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## ON THE RECORD

### Wing/Cady construction

The city of Northville Department of Public Works will make improvements soon to the Wing Street/Cady Street intersection. New curbs, sidewalk and pavement are being planned for this busy intersection near the post office. Work on this intersection is expected to begin in September and be completed within 30 days.

### City council election

A Northville City Council election will take place on Nov. 3. The mayor and two councilmembers will be elected. Nominating petitions must be returned to city hall between Sept. 1 and Oct. 1. For more information, call the clerk's office at (248) 349-1300.

### Tour of Hope

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a one hour Tour of Hope in their new home at 315 Griswold in Northville. This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types of grief support services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped, and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough. Tour dates are 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 16 and 9 a.m. on Oct. 16.

To attend one of the tours, please RSVP to New Hope at 248.348.0115 or email [griefhelp@newhopecenter.net](mailto:griefhelp@newhopecenter.net).

### "Pinky" auditions

The Marquis Theatre will be holding free auditions for children 8-16 for "Pinky the Flying Ghost" at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 30 at the theatre (135 E. Main Street, downtown Northville). Auditioners will sing "Do-Re-Mi" from "The Sound of Music"; an accompanist will be provided. They will also read a poem or a monologue no longer than 90 seconds; does not have to be memorized. For more information please call (248) 349-8110 or visit our website [www.northvillamarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillamarquistheatre.com)

## Food booths, music, fashion show scheduled



PHOTO BY LYLA MARIE ELIZABETH

The Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce's festival LEBFEST!, which took place in downtown Birmingham the last two years, is moving to Northville this weekend. The festival runs from 5-11 p.m. tomorrow and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday at Town Square, located on East Main Street between Center and Hutton streets. This section of Main Street will be blocked to traffic during the event.

# LEBFEST!

## opens Friday downtown

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

John Akouri, president and CEO of the Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce, is excited that this year's Lebanese Festival, better known as LEBFEST!, is coming to Northville.

"We are absolutely thrilled to hold this year's LEBFEST! in downtown Northville," Akouri said. "It's as if Town Square was tailor-made for our Lebanese Festival, and the positive feedback we have received from so many past festivalgoers has encouraged us to again hold it here in 2010, with the city's blessings."

"When we began LEBFEST!, we never imagined the kind of incredible response we would receive on a national level. We are expecting guests from all around the country again this year as we celebrate Lebanese heritage, culture and art!"

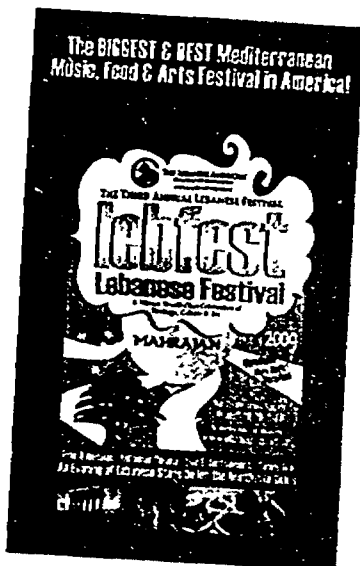
"Everyone is welcome to come down to Town Square for great food, spectacular entertainment, creative art and exhibits, fun times and a wonderful weekend."

### FESTIVAL HOURS

Hours for this year's Lebanese-American Festival, LEBFEST!, in downtown Northville's Town Square on East Main Street between Center and Hutton streets are 5-11 p.m. tomorrow and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday. A special premiere of a short film will also be shown at 2 p.m. Sunday at Madonna University's Kresge Theatre, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia. For more information, go to [www.lebanesefestival.org](http://www.lebanesefestival.org).

### OPENING CEREMONY

The two-day weekend festival kicks off tomorrow evening, with singer Karen Newman, the voice of the



Detroit Red Wings, singing the U.S. and Canadian national anthems at the opening ceremony 6:30 p.m.

The third annual Lebanese festival will bring a vibrant world-class celebra-

Please see LEBFEST, A6

## Senior facility to open

### Tenants can move in later this fall

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Well-known downtown businessman Dennis Engerer, owner of Northville Physical Rehabilitation, and three business partners plan to open a new senior living facility hopefully late this year.

The facility will be located at 311 E. Main Street in downtown Northville, with plans to open in October or November.

The partners include Rodger Barton, Al Vardia and Robert Duminske.

The second-floor facility, to be called Northville Senior Living, will consist of a 700,000-square-foot, 17-bed assisted living home.

The space will include nine bedrooms, with one featuring a private bathroom.

The remaining eight bedrooms will each share a bathroom.

"In other words, people in two bedrooms will share a full bathroom," Engerer said.

Other amenities will include a library, dining room and two sun decks.

"One deck will overlook Ford Field, and one will overlook Main Street," Engerer said.

"We will be a full-service facility, which means we will do everything for a single price," he said. This includes three meals a day, laundry, escorting residents to and from the dining room, bathing, daily dress-

Please see SENIOR, A6



This shows the exterior of the building which will house Northville Senior Living on the second floor at 311 E. Main Street. The 700,000-square-foot assisted living facility is slated to open in the fourth quarter of this year and will feature nine bedrooms.

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## 2009 Citizen of Year nominations needed

### Announcement slated for Oct. 21 meeting

The Northville Chamber of Commerce staff is now seeking nominations for its 2009 Citizen of the Year Award. "Please nominate a deserving individual for the Northville Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award and help us all say thank you," said Jody Humphries, chamber president.

The nominee must:

- Be involved in actively supporting (through time, talent or financial support) an organization that improves our community.
- Live or work in the Northville community.

- Show concern for community, environment and family.
- Be a role model for community youth and citizens.

Nominations should include the name of the individual and a brief outline of the reasons they qualify for Citizen of the Year status.

"We want to say thank you to the scores of people who commit their time, energy, money and talents to making the Northville Community a special place to live," Humphries said. "And to do this, we need your help."

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# 'A Sleeping Country' keeps audience awake

■ Insomnia no laughing matter

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

"A Sleeping Country," the Tipping Point Theatre's first in the Northville theater's LAUGH 2009-10 season definitely kept the audience awake at one of last week's preview performances.

Written by Melanie Marnich and directed by Julia Glander, the story revolves around a desperate New York City woman who is certain she has the worst case of insomnia in the world.

It's affecting every aspect of her life, and especially her impending marriage to Greg, played perfectly by Aaron T. Moore.

Moore has appeared previously on the Tipping Point Theatre stage.

Sarah Kamoo is also excellent as Julia, the woman facing one sleepless night after another.

Kamoo and Moore are both members of the Actors' Equity Association, the union of professional actors and stage managers in the U.S.

In search of answers, Julia travels all the way to Venice, Italy, to chase down a beautiful and sleepless countess who she thinks she may be related to distantly.



PHOTO COURTESY TIPPING POINT THEATRE

Sarah Kamoo and Aaron T. Moore in "A Sleeping Country" at Northville's Tipping Point Theatre.

Andrea Boswell-Burns also does a fine job playing Midge, the rather irreverent psychiatrist who is trying to find a solution to Julia's constant insomnia to no avail.

Finally, Connie Cowper plays a believable Italian countess who may be the answer to Julia's state of awokeness. Even her Italian accent is pretty

good.

Although the play is billed as a comedy, some might say it's more of a drama with numerous comedic elements.

In fact, Julia is rather distraught throughout the performance about her insomnia.

And, anyone who has experienced this common ailment knows that it's really no laugh-

ing matter.

It's worth to attend the performance to just how you might categorize the action.

"A Sleeping Country" runs through Sept. 27.

For more information about tickets, call (248) 347-0003 or go to [www.tippingpointtheatre.com](http://www.tippingpointtheatre.com).

## CORRECTION

In an article in last week's paper about Comcast's new digital enhancement network, it should have stated that analog customers can obtain one digital cable box and two digital adapters for free. Current digital customers can obtain up to two digital adapters for free. Digital customers already have a digital cable box.

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## NORTHVILLE WEDDING



Flores-Ellsworth

### Flores & Ellsworth

Atticus Flores and Kimberly Ellsworth were married June 6, 2009 at Zion Lutheran in Ann Arbor.

The bride, daughter of James and Gloria Ellsworth of Northville, graduated from Detroit Country Day High School in 1998 and from the University of Michigan in 2002. She's employed as a graphic designer at the University of Michigan Law School.

The groom, son of Frank and Mary Ann Flores of Canton, graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1997 and from the University of Michigan in 2002. He is employed as a data transfer engineer at L & W Engineering in Belleville.

The Rev. Michael Walters and the Rev. Dennis Bux officiated at the ceremony.

The maid of honor was Veena Thyagarajan. Bridesmaids were Kristin Godfrey, Alyson Lobert, Sarah Glauser, and Rachell Seedott. Flower Girl was Katie Carothers.

The best man was Demian Flores. Groomsmen were Jason Lieser, Jim Neal, Gordon Totty, and Patrick Marsac. Ring Bearer was Anthony Woodward.

A reception was held at Kensington Court in Ann Arbor.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Disneyland and Hawaii.

They've made their home in Canton.

## Local couple makes Michigan dinner

### From Faygo pop to Jiffy cornbread

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Karen and Michael Paciorek say Michigan-made products make a great meal.

The Northville residents discovered this when they organized a Michigan-themed dinner at a family reunion July 11-18 in Virginia Beach, Va.

Karen Paciorek said she got the idea after attending a presentation given by Rep. Marc Corrivau (D-Northville) about the Buy Michigan Now initiative prior to the recent festival in downtown Northville.

Lisa D'eggs, founder of the buy-local initiative, was also present.

She decided it would be fun to take a bunch of Michigan-made food products to the reunion of her husband's relatives to show them how many wonderful things come from the Great Lakes State.

They even had an oven mitt with the state of Michigan outlined on it and some Petoskey stones, the state stone of Michigan, to use as table decorations.

"I thought this would be a great way to showcase Michigan," she said.

The Pacioreks used the Buy Michigan Now Web site as a guide in purchasing their Michigan food items, and it helped that Hiller's Market on north Center Street flags their Michigan-made products.

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Karen and Michael Paciorek of Northville display the items they took with them to a family reunion of Michael's relatives July 11-18 in Virginia Beach, Va., to prepare a Michigan-theme dinner for 16 people. They said the dinner was a lot of fun, and everyone enjoyed learning about the Great Lakes state.

a member of the local school board since 2002, so she knows the importance of education. To help educate the children at the reunion about Michigan, she took the books "M is for Mitten" and "I'm a Michigan Kid" for them to read.

