district's and the superintendent's performance during these challenging times for Michigan public schools.

The 2007-08 school year marked Dr. Rezmierski's 17th year as superintendent for Northville Public Schools. Previously, he served as director of Special Education for the district from 1976-91.

CONTRACT DETAILS

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education approved the following contract changes for Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski:

- Three-year contract extension through June 21, 2011
- 1-percent increase on base salary of \$135,896 for 2008/09 school year.
- No step increase
- 1/2 of 1 percent of Health Care premium payment annually by superintendent, effective January 2009 through June 2011
- Automobile monthly allowance established at \$600

Trivia question: Who's the best KMO middle school?

The Meads Mill seventh- and eighth-grade Knowledge Master Open team led the school to victory on Dec. 3, earning first place in the state competition.

Knowledge Master Open is an academic trivia competition in which teams of students compete with other middle schools around the world — all without leaving their own school. The questions are sent via CD-ROM and the team works together to answer the questions correctly and quickly from a projected computer screen.

"The competition was intense because there was so much pressure to answer the questions quickly," says Joshua Fetter, team member. "We all worked together as a team bringing different strengths to the competition. That's the only way we could have been so successful."

The K.M.O. team is coached by Shannon Torres, media specialist at Meads Mill Middle School.

"I'm very proud of how well the team preformed," she said. "They did a great job."

The team earn first place in Michigan competing against 14 other schools and 23rd out of 639 middle schools around the world.



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Standing from left to right: Neil Valechà, Mike Shost, Thomas Deeds, Harrison Bolyard, Stewart Hensi, Sam Boyea, Chanukya Malla, Sarah Oryschak, Nina Shekhar
Sitting from left to right: Joshua Lucksom, John Garrity, Christoph Bartschat, Nick Jaksic, Sangini Tolia, Adam Gothard ad Jack Jurczyszyn. Not pictured: Keire Estelle and Joshua Fetter.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

NHS CLASS OF 2009 SENIOR ALL-NIGHT PARTY

The parents of Northville High School's Senior Class of 2009 are seeking the community's support for the Senior All-Night Party to be held at the high school on Saturday, May 30, beginning at 10:30 p.m. and ending on Sunday, May 31 at 4:30 a.m.

The party is an annual NHS tradition that follows graduation ceremonies and provides seniors with a safe, alcohol-free chaperoned celebration. Senior All-Night Party fun includes food, music, and a "secret" theme. Months of work by creative parents all come together on this special final night of the students' high school experience.

Senior Party tickets are on sale until December 31 at the discounted price of \$60. As of January 1, 2009, the price goes up to \$75. The price includes a T-shirt and admittance to the party. Checks can be made payable to Northville Senior Class Party and mailed to Randy Buoy, 16400 Sutters Lane Court, Northville, MI 48168. Please write the student's first and last name and T-shirt size on the memo line of the check.

Community support is greatly needed to make the Senior All-Night Party a success. Area merchants and individual donors play a significant role in the event through their generous donations of cash, goods and/or gift certificates.



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Holiday Concert

Meads Mill Middle School held its annual Holiday Concert on Dec. 4. Shown is the seventh and eighth grade Patriot Choir, directed by Amanda Good. The band is directed by Robin Taylor and Tonya Nugent.

For more information on making a donation, please call Ann Pritchard at (248) 449-3014 or Robin Porreca at (248) 465-0237. Names of donors will go in The Northville Record and you will also receive a certificate of thanks.

MORAINTE ELEMENTARY

• Please send in a wallet-size or small photo of your fifth grader as a baby so that they will be included in the 2008/09 Moraine Yearbook Baby Page. Be sure to put your child's name and teacher on the back of the picture. Send your picture to school in an envelope with "YEARBOOK BABY PICTURE" written on it, or put it in the Yearbook folder located in the file

cabinet outside the office. Pictures are due by Friday, Dec. 19. If you have any questions, please contact Adele Kwasy (adelekwasny@yahoo.com) or Diane Zubkus (jdzubkus@yahoo.com).


• Thursday, Dec. 18 - the Credit Union will be at Moraine from 9:00-10:30 am. Make a deposit and get a color-changing pencil!

• Thursday, Dec. 18 - D.A.R.E. Graduation takes place at Meads Mill "Pit" Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Congratulations to all the Moraine D.A.R.E. graduates!

• The Moraine Elementary PTA Parent Education committee would appreciate your feedback as they try to plan programs and events that

may be of interest to Moraine parents. Please click on the link below to participate in a brief (9-item) survey that will help out PTA in planning to address your needs in this area. The link will be active until Friday, December 19. <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228H7D58HGE>


• Wanted: Volunteers for Noon Hour! The indoor recess program runs from January thru February on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the lunch hour (11:45-12:45). Please e-mail Kelly Campion kcampion1126@yahoo.com <<mailto:kcampion1126@yahoo.com>> to sign up.



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE... LOCATION 200 E. Main St... CONTACT (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.org... Sunday Worship... TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Walking in the Park... TIME/DATE 10-11 a.m. every Saturday... LOCATION Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park... DETAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards... CONTACT Sue (734) 459-0016

Single Place Ministries... TIME/DATE 7:30 p.m. social time, 7:45 p.m. opening 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday... DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles \$5 per person... CONTACT singleplace.org

OAK POINTE CHURCH... LOCATION 50200 W 10 Mile Road... CONTACT (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org... Worship Services... TIME 5:15 p.m. Saturday, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

ReNew Life Ministries... TIME/DATE 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday... DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective... CONTACT For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

Charmed Influence... TIME/DATE 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday... DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage"... CONTACT Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church

FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF NORTHVILLE... A Stephen Ministry church... LOCATION 41671 W 10 Mile Road... CONTACT (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

LOCATION 777 W. Eight Mile Road... CONTACT (248) 349-1144 or funccnorthville.org... Sunday Worship... TIME 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Coffee hour at 11 a.m. Healing Service... TIME/DATE 4 p.m. first Monday of every month

Radical Joy... TIME/DATE 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month... DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation... Cost is \$25 per four-week session... Sign up for the entire year for only \$60... Dinner is served and child care is available on request

Logos Youth Club... TIME/DATE 5:15-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday, through May... DETAILS: For children in grades 4-12... Every week, this four-part program includes Bible study, dinner, choir/worship and activities

NOVI UNITED METHODIST... LOCATION 41671 W 10 Mile Road... CONTACT (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com... Sunday Worship... TIME 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion... TIME/DATE 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Peace Vigil... TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month... LOCATION: In front of the church... DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace

Advent Service... TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday... Christmas Cantata "One Small Child"... TIME/DATE 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21... DETAILS: Followed by caroling and luncheon... Open to all... Christmas Eve Service... TIME/DATE 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH... LOCATION 40000 Six Mile Road... CONTACT (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978... Sunday Worship... TIME 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Traditional, 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services

Service Broadcast... DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WNUZ Word Station... Single Point Ministries... DETAILS: For single adults 35 years and older. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more... Contact the number below for more information... CONTACT (248) 374-5920... Community Sing Messiah... TIME/DATE 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY... LOCATION 24505 Meadowbrook Road... CONTACT (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org... Mass Schedule... TIME/DAY 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7 p.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday... Holy Days 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting... TIME/DATE 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month... DETAILS: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County... Child care is available... Registration is required

