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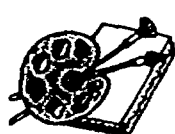
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## ON THE RECORD

### Art, art, art

Three artists with three very different styles will grace the walls of Starring The Gallery during Northville's First Friday



Art Walk on June 6: David Amamoto, with his narrative photographs of the American

West; Michelle Moore, whose abstract paintings reveal something unique to each viewer; and Alecia Hibbeln, whose whimsical birch tree series is painted on both canvas and windows. Friday night will be the third time this artist trio has shown their works together.

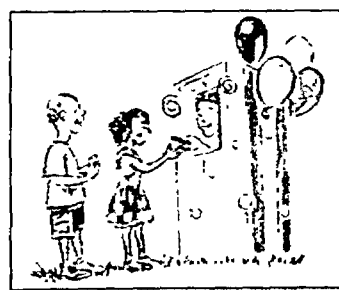
### Doc dinner

Each month Providence Park Hospital hosts a Dinner with a Doctor about current topics in healthcare. This month's topic is "Back Pain," presented by Dr. Peter Bono from

6:30-8:30 p.m. tonight.

There is no charge to attend. To sign up, please call 1-866-501-3627.

Dinners are held in conference rooms A, B and C on the Providence Park campus at Grand River and Beck roads in Novi. Enter the campus off of Beck Road and continue straight to the building's Heart Institute entrance (formerly the southeast entrance). The conference rooms will be to the immediate left.



### Carnival time

A carnival to raise funds for the Michigan 50's Festival will be held through Sunday at 12 Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk (west side of Novi Road, between 12 Mile Road and I-96). Times are 4-11 p.m. today and tomorrow, noon-11 p.m. Saturday and noon-9 p.m. Sunday.

Wrist bands for the McDonagh's Amusements Inc. carnival are \$20 per day. There will be 1000,000 coupons for \$3 discounts distributed throughout the area.



Griffin Working goes high over an opponent in Saturday's Birmingham-Bloomfield Tournament.

PHOTO BY LEE CHEN

## Northville team grabs Golden Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee a backyard party game? Think again. Northville earns major style points and victories with its very own Ultimate team.

Main Street, Northville High School's Ultimate Frisbee team, took home the championship Golden Frisbee Saturday in a Birmingham-Bloomfield Tournament. The team swept 7-3, 7-3, 7-3 in all three winning games to claim the ultimate prize.

"The Golden Frisbee looks like a cooking pan spray painted in gold," joked team member

Please see FRISBEE, A11

## City adopts budget, cuts staff

### ■ No comments at public hearing

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Residents had one more chance to dispute the city of Northville's budget May 18, but all was quiet during the required public hearing.

The city charter states that city council must adopt the budget by the third Monday of May.

Mayor Chris Johnson said that the city would be reducing its staff come July 1 from 54.5 down to 46, which represents a 15.6 percent cut.

Nickie Bateson, assistant city manager and finance director, reiterated that this was the most challenging year the city has faced from a budgetary standpoint since 1991.

Challenges included reductions in property tax revenue, state shared revenue, brokerage fees (Northville Downs race track monies that go to the city), building permits and investments.

On a brighter note, Bateson said at least the city has a dedicated millage for streets and other city improvements.

#### OTHER COUNCIL NEWS

After the budget approval, council approved a temporary outdoor seating permit for the Table 5 restaurant on East Main Street. The restaurant plans to put up a moveable railing system around the outdoor dining area.

#### DDA CONCERNS

David Cole, president of the Northville Central Business Association, did comment prior to the public hearing that he wished the Business Assistance Program could remain in the 2010 fiscal year budget.

This program was cut from the Downtown Development Authority budget for next year.

Recently, about \$40,000 was designated to go to downtown businesses, who will be reimbursed for improvements.

"Although I know times are rough, I think this is an important program," said Cole, owner of Great Harvest Bread Co. on East Main Street.

He also appeared at Tuesday morning's DDA board meeting to state his support for keeping the Business Assistance Program in the next DDA budget.

"Council has reviewed this matter in detail," Johnson said. "In fact, if you count the organizational review meeting, we had five meetings."

He suggested that the DDA review the council's recommendation that the landscaping budget reflect only \$15,000 instead of \$30,000 for the downtown area, with \$15,000 being placed into a contingency fund.

The DDA budget can be amended if changes need to be made in the downtown landscaping budget, which is part of the Sidewalk & Streetscape Project.

The 1 percent administrative fee, which will yield the city about \$137,000, will also be charged to taxpayers starting with the summer tax bill. The fee is already charged on the winter tax bill.

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## Talented? You be the judge

### ■ Second round of Talent for the Title competition judging today

The excitement is about to begin. Northville's 1st Annual Talent for the Title competition received an overwhelming response of audition tapes from all around the state of Michigan. Invitations were sent out to more than 80 performers to participate in the second round of judging which will take place today. Local performers will be joined by musical artists from Kalamazoo, Livonia, Pinckney, Novi and several other cities.

Please see TALENT, A11

#### ABOUT THE EMCEE

Matt Watroba has hosted "Folks Like Us" on WDET for 20 years. He was awarded "Best Overall Folk Performer" by the Detroit Music Awards for the year 2000, and his long list of credits include the prestigious Ann Arbor Folk Festival, the Detroit 300 celebration, The Ark, Louisville's Kentucky Music Weekend, and hundreds of school and community presentations throughout the Great Lakes Region. He has shared the stage with Pete Seeger, Tom Paxton, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Arlo Guthrie, Shawn Colvin, Christine Lavin, Peter Yarrow and Richard Thompson.

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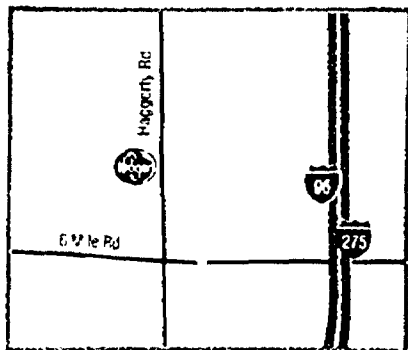
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### Saturday, May 30

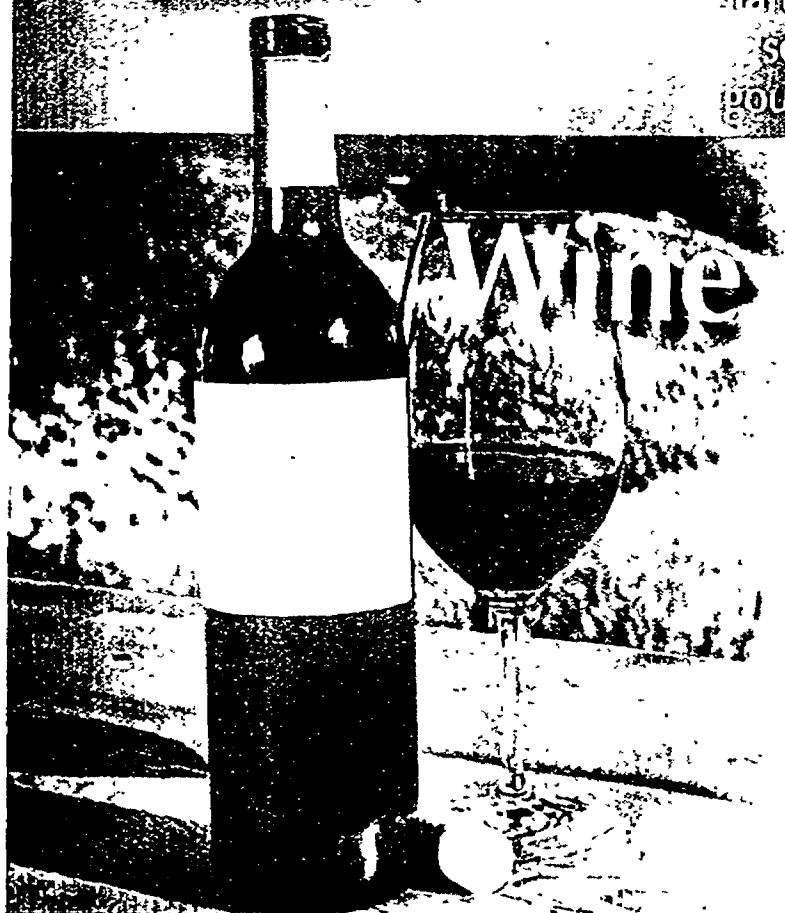
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### Sunday, May 31

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# Flower sale roots go back 22 years

## ■ Annual chamber event held downtown

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Connie Bradshaw of Northville was pleased with the deal she got on tomato plants Saturday.

"I've been coming here every year," she said of the Northville Chamber of Commerce flower sale, held downtown Friday and Saturday, May 22-23. "I think it's really nice."

The medical technician finds gardening rewarding in terms of seeing results. "It's just nice to get out in the sun," she said. "It makes me feel good."

She was among those out early Saturday at the 22nd annual event, presented by the chamber with sponsors Toll Brothers home builder, Varsity Lincoln-Mercury, the Northville DDA and Hantz Financial.

"Everybody's been helpful and nice," added Bradshaw, noting the healthy appearance of the plants she bought.

Nearby was Audrey Murphy of Novi with husband Ray. They've been to the sale two-three times in the past.



Tom Ditzhazy leaves downtown Northville with a tray of daisies during last weekend's annual Memorial Day weekend flower sale along Main Street.

"This is so much fun," Audrey Murphy said. She likes to people watch. She noted people buying vegetable plants, a sign of the times for modern-day victory gardens.

"I may even do it myself. Of course, you're the one who ends up doing it," she said with a smile at her husband. Ray added: "I just leave that up to the president here."

Pat Devulder of Devulder's Farm in Grass



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Attendees of last weekend's Flower Sale in Downtown Northville check out some of the many colorful offerings along Main Street.

Lake was busy waiting on customers. She's been selling flowers at the chamber sale three-four years now, and has been in the Thursday farmers' market some 10 years.

"It was great," Devulder said. "The weather finally improved. It's just a wonderful place to be." She has theories on why gardening's popular.

"I think it's like therapy," Devulder said. "It's relaxing. You can go out and daydream." She also finds people in this economy stay home and garden more.

Saturday afternoon featured music from Michael May and the Messarounds. Earlier shoppers also included Colleen and Rob Liddell of Plymouth Township with children Ben, 3, and Amelia, 9 months.

"We were looking around for our back yard, getting some ideas," Colleen Liddell said. They went to breakfast at Rebecca's and have been to the sale before.

"They look awesome," she said of the offerings. "It's a great selection. It seems like it's gotten bigger."

## NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Art In Bloom

Take part in the growing cultural scene downtown as the The Northville Art House presents an all-media juried Floral Arts Show. Visitors will enjoy a unique and beautiful arrangement of mixed-media Floral Art created by local and regional artists. Exhibit will open with an artist reception on July 3, as well as be a special stop on the Country Garden Club Of Northville's Annual Garden Walk on July 8. Deadline for submissions is June 15. For more information, contact Ellen Bennett at info@northvillearts.org or (248) 344-0497.

### Walk and lose

Biggest Loser contestants Ron and Mike Morelli lost a combined 399 pounds on the national television show. Now they want to help the residents

of the community they love and thank everyone for their support over the last nine months.

Ron and Mike will host a community walk on Sunday, May 31, at 1 p.m. in the pavilion McHattie Park located off McHattie Street between Pontiac Trail and McMunn - at the end of Warren Street in downtown South Lyon. Adults and children of all ages are welcome.

The name of the walk is titled WOW -- Walking Off weight with Ron and Mike. The walk will include a five-mile loop around the city park and participants can walk as much or as little as they'd like. This is the first of many walks that will be planned.

The City of South Lyon can be reached at (248) 437-1735.

### Gaidica speaks

Detroit television person-



Gaidica

ality Chuck Gaidica will be the special guest speaker at Oak Pointe Church this Father's Day.

Gaidica is well known around Michigan for his contagious smile, his weather reports and his hosting of special events.

He will be speaking about the importance that faith plays in his life and, particularly, how the Bible makes a difference in his daily life.

Oak Pointe Church will have Father's Day services on Saturday, June 20 (5:15 p.m.) and Sunday, June 21 (9:15 and 11:15 a.m.).

The church is located on the northwest corner of Wixom and Ten Mile roads.

## NORTHVILLE RECORD CORRECTION

In an article in last week's paper about Simply Wine receiving city council's approval on the downtown business' application for a tavern license from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, it stated that the council voted 6-1 in favor of the license. The vote was actually 4-1. Mayor Chris Johnson and Clerk Dianne Massa sit on council but do not get to vote on council matters.

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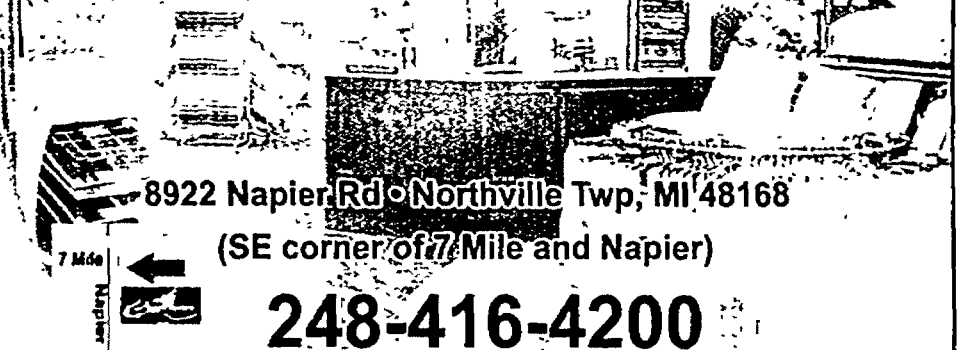


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# EDUCATION

## Solar car

Amerman fourth-graders Olivia Moses and Larry Zhao wait to test their LEGO solar-powered car on May 8. Members of Bonnie Bisio's class spent two weeks studying, building and testing their cars as part of a science unit on the sun and its power. All 12 of the class' cars were operational in the final 'testing' on May 8.