The only things that weren't from Michigan were the chicken and beef kabobs they prepared as the main course. The dessert was cookies shaped like the state of Michigan. Karen Paciorek found the cookie cutter at Your Michigan Connection store on north Center Street in downtown Northville.

"It's been years since they've been here, so we needed to give them a taste of Michigan," she said.

"We got rave reviews, and they learned a lot about the state," Karen Paciorek said.

"We have so many rich items here in Michigan we need to let people know about, such as our food, music and culture. They

### A TASTE OF MICHIGAN

Michael and Karen Paciorek prepared the following meal for his relatives: Appetizers: Kellogg's Crispix snack mix made with Kellogg's cereal from Battle Creek; Keebler Crackers from Battle Creek, served with Win Schueler's cheese spread from Marshall; Better Made Potato Chips from Detroit; Detroit Tigers peanuts from Germack Pistachio Company of Detroit; a selection of Michigan-made wines purchased at various vineyards including the Ciccone Vineyard owned by Silvio Ciccone, Madonna's father. Beverages: Assorted flavors of Faygo pop, started in Detroit in 1907; Vernors ginger ale ("deliciously different," started in Detroit in 1864). Salad: Mixed green salad with Michigan dried cher-

ries. Michigan is the No. 1 producer of cherries in the U.S. and candied pecans with Mucky Duck salad dressing from Clarkston.

Entrée: Assorted grilled items marinated with Michigan-made marinades served with Al Dente pasta made in Whitmore Lake.

Bread: Jiffy Mix Corn Bread made in Chelsea at the Chelsea Milling Company. Dessert: Michigan-shaped cookies and ice cream topped with Guernsey's hot fudge made by Guernsey Farms Dairy and Restaurant in Novi.

Dinner music was from various Motown artists and other Michigan musicians, including The Temptations, The Supremes, The Four Tops, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Kid Rock, Madonna and Bob Seger.

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## ■ New concept coming to Northville Square

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

For those feeling patriotic, Paul Bensman has a way for area residents to support their country.

He is marketing a new space at Northville Square at 133 W. Main Street that will offer products and services with an American connection.

Called Made Buy USA Shops, the new space is being leased by the building's owners, Bob and Margene Buckhave.

The area, which will be located on the south end of the upper level, will include 47 kiosks promoting U.S. products and services.

It will also feature educational materials on how to support American business; greeters; service personnel to answer questions and assist shoppers; online ordering. Made in USA products will also be sold, with each tenant leasing about 250 square feet.

The Buckhaves met Bensman, of Details in Retail and Locations Real Estate and Investments, both of Southfield, when he was one of two people who presented a business seminar organized by the Northville Downtown Development Authority on how to market a business in a down economy.

The three met afterwards, and the Buckhaves decided the Made Buy USA concept would fit nicely into their building.

Details in Retail is a more than just a retail consulting company. "We're for people developing new concepts, and we help people change careers," Bensman said. "We're a one-stop shop for people starting businesses. We can start people from scratch - from concept to reality. The average person changes careers seven times in their life. People can start their own concept, they can buy

### HOW TO LEASE SPACE

Companies with at least 50 percent of the product manufactured in the U.S., or American-based service companies interested in leasing space at the new Made Buy USA Shops in Northville Square at 133 W. Main Street can contact Paul Bensman at Locations Real Estate and Investments, (248) 358-6911 or at [pbensman@locationsrealestate.com](mailto:pbensman@locationsrealestate.com). For more information about the concept, go to [www.MadeBuyUSAShops.com](http://www.MadeBuyUSAShops.com).

an existing business or a franchise."

He said Details in Retail is going national in September. "We're going to have at least 50 affiliate offices around the country," Bensman said.

### SHOWCASING U.S. PRODUCTS

Made Buy USA Shops create a way for U.S. companies to showcase their products and services in a setting that encourages the consumer to make a conscious decision to support American-made products and businesses.

"The venue will be set up as a destination site, offering information on the proud history of American companies and ways to support our economy by keeping our dollars at home," Bensman said.

"Made Buy USA Shops will become an information/education center, a shopping venue and a powerful symbol of American pride."

Bob Buckhave said there are thousands of companies who still make their product in the U.S. "Some major names are Harley Davidson, Louisville Slugger, Mars Candies, Frye Boots," he said.



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Paul Bensman will help to manage the new "Buy USA Shop" inside Northville Square on Main Street. The shop will feature only made-in-the-USA merchandise and, when possible, especially those made in Michigan. Bensman stands inside Northville Square, on its top level, where the shop will be located.

### PROMOTING U.S. FIRMS

"Why not push American companies?" asked Margene Buckhave. "Paul had this concept of being able to get them (American firms) all in one place. The companies can be small to really big. If one of the car companies wanted to promote their hybrid, they could rent a kiosk to teach people about their product. Companies can show how their product is manufactured. It can be educational as well as a sales tool, and there will be products for sale, so people can actually come in and shop."

Bensman said the Made Buy USA concept is important

because the U.S. needs to continue to work on becoming self-sufficient.

"I'm not saying close our boundaries, but we don't want to be like a third-world country depending on other countries to send us something," he said.

### FALL OPENING EXPECTED

Margene Buckhave said she and Bob would like to see the Made Buy USA space open by October or November if enough American companies contact Bensman.

"It really just depends on how quickly we get responses," she said, noting that he has a list of potential companies he is con-

tacting.

Margene Buckhave stressed that she and Bob and not looking for U.S. companies whose product is made in China.

"We're looking for at least 50 percent of their product to be manufactured in the U.S.," she said.

Bob Buckhave said, in addition, 100 percent of the products or services displayed or demonstrated in the Northville Square shop must be made in the U.S.

"We're being very picky about that," Bob Buckhave said.

"We just started marketing this a little over a month ago," Bensman said. "It's a great time

to start a business."

A large marketing effort will go along with the new concept, so tenants will get a lot of bang for their buck.

Bensman is partnering with Signature Associates, the listing agent on the Northville Square project.

"We hope companies will be interested in signing leases in the next 30-60 days," he said.

The space contains 16,000 square feet. Interactive video displays with headphones are planned at each kiosk.

"We're really excited about this," Bob Buckhave said.

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## Walkers aim to make life better for mental illness patients, families

Anyone whose life has been impacted by the effects of mental illness gets a chance to help when the National Alliance on Mental Illness Michigan chapter hosts the seventh annual "NAMI Walks for the Mind of America" in some 80 communities - including Detroit - around the country Sept. 26.

The 5k/3-mile walk is expected to draw some 117,000 walkers nationwide. A key fund-raiser for NAMI, organizers hope to raise some \$8.5 million.

The Detroit walk takes place on Belle Isle, with registration at 9:30 a.m. and the walk starting at 11 a.m. There is no registration walk for participants, who are encouraged to collect donations from family members, friends, co-workers and business associates.

Proceeds from the walk will fund NAMI programs in Michigan, including support, education, research and advocacy involving schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder and severe anxiety disorders.

NAMI, founded in 1979, has affiliates in every state and in more than 1,100 local communities across the country dedicated to the eradication of mental illness and improving the quality of

life for people affected.

"NAMI members are volunteers whose mission is to provide help to people with serious mental and emotional illnesses and their families," said Sherri Solomon, executive director of NAMI Michigan. "The goals of the walk are to raise money to promote our mission and to increase public awareness of these conditions."

Companies, organizations and families are encouraged to organize teams of walkers, made up of employees, organization members, relatives and friends. Walkers raising \$100 or more get a NAMIWALKS for the Mind of America event T-shirt. Walkers also get other incentives based on amounts raised up to \$5,000 or more.

Companies that don't field teams have other ways to help. There are a variety of sponsorships available, ranging from "Kilometer Sponsor" (\$250) to "Presenting Sponsor" (\$10,000), each carrying various incentives and opportunities for recognition/publicity.

Anyone wishing to register for the walk or become a sponsor can do so on-line at [www.nami.org/namiwalks/MI](http://www.nami.org/namiwalks/MI); contact walk manager Marti Bush at [mbush@gchi.org](mailto:mbush@gchi.org) or (313) 263-2370; or Solomon at [shallsolomon@comcast.net](mailto:shallsolomon@comcast.net) or (517) 485-4049.

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## CITIZEN

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Each year the Northville Chamber of Commerce celebrates the dedication and support shown by its volunteers through its Citizen of the Year Award.

Once again, the chamber is asking the community to nominate individuals for this award.

"We believe very strongly there is a huge need for safe, comfortable, clean, active and well-supervised senior housing."

"And, Northville has everything any senior could want from in-town activities to shopping, medical needs, and friendly people everywhere you look."

Engerer said the facility's price point is well below higher-priced homes in the area and will be easily affordable for senior citizens who may be leaving their current homes.

"Simply using the name Northville in our marketing has already created a high level of excitement," Engerer said.

Those who would like more information about the facility can contact Engerer at (248) 921-7161.

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After an extensive foliage and underbrush clearing by Northville's Department of Public Works, Ford Field is much more in view from Dunlap St. than it used to be.

## LEBFEST

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tion of heritage, culture and art to Town Square on Main Street in downtown Northville.

"The festival will feature food, music and lots of family fun," Akouri said.

Food will include shish kabab, falafel, hommous, tabouli, smoothies, baklava and more and will be available from 5-11 p.m. tomorrow and from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday.

The festival was in Birmingham the first two years, but with construction going on in that city's downtown right now, the festival committee members decided to change the venue.

Akouri said the festival will most likely return to Northville for at least one more year.

For more information, go to [www.lebanesefestival.org](http://www.lebanesefestival.org).

## WHAT TO EXPECT

Akouri said that U.S. Ambassador Sam H. Zakhem will attend the festival, as well as numerous Lebanese celebrities.

Thousands are expected to turn out for the event — also known as a Mahrajan.

Attendees can look forward to specialty food booths offering authentic Lebanese cuisine as well as American food; international artisans, crafters and Lebanese merchandise tents; a Children's Fun & Play Area; live entertainment with music, folk-dance troupes and belly dancers; cultural displays; pastries and home-made ice cream; a traditional Ethnic Bazaar & Market and more!

## HONORARY CHAIRPERSON

The honorary chairperson of the 2009 Festival Host Committee is Pamela Faris, wife of Lt. Governor John D. Cherry. The 2009 LEBFEST! Grand Marshall is HBO Sports Commentator and Kronk Gym legend Emmanuel Steward, who will officially cut the ribbon to open the concert.