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE... LOCATION 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road... CONTACT (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org... Sunday Schedule 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship, 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments, 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and

Adult Bible Fellowship, 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service... Tuesday Schedule: 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study... Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast... Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group, 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC... LOCATION 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi... CONTACT (248) 347-7778... Mass Schedule... TIME/DAY 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday, 5 p.m. Saturday... Mothers Group... TIME/DATE 9:30-11 a.m. first and third Wednesday every month, through May 20... DETAILS: Providing fellowship, support and opportunities to grow faith. Child care available... Suggested donation \$20. Don't have to be a parishioner to join... CONTACT Becky at (248) 305-5924 or Jeanne at (248) 380-6361

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE... LOCATION 217 N. Wing... CONTACT (248) 348-1020... Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays... Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month... Christ Eve Service... DETAILS: 6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 24

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN... LOCATION 44400 W 10 Mile Road... CONTACT (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org... Sunday Worship 10 a.m. LOGOS... TIME/DATE: 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday... DETAILS: For children in kindergarten to 6th grade... Enjoy recreation, Bible study, music and

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH... LOCATION 201 Elm St., Northville... CONTACT (248) 349-3140... Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a.m. Contemporary, 11:30 a.m. Traditional

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL... LOCATION 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads... CONTACT Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org... Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Christmas eve 6 p.m. family service, 9 p.m. carols and lessons, Dec. 21 - advent watch a study of the advent scriptures... Adult Christian Education Classes... TIME/DATE 7 p.m. every Tuesday... YogaFit Classes... TIME/DATE 7:30 p.m. every Monday... DETAILS: Eight weeks, \$58 continuous... Merry Widows Luncheon... TIME/DATE 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month... Spiritual Journey's... TIME/DATE 11:30 a.m. every Sunday

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COMMENTARY

Looking to better days this holiday season

Maybe it's because I'm getting ... well, let's be kind and say older. But increasingly I find comfort and serenity in the established and familiar traditions and rituals, especially at this time of the year and in the face of such financial misery and economic change.

Let's start with the most important: Family and friends.

Our son, Scott, his wife, Molly, and our two little granddaughters, Lucy and Sadie, live in Denver, where Scott is a physician.



Phil Power

For years now, we've traveled to see them and to celebrate the first night of Hanukkah and the coming of Christmas with our religiously blended family. My wife, Kathy, will make Christmas cookies with her granddaughters. And Scott's chocolate lab Woodson (named for the great University of Michigan cornerback of the '90s, Charles Woodson) will lick a mixture of icing and sprinkles off their faces. One night, I'll make Molly's favorite dish, lobster macaroni and cheese, and the next we'll have our traditional roast beef, complete with Yorkshire pudding — using a recipe that goes back to my grandmother. Our younger son, Nathan, will once again apply his chef skills in making the gravy.

As to friends, Kathy and I have reinstated my parents' old tradition of inviting their friends in to sing Christmas carols — and take just a dram of Christmas cheer after the singing is over. People our age — regardless of religious tradition — learned the Christmas carols in school. Of course, most kids today have no idea.

But all of us — Jews, Buddhists, Christians, unbelievers — gather around the fire and sing all the verses, in four parts of course.

It's the most politically incorrect party of the season, and I love the way it kicks off a festive time by bringing our friends together in celebration and affection.

Like many others, I write our annual Christmas letter over the Thanksgiving weekend. Kathy prints and folds and addresses and stamps the news of the past year for our friends and relatives. This year, I wrote of the early coming of winter — the pond in front of our house froze over sooner than any time in my memory — and of how dismayed we are to see the collapse of two industries that have been mainstays of our lives for years and years: The auto industry and, in my case, newspapers.

Their abrupt slide into financial distress is being accompanied by profound and wrenching

Everybody has their own treasured family traditions and rituals. They bring regularity and a certain ceremony to the passage of the days. And they demonstrate yet again how endlessly inventive we all are in expressing the divinity of ordinary daily life here in Michigan.

change — change that makes all of us who have grown up in the business very uneasy.

The older I get, the more I appreciate the cadence of the seasons as marked in the liturgical calendar of our church, an old (1865) downtown Episcopal building, built at the end of the Civil War and now undergoing its first renovation in years.

The words of the prophets — especially Isaiah foretelling great tidings of comfort and joy — ring with unceasing regularity and hope as the days grow short, the dark night comes earlier and earlier, and we all hope for just a little more light at the turn of the year.

And, while I'm at it, here's a (muted) cheer for the regular turn of the seasons, even here in Michigan as the winter deepens. I could not imagine living where there is no seasonal variation that stimulates the imagination and hones our coping skills.

The great historian, Arnold Toynbee, argued that most civilizations that grew in locations where there is little variation between the seasons are marked by an inability to adapt to change. As I head out to shovel the walk, I grumble but agree.

Everybody has their own treasured family traditions and rituals. They bring regularity and a certain ceremony to the passage of the days. And they demonstrate yet again how endlessly inventive we all are in expressing the divinity of ordinary daily life here in Michigan.

I recite mine only to trigger similar responses in readers' own minds. And I do so to provoke us all to wish each other, in whatever language and in any and all of the many religious and cultural traditions, the very best of this season — and better days to come.

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

SAVVY

FROM PAGE A4

Seniors Need Vaccinations, Too!

Dear Savvy Senior
I recently read that there are a variety of vaccinations that can help protect seniors. Can you tell me what they are and what Medicare pays for?
Booster Bob

Dear Bob
Most people think that vaccinations are just for kids, but adults, especially seniors, need their shots too. Here's what you should know.

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE

Outside of eating a healthy diet, regular exercise, not smoking and routine health screenings, the best way to prevent illness and stay healthy as you age is to keep up with your vaccinations. But far too few seniors are taking advantage of these important vaccines — usually because they either aren't aware of them, they are afraid to get them or they don't have the funds to pay for them. Here is a list of the different vaccines seniors need, and how they work with Medicare.

• **Flu (influenza) vaccine:** This is the one vaccination seniors are pretty good about getting — 69 percent get an annual shot. While it's recommended that almost everyone should get a flu shot every fall, it's especially important for seniors age 65 and older because they are at high risk for complications. Medicare Part B pays for flu shots but if you're not covered, there are plenty of places that offer them for free. To locate a vaccination site call your county health department or the CDC information line at 800-232-4636, or visit www.flucliniclocator.org starting in September. (Note: people who are allergic to eggs, latex, who have a history of Guillain-Barré syndrome, or who've had a severe reaction to a flu shot in the past should not get a flu shot without consulting their doctor first. And people who are ill with a fever should wait to get vaccinated until their symptoms pass.)

• **Pneumococcal (pneumonia) vaccine:**

Pneumonia causes around 60,000 deaths in the U.S. each year, many of which could be prevented by this vaccine. Everyone age 65 or older should get this one-time vaccination, and for those covered under Medicare Part B, it's free.

• **Shingles vaccine:** Recommended for everyone age 60 and older. So far, only about 2 percent of seniors have received this vaccine since it became available in 2006. Shingles is a painful, blistering skin rash that affects more than a million Americans each year. While this vaccine isn't perfect, it does cut your risk of getting it in half, and if you do get it you'll have a much milder case. Medicare pays for this vaccine only if you have a Part D prescription drug plan. If you aren't covered you can expect to pay between \$150 and \$250 for the shot.