PHOTO BY TRACY BINS

## Amerman 5th-graders blast off

■ Space project teaches science, teamwork

Forty-seven fifth-graders at Northville's Amerman Elementary School set aside their text books for a few days to learn about space and science in a far-out kind of way. The 9- through 11-year-old children participated in a week-long, interactive space simulation project to learn several science skills and use teamwork to solve problems.

"Living in harmony with nature is an educational and exciting investigation for our young learners," said Wendy LaValle, fifth grade teacher at Northville's Amerman Elementary School and architect of this hands-on science project that she's been conducting for 10 years with her students.

In the simulation, the students were the first to explore a new planet. Each student had the

opportunity to work as both an astronaut and a Mission Control officer. From Planet ABC (Amerman Elementary's courtyard), the young astronauts communicated with Mission Control (LaValle's classroom) using two-way, push-to-talk wireless phones and service, donated by Verizon Wireless. The astronauts set up camp on the new planet and conducted a series of experiments, such as health checks and weather and air monitoring, to learn about its environment. Students also collected and labeled vegetation, rock, soil and animal samples in order to conduct further tests and research in the weeks that follow back on Earth.

Five consecutive launches and missions took place May 11-15, culminating with a final launch where some of the astronauts

spent the night on the planet's surface. Throughout the week, the teams of astronauts and Mission Control joined in a real life drama where they monitored and lived within an environment to better understand and appreciate the complexities of the natural world. Students worked together as data gatherers, investigators, collaborators, communications experts and productive workers to build a better understanding of the "study site."

"We know that this kind of hands-on approach to science gives our students a personalized way of learning that no textbook can teach them," said LaValle. "It is our hope that they will carry the values and memories of this mission with them, as they continue to explore and study the world around them."



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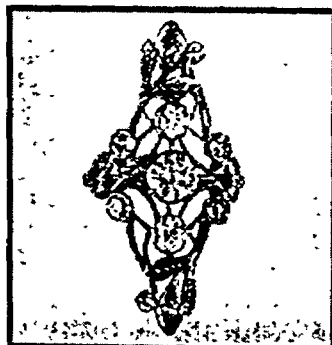
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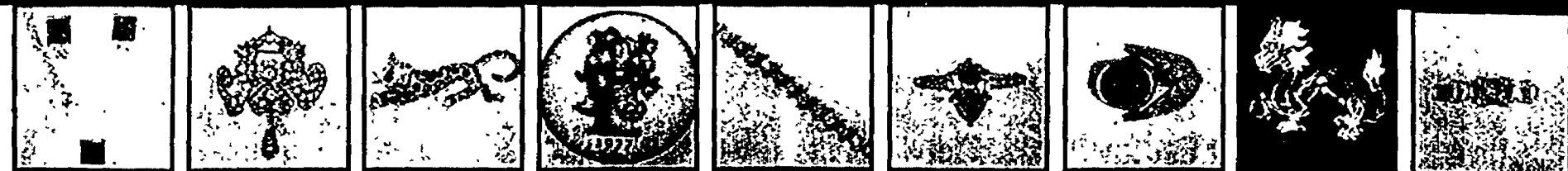
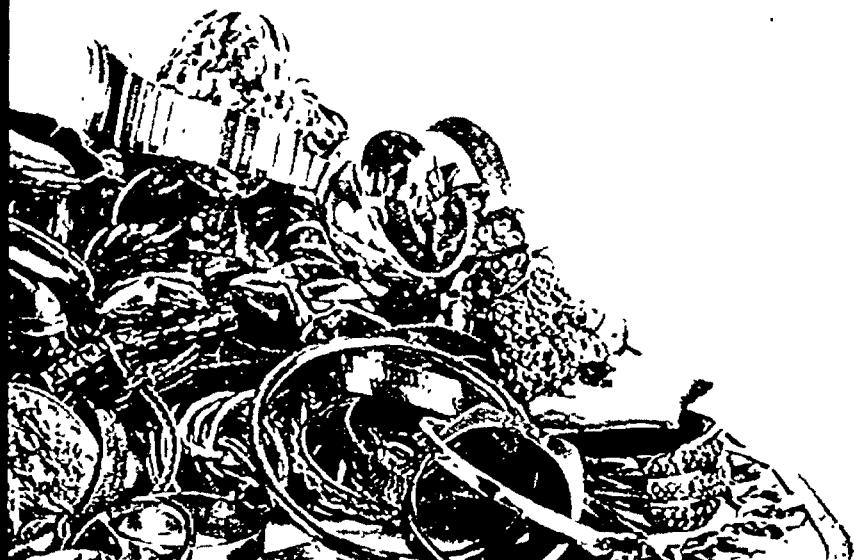


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Treats and snacks will be provided. To register email Jennifer Price @ jnp2@comcast.net or call (248) 444-9495.

## Athletic physicals

The Northville High School Athletic Department is working in conjunction with Beaumont Hospital for athletic training services. Along with these services, Beaumont doctors will be doing athletic physicals on June 4 for the 2009-2010 school year. Physicals will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Athletic wing. The cost will be \$20 per physical.

Physicals need to be done on the MHSAA physical form and can be downloaded from the district Web site. Please make sure all information, especially needed signatures by parents and students are filled out.

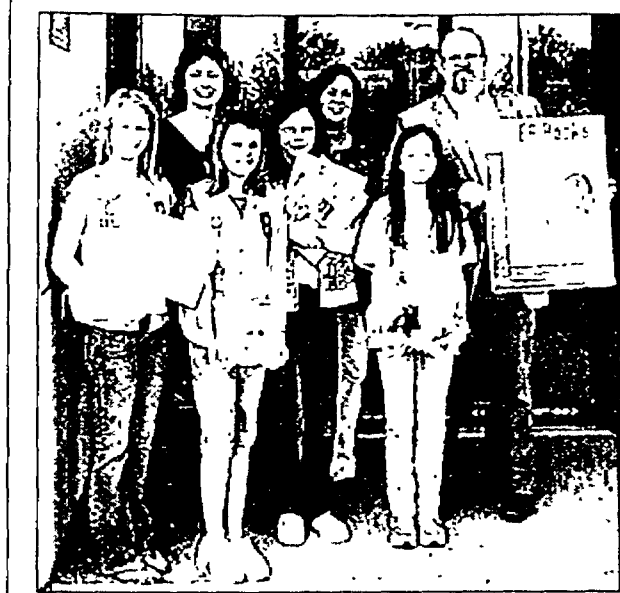
## Senior All Night Party

The Northville High School Class of 2009 Senior All Night Party will be held on Saturday, May 30, from 10:30 p.m. until 4:30 a.m.

• Not sure if you've already bought a Senior All Night Party ticket? Call Randy Buoy at (248) 344-2240 or e-mail him at buoyr61@gmail.com to find out.

• If you haven't bought your ticket, they're still on sale for \$75. Make your check payable to Northville Senior Class Party, put your child's name and T-shirt size in the memo section and drop off the check in the Senior All Night Party mailbox in the NHS office or mail it to Randy Buoy, 16400 Sutters Lane Court, Northville, MI 48168.

• These are tough times for many of us. If you can't afford a ticket but your child would like to attend the party, please contact NHS Assistant Principal



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## ER Books

Northville Cadette Girl Scout Troop 438 held a Safety presentation for Brownie Girl Scouts last month and asked for donations of books to help the ER Books project at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Oakland Center. On May 1, they presented the books to Dr. Bonfiglio, the Physician director of the Emergency department, and to Joyce Davis, the project coordinator. The ER Books project encourages reading in sick children where each child has the opportunity to take a book home with them and write their name on the inside label. Each book has a label indicating the troop who donated the book and a place for the new owner to write their name.

Monty Shambleau at (248) 344-8420. The information will be kept strictly confidential.

• Donations are needed! Due to the economy, donations from businesses are down. Parents, all donations are welcome - cash, gift cards, services, merchandise - get creative! Call Ann Pritchard at 248-449-3014 or Robin Porreca at (248) 465-0237. Names of all donors will be printed in the Northville Record and you'll get a certificate of thanks.

• Permission and Liability Waiver Forms and the Prescription Medication Forms (if needed) MUST be turned in to the NHS office or to Randy Buoy (see address above) or your child CANNOT attend the party.

Forms are available on the NHS Web site at [www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us).

• For further Senior All Night Party updates, please sign up

for the NHS listserv. Go to the District Web site at [www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us) then click on District Listserv, then click on the link for available e-mail lists. Fill in your info and then subscribe to both the NHS and NHS Seniors listservs.

## Summer Connections

Brochures for Summer Connections are now available for review online at <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/instruction/summerschool.asp>. Copies will also be available at each building by the end of this week. This expanded summer school program is offered at three levels through Elementary Summer Connections, Middle School Summer Connections and High School Summer Connections. Registration began May 11, at which time PaySchools was activated as well.

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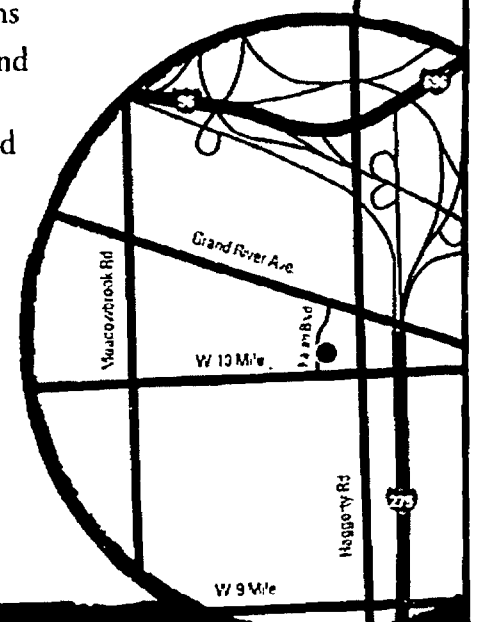
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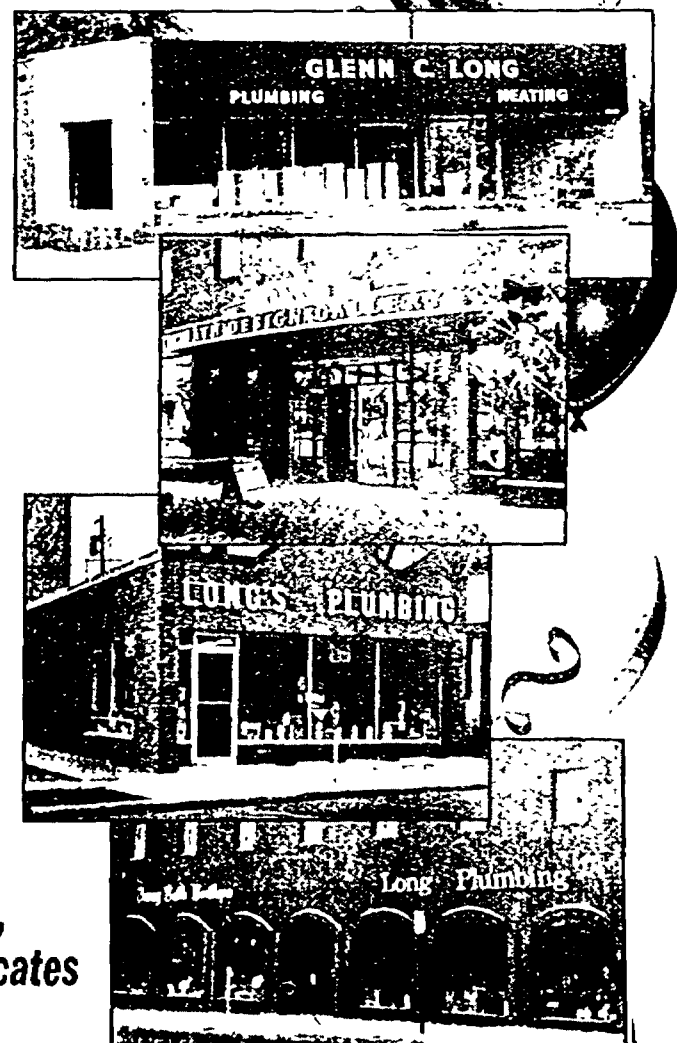
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# Writers' conference coming to Tollgate

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

Local writers are invited to attend a free, one-day conference at Michigan State University's Tollgate Education Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30.

"Writers will have the opportunity to be informed and inspired by experienced editors and published authors in a conference center overlooking the pond and gardens of Tollgate," said coordinator of the event, Kathy Mutch.

Write Now! is an event for aspiring, as well as published writers, who are seeking information or looking to network with others in the literary field.

The conference will feature editors, published authors and poets, who will discuss a variety of topics including getting started; resources for writers; choosing a writing group; the writing process; publishing opportunities; and the view from the editor's desk.

## WRITE NOW!

When: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30

Where: Michigan State University Tollgate Education Center

28115 Meadowbrook Road  
Registration: Attendance is free but reservations required, call (248) 224-4211

Presenters include editor Steven A. Dolgin, of *The MacGuffin*, editor Kim Kovell, of *Metro Parent Group*, editor Laurence W. Thomas, of *3rd Wednesday*, author Patti Shenberger, and poet Dawn McDuffie, who is the keynote speaker of the event.

Sponsored by the Novi Public Library and the Novi Library Writers Group, the event is free, but space is limited so reservations are required. An optional box lunch is available for \$10. The Novi Library Writers

Group meets monthly at the library to discuss and critique each other's work. Members of the group are working on various writing forms such as novels, short stories, screenplays, poems, fiction and non-fiction.

"Group members include several writers for whom English is their second language. Members originally from Germany, Argentina and India, all writing in English and providing new perspectives on how language shapes ideas that become a story," Mutch said. "Some writers have been published already and others are striving to complete their first manuscript."