Steward, the former boxing coach of Tommy Hearns, has trained many young, up-and-coming Lebanese-American boxers and will be joined on the Main Stage by acting Lebanese Consul General Ara Khatchadourian, Chief Pentagon Correspondent for Al Hurra Television Joe Tabet, award-winning Florida author Raff Ellis, Miss Lebanon USA Rima Fakih and Our Lady of Lebanon Pastor, Father Hanna Tayar, Northville Mayor Christopher J. Johnson, Northville Township residents Abe Munfakh and Christopher Roosen, Honorary Consul of Grenada Rob David and The Official Red Robin Mascot.

The Baalbeck-style live concert on the Paramount Bank Stage will present "An Evening of Lebanese Stars" on Saturday.

Stars will include Lebanese Diva Amalia Kaddo, international star Usama Baalbaki, the jazz stylings of Eric Watson, Hollywood actor Alex Safi, comedians from the Arab American Comedy Show, Oud Virtuoso Laith Alattar and Al-Flamenco, teen heartthrob Lance Atallah, The Abud Brothers Jazz Quartet, composer and vocalist Tara Khnanisho, highly-acclaimed opera performer Lara Alamie, the Nicholas Brothers with percussionist Tony "The Tiger" Tannous and others.

Some of the highlights for this year include new features at LEBFEST! Such as the First Annual Bachelor Auction at 8 p.m. Saturday benefiting the Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce, a fashion show at 2 p.m. Saturday by Lebanese designer Deanna Ansara, and an Open Casting Call with Filmmaker Rola Nashef coupled with a special movie premiere of the film short "Detroit Unleaded" at 2 p.m. Sunday at Madonna University.

Other attractions will include a special appearance by Arabian Villagers from the Michigan Renaissance Festival, photo opportunities with Miss LEBFEST! '08 Nancy Daoud and Miss LEBFEST! '09, Nicole Frangie, and two great bands — Steve King & the Dittiles and Al Sutterfield and The Complete Abandon Band. Returning to the stage again this year is DJ Dani.

## CLOSING CEREMONIES

As part of the official closing ceremonies of this year's LEBFEST!, the Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce in association with Madonna University Department of Broadcast and Cinema Arts, will host an advance screening of a short film shot entirely on location in Detroit at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Madonna University's Kresge Theatre in Livonia.

Lebanese American filmmaker Rola Nashef, who will be introduced by Hollywood actor Alex Safi at the feature premiere, will offer brief remarks prior to the start of the film. Immediately following the showing, Nashef will take questions from the audience and be available for photos and autographs. Also, in special arrangement with the Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce, Nashef is producing DVD copies of the film to be available for purchase before and after the screening. Seating is limited to the first 300 guests, and a release date for the full-length feature will be announced.

## FREE ADMISSION

LEBFEST! is a project of the Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce. Admission is free. Town Square is located on East Main Street

## LEBFEST! 2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

5 p.m. Festival Day One Begins — Food and Booth Vendors Open for Business

## 6:30 p.m. 2009 Opening Ceremonies

- Official Welcome & Introductions by Councilman John Akouri
- Boy Scout Troop #1036 (Kirk in the Hills) Presentation of Colors
- Voice of the Detroit Red Wings Karen Newman performs U.S. National Anthem
- The Choir of St. Rafka Lead Tenor Milad Hallis performs the Lebanese Anthem
- Voice of the Detroit Red Wings Karen Newman performs Canadian Anthem
- 2009 Honorary Chair Pam Faris and Lt. Governor John Cherry Greetings
- Acting Lebanese Consul General H.E. Ara Khatchadourian Remarks
- Legendary HBO Sports Ringside Personality Emmanuel Steward Ribbon Cutting
- Special Guest Appearances by Miss Lebanon USA Rima Fakih, The Red Robin, Miss LEBFEST! 2008 Nancy Daoud, Miss LEBFEST! 2009 Nicole Frangie, Clergy, Detroit Consular Corps Diplomats and Chief Pentagon Correspondent Joe Tabet, Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce Founders and Board of Directors.
- 7 p.m. America's favorite Rock'n'Roll Band Steve King & the Dittiles: A variety show showcasing hit songs from the 1930s through the present
- 9-11 p.m. DJ Dani — Arabic Music and Dancing Featuring percussionist extraordinaire Tony "The Tiger" Tannous
- Please dance in front of the stage only — no dancing allowed behind stage.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

11 a.m. Festival Day Two Begins — Food and Booth Vendors Open for Business

12 p.m. Contemporary Jazz Stylings of Eric Watson

2 p.m. Fall Preview Fashion Show by Lebanese designer Deanna Ansara

2:30 p.m. Hollywood Actor Alex Safi and his One-Man Show

3 p.m. Al Sutterfield & The Complete Abandon Band

4 p.m. Comedy Show by Nationally Renown Hypnotist Extraordinaire Jim Hoke

4:30 p.m. Composer and Vocalist Tara and Friends with special guest Stevie Soul

5 p.m. Operatic Performance

by celebrated Soprano Lara Alamie

5:30 p.m. The Internationally Acclaimed

Abud Brothers Jazz Quartet

6:30 p.m. The Mysterious Beauty of Exotic Dances from the Orient featuring Johara

6:50 p.m. Stand-up Comic Amer Zahr

of the hilarious Arab American Comedy Show

7:10 p.m. Master Classical Arabic Oud Virtuoso

Karim Badr and his Ensemble

7:30 p.m. Singing Sensation Heartthrob Lance

Atallah

8 p.m. First Annual Bachelor Auction

To Benefit the Lebanese American

Chamber of Commerce

Celebrity Emcees: Liz Kaadon of FOX2 News

& Haifa of MBN-TV

8:15 p.m. Middle Eastern Music Artist Jad Soudah

Please dance in front of the stage only

— no dancing allowed behind stage

9 p.m. Lebanese Diva Amalia Kaddo

With Conductor Fransa Batayeh

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10 p.m. International Superstar Usama Baalbaki

Featuring The Fabulous Nicholas Brothers

Please dance in front of the stage only

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11 p.m. 2009 Closing Ceremony

The official AfterParty at the Bak Bar behind

Poole's Tavern across the street from the Main Stage

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

2 p.m. Special Matinee Screening of award-winning film short "Detroit Unleaded" with Lebanese American Filmmaker Rola Nashef in attendance.

Complimentary admission with seating limited to the first 300 guests Madonna University Kresge Theatre, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

\*All times and performances are tentative and subject to change.

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## MARY ALLEN

Age 85, longtime resident of Milford, passed away peacefully July 25, 2009. Beloved wife and partner of the late Swann Allen. Dearest sister-in-law of Rose Vukelich. Loving aunt of Richard (Phyllis) Vukelich. Also survived by dear and special friend Theresa Charnovich, and other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Steve (Ann) Vukelich, Paul (Ethel) Vukelich, Peter Vukelich, John (Margaret) Vukelich, and her sister Ann Prybylski. She is the last member of her family. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon • 248-446-1171.

## CHARLES R. "CHUCK" BARANSKI

Age 74, formerly of Highland, August 19, 2009. Funeral was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, August 24, 2009. For info contact Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645. [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

## BILL CARNEY

Age 83, August 18, 2009. In state at Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi Friday August 28 10:00 until the funeral liturgy at 10:30. Donations can be made to St. Jude Childrens Hospital. Online condolences: [www.obrienstulivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obrienstulivanfuneralhome.com)

## CHARLES "ERNIE" FORSYTH

Age 68, passed away August 17, 2009. He was born on December 10, 1940, in South Lyon, to late Lyle and Mildred (Spencer) Forsyth. He was a plumber for over 40 years. Charles is survived by his children: Sean, Ronald, and David Forsyth; siblings: Ralph (Georgia) Forsyth, Wanda (Ray) Lee, Nancy (Frank) Obinski, and Dolores Lewis. He was preceded in death by his sister Rosemary Forsyth. Memorial service was held on Saturday, August 22, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

## DAWN WATTS LAROSCI

Born May 3, 1935 — August 23, 2009 resident of Novi, MI. Dawn was born in Pownal, Vermont, the youngest of four girls to Lillian Leonard and John Henry Watts. She spent her youth in the scenic small town of Pownal, helping with the family business, recognized today as Winchester's. Dawn graduated high school in Williamstown, MA in 1953. Survived by husband Daniel V. LaRossa and five children: John Truman Pollert (Novi, MI) Tamara Watts Cooper (Novi, MI), Margot Carmassi (Tracy, CA), Terry Lee Pollert (Pownal, VT) and Jobie J. Gross (Indianapolis, IN); Two step-children Jeremy Heinz (FL) and Erika Dybal (TX). She is survived by two older sisters Virginia Brookman (Pownal, VT) and Patricia Winters (MA); She is preceded in death by her sister Lillian Francis Nichols (Pownal, VT) Dawn is also survived by eight grandchildren: Jamie John, Justin Stewart and Kylie Michele Pollert, Taylor Dawn Cooper, Travis and Chance Pollert and Kate and Lyndsey Parker; three step-grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Dawn loved the outdoors and was an avid reader. Always of amazing character, humility and possessed a natural beauty; She had the uncanny ability to use wit and humor. She loved watching golf and keeping current on the world today and quick to fill you in on current events and politics. Dawn spent the last 15 years mostly being a mentor and trusted advisor to family. Loved by all that encountered her, Dawn never put anything in front of her marriage or keeping a watchful eye on her adult children. After a three year bout with colon cancer, she finally succumbed and has gone to be with her God. She will be laid to rest in Pownal, VT and placed adjacent to the Watts Family Plot, Oakhill Cemetery, Pownal, VT. Date of burial to be announced.

## LOTTIE T. McDONALD

Age 93, of South Lyon, passed away peacefully Aug. 18, 2009. Funeral Mass was held last Sat. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mrs. McDonald was laid to rest at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home



## MARIA MARLENE OLIVER

Age 72 and a resident of Highland, died on August 20, 2009 after suffering a heart attack. She is survived by her daughters, Chris (Roger) Latham of Milford, Barbara (Dan) Clark of Howell; son, Michael Oliver of Panama City, FL; grandchildren, Amy, Jessica, Emily, and Grace Latham and Nicholas and Cassidy Clark; brother, Karlheinz (Isolde) Streiter, sister, Rosemarie (Hansjoachim) Schwalbe, and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband of twenty-one years, J.L. Oliver, in 1995. Maria was a long time member of Church of the Holy Spirit in Highland, and worked at the Highland Senior Center for many years until her retirement in 2007. A Funeral Liturgy was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland, on Monday, August 24, 2009, with burial in the Highland Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to the Church of the Holy Spirit Building Fund. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, at 248-684-6645, or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

## THOMAS "TOMMY" ROBERTSON

Age 63, died August 19, 2009. A graveside service was held on Monday, Aug. 24, at South Lyon Cemetery. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

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time of  
grief.