• **Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine:** The CDC recommends a combined tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine for all adults aged 64 or younger whose last tetanus-diphtheria booster shot was at least 10 years ago. Whooping cough, the CDC warns, is making a comeback in seniors because childhood vaccinations (if you had one) have worn off. However, if you are 65 or older, get a tetanus-diphtheria (Td) booster shot instead of the 3-in-1 Tdap vaccine. Neither vaccine is covered by Medicare, but typically costs under \$75.

SAVVY TIPS

Other vaccinations may be recommended depending on where you live, your health, lifestyle and if you plan to travel internationally. To learn more about vaccines for adults and identify which ones you need visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines — click on "For Specific Groups of People," and take their adult quiz. The Mayo Clinic also offers a list of vaccines on their Web site (www.mayoclinic.com/health/vaccines/ID00016) that explains what you should get and when you should get it.

And as always, be sure to talk to your doctor about your findings.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
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Bible study classes 10 a.m. for all ages
DETAILS Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience

"Santa Bowed at Christmas"
DETAILS Crosspointe Meadows Church is extending an invitation to the Novi and Detroit Metro area to its activities to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season! For those who remember fondly the Christmas programs of your youth, our CMC kids will present their Christmas Musical "Santa Bowed at Christmas" on Sunday Dec. 21 at the 11:15 a.m. Worship Hour.
Carols and Candlelight Services
DETAILS Crosspointe Meadows Church also wishes to invite you to one of our two Christmas Eve "Carols and Candlelight Services." There will be a service held at 5 and 8 p.m. on Wednesday Dec. 24. All ages are welcome.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
LOCATION 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care
TIME 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
TIME/DATE 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
LOCATION 23455 Novi Road
CONTACT Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
Preschool/Kids Choir
TIME/DATE 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS For ages three to six, ongoing event, no need to pre-register, all are welcome

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
LOCATION 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
CONTACT (248) 349-0565
Sunday Schedule
TIME 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study, 10 a.m. Worship

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
LOCATION 23225 Gill Road Farmington Hills
CONTACT (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohnlutheran.com
Saturday Worship
TIME 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship
TIME 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School
TIME 10:15 a.m.

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Second City Theatricals presents 'Dysfunctional Holiday Revue'

Get ready for some side-splitting holiday fun. The Second City Theatricals newest production, "The Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue," begins Nov. 26 at The Second City located at 42705 Grand River Ave. The show will run through Dec. 28. Nothing is too sacred for "The Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue," which delivers a healthy dose of seasonal satire with holiday film classics, family gatherings, improvised Christmas Carols, even Joseph and Mary - it's described as the perfect alternative to the same old holiday shows.

Directed by Andy Miara, the cast of "The Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue" includes Tim Baltz, Dana Quercioli, Mark Raterman, Tim Robinson, Mary Sohn and Megan Wilkins. Bryan Dunn is the musical director and Kyle Anderson is the stage manager.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The cast of "The Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue" includes Tim Baltz, Dana Quercioli, Mark Raterman, Tim Robinson, Mary Sohn and Megan Wilkins. Bryan Dunn is the musical director and Kyle Anderson is the stage manager.

Anderson is the stage manager. Tickets are available at the theatre's box office, 42705 Grand River Ave., by phone at (248) 348-4448 and online at www.seconcity.com or www.ticketmaster.com. Show times and ticket prices are as follows:
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 TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19
 TIME/DATE: Noon to 2 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20
 TIME/DATE: Sunday, Dec. 21
 CONTACT: Northville Square at (248) 347-3900, Miss Harnet's Dance Studio at (248) 349-1111 or Solid Grounds Coffee House at (248) 348-9737

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 TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Monday-Tuesday, Dec 29-30
 LOCATION: 43334 W. Seven Mile Road, Suite 250, in the Northville Research Center
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 TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 31
 LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillsdale Middle School, 700 Baseline (8 Mile & Center)
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 CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce (248)349-7640

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 DATE: Feb. 12
 TIME: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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 TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:15 a.m., Friday, Dec. 19
 DETAILS: Little ones, from 10 months to age 2, along with parent or caregiver enjoy music, simple

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 DETAILS: Teens - choose a short story of your choice, read it and come ready to share something about the story or author...anything goes! Call to register.
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■ Lecture tells the truth behind the dream

Renowned New York talent scout Peter Sklar knows a thing or two about helping aspiring child stars achieve success. His list of protégés includes Sara Jessica Parker, Reese Witherspoon and Mischa Barton, to name a few, along with many current and former Broadway, TV and film actors, singers and dancers.

Reality shows like "American Idol" and "So You Think You Can Dance" have springboarded some of the most talented kids in the nation into super stardom. But with so much available talent, what really sets one kid apart from another?

According to Sklar, an arts career is about two things: self-image and health. He argues that these qualities outweigh looks, training, connections, and even talent.

In "So You Want To Be a Star..." a free lecture for aspiring dancers, singers and actors, and their parents at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at Miss Harriet's Dance Studio in Northville, Sklar will explain why his views are in synch with the needs of top New York and Hollywood agents and casting directors.

"The people who sit behind the table are trying to decide two things: do they like you, and do they believe you," Sklar tells young audiences. "If you don't feel good mentally and physically, you won't open up and show us who you really are. That means you'll be artificial. When that happens - no matter how good you are, how pretty, or who you know - we've already lost interest."

Alluding to a dramatic rise in self-destructive behavior, such as smoking, drinking, drugs, and eating disorders among so-called "happy" teens, Sklar marvels at how often these activities secretly co-exist with good grades, good behavior

DETAILS

WHAT: "So You Want to be a Star" lecture is open to teenagers, young adults, older children, and parents. There is no charge for admission, but reservations are strictly required. Nobody under age six (6) will be admitted with or without a parent, and nobody under age 18 will be admitted without their own mother, father or legal guardian. (Substitute non-legal adult guardians are not permissible.)

WHEN: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 7

WHERE: Miss Harriet's Dance Studio, 133 W. Main Street, Suite 190, downtown Northville

RESERVATIONS: (248) 349-1111

and virtually every other outward sign of stability.

"The kids I interview are the smartest and most talented - the highest achievers in the nation," proclaims Sklar. "And they're often the most unhappy, unhealthy and least employable."

Sklar boasts an Ivy League pedigree (master's degree in education from Harvard University) and four decades of experience. He's been the subject of multiple feature-length articles in the New York Times, appeared as a guest expert on "Donahue," was interviewed on "E! True Hollywood Story" and has had his work presented on the Bravo Channel, "Good Morning America" and dozens of other media outlets.

He's currently developing an original musical based on his experiences, entitled "The Kid Who Played the Palace," to be directed by William Martin (Broadway's "The Lieutenant," recipient of five Tony Award nominations).



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Lions' share

Detroit Lion wide receiver Mike Furrey visited Northville's Old Village School recently and chatted with student Ethan Krochmalny and assistant Sarah Oleson. Furrey brought with him a \$5,000 donation for the school for its assembly programs budget.