"We welcome anyone who is committed to improving their own work and willing to be supportive of others in their creative efforts."

Anyone who might be interested in participating in the group can contact Mutch at (248) 224-4211.

kmurad@gannett.com | (248) 349-1700 Ext. 103

## Old Timers' Luncheon observes 10th anniversary

### ■ Chance for friends to catch up again

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

As the saying goes, "There are no friends like old friends," and that's what the annual Old Timers' Luncheon is all about.

This annual men-only Northville tradition will observe its 10th anniversary at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, June 8, at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant at 108 E. Main St.

Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. Genitti's will reserve the main floor dining room for the event, which is open to men age 50 and over.

"Men between ages 50 and 98 attended the last luncheon, and we welcome 'first timers' to the event," said Dick Ambler, one of the organizers. "This is a great time to reunite with old acquaintances, see old friends and talk about what you've done over the last year. There is no planned program. It's just a get-together."

Cost is \$15, which includes lunch, tax and gratuity. A cash bar is available.

Those interested in attending should send a check made payable to Genitti's to one of the committee members listed below before June 8.

"We need to notify Genitti's of the number to plan for, and it gives us time to prepare name tags, which really cuts down on the confusion at the gate," Ambler said.

Please send checks to one of the following:

Hal Wright, 19850 Westhill, Northville, pfleming@gannett.com | (248) 349-1700 Ext. 260



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Harold "Hal" Wright, left, and Dick Ambler, two of the organizers of the Old Timers' Luncheon, look over the invitation letter for the June 8 event at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant in Northville. The men's luncheon celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

MI, 48167;  
Dave Longridge, 20360 Woodhill Drive, Northville, MI, 48167;  
Dick Ambler, 1176 Concord Ct., Northville, MI, 48167.

## OBITUARIES

### DR. JANET L. ALLEN

Died May 19, 2009 at her residence in Northville. Dr. Allen was the former Superintendent of schools for the Willow Run School District, MI, and Three Rivers, Michigan School District. She was also the former Deputy Superintendent for the Jackson Public Schools and was appointed to their educational positions in the Birmingham Public Schools. She is survived by her son Scott P. Koepke, daughter-in-law Estelle Koepke, daughter Sheryl Koepke, son-in-law Michael Hogan, grandchildren, Jake Hogan, Nicholas Hogan, Justin Koepke and Juliette Koepke; and brother Warren P. Allen, sister-in-law Gretchen Allen and nieces Jennifer Dudak and Bethany Allen. Services were held on Saturday, May 23, 2009, in lieu of flowers memorial contributions in memory of Dr. Janet L. Allen can be made to the American Cancer Society by calling 248-663-3400. Arrangements by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.



NANCY WILLIAMS FOX

Age 59, of Franklin, passed away Monday, May 18, 2009. Born in Detroit, MI, she was the daughter of Donna Elizabeth Knott Williams of Franklin and the late Edward Glenn Williams. She lived in Franklin for 11 years, moving from South Lyon, MI. Nancy worked at Franklin Fitness Center; was a licensed massage therapist and was very artistic. In addition to her mother, Nancy is survived by sister, Glenda Terwilliger and her husband Jerry of Dillard, GA; two nieces, Carol Terwilliger of Raleigh and Julie Hollis of Tampa, FL; two great-nieces, Rachel Hollis and Wendy Hollis. Many aunts, uncles and cousins also survive. Funeral Service will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 22, 2009 in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Dr. Wendell Ligon will officiate. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Macon County Humane Society, PO Box 71, Franklin, NC 28744. Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences can be made at [maconfuneralhome.com](http://maconfuneralhome.com)



CAROLYN E. RUTTAN

Age 97. Passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2009. Carolyn was born on June 17, 1911 in Buffalo, NY to the late Chester and Mary Marshall. Carolyn lived in South Lyon for over 30 years and in Detroit for many years preceding. She was the loving wife of Andrew Ruttan and mother of Edward (Naomi) Ruttan, David (Joy) Ruttan and Nancy (Carl) Schrader, beloved grandmother of Robin Harvey, Scott Ruttan, Suzanne Ruttan, Beth Smith, and Debbie Smith. She is also survived by 9 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Andrew, son David, daughter Nancy, and sister Louise Pearce. Visitation was held on Monday, May 25, 2009 from 7-9 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 12:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



WHITE (ROCKFORD)

Mrs. Carolyn S. White, age 68, was welcomed home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday morning, May 21, 2009, following a brave and courageous battle with cancer. She was a member of Calvary Church. Carolyn is survived by her husband of nearly 48 years, James White; her children, James (Kara) White II of Grand Rapids, Melissa White of Chicago, Stacy (Matt) Earl of Belmont, her grandchildren, Taylor, James and Teagan White, Adam and Ryan Earl, her twin sister, Marilyn Miller of Parkersburg, WV, her brothers, James L. Miller of Parkersburg, WV, and David L. (Dorothy) Miller of Puyallup, WA; nieces and nephews. The Service of Praise and Thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ for Mrs. White will be Thursday morning, May 28, 2009, at 11:00 o'clock in the Chapel of Calvary Church, 707 E. Beltline, NE, Grand Rapids, MI with Pastor Tom Couch officiating. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, PO Box 4972, Pittsford, MA, 01202. Family and friends may gather at the Pederson Funeral Home, 127 N. Monroe St., Rockford from 2-4 and 7-9 PM on Wednesday. The Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford [www.pedersonfuneralhome.com](http://www.pedersonfuneralhome.com)

### SHERRY A. WYETH

Age 66, passed away May 20, 2009. A memorial service was held on May 26, Tuesday, at Chilson Hills Church, in Howell. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### RONALD E. BEAGLE

Age 70 of Milford, May 20, 2009. Survived by his loving son, Robert (Norma Caskie) Beagle; daughter, April Gordon, Grandchildren, Josh, Ashli, Jake and Jared. Mr. Beagle is also survived by his two great grandchildren; brother, Terry and sister, Sue Ann. A Memorial Service was held at a South Hill Church, Milford on May 26th at 11AM. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors in Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

### ALICE L. CALHOUN

Age 79 of Fenton, formerly of Milford, May 20, 2009. Preceded in death by her husband Raymond Calhoun (d. 1982) Survived by her loving children, Linda (Bill) Brown, Gail (Samuel) Sanna, Marcia (Kenneth) Buckner, Diane (Kern) Kuipers, Doreen (Dave) Gandee, Richard (Judy) and Steven (Louise) Also survived by her 19 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; numerous step-grandchildren; brother, Brian (Susan) Fullford; several nieces, nephews and loving friends. Funeral was from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, May 23rd, 2009. Burial Highland Cemetery. Memorials made in Alice's name to the American Cancer Society are appreciated. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

### GLENN E. COMSTOCK

Age 79 of Highland, Friday, May 22, 2009. Funeral Service at Lynch & Sons, Milford on Friday, May 29th at 1PM. Visitation Friday 11 AM until Service. For information phone 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com).

### OBITUARY POLICY

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Deadlines: Tuesday at 10am for Tuesday Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

### JOSEPH GUZZIO,

Age 88 of Commerce Twp., May 24, 2009. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Milford, Thursday, May 28th at 11AM. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

### MATTHEW H. MALTY

Age 24, of Milford died on Saturday, May 23, 2009 after a brave battle with cancer. Matt was preceded in death by his grandparents, Julius & Virginia Mynek and Arthur & Edith "Tiny" Maltz. He is survived by his beloved parents, Arthur & Patricia Maltz; loving sister, Alison; favorite aunts & uncles, Robert (Barbara) Mynek, Jim (Cindy) Jankowiak and Bev (Fitz) Fitzpatrick, Arbie (Gordon) Pendrick, Sandy (Dave) Blasutti; numerous cousins and several loving friends, including Brent, Jenna, Jay, Justin, Traci and Dave. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Milford on May 27, 2009. Fr. Ron Anderson officiated. Memorials encouraged to the National Neurofibromatosis Foundation, Inc. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com).

### DOROTHY L. OLSON

Age 84, May 21, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Carlton. Dear mother of Ginny (John) Cole and Mark Olson. Also leaves three grandchildren. Services were held on Tuesday at the 1st United Methodist Church of Northville. Burial was in Stephenville, Texas, her hometown. Share your special thoughts and memories at [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)



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TIME: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.

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

## Sunday Worship

TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.

## 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, 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday

DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org

## OAK POINTE CHURCH

LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

## Worship Services

TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

## ReNew Life Ministries

TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal

growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.

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

## Charmed Influence

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage"

CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church

Chuck Galdica speaks

TIME/DATE: 5:15 p.m., Saturday, June 20; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m., Sunday, June 21

DETAILS: Detroit TV personality Chuck Galdica will be the special guest speaker this Father's Day. Chuck is well known around Michigan for his contagious smile, his weather reports and his hosting of special events. Chuck will be speaking about the importance that faith plays in his

life and, particularly, how the Bible makes a difference in his daily life

## 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 10:15 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.

Crafters and Vendors are needed

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24

DETAILS: The annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church Northville. This is a great opportunity to showcase talent or business to hundreds of local customers. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling up fast. CONTACT: For details and reserve a space e-mail Pat Breslin at BizarreBazaar@care2.com. For more information regarding Village Banking: www.villagebanking.org.

## 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

Spring Into Summer

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 13

DETAILS: Annual Juried Art/Craft Show. Go to www.umcnovi.com to view some last years vendor booths. All hand made crafts including but not limited to painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, needlework, lawn art, doll clothing, photography, glass, stained glass, wood carving and scrolling, sewn items, stone work, candles, wine lamps, children's books, face painting, frames, mud mats and UMW bake sale. CONTACT: For an application to this juried show, e mail your request to Pam Davis

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church  
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Wednesday 7 p.m. - High School Youth  
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11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48390  
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## OUR VIEWS

### Michigan's budget: Ten suggestions to tackle this crisis

The state budget is in a horrible mess, and the leadership in Lansing — from the governor to the Legislature — has shown itself incapable of finding a solution.

As a result, a budget deficit of more than a billion dollars is growing into a \$2 billion sea of red ink. It will likely get worse. The impact for state residents is reductions in essential services ranging from roads to police protection to public schools.

So what can be done? The Ann Arbor-based Center for Michigan, which describes itself as a think-and-do tank, recently brought together 100 or so public policy experts, government officials and business executives. They came up with a number of ways to tackle the crisis.

Here is their list (in bold) followed in each instance by our take on their suggestions.

**1. Intensify school consolidation and service sharing.** There are 553 public school districts in Michigan and 57 intermediate school districts. Likely, there are efficiencies available. But the plan should go further and study whether 13 years of 180 days of seat-in-a-classroom chair is really the best measurement of an education.

**2. Intensify local government consolidation and service sharing.** Michigan has 83 counties, 1,242 townships, 274 cities with fewer than 10,000 people and 259 villages. There are opportunities for shared resources — as evident in the combined City of South Lyon and South Lyon Community Schools building on Warren Street — and more can be investigated. The South Lyon school district includes portions of three counties and four townships along with the City of South Lyon; tentative explorations of shared resources should continue, if not accelerate.

**3. Reform Act 312, which provides for binding arbitration in contract negotiations with public safety officers.** It is difficult to look to hammer those we rely upon for public safety. But it is necessary to look for inefficient staffing practices.

**4. Reform the Urban Cooperation Act to remove wage and benefit barriers to collaboration across government.** This is a union-friendly act that discourages regionalism because it forces cooperative governments to accept the highest possible wages and benefits from all parties.

**5. Launch a statewide public sector benchmarking program.** It makes sense to find out why one government can provide a service more efficiently than another.

**6. Require local schools and governments to participate in benchmarking as a condition of state funding.** As stated above, this makes sense, although it could lead to a mindless series of reports and rationalizations.

**7. Rewrite the state revenue-sharing formula for local governments to better incentivize collaboration, reward best practices and fund specific services.** Good idea, but probably easier said than done.

**8. Increase state and local government health co-pays for workers.** That's a start, but the entire cost of generous health-care plans must be overhauled.

**9. Tighten state and local government pension rules and/or switch more to 401(k)-style benefit plans.** Some argue that the switch would create high upfront costs, but that only points out the size of the current underfunded pension plans. Waiting to act only makes it worse.

**10. Create a large health insurance pool for public sector workers.** As stated before, this cost has to be reduced.

Participants turned down proposals for consolidation of some school districts and an across-the-board pay cuts for public sector workers. That seems timid to us. The state budget is in such dire straits that pay cuts seem inevitable.

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— Judy Johnson



"Hydrangea. They make great arrangements, grow easily, and you can cut them back and not worry about killing them."

— Barbara Roden



"My grandmother taught me all about roses as a young man and how to appreciate them."

— Steve Tumidanski



"Begonias. They're more sturdy, and they fill in nicely in your flower bed."

— Kathy Tereszczenko

## LETTERS

### Resign, Capello

It was disgusting to read of the shenanigans of County Commissioner Kim Capello. An elected official should realize their actions in public will be under close scrutiny by their constituents.

It appears some of his colleagues want to sweep this disgraceful incident under the table.

Oakland County Commissioner Capello needs to resign now!

Linda Koch  
Milford

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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### Time to plant

Mother Nature cooperated and provided great weather for the Northville Chamber of Commerce's annual Flower sale in downtown Friday and Saturday.

## Northville, being best in the state is not good enough

Saying you are one of the best school districts in the state, given the state of education in Michigan and America, is like saying you are the smartest kid in the dumbest class; it's a dubious honor at best.

The students in our schools today will confront a rapidly changing, disruptive information and technologically driven world that will defy predictability. Will they be ready?



Tom Watkins

They answer is a resounding no, unless we begin to change as if our future depends on it (because it does).

### REAL CHANGES TAKES REAL CHANGE

This means schools must examine every aspect of their operations and ask, "How does this help our teachers teach and our children learn?"