# It's not your father's Lego anymore

When I was growing up the 1960s my parents gave me a set of Lego bricks to play with. My brothers and I spent



Jeff Livermore

hours building forts, castles, and imaginary ships. The bricks were basic plastic toys and came in a variety of length and widths. When I had children of my own, I bought them buckets full of Lego to encourage them to be builders and think like engineers. The Lego I bought my boys had a much wider variety of bricks and

## TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

specialized pieces that enabled them to build much more complicated structures than I was able to build.

The Lego currently available for sale includes a Robotics series that enables people to build and program relatively sophisticated robots. The Lego "Mindstorms" robotics system runs off a 16 bit processor and can be used to build robots that move, pick up objects, and contain light, sound, touch and motion sensors. Colleges and K-12 school districts use this system to teach robotics and basic program-

ming skills. These robots can identify, pick up, and manipulate objects. The capabilities of these robots is incredible and can be seen on numerous YouTube videos. One of the benefits of this platform is that it is simple to tear apart a robot and build a new one while reusing each and every component.

There are some barriers that must be addressed before this platform is widely adopted. The Mindstorms system costs in the neighborhood of \$250. This is an expensive "toy" and many parents may hesitate to buy it for their children until they know that their children will want to use it. The cost increases when young robot builders want to add new or dif-

ferent sensors. Lego and other vendors offer sensors that measure acceleration, differentiate between colors, and can ultrasonically determine the distance of an object from the sensor. Adding these sensors to your robot can open many opportunities for improving the performance and capabilities of your robot but also increase your investment.

Many young people will be competing in the First Lego League competition during the 2009-2010 school year. Teams of young people will be presented with a set of problems and challenges that they must be solved by a robot that they construct. As you can imagine, the young people learn about robotics,

teamwork and healthy competition at an early age. Last year there was a First Lego League competition at the Rock Financial Expo Center that attracted hundreds of competitors. The engineering was first rate and the young engineers got to meet other young people that shared their interest in robots. I stayed as long as my ears could stand it and was very impressed by the hard work put in by the young people.

The young people who compete in these competitions develop technical and teamwork skills. Many of the employers that we deal with at Walsh College stress the importance of social and presentation skills in the engineers that they hire. The young people competing in these robotics competitions have a head start on their competitors in the job market. If nothing else, they have an entry on their resumes that

not every young person can.

What does a robotics challenge for elementary school students say about the direction of education and society? The first lesson is obvious, technology is here to stay and will have a growing impact on our lives. The second lesson is that the world has changed and what used to be exclusively children's toys has become a robotics platform. It is never too early to get started on learning the technologies of tomorrow.

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• Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
• Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Danny Martin  
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Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor

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40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville  
248-374-7400  
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Contemporary 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
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Service Broadcast Sunday 11 a.m.  
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Religious Education 349-2559  
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### Novi

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Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.  
Reverend George Chamey, Pastor  
Parish Office: 347-7778

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[www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org)  
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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
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[www.churchoftheholycross.com](http://www.churchoftheholycross.com)

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
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Mid High Wednesday at 7 p.m.  
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248-437-3565 • [www.southlyoncc.org](http://www.southlyoncc.org)  
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Rob Callcott, Pastor

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Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Christian Education and Family Nite 7:00 p.m.

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Office 248-486-4400  
[www.solidrocksouthlyon.org](http://www.solidrocksouthlyon.org)

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10:30 a.m. - Morning Service  
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# EDUCATION



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## Getting ready

Above, seventh-graders, and a few of their parents, roam the hallways of Northville's Hillside Middle School on Aug. 24 as students got their locker assignments and information on where classes will be as they prepare for the first day of school on Sept. 8. At right, Hillside Middle School students Sherilyn Foster, right, and Helen Garby check out their locker assignments on Mon. Aug. 24. School begins on Tues. Sept. 8 for Northville School District students.



## NORTHVILLE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

### Loyola University

Jennifer Clemens of Northville was named to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List for the second semester of the 2008-09 academic year.

### University of Michigan

Jonathon Conner Hammond of Northville was recently recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, National Leadership and Honors Organization.

### Purdue University

Lindsay Williams of Northville was initiated into the Barbara Cook Chapter of the university's Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society this past April. She also received the College of Engineering, SWE Outstanding Junior Award sponsored by General Motors. This is the third consecutive year in which Williams has been named the Outstanding Female Engineer in her class. In addition, she earned the Outstanding Chemical Engineer Award for 2009 and has been named for six straight semesters to the Dean's List with semester honors.

## Northville Schools transportation program changes

The worsening state economic picture over the past four to five years has forced the Northville Public Schools and other school districts to make drastic budget reductions.

This 2009/10 Northville Public Schools budget reduction includes a major change in the district's Transportation Program. The previous program allowed elementary students residing within 1.0 mile distance and secondary students residing within the 1.5 mile distance from the school to "walk back" to a bus stop and ride the bus to and from school. This provision in the previous procedure resulted in a significant number

of additional bus runs. This new program will not allow the walk back option. Therefore, only those students residing at or beyond the 1.0 and 1.5 mile distances will receive bus service.

The district is working with the Novi and the Northville Township Police Departments to hire crossing guards at Beck and Nine Mile, Taft and Nine Mile, and Ridge Road and Six Mile.

Eligible riders will receive a postcard via the U. S. Postal Service. This postcard will serve as the bus pass for the first two to three weeks of school. The postcards were sent Aug. 24.

The three exceptions to the new program that will allow students residing within this distance are as follows:

1. Students who must cross a street where the posted speed limit is 40 MPH or higher and there is no crossing guard or pedestrian overpass.
2. Students who have to cross a railroad track to get to school or a bus stop.
3. Students who do not have any other option but to walk along or in a public street where there are no sidewalks and the posted speed limit is 40 MPH or higher.

If you did not receive a postcard and you believe that you reside at or beyond the

respective distances, or if you have a question or concern, please go to the district's website and fill out the form located at <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/transportation.asp>

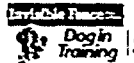
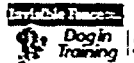
Parent arranged walks to schools or car pools will all help the District to keep the budget cuts as far away from the academic programs as possible.





We understand that this change will cause difficulty for some families and apologize for the inconvenience.


Submitted by David C. Bolitho, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

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## NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

## Ridgewood notes

The PTAs' "First Week of School" committee has been an important link to that smooth transition for your child(ren) in the past, and we are once again in need of many volunteers to continue to make this a reality.

Please consider donating 30-45 minutes of your morning to ensure that all Ridge Wood students get to their classrooms safely. All volunteers gather at Ridge Wood at approximately 8:30 a.m. and are typically done by 9. Volunteers are only needed for the first three days of school. So whether you can commit to one day or all three days, we need your help and look forward to hearing from you!

For safety reasons, and to ensure that we have adequate help in place, all volunteers must be pre-registered with the committee. No walk-up volunteers will be allowed. If you are interested, please contact Mary Ann Ralph at [bmjralfp@aol.com](mailto:bmjralfp@aol.com) or (248) 347-1969 (or)

Chantel Keppler at [chantelfjm@yahoo.com](mailto:chantelfjm@yahoo.com) or (734) 335-7021.

## School Supply Kits here

**Ridgewood:** If you ordered a School Supply Kit from the Northville Co-Council of PTAs last May, it will be available for pick up for Ridgewood on Wednesday, Sept. 2 from 6-8 p.m. at the PTA Back-To-School Family Picnic (on the Ridge Wood playground). All Kits not picked up on that day will be delivered to the classroom for the first day of school. Contact Maureen Lambert at [mlambert88@yahoo.com](mailto:mlambert88@yahoo.com)

**Silver Springs:** If you ordered a back to school supply kit from the PTA at the end of the school year please make plans to pick it up on Sept. 1st. You can pick it up at the school between the hours of 9 a.m.-noon. If you are unable to pick up your kit at this time, it will put the kit in your child's classroom on the first day of school.

## School offices now open

If your child will require medication at school this year, we would appreciate it if you could bring it to school along with the Permission to Medicate form at least one week before classes begin. If your child has an Emergency Plan it should



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## They've got the beat

The Northville High School drumline, led by junior Jessica Mizzi, center, goes through some practice beats as they warm up for this week's marching band camp.

be returned at the same time. This will allow time for the school staff to have everything in place before your child arrives for the first day of classes.

Please call your child's school for specific office hours or if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Corral Club

The Northville Educational Foundation invites you to join the 2009-10 Corral Club. Donors who contribute \$175 or more to the Northville Educational Foundation will become members of the Corral

Club that will benefit Northville Public Schools. Member benefits and include:

- Family NHS Athletic Sports Pass for the 09-10 school year (a \$100 value) for immediate family members.

- Reserved parking pass for all home 2009 varsity football games in the Corral Club parking area behind Cooke School (Thurs, Sept. 3, and Fridays - Sept. 18, Oct. 2 (Homecoming) and Oct. 23 (Seniors Night).

- Choir Concerts and Musical performances - purchase of tickets with reserved priority seating at performances for the NHS Winter

and Spring Choir Concerts and the NHS Spring Musical. Selected performances will also include Corral Club Member Receptions.

- Completed applications mailed with checks by Aug. 15 will be processed before the first home football game. Applications that are received after August 15 will be processed as soon as possible. Families who have already purchased 09-10 NHS Athletic Sports Passes may join the Corral Club for a donation of \$85 or more.

Complete the Corral Club Membership application form and send with your check donating \$175 or more payable to the

Northville Educational Foundation and mail to the Northville Educational Foundation, c/o Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 - Attn: Jan Purtell.

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# Hey, Daddy-O, calling all cool cats

## Fabulous '50s Sock Hop Extravaganza to benefit local senior centers

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD  
STAFF WRITER

Break out the poodle skirts and cashmere sweaters, grab some Brylcreem and roll up the T-shirt sleeves.

Then cruise over to Bakers of Milford on Sept. 11 for an evening of music, dinner, contests and prizes at the first-ever Fabulous '50s Sock Hop Extravaganza.

It's this year's annual fundraiser for senior centers in Highland, Milford, Novi, Northville, South Lyon, White Lake, Wixom and Northfield, which are joining together to host the event.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Jimmy James, WPON AM 1460 radio disc jockey.

"He has quite a following, so we're very lucky to have him," said Barb Rollin, director of the Highland Adult Activity Center. "And we're opening this to all adults in the area. This is something even the baby boomers will like."