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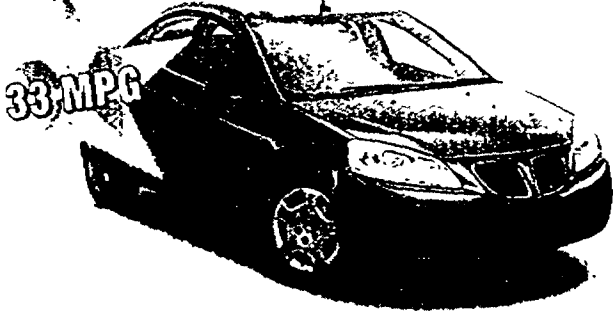
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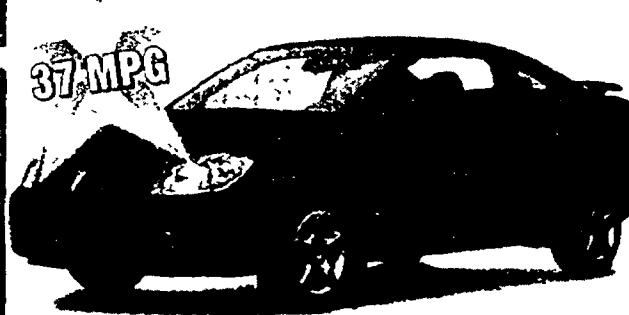
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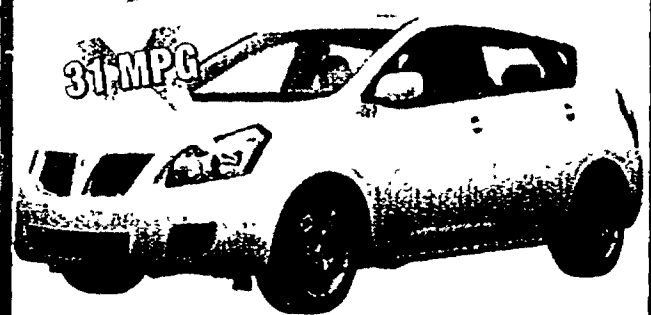
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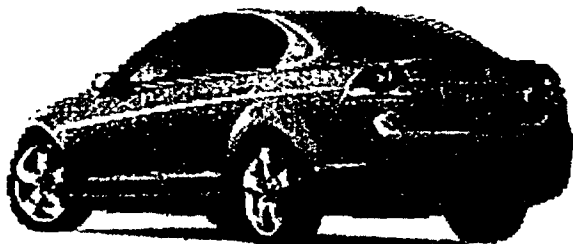
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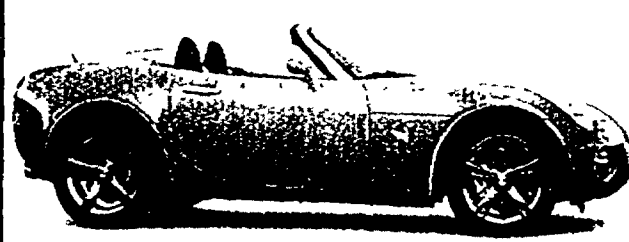
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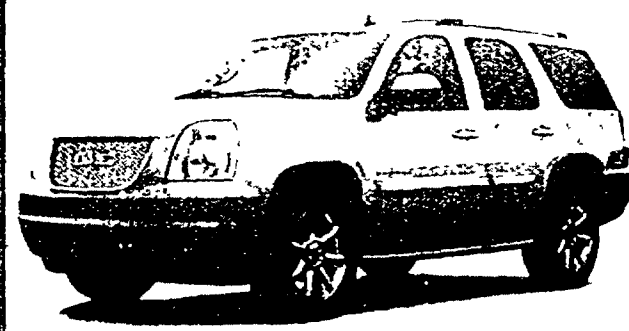
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Northville hockey drops hammer late on Novi



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Northville's Alex Belanger awaits the faceoff against Novi.

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The first winter baseline battle of any kind goes to the Northville hockey team. Northville pulled away from a 2-all tie late in the second period to score the final six goals, turning a close game into a rout. "I was looking forward to using our depth," Northville head coach Clint Robert said. "It seemed like we were getting stronger as the game went on. "For whatever reason, the first periods have not been our best period. That's probably on me, and I've got to do a better job of getting the guys prepared."

Novi pulled even with a goal from Zach Mohr with 6:15 remaining in the second.

The Wildcats went on the power play with 29.5 remaining, but Northville's Alex Brewin scored a shorthanded goal just nine seconds later off a feed from Alec Arthur, and the wind came out of Novi's sails.

"It was a big goal. It gave us momentum going into the third period," Robert said. "I thought we had a good second period. We outshot them 10-3 in the second period and still gave up two goals.

"I give Novi all the credit. They came out firing on all cylinders."

The Mustangs scored on five of 13 shots in the final 15 minutes to turn the game into a blowout.

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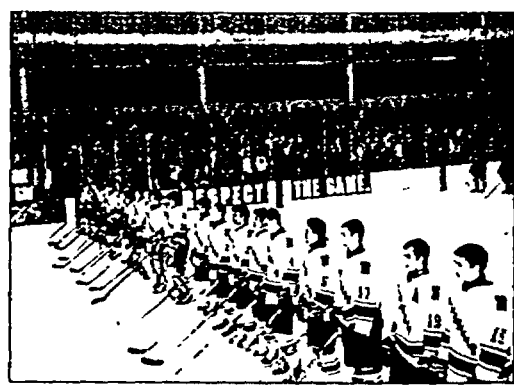


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The Northville hockey team lines up for the playing of the National Anthem before Friday's game with rival Novi.



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Tim Hasse goes up for a shot during the season opener Friday.

Mustang boys fall in opener

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville boys basketball season got off to a great start, but it didn't end quite as well.

The Mustangs led by nine after the first quarter but ended up on the losing side of a 56-51 decision at home against Walled Lake Northern on Friday.

"Our guys played hard, and we have nothing to hang our heads about," Northville head coach Todd Sander said. "They did not quit after going from nine up to 11 down.

"For us to be successful, we need to put four smart and solid quarters together. I'm confident that our guys will continue to get better every game."

Tim Hasse was red hot out of the gate, hitting for 11 of his team-high 15 points in the opening frame.

He helped the Mustangs run off to a 19-10 first-quarter lead.

But the Knights changed up things defensively in the second. Northville struggled, and the Knights went from down nine to up 34-26 at the half.

"We turned the ball over eight times in the second quarter alone, and this led to some easy scores for Northern," Sander said.

The third quarter was a push, with each team netting 13 points.

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Northville's Bryce Groshek works in traffic against Walled Lake Northern.

State champ Johnson leads All-Area team

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM
STAFF WRITER

Novi was the area's dominant girls swim team this year, placing third in the state in Division 1, and, not surprisingly,

the Wildcats also led the All-Area swim team with four individual and two relay selections. The Swimmer of the Year, however, was Milford's Rachel Johnson, who gained an individual state championship for the second consecutive season. Johnson was an underdog in 2007 but entered the 2008 meet as the top D-1 seed in the 500 freestyle.

"She handled that really well, which was really nice to see," said Milford coach Heather Lutz.