Educators and policy-makers must be open to everything that improves teaching and learning, including early childhood education, how teachers are rewarded, merit pay, reassigning the best teachers to the neediest schools, lengthening the school day and year, creating cyber-schools and expanding traditional and charter schools that work and closing those that don't.

The only adjective that should matter in front of "school" should be "quality." As this 21st century knowledge economy unfolds, Michigan needs bold leadership and courage as the fuel to spur growth and economic survival.

Education, talent, innovation and creativity are the commodities that are required for every individual, community, state and nation to thrive in the 21st century. We need to re-imagine our system of education with a great sense of urgency.

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wish to maintain our standing in the world. Creating a system of education that prepares students to triumph in the global talent and skills race is the central economic competitiveness issue that all countries will face in this century.

Let's be clear: No job, in any country, is safe from global competition any longer. Talent, skills and quality education matters.

As President Barack Obama said, "In a global economy where the most valuable skill you can sell is your knowledge, a good education is no longer a pathway opportunity -- it is a prerequisite to success."

Too many of our schools are focused on power, control, politics and adults rather than teaching, learning and children.

As an observer of schools from a multitude of perspectives (student, parent, someone who helped create the first charter school in two different states, urban school board member and as Michigan's state superintendent of schools) four truths have become clear to me.

1) The world is changing in dramatic ways and our system of education must embrace and lead those changes or we will be totally engulfed by them. This will require new, creative, innovative systems that understand that yesterday's success is not a predictor of success in the future. (Think of the Big Three automakers.)

2) Our children are no longer competing with the child in the next desk, the next city, or state. Our children are competing with the children of the world. It is our collective responsibility to help prepare all of our children for this future.

Having traveled to China for the past 20 years, let me assure you that the Chinese and other nations are not sitting around waiting for us to get our system of public education system right. Other countries understand there is an inextricable link between a high quality

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education and economic prosperity.

3) Our future is sitting in our classrooms today. The viability our society, the strength our economy, the quality of our lives, the vibrancy of our democracy, and our place in the world depend on how we re-imagine and continuously reinvent education in this country from the cradle to the grave.

4) Finally, change is the most talked about and least acted on concept in American education today. There is no constituency for systemic change at the school district or university level. Change is often resisted until it can be resisted no longer. Given the global change and financial meltdown at the state and national level, our schools may not be able to resist change any longer.

It is not an overstatement to say that the future of our state and nation is directly tied to our system of education.

In this century, staying even educationally, is falling behind.

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# If you don't Twitter now, you will soon

I am amazed at how fast Twitter is catching on as a communication method. As soon as Twitter came out I saw how it could be used for fans to track celebrities. Many celebrities solicit their fans to follow them on Twitter and use it to promote upcoming concerts, movies, or other events. Ashton Kutcher started a competition with the CNN network to see who could add one million Twitter followers first. Ashton



Jeff Livermore

won and several other celebrity competitions have been started. Twitter is turning out to be much more than simple entertainment. As much as celebrities are enjoying Twitter, it may become the next killer application on the Internet that is widely adopted by the masses. Twitter is basically a Web site that allows subscribers to send short, 140-character messages (called Tweets) to anyone who wants to receive them. Twitter users get to pick who they want to "follow." Limiting the number of people that you follow gives you control of how many Tweets that you receive. I love the short Tweets and the ability to limit how much verbiage I have to sift through. If I do not find someone's Tweets to be worth reading I simply stop following them with a few clicks of the mouse. The amount of Tweets that I send and receive is entirely under my control. President Obama was an early adopter of Twitter. The president used Twitter to keep his supporters informed during his 2008 presidential campaign. Twitter was the perfect medium to send short updates one very campaign stop, debate, and situation that required damage control. The president's team was masterful in their use of Twitter. I was impressed to see how local reporter Jewel Gopwani used Twitter to cover GM's big press conference on April 27. She sent out short succinct summaries of each major announcement that GM made. Her Twitter coverage in real time and in the newspaper was succinct and to the

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point. I was able to learn what I wanted to know by reading a dozens Twitters instead of an entire story. Twitter is a great way to keep a group of people informed on the progress being made on an event or project. Twitter is the ideal vehicle for sending vacation updates to the folks back home or keep a bridal party informed of how the wedding plans are coming along. Family reunions or family events like a wedding anniversary party or a holiday dinner can be planned and shared using Twitter.

## BUSINESS USE

Twitter has enormous potential for business and the success of Twitter may depend on how widely adopted it becomes in the business world. Twitter would allow a manager or team to provide a constant stream of updates on the status of a project. I cannot help but think how nice it would have been to get Twitter updates on the construction of the new building on our Troy campus. Because each Twitter can be only 140 characters long, there is no pressure to write detailed messages. This is a painless way to keep the boss or corporate up to date on your project without slowing down the actual work. If you are not a current Twitter user it is very easy to become one. All you have to do is go to [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) and open an account. Twitter is free and they do not ask personal or intrusive questions before they grant you an account. Once you have an account all you have to do is search for people that you want to follow. I opened my Twitter account in less than five minutes and have never looked.

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## Spring cleanup

Cindy Harbin, president of the 78 home Woodlands South Homeowners Association (located between Five Mile and Six Mile roads and between Beck and Sheldon) in Northville Township, submitted this photo of the subdivision's spring cleanup crew that assembled on April 25 to clean up trash and litter that made a home in the shrubs and bushes of our commons area during the winter months. "This yearly clean-up not only keeps our neighborhood looking nice, but also helps keep association dues down while fostering good neighborliness," said Harbin. "In the same vein, we will be soliciting neighborhood volunteers this summer to help clean and apply protective sealant to preserve the 120-foot wooden bridge in our commons area. We hope to have another great turnout."

# Overcoming obstacles in job searches

If your job search is stalled, it may be because of real or imagined obstacles. These obstacles to achieving your goals may be internal or external in nature. Overcoming those obstacles will come from within. Here are three techniques to overcome obstacles.



Martha D. Adamson

**INTENTIONALITY** Most of us go through our daily lives in a very unconscious manner. We wake at the same time each day, exercise, shower, dress, eat and go through our daily routine in the same manner each day. This tendency to operate on "auto-pilot" will not create breakthroughs and progress in your job search. Breaking this routine, doing something new, takes energy and attention.

Overcoming this obstacle: Describe an obstacle to achieving one of your job search goals that involves time or energy. Describe in detail how you will adjust your normal routine to overcome that obstacle and achieve that goal.

## YOUR NEXT JOB

### WORKSHOP SCHEDULED

Martha Adamson will be presenting a workshop at the Northville District Library on June 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. on Effective Resumes. It is free, but interested attendees should call 248-349-3020 to register. The library is at 212 W. Cady St.

## AFFIRMATIONS

Some obstacles, real or imagined, are hard to overcome because we lack confidence in our abilities to overcome them. We lose sight of the many achievements we have made in our lives that point to the strengths we have in overcoming obstacles.

Overcoming this obstacle: Describe an obstacle to achieving one of your short term goals that involves confidence or abilities. Then describe a similar situation you have faced in the past that you were able to overcome. Write a short sentence or phrase that describes your ability and success in overcoming that earlier problem.

## VISUALIZATIONS

Some obstacles appear insurmountable because we are not able to see ourselves in a new place or situation. We cannot imagine ourselves moving from our current reality into that future vision.

Overcoming this obstacle: Where do you want to be in 5 years? See yourself in rich detail in your future vision.

Whenever you have trouble moving forward, take time to visualize yourself at your destination and then visualize your journey along the way.

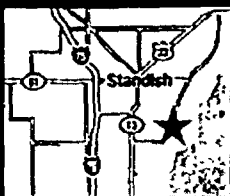
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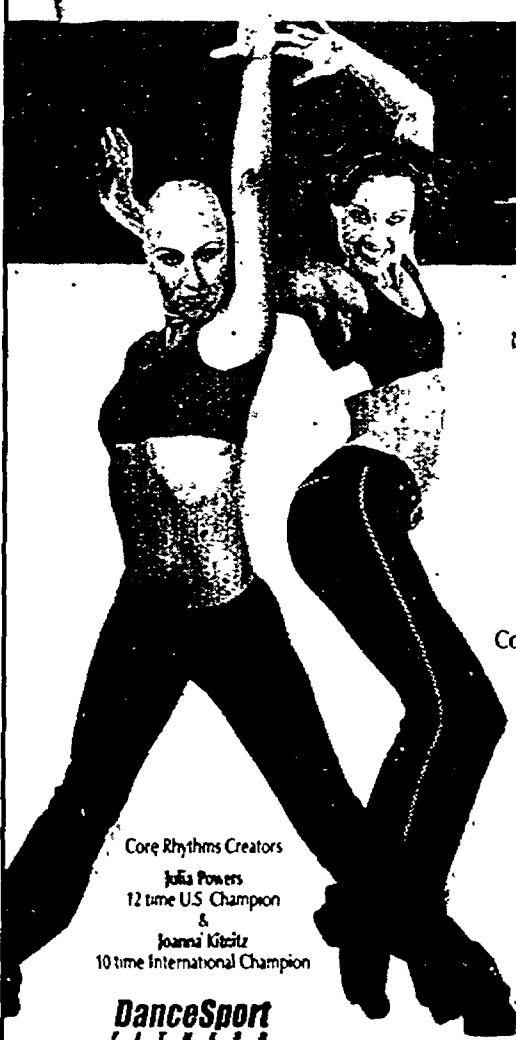
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Please take notice that on June 9, 2009 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. at Old Village School, 405 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Northville Public Schools will hold public hearings to consider the district's proposed 2009/10 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2009/10 budget until after the public hearings. A copy of the proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage, rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours after June 2, 2009, at the Business Office, 501 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan.

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

This order is given by order of the Board of Education.

Judy Handley  
Secretary

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## NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

**Burke & Naumann**  
Dr. and Mrs. David Burke, formerly of Northville, announce the engagement of their son, David Pajas Burke, to Rachel Marie Naumann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Naumann of Roanoke, Va.

Rachel is a graduate of Virginia Tech with a bachelor of fine arts degree and is employed with the Appalachia Service Project in Tennessee.

David, a 2003 graduate of Northville High School, is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in cellular molecular biology. He is pursuing his doctor of phar-



macy degree at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.  
No wedding date has been set.

## NORTHVILLE BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dane William Schulz



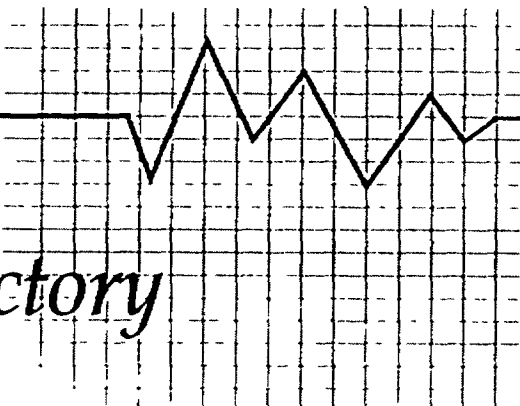
Jeremy Paul Schulz

**Schulz**  
Lee and Susan Schulz of Commerce Township announce the birth of their sons Dane William and Jeremy Paul on March 11, 2009 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital, Commerce Township. They were welcomed home by brother Ethan, 7 and grandparents Paul and Betty Clark of Lansing, and the late Bill and Roselyn Schulz of Plymouth.

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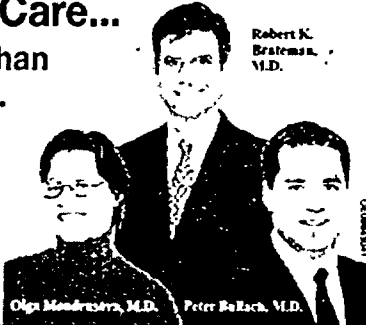
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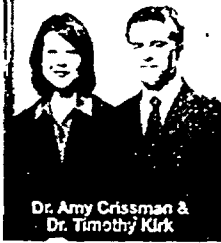
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## TALENT

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The preliminary round of performances will be open to the public and admission is free of charge. They will take place at two locations in downtown Northville:

- \* Northville Square (133 W. Main St.) will host performers from 6-7:30 p.m.
- \* Genetti's (108 E. Main St.) will host performers from 5-8:30 p.m.

There will be 30 tickets to the finals awarded at the conclusion of the evening's performances.

The final showcase will be held in Northville's Town Square at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 5. The event is open to the public and free of charge. The emcee for the evening will be radio personality, Matt Watroba.

The most exciting element to the evening will be the opportunity for the audience to get involved in selecting the overall winner. Gail & Rice Productions will be providing a unique wireless audience response system. The first 200 audience members to purchase a ballot at the final showcase will receive a handheld electronic keypad allowing them to cast their vote for their favorite performer of the night. The audience score will be added to the official judge's scores to determine who will be named the grand prize winner of the first annual Talent for the Title competition.

The June 5 event will complement the First Friday Art festivities. In case of rain, the entire show will move inside the Main Street level of Northville Square (133 W. Main).

For additional information, call or visit one of the three hosting businesses in Northville: Broughton Music Center (248) 374-5596, Miss Harriet's Dance Studio (248) 349-1111 or Starring, The Gallery (248) 347-1642.

## FRISBEE

FROM PAGE A1

Griffin Working modestly.

Truly, trophies are mere symbols of victory, and this one marked the victory against several teams of high school and college students who attempted to topple Northville, but to no avail.

Northville's Ultimate team officially emerged only several months ago last fall when Northville high school seniors Steven Hoelscher, Working and Jimmy Li gathered together some fellow students who played casually and found themselves a teacher sponsor, Larry Liu. Since then, the team has grown to know true legitimacy in its custom orange-and-black team uniforms, three to five days per week practice schedule, and exceptional 7-1 record. Its past victories include those against neighboring high schools Novi and Catholic Central.

"I'm so proud of our team," Hoelscher said. "To think that last fall we went from nothing to winning several games and this tournament."