People are encouraged to wear 1950s attire, but it's not mandatory, Rollin said.

Activities will include hula hoop and bubble gum blowing contests, as well as other "blast-from-the-past" competitions. Winners will be awarded prizes.

"People who've heard about

"This is something even the baby boomers will like."

BARB ROLLIN, Highland Adult Activity Center

the contests are getting pretty excited and said they are practicing up already," said Nancy Hinzmann, director of the Milford Senior Center.

Vendors and representatives from organizations and groups serving seniors will also be on hand during the sock hop, providing information about their available services.

Dinner will be casual fare — hot dogs, sloppy joes and potato salad — and there will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$15 per person, available at participating senior centers. Rollin suggests people buy their tickets in advance.

Rollin added that Bakers of Milford is donating the space for the event, and 200 or more people can be accommodated. "We'd really like to have a good turnout, and it's going to be an exceptional program," Rollin said. "It will be a great time at a great place."

Hinzmann agreed. "Grab your saddle shoes and bobby socks," she said. "Come out and have a good time."

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### Meetings

#### NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

##### Board of Education

DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Old Village School

#### CITY OF NORTHVILLE

##### City Council

DATE: First and third Monday of the month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

##### Downtown Development Authority Meeting

DATE: Third Tuesday of each month

TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.

CONTACT: [downtownnorthville.com](mailto:downtownnorthville.com)

##### Planning Commission

DATE: First and third Tuesday of month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall

Housing Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 3 p.m.

LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

Historic District Commission

DATE: Third Wednesday of month

TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall

Arts Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

Beautification Commission

DATE: First Monday of every month

TIME: 8 a.m.

DETAILS: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.

LOCATION: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

#### NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

Planning Commission

DATE: Last Tuesday of month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

Board of Trustees

DATE: Third Thursday of month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Township Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals

DATE: Third Wednesday of month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Township Hall

Beautification Commission

DATE: Third Monday of month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Township Hall



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John McCormick, left, founder and lead investigator of Motor City Ghost Hunters, and his team meet at the Cady Inn Aug. 22 before performing a paranormal investigation of the buildings at Mill Race Historical Village.

## Ghost Hunters visit Mill Race

### ■ Findings to be reviewed Oct. 24

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

If you're into things that go "bump" in the night, consider attending Motor City Ghost Hunter's upcoming presentation at Northville's Mill Race Village.

A group from the organization met at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 22 to perform an investigation for several hours at the historic village on Griswold.

"It's definitely active," said John McCormick of Dearborn Heights, founder and lead investigator.

With the motto, "Let us drive away your fears of the paranormal," the group investigates

homes, commercial buildings and historical locations.

The members perform discreet and professional investigations in the paranormal.

"We use a scientific approach to confirm or debunk paranormal activity," McCormick said.

Many members of the group have more than 30 years of experience in such work.

The group does not charge for any of its investigations.

The Oct. 24 presentation will serve as a fund-raiser for Mill Race Village. The time and location in Mill Race Village for the event will be announced at a later date. Call Mill Race Village in October for the cost and more details.

Several volunteers from the Northville Historical Society also participated in the investigation. Volunteers and ghost hunters were divided into small groups, equipped with flashlights, video cameras, digital audio recorders, electromagnetic recording devices and other paranormal-activity-seeking equipment.

Ghost hunters wait, listen and watch, asking if there are any spirits present who want to communicate with them, informing them that they are not there to harm them.

While at Mill Race Village, different investigators spent

about an hour in a building, then moved to another building.

"That way, we have all the eyes in every building," McCormick said. "There are very few places that we don't get evidence (of paranormal activity). There's normally something we come up with. Given the history that you have here, we should be inundated," he said prior to the investigation.

Barbara Davies, one of the historical society volunteers, said she has mentally visualized a woman on one of the stairways in the Yerkes home.

She had on a light, ocean-colored beige dress with a darker cocoa taffeta bustle," Davies told the group.

The Yerkes House was built in 1873 by William Purdy Yerkes, son of one of the earliest settlers of this area, and his wife, Sarah (Cady) Yerkes, daughter of one of Northville's founders. W.P. Yerkes was an attorney, probate judge, and served as the first village president of Northville.

The house originally stood on the south side of Cady Street between Church and Center street. Moved to Mill Race in 1975, the nine-room house features traditional Gothic style carpentry and is furnished in the elaborate style of the mid-Victorian era.

Heidi Nielsen, archivist and curator of the historical society, said members of the Molly Maids service have also sensed unusual things in some of the buildings.

"One of the Molly Maids said after walking by the basement door of the Hunter home, 'Something bad happened down there.' She left after that and never returned (to clean at the village)," Nielsen said.

For more information about the Ghost Hunters' work, go to [www.motorcityghosthunters.com](http://www.motorcityghosthunters.com).

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Melissa Cooper, one of the Northville Historical Society volunteers who participated in the Aug. 22 Motor City Ghost Hunters' investigation of Mill Race Historical Village, shows the organization's guidebook.

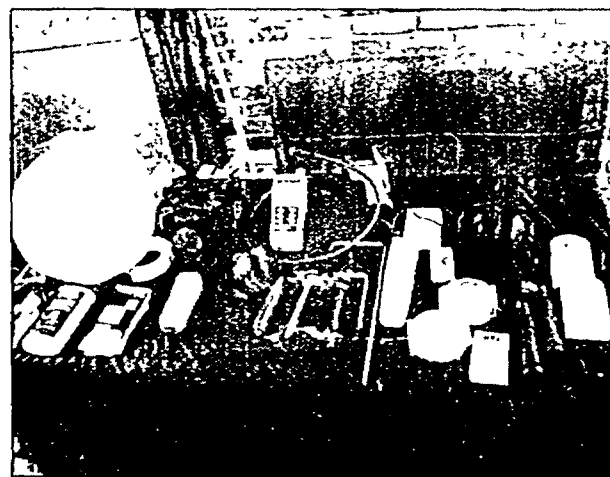


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Some of the tricks of the ghost-hunting trade include children's toys, such as a beach ball, balloons and marbles, as well as candy to attract young ghosts; notebooks; motion detectors; electromagnetic field detectors; night-vision glasses; subsonic hearing devices; see-snakes to see what's in places humans can't get into; black lights; strobe lights; and temperature meters.



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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

### Misdemeanor arrest

**1** An 18-year-old Grand Rapids man was arrested for a misdemeanor warrant at 3:01 a.m. Aug. 10 at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

The man was pulled over when a patrol car stopped at a red light on northbound Haggerty Road at Eight Mile Road saw a vehicle stopped at a red light on westbound Haggerty Road with a defective driver's side headlight.

The driver also had on his vehicle's left-hand turn signal flashing and proceeded straight through the intersection.

The warrant was out of the Novi Police Department and the 52-1 District Court.

### Larceny from auto

**2** A 62-year-old resident of Bradner Road gold police that he found that both his Tom-Tom GPS unit and Canon digital camera were missing from the center console of his vehicle between 12:30 a.m. Aug. 9 and 6:15 a.m. Aug. 10.

He was driving his vehicle when he saw the "trunk ajar" light illuminated on the instrument panel. Knowing that he did not open the trunk, he checked his trunk and the rest of the vehicle and found the items missing.

The GPS unit was valued at \$300, and the camera was valued at \$450.

### Retail fraud arrest

**3** Police responded to the area of the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road about a shoplifting incident in progress. The suspect, a 62-year-old Northville Township man, had left the parking lot, then was driven across Haggerty into the driveway between Panera

Bread and TGI Fridays restaurants.

Northville Township police were unable to locate the vehicle, but Livonia police later stopped it at Seven Mile and Farmington roads.

Meijer loss prevention told police they watched the man select a bottle of Adidas Deep Energy Cologne, remove it from the box, place it in his left hand, then place his hands into his short pockets, concealing the item in his left pocket.

He spoke with a pharmacy tech before exiting the pharmacy, health and beauty department, then left the store with-

out paying for the cologne.

The man was arrested by Northville Township police in Livonia and transported back to the station via a Northville Township police vehicle.

The cologne was valued at \$10.49.

### Uncooperative arrestee

**4** A 17-year-old Farmington Hills woman was arrested for stealing a bottle of Christian Brothers Brandy and a bottle of Skyy Vodka at 8:35 p.m. Aug. 12 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road.

While walking to the loss

prevention office the woman said she "couldn't do this," then turned and tried to walk past one of the two loss prevention officers. The two then handcuffed her.

A second unknown woman began to interfere and was informed that if she didn't stop she, too, would be arrested.

Loss prevention watched earlier as two women entered the liquor aisle at the store, with one of the women concealing the two 1.75-liter bottles in her large, multi-colored purse.

The brandy was valued at \$23.95. The vodka was valued at \$29.99.