Just a junior, Johnson will have another season to add to her championship haul. For now, however, she leads the 2008 All-Area swim team. The squad was selected in consultation with all the area's head coaches. Swimmers were limited to one individual selection apiece, and weren't necessarily selected in their top event (in order to put as many of the top individuals as possible on the first team). Relay selections did not have limits.

NOVI, Ashley Bush, Lauren Kalinosky, Kerry Abel, Rebecca Berman (200 medley relay): The Wildcats had strong success with a variety of lineups in the medley relay this season. They finished fifth in the Oakland County meet and second in the KLAAs Kensington Conference meet. Novi won the KLAAs Central Division championship and placed third at the state meet despite being seeded tenth. The state finals team of seniors Bush, Kalinosky and Abel, plus sophomore Berman, achieved an All-American and school record time of 1:49.4.

"Every single kid on that relay had their best 50 split at the state meet," said Novi coach Scott Teeters. "Ashley Bush got out there with the leaders. Lauren Kalinosky had, I believe, one of the top two times in the 50 backstroke. And the same thing for Kerry Abel (on the third leg). And Rebecca Berman was able to hang on."

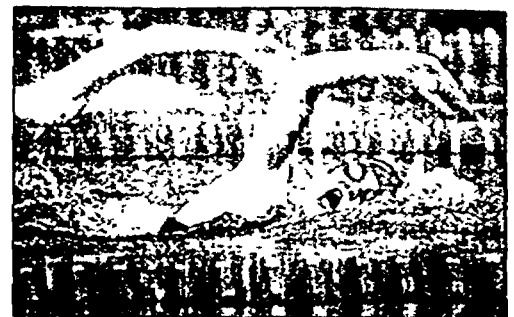
Berman is a distance freestyle swimmer, so Teeters termed her 24.4-second time in the closing 50 freestyle split "phenomenal."

RACHEL JOHNSON, Milford (200 freestyle): The junior, two-time state champion won the Division 1 state title in the 500 freestyle this year, with a time of 5:02.06, after capturing the D-2 championship in the same event last year. Johnson was almost a double-winner this season as she placed second in the 200 free (1:53.91).

"She's just a solid competitor," Lutz said. "She's very serious about it and wants to excel."

Johnson's other highlights this year included a victory at the Oakland County meet in the 500 free, plus an outstanding performance at the KLAAs Lakes Conference meet, where Johnson gained four victories and was selected the Swimmer of the Meet. She won the 200 and 500 freestyle races and swam on two winning

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Milford's Rachel Johnson won her second consecutive state championship in the 500-yard freestyle this season to earn All-Area Swimmer of the Year honors.

Northville girls suffer first basketball loss

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Mustangs came up on the short end of a 55-42 decision to Walled Lake Central on Dec. 9 at home.

The Vikings improved to 3-0 while Northville evened its record at 1-1.

Central won all four quarters, leading 17-15 after the first, 29-24 at the half and 43-33 heading into the fourth.

Katherine Jansen scored

14 points, Chelsea Atzinger pitched in 11 and Erin Hughes scored nine to lead the offense.

MUSTANG JV DOMINATES

The Northville JV basketball team crushed Central 52-15.

SECOND, THIRD VICTORY FOR FRESHMAN GIRLS

The Northville ninth grade basketball team used a 20-1 third-period run to cruise to an easy 45-20 win against

Walled Lake Central Tuesday in their home opener.

Leading 19-15 at halftime, the Lady Mustangs turned up the defensive pressure and added balanced scoring to pull away.

The Mustang scorers were led by Kimberly Heinonen (10 points), Allyson Coppock (10 points) and Rachel Deacon (8 points). Rebounding leaders included Emily Rencsok and Laura Pond. Maggie Stewart dished out several assists.

The Vikings improved to 3-0 while Northville evened its record at 1-1.

The Mustangs crushed Churchill 47-9 Monday. Coppock led the charge with 13 points and nine rebounds. Pond added nine points and 10 boards.

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SWIM

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relay teams.

"Her technique is very solid," summed up Lutz. "She has a very long stroke - it helps that she's on the tall side. And she has an uncanny ability to pace herself ... when she competes in the distance events."

MEREDITH COTE, Novi (200 IM): The junior earned All-State recognition in two events this year, placing sixth in the 200 IM (2:09.21) and seventh in the 500 freestyle (5:05.93), which set a Novi school record. She was also fifth in the county meet in the 200 IM and third in the KLAA Kensington Conference meet in both the 100 and 200 free.

"Meredith is an extremely versatile swimmer whose best events are not offered in the high school format," Teeters said, "but they will be in the NCAA format. Her future in this sport is bright. She broke through this year by putting it all together at the state finals."

PAIGE DRAZGA, South Lyon (50 freestyle): Another two-time All-Stater this season, Drazga, a sophomore, was actually strongest in the butterfly, where she placed third in the state (58.91). She took fifth in the 50 freestyle (24.14).

Earlier this year she tied for sixth at the county meet in the 50 free and took third in the 100 free. She was second in the 50 free and tied for second in the 100 butterfly in the KLAA Kensington Conference meet and won the 50 free at the Central Division meet.

"Paige came into this season really wanting to improve upon last season," said South Lyon coach John Burch. "We spent a lot of time working on some technical things, like her kicking off the wall, and just some overall stroke technique, and that allowed her to improve a lot. ... Paige is just a competitor. She's going to want to win no matter what she steps up and does."

MONICA GIRONZA, South Lyon (diving): No area divers placed

at the state meet but Gironza likely would have, had she been healthy. A knee injury prevented her from participating in KLAA or state competition this year. Gironza was 13th in the state in 2007 and won the KVC championship. This season's highlight was her runner-up position at the county meet, with 383.45 points. Had she not been injured, Gironza would have battled for the KLAA championship, Burch said.

"She's a very talented diver," Burch added. "She's put a lot of work in. ... And she's very focused. She always wants to improve her dives and when she's not doing them right she gets frustrated and figures out how to do them right."

"She set our varsity record earlier this year in both the six-dive list and the 11-dive list, beating her scores from last year."

KERRY ABEL, Novi (100 fly): A senior, Abel gained All-State honors in the 100 butterfly when she placed seventh at the state meet (59.15). She was also second at the county meet (58.62), and won the KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference meets. She was also second in the conference in the 100 freestyle.

Abel set the Novi school record in six different events during her high school career including one in the 50 free while leading off the 200 free relay at the state meet (24.59).

"Kerry has left her legacy by leading the Wildcats into the state's elite teams," Teeters said. "In her sophomore year the team placed 26th. By always setting the standard high and leading by example - she gave up one of her individual events to swim on three relays - she helped the team place third this year."

AMY WALLACE, Milford (100 freestyle): A senior, Wallace was seventh in the state in the 100 free (53.96) and eighth in the 50 free (24.73) this season to earn All-State notice in both events. At the county meet Wallace was eighth in the 50 free and sixth in the 100 back-

stroke. At the KLAA Lakes Conference meet she placed second in the 50 free and fourth in the backstroke.

"She's also a runner," pointed out Lutz. "The strength in her legs is unbelievable. That helps her in all of her strokes ... and has since she's been a freshman."

Lutz appreciated Wallace's versatility as well, as Wallace swam IM and butterfly races along with the backstroke and sprint freestyle events.