By "nothing," he meant having little knowledge of game play, which involves passing a



Jimmy Li (second from left) and Tom Charara (second from right) take on a trio of opponents in Saturday's tournament.

Frisbee from player to player to catch in the end zone without moving while possessing the disc. But Ultimate is more than that - it is a young sport that demands as much agility as soccer and as much height as in basketball. One must

have the ability to jump, block, run and throw in this intensely physical game. The boys pride themselves in throwing all sorts of passes, including forehands, backhands, and an overhead pitch known as the hammer.

Fans on the sidelines cheer excitedly for especially stunning plays, such as an ultimate on Saturday by Colin Jaye, which involves striking the disc back in bounds before it touches the ground. "Even our fans have uni-

forms," said Liu, pointing to a band of high school girls in hand-painted T-shirts that read, "We ♥ 3 Ultimate Boys."

With several adults bringing folding lawn chairs to the games recently, Northville Main Street certainly is attracting a crowd.

While the boys do enjoy winning trophies, the real prize lies in recognition:

"Maybe [Northville High School principal] Mr. Watson will finally recognize Ultimate as an official sport," says Steven Hoelscher.

For these persevering athletes, that goal is only a short leap away. Over five million participate in the sport across the nation, and the Ultimate Players Association recently held the 2009 College Championships, proof that Ultimate is a sport on the rise.

For now, however, Northville's team can revel in its own shining streak and recent victory. As team member Dawson Laabs said characteristically, "Just boss'd up first place in the Ultimate Tournament; nice job, Main Street!"

Submitted by Joy Chen

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### WEDNESDAY June 17

4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Amusement Rides  
4:00 p.m. Boogie Bodies  
TBD (2 performances) Circus  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Matto Concert  
10:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Stardust Theatre Rentals  
Presents H.E.R.O.  
Movie Night: "Twilight"

#### THURSDAY June 18

2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Amusement Rides  
2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Petting Zoo  
2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Boogie Bodies  
2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Kids Day  
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts  
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Business Expo  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Hannah Montana  
Look-Alike Concert  
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. TLT Performers  
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Marilyn Marie Concert  
TBD (3 performances) Circus  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Jumpin' Alistars  
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. S.O.S. Band Concert  
10:00 p.m. Laser Light Show  
10:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Stardust Theatre Rentals  
Presents H.E.R.O. Movie  
Night: "Mall Cop"

#### FRIDAY June 19

2:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Amusement Rides  
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Caricatures by Mary Rochelle  
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Carriage Rides  
2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Petting Zoo  
2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Boogie Bodies  
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts  
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Business Expo  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Buddy Box Flying  
TBD (3 performances) Circus  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Fiddlers  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Restrung Performance  
Fiddlers  
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Irish Pub Act  
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Midnight Special Concert  
(West Park)  
10:00 p.m. Fireworks / Laser  
Light Show

#### SATURDAY June 20

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Poker Run  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Classic Car Show  
11:00 a.m. - Midnight Amusement Rides  
TBD (3 performances) Circus  
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Carriage Rides  
12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts  
12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Business Expo  
11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Petting Zoo  
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Spotlight Dance  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Talent Show  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Buddy Box Flying  
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Oldies DuWap /  
Car Show Entertainment  
2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Boogie Bodies  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. April Gibson  
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Country Concert  
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Midnight Special Concert  
(West Park)  
10:00 p.m. Karen Newman /  
Steve Aho Concert  
Fireworks / Laser Show

#### SUNDAY June 21

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast  
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Mystic Lotus Dancers  
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Carriage Rides  
12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Amusement Rides  
12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Petting Zoo  
12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Boogie Bodies  
12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mystic Lotus Dancers  
TBD (3 performances) Circus  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bagpipe Performance  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Veteran's Tribute  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Concert Dani' Ree  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Father-of-the-Year Contest  
5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Grandfather-of-the-Year  
Contest  
Mystic Lotus Dancers





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## Senior skills

Om Kathuria teaches Betty Parzych, left, and Sally Potter some basic online computer skills during a recent class at the Northville Community Senior Center. The center offers computer classes from time-to-time for seniors. For more information, call (248) 349-1300.

## Grand vacations for grandparents, grandkids

### Dear Savvy Senior

My husband and I are interested in taking our two grandkids on vacation this summer and are looking for some good ideas. Do you know of any travel companies that offer special vacation packages for grandparents traveling with their grandkids?

Unsavvy Traveler

### Dear Traveler

Taking the grandkids on vacation is what the travel industry calls intergenerational travel, and it's become increasingly popular in recent years. Here's what you should know.

### GROWING TREND

According to the Yankelovich Partners National Leisure Travel Monitor, nearly 30 percent of traveling grandparents have taken at least one trip with a grandchild over the past year. Vacationing with your grandkids is a great way to have fun and strengthen your relationships, especially if you live far away and don't get a chance to see them that often.

### TRAVEL COMPANIES

Today there are a number travel organizations and companies that offer specialized vacation packages for grandparents and grandchildren. This is a nice way to go because they plan everything for you, with most activities for the two generations together, but some just for adults so you can get an occasional breather.

Available in all price ranges, these tours are typically designed for children between

### SAVVY SENIOR

the ages seven, up to 17 or 18, and are usually scheduled in the summer, or sometimes during winter breaks, when the kids are out of school. Here are some top tour companies that will take you and your grandkids on a fun, well-planned vacation.

**Elderhostel:** For an educational and relatively low-cost vacation, Elderhostel, the world's largest educational travel organization for adults 55 and over, offers a wide variety of trips for grandparents and grandchildren too. Visit [www.elderhostel.org](http://www.elderhostel.org) (or call 800-454-5768) and click on "Grandparent Travel" for a list of more than 300 vacation plans throughout the U.S. and abroad. Most of the U.S. trips are around five days and costing anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 per person, while the international trips typically last one to two weeks costing between \$150 and \$350 per person per day. These prices do not include transportation to the destination.

**Sierra Club:** If you're the outdoorsy type, the Sierra Club ([www.sierraclub.org/outings](http://www.sierraclub.org/outings); 415-977-5522) offers a variety of affordable "family outings" and "local outings" near you to choose from. They also offer an annual week-long "Just for Grandparents and Grandkids" outing in July in Tahoe National Forest, California. Cost: \$545 per adult and \$445 per child.

**Grandtravel:** This is the first company to send grandparents and grandchildren (ages seven to 17) off on vacation together. Grandtravel ([www.grandtrvl.com](http://www.grandtrvl.com); 800-247-7651) offers seven to 13-day luxury tours scheduled in July and August with destinations to Washington D.C. and Williamsburg, Alaska, Italy, London and Paris, and New

Zealand. These trips are educational (led by teacher-escorts), limited to 30 or fewer participants and expensive ranging between \$3,000 and \$7,200 per person.

**Generations Touring Company:** This is another deluxe tour operator that specializes in intergenerational travel. They offer a variety of week-long tours to destinations like the Grand Canyon, Peru, and the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador. And for sports fans, they have a "Baseball's Sacred Grounds" summer tour which includes visits to Boston's historic Fenway Park, New York's new Yankee Stadium, and a trip to Cooperstown to tour the Baseball Hall of Fame. Costs for all tours range between \$2,100 and \$4,000 per person. [www.generationstouringcompany.com](http://www.generationstouringcompany.com), 888-415-9100.

### CONSIDER CRUISING

Another popular option to consider is to take your grandkids on a cruise. This offers a safe and secure environment that's pretty affordable with plenty of facilities, activities and dining options to keep everyone happy. Disney, Carnival, Holland, Royal Caribbean, Princess and Norwegian cruise lines all offer appealing options for intergenerational travelers. To find out what's available contact a travel agent (see [www.cruising.org](http://www.cruising.org) to find an agent who specializes in cruises) or visit Cruises For Families ([www.cruisesforfamilies.com](http://www.cruisesforfamilies.com); 877-386-9243).

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

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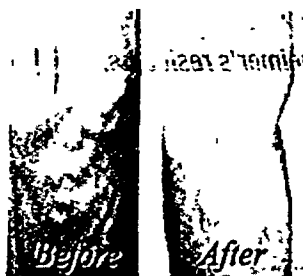
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## Local Events

## MICHIGAN 50'S FESTIVAL CARNIVAL

**TIME/DATE:** 4-11 p.m. Thursday, May 28; 4-11 p.m. Friday, May 29; noon-11 p.m. Saturday, May 30; and noon-9 p.m. Sunday, May 31  
**LOCATION:** Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk  
**DETAILS:** The Michigan 50's Festival Carnival will take place next weekend. The carnival is a fund-raising event for the Michigan 50's Festival. Organizers hope that everyone will come and join the fun and help support the Michigan 50's Festival so it can have another great year in 2010. The event brought to Novi by McDonagh's Amusements, Inc., will take place. Wrist bands will be \$20 per day. There will be 100,000 \$3 discount coupons distributed throughout the City of Novi and surrounding areas.

## LONG PLUMBING COMPANY

## 60 YEARS CELEBRATION

**TIME/DATE:** 6-9 p.m., Friday, June 5  
**LOCATION:** 190 E. Main Street, Downtown Northville  
**DETAILS:** To celebrate their Big 6-0 Long Plumbing Co. is having an Open House and would like their customers to join them!  
**CONTACT:** RSVP At: [www.eveningwithlongs.com](http://www.eveningwithlongs.com) or (248) 349.0999 x101

## ROUGE RESCUE 2009

**TIME/DATE:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 6  
**LOCATION:** Fish Hatchery Park  
**DETAILS:** Please save the date for the 2009 Rouge Rescue Event.  
**CONTACT:** If you have an idea or would like to participate in the planning please contact Jill Rickard at (248) 662-0497.

## TEDDY BEAR PICNIC COMING TO MILL RACE VILLAGE

**TIME/DATE:** 2-3 p.m. June 14

## LOCATION: Mill Race Village

**DETAILS:** Just like the old song says, "The Teddy Bears are having a picnic." Mill Race Village will open for the season. A special feature of Opening Day will be a Teddy Bear Picnic for 3-to-7-year-olds. Refreshments will be served, a costumed storyteller will spin tales. Participants are encouraged to bring their own special bears, and to wear Victorian costumes if they wish. They should bring a blanket or towel to sit on. Admission is \$1 per child. The party will take place rain or shine.  
**CONTACT:** Reservations may be made by calling (248) 348-1845 by June 10.

## MILL RACE HISTORICAL VILLAGE

**LOCATION:** 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field  
**DETAILS:** Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays June-Oct.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 348-1845  
**Weekly Events (\* Grounds closed to public)**  
 Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 6:15 a.m. Junior Scouts; 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts  
 Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open  
 Saturday: 6 p.m. Private Party  
 Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 1 p.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 4 p.m. Webelo Scouts; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scouts  
 Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers  
 Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30 p.m. Weavers Guild  
 Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindful Meditation



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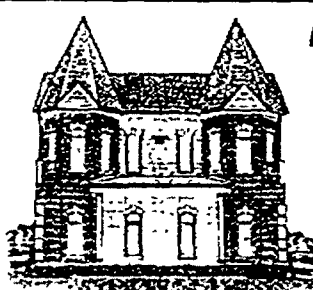
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## 'Cats upend Northville kickers, 1-0

BY ED WRIGHT  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A season-ending scoring drought that stretched across five halves proved to be the final undoing for the Northville girls soccer team Tuesday night against Plymouth in a Division I District game on the Mustangs' pitch.

Led by the stellar effort of sophomore net-minder Marissa Williams, the Wildcats upended Northville, 1-0, to advance to tonight's semifinal round game against cross-campus rival Canton.

The loss dropped the Mustangs to 10-4-3. Northville was shut out its final two games and during the second half of last week's 3-2 double-overtime shootout victory over the Chiefs in the KLAA Kensington Conference title game.

The Mustangs had eliminated Plymouth from post-season play each of the previous three years prior to Tuesday's match.

The game's lone goal came 10 minutes into the second half when Plymouth senior forward Liz Koet punched a rebound shot into the back of the net after controlling a missed shot that bounced off the hands of Mustang keeper Elana Ryznar.

Northville nearly deadlocked the game twice in the waning moments, but Williams stretched high to secure Jill Alumbaugh's floater from the left wing with five minutes left. Williams then made a diving stop on Mallory Weber's break-away effort from eight yards out with 1:31 left.

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Northville two-sport star Sarah Rounsifer throws the discus during a meet earlier this spring and takes a few practice cuts during a mid-season softball game. The senior is headed to Princeton in the fall to play softball and study biology.

## Rounsifer excels in two-sport role

BY ED WRIGHT  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

If you've crossed paths with Northville High School senior Sarah Rounsifer this spring and you sensed a heightened degree of urgency in her pace, there's a reason.

You tend to walk faster when you have to be in two places at one time.

Rounsifer is nearing the conclusion of an incredible two-sports-in-one-season feat that requires talent, endurance, top-notch time-management skills and, well, a quick walking pace.

Rounsifer is living life to the fullest during her final semester as a Mustang as she is a contributing member of the school's softball and track-and-field teams.

And the four-year varsity softball player is providing both squads with remarkable contributions, leading the softball team in home runs and leader-

ship; while serving as the track team's No. 1 thrower.

"Let's just say I sleep really well when I go to bed every night," Rounsifer said, when asked how the hectic schedule has affected her. "The hardest part about this is doing both sports and getting my homework done — especially if we have an away track meet. Sometimes I won't get home until 8 o'clock and I'll have two to three hours of school work, but I make sure it gets done."

Rounsifer's 3.8 grade-point average attests to that. And she wouldn't be headed to Princeton with an eye on attaining a degree in Biology if she didn't know how to multi-task in the library and on the playing fields.

The idea of playing two sports at once evolved in the spring of 2008, Rounsifer revealed.

"Last year, the track team didn't have a shot-putter, so the coach asked me if I'd be interested," Rounsifer reflected.

"My softball coach was all for it, so I tried it, and I like it."