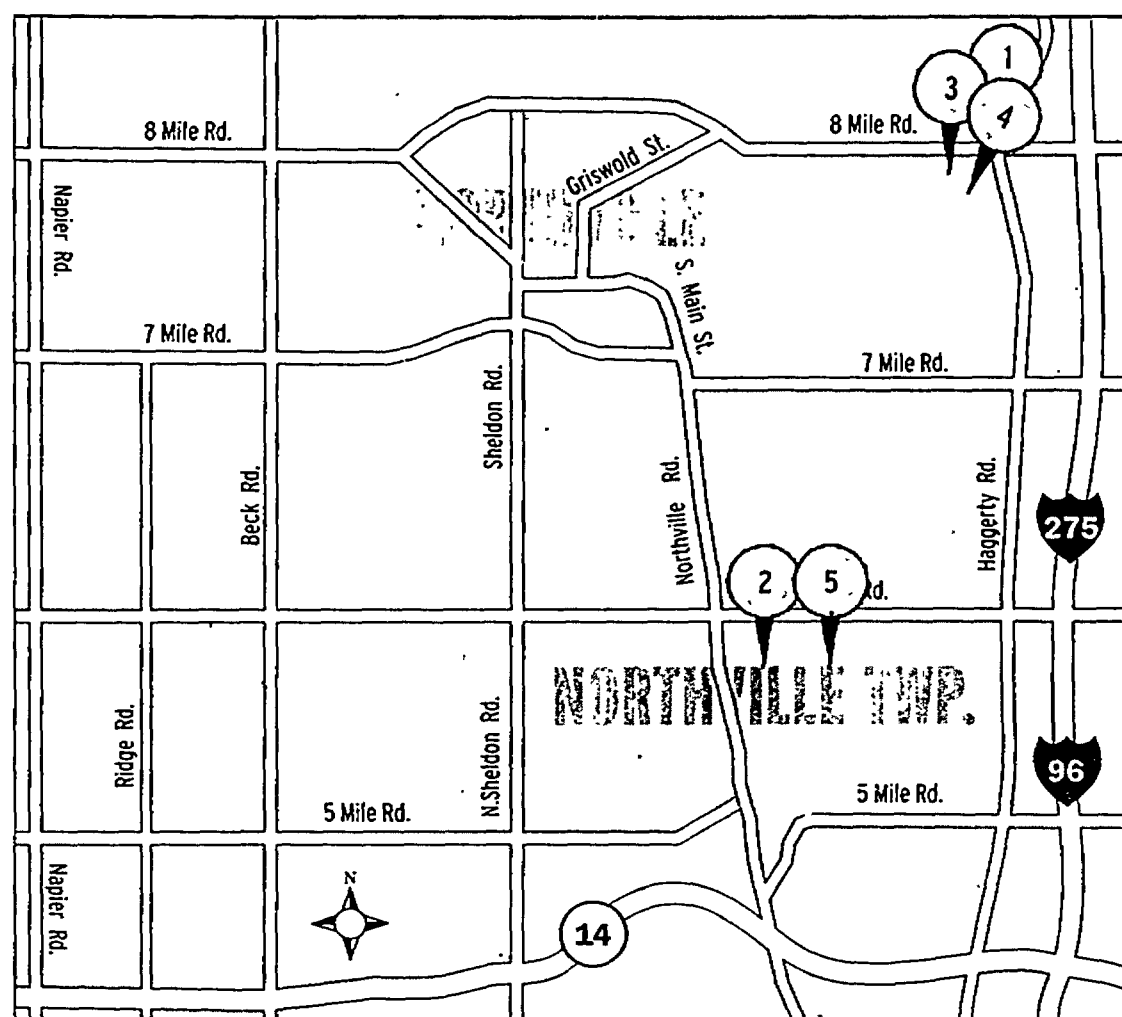
### GPS unit, charger taken

**5** A 64-year-old resident of Winchester Drive told police that someone stole his Garmin Street Pilot C550 GPS unit and Motorola Cell Phone Charger from his vehicle between 10 p.m. Aug. 12 and 6:55 a.m. Aug. 13.

The man's cell phone and GPS unit stand were found about 20 feet away in his yard.

The GPS unit was valued at \$350; the cell phone charger was valued at \$15.

Compiled by Pam Fleming



## Northville chiropractor loses state license

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has immediately suspended the chiropractic license of Geoffrey D. Ramseur, D.C. based on his felony conviction. Ramseur failed to report his conviction to MDCH as required by the Public Health Code.

On July 9, in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, Ramseur was convicted of one felony count of conspiracy. The conviction was based on Ramseur knowingly engaging in a conspiracy to defraud Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan by billing for services that were not performed. Ramseur was sentenced to imprisonment for 20 months and ordered to pay \$121,000 restitution.

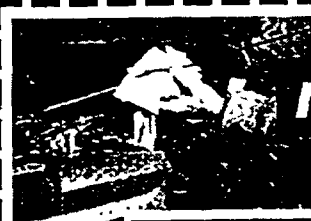
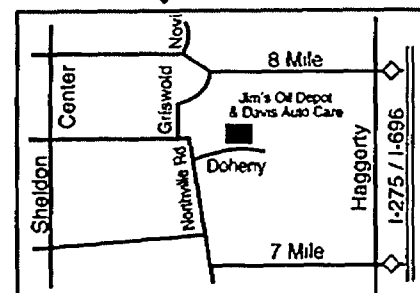
On Aug. 6, MDCH issued an order suspending Ramseur's license pursuant to the Public Health Code which provides for the mandatory suspension of a health professional upon the conviction of a felony, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a maximum of two years, or a controlled substance-related conviction. An administrative hearing will be scheduled to address the status of Ramseur's license to practice as a chiropractor.



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# Local business helps area homeowners avoid foreclosure

■ Northville resident working in office in Novi

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Bruce Kaufman knows there's no place like home.

And, the Northville resident believes people should be able to avoid the foreclosure nightmare and keep their houses and condominiums.

Kaufman and his co-workers work mortgage magic at Helping Homeowners Avoid Foreclosure in the Andiamo Business Complex at 42705 Grand River Ave., Suite 201, in Novi.

He is the founder and chief technology officer of the company.

Their goal is to work with lenders to help lower monthly payments and keep people in their homes.

The consulting firm asks prospective clients to fill out a free online assessment form on the company's Web site, [www.stopourforeclosure.org](http://www.stopourforeclosure.org). Or, they can call the free Foreclosure Prevention Hotline at (800) 781-1106 and provide an agent with a question-and-answer intake assessment.

The professionals at HHAF have a thorough knowledge of the foreclosure process and have developed a patent-pending loan modification analysis software that allows the company to process thousands of loan modification requests in a timely, effective manner.

With the firm's technology, it is quickly determined whether the homeowner meets the federal government's new guidelines to qualify for loan modification relief.

## VICTIMS OF CIRCUMSTANCES

Like many people who find themselves on the road to foreclosure, Mike Bortel, and his wife, Margaret, of Novi, became victims of circumstances.



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bruce Kaufman, left, assisted homeowner Mike Bortel in avoiding foreclosure on his Novi residence. Here they meet in Kaufman's Grand River office.

Just two months after he retired as a union representative at General Motors in February 2008, Margaret lost her job in the mortgage business.

"She had been in title and mortgage for more than 30 years, but with the economy the way it is, there were no jobs

to be had," Bortel said. She remained unemployed for the rest of the year, and was then called back to work in January 2009. But, she was only making about half what she used to make.

All of a sudden, they couldn't make their house payments and were going to lose their home when he read an article in a local newspaper about HHAF.

Bortel called and talked to Rob Silverstein, HHAF's community development director.

"He took some information over the phone, gave me the Web site to go to, which took me maybe 15-20 minutes, and Rob came to my home," Bortel said.

"Every time I had a problem, either Bruce or Rob were there to help me," Bortel said they explained to him why it would be a good idea for the bank to modify his home loan. Bortel had two mortgages on his home. HHAF was able to get his second mortgage's interest rate reduced by 2.5 percent, which saved the Bortels over \$200 a month.

On the first mortgage, his mortgage lender, GMAC, told him he didn't qualify for a loan modification. But they did cut his payment in half for six

months.

Bortel said the numbers showed that if GMAC took back their house, the lender would lose so much money that it didn't make sense.

"The government programs are supposed to be there to help us — the American public — stay in our homes," he said. "Right now, we're doing OK. They cut my house payment in half."

He doesn't expect that to continue indefinitely, however, or even with a loan modification.

"If they would lower my (first mortgage) payment even \$300 a month, we'd be fine."

Since GM filed for bankruptcy, Bortel's monthly health care expenses have risen, and he longer has dental and optical insurance.

But, at least he's been able to keep their home.

"It's a good feeling," he said.

## COMPANY HAS GROWN

HHAF has grown since it started in February, and although today it operates as a "for hire" private consultant, the staff members have presented their cutting-edge foreclosure prevention solution to the

Michigan State Housing and Development Authority and several local municipalities and nonprofit organizations. So far, the company has helped about 200 people keep their homes.

Kaufman said a local industrialist is setting up an \$18 million charitable lead trust to make the business a nonprofit organization. "This allows him to donate the money to help fund our organization so that when he passes away he doesn't have to pay estate tax," Kaufman explained.

In fact, HHAF Systems has been referred by state agencies and elected officials for its services.

Soon, the company will be able to offer its services for free across Michigan.

"Our main goal is to have our services available for free to Michigan homeowners who need help," Kaufman said.

"There is no reason a distressed homeowner needs to pay for quality home modification services to save their home from foreclosure."

Kaufman said the company's Internet-based platform has the ability to stop a sheriff's sale of a home within 90 minutes with any lender in the U.S.

## HELP COULD BE A CLICK AWAY

Helping Homeowners Avoid Foreclosure offers an online question-and-answer intake assessment at [www.stopourforeclosure.org](http://www.stopourforeclosure.org) for homeowners who may be in danger of losing their home. For more information about HHAF, call (248) 344-9578, toll free at (800) 630-4512 or go to [www.hhaf.info](http://www.hhaf.info).

Home foreclosures reduce the tax base available to communities and hurt banks' bottom line as well.

"Right now, 50 percent of homes with mortgages in Michigan are under water, meaning that the homeowner owns more than the house is worth," Kaufman said. "This is creating a deficit in the state. The foreclosures have to stop. They are destroying this country."

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### PROJECT: MAIN STREET SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION

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LOCATION/NAME: Northville, Michigan

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BID SECURITY: Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order or bid bond, payable to the OWNER, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Proposal, as a Bid Security. The Bid Security of the Bidders under consideration will be returned after approval of the Contract by the OWNER. All others will be returned after the Proposal opening.

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PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL: Withdrawal of any Proposal is prohibited for a period of 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

OWNER'S RIGHTS: The OWNER reserves the right to accept any Proposal, to reject any or all Proposals, and to waive any irregularities in any Proposal, in the interest of the OWNER.

NON-DISCRIMINATION: Bidders shall not discriminate against any employees or firm due to origin, race, age or physical conditions. CONTRACTOR shall be an equal opportunity employer.

### HOW TO OBTAIN:

Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the ENGINEER, Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc., 3959 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108-2219, for a non-refundable fee of \$10.00 for Electronic Copies (CD) OR \$40.00 for Hard Copies. Document request shall indicate whether request is by: Prospective Bidder, Prospective Subcontractor, Prospective Supplier, or other.

Documents may be examined at the following locations: Charter Township of Northville, Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168; Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc., 3959 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108-2219.

AVAILABLE AFTER: Friday, August 21, 2009 at 12:00 noon

DOCUMENT FEES: Non-refundable Fee - \$10.00 for Electronic Copies (CD) OR \$40.00 for Hard Copies.