"Her strength was just about anything that we had her in," Lutz said.

REBECCA BERMAN, Novi (500 free): In between swimming on three relay teams at the state meet this year, the sophomore found time to place fourth in the 500 freestyle (5:06.68) to gain All-State recognition. She was also fourth at the county meet and second at the Kensington Conference meet in the 500, and placed third in the conference in the 200 IM.

"Becca has shown a rapid and steady improvement in her sophomore year," Teeters said. "She has a tremendous amount of ability and her work ethic has matured greatly, which has resulted in her becoming one of Michigan's rising swim stars. She is a great racer and team player. She gave up one of her individual events to swim on three relays. This in turn helped our team place higher."

SOUTH LYON, Jenna Faletti, Julie Kapler, Corinne Caldwell, Paige Drazga (200 free relay): The South Lyon quartet featured one swimmer from each class: Caldwell is a freshman, Drazga a sophomore, Kapler a junior and Faletti a senior. The team placed fourth at the state meet (1:39.36) to gain All-State notice. South Lyon was second in the event at the Kensington Conference meet.

"Corinne came in as a freshman and she really swam well this year," Burch said. "I think she swam a lot faster than she expected to. She dropped about two seconds from where she was in eighth grade, which is a huge drop in a two-length race. Julie actually struggled

this year, she was injured ... and she didn't go as fast as she did last year, but at the state meet she was able to put together some very good performances. ... And then Jenna and Paige, they're two of the best sprinters in the state. And having two of the best sprinters in the state really helps you."

LAUREN KALINOSKY, Novi (100 backstroke): Kalinosky earned All-American recognition by finishing third in the backstroke (57.69) at the state meet, to go with her All-State time in the 200 IM (2:09.03), where she placed fifth. The senior won both the backstroke and breaststroke events at the Kensington Conference meet and won the backstroke at the Central Division meet. She was third in the backstroke and sixth in the IM at the county meet.

She leaves Novi holding school records in five events.

"Lauren is a serious swimmer whose strength is the ability stay focused on what needs to get done on a daily basis to achieve her long term

goals," Teeters said. "She came in from day one prepared to improve her team and her own swimming."

JENNA FALETTI, South Lyon (100 breaststroke): The senior gained All-State notice in the breaststroke by finishing sixth in 1:07.86 at the state meet, while also finishing tenth in the 50 freestyle (24.68). Her season included a victory in the 100 breaststroke at the Central Division meet and in the 50 free at the Kensington Conference meet. At the county meet Faletti finished second in the 50 free and fourth in the breaststroke. She was also second in the breaststroke at the conference meet.

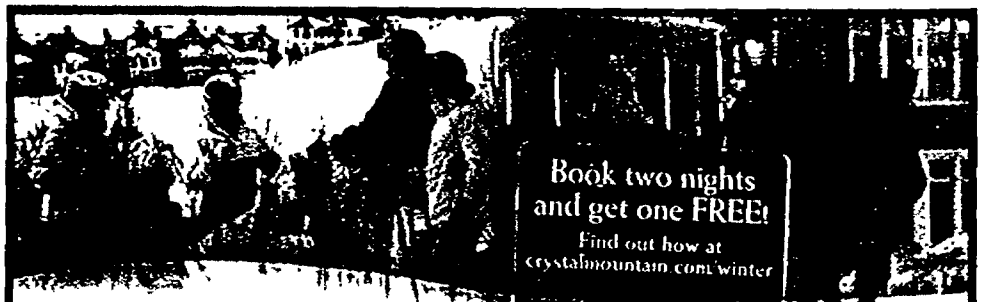
"Jenna was a key part of the team this year," Burch said. "She really was able to step up in the breaststroke. We had a state runner-up on our team last year in the 100 breaststroke (Shannon Mocer). But this year Shannon's gone and Jenna stepped into that role very well. We always knew she was a good breastroker, but she never had to swim

it before this year. And then this year we swam her in it, in the dual meets, expecting her to do well. And she ended up doing even better than we expected."

NOVI, Lauren Kalinosky, Rebecca Berman, Meredith Cote, Kerry Abel (400 free relay): A successful relay team, according to Novi coach Scott Teeters, requires strong chemistry between the swimmers and every swimmer's best effort. This quartet had those elements, leading to a fifth place finish, and All-American consideration, at the state meet (3:36.90). Novi was also second in both the county meet and the Kensington Conference meet in the 400 free.

At the state meet, Teeters said, "Everybody had to come together and had their lifetime best times. It was a great swim."

Teeters noted that both Cote and Berman are distance swimmers who nevertheless excelled in their 100-yard splits to help make the relay team successful at the state meet.



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'Stang swimmers keep streak alive

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The wins keep coming for the Northville swim team. The Mustangs kept a 42 dual-win streak alive with a 115-71 win against Brother Rice to open the year.

"(The streak) will be alive until at least '09," Northville head coach Rich Bennetts said with a laugh. "Our kids swam real well for our first meet out of the gate."

Wins for the Mustangs came from Nate Lunn in the 200 freestyle (1:52.04) 100 butterfly (56.78).

He was also part of the winning 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

Other wins came from AJ Aquinto in the 50 free (23.42), Kevin Bain in diving (261.70), John Lubisco in the 100 free (50.90), Chris Lafayette in the 500

free (5:11.73), the 200 free relay team of Aquinto, Clay Malloure, Lunn and Alex Miller (1:35.01) and the 400 free relay team of Lunn, Malloure, Aquinto, Lubisco (3:32.39).

"We were pretty happy to start out that way," Bennetts said. "Things started going our way early, and things went from bad to worse for them. They're a much better team than what they showed."

"It shows the guys that we're still here. They realize we're still a good team, we're just going to have to go about it a different way this year."

WRESTLING

The Mustangs are off to a hot start, winning their home Todd Schoenheid Invite.

Northville beat Walled Lake Western 56-21, Lakeland 56-13, Redford Union 67-3, Marysville 55-18 and L'Anse Creuse 46-23.

Greg Lorrain won a title with a 5-0 tournament, including four wins by pin.

"Greg has really wrestled well for us thus far," Northville head coach Jeff Balagna said. "I knew coming into the season he was going to be good, I just didn't know how good."

Other undefeated efforts came from Bobby Lahiff at 189 (5-0), Matt Hagan at 152 (5-0), Nick Mudar at 171 (4-0), Colin Maresh at 215 (4-0) and Harry Eichholty at 140 (2-0).

"It was the effort of the entire program that made the tournament such a success," Balagna said. "I know the wrestlers had Todd on

their mind with each match and we wanted to not let him down.

"This tournament victory was dedicated to his memory and legacy."

The Mustangs also picked up a pair of wins at a Dec. 10 quad.

Northville beat Madison Heights Lamphere 33-25 and New Boston Huron 39-34.

"These matches may have been the most exciting matches in recent history," Balagna said. "Both matches came down to the final matches, and both times, the Mustangs came out on top."

In the first match, Hagan came up with a pin to secure the win. In the second, sophomore John Montgomery got the win at 160 pounds for the Mustang win.

extenders, but it didn't stop the Mustangs from placing second.

"I'm very proud of them for adapting to some different equipment today," McWatt said. "Our team all-around today was 133.525, so there's lots of room for improvement."

Freshman Chloe Presley started her career in grand fashion, placing first on the beam, second on the bars and third on the floor and overall.

Cassidy Winter was sixth in the all-around.

"To their credit, the girls were ready to compete a good month before they've been previously expected to," McWatt said. "We usually don't get started with our competitions until after the new year."

GYMNASTICS

The Mustangs finished second at the Tecumseh meet Saturday to open the season.

Sturgis won the meet, but Mustang head coach Erin McWatt thought her team did well despite dealing with some unusual equipment.

The floor was foam instead of spring loaded and the bars were without

FIGURE SKATING

The Northville figure skating team placed sixth Sunday at a 10-team competition at Hartland Arena.


The Mustangs finished fourth in spin, fifth in moves and ninth in jump for 15 points.

Lakeland/Milford finished first with 28 points.

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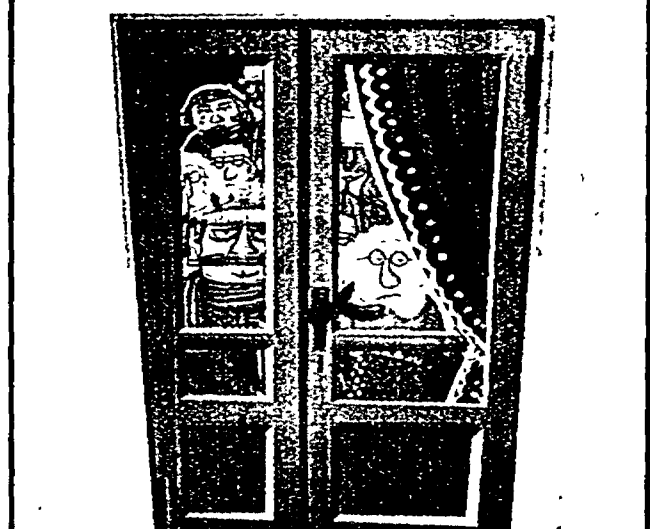
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HOCKEY

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Third period goals came by Matt Kreager (12:30), Matt Rosiar (10:36), Troy McMullin (8:14), Jake Atkinson (6:04) and Rosiar again (:38).

Northville was first on the board when Brewin scored on the power play from Atkinson and Arthur just 45 seconds into the second.

Novi answered back with 10:01 remaining on a goal by Andrew Cmoluch from Evan Dixon.

Northville pulled back ahead with a goal by Arthur midway through the period.

Novi would tie, but it was all Northville after that.

The Mustangs poured 36 shots on Michael Pesendorfer. Northville's Teddy Keranen turned aside 13 of 15 shots.

NORTHVILLE 9, FRANKLIN 1

The Mustangs had little trouble putting away Franklin on Dec. 10. Northville dominated the game throughout for a 9-1 victory.

David Ketelhut made 11 saves for the win. Derrick Raymond and Jake Atkinson scored two goals each.

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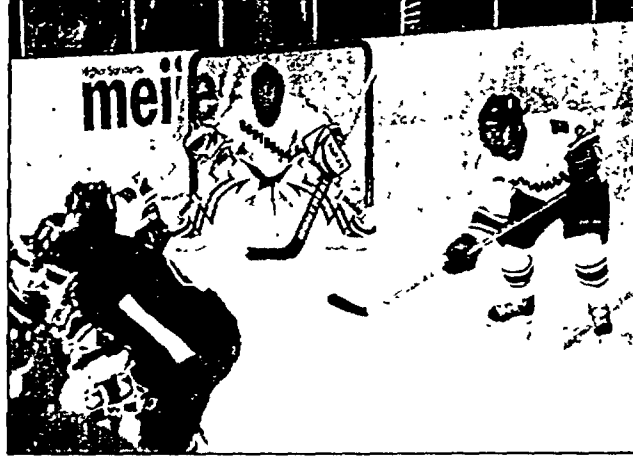


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Northville netminder Teddy Keranen stands tall against Novi. He stopped 13 of 15 shots during the 8-2 win.

MUSTANGS

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The Mustangs cut deep into the lead, getting within two with 1:30 to play, but they couldn't get the equalizer and fell by five in the opener.

Bryce Groshek had a strong game for Northville, netting 14 points and snagging eight rebounds. Andrew Baldwin chipped in nine points.

"We need to do a better job of valuing the basketball," Sander said. "For most of our players, this game was their first varsity competition. The game is faster, so we need to react accordingly. We'll learn from it and look to improve on what was exposed."

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■ **St. Mary Mercy Hospital**, a member of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHHS), has launched its re-designed Web site at www.stmarymercy.org. St. Mary Mercy has added new functionality, which includes online greeting cards and gift shop items, online class and event registration, virtual tours of hospital services, and links to all SJMHHS locations and other community organizations. The Web site also offers a "Find a Physician" directory for those looking for a physician on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, as well as online health information, a valuable source of medical information including over 4,000 health and wellness articles; 1,500 medical topics; and selected medication references by keyword search. The site also provides information about services offered at St. Mary Mercy, such as cancer, heart and vascular, bariatric and joint replacement surgery and more.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

■ **Paws Total Pet Studio** (102 E. Main) will have Santa available for photos by appointment every Thursday and Sunday. The cost is \$25, which includes several shots of you and your pet with Santa, and the picture enclosed in a frame. Call

(248) 449-4600. Also, let PAWS find your family the puppy of your dreams this Christmas. They'll hold your puppy until special Christmas Eve pickup so as not to spoil the surprise. PAWS grooming is now available 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week, call 248-449-2700 to make an appointment with Alissa.

■ **Margo's of Northville Salon and Spa** (141 E. Cady St.) wants to extend to your company this special offer for our favorite clients. First office visit FREE for 10-minute chair massages. They come to your business so you don't have to go to theirs. Call (248) 348-9130 for more information at 248-348-9130 or stop by Margo's and ask for Carol or Danielle.

CLASSES

■ **Genie's Hole-in-the-Wall** (108 E. Main) will hold gingerbread house workshops Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 20-21. Reservations are required and can be made via e-mail at kristin.gingerbreadkids@yahoo.com or by calling (248) 345-7812.

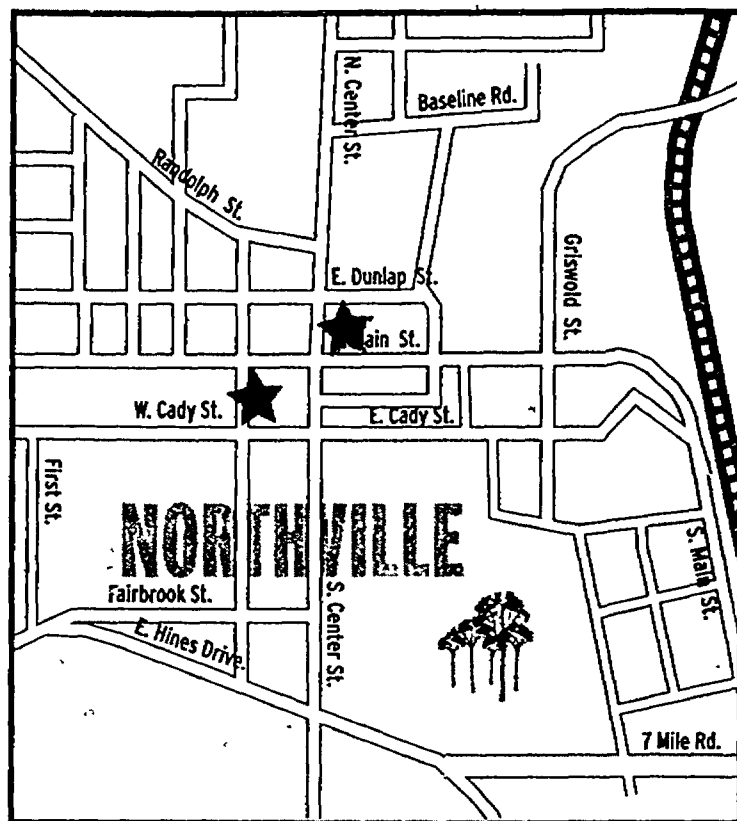
When making reservations, please provide the name and phone number of the child or family attending. The fee is \$25.

■ **Scottie's Kitchen** (149 N. Center) will host the following classes taught by Mary Spencer (unless

indicated otherwise). Cost is \$40; times are 6-8 p.m. Call (248) 344-7990 for more information. All Wrapped Up; Tuesday, Jan. 13; will include tamales, egg rolls and more. Weight Watcher Meals, Thursday, Jan. 15. Souffles and Mousses; Tuesday, Jan. 20. Fish; Thursday, Jan. 22. Southern Flare, Wednesday, Jan. 28; taught by Debbie Jones Pressure Cooker; Friday, Jan. 30. Prudy Vannier of Northville Gallery (123 E. Main) will be teaching a six-week beginner decorative painting course on Tuesday evenings starting Jan. 6. If interested, or would like to give this class as a gift, stop by to sign up. Call (248) 465-9630 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ **Santa will visit the Northville Pole** (133 W. Main in Northville Square) on the following dates & hours: Thursday, Dec. 18, 6-8 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 19, 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 20, noon to 2 p.m.; 2:30-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 21, noon to 1:30 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. For more information, on the Magic of the Northville Pole activities, contact one of the event organizers: Northville Square (248) 347-3900, hiptobe@northvillesquare.com; Miss Harriet's Dance Studio (248) 349-1111, missharriet@missharriets.com; Solid Grounds Coffee House (248) 348-9737.



IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A - GARDENVIEWS



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Gardenviews owner Lou Mascolo and Lori Jermont.

Q. Why did you pick this locale?
A. I was looking for a small town to have a free-standing business, no mall. I looked at Millford, Walled Lake, Plymouth and Rochester. This was a former gas station and detail shop. I said, "This is the place!" I kept everything as intact as possible for two reasons - to save money and its charm. I had been looking at franchises when I noticed that landscaping was getting popular, but it was mostly catalogs at the time. I said, "I want to open a store that looks like a catalog, but real life." In fact, that's what my business plan looked like. Then Lori

(Jermont) came on board a year and a half later. She was floral designer and she took our silks up from \$50,000 to \$300,000 annually.

Q. What makes Gardenviews different?

A. Our presentation. We take everything out of the bags so the customer can see what it would look like in a home. That's our goal.

Q. Has this economy affected business?

A. We used to carry \$700 teak wood benches. Now they're \$350 eucalyptus, which is a sustainable wood. You can't change what you're all about. Get merchandise that will last for 25 years. That's plenty in this economy.

Q. How many exhibition shows do you attend?

A. Four a year. We've got

Atlanta in January. When we go to a show, we work the show. We try to find those vendors, hidden in the back, that aren't popular yet. But they're getting harder to find. We want the ones that are different and unique.

Q. How has the business changed?

A. Now we're more home and garden. Where it was garden, now it's more home decoration. We did a lot of cement, but now it's fiber stone for containers, statues, foundations... It's lighter, which is good for our aging population. I'm 66 years old, but I think I'm about six years ahead of everyone else.

Gardenviews is located at 202 W. Main. For more information, call (248) 380-8881.

CHAMBER CHAT

The power of networking

You know the scenario: I know someone who can provide that service, or I got this at a great shop, or I have a friend who recommends this person. The act of referring a business is powerful.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce promotes networking and referrals. It is a key tenet of a chamber. We actively give out contact information about our members. Whether it is through our Web site, www.northville.org, or by phone or email, or by someone using the Buyer's Guide and Directory or stopping into the Chamber office, referrals are important.

The Chamber further expands on the principals of networking and referrals by having monthly functions for our members. Each month, we hold an After Hours Mixer from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at an area business. We see the interworkings of a host's business, learn more about their services and put a face to the name. Also each month we hold Trading Great Ideas on Fridays (TGIF). These are our small networking functions held at the Northville Chamber office conference room. It is limited to 12 members of separate business disciplines and reservations are required. Each person has FIVE minutes to talk about their business. Once everyone has had a turn the floor is opened and the networking begins. TGIF's foster an intimate gathering allowing more in-depth conversation.



Here are some key ideas about referrals:

■ Ask for a referral. Your current customers are your best advocates. Ask them to refer you onto friends, family, and other businesses. Don't assume it already happens.

■ Look for complementary businesses. If you are in the home cleaning business, a good bet to obtain new clients would be to connect to realtors; other contacts could be other home service companies (ie. plumbers, painters, carpet cleaners).

■ Manage a referral database. I specifically said "manage". If you keep a listing of referrals but don't act on contacting them periodically, it is useless. Be proactive.

■ Look for active ways to network. The Chamber is one avenue. Don't forget professional associations, alumni, religious and civic groups. There are even websites devoted to networking. Reach out.

■ Rehearse. It is the loved "elevator speech" but have you practiced it? Think about what sets your business apart from others. Tailor it to the person you are asking to refer you. Think out of the box.

■ Thanking for a referral. It could be as simple as a thank you card. Some are as elaborate as tracking how many referrals a person has given to obtain a gift. Make the effort and stick to it.

For more information, call the Northville Chamber at (248) 349-7640 or visit us at 195 S. Main Street. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Professional One Franchising, LLC, a Plymouth-based real estate franchisor, announced the promotion of Brian Wines, MBA to the position of managing director of Southeast Michigan Office Operations.

Wines' credentials include bachelor of science degree in engineering, Michigan Technological University; master's of science in engineering, Northwestern University (with High Honors); M.B.A. in marketing and finance, University of Michigan (with High Honors); Executive E-commerce Program Graduate, Stanford University; 2006 Coldwell Banker President's Elite Team Member; and a multi-million

dollar real estate producer in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

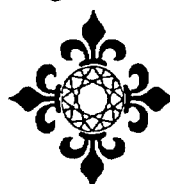
Wines will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Plymouth office, and for the opening, development and day-to-day operations of the Northville office, currently slated to open in the second quarter of 2009. He is further responsible for assisting with the identification and recruitment of additional franchised locations in the greater southeastern Michigan market.

"We are proud to add Brian to the management team," said Michael McClure, CPA, the president and CEO of Professional One Franchising, LLC. "As our entire franchise concept is predicated on an unwavering commitment to leading the industry in terms of professionalism and excellence, Brian is the ideal candidate to reinforce that commitment."



Brian Wines

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