"On most days when both teams practice, I'll go to softball practice and then I'll go throw with the track coach. On the days I do have to miss softball because of a track meet, I make sure I go to the batting cages that night. It's worked out real well. I'm tired, but I'm having fun."

Rounsifer is one of the most talented catchers in the area, if not the state. A strong left-handed hitter who had blasted 15 career home runs as of last week, her shot-putter-caliber arm has proven to be a defensive weapon for the Mustangs when it comes to throwing out would-be base stealers.

Rounsifer's strong work ethic has helped elevate her to near-elite status in the throw, too. Last week, she placed first in the shot put even at the

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## SIDELINES

### Masi achieves NIAAA certification

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association announced this week that Northville Athletic Director Bryan Masi has been recognized by the association as a certified athletic administrator.

To earn this distinction, Masi demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process included a thorough evaluation of Masi's educational background, experience and professional contributions, as well as a rigorous, comprehensive written examination.

Masi is one of an elite group of interscholastic athletic administrators nationwide to attain this level of professionalism.

The NIAAA is a national professional organization consisting of all 50 state athletic administrator associations and more than 7,600 individual members. It is dedicated to promoting the professional growth of high school athletic administrators and preserving the educational nature of interscholastic athletics and the place of these programs in the secondary school curriculum.

### UD-Mercy to host NHS hoop camp

The University of Detroit-Mercy basketball program is coming to Northville as the Northville High School basketball team and the Northville Recreation Department will host the Detroit Titans Basketball School from June 29 to July 2.

The three-day camp will be held at the Hillside Recreation Center in Northville.

The camp is open to both boys and girls in grades 4-9 and will run 1:30-4:30 p.m. each day. The cost of the camp is \$100 per child.

Current Titans assistant coach Jay Smith, who resides in Northville, will run the camp along with current members of the Titans' team.

The three-day event will cover the fundamentals of the game of basketball as campers will practice such skills as footwork, ball-handling and rebounding. Players will not only work on drills to build on these skills, but they will go through chalk talks and video sessions to help emphasize the day's lessons. Players will then be broken up into groups for competitive games.

For more information on the camp as well as a registration form, visit the men's basketball page at DetroitTitans.com or contact Stacey Barns at (313) 993-1731.



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Northville's catcher Anthony Sergi gets set to tag out a Livonia Franklin runner during last week's KLAA Kensington Conference title game.

## Northville wallops Pats for KLAA title

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There was no stopping the Northville juggernaut even with the first-ever KLAA Kensington Conference baseball championship on the line Wednesday.

The host Mustangs, representing the Central Division, made it a mismatch against South Division champ Livonia Franklin by scoring an 18-2 triumph in four innings.

Northville improved its overall record to 27-1 with the 15-run mercy rule win, while the Patriots slipped to 17-11.

The game ended in the bottom of the fourth when fourth-year catcher Anthony Sergi belted a three-run homer against Franklin reliever Brent Marzion.

First baseman Bobby Thomas went 3-for-4 with five RBI, while winning pitcher David Uberti knocked in three runs to help his own cause.

The Mustangs also executed a successful hit-and-run play during a five-run first inning and had a total of five stolen bases.

Uberti was effective in his four-inning stint as he scattered five hits, two by Wayne Hawkins, while allowing just one walk.

"We've tried to stress pitching, defense and the fundamentals," Northville coach John Kostorzewa said. "And the depth of our staff is the reason why we've won games. They know

the recipe for success is to stay ahead of the hitters and throw strikes, and have a play defense behind them."

"We've done a good job of being aggressive on the bases and being fundamentally sound whether it's bunting, or hit-and-runs — some of work and some don't, but most have worked in our favor this year because we've practiced that a lot."

Franklin went with its ace, senior right-hander Mark McRobb, who entered the game with an 8-1 record and two saves.

But McRobb had trouble locating the strike zone. He exited after 2.1 innings allowing eight walks and four hits. He also threw four wild pitches and hit a batter.

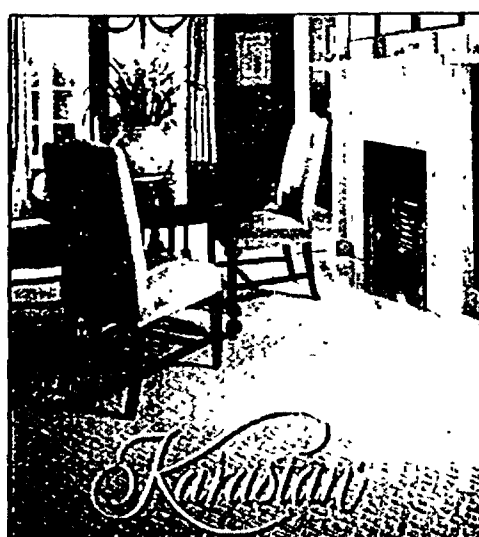
"You walk a couple of a guys and they scored five in that first inning," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "We wanted to limit as many base runners we could, or else they'll make you pay."

"Mark has had back-to-back starts on short rest, but he's a senior and he wants the ball and he's earned that right. There's a reason why he's in the game and we were going to give him every opportunity to do so. He's our horse and we'll continue working with him going into the district."

The Mustangs made sure that McRobb was able to throw strikes.

"We faced him (McRobb) last year and he

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## Northville bags third straight Division 1 district golf crown

BY BRAD DEMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Things went pretty much according to script in Thursday's Division 1 district boys golf tournament held under challenging conditions at Tanglewood G.C.

The state's top-ranked team, Northville, earned its third consecutive district crown with a four-player total of 320.

Livonia Stevenson, the only team to defeat the Mustangs in a dual match this season, finished second with 325 and will be joined at next Friday's Lakes of Taylor regional by Canton (326), Livonia Churchill (327), Plymouth (338) and Dearborn (344).

Only three players broke 80 among the 12-team field led by medalist Zach Conrad, a junior from Canton, who carded the low round with a 75.

Northville was led by Trevor Grigg's 78, while Steve Brown (80), Alex Bernstein (81) and Wes Gates (81) also figured in the Mustangs' four-player total.

"We were happy to win and come away with the district championship — our number one goal was to qualify," said Northville coach Matt Stetson, who returned three starters from last year's team, which finished third in Division 1. "We scored a little higher than I thought — but with the wind — conditions were a little tougher."

"And there was also the pressure of playing on your home course. We wanted to play very well, but sometimes it can also

backfire on you."

Two of the toughest holes came on North course — the par-3 Nos. 6 and 8.

"I didn't play well on those holes," said Conrad, who was a state qualifier last year. "I played a practice round here. The greens were tricky and I had to know where to hit my tee shots in good spots. I had to hit the right distances, but the wind effected it going left to right."

Conrad, the first Canton golfer to earn medalist honors for the Chiefs since Derek Trospier did it four years ago, practices out of Fox Hills Golf Course. He plans to play this summer on the Adams Tour and PGA Junior National series.

The stellar performance by Conrad, who also plays travel hockey, came as no surprise to his coach Tom Alles.

"Zach works like crazy and plays all summer long," Alles said. "He has a ton of experience playing competitive golf. He got off to a slow start, but has been playing well the second half of the season. He's a cool customer."

The only other player to break 80 was Stevenson's Christian Debay, who came in with a 79.

Teammates Drew Mossoian and Dan Dufour each carded 81s, while Tom Cullum and Adam Giordano each added 84s for the Spartans.

Mossoian, Stevenson's hottest player of late, was an individual state qualifier last season.

"We got a good round out

of Christian (Debay) and Dan (Dufour) has been playing really well," Stevenson coach Jim Omietanski said. "And Giordano is like Drew. You always know you're going to get a score anywhere from 80 to 84."

Churchill was led by Kevin Robinson's 80 and Matt Charnley's 81, while Plymouth relied on Justin Bauer's 80.

The All-District team included Conrad, Grigg, Debay, Brown, Bauer and Robinson.

Additional individual regional qualifiers from teams that did not place in the top six included Garden City's Ron Pummil (81) and Nick Walker (82); Westland John Glenn's Andy Myers (81), Salem's Josh Perrin (82), Livonia Franklin's Chris Grund (85) and Wayne Memorial's Kevin Sample (85).

Salem's Adam Powers, who also shot an 85, was eliminated in a one-hole playoff with Grund and Sample when he suffered a double-bogey.

It was tough day on the Rocks, who lost nine strokes and a spot ahead of Dearborn for the sixth and final team qualifying berth when a player was disqualified for rules violation (using a wind-aiding device).

"I was approached halfway through the round that I might have an issue with a player," Salem coach Rick Wilson said. "It was a device to measure the wind. I was surprised and it's something I never knew existed."

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### PREP GOLF RESULTS

**MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOYS DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
May 21 at Tanglewood G.C.  
**TEAM STANDINGS (Top 6 qualify for regional)**  
1. Northville 320 strokes  
2. Livonia Stevenson 325  
3. Canton 326  
4. Livonia Churchill 327  
5. Plymouth 338  
6. Dearborn 344  
7. Garden City 348  
8. Livonia Franklin 349  
9. Salem 350  
10. Westland John Glenn 355  
11. Wayne Memorial 353  
**TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS**  
Northville (320) Trevor Grigg 39 39 78  
Steve Brown 38 42 80  
Wes Gates 41 40 81  
Alex Bernstein 31 42 81  
Brandon Cameron 43 40 83  
Stevenson (325) Christian Debay 40 39 79  
Drew Mossoian 39 82 85  
Dan Dufour 39 42 81  
Tom Cullum 39 45 84  
Adam Giordano 46 38 84  
Canton (326) Zach Conrad 39 36 75

(Medalist) Andrew Richman 39 43 82  
Jeremy Lindbauer 42 47 83  
Brendan M... 45 41 86  
Dominic Bonelli 48 46 94  
Churchill (327) Kevin Robinson 39 41 80  
Matt Charnley 40 41 81  
Adam Varber 39 43 82  
Dan Boslock 43 36 84  
Erik Newman 40 46 86  
Plymouth (338) Justin Bauer 40 49 89  
James Bryan 40 44 84  
Trevor Birdwell 44 42 86  
Andrew Overmyer 44 44 88  
Ryan Bauer 47 44 91  
Dearborn (344) Evan Bowser 40 41 81  
Kosta Ramirez 42 42 84  
Daniel Dent 43 42 85  
Nathan Tascioler 43 46 94  
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Garden City (348) Port Purcell 42 39 81  
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### Perfection personified

The Northville junior varsity softball team completed a perfect 27-0 season last week. Among the highlights of the unbeaten campaign were first-place finishes in both the Mercy and Madonna JV tournaments. Under the guidance of head coach Dave Jerome and assistant coaches Bruno Petrucci and Dutch Vanlengen, the Mustangs won most of their games by mercy-rule scores. Pictured are (back row from left) Dutch Vanlengen, Bruno Petrucci, Maggie Stewart, Madison Merlanti, Morgan Brace, Lisa Rice, head coach David Jerome, (front row from left) Haley King, Krista Oldham, Olivia Martin, Laura Pond, Ellie Asher, Suzanne Hasse and Natalie Grimmer. Not pictured is Rachel Deacon.

## ROUNSIFER

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Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division meet. She narrowly missed qualifying for the Division 1 state meet a week earlier at the DI Regional.

"If there's a conflict between the two sports, I'd probably play softball just because it's the sport I've played the longest and it's the one I'm playing in college," Rounsifer said. "But there haven't really been any prob-

lems. Both of my coaches have been very supportive and my teammates have been great too."

Of all the highlights Rounsifer has generated on high school softball fields the past four years, the most memorable — so far, at least — unfolded her sophomore season.

"I hit a home run in the bottom of the eighth to beat Canton," she remembered.

"I'm not sure what it was for — a division championship or something — but I know it was a big game and it's a hit I'll never forget."

Rounsifer said her choice of colleges became easy once she visited Princeton's New Jersey campus.

"I fell in love with their campus right away — it's gorgeous," she said. "And they're black and orange, so I won't have to change colors."

Rounsifer's spring schedule promises to be a little less hectic next spring.

"My dad joked around and said I should try track and softball at Princeton," she said smiling. "But I think I'll just stick to softball."

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throws pretty hard," Kostzewa said. "He's a strong kid and he was 'amped' up a little bit being it was a championship game. We tried to stress patience right out of the gate."

Meanwhile, Franklin took its medicine and made the trip home to Joy Road.

"He's got a good ballclub, they do everything well," Fournier said of the Mustangs.

"There's a reason why they're 28-1. They're legit. They were hitting on all cylinders."

"We knew we were the underdogs. We wanted to play

loose and have fun. I told the kids this was a huge accomplishment winning the division. That was our first goal going into the season, and we did it. We wanted to be in these type of games because it prepares you for the state tourney."

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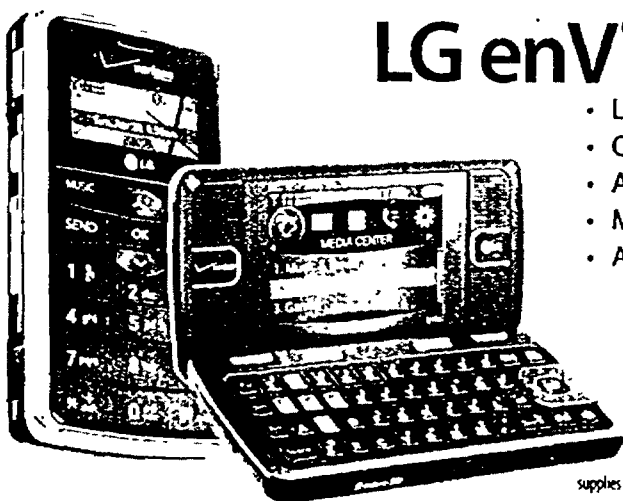
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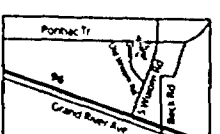


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# Northville Strictly Business

## IT'S YOUR NORTHVILLE BUSINESS Q&A WITH RUNNING FIT



Staff of Northville Township's Running Fit. From left: Lora Lazur, Sarah Sherwood, and Nick Allen.