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## SYNOPSIS

### AUGUST 20, 2009 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, August 20, 2009

TIME: 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Mary Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen  
ABSENT: Marjorie Banner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - approved /add item 3A Public Hearing
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements: None
- Public Hearings: Set Public Hearing for September 17, 2009 - Truth and Taxation - approved
- Brief Public Comments: None
- New Business:
  - Class C Liquor License Transfer - Aubree's of Northville - approved
  - WTUA Bonds - refinance - approved
  - Electrical Energy Community Block Grant & DTE Energy Funding - approved
  - Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan - approved
  - S.M.A.R.T. 2010 Municipal Credit Contract - approved
  - Seven Mile Sanitary Sewer Extension - Payment #4 (final) - approved
- Unfinished Business: None
- Ordinances: None
- Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,958,940.95 - approved
- Board Communication & Reports: Reports were given by Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Mary Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Chip Snider
- Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: None
- Adjourn: The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. The unapproved draft of the Board of Trustees minutes will be available after September 1, 2009

Respectfully submitted:  
Sue A. Hillebrand, MMC

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lawn seats just \$10

**THIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 • 8 PM**

# Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS FEATURE

## Good taste: Aubree's of Northville to open next month

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Northville native Bill French wants to bring his expertise in the restaurant business back home.

The Northville High School graduate will soon open Aubree's of Northville, a restaurant to be located in the former Uno Chicago Grill building at 20420 Haggerty Road just south of Eight Mile Road.

The menu will include appetizers; salads; thin crust, deep dish and hand-tossed pizza; sandwiches; steaks; seafood; and pasta, plus a full-service bar with 14 beers on tap and a variety of wine for every palate, according to French.

He will be running the restaurant along with his managing partner, Bob Roberts.

The grand opening is slated for Sept. 21.

"We're going to have a soft opening, serving dinner only for a while and will open for lunch once we get the kinks out," French said.

### JOB FAIR COMING

French and Roberts are looking forward to the restaurant's job fair from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sept. 1 and 2.

"We need to hire 150 people," French said, including servers, bartenders, line cooks, hosts, delivery drivers and dishwashers.

"We're seeking friendly, experienced restaurant workers," he said.

Aubree's of Northville will be one of the only non-chain businesses on the Haggerty Road strip, French said.

"We have numerous Aubree's units, but most stand on their own," French said.

"We make our pizza dough fresh daily, and use only fresh

ingredients."

French, who divides his time between living in Michigan and Florida, said his general manager was coming back from a food show and saw that the former Uno Chicago Grill business was closed.

"We contacted the owner and purchased the business," French said.

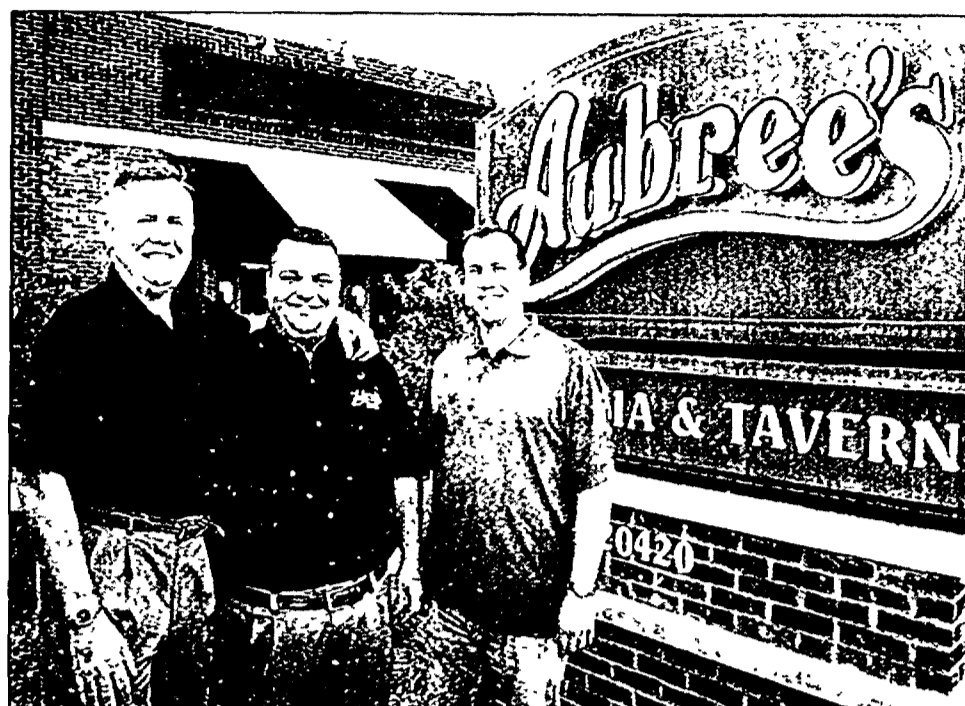
Aubree's is a privately-owned, Michigan-based company.

"We pride ourselves in being happy and over-the-top friendly," he said.

French and Roberts are starting an expansion in which they plan to add one Aubree's Restaurant a year for three years, then evaluate the business.

### GREW UP ON CADY STREET

French, who grew up on



JOHN HEIDER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bill French, son Andy and Bob Roberts will soon open Aubree's, a restaurant at the southeastern corner of Haggerty and Eight Mile Rd. They will be having a job fair day on Sept. 2, to fill approximately 150 openings and plan to open on Sept. 21.

Cady Street in downtown Northville, used to own the Cady Grill and Bar in Ypsilanti, named after his boyhood stomping grounds.

"I loved Northville," he said.

"It was the greatest place to grow up. Even the bad kids weren't really bad."

The restaurant will provide catering and delivery.

"About 15 percent of the business will be delivery," French said.

He added that Aubree's pizza was once voted "Best Pizza" at the Ann Arbor location.

French, who is also a real estate developer, said, "This is our first effort at having our employees own the restaurant. We want to have more employee-owned businesses."

pffleming@gannett.com  
(248) 349-1700, Ext. 260

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Food vendors sought

The Michigan Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Select Michigan Program is seeking Michigan food and agriculture companies to showcase their products in a special Select Michigan Pavilion at the 2009 Michigan Restaurant Show being held Oct. 20-21 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. MDA's Select Michigan Program is offering exhibit space within the pavilion to Michigan specialty food companies and food processor for a substantially discounted rate. The deadline for reserving booth space is Monday, Aug. 10.

The Michigan Restaurant Show is a two-day event. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20; and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21. Twelve 10-by-10-foot booth spaces are available within the Select Michigan Pavilion. Companies can reserve whole booths or half-booth spaces, which feature a table, wastebasket, backdrop/side rails, chair(s), carpeting, parking, exhibitor badges, cooking area, ice, freight handling and limited access to electricity, and company sign.

Priority will be given to companies featuring products made from Michigan specialty crops; fruits, vegetables, and herbs. For more information, contact Erin Groeb, MDA promotional agent, at (517) 373-2469 or groeb@mda.michigan.gov.

michigan.gov.

### Art Van hosting free design classes

Art Van Furniture will once again host its free design classes. This educational program will be presented by Art Van's Visual Merchandising team and the curriculum will cover four main topics: Determining Your Style, The Impact of Color, Furniture Placement, and Accessorizing.

The free Tuesday classes in Novi will start in September (15, 22 and 29) and end Oct. 6. The classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments and giveaways will be provided.

Reservations are requested for the Art Van design classes. To register for this series or for a particular class, call (888) 619-2199.

### 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.

For location specifics and

pre-registration, call (248) 858-0783.

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

### September 2009

10 - Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)  
15 - FastTrac New Venture (thru November 17)

16 - How To Increase Your Sales & Grow Your Business Workshop (AM)

17 - How To Start a Business Workshop (AM)  
18 - FastTrac Venture Forward Fall Session Begins (thru November 20)

23 - QuickBooks Essentials  
24 - How To Write a Business Plan Workshop (AM)

October 2009  
01 - Team SBA Financing Roundtable

08 - Pre-Business Research Workshop (PM)

15 - How To Start a Business Workshop (PM)

20 - Legal & Financial Basics

22 - How To Write a Business Plan Workshop (PM)

28 - Listening to Your Business

29 - Marketing Your Business

(a.m.) Morning Class 9 a.m. to noon/12:30 p.m.

(p.m.) Evening Class 6-9/9:30 p.m.

Resource Associates Corporation (RAC) of Wyomissing, Pa., announced the appointment of Gerald W. Bricker and his firm, Aadvise Consulting, LLC, as one of their newest certified individuals within their international network of Business and Executive Development Affiliates. Located in Northville, Aadvise Consulting, LLC is well poised to co-create the business development solutions of a diverse client base.

"By combining our management approach with the powerful solutions of RAC we will serve as 'miracle grow' for business" said Bricker. Bricker has successfully led, developed and motivated B2B sales and management teams for 30 years. He built and managed sales teams in Southeast Michigan as well as in Europe, Asia and South America. He holds a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Drexel University and an



Bricker

M.B.A. degree from Northern Illinois University. He is a member SAE International. He was selected for Who's Who in the Midwest. Bricker can be reached at [info@aadviseconsultingllc.com](mailto:info@aadviseconsultingllc.com) or on [www.linkedin.com/in/jerrybricker](http://www.linkedin.com/in/jerrybricker).

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(\$2 - \$5 Rake is 10% of pot up to \$7 max)

\$1 - \$1 Blinds \$1 - \$100 max bet per round (Buy-in \$10 - \$50).....Hold'em  
\$1 - \$2 Blinds \$2 - \$1000 max bet per round (Buy-in \$50 - \$200).....Hold'em  
\$2 - \$5 Blinds \$5 - \$2000 max bet per round (Buy-in \$100 - \$300).....Omaha  
\$2 - \$5 Blinds \$5 - \$2000 max bet per round (Mixed Games).. Round by Round

### Tournament Schedule

(80% payback on all tournament entry fees and 15% of the field place in the \$MONEYS)

| Day & Time     | Entry Fee | Starting chips | Blinds                    | Re-Buys   | Charity Add-on            | Prize Pool (Based on 50 players)                             |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|
| Thurs. 7:30 pm | \$5       | \$2,000        | 20 Minutes                | Unlimited (till 1 <sup>st</sup> break)<br>\$2000 TC's for \$5<br>\$5000 TC's for \$10<br>\$10000 TC's for \$20<br>Must be \$10000 or less to RB | \$10000 in chips for \$10 | \$1000*<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Place<br>\$440*<br>Pays 8 places  |
| Fri. 7:30 pm   | \$10      | \$5,000        | 20 Minutes                | Only 1 Re-buy<br>\$5000 TC's for \$10<br>Must be \$10000 or less to RB  | \$10000 in chips for \$10 | \$1200*<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Place<br>\$520*<br>Pays 8 places  |
| Sat. 5:00 pm   | \$125     | \$10,000       | 30 Minutes First 4 levels | No Re-buys  | \$10000 in chips for \$10 | \$5000*<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Place<br>\$2000*<br>Pays 8 places |
| Sun. 5:00 pm   | \$100     | \$10,000       | 30 Minutes First 4 levels | Unlimited (till 1 <sup>st</sup> break)<br>\$5000 TC's for \$40<br>Must be \$10000 or less to RB   | \$10000 in chips for \$10 | \$7000*<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Place<br>\$3000*<br>Pays 8 places |

((RB = Re-buy, TC's = Tournament Chips) \* estimated)

For more information on our Poker Room Events and Schedule please call:  
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## NORTHVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

### Local Events

**NHS VARSITY GAME TAILGATES**  
DETAILS: Hungry before the big game? Come join us at the bridge in the Hillside parking lot before every home Varsity game. From 5:00-6:30 we'll be serving grilled specialties, side dishes and drinks. Show your school spirit and join in the fun. Suggested donation: \$5 per person/\$15 per family. Away game tailgates will take place in the parking lot of the opposing team. Proceeds benefit the Todd Schoenheide Memorial Scholarship Fund.

**WINE SYNC**  
LOCATION: 122 West Main Street, Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 374-WINE (9463)  
5 Flight Tasting  
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Aug. 27  
DETAILS: With Mike Walsh from Josuette wines. Featuring Organic wines from the Santa Julia Winery in Argentina. Hot appetizers, cheese and crackers, \$20.00/Grapevine Members \$10.00  
**MS Society Fundraiser**  
TIME/DATE: 3-6 p.m. Aug. 30  
DETAILS: Come in and taste five wines, raffle prizes and appetizers; \$20 admission, payable at the door. All proceeds benefit the MS Society Michigan Chapter.

**GUITARIST ROY SCOUTZ**  
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday  
LOCATION: Tirami Su, 146 Centermain Street, Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 735-0101

**"RUMPLESTILTSKIN"**  
TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (through Sept. 20)  
LOCATION: Marquis Theatre, 135 E., Main, downtown Northville  
DETAILS: Classic tale of a wily gnome who magically turns straw into gold for a very high price. Tickets are

\$8.50; please, no children under 3 years old. Group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or visit [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com)

**FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERTS**  
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Fridays  
LOCATION: Town Square, downtown Northville (on Main, across from the Marquis Theatre)  
DETAILS: Downtown Northville's popular Friday Night Summer Concert Series - sponsored by the Northville Downtown Development Authority and Wine Sync - returns for the 2009. Every Friday night through August 28, guests can enjoy the music of some of the finest local musicians while taking in the charming atmosphere of downtown Northville. For more information, including a full schedule of performers, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or Northville Parks and Recreation Department at 248-349-0203 or visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org) or <http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org>

**NORTHVILLE HOME TOUR**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19  
DETAILS: Visit four unique homes. Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$20 day of event. Ticketholders must be at least 10 years old. Tickets available at Gardenviews, Northville Chamber of Commerce, Starring The Gallery and Pearaphernalia. Sponsored by AAUW.

**FRESH FOOD FOR CIVIC CONCERN**  
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday to Sept. 24  
LOCATION: Northville Farmers Market, Booth #57, Center Street and Se  
DETAILS: Growing your own vegetables this summer? How about planting a row for Civic Concern, the food pantry serving families in Northville, Northville Township, and Northville School District? Share that fresh lettuce and those juicy tomatoes with Wayne County neighbors in need. Master Gardeners of Wayne County will accept your produce at their Information Table in booth #57 at the Northville Farmers Market every Thursday until 3 p.m. Or, if the rabbits get to the romaine before you do, you can buy some produce from Market vendors and walk it

over to the booth. Civic Concern will also accept contributions at their office in Highland Lakes Shopping Center (42951 Seven Mile Road) every Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
CONTACT: Sher Watkins, Farmers Market Master, (248) 349-7640

**SOUP SUPPER / CONCERT**  
DATE: Saturday, Nov. 7  
LOCATION: Northville High School  
DETAILS: Soup Supper/Concert event at Northville High School, benefiting "Kids Against Hunger", featuring soups from area restaurants, followed by an awesome performance by "Mountain Heart," one of Nashville's premiere six piece, high energy bluegrass bands. <http://mountainheart.com/> Tickets go on sale Sept. 1. See <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/parents/council-of-plas.asp> for more details.  
CONTACT: Dottie Garrity at [dolgar@aol.com](mailto:dolgar@aol.com) or Sue Laabs at [suelaabs@comcast.net](mailto:suelaabs@comcast.net)

**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, mid-June to mid-Oct.  
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845  
Weekly Events ("Grounds closed to public")  
Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 6 p.m. Rehearsal  
Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 4 p.m. Wedding; 6 p.m. Rehearsal  
Saturday: 1 p.m. Eclipse Base Ball Game; 4 p.m. Wedding  
Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Buildings Open  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang  
Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

**NORTHVILLE FARMERS' MARKET**  
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursdays through Oct. 29  
LOCATION: Northville Downs, 7 Mile & Center Street (Sheldon Road)  
DETAILS: The Northville Farmers' Market returns for the 2009 season. There's something for everyone at the Northville Farmers' Market. Visitors will enjoy 100 stalls of Michigan-grown fresh produce. For all the green-thumbs out there plants and flowers are available while other finds such as are fine juried crafters,



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### Dance campers

Center Stage Dance campers perform "Hot Chocolate" during their week-long gathering at the Northville studio. From left are Samantha Guidobono, Shae Kilian, Elle Oliver and Elle Demeo. The campers were preparing a number of dances for a performance that would include a theme from the "Polar Express."

garden art, soaps, jewelry, furniture, woodworking, and home accessories are also featured. Guests can also check out the CHEFS AT THE MARKET series with local chefs, fresh produce, free recipes, cooking demonstrations, and samples. For those who want to do their part to help the environment, the "Can you Dig It?" plastic pot recycling station will also be featured. The Farmers' Market is presented by

Tom Holzer Ford and sponsored by the Northville Downs, Patti Mullen - Remerica Hometown One, Toll Brothers, St. Mary's Hospital and Varsity Lincoln Mercury.

**SOLID GROUNDS COFFEEHOUSE**  
LOCATION: 133 W. Main St.  
Open Mic Nite  
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday

Roger Pohder and Dell Smith, blues and folk singer songwriters  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every Thursday  
Carol Smallwood, classical guitarist  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday  
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TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month  
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**LYONIA ESTATE SALE** Aug 28 & 29, 9am-5pm. 33635 Hathaway Furniture, toys, games, collectibles, books, tools, records, hunting computer & exercise equip, model kits, video games, clothing and MORE!

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**BLOOMFIELD HILLS GARAGE/YARD SALE** - Aug 26-28, 9am-4pm CASH ONLY! Baby and children's clothes, toys baby strollers, Step 2 Playhouse, small electronics, TVs (27 and 31 inch), men's and women's clothes, yard equipment, books, DVDs, Pro Form treadmill, household items and much more! 2640 Broadway, N Maple and W Cranbrook

**Garage Sales** (711)

**CANTON 3 Family Garage Sale** 2067 Bellingham, Palmer & Sheldon, Fri, 9-5, Sat., 9-12 (Half off)

**CANTON- HUGE Garage Sale**, Sat, Aug 29, 8-4pm, Southwest corner of Beck & Geddes. Furniture, baby & children's clothes, toys, back-to-school supplies, outdoor tents, framed artwork, candles ONE DAY ONLY!

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Aug 27-29, 10-6 Multi-family, 21539 St. Francis, N 78 Mile, W/ Inkster. Furniture, electronics, CDs, tools, household items - big & small, carpets, comforters, toys & clothes.

**LYONIA** -Thurs-Sat., 8/27-8/29, 9-4pm. 10000 Loveland S of Plymouth Rd., E. of Farmington Rd. HUGE SALE - Baby & Kids' furniture, toys & clothing. Appliances, Books, Bearies, Boyds Bears & More! GREAT CONDITION!

**LYONIA** Multi-Family GARAGE SALE - 37561 Bristol Ct. 6 Mile & Newburgh. 8/27-28 8AM. Antiques, Sewing Machines, Furniture, Baby

**LYONIA** 7.30-4pm. 19235 Bethany Furniture, tools, housewares, car parts

**NORTHVILLE** Sat, 8/29 ONLY! 9-4pm. Home accessories, rugs, granite countertop w/ sink, custom crib, toys, etc. 44571 Galway

**NOVY 41162 Marks Dr.,** Thurs 8/9, off Meadowbrook. Broom-Sun, 10am-4pm. Toys, sports, furniture, boys' clothing misc

**Garage Sales** (711)

**NOVY** Great prices! Furniture, housewares, rugs, linens, clothing. Fri, Aug 28, 9am-6pm, Sat, Aug 29, 9am-4pm. 41601 Sleepy Hollow Dr, Novi, In the Maples!

**PLYMOUTH** Aug 27 & 28, 8-5pm. Huge multi-family 40300 Schoolcraft btwn Eddies/Haggerty

**PLYMOUTH** Fri. & Sat., 9am-5pm Everything Must Go! 12238 High Meadow Court, Sheldon & Ann Arbor Trail

**PLYMOUTH** Household, antiques, Longaberger, furniture, toys 46718 Darwood Ct./Woodlore North Sub - Fri 8/28, 9:00 am.

**PLYMOUTH TWP.** Multi-Family Thurs-Sat, Aug 27-29, 8-4pm. Home goods, glassware, clothes 46431 Barrington btwn Joy & Ann Arbor Rds., W of McDumpha

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## NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Downtown property open house

For those in the market for an ideal location to set up their business or office, the opportunity to tour a variety of properties available in the centrally-located setting of downtown Northville is taking place. "Tour the Town" - hosted by the Northville Downtown Development Authority - will be held on Tuesday, September 22 from 3-8 p.m.

During the self-guided property tour entrepreneurs and potential business owners can view available office and retail properties available in downtown Northville. Attendees at "Tour the Town" will be provided a business recruitment package, including a Downtown Northville Business Investment Guide, property locator map, and a list of available properties and property descriptions upon check-in at Northville Square (located at 133 W. Main Street; corner of Main and Wing Street). Throughout the tour, property owners/landlords will be on-hand at each individual location to answer questions. Representatives of the Northville Downtown Development Authority will also be on-site to answer inquiries about doing business in downtown Northville from attendees or to make additional appointments with those interested in certain properties.

For information on "Tour the Town," visit [www.downtownnorthville.com](http://www.downtownnorthville.com) or call 248-349-0345 (Northville Downtown Development Authority) or 248-547-5576 (IMJ Communications).

### Oakwood Cemetery Walk ticket sale

As fall approaches, plans are underway for the popular Oakwood Cemetