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2008 YEAR IN REVIEW

■ Annexation vote, historic presidential election among year's top local stories

This past year, our nation struggled with a failing economy and recession, but we also recognized one very historically significant moment - the election of our first African-American president, Barack Obama. Both those issues affected us locally, but we had our own "top stories" to deal with, like the attempted annexation. Here's a month-by-month recap of 2008 in Northville:

January

■ Developers from REIS (a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak & Brothers Company), owner of the property where the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital used to be on Seven Mile Road, say they have no plans to annex the 414-acre parcel to the neighboring city of Livonia. Rumors have been flying recently about this action, which would be possible under Michigan law.

■ Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand says she has no idea how many voters will hit polls when they open Tuesday for Michigan's presidential primary - the third in the country. City of Northville Clerk Dianne Massa said she, too, could not predict what voter turnout would be based on the new absentee ballot rule. A court ruling last fall made it so voters over the age of 60 had to apply to receive an absentee ballot rather than automatically receiving an absentee ballot as they did in the past.

■ Northville Township resident Richa Gangopadhyay is crowned the 27th Miss India USA at Royal Albert's Palace

in Fords, N.J. She is the daughter of Dr. Utpal and Paula Gangopadhyay and is a 21-year-old senior at Michigan State University majoring in dietetics and nutrition.

■ A shooting takes place on the site of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital about 11 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12. Township police give few details about what happened. They do report, however, that an individual was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor following the incident.

■ Republican Mitt Romney from Massachusetts and Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton from New York win the presidential primary in Northville. Clinton took the state of Michigan as a whole, too.

■ After the Wayne County Election Commission in November voted 2-0 against petitions to recall three politicians - State Rep. Marc Coriveau (D-Northville), State Rep. Ed Gaffney (R-Grosse Pointe Farms) and House Speaker Andy Dillon (R-Redford Township), - due to unclear wording, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge William Giovan Friday reverses that decision; the attempt to recall the three can continue.

■ Jake Shaw, a 10-year-old Northville boy and student at Amerman Elementary School who was hit by a car on Seven Mile Road on Nov. 8, 2007, plans to return to school in February after having to endure weeks of therapy in West Bloomfield.

■ Thayer's Corner Park,

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John Beemer was fired from his position as farmer at Maybury Farm by the Northville Community Foundation in Sept. 2007, but he fought for and won his unemployment benefits in 2008.



Yonglu Che, a Northville High School senior, found something to brag about in 2008 after he earned a perfect score on his PSAT test.



Local merchants did not escape the national recession unscathed. Although many new businesses opened, others were forced to close. After running her Changing Season's shop for in downtown Northville for six years, Corrine Yoho cites the declining local economy as the main reason she's shuttering her doors.

Joe Boelter tries out the new, free, WiFi system in Northville Town Square. Northville's Downtown Development Authority set up the \$1,800 system which allows free access of the Internet to all WiFi-enabled computers. Northville Town Square is just off Main Street, east of Center.



Manager Chip Snider met with the Northville Record and explained the township's actions regarding an agreement with REIS, developer of the state psychiatric property, during the attempted annexation to Livonia in August.



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John McGuire, founder and longtime owner of the popular Guernsey Farms Dairy and Restaurant, was named Citizen of the Year by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

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located at Six Mile and Napier roads in Northville Township, is renamed Thayer's Corner Nature Area. The name change more accurately reflects the rural area that features trails, a barn and house.

■ Two men are arrested on the former state hospital property for trespassing. Police search for a third suspect. John Werth, director of public safety, said the three may be linked to a shooting that took place recently on the property.

■ After being held in a temporary location on the lawn behind the police station, the Friday Night Concerts are to be moved back - to the new Town Square - in the summer of 2008. The Times of Tuesdays children's concerts will also be moved back to this revitalized venue.

February

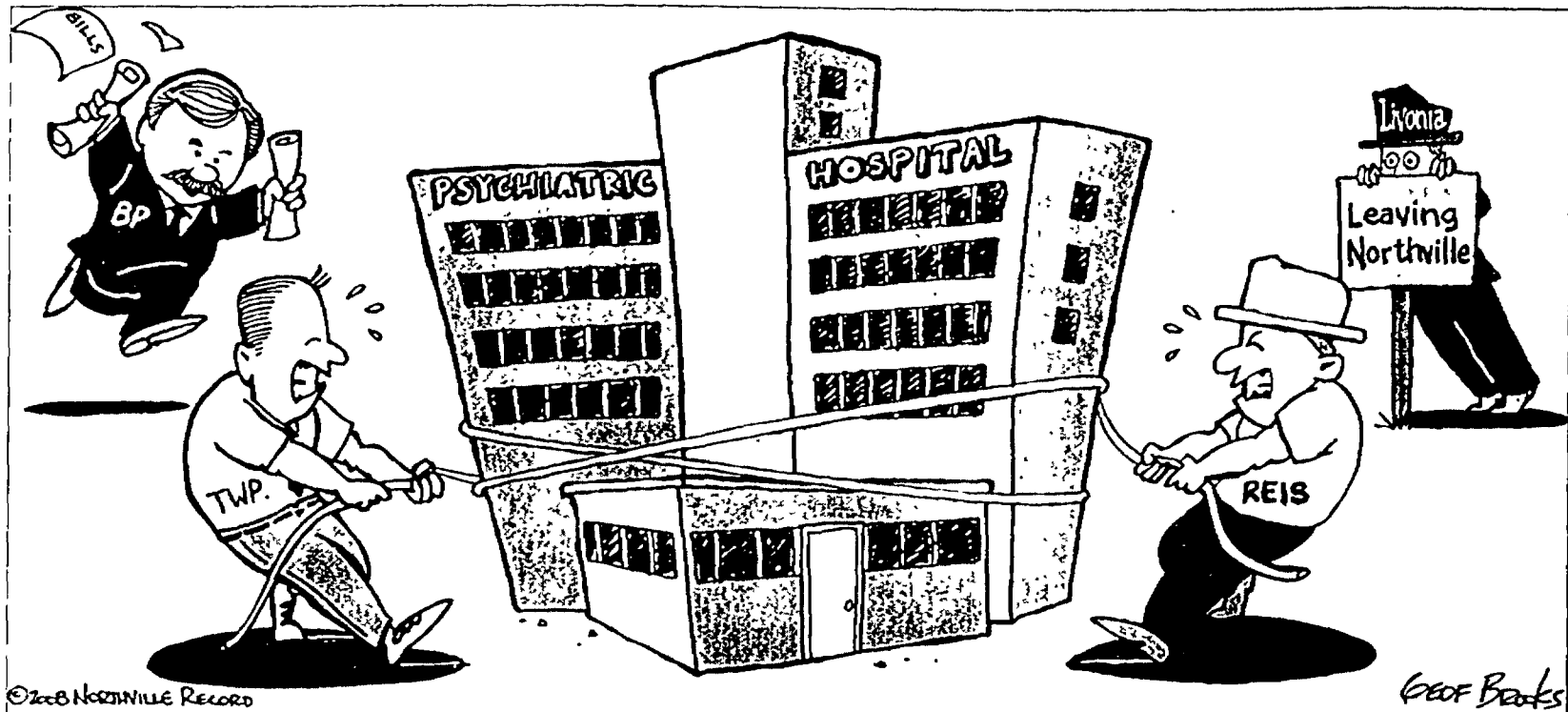
■ Legislation is introduced Feb. 5 in the Michigan Senate that if approved will strengthen townships' rights when it comes to annexation by neighboring communities.

■ As the economy worsens in Southeast Michigan, five stores closed or plan to close in Northville's Central Business District.

■ Robert E. Osborn, former owner of the Oasis Golf Center in Northville Township, dies Feb. 4. Osborn, along with partners Ed McNamara and Haze Wilson, designed, developed and owned the popular golf center on Five Mile Road just off Haggerty Road for more than 30 years.

■ The city of Northville hopes to be able to negotiate a lower wholesale water rate with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department before a scheduled 29.9 percent increase takes place in July. Jim Gallogly, public works director, says Detroit is willing to reduce the rate as long as Northville is willing to enter into a long-term agreement.

■ The Michigan Supreme Court rules Feb. 5 that Northville Township and other municipalities cannot tax property owners on improvements



Perhaps the biggest local story of 2008 involved the former state psychiatric hospital property on Seven Mile Road. With lawsuits filed between the property developer, REIS, and Northville Township, a handful of security personnel residents on the property filed a petition in Wayne County to have the 414-acres annexed to the city of Livonia. A proposal was placed on the August primary ballot, but voters in Livonia shot it down - just days after the township and developer reached an agreement.



Sarah, 9, left and Maddie Rainey, 10, hold some of their bantam-sized chickens that they were raising in their Northville Township coop since May 2008. Unfortunately, the egg-laying birds had to be adopted out after a neighbor complained to the police and the township board ruled the birds violated zoning laws.

to infrastructure in public rights-of-way.

■ Khris Nedam, a third-grade teacher at Amerman Elementary School in Northville receives the National Award for Citizen Diplomacy from the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy in Washington,

D.C. She is one of six educators selected to attend a Feb. 12 ceremony. She received the award for her work in helping children in Afghanistan through her Kids 4 Afghan Kids program, whose goal is to re-establish educational facilities for students in the foreign country and to address the poor health conditions in which the children and their families live.

■ Citizens for Northville, a grass-roots organization, invites members of the community to a special Town Hall meeting (at the Highland Lakes Clubhouse) on March 6 to discuss the development of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile Road.

March

■ A fight over the future of the long-vacant Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital spills over into the courts and could conceivably fall to Livonia voters to resolve.

■ Susan Greenlee, president of Voices for Maybury Farm, feels the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is dismissing concerns members of Voices have about the farm. Greenlee says she received a letter stating that the DNR has been meeting with key members of the Northville Community Foundation, which manages the farm, about the farm.

■ Citizens of Northville members urge residents to write letters to the appropriate



Hannah Deacon is congratulated by her friends after being named Northville High's 2008 Homecoming Queen. Her King, Mustang quarterback Matt Kreeger, couldn't pose for a photo as he to get ready for the second half of the evening's game.

politicians in Lansing about their feelings on the development of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital in the township. More than 300 people attend a March 6 public forum.

■ After months of speculation about the possible annexation of the former psychiatric hospital property to Livonia, residents living on the property file annexation paperwork March 11 with the Wayne County Clerk's Office, according to Sue Hillebrand, township clerk.

■ Annexation is the buzzword in Northville Township and Livonia lately. But, it may soon fade out of the picture if legislation is approved that would prevent 414 acres of property owned by developer REIS from being annexed from the township to the city of Livonia.

■ Accused killer Alexander Letkemann takes and passes a polygraph test, the results of which his attorney believes prove he was never in a Canton hardware store two days before the murder of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen.

April

■ Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) meets with members of Voices for Maybury Farm about John Beemer, former farm manager. Beemer was fired by his employer, the Northville Community Foundation, in September 2007. In the meantime, Beemer is fighting a recent denial of his unemployment benefits at a hearing with the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

■ Sunrise Senior Living withdraws plans to build a \$31-million senior citizens complex on 18.3 acres at Five Mile and Haggerty roads.

■ Prosecutors call it a "thrill kill," but Alexander Letkemann,

18, of Westland, one of the teen suspects charged with stabbing and beheading a River Rouge man, plans to argue self-defense.

■ Bill Sliger, former owner of the Northville Record, dies on March 31, at the age of 85, after battling cancer.

■ The Thayer's Corner Nature Area Barn wins "Barn of the Year" from the Michigan Barn Preservation Network.

■ Phil Lowery, the new farm manager at Maybury Farm, quits his job after only a few weeks at the Northville Township community farm.

■ The trial begins in the murder case in which two local teenagers, Jean Pierre Orlewicz and Alexander Letkemann, are accused of stabbing and beheading a man. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Moran calls the murder of Daniel Sorensen, 26, of River Rouge a premeditated act that was the result of a well-thought-out, deliberate plan.

■ The city of Northville is able to deal with a \$2.7 million budget shortfall through fiscal year 2012 with some serious belt-tightening. The name of the game is to contain and maintain.

■ Kathryn Moser, a first-grade teacher at Silver Springs Elementary, is named the Northville district's top elementary teacher for the school year.

■ Talks of outsourcing continue with a study session to begin looking at the benefits and challenges of privatizing some of the district's support services. If the district does decide to outsource, 54 custodial, 49 transportation and 45 food service jobs will be lost.

■ Mark Abbo announces his desire to seek a third term as township supervisor.

■ The Northville Art House's budget is slashed by \$3,000 by city council in future years, which amounts to one-third of the city-affiliated art venue's

budget. The city cites cost-containment measures as the rationale for the cut. The budget cuts won't come, however, until after the 2008-09 fiscal year.

■ Annexation reform legislation fails to pass in the Michigan Senate by a vote of 20-18. This is the latest blow in efforts to stop the annexation of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property to the city of Livonia.

May

■ Schoolcraft College in Livonia announces plans to purchase 30 acres of land in Northville Township to construct a \$20-million police and fire training facility. The complex would be located north of Five Mile Road between Ridge and Napier roads.

■ Old Village and Cooke schools face much higher student-teacher ratios because of a financial crisis. A proposal from Wayne RESA could mean drastic changes for students in these special education programs. The proposal would change the ratio from 12:1 to 30:1.

■ Amerman Elementary School starts a sign language club by a teacher whose first-grade daughter, who has apraxia of speech, was about to attend the school. Apraxia is a neurological speech disorder.

■ Northville Downs harness racing track joins other state horse racing interests in a federal lawsuit filed that claims state law violates their constitutional rights. The complaint alleges that state lotteries and casinos are killing the horse racing industry in Michigan and that state restrictions on the installation of video lottery terminals and other forms of gambling at tracks violate the U.S. Constitution.

■ Northville High School's BackBeat, a nine-member all-

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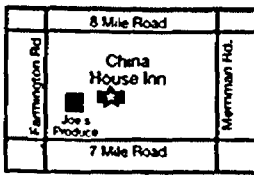
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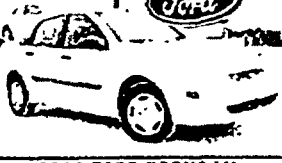
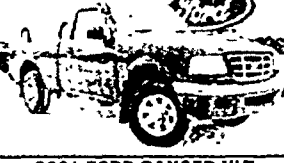




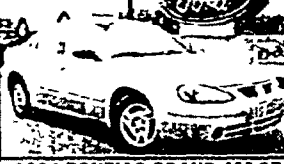


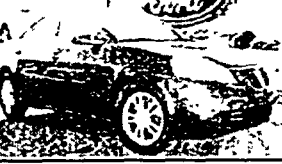




















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male ensemble, dazzles judges at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival in April, making them among the top 12 vocal groups in the state of Michigan.

■ Northville's city council approves a contract with Detroit Water and Sewerage, avoiding a huge wholesale water rate increase for the city.

■ Amateur archaeologists find some minor historical items at a dig at the historic Mill Race Village on Griswold Street. Items included window glass, buttons and a piece of an old pipe used for smoking.

■ Old Village and Cooke school are spared, with the proposed increase in the ratio between students and teachers dropped.

■ Developer REIS subpoenas Laurie Marrs of Citizens for Northville and has been attempting to do the same with Citizens member Carol Poenisch.

■ The school board has a second study session about privatization, and if such a proposal is approved, 148 school positions could be in jeopardy.

■ Northville Downs race track is the site of a free concert on Memorial Day Weekend, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Gleaner's Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

■ The proposal to annex the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property to Livonia will be on the August primary ballot.



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Amerman Elementary School teacher Khris Nedam returned from Washington D.C. where she received an award for her continuing efforts in raising funds and interest for her Kids 4 Afghan Kids program.

■ Wayne County Circuit Court Judge William Giovan grants Laurie Marrs' motion for a protective order against developer REIS. The order concerned a subpoena and deposition notice to Marrs by REIS attorney Robert Carson, who

issued the subpoena on behalf of the developer.

June

■ Developer Sam Sackillah files a lawsuit against Northville Township on May 7 concern-



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Farmington Hills Fire Chief Rich Marinucci talked about his career of over 30 years in the Farmington Hills Fire Department as he prepared to retire and become the Fire Chief of Northville Township.

ing issues at his development, Heslip's Corner, at Seven Mile and Napier roads. The lawsuit lists six counts regarding issues he has with signs on his property and what he sees as an infringement on his freedom of speech.

■ Northville City Council approves an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation to replace the Beal Avenue bridge. Total cost of the project will be \$612,900, with the city required to pay \$49,900.

■ More than 525 Northville High School students receive their diplomas during commencement exercises on May

31.

■ Annexation of the former hospital property may be avoided if Northville Township leaders and developer REIS can reach an agreement on the \$100-million lawsuit the developer has filed against the township. The lawsuit alleges the township thwarted development by placing too many conditions on the plan they wanted to develop.

■ Northville Schools' jobs may be saved if a recent proposal by Teamsters Local 214 prevents privatization of custodial positions. The Board of Education has a deadline of June 10 on whether to outsource the positions.

■ An ongoing debate on sex-education curriculum in the schools persists, with the school board to vote on a controversial class June 24. Two public hearings have been held.

■ The Northville Golf Team places third at the state finals.

■ Northville Township residents produced more than 3,000 letters against the proposed annexation of the former state hospital property to Livonia to the Michigan Senate.

■ The sex-education curriculum passes the Board of Education, and the idea of privatization of such jobs as custodians, bus drivers and cafeteria workers for the schools is dropped.

July

■ An attorney representing Northville Township says annexation reform legislation that would prevent township land from going to Livonia must pass before the primary election to alter the outcome

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REVIEW

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of any ballot question. City of Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey publicly supports the annexation effort in a column in the Livonia Observer newspaper.

■ Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox says fewer sheriff's deputies may be patrolling the Northville section of Hines Park in the near future if proposed budget cuts take place.

■ A judge rules in favor of John Beemer, former manager of Northville Township's Maybury Farm, overriding the Northville Community Foundation's and the Michigan Employment Security Commission's denial of his unemployment benefits after Beemer was fired in Sept. 2007.

■ The Northville Rotary Club holds its biggest annual fund-raiser, a surf-and-turf Lobsterfest, at Northville Square shopping/dining center.

■ Northville Township planning commissioners debate which direction to take on a parcel at Five Mile and Beck roads. Most township leaders want the land to remain ORT (Office, Research and Technology), while developers want to bring a commercial element (B-3, General Business) to the corner.

■ Bushwood Golf Course, a 9-hole, par-3 course designed by architect Jerry Matthews, gets ready for some major improvements, according to owner Bob Kunkel.

■ Dozens of Livonia and Northville Township residents come to Livonia's city hall to let city council know how they feel about a primary ballot initiative that would turn part of the township – the former state psychiatric hospital property on Seven Mile Road – into the city. Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey calls a press conference, saying mailings from Taxpayers for Responsible Development were "blatant attempts at misinformation" and he urges city residents to learn the facts before going to the voting polls next month.

■ In rejecting a one-year contract offer for the 2008/09 school year from Northville Public Schools, the teacher's union says no to, among other things, a step pay raise increase of 5.5 percent for 72 percent of the district's teachers. Teachers at the top of the steps – the other 28 percent – would've received a 1-percent pay raise.

■ Local skateboarders may get their wish if community leaders can figure out liability issues and obtain the Northville School Board's approval for a Sk8Park at Hillside Middle School.

■ City of Northville police officers feel safer after city council approves the purchase of new bulletproof vests for \$1,339 apiece.

■ Northville Township's notion to halt or stay the Aug. 5 primary vote on annexation is denied by the Michigan Court of Appeals.

■ Northville City Council considers allowing drivers northbound on Center Street to turn left on Main Street.

■ Former Northville resident CPT. Jeffery M. Hoose, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, receives the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge and Bronze Star Medal "V" for exceptionally valorous conduct in the line of fire.

■ City Council approves \$74,000 for sidewalk repairs, replacement and new sidewalks.

■ Citizens are outraged after a Northville resident on Thayer Boulevard shoots a fawn with a pellet gun because it was allegedly eating the resident's plant material. The deer has to be euthanized.

■ An agreement between Northville Township and REIS, developer of the former state psych hospital property, is sent to U.S. District Judge Sean Cox, but Livonia residents will still vote on the proposed annexation.

■ The Northville DDA approves reimbursements to downtown businesses for almost \$40,000 in facade improvements.

August

■ Livonia voters shoot down a primary ballot proposal to annex 414 acres of Northville Township property – the former state psych hospital, owned by developer REIS. The township and developer move forward, saying the project will be done



Newcomer Dottie Garrity and incumbent president Joan Wadsworth were both elected to the Northville Board of Education in November.



Northville Township resident Richa Gangopadhyay was crowned the 27th Miss India USA at Royal Albert's Palace in Fords, N.J.

in multiple phases amid an air of "cooperation."

■ Clare Genitti, a longtime Northville resident and mother of John Genitti, Jr., owner of Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall restaurant, dies at age 87.

■ City council contemplates reducing the overall number of required parking spaces in the downtown area by about 20 percent.

■ Those looking for a friendly, neighborhood restaurant with a varied menu check out the new Rusty Bucket Corner Tavern, which opens at Five Mile and Sheldon roads.

■ The Kohl's department store on Haggerty Road celebrates a grand re-opening.

■ Results of the Michigan Merit Exam and ACT are released by the Michigan Department of Education, and once again Northville High School students perform well in all subject areas.

■ Projected student enrollment numbers for the 2008/09 Northville School District shows an overall increase of 84 students, up to 6,949.

■ Motorists will have an easier time locating the historic city of Northville after a new program of wayfinding signs is approved.

■ Providence Park Hospital offers the public a behind-the-scenes look at the new \$224 million Novi facility two weeks prior to its official opening.

■ Anti-annexation workers are officially thanked at a meeting of the Northville Township Board of Trustees.

■ With contract negotiations between Northville Public School teachers and the district at a standstill, both sides agree to bring in a state mediator.

■ Northville Public Schools posts a graduation rate of 97.49 percent for Northville High School and a district graduation rate of 92.66 percent for the Class of 2007.

September

■ Township Manager Chip Snider says that closed sessions on the agreement between developer REIS and the township were legal and did not violate the state's Open Meetings Act.

■ The upscale restaurant NOMI reopens under new ownership with a new menu featuring contemporary French-American cuisine.

■ Even with a state mediator at the table and a contract extension through Nov. 11, Northville public school teachers and the district are still at an impasse.

■ Some city officials question Tipping Point Theatre getting city funds for landscaping.

■ Visitors to Maybury State Park can now witness the



PHOTO BY PAM FLEMING

The family-owned Paws Total Pet Studio at 201 E. Main Street in downtown Northville caught a lot of heat from people who insisted the new store was selling dogs from breeders known as puppy mills. The accusations were denied by the owners (l to r, back) Lindsey Champine, her husband, Bob, and his mother, Carol Ann. In front is the store's trainer, Jerry Mike.

beauty of butterflies through the Gardeners of Northville and Novi group's certified Monarch Waystation at the concession stand near the park's Eight Mile entrance.

■ Schoolcraft College hosts its 17th Annual Culinary Extravaganza fund-raiser for the college's foundation. Schoolcraft's new Biomed Center is also unveiled to the public in September.

■ United Methodist Church of Northville welcomes a new minister, Rev. Steven Buck.

■ Reconstruction of the parking lot behind the Marquis Theatre begins.

■ Bob and Lindsey Champine, owners of Paws Total Pet Studio in downtown Northville, say they have nothing to do with puppy mills as organizers of a Puppy Mill Awareness Day get ready for their event.

■ John Beemer, the former farm manager at Maybury Farm in Northville Township, won yet another battle in redeeming his unemployment benefits when an administrative law judge's decision was affirmed by the Employment Security Board of Review.

■ Dedicated left-turn traffic lights are approved for the intersection of Beck and Eight Mile roads.

■ Rain dampens the annual Victorian Festival activities in downtown Northville.

■ Northville's Downtown Development Authority considers expanding its boundaries.

■ The Rainey family cries "fowl" after the township board of trustees rules that their chickens violate zoning laws.

■ Mishelle Lussier opens a new restaurant, Table 5, in downtown Northville in the former MacKinnon's restaurant space.

■ Yonglu Che, a senior at Northville High School, accomplishes something quite amazing – a perfect score of 240 points on the national Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

■ Less than one week after opening a new state-of-the-art hospital in Novi, Providence Park Hospital President Rob Casalou announces he is leaving for Saint Joseph Mercy hospitals.

■ Township resident Bill Demmer, a local auto dealer, gets the Michigan House of Representatives to declare September 2008 as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month. Demmer lost his wife, Shirley, in Nov. 2007.

October

■ A group of residents – Citizens for Public Accountability and Responsible

Development (CPARD) – is suing members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees, alleging the board conspired to violate the Opening Meetings Act during its negotiations with developer REIS.

■ Rich Marinucci, fire chief for Farmington Hills for 31 years, plans to retire Dec. 15 and start his new job as fire chief in Northville Township on Jan. 5.

■ Five candidates for four Northville Township trustee positions square off in a debate hosted by the Northville Record.

■ Davenport University opens a new 26-classroom, 40,000-square-foot facility north of Seven Mile and east of I-275.

■ Bonnie Thrush and Linda Sheppard know retailers are having a tough time, and the two local business coaches speak to a group of downtown Northville merchants at a "Retailing for Success" seminar.

■ In the first major sign that the state's grim economy has taken a toll on its banks, federal and state regulators move to shut down Main Street Bank in Northville.

■ The Northville Downtown Development Authority pays about \$1,800 for installation of Wi-Fi (wireless Internet access) in the Town Square area.

■ The Northville Public Schools and Northville Education Association announce a tentative three-year agreement has been reached between the district and teachers; it is ratified on Oct. 13.

■ Dino's Lounge opens in Northville Square in the former The Chase Bar location.

■ Residents of Northville Township Edenderry Hills subdivision battle over a \$1 million road reconstruction project.

■ Township officials have to bite the bullet in certain areas as they prepare to approve the 2009 annual budget; that includes a hiring freeze and no salary increases for directors.

■ John McGuire, longtime founder and owner of the popular Guernsey Farms Dairy and Restaurant, is named Citizen of the Year by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

■ A State Equalized Value of \$10 million on the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property is entered by Michigan Tax Tribunal Judge Kimbal R. Smith III.

■ A portion of the roof of the annex building at the Northville Downs race track suffers significant damage in a fire on Oct. 18.

November

■ Barack Obama wins the national nod to be our country's next president. Locally, voters pick Mindy Herrmann, Marv Gans, Chris Roosen and Marjorie Banner for the township board of trustees, while Joan Wadsworth and Dottie Garrity win seats on the school board.

■ Riffle's restaurant opens on Main Street in the former Helen's locale.

■ Dr. Stephen Anderson, principal of Northville's Amerman Elementary, is one of 62 outstanding elementary and middle school principals nationwide to be named a 2008 National Distinguished Principal.

■ The Northville Record announces it will be closing its downtown office and relocating, along with the Novi News, to an office in South Lyon.

■ A garbage truck traveling on Beck Road strikes a power line crossing the roadway near Six Mile, causing six power line poles to fall into traffic lanes. Power lines fell on four occupied vehicles, but no one was seriously injured.

■ Actress Laurel Hufano, star of the Tipping Point Theatre's "Don't Dress for Dinner," wins a Wilde Award, metro Detroit's annual theatre award, for Best Support Actress for her portrayal of Suzette in the farcical comedy.

■ Although he didn't plan to retire at age 53, Rick Stirling, the city of Northville's building official, steps down from his position on Nov. 20.

■ Northville receives a clean audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30 from consulting firm Plante & Moran, signifying that members of the city administration are keeping a close watch over the city's finances.

■ Northville residents Terry and Debbie McElroy and Bill and Doris Campbell donate \$100,000 to the University of Michigan-Dearborn for scholarships.

■ Despite protests from a roomful of angry residents, the Northville Township Board of Trustees, by a 6-1 vote, approves a \$1 million paving project for the Edenderry Hills subdivision.

■ An agreement in which Schoolcraft College was to purchase about 20 acres in Northville Township for a public safety educational building is still up in the air.

December

■ Motorists on Taft Road will have better visibility in the near future with eight new lighting fixtures chosen by city council.

■ A new book showcasing a local gem, "Northville's Mill Race Village: Photographs of a Living Museum," by Rodney L. Arroyo is released.

■ Local business Sweetie Pies Baker and Catering and the Northville Equestrian Center team up for a fund-raiser to benefit Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac.

■ The Hydrobotics team from Meads Mill Middle School earns the Robot Performance Award at the Novi Championships at Rock Financial Showplace.

■ Keith Farnie debuts his newest film, "Our India Story," during The Flavors of India event at Rock.

■ The New Hope Center for Grief Support gets a nice Christmas present – the staff will soon move to a house at 315 Griswold Street under a lease with the Northville Historical Society.

■ Freelance illustrator Elisa Chavarri, of Northville, knows just what gift to suggest for the environmentally-enlightened child this Christmas – a new book, "Santa Goes Green," by author Anne Margaret Lewis and illustrated by Chavarri.

■ Northville High School student Aris Zervos is really looking forward to January 17-21, because he's invited to attend the 56th Presidential Inaugural in Washington, D.C.

■ Superintendent Leonard Remierski earns a three-year contract extension (through June 21, 2011) and a 1-percent salary increase (\$135,896) from the Northville Board of Education.

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

■ Federal Community Development Block Grant funds may be used to help pay for the clean-up of the former state psychiatric hospital property on Seven Mile Road once the brownfield redevelopment plan for the land is finalized.

■ Northville resident Jill Wylie has a new invention that could save the felt on pool tables – the Junior Shark.

■ Brian Galdes and Steve Mardsen, both Northville residents, are honored respectively as Outstanding Practicing Principal of 2008 (Fisher Elementary in Redford) and Michigan Assistant Principal of the Year (Waterford Kettering High School).

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Christmas fun

Members of the Northville High School singing group "Backbeat" have some fun with a Christmas carol as they perform at Moraine Elementary.

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OBITUARIES

GARY C. CHILDS

A resident of Linden and former resident of Milford, passed away in the care of his family at Genesys Hospice in Goodrich on December 27, 2008. He was 70 years old. He is survived by his children, Carol (Herb) Butterfield of Fenton, Dennis (Laura) Childs of Linden, Diana (Michael) Dasher of Fenton, Doug (Liz) Childs of Fowlerville; grandchildren, Nicole (Jason) Eldred, Lisa (Warren) Hunt, Joseph and Jessica Childs, Trisha, Tylor, and Trey Dasher, Megan and Sarah Childs; great-grandchildren, Anna Eldred and Aedan Hunt. Also surviving are his sisters, Joyce (James) Wilson, Linda (Ernie) Miller, many nieces, nephews and dear friends. He was preceded in death by a sister, Judy Childs in 2004. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Wednesday, December 31st, 2008, with burial in Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials are encouraged in his name to Genesys Hospice. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

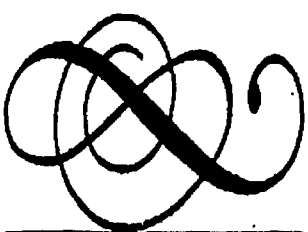
KAREN CORDLE (NEE FABIAN)

Age 64, passed away December 21, 2008. Beloved wife of Cecil Cordle, loving mother of Michael (Cathy), Bryan (Debbie), Stephen (Margaret). Also survived by her mother Leatrice Fabian; mother-in-law Mary Cordle; her sister Linda Paletta and Janis (Paul) White, five grandchildren, one great-grandson, many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She will be dearly missed by many friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



MARY LOU HOLLINGDALE

A former resident of Milford and Highland, passed away on December 27th, at West Hickory Haven in Milford Township. She was 87 years old. She leaves her lifelong companion, Herb Hollingdale, sons, David (Rose Marie Willis) Fox of Illinois, Duane (Linda) Fox of West Bloomfield, a daughter, Patricia Wright of Missouri, and her beloved grandchildren. Mary was a past Head Custodian for Hartland Middle School and a long time member of the Eastern Stars. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Tuesday, December 30th, 2008, with Rev James Braid officiating. For further information please phone 248-684-6645.



AMBER MARIE MAYERNIK

Age 27, passed away December 21, 2008. She was born on May 5, 1981, in Ypsilanti, to Erik and Cindy (Barton) Mayernik. She graduated from Pinckney High School in 1999. Amber was a licensed Esthetician and make-up artist. She was a devoted U of M fan and her passion was cooking. Amber is survived by her Parents, Cindy and Jim Cooper; siblings, Evan and Erin, Grandpa Richard Barton, five aunts, nine uncles, several cousins and her beloved friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents: Emily Barton, Andrew and Arlene Mayernik, and Gary Cooper, her Aunt Sue Cooper, and Great-Grandma Nicholas. A Funeral Service was held December 24, 2008 at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

GEORGE A. NOELL

Age 96, December 26, 2008. Memorial service Jan 3, 2009 at 1 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Online guestbook Phillipsfuneral.com



STEPHEN J. RENN

Age 65, of Milford. Died December 22, 2008 after a valiant battle with idiopathic interstitial pulmonary fibrosis. He is survived by his mother, Barbara Rohn, son, Tim Renn; grandson, Cooper Renn, siblings, Doug Rick, Diane Theodore; fiancé, Kelly Mellish and many loving extended family members and dear friends. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Memorials encouraged to the Steven J. Renn Memorial Tree Fund. For further information please call Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

GENEVA VALENTINE

Age 79, passed away in the care of her family at home in Highland Township on December 25, 2008. She is survived by her daughter, Joan (David) Graybeal of Highland, sons, Kenneth (Paulita) Valentine of Milford, Kim Douglas Valentine of Florida; eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, her step-grandchildren, and sister, Georgie Mills. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Lillie Kathryn, a granddaughter, Carrie Lynn Graybeal, and her husband, Dallas in 1989. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Monday, December 29, 2008, with burial in Highland Cemetery. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



HERMAN A. WEDEMEYER, SR.

Age 94, a resident of Northville since 1959, passed away on December 5, 2008. Loving husband of the late Betty Wedemeyer. Herman was born to Arthur and Josephine Wedemeyer of Columbus, OH on June 5, 1914. He is survived by his children, Dianne Barrows of Los Angeles, CA and Herman Jr. of Alameda, CA, his grandchildren, Susan Barrows and Sara Wedemeyer both of Arizona, and his brothers, Theodore and Glenn Wedemeyer and their families in Ohio. He was a Ford employee who worked as a Manufacturing Process Engineer in Livonia until his retirement in 1976. Herman had many outside interests over the years including photography, golf, camping, travel, Freemasonry and his church. Most notably was his long time devotion to the Masonic Lodge beginning in 1939 and continuing until his passing. He was active in several different Masonic organizations including the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan where he served as Grand High Priest in 1992/93. A Memorial Service will be held on January 18, 2009 at 3:00 pm at the local Northville Masonic Lodge. For further information, please contact James Hawn at jehawn@yahoo.com. Contributions in Herman's memory can be made to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, 48168 or to the Michigan Masonic Home, 1200 Wright Ave., Alma, MI 48801.

DAVID J. "COWBOY" ZAMBOROWSKI

Age 31, of Brighton, passed away December 20, 2008. He was a member of G.H.O. David is survived by his son Michael Zamborowski, daughter Ashley Williams; parents Leo and Peggy Van Sickle, two brothers Samuel and Joshua (Bonnie) Van Sickle, grandparents Brenda (Michael) Hynes, Charles (Frances) Zamborowski; and his fiancée Heather Myers. A Funeral was held on Dec. 27, Saturday, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



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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, 16100 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.

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.

DISTRICTWIDE

Attention parents of students in grades fifth through seventh who want their child to be considered for the Academic Resource Class (AR) in the 2009-2010 school year:

The Academic Resource (AR) class meets for one period every day during the Academic Enrichment hour and allows the students who qualify to work together and mentally stimulate each other. Students participate in whole class work, cooperative learning groups and individual studies. Subject topics are derived from core curriculum and student interests. Placement is based on the IOWA Test of Basic Skills (Reading and Math) and the Cognitive Abilities Test (Reading, Math and Patterning) scores as well as available space.

All students in fifth and sixth grades are tested beginning the week of January 26, 2009. One purpose of the test is to consider student placement for the following school year. No nomination forms are necessary as all students are tested and considered.

New sixth graders who enrolled in Northville Public Schools after June 2008 will be considered upon enrollment. Previous test scores and student grades were reviewed. Students who are currently enrolled in sixth grade will be tested during their seventh grade year.

Additional information about gifted programming can be downloaded from the district web page, www.northville.k12.mi.us under "Instruction".

Attention parents of students in grades second through fourth, who want their child to be considered for the Alternative Learning Program for Students (ALPS) in the 2009-2010 school year:

The Alternative Learning Program for Students (ALPS) is designed to meet the unique educational needs of academically talented students. At the elementary level, third through fifth grade students are transported from their home school to attend Amerman Elementary School where they receive full-day academic instruction.

ALPS offers a differentiated curriculum and interaction

with similar learning peers. Approximately five percent of Northville students in grades third through fifth qualify for this differentiated programming in order to have an optimal educational experience. Placement is based on the IOWA Test of Basic Skills (Reading and Math) and the Cognitive Abilities Test (Reading, Math and Patterning) scores as well as available space.

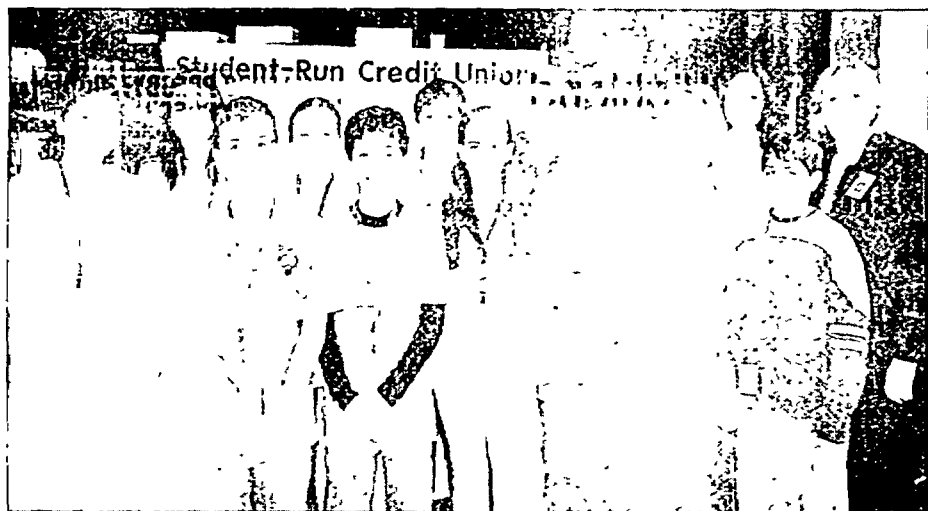
Parents of second grade students who wish to have their child tested for third grade placement must first complete and submit the Parent Nomination Form by Tuesday, Jan. 26. Nominated students will be tested Jan. 13-16, 2009. Testing will be from 7:45-9:45 a.m. at the child's home school. Parents will be responsible for providing transportation to the testing site. Testing will begin promptly at 7:45 a.m. Children should arrive a few minutes earlier.

All students in third grade will be tested beginning the week of Jan. 26. One purpose of the test is to consider student placement for the following school year. No nomination forms are necessary as all students are tested and considered.

Only new fourth graders who enrolled in Northville Public Schools after June 2008 will be tested beginning the week of Jan. 26. Parents must complete and submit the Nomination Form by Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Additional information and nomination forms can be downloaded from the District web page, www.northville.k12.mi.us under "Instruction". Forms should be faxed to Louise Henderson, 248-347-6928 or mailed to the Gifted Education Office, Room 104, Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Information about the tests can be found at www.riversidepublishing.com. Look for the IBS and CogAT tests under "Achievement" and "Ability".



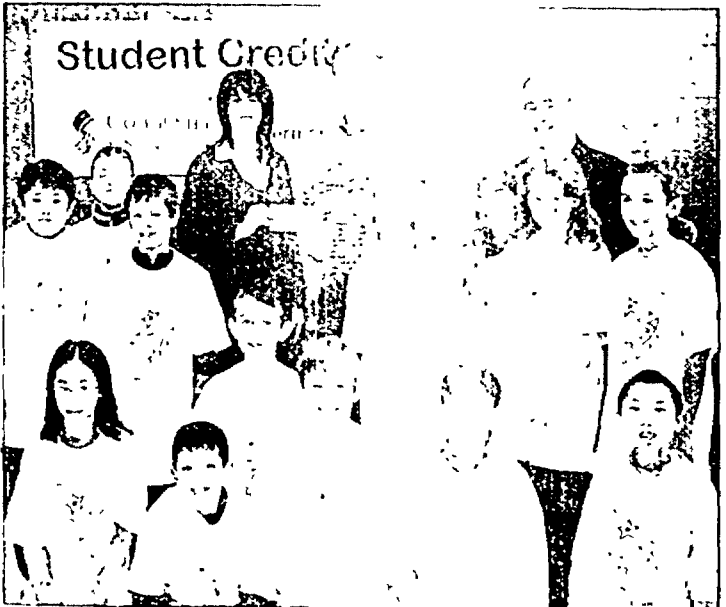
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Student-run credit union

Meats Mill recently became the second middle school within Northville Public Schools to partner with Community Financial's student-run credit union program which provides students a convenient way to get into the savings habit and gives volunteers an excellent opportunity to learn career skills. According to Mary Kerwin, education partnership coordinator at Community Financial, students who volunteer to work for the student-run credit union participate in an extensive application and training process. Seventh grade students from Laura DeMart's Math Enrichment class were given the opportunity to learn valuable career skills when applying to fill the volunteer positions of branch managers, training representatives, tellers, bookkeepers and computer operators. Five of Northville's elementary schools have student-run credit unions which feed into similar programs at Meads Mill and Hillside Middle Schools. Subsequently, to Northville High School. Pictured, Principal Dr. Sue Meyer cuts the ribbon with the new student-run credit union volunteers and in the back row (l to r) Assistant Superintendent for instructional services Mary Kay Gallagher, teacher Laura DeMart and Mary Kerwin, Community Financial education partnership coordinator.

Community Financial gift

Andrea Marlow, Community Financial's Northville branch manager (back left), gives a check to Todd Knickerbocker, treasurer of the Northville Educational Foundation Board of Directors; to the right is Principal Dr. Stephen Anderson; also shown are student volunteers from Amerman Elementary's student-run credit



SENIOR PHOTO

union operated by student volunteers from the fifth-grade classes of Wendy Lavale and Robin Long. The Northville Educational Foundation is among seven recipients to be given a total of \$5,300 from the credit union's annual Community Shares program. "We greatly appreciate Community Financial's ongoing support and generosity that will help us strengthen academic programs and expand educational opportunities in the Northville Public Schools," said Todd Knickerbocker, treasurer of the Northville Educational Foundation Board of Directors. "Improvements in our schools increasingly depend on community involvement and funding to support academic and enrichment programs that cannot be supported by the district's operating funds."

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Are there certain kinds of foods a person can eat to help lower their cholesterol?

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Dear Concerned
What you eat can actually play a huge role in lowering your cholesterol, and for many, it may even eliminate the need for cholesterol-lowering medication.

KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

As you may already know, your cholesterol level is the amount of fat in your blood. If it's too high, you're at a greater risk of having a heart attack or stroke. Ideally, you want your total cholesterol reading (that includes your LDL and HDL

cholesterol) to be below 200, and your "bad" LDL cholesterol below 129 - less if you're at risk for heart disease. If your total level hits between 200 and 239, or your LDL reaches 130 - 159 you're considered borderline high. And if your total is above 240, or your LDL is over 160 you have high cholesterol.

On the other hand, a higher number is better when it comes to the "good" HDL cholesterol. Most men range between 40 and 50 HDL, and women range between 50 and 60. Anything below 40 (for men) and 50 (for women) is too low, and anything above 50 (for men) and 60 (for women) is great, because it provides extra protection against heart disease.

CHOLESTEROL-LOWERING FOODS

Let's of research over the past

few years has shown that certain foods can help lower your LDL cholesterol and/or boost your HDL, including:

• **Oatmeal and oat bran:** Loaded with soluble fiber, oatmeal or oat bran is a great way to start the day and shave five percent off your LDL. Five to 10 grams per day are recommended. Other good sources for soluble fiber are apples, pears, prunes, citrus fruits, kidney and lima beans, barley, psyllium, carrots, broccoli and brussels sprouts.

• **Nuts:** Studies have also shown that a daily dose of walnuts and almonds can lower your LDL by 10 percent, and raise your HDL by as much as 20 percent. Peanuts, hazelnuts, pecans, some pine nuts,

Please see SAVVY, A13



TRACY L. SPADA

'The Dinner Party' extended

Tipping Point Theatre is extending the run of its current production, Neil Simon's comedy 'The Dinner Party' through Jan. 4. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$18 to \$25. The Dinner Party follows five people who have been invited to dine at a first-rate restaurant in Paris. They do not know who the other guests will be or why they have been invited. Tossed together in a private dining room, they have a sneaking suspicion that this unorthodox dinner party will forever change their lives. The evening is filled with playful antics, sudden zaniness and masterful comic dialogue as the mystery unfolds. The original production opened on Broadway in 2001 and ran for 364 performances. Shown are Wayne David Parker (Dearborn) and Julia Glander (Ann Arbor). Other cast members include Aaron T. Moore (St. Clair Shores), Stephanie L. Stephan (Toledo, OH), Dave Davies (Warren) and Karin Pearson (Northville).

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Wednesday - 7 p.m.: Adult Bible Study
with children's program

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120 Bishop St., Highland
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• Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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• Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Pastor Danny Milutin
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1605 N. Hickory Ridge Rd. (248) 887-1515
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School For All Ages
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service &
Kids Church (4 yrs. - 4th grade)
Child Care Provided
Wednesday Ministries For All Ages At 7 p.m.

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3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland (248) 887-5364
Rev. Leo T. Lukko, Pastor
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5 p.m.
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Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.
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Services held at:
Madonna University's Kresge Hall
36600 Schoolcraft Road - Livonia
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620 General Motors Rd., Milford
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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KIDS' Worship 10:15 a.m.
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Wednesday 7 p.m. - High School Youth
Call about our current small group studies

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11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380
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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.

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238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805
Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
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8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
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www.fumcnorthville.org

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200 E. Main St. at Hutton • (248) 349-0911
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Rev. W. Kent Cline, Senior Pastor
Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor

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40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville
248-374-7400 or 248-374-5978
Sunday Worship 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
Traditional: 11 a.m., Contemporary 9:30 a.m.
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Novi

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Worship 10:00 a.m.
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46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Reverend George Charnley, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-7778

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44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Service
Dr. Richard J. Henderson, Pastor

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21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile
248-348-7757 • www.mbcoc.org
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48374
Weekend Hours
Saturday 5 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
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Rev. Henry Sands, Associate Pastor
Parish Office: 348-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

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Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
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South Lyon

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Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Sr. High Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Mid High Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

The Church of Christ
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Rob Callicott, Pastor

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
10774 Nine Mile Road
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582
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Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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www.solidrock.southlyon.org

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 734-582-8342 or e-mail: dhart@dnps.com

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4805 Highland Rd. between Bogie Ln & Ormond Rd.
(248) 887-4654 Deborah V. Kerr, Pastor
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South Lyon

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640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760
Sunday Worship: 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Nursery Provided
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62345 W. 8 Mile Road 437-1472 • www.familylifecc.net
Sr. Pastor Joseph R. Tabbi
Sunday Christian Education 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Christian Education and Family Nite 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
60820 Margerie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
Phone: 248-437-2963
Sunday School 8:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastor Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor Randy Weeks
Website: www.fbcsothlyon.com
• Email: fbcsothlyon@bcglobal.net

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Services held at: Kent Lake Elementary
30181 Kent Lake Rd. - S. Lyon
Sunday Service Times
9:30 a.m. - Meet & Greet
10:30 a.m. - Morning Service
Rev. Kenneth Warren-586-531-2021

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 (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads)
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, 8:30 p.m. program, every Thursday
DETAILS Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details single-place.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 777 W. Eight Mile Road
CONTACT (248) 349-1144 or fumnorthville.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

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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 WRDZ-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

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
LOCATION 24505 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamily-novi.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. Childcare 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

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 dinner.

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.
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

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
LOCATION 770 Thayer, Northville
CONTACT (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org
Saturday Worship
TIME 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship
TIME 7:30, 9, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

GRACEPOINTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONTACT Rev. Brian C. Steeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac.com, and gracepointe@pcpa.org
Sunday Worship
TIME 10 a.m.
LOCATION The Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers
DETAILS Nursery staffed by Nanny Poppin

OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LOCATION 140 N. Center, above Tutto's in Old Church Square, Northville
CONTACT Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891
Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH
LOCATION 45301 W 11 Mile Road
CONTACT (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptist-churchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship 11 a.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
LOCATION 41355 Six Mile Road
CONTACT (248) 348-9030

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH
LOCATION 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
CONTACT (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe-meadows.org
Sunday Worship 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
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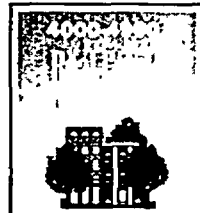
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Learning Experience manager Kim Guntzviller plays with her daughter Eva, 9 months, at the Ridge Road childcare center.

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Learning Experience comes to Northville Township

■ Owners are clients

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Katie and Keith Schulz are not only the owners of a new child care center in Northville Township, they're also clients.

The Schulzes, of South Lyon, recently acquired the franchise for The Learning Experience at 16635 Ridge Road just south of the Ridgewood Plaza on Ridge Road.

"We're now enrolling children," said Katie, who has a degree in business from the University of Michigan and spent 15 years working for a management consultant company.

The Schulzes have three small children: Sydney, 5; Zachary, 3; and Mackenzie, 18 months.

"When I was on maternity leave with Mackenzie, we were looking for a new child care center for all of our children. And, I was also looking for a new career that would offer more balance between career and family. We toured The Learning Experience in South Lyon and fell in love with the facility — both as a child care center for our children and as a new business opportunity. I literally came home that night and said, 'Honey, this is what I want to do.'"

She said what drew her to the business, whose corporate headquarters are in Parsippany, N.J., was the fact that the role of the center director is also one of child care expert, so as a franchise owner, she can focus on the business aspects of the facility. All teachers have either an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree. Assistant teachers don't have to have a degree but are required to have a recommended amount of continuing education units through the state plus several years of child care experience.

Schulz said she decided the Northville Township location was perfect for her, since she

THE CENTER'S PHILOSOPHY

Selecting a preschool can be an overwhelming experience for parents or care givers. The staff at The Learning Experience want to make it easy. The philosophy is to give each child a secure environment in which they can have fun, gain self-confidence, develop intellectually and become well-rounded, happy individuals. Founders of The Learning Experience, Michael, Linda and Richard Weissman, have more than 25 years of experience in the child care industry and have operated hundreds of child care centers across the country. For more information about the new facility in Northville Township, call (248) 374-2495 or go to www.thelearningexperience.com. An open house is scheduled from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24.

grew up in the Plymouth/Canton area. "It's close to many new subdivisions in the township, so, it will be a great place for new families to bring their children." The center, expected to open Dec. 22, and is conducting tours for parents or other care givers.

MAKE BELIEVE BOULEVARD

The facility, for children 6 weeks to 5 years old, features a Make Believe Boulevard with police and fire stations, Lucy's Diner, Bubbles' General Store, Lenny's Garage, a plastic ball pit and slide.

Other area locations of The Learning Experience include Livonia, Farmington Hills and Clarkston. Children are separated by age at the center. In the 4-year-olds room, they learn phonics, social studies, math, language, writing, computer, art,



Learning Experience staff member Janet Davis helps Mackenzie Schulz get her socks on at the Northville Township childcare center.

science and more.

Children usually come either three or five days a week, with families already ready to start bringing their youngsters on Jan. 2. The facility is open 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and a summer camp takes place for children up to age 8.

"We don't take field trips because of liability issues, but bring the fun to the center, such as the Reptile Guy, the Farm Guy, Bounce House Day, Circus Day, firemen and police," said Kim Guntzviller, center director.

Security is high at the center, with cameras in all of the classrooms and the front door locked at all times. "Children are not on the Internet for security purposes, but there are monitors up front. Parents are issued key fobs," she said. Both playgrounds are fenced.

Children receive computer training at age 2 and a half, and the facility is brightly painted with primary colors and furni-

ture. The center also has plenty of room to grow as the township population expands.

"Once we have 75 children, we will have a full-service kitchen and cook on site," Guntzviller said. Until then, parents will bring lunch for their children, with the center providing morning and afternoon snacks.

Age groups are: 6 weeks to 1 year — Infant Care; 1 to 2 years — Toddlers; 2 to 2-and-a-half years — Twaddlers; 2-and-a-half to 3 years — Preppers; 3 to 4 years — Preschool; and 5-year-olds — Kindergarten.

There's even a bathroom equipped with a large rocking chair for mothers who wish to nurse their babies while at the facility.

"We have an open-door policy, so parents can come in and watch the monitors to see how the teachers are interacting with their children," Guntzviller said.

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Curtain up for Lyon theater

■ Cinema starts new chapter

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

New name.
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The Lyon theater, most recently known as the South Lyon Theater, opened Dec. 12, and new manager Thomas Gerdorf said people will be pleased with the changes.

"When they walk in here it will be a lot different," he said. "The idea is to create a good entertainment experience."

Few remnants of the old lobby remain and the picture and sound quality have improved dramatically.

The lobby features a more modern look, and instead of the one-speaker system of the past, 12 speakers provide superior digital surround sound.

The 176 seats in the theater remain the same, but have been cleaned up, and new carpet covers the floor.

Tonya Emery, who managed the theater for four years prior to it closing in April, could barely contain her excitement when she heard it was reopening.

"It was almost like a death in the family when it closed," she said. "And now to see the modifications, it's overwhelming. Everything is new and improved. It's beautiful now."

The name, the Lyon, is the original name of the theater when it opened Jan. 25, 1946. While a lot has changed in the city since, the theater remained a downtown staple.

The Lyon Theatre is located at 126 E. Lake Street.

For more information and movie show times, call (248) 446-9090. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors, students and all shows before 6 p.m.

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

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Meetings

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education
DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month (Jan. 13)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Old Village School

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

City Council
DATE: First and third Monday of the month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
Downtown Development Authority Meeting
DATE: Third Tuesday of each month
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.
CONTACT: downtownnorthville.com
Planning Commission
DATE: First and third Tuesday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall
Housing Commission
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.
Historic District Commission
DATE: Third Wednesday of month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall
Arts Commission
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
Beautification Commission
DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

Planning Commission
DATE: Last Tuesday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile
Board of Trustees
DATE: Third Thursday of month

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

Senior Events

SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

LOCATION: 303 W. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140
Thursday
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9 a.m.: TOPS; Massage by appt.
10:30 a.m.: Yoga
11 a.m.: Cribbage
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
Friday
8 a.m.: Walking Club
11 a.m.: Poker
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Walking Club
1 p.m.: Movie
Monday
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg
10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxycise
11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre
7:15 p.m.: Tai Chi
Tuesday
8 a.m.: Walking Club
10:30 a.m.: Yoga
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
Wednesday
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

50th Anniversary Announcement



Joe and Janet Clark celebrated 50 years of marriage with friends and family at a luncheon at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth, Michigan. They were married on December 27, 1958 at the Nazarene Church in Howell, Michigan. They met at and graduated from Hartford High School and now reside in Northville, Michigan. The celebration was hosted by their 3 daughters and their families: Kim, Norm, Jessica and Chris Lloyd of Yorktown; Margie, Jon, Zach and Josh Bucklin of Williamston, Michigan; and Joan, Chris, Samantha and Kevin Mallory of Livonia, Michigan.

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P.S. While colored gemstones are graded under daylight-equivalent light, many colored gemstones (such as rubies and emeralds) look their best under incandescent light.



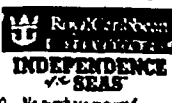
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Phillip and Jean Katz work on a puzzle of the European Ravensburger castle in their Northville Township home. The couple works on some puzzles that take them weeks to finish – and they're pretty good at them – which they then frame and put up in their garage.

Northville couple document trips with puzzles

World travels represented

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Most people have photos of their world travels.

But Phillip and Jean Katz put together a puzzle to remind them of their journey.

The walls of the Northville Township couple's garage are filled with colorful completed puzzles, with others gracing the walls inside their condominium. Their friends affectionately refer to their extensive puzzle collection as "The Gallery."

They also collect magnets, with their refrigerator covered with some beautiful souvenirs of their trips.

The first puzzle in their collection that got the ball rolling was one of the famous presidents at Mount Rushmore in South Dakota.

"I wanted to buy it and thought it was a picture when the saleslady told me it was a puzzle," Phillip said.

Another of their favorites is one from Ireland a friend sent them. They have a puzzle of the Royal Essex Cottage in England, Great Lakes light-houses, the Lichtenstein Castle in Wurttemberg, Germany, that the castle in Disneyland is modeled after and one of Birds of the Back Yard.

Sometimes they order puzzles from places they've visited.

"I just went to Egypt, so we have a couple of Egyptian-themed puzzles, but we didn't buy them there," Phillip said, with these ordered puzzles featuring Cleopatra and King Tut. The same is true with a puzzle of Japan.

"We bought that (puzzle) in the U.S., but we've been there," Jean said.

Other puzzles showcase the Garden of the Gods, Rocky Mountain National Park, the United States Air Force Academy, the Great Sand Dunes, Durango and Silverton, all in Colorado; Niagara Falls in New York; Washington, D.C.; Peggy's Cove in Nova Scotia; a garden in San Francisco; the Grand Canyon, Painted Desert and Petrified Forest National Park, all in Arizona.

They worked a puzzle of Carlsbad Cavern in New Mexico as well maps of the states of Texas, Michigan and Arizona. More puzzles feature Mackinac Island, the Taj Mahal and the Hagia Sophia, a museum in Istanbul, Turkey.

They have several by famous American artist Norman Rockwell, the World of Cats and some of dogs.

Some familiar sights also make up their puzzle collection, such as the University of Michigan Stadium, the late Elvis Presley's home, Graceland, and the annual balloon festival in Albuquerque, N.M.

Currently, they're working on a puzzle of the Le Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City, Quebec.

Most of the puzzles they work are about 1,000 pieces, although one they bought at the Mall of America of a castle was 1,500 pieces.

"We have one we bought we haven't started yet with 2,000 (pieces)," said Jean. "Two thousand?" Phillip asked. "I guess I'm getting brave."

TRICKS OF THE TRADE

As expert puzzle workers, the Katzes do have a few secrets. They separate the pieces in different boxes by color or shape. And, if they start to get frustrated, they leave the puzzle table for a while and come back later. The theory is that taking a break can provide a new perspective. "Sometimes you've just got to walk away from it," Phillip said.

They started the hobby in June 2004. Phillip was a school administrator for 40 years for the Detroit Public Schools, and Jean was an elementary teacher for the same school system. They're both retired now and have lived in the township six years.

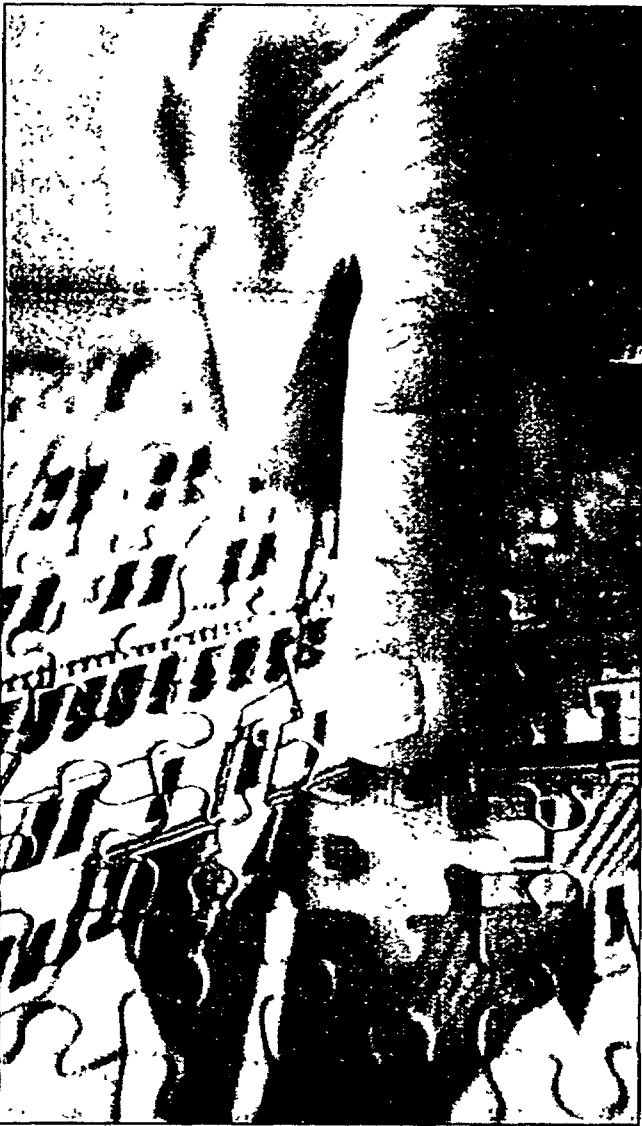
They may work on a puzzle for hours at a time, or they may not "puzzle" for several weeks.

As Phillip says, it's just "whenever the mood hits ya."

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The Katzes frame and put up a lot of their international-themed puzzles in their Northville Township garage.



Phillip Katz points to a gap in a puzzle he's working on with his wife Jean. There's a piece missing that they're trying to locate in order to finish it.

NORTHVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Local Events

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m., Friday, Jan. 2
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: As guests stroll along the streets of downtown Northville's growing art and fashion district, they can enjoy a night filled with art exhibits (highlighting featured artists each month), art demonstrations and related events. The sounds of 93.9 The River will fill Northville Square (133 W. Main Street) as the station will be on site with their River Roadie Team providing guests with station giveaways and a chance to win great raffle prizes, including certificates from downtown merchants. Downtown Northville's participating First Friday Art Galleries and stores will be open from 6-9 p.m. with many establishments offering hors d'oeuvres and beverages for their guests as they browse or shop. Participating First Friday Art Walk galleries include: Northville Gallery (123 E. Main St.); Starring, "The Gallery" (118 W. Main St.); The Tom James Gallery of Fine Art (117 E. Main St.); and a collaborative event at 145 N. Center St. presented by Tracey Vitkay of Vitkay Visions and Eric Schwan of Intentional Environments. Artists will include Michael Shuster (CarOnTheWall.com) and Michael Shuster Photography; Sara Young (etched glass); and Corey Rose (unique paintings and graphite prints.) Learn more about these artists at www.uniquegraphicsandgifts.com. Donations of food, clothing and money will also be collected for Northville Civic Concern, with a portion of sales from artwork also going to the local charity.
CONTACT: For more information, visit <http://downtownnorthville.com/WhatsGoingOn/FirstFridays.htm>.

DANCE LECTURE

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7
LOCATION: Miss Harriet's Dance Studio, 133 W. Main Street, Suite 190, Northville
DETAILS: A free lecture for aspiring dancers, singers and actors and their parents.
CONTACT: (248) 349-1111

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009
LOCATION: Amerman Elementary Gym
DETAILS: Contact Kristin Chen for an appointment at (248) 735-8928 or kmchen68@yahoo.com or schedule online at www.givelife.org. Enter sponsor code: **amerman**

FIRE & ICE FESTIVAL

TIME/DATE: Noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 31
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street and Town Square (Downtown Northville)
DETAILS: This annual event features the popular chili and salsa cook off competition, ice sculptures, and ice carving demonstrations.
CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce (248) 349-7640

NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH LUNCH, LECTURE AND TOUR

DATE: Feb. 12
TIME: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
LOCATION: Providence Hospital, Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: One of the doctors from Providence Hospital will offer a tour of the Heart Institute followed by a lecture on Cardiovascular Disease in women. Lunch will conclude our program.
CONTACTS: Pam Grigsby pam.grigsby@yahoo.com 248-348-3944 or Helen Wolterspoon hwotherspoon@comcast.net 248-924-3019

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.

Winter Storytimes

DETAILS: Registration for some storytimes begins in January 2009. Visit the Web site or call the library for more information.

Motor City Rock & Roll: 60s & 70s

DETAILS: Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Motown music with this engaging presentation about music in the 1960s and 1970s, presented by authors Bob Harris and John Douglas Peters. Please call the library to register at 248-349-3020.

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Stuart Little
TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, through Jan. 25; and 2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2
DETAILS: Live on stage, enjoy this timeless musical tale about the heroic spirit in all of us, no matter our size. Tickets are \$8.50. No children under 3 years old. Groups rates and reserved seating available.

"THE DINNER PARTY"

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Jan. 2-3; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4
LOCATION: Tipping Point Theater, 361 E. Cady St.
DETAILS: Neil Simon's play, "The Dinner Party," follows five people who have been invited to dine at a first-rate restaurant in Paris. They do not know who the other guests will be or why they have been invited. Tickets are \$18 and \$25.
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SIDE NOTES

An estimated 30-40 million Americans grind their teeth when they sleep. Not only does bruxism (tooth-grinding) raise a ruckus, it causes premature tooth wear. In addition to the biting surfaces of grinding molars wearing down, as one might expect, bruxism can also cause tooth loss on the sides of teeth. This bruxism-related loss of tooth material at gum level is caused by "abfraction," which involves flexing of tooth structure. As the affected teeth grind, the force creates tension on one side of the tooth and on compression on the other. As a result, notches develop as enamel is lost. Addressing this problem involves using a night mouthguard to prevent tooth-grinding followed by restoration of the lost tooth material that bruxism caused. Bruxism isn't only a nighttime activity. Some tooth-grinders continue this damaging practice throughout the day. Whether you are in our office for bruxism or just for a simple cleaning, our personal, casual, and relaxed style in providing quality dental care will help put you at ease. We'll take the time to get to know your needs, answer your questions about the latest techniques and materials, and make sure that you are comfortable. Find out just how pleasant a visit to the dentist can be—call us at 734-453-9413. Complete family dental care is available at 496 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Ste. 201, Plymouth. P.S. Notches in teeth related to abfraction can be effectively restored with dental bonding.

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Fourth Annual Fire & Ice Fest set for Jan. 31

The Fourth Annual Fire and Ice Festival is coming back to Northville from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31 for chili and salsa cook-off competitions at the Northville Senior Center, ice carvings and carving demonstrations at Town Square.

Thirteen restaurants/caterers, plus the city and township fire departments will be showcasing different chili and salsa products to compete for the Fire and Ice top awards.

Competitors for this year include George's Senate Coney Island, Poole's Tavern, Rocky's of Northville, Solid Grounds Coffee House, Sweetie Pies Bakery and Caterers, Rusty Bucket, Deadwood Bar and Grill, Little Italy, Riffle's Homestyle Restaurant, Hotz Catering, Dino's, Independence Village of

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People's Choice: Salsa - Edward's Café and Caterers; Chili - Rocky's of Northville

Plymouth and Red Pepper Deli.

In the Fire House Chili Challenge, the township fire-fighters have won a sweep from 2006 to 2008.

The word is city of Northville firefighters will be whipping up a new recipe in hopes of winning.

The day starts off with a Blizzard Breakfast Fund-raiser by Northville Parks and Recreation from 7:30-10 a.m. at Genitti's.

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OUR VIEWS

Tough choices will put state on right path

Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently announced \$134 million in state budget cuts that targeted prisons and welfare spending. Tough choices in tough times. To her credit, she was able to spare the funding for public schools.

The cuts are necessary because Michigan's high unemployment rate cuts into the expected state revenue flow. Fewer jobs mean lower levels of income tax revenue. It also means less consumer spending, which reduces the flow of state sales tax receipts.

It will only get worse. State property values are falling, which means that property taxes — which fund a chunk of the public school fund — must necessarily fall.

So while the governor's spending cuts were necessary and defensible, they also represent the state government's failure to address the structural budget shortfall that has plagued Michigan since the beginning of this decade.

Simply put, the cost of running state government is not sustainable. The current sources of revenue are insufficient to pay for current and future costs. There is a big gap and there has been dating back at least to 2002, when Granholm first ran for governor.

There have been financial stunts to avoid facing this gap. Some of these include: Raiding the rainy day fund, shifting property tax collection dates, and short-selling the revenue from a massive tobacco suit settlement. These are one-time only gimmicks that failed to address the root cause. They are no longer available, and the gap — estimated by some to be as high as \$1 billion — still exists.

There are only two reliable ways to realign this structural deficit. One is to greatly reduce spending. The other is to increase state revenue.

Revenue can be boosted by a robust economy, but we haven't seen that for some time, nor is that a likelihood in the near future. Revenue can also be increased by tax hikes. That is a self-defeating measure in a recession.

Besides, new revenue doesn't solve anything without spending discipline. State lawmakers increased (or restored, depending on your frame of reference) the state income tax rate and added an odious surcharge to the state business tax.

Still, it wasn't enough. Spending still outpaces revenue, which led to the governor's cuts. Meanwhile, the structural imbalance remains.

It's not that the state has not made cuts. But hacking and slashing here and there only meets immediate short-term needs. Such practice fails to address the core problem. The governor and legislative leadership need to revamp state government.

That requires hard decisions: What services will the state provide? How can those services be most efficiently delivered? Where can cuts — painful, long-term cuts — be made?

To seriously address these challenges, state government leaders must successfully confront sacred cows.

They must address an unaffordable retirement and health-care package for state and public school employees. They must look to privatize where feasible. They must cut employment and curtail wages where possible. They must decide what is essential and affordable.

None of these decisions will make anyone popular. But the process could preserve a state government that is in a precarious position. There is a time to be a partisan politician and there is a time for leadership and statesmanship.

We've seen the carnage and futility of blind partisanship. What we need now is leadership.

This editorial originally appeared in the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus

IN YOUR VOICE

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices, on the Web at hometownlife.com.

■ TOM WATKINS: Would the death of newspapers equal the death of democracy?

Good investigative newspapers are the only thing that keeps our government transparent; without them, the citizens are in danger.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's all about choices

With the sale of Northville Pharmacy, now I've got to go to CVS to take our scripts to the one I choose. The reason I went Northville Pharmacy was to stay with independent local pharmacies. Key two words — I CHOOSE where I spend my money. CVS's service is not five to 10 minutes and out; never was, never will be. The owner of Northville Pharmacy didn't treat us — who went because of the people and service and the workers — with no respect. I remember his name and make sure not to deal with The Man.

Brian Long
Northville

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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Feel the love

On Dec. 28 around 5 a.m., as that major windstorm blew through our community, the residents on Lexington, south of 8 Mile,

and all the residents on Potomac lost their power.

Knowing that we had been without electricity all day, my thoughtful next door neighbor, who had power (on Rogers St.)

came over around 4 p.m. with his gasoline-powered generator and hooked it up to our furnace and refrigerator.

At 10:30 p.m., a Northville police officer came to our home to report that a complaint had come from a resident on Randolph St. about a noisy generator. Of course, the neighbor who complained was more fortunate not to have been affected by the power outage. But the noisy generator was bothersome to them.

My wife is on oxygen 100 percent of the day, so I had to move her to a place with power.

We turned the generator off at night so as not to disturb our neighbors.

Let's all hope that 2009 is a better year and we have weather that's less severe. But in any case, it is my view that neighbors should be more supportive and helpful.

Gard Andresen
Northville

COMMENTARY

State Board of Education member Liz Bauer makes world of difference

The Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson, wrote me asking for help in supporting her work for Mental Disabilities Rights International (MDRI). Oh my! OK, she wrote perhaps thousands of others with the same appeal. So, I am not special, but if you decided to help — you will be.

MDRI is the leading international organization established to protect and defend the rights of children and adults with disabilities. It also works to help put an end to egregious abuses, which are far too prevalent around the world, against people with disabilities.

As the Duchess rightly pleads, "Today, due to the work of MDRI, we stand on the edge of a monumental shift where it will no longer be accepted or tolerated to lock children away in institutions for a lifetime; where tying children to cribs or leaving children who are immobile, lying in beds for years, is torture; where locking children with disabilities in cages or performing painful medical procedures on them is no less outrageous or egregious than if done to a political prisoner; where governmental bodies will face the shame and legal consequences they deserve for perpetuating human rights abuses."

MDRI Collaborates With Local International Organizations To:

- expose abuses against people with mental disabilities;
- make recommendations for mental health reform;
- help craft mental health legislation;
- help train and support new organizations run by people with mental disabilities and their families;
- work with established, mainstream human rights organizations to promote the inclusion of mental disability rights into their core advocacy agendas.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

At this time of giving please make contributions to MDRI by calling (202) 296-0800 or visiting their Web site at www.mdri.org. Closer to home, you can donate to the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition by calling (517) 333-2477 or visiting their Web site at www.copower.org/mdrc/MDRC/htm.

Many have witnessed similar abuses here in Michigan and across America — treating people with disabilities in vile and inhumane ways.

CLOSE TO HOME

Locally, we have individuals who are fighting to protect the rights and dignity of people with disabilities. Elizabeth Bauer, of Birmingham, is one of them. She is a member of the Michigan State Board of Education, former executive director of the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, and a board member of MDRI. Bauer is perhaps the strongest advocate for the rights of all people, especially for the rights of people with disabilities, that I know. She has been at it for more than four decades. Liz, as she is better known, has been a tireless and passionate advocate, fighting for the rights of all people to help assure they can take part in all the glory life has to offer.

I first met Liz in the late 1970s when she served as the training director (which is a misnomer as she was much more) at the Plymouth Center for (in)Human(ane) Development. Liz, then as now, was in the middle of fixing problems that others had created because this state mental health institution had gained national notoriety for unfathomable human abuses.

Fortunately, our paths have continued to cross over these many years. During every waking hour Liz Bauer spends

her time, energy, money and intellect attempting to make the world a better place. Do not attempt to argue with Liz about disabilities rights issues in Michigan, the U.S., or around the globe. She has either been in the center of the fight or has the issue well-documented in her basement files that rival the National Archives when it comes to disability issues.

She has walked the halls of state institutions in Michigan, America and in developing nations while passionately advocating for those with disabilities. She knows the halls of the capitols of our state and nation just as well. She has championed enlightened public policy and the development of inclusive, consumer-directed, culturally competent, community-based services and supports for people with disabilities in Michigan; nationally and in numerous other countries.

Liz's Rolodex is a virtual who's who of advocates, consumers and powerful political people on whom she will call or upon whom she will sic advocates in her quest to uphold basic human rights.

Sadly, the rights of persons with disabilities, as well as treating them with basic human decency, are still being violated daily in Michigan and across the world. In this 21st century, with all that we know, we need to support the individuals and organizations that are standing up for the rights of our fellow man.

Liz Bauer and the Duchesses of York can't do this important work alone. They need your help and support. Please give until it hurts — so children and adults with disabilities will not hurt in the future.

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SAVVY

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and pistachios have also been shown to lower cholesterol. But be careful. Nuts are high in calories, so a handful (no more than 2 ounces) will do. The best way to add nuts to your diet is to substitute them with foods that are high in saturated fats like cheese and meat. That way you're gaining the benefits of nuts without adding more calories.

Sterols and stanols: These are substances found in plants that help prevent cholesterol from being absorbed into your bloodstream. A recommended dose of two grams per day can help knock 10 percent off your bad cholesterol level. The best way to get these substances is to consume store-bought foods that are fortified with sterols or stanols including certain orange juices, yogurts, breads, cereals, granola bars, cooking oils, salad dressings, margarine spreads and more. Check the labels to find products that contain sterols or stanols and watch out for high calories.

Fish: Rich with omega-3 fatty acids, eating fatty fish (mackerel, lake trout, herring, sardines, salmon and albacore tuna) a few times a week can help boost your good HDL cholesterol by as much as 10 percent, not to mention lower your triglycerides and blood pressure, and reduce inflammation. If you don't like fish, other food sources that provide omega-3s are walnuts, soybeans, flaxseed and canola oil, or take a fish oil supplement.

Olive oil: Contains a potent mix of antioxidants that can lower your LDL without affecting your HDL. A good way to work olive oil into your diet is to substitute it with butter or other cooking oils, or mix it with vinegar as a salad dressing. About two tablespoons a day are recommended.

OTHER TIPS

Additional lifestyle tips that can help lower LDL and raise HDL include: reducing the

saturated fats (fatty meats, butter and whole dairy products) and trans fats (found in store-bought cookies, cakes, crackers and many fried foods like french fries) you eat; lose excess weight (even 5 to 10 pounds can make a difference); exercise regularly (at least 30 minutes, five days per week); quit smoking; and drink alcohol (no more than one drink per day for women and two for men).

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.

Job Resources for Un-Retirees

Dear Savvy Senior,
What resources can you recommend to help retirees find a job? With the economy in the tank and my nest egg dwindling, I've had to cut back my monthly withdrawals to keep from running out of money. Now I need to find a job to help make ends meet. What can you tell me?

Looking for Work

Dear Looking,
Unfortunately, the economic downturn has forced many retirees back into the workforce.

To help you job hunt, there are a variety of resources available today that cater specifically to older workers. Here are some to try.

WEB RESOURCES

Whatever your skills or working interest (full time, part time, temporary or seasonal) there's a growing array of online employment networks that can help you connect with companies that are interested in hiring seniors. Some top sites to visit are:

RetirementJobs.com: This is the largest and most comprehensive career site for people over age 50. It offers a job search engine that lists more than 30,000 jobs nationwide from companies that are actively seeking older workers.



Dem partyers

Michigan's Lieutenant Governor John Cherry shared his appreciation of the Democrats of West Oakland County (DWOC) and the West Bloomfield Democratic Clubs at the Dec. 16 holiday party held in Novi at the Maples Restaurant. Cherry congratulated the groups for their extensive participation and success in the November elections. He credited the clubs with their demonstration of a massive grassroots effort that significantly helped provide the win of Michigan's Ninth Congressional District Democratic seat in the U.S. Senate for Gary Peters, the Oakland County election of Democratic County Prosecutor-elect Jessica Cooper, and the County Treasurer-elect Andy Meisner. Both clubs came together with Cherry in loud cheers reflecting on the significance of the Democratic win for Oakland County and for the country in the election of Barack Obama as the president of the U.S. The DWOC Executive Board are (l to r, sitting) Linda Koch, Hannah Donigan, Mary Jane Duly; (standing) Pat Ryan, James Gualdoni, Cynthia Churches, Karen Zyczynski, Lt. Governor John Cherry, Mary Ann Brownlee and Ethel Schwartz.

It also provides job-seeking tips and advice, help with resume writing and allows you to post your resume online for companies to find you. Other 50-plus job seeking sites worth a look are seniors3hire.com, workforce50.com, retired-brains.com, retireworkforce.com, wiseworker.com and seniorjobbank.com.

AARP: At www.aarp.org/employerteam you can search for a job through AARP's National Employer Team. This is a group of 39 top-notch national companies that are looking to hire older workers in a wide variety of areas. You can also do a job search at the AARP/Monster.com partnership site at <http://jobsearch.aarp.monster.com>.

Enrge.us: For retired government employees, this site (www.enrge.us) matches federal,

state and local government workers with private companies seeking to fill contract jobs in all kinds of fields. You post your resume on their site where a large pool of potential employers can review it and contact you if interested.

YourEncore.com: This is an online recruitment firm that connects retired scientists, developers and engineers with companies that offer consulting assignments lasting up to one year.

GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Uncle Sam may also be able to help you get a job through their Senior Community

Service Employment Program (SCSEP). Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, SCSEP offers lower-income folks, age 55 and older access to training and part time job placements in a wide variety of community service positions such as day care centers, senior centers, governmental agencies, schools, hospitals, libraries and landscaping centers. To learn more or locate a program near you visit www.doleta.gov/seniors or call 877-872-5627.

Another government resource to tap into is a local One-Stop center. There are more than 3,000 of these centers located around the country that provide free resources and services to help you

explore career options, locate training and find a new job. To find a nearby center, call 877-348-0502 or go to www.servicelocator.org.

In addition, some states, communities and local non-profits may offer their own senior employment programs. To find out what may be available in your area contact the eldercare locator at 800-677-1116.

TEMPORARY PART-TIME

If you're looking for temporary part time work, a great option to consider is the U.S. Census Bureau who's currently recruiting census takers for the 2010 census. This is ideal for retirees looking to earn some extra income and work flexible hours. Pay ranges from \$10 to \$22 an hour, depending on the region. Thousands of census takers are needed to update address lists and conduct door-to-door interviews. Hiring will begin in February. To apply, call 866-861-2010 to schedule an appointment to take the employment test. And for more information go to www.census.gov/2010censusjobs.

SSA Notes: Retirees who are looking to unretire need to be aware that working can temporarily reduce your Social Security (see www.ssa.gov/pubs/10069.html) if you are currently collecting retirement benefits and are under full retirement age, and earn more than \$14,160 in 2009. Also note that some of your Social Security benefits may be taxable too if your adjusted gross income, nontaxable interest and half of your Social Security benefits reach more than \$25,000, or \$32,000 for married couples. For more information call the Social Security help line at 800-772-1213.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

■ **First Friday Art Walk:** Experience a unique night out amidst small town beauty and big city art year-round in downtown Northville. The popular First Friday Art Walk kicks off the 2009 season from 6-9 p.m. on Jan. 2 when the town comes alive and celebrates the arts. As guests stroll along the streets of downtown Northville's growing art and fashion district, they will enjoy a night filled with art exhibits (highlighting featured artists each month), art demonstrations and related events. The sounds of 93.9 The River will fill Northville Square (133 W. Main Street) as the station will be on site with their River Roadie Team providing guests with station giveaways and a chance to win great raffle prizes, including certificates from downtown merchants. Downtown Northville's participating First Friday Art galleries and stores are open from 6-9 p.m. with many of the establishments along the walk offering complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages for their guests as they browse or shop. Participating First Friday Art Walk galleries include: Northville Gallery (123 E. Main), Starring The Gallery (118 W. Main), The Tom James Gallery of Fine Art (117 E. Main). For more information on participants, visit <http://downtownnorthville.com/WhatsGoingOn/FirstFridays.htm>

CLASSES

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

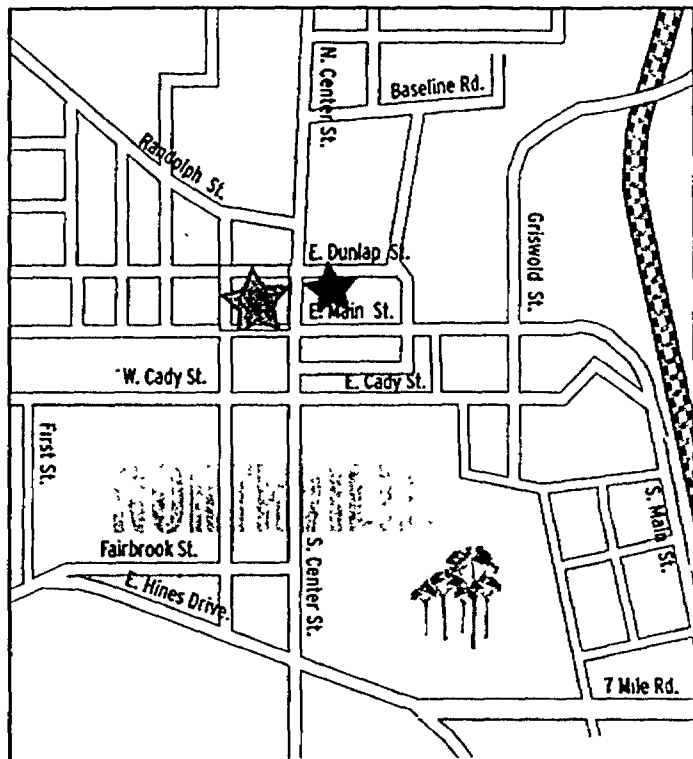
(unless indicated otherwise) Cost is \$40, times are 6-8 p.m. Call (248) 344-7990 for more information.

- 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 Yanner 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.

OPEN HOUSE

■ The Learning Experience of Northville will host an Open House at its new childcare center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24. The event will also feature a fire safety presentation from the Northville Township fire department including an up close and personal look at the fire truck. Refreshments will be served. The Learning Experience is located at 16635 Ridge Road in the Ridgewood Plaza at 6 Mile and Ridge roads. For more information, please call (248) 374-2495 or visit thelearningexperience.com



IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

EZ Fitness eliminates excuses

■ State-of-art facility runs 24 hours a day

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

John Lepak knows that with today's hectic lifestyles, people often have a hard time working in their workout.

But he has an answer to that excuse — EZ Fitness, a new workout facility in Northville Township — is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The facility just opened three weeks ago.

The franchised facility is located in a strip mall on the north side of Five Mile Road just west of Haggerty Road. Mike Negendank, is the manager of the facility and a business partner of Lepak's.

"The setup is a lot different than other gyms," said Lepak, a former boxer at the famous Kronk Gym on the west side of Detroit and real estate agent, whose wife, Reem, is also a business partner. "For example, we have a \$5,000 slate-and-glass vestibule at the entrance, where at a lot of places you just enter right off the street."

A camera also takes an image of everyone who walks in, and emergency buttons are strategically located throughout the gym. "If you hit this, 9-1-1 dispatch is alerted," Lepak said. "We've given an added layer of security."

Other touches include crown molding by the ceiling, Pergo wood flooring and rubberized flooring under the weights.

"We're using this facility as our franchise model," Lepak said.

All the EZ Fitness cardio machines come with flat-screen TVs wired to Comcast cable, so patrons can watch their favorite channel. Each machine also features an online personal trainer that can be accessed on the EZ Fitness Web site with a USB cable. "You program your age, weight, your fitness goals and it creates an entire history for you." You can also program the type of music you want to listen to or bring in an iPod.

The facility will soon have bicycles, but now has ellipticals and stair steppers.

"This is the only one of these Precor ellipticals in the Detroit area right now," Lepak said. "It's about a \$5,000 machine."

A core training area is available, with such items as a BOSU ball, a trademark acronym for "Both Sides Utilized."

The facility plans to offer aerobic classes as well as yoga and pilates. There's even a machine which trains the golf swing. Free weights include dumbbells range from 5 pounds up to 100 pounds. "Those are for the big boys," Lepak said.

Circuit training machines for upper and lower body are made by Hammer Strength. A special abdominal machine, the AbCoaster, is also available.

The cost at the new facility is right, too, at only \$19.95 a month in their introductory offer.

That takes care of the second excuse — cost.

"It's a sensitive subject in this region, but let's be honest — a lot of people are losing their jobs; money's tight," Lepak said. "Rather than sit home and dwell on hard times, where else can go for \$5 a week? That's 67 cents a day. We make fitness easy."

Dennis Mack, 58, of Plymouth received his membership as a gift.

"I've gone to other fitness centers, but they were always impersonal," he said. "But at EZ Fitness, everybody treats you like family and they walk you through the different pieces of equipment. I'm thrilled with this place. I go every day."

Casey Petras, 21, of Livonia, used to tan at the strip mall and saw that the facility was opening.

"The guys were just amazing," she said. "They are so nice and welcoming. I have back problems, and they went out of their way to research what was a safe and efficient workout for me. It's nice to find people who actually care."



Michael Negendank works out at EZ Fitness on Five Mile Road near Haggerty. The recreation center is open 24 hours a day.

SEVEN UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Will Dabish, co-founder with his late brother, Norm, of EZ Fitness centers' parent company, Powerhouse Gyms International, said there are currently seven EZ Fitness facilities under development. "Body building is the number one form of training in the world for any sport," Dabish said. "And it's for everybody." He recommends doing weight training first, then cardio to burn calories, and work out at least two or three times a week. "The whole key is being consistent." The new Northville Township EZ Fitness facility is located at 40340 Five Mile Road. For more information, call (734) 420-1213.

THE PARENT COMPANY

EZ Fitness is a franchise opportunity under parent company Powerhouse Gyms, founded by a Detroit family more than 30 years ago.

In 1974, at age 15, the late Norman Dabish, who died in October 2005 after a long illness following heart surgery, and brother, William, just a year older, left school to help support the family after their father became ill.

"Big Norm" and "Big Will" opened the first Powerhouse Gym in Highland Park in the back of their father's grocery store in 1975. The business has grown into a world leader in the fitness industry with more than 300 locations globally. The family-owned business is now under the direction of Norm's nephew, Henry Dabish, CEO of Powerhouse Gyms International, with Will and other family members still heavily involved in the enterprise. It's never been a publicly-traded company.

"All of the members of the company are treated like family, and I think that's been one of the reasons for the success of the company and EZ Fitness," Lepak said. "When you become a gym owner, you become part of the family." Big Norm may have passed on, but his legacy lives on.

"We want to create healthier lifestyles for people," Will said.

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NORTHVILLE CHAMBER CHAT

WELCOME TO 2009

As a business owner, the new year usually sparks a sense of clearing out old inventory, getting books in order, reviewing advertising and marketing plans. It heralds in a stream of "what worked" and "what didn't work" mantras.

Here are some helpful tips as you prepare for 2009:

■ **Piggyback your advertising.** Including advertising material in other mailings, such as in invoices, saves postage and other costs, says J. Donald Weinrauch, co-author of *The Frugal Marketer*. Likewise, make the most of your point-of-purchase opportunities by tucking coupons, newsletters or other promotional fliers in the bag with customers' purchases.

■ **Be a good neighbor.** Split advertising and promotion costs with neighboring businesses. Jointly promote a sidewalk sale, or take your marketing alliance further by sharing mailing lists, distribution channels and suppliers with businesses that sell complementary goods or services.

■ **Offer expert advice.** Teaching a class, speaking at a community meeting, or writing an article for a local paper not only makes you look like an expert but garners low-cost attention for your business.

■ **Spread the word yourself.** Are you letting people know what your URL is? Try putting it on your letterhead and business cards and in e-mail signatures wherever potential visitors are likely to see it. Include it on

employee uniforms, any promotional items you give away, all press releases, in your Yellow Pages ad and on company vehicles.

■ **Make experience count.** Get free or low-cost help and give local college students a chance to learn the ropes by hiring interns.

Source: www.entrepreneur.com.

Contributors include Jacquelyn Lynn, Ivan R. Misner, Chris Penttila, Guen Sublette and Laura Tiffany.

HEALTH INSURANCE ALTERNATIVE

As we weather this tough economic downturn, the Northville Chamber would like to offer you a health insurance alternative. Through a program coordinated by the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Northville Chamber of Commerce offers individuals a chance to purchase MyBlue suite of products through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Once you become an Individual Member of the Northville Chamber, you have access to this benefit. When you sign up as an Individual Member, your first year is free. The cost for the second year is only \$75. You are eligible for the program right away. The Northville Chamber can give you a list of providers in the area to walk you through the plans and see if this is a program right for you.

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.

NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

HKS Architects, P.C., represented by Jones Lang LaSalle, signed a 10-year lease agreement to move its regional, Farmington Hills office to the historic Water Wheel Centre building in downtown Northville. The move, which takes place February, will allow the firm to increase its work space from 9,000 square feet at its current location to over 14,000 square feet at the Water Wheel Centre.

"Part of the attraction of the Water Wheel Centre is its rich, historic past," says Steve Jacobson, AIA, director of the HKS Detroit office.

Formerly the Historic Ford Valve Plant, the building has been a significant landmark in downtown Northville. The art deco, Albert Kahn-designed facility was built in the late 1930s for Henry Ford, Sr. to

manufacture tractor valves and components for the Model T. The antiquated plant was purchased by Mr. R.D. Cox, and converted into office space for a variety of design firms.

According to Jacobson, the firm will seek Silver LEED CI (commercial interiors) certification for the office. "HKS is committed to sustainable design and being stewards of the environment. Our new office's design will incorporate many of the nation's leading green design concepts including using paints, adhesives, stains and finishes that are free of, or very low in, volatile organic compounds; using Energy Star-qualified equipment and appliances; purchasing materials with a high percentage of recycled content; and implementing fixtures that reduce excess water use."

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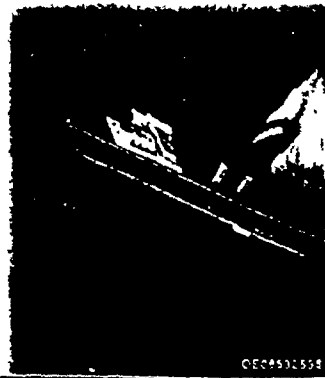
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The best 8 of '08

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER



Northville and Pinckney football players battle on Aug. 28.

Another year has come and past, but with it came many great memories and moments.

The 2008 calendar year brought a new league, epic matchups of Novi and CC, championships and just great games and accomplishments in general.

The following is eight of the biggest stories from 2008.

THE KLAA

Gone is the KVC. Say hello to the KLAA.

The new, 24-team conference is made up mostly of the former KVC and WLAA conferences.

While only one season is in the books (fall), coaches have been mostly positive on the new conference. Of course some bugs need to be worked out, but the proximity mixed in with the level of competition has been top-notch. And things should only get better over time. South Lyon East will only get better as it becomes a full school. The rivalry with Novi will only increase as teams see more of each other with more on the line.

The Mustangs have proven they can be a force to be reckoned with in the new conference.

The girls golf team captured a division and conference crown, the football team turned in its first winning record in several years and the soccer team held its own in one of the toughest divisions in the state.

SPRING DOMINATION OF THE WLAA

Northville ended the WLAA in grand fashion, winning division titles in all seven sports — baseball, softball, girls soccer, girls tennis, boys golf and both track teams.

MUSTANGS HOCKEY SCORES HUGE WINS

In the span of a week, Northville hockey pulled off a couple of huge wins.

The first was a 5-2 win against Churchill to win the first WLAA crown in school history Feb. 20.

The teams were tied at one after the first period. Northville clung to a 3-2 lead after the second, but goalie Teddy Keranan turned aside all of Churchill's attempts in the third, and Alex Brewin scored a pair of goals to clinch the title for the Mustangs.

Six days later, Northville faced hockey powerhouse Catholic Central in the playoffs.

In front of an insanely packed house, the Mustangs scored the winning goal in the second overtime to knock off the Shamrocks and move on.

It was and will be considered one of the greatest wins in Mustang hockey history.

GIRLS GOLF 3RD STATE

Northville head coach Mary Jane Ossola knew her team was going to be good this year. The Mustangs proved her right at the state finals this fall.

Northville didn't have one of its better days to start the two-day tournament this spring. The Mustangs shot 335 as a team on day one, leaving them in fourth place.

Alicia Weber led the charge on the second day, shooting the second best score of the day with a 71. She finished tied for third overall.

Amy Bernstein and Brianna Roberts each improved by three strokes as the Mustangs balled into third place, and were just three strokes away from tying for second.

BOYS GOLF 3RD STATE

The Northville boys story is very similar to the girls, only they made a bigger jump on day two to finish third in mid-June.

The Mustangs shot a 329 on day one to sit tied for eighth.

Instead of throwing in the towel, the Mustangs started throwing in the birdies. They fired a 309 the lowest of any team, to climb five spots into third place.

Trevor Grigg was low on the team with a 155 to tie for eighth overall. Wes Gates was three strokes back, followed by Tim Kelly with a 161, Chris Kozerski with a 165 and Alex

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Gymnast Julie Davison leaps into the air at the Sports Club of Novi as she warms up for practice.



Northville High's state 200 meter freestyle relay winning team, from left: Brody Blickle, Joe Kargular, John Bardsley, and Kyle Adams.



Northville's goalie tries to look past a collision of bodies near his net as he tries to find the puck.

BEST OF '08

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Bernstein with a 172. Bernstein cut 13 strokes off his second-day score as all four scores that counted were under 80.

GYMNASTICS 4TH IN STATE

This story is the one that books are written about.

Northville gymnastics was once on its death bed, about to be dropped because it was unknown if there was enough interest to field a team.

Two years later, the program is top-five good and could be still improving.

Freshman Allison Kemp and sophomore Cassidy Winter led the Mustangs. Winter's all-around score of 36.425 led the team. Kemp

wasn't far behind with a 36.225.

MaKenna Pohl just missed cracking 36 with a 35.950.

Amy Reynolds fired off a 9.325 on the beam, and before head coach Erin McWatt knew it, her team was in fourth place.

"I knew they could be very competitive, but I didn't expect such a phenomenal fourth-place finish," McWatt said. "They just did an incredible job, and I couldn't have asked for a more outstanding ending to our season."

BOYS 200 FREESTYLE RELAY THE BEST

The Mustang boys swim and dive team had big hopes heading into state. Head coach Rich Bennetts knew he had a good group of seniors that were going to make or break the team.

It all came together in one race, the 200 freestyle relay. Brody Blickle, Jon Bardsley, Joe Kargula and Kyle Adams finished in 1:26.57, faster than everyone else at the Division 1 finals

at Oakland University.

"It's real nice to have four seniors on a relay to come together as a group for that 1:26. All the hard work that they put in, and to have it pay off with a championship is a real cool thing," Bennetts said. "We got out to a nice lead with Brody. Everybody did their job. Kyle (swimming anchor) held off the kid from Grand Haven who won the 50 free. We led it from start to finish."

The Mustangs also got All-American swims from Blickle and the 400 relay team that was comprised of the same swimmers as the 200 relay.

FOOTBALL BACK ON WINNING PATH

Northville football has taken its lumps in recent years.

The Mustangs were only too happy to hand out some this year.

Head coach Matt Ladach took over the program, hoping to turn things around. He thought the team was headed in the right direc-

tion, and the boys proved they were, coming up just one game shy of guaranteeing a playoff spot.

But more importantly, instilling a winning attitude in the locker room.

The Mustangs started the season 4-1, losing only to playoff-bound Chelsea. But a 1-3 stretch with all losses coming to playoff teams left the Mustangs deadlocked at 4-4.

The final game came at Walled Lake Northern. A dim playoff chance was alive, but the Mustangs were playing mostly for their pride.

Final score: Northville 41, Northern 0. And it wasn't that close.

Several Mustang seniors danced off the field knowing their final season was something that wasn't even close to a possibility for several graduating classes before them.

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BY KATE PHILLIPS
SPECIAL WRITER

La Casa del Rio Grande is the best place to come for authentic Mexican food at reasonable prices. During a time when most people are pinching pennies, Rio Grande is a better budget alternative than pricey restaurants.

"You can eat a good meal here for the same as you would pay for fast food," said owner Dawn Salvati.

Those that eat out in Novi will find the 10-minute drive west refreshing, because there's usually no wait and the prices are much better. The fun little restaurant is located on Grand River Avenue in New Hudson, near the I-96 exit at Milford Road.

Construction finished!

La Casa del Rio Grande invites the public to try out the restaurant once again, now that the local road construction is finished. Although the construction signs are still up, the road is open — so come on in. The restaurant has suffered a big hit due to the five-and-a-half month road closure for the construction of the roundabout at Grand River Avenue and Lyon Center Drive. This road closure made it impossible to get to Rio Grande during lunch, so the summer lunch crowd was lost. This loss was extremely devastating for the business as summer lunches are normally the busiest time of the year. The restaurant is inviting its former customers to come back to a familiar place for a great meal.

Amazing food

The food at Rio Grande is so good because the recipes come straight from Mexico. It's mild, not spicy like the Tex-Mex at many other restaurants. Everything can be made extra mild or spicy to taste.

Fajitas are a customer favorite. This sizzling dish can be served with either steak, chicken or steak, chicken and shrimp. You can include sautéed vegetables such as green peppers, tomatoes, onion and mushrooms — in any combination, or leave them out all together. It is truly a culinary delight.

Another house specialty is the tacos. Choose any filling — like ground beef, shredded beef, chicken or the original bean and potato taco. Tacos are served up three different



PHOTOS BY KATE PHILLIPS

The bar is always open, and the giant TV is always on at Rio Grande. Owner Dawn Salvati and her husband Jeff Clark hang out with the customers.

ways. There is a traditional corn fried taco and a flour soft taco, but the house favorite is a flour fried taco. The shell is fried up especially for you — that's something you can't get everywhere.

"All the food at Rio Grande is awesome," said Salvati. "For those that don't want Mexican, we have lots of great American food and the best blurgers in town."

As for dessert, a local secret is Carmen's Cookie Dough Xanga. It's a flour tortilla filled with chocolate chip cookie dough, then deep fried until golden brown. Yum! The crispy creation is drizzled with chocolate and served with a mound of ice cream.

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Come home

La Casa del Rio Grande is located on the site of Dawn Salvati's childhood home. The name is Spanish for "the house on Grand River." This property has been in her family for more than 40 years.

"I am a true New Hudsonite with close ties to the community," said Salvati. "This place is very meaningful to me."

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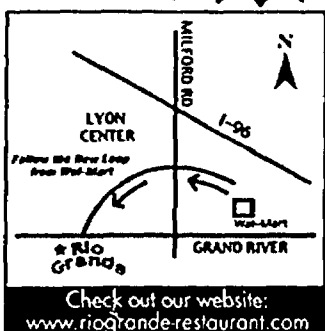


Owner Dawn Salvati is served a crispy Chimichanga by Chef K.C. Rapp. Sharon Dahl is enjoying a huge burger with onion rings. The American food is just as scrumptious as the Mexican fare at Rio Grande.

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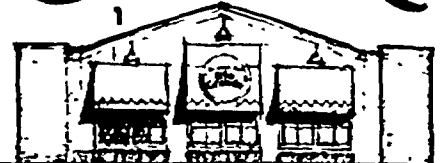
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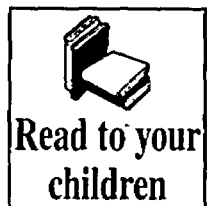
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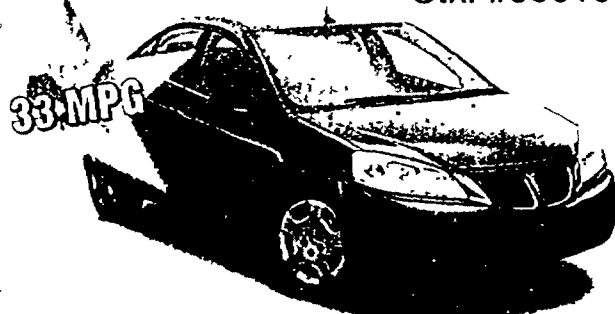
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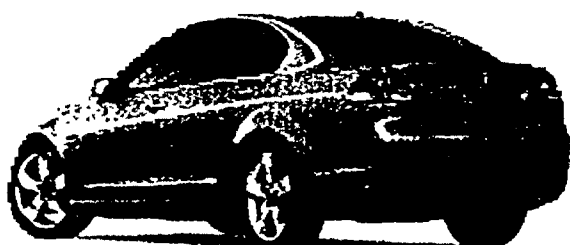
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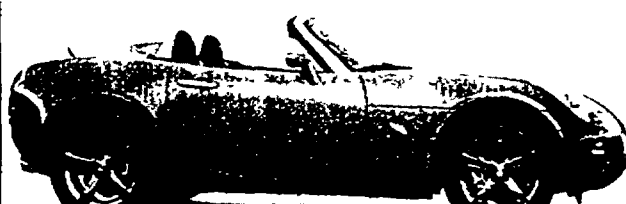
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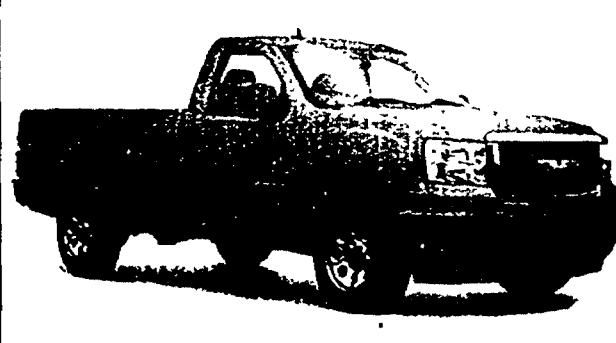
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