## Northville store 1 of 7 in Michigan

1. Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature.

We pride ourselves and specialize in providing quality footwear in a variety of makes and models from trusted name brand manufacturers for runners, walkers and any individual needing a quality shoe. With each customer, we take the time to assess arch type and gait, and then we assist the individual in trying on shoes that will fit and function best for their unique foot type and body mechanics.

All of our apparel is moisture wicking helping to keep individuals dry and comfortable thus enhancing performance and avoiding blisters and chafing.

We stock a number of medical products to provide support for injuries while individuals work through their predicaments with a trusted medical professional.

We offer beginning running classes, free group runs, Marathoning 501 and more.

In coordination with our Main Office headquartered in Ann Arbor, we put on a number of races and special events.

Knowledgeable staff persons are always on hand to provide assistance, answer questions, give advice and listen to customers' concerns, success stories, and sharing of their sports pursuits and passions.

2. How did you first decide to open your business?

Randy Step and Steve Angerman explain that they wanted to find a way to combine their love of running and people with the need to make a living.

3. Why did you choose Northville?

Opportunity prevailed. Our store's original location in downtown Northville that used to be owned by Fleet Feet Inc. was under-performing. Seizing the opportunity, we decided to purchase and opened another Running Fit store. Additionally, we liked the history and community of the town and felt that the local running club, which still exists today, would appreciate our presence in the area as we do theirs. To date, we continue to enjoy a harmonious relationship with the Northville Road Runners.

At the beginning of the current millennium, recognizing the chance for additional growth, we moved

### DETAILS

**Business Name:** Running Fit  
**Address:** 17783 - C Haggerty Road, Northville, MI 48167 (Additionally, we have 6 other stores: Novi, West Bloomfield, two stores in Ann Arbor and two stores in Traverse City.)  
**Your Name/Title:** Randy Step and Steve Angerman are the owners of Running Fit. Lora Lazur is the manager of the Northville Running Fit store.  
**Your Hometown:** Randy lives in South Lyon. Steve lives in Ann Arbor. Lora lives in Northville.  
**Business Opened When:** Owners Randy Step and Steve Angerman opened the first Running Fit store in 1984, and the Northville location specifically, opened in the spring of 1995.  
**Number of Employees:** 15  
**Hours of Operation:** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday  
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the store to its current location in the shopping center at Six Mile and Haggerty Road.

4. What makes your business unique?

Our Northville store is currently the largest of our seven locations. We carry quite a bit of apparel and will often be one of the first locations to test market new brands and products. Our customer base is quite diverse ranging from serious athletes to beginning runners to referrals from medical professionals. Each consumer is unique, and all are welcome and appreciated.

5. How has it changed since you opened?

Since moving from our original location in downtown Northville, our customer base has blissfully quadrupled in size.

6. Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?

Running Fit owner Steve Angerman recalls having a store-closing sale to liquidate much of the older and less desirable inventory that was inherited upon

purchase of the existing Northville store (what used to be Fleet Feet).

The following week, Running Fit held their grand opening sale. Angerman, who was recognized by several customers, explained playfully that it was his "twin" who went out of business; he was the "more successful brother in the family!"

7. How has the recent economy affected your business?

Our business as a whole is doing more promotions and special events to help generate more activity and interest. This is a very positive result of a challenging economy as we are reaching out to others whom we might not normally encounter.

Despite these trying times, Running Fit is committed to the community and is certain that the economy will recover and provide better circumstances for all.

8. Any advice for business owners?

Owner Steve Angerman affirms, "All business owners should wear comfortable running shoes which will in part reduce stress!"

Additionally, he recommends prudence in choosing merchandise and handling finances but not so much as to freeze company finances. Wise decisions are always invaluable, but one must produce business to earn business.

9. What's in store for the future of your business?

Two of our stores will be moving their digs. Mid-summer, our Orchard Lake location will shift about a mile down the road to the southeast corner of Orchard Lake and Maple Road.

And in the latter part of the summer our Main Headquarters located on the east side of Ann Arbor will also relocate less than a mile down Jackson Road nearer to the Zeeb Road intersection. Stay tuned for big sales and grand openings.

Our events are also in full swing. Our Tri Series will commence on June 24th, The Legend, the last of our Serious Series, will occur on Aug. 1 and brand-new this year, Run Woodstock will commence Sept. 25-27. For more information and a full listing of our upcoming events, please visit our website and click on our race calendar.

## NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in offered by the Oakland County Business Center.

Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford.

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#### JULY 2009

9: Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)  
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21: Legal & Financial Basics  
22: Listening to Your Business  
23: How to Write a Business Plan Workshop (AM)  
30: Small Business Loan Workshop

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The Web site address for Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services Workshops is [www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar](http://www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar).

## NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

### Glencoe appoints Kearney as principal

Jason L. Duzan, managing director of private equity firm Glencoe Capital, announced the appointment of Northville resident Douglas S. Kearney as principal of the firm. Kearney will help manage the firm's latest fund, the Michigan Opportunities Fund, and will work from Glencoe Capital's new office in Birmingham, Mich.

As principal, Kearney is charged with sourcing, executing and managing the Michigan Opportunities Fund investments. He also will provide his financial and operational expertise to the management teams at the Fund's portfolio companies.

Before joining Glencoe Capital, Kearney was a principal at Detroit-based Superior Capital Partners, where he sourced and executed special

situation portfolio investments in the lower middle market. Previously, he was a managing director for Conway MacKenzie & Dunleavy, a Detroit-based middle-market turnaround and performance improvement firm, where he filled senior restructuring and executive positions in an array of turnaround assignments.

From 2001 through 2006, Kearney served as chief financial officer of Lason Inc., a global provider of business process outsourcing services with more than \$175 million in revenues and operations in North America, the Caribbean, India and China. At Lason, he was a key principal in executing restructuring and growth plans that tripled the company's earnings, creating value to investors of five times the original investment. Kearney has also held positions with PricewaterhouseCoopers,

DaimlerChrysler and IBM.

A CPA, Kearney holds an MBA from Yale University and a BBA from the University of Michigan.

"We are pleased to add a professional of Doug's caliber to the investment team of our Michigan Opportunities Fund," said Duzan. "His knowledge of Michigan's business environment and the investment opportunities here in the State will be essential to achieving the goals of the Fund."

The Michigan Opportunities Fund represents a new model for targeted private equity investment in Michigan. Focused on providing capital to successful and growing companies across the state, Glencoe Capital's new fund received an initial allocation of \$150 million in 2008 from the State of Michigan Retirement Systems as part of the state's InvestMichigan! program.

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# Regional Marketplace

## Beaumont Family Medicine

Brandy Eberhardt, D.O. and Micah N. Scharer, D.O.  
dedicated to keeping families healthy

BY MIKE HOGAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

As a growing community, South Lyon has been seeing a lot of new faces. Residents now have access to local builders, artists, business owners, and now, doctors.

Dr. Brandy Eberhardt and Dr. Micah N. Scharer are a Beaumont Family Medicine practice that recently joined the South Lyon community.

Although they're new to the area, they bring years of experience and a much-needed outlook on family medicine.

### Entire Family Care

"There's a need for doctors in the area and the surrounding areas," Dr. Eberhardt said. "People might be used to going east for their appointments, but they might not realize there's someone closer to home."

As part of Beaumont Family Medicine, Drs. Eberhardt and Scharer have been seeing patients locally since January. They're now able to provide many health services that were previously hard to find in South Lyon.

"We do a fair amount of women's health and sports medicine," Dr. Scharer said. "We also do a fair amount of procedures right here in the office. I like to say we'll see anyone and everyone, newborn to geriatric."

The doctors' brand new office has a separate procedure room and a separate pediatric room. They carry all immunizations and keep all records electronically and securely. With all these resources, Drs. Eberhardt and Scharer are able to treat the entire family, however big or small.

The doctors think their patients

will grow based on relationships.

"Sometimes the mom comes in, brings the kids, and then the dad trails behind," Dr. Scharer said.

### Face to Face

Drs. Eberhardt and Scharer are committed to personalized care. Their office is open extended hours so patients can drop by before or after work.

"Patients get a chance to talk to us," Dr. Eberhardt said. "Whether it's Dr. Scharer or myself, they'll always see the same person."

By seeing Dr. Eberhardt



PHOTOS BY MIKE HOGAN

(From left) Dr. Eberhardt and Dr. Scharer provide excellent care for the whole family, both independently and as a team.

or Dr. Scharer, you'll also be connected to a network of Beaumont specialists. But, you'll still receive the same face-to-face care.

Both doctors believe that personalized care is the best route for their patients.

"I've always wanted to be a family physician," Dr. Scharer said. "With bigger practices, people can get lost in the shuffle. Now we're able to tailor the way we practice. It's hard, but you're able to be more independent."

### Different Strengths

Both Michigan natives, Dr. Eberhardt and Dr. Scharer met during their residency and trained together. They quickly realized their complementary roles would mesh well in a small practice.

"We have different strengths and a great working relationship," Dr. Scharer said. "We have a male/female aspect that provides a lot for our patients."

The doctors believe with their combined skills, they can provide a service for almost every patient.

"We're a good fit," Dr. Eberhardt said. "Different patients like different things."

The doctors both agree that between the two of them they can accommodate the needs of all patients and provide care for the entire family.

Both doctors also stress the idea of prevention. Patients should come to their doctor regularly to stop a problem before it occurs.

In an up and coming community like South Lyon, new people are entering every day to add to the area's growing needs.

Dr. Brandy Eberhardt and Dr. Micah N. Scharer are happy to be a part of the South Lyon community, providing needed skills and a great approach to family medicine.



The doctors and staff at Beaumont Family Medicine in South Lyon provide services for every member of the family, from infant to geriatric.

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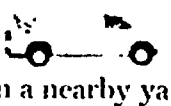
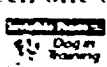
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
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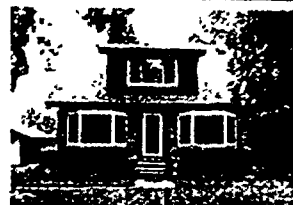
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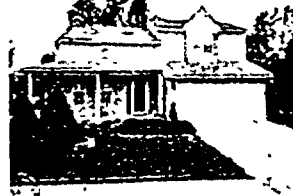
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DECORATORS DELIGHT! Bring your fresh ideas to this well kept 3 bdr home. Newer windows, finished bsmt, 1 1/2 baths, fenced yard and 2 car garage. Priced to sell! (29037771) \$117,000



**Brighton** 248-437-3800  
Open Floor Plan, Shows Like A New Home! Maple cabinets w/ granite counters, extensive use of ceramic, 2 story foyer & family rm Brazilian hardwood in den, Fin bsmt could be in law suite. Lrg rec rm (29064090) \$274,900



**Canton** 248-851-1900  
3BR/2 BA HOME W/ LARGE BACKYARD! Overlooks nature preserve. Wood floors in foyer, dining rm, kitchen & half bath. Master suite w/ master bath & large WIC. (29067155) \$200,000



**Canton** 734-591-9200  
So much for money. Short sale approval. Own, new btl col w/upgrds. New fin bsmt w/wet bar, full bath & egress window. Reflax OT Furn & CA. Ayr old. Heat gas, 2 story LR w/ skylights. Much more (29064953) \$182,900



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
DON'T WAIT - THIS HOME WON'T LAST LONG! Well designed & maintained. Updates incl newer roof, furn, windows, counters, sink, A/C, HWI, etc. Close to shopping, x-ways, churches, etc. Phy Canton schools (29049208) \$174,900



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
PREMIUM CUL-DE-SAC LOT W/TREED BACKDROPS! Shows like model! Newer kitchen, bamboo flooring, 1st fl fr, gas FP, garden tub, sep shower, true dbl dr, dec. for colors, etc. So much home for the money! (29040724) \$139,900



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
DELIGHTFUL CONDO LINKS AT FELLOWS CREEK! 2BR/2BA, neutral decor, clean & well maintained. Pm patio, ample storage. Pool, workout rm, billiards. Offers beautiful views, discounted golf, x way access. (29055073) \$129,900



**Clarkston** 248-684-1065  
Wonderful site condo w/ 2 BR and 2 full BA up and BR full BA in Fin W/O bsmt. GR w/ FP Association fee includes yard, street maint, garbage pick up. (29014294) \$239,900



**Novi** 248-684-6430  
Novel! Gorgeous! Wonderful 5 bedroom home w/ fabulous addition of family room & mstr suite. Awesome oak kitchen will please any cook! Relax by the fire. Backs to park & schools. (29039774) \$234,500



**Dearborn** 734-591-9200  
A Must See- Completely renovated bungalow! Updates include wind, roof, driveway, gar siding, plumbing/elect. Refin hardwd flrs, new kitchen w/ granite tops, recess lighting, stainless steel appls. Clean bsmt 1/2 carport (29062745) \$119,900



**Detroit** 734-591-9200  
Perfection thru-out! Move in ready. New kitchen w/ cherry/hwd cabs, new counter tops & lot fr. W/ updated 1st fl lav 2 nat fireplaces. Fin bsmt w/ bar and lots of closet space. Hwdwd flrs thru-out. Lg form DR. Mst see (29064692) \$125,000



**Farmington** 248-348-6430  
2 BD Condo Steps Away From Farmington! Offering 1 car grg w/ opener, HDW flrs, vaulted ceilings, all appliances stay, great view & is conveniently located near shopping, schools & access to freeways (28021729) \$45,000



**Farmington Hills** 248-348-6430  
Amazing Quality, Million Dollar Features Great location & condition! Upgrades: High EFF furnace, granite kitchen, custom master suite, finished lower level family room, bar, multi-purpose rooms & more! (29020680) \$334,900



**Farmington Hills** 248-348-6430  
New Price! Canterbury Commons Spacious 2958 sq ft colonial in Canterbury Commons. 4 could be 5 bedrooms, 2.5 bath, New roof & HWI, hwdwd floors under all carpeting, huge FR w/ fireplace (29063534) \$215,000



**Garden City** 734-591-9200  
VERY CLEAN BUNGALOW! MOVE RIGHT IN! 3 bdrms, FR off the lg eat in New fl in kit. BA remodeled, hwd refinished, new windows, dishwasher, & hot water tank. Completely repainted. Large double lot (29057623) \$135,000



**Hartland** 248-437-3800  
Beautiful Rofing 2.57 Acres! 50x24 pole barn w/ concrete flr. Open fr plan, nat. fireplace in GR. Fin W/O bsmt w/wet bar, wood burner accessible. Fresh paint & carpet in main living area (29065182) \$279,900



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Stunning Cobblestone beauty stately home w/ custom quality Uo. Approx. 1 acre. Upgrades & unique details. Dual stairways, terrace 3600 sq ft 4 BR, 4 BA (29051905) \$549,000



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
A wonderful home on 2.35 acres. Attached in low apartment. 1st floor living/2 kitchens, 4 BR, 3 BA, attached garage, barn/garage w/ loft & heat. (28198474) \$297,000



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Walkout ranch on over 6 acres w/ 40x40 pole barn w/ 12x12 office w/ heat & AC. New gourmet kitchen. Mstr suite w/ jet tub/WIC. Fr doors to FR w/ FP. Much more! (29004908) \$170,000



**Livonia** 248-348-6430  
Totally Renovated & Expanded Colonial! Spacious 4 BDRM, 3 1/2 BA Livonia home. Expansion includes 2 upper BDRMs, full BA & computer area. Updated KTI w/ Corian counters & oak cabinets. Find BSMT & more (29029104) \$212,000



**Livonia** 248-348-6430  
Renovated With Style! 3 bedroom ranch with impressive details & many updates including updated kitchen, main bath, light fixtures. Finished basement, vinyl windows, and deck. (28086574) \$195,000



**Livonia** 734-591-9200  
Grt curb appeal. 3 BR Brick Ranch, Updated kitchen, bath just painted-new glass blk, newer roof, furn 10 yrs old, fin area in bsmt. Cld be 4th BR. Huge 1/2 acre lot. Hme warranty. Not Bank owned or short sale (29043723) \$149,500



**Millford** 248-684-1065  
Shows like a model! On 2 park-like acres w/ pond & fountain. Upgrades galore! Granite kit, SS appl, maple flrs, formal DR, 1b 2/ FP, MBR, fin LL w/o, patio. (29039728) \$539,900



**Millford** 248-684-1065  
Luxury riverfront condo in downtown Millford across from Central Park! Craftsman style inspired with fin w/o oak cabs, granite tops, HDW flrs, deck. (28129939) \$460,000



**Millford** 248-684-1065  
3.411 sq. ft. ranch on 4+ wooded acres close to Kensington Park. Huge pole barn, built in swimming pool, super cond ton & waiting for you and your horses. (29039605) \$375,000



**Millford** 248-684-1065  
Country setting, beautiful, move-in ready ranch home on 2.36 acres across from Highland Rec. Area. Huge FR w/ fin. W/O LL. Barn, hay loft, pole barn. (29007050) \$299,900



**Millford** 248-684-1065  
On 2.5 wooded acres. Hwd flrs, Designer Thomasville hickory granite & slate kit, 23x16 cedar deck, Covered front porch. New SS appls. 27x20 mstr lg W/O W/O (29019262) \$277,500



**Millford** 248-348-6430  
\$60,000 in Updates! 3 acres in Millford with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Great house for entertaining. Move-in condition. (29057240) \$249,900



**Millford** 248-684-1065  
Dramatic brownstone end unit condo. High windows, ceilings, open fr plan, HDW, ceramic and carpet flrs. Balc. off oak kit/all appl incl. Walk to town. (29033284) \$119,900



**Monroe** 248-208-2900  
Awesome brick home! Tastefully decorated 4 bdrms, 2.5 bath tudor home. Updated kit, newer roof & windows, recently painted. Hwdwd flrs, fin bsmt w/ fric, spacious fr rm w/ fric. (28192562) \$109,900



**Novi** 248-851-4100  
BEAUTIFUL HOME DESIRABLE TOLLGATE RAVINE! Everything looks new! Granite, wood & high ceilings. Both 1st floor & 2nd floor master suites. 3 car side entry garage. For sale or lease. (29062079) \$355,000



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Bargain Priced! Novi Schools! 4 BR, 2 BA Sharp UPD'D KTI w/ granite & SS appls. New carpet, main 10'10" BA, Andersen windows, fieldstone FP, patio w/ lg scenic yard! Comm pool & clubhouse. You'll love it! (29060084) \$169,000



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Spacious Updated 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Ranch! Newer windows, furnace & HW Granite, oak cabinets, ceramic flring. Mstr ste w/wic & full ba. Lots of storage. All appls. Now schools, close to x-ways & mall. (29063344) \$155,000



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Immaculate 5 bedroom Novi Cape Cod. Open floor plan w/ volume ceilings, 1st fl mstr ste. Great rm, frml dining, hearth rm, screened porch. Beautifully fin LL w/ fam rm, oak bar exercise & gym rms. (29062550) \$449,000



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Large Novi Condo with Basement! 3 BR, 1.5 BA! 1,300 sq ft! Find bsmt! Now Schools. Assoc fee includes gas, water, pool, tennis usage. Home Warranty! All appliances included! Lots of Storage! (28024155) \$49,900



**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
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AN ADVENTURE INTO ELEGANCE! Most Admired Historic Cape Cod in the City of Plymouth! Designed by GM Bldg architect. 1st time marketed in 45 years! 5 bedrooms/5 baths. Spectacular wooded acre! (28172722) \$599,000



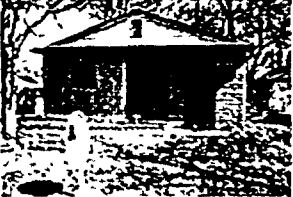
**Plymouth** 734-591-9200  
Spacious Ranch in Deer Creek, Very Open Fr Plan, Lg kit & BFT mstr suite, 2 full baths, 2 full w/FP w/o lg deck. Mstr BR w/BA has roll in shower. Home has handicap access w/ ramp from gar to bsmt. (29052849) \$279,900



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**Redford** 248-348-6430  
Cozy Brick Ranch with many updates, kitchen, appliances, roof, electrical, Florida room with wood stove and vaulted ceiling. Finished basement with 4th bedroom & full bath. (29029108) \$112,900



**Redford** 248-348-6430  
Welcome Home! You'll Love This - 3 BD, 1 BA, fenced yard, updated KTI, newer roof, HWI & furnace. C/A in 2006. Hurry this one won't last! Bring all offers! Subject to 3rd party bank approval. (29019397) \$19,522



**Salem** 248-437-3800  
Enjoy Country Living On 3 Acres! Charming 3 BR ranch on high ground w/ pole barn. Many updates. Large 24x28 rec room in LL w/ bar area. Woods in rear. Great location. (29063286) \$199,900



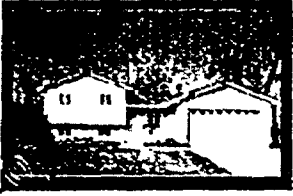
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Beautiful Ranch Home With Curb Appeal. 3 car garage on large lot in prestigious neighborhood. Gorgeous landscaping to provide private back yard, paver patio, & beautiful views from every window. (29064420) \$234,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Aspen Model Home. Great opportunity to live in prestigious Hidden Creek Community. Open fr plan, neutral decor thru-out. Beautiful hrm in excellent condition. Private back yard. (29062509) \$219,000



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Brick Detached Condo. Interesting artistic flar w/ tasteful decor and a sleek look. Hardwood floors in kitchen, dining, great rm, master bedroom & 1st floor den. Move in cond ton. (29061397) \$169,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
This Home is Meticulously New concept in contemporary w/ versatile fr plan & vaulted ceilings. Too many upgrades & improvements to list. Beautiful backyard setting. Must See! (29047962) \$152,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Outstanding Townhouse Condo! Private setting w/ great view of McHattie Park. Features living rm w/ frg front window, updated kitchen, dining area w/ doorwall leading to deck, Prof. fin. bsmt. (29062812) \$129,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Ready To Move In Ranch style condo w/ open fr plan. Features 2 BR, mstr br 2/2 closets, 2 full baths, gr rm w/ gas fireplace, rm w/ doorwall to deck. Home is handicap accessible. (28150911) \$129,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Just Listed! 55+ community, secluded, clean, updated, finished walkout basement. (29046198) \$123,900



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**Southfield** 248-208-2900  
Extra large lot! Nice 4 bdrms, 1.5 bath home. 1 car attached garage. Located on one of the largest lots in the area. (28190364) \$59,900



**Taylor** 248-208-2900  
Super Priced! Roomy 4 bdrms home. Bonus room in finished bsmt. Custom carport w/awning in front of garage & over rear deck. (29036089) \$64,000



**Walled Lake** 248-684-1065  
Enjoy over 100 ft on all sports Commerce Lk. Water views from all rooms plus canal front at rear 3 BR Ranch w/ neutral decor and many updates! (29005969) \$350,000



**Waterford** 248-684-1065  
Spacious 1852 sq ft home on .62 wooded lot w/ access on private all-sports Walled Lake. Open fr plan, Maple kit. GR w/ FP & walkout 2 car gar, C/A & more! (29064835) \$160,000



**Westland** 248-348-6430  
Totally Updated! Maintenance Free Home. New roof, updated BA, new wnw, carpet, 6 panel doors, steel DRs, ceramic tile in foyer, HWI, all appls, shed, 2 car gar & a patio w/ retractable awning. (28193615) \$124,900



**Westland** 734-284-5400  
BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM BRICK Ranch Full Basement, 2 car garage. New Roof, Hardwood floors thru-out. All appliances stay. Stove and dryer are new. Better hurry this property won't last long. (29046292) \$72,000



**Westland** 734-284-5400  
MOVE IN CONDITION! Newer roof, paint, flooring etc. Fenced yard with a deck out back. 1 car det. garage. 1st fl laundry. This home is very up to date and clean! Priced to sell. (29036133) \$69,900



**White Lake** 248-684-1065  
Come see this adorable ranch with great curb appeal & many updates, paint, septic, kitchen & bath. Extra deep garage. Fenced yard w/ shed. Home Warranty. (29063412) \$125,000

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Power windows & locks, tilt steering, cruise control, stereo CD, mats, OnStar, body molding, rear defogger. Stk# 6840

**\$254** (Per Mo. 39 Mo.)

LEASE FROM JUST \$1105 Down • \$1800 Total Due

WAS **\$22,505**  
NOW **\$19,197\*\***  
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### 2009 CHEVROLET IMPALA

3.5 V6, power windows, locks & seat, tilt steering, cruise control, stereo CD, rear defogger. Stk# 9C6460

**\$309** (Per Mo. 39 Mo.)

LEASE FROM JUST \$965 Down • \$1800 Total Due

WAS **\$24,665**  
NOW **\$22,767\*\***  
LESS REBATES **\$6,000**  
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### 2009 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE LS

3.6 V6, 6 speed auto trans, power windows, locks & seat, tilt steering, cruise control, 7 passenger seating, OnStar. Stk# 2394

**\$391** (Per Mo. 39 Mo.)

LEASE FROM JUST \$1164 Down • \$1800 Total Due

WAS **\$29,090**  
NOW **\$24,403**  
LESS REBATES **\$9,250**  
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### 2009 CHEVROLET CORVETTE COUPE

6.2 430hp engine, 6 speed auto trans., transparent roof panel, polished aluminum wheels, performance package, wheel locks, Jet Stream Metallic. Stk # 6024

**\$579** (Per Mo. 39 Mo.)

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| PURCHASE     |     |           | LEASE  |           |                  | PURCHASE     |     |                  |
|--------------|-----|-----------|--------|-----------|------------------|--------------|-----|------------------|
| Was \$36,105 | NOW | \$27,999* | \$409* | PER MO.   | \$0 Down Payment | Was \$30,525 | NOW | \$21,995*        |
|              |     |           | \$537  | 0% 60mo   |                  |              |     | \$342*           |
|              |     |           | \$488  | 2.9% 72mo |                  |              |     | \$0 Down Payment |

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| PURCHASE     |     |           | LEASE  |           |                  | PURCHASE     |     |           |
|--------------|-----|-----------|--------|-----------|------------------|--------------|-----|-----------|
| Was \$19,480 | NOW | \$13,795* | \$204* | PER MO.   | \$0 Down Payment | Was \$21,255 | NOW | \$13,995* |
|              |     |           | \$281  | 0% 60mo   |                  |              |     | \$219*    |
|              |     |           | \$255  | 2.9% 72mo |                  |              |     | \$245     |

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| PURCHASE     |     |           | LEASE  |           |                  | PURCHASE     |     |           |
|--------------|-----|-----------|--------|-----------|------------------|--------------|-----|-----------|
| Was \$32,700 | NOW | \$24,821* | \$339* | 60 MO.    | \$0 Down Payment | Was \$25,640 | NOW | \$17,995* |
|              |     |           | \$469  | 0% 60mo   |                  |              |     |           |
|              |     |           | \$425  | 2.9% 72mo |                  |              |     |           |

| PURCHASE     |     |           | LEASE  |           |                    | PURCHASE     |     |           |
|--------------|-----|-----------|--------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|-----|-----------|
| Was \$26,955 | NOW | \$16,995* | \$247* | 60 MO.    | \$995 Down Payment | Was \$26,955 | NOW | \$16,995* |
|              |     |           | \$363  | 0% 60mo   |                    |              |     |           |
|              |     |           | \$330  | 2.9% 72mo |                    |              |     |           |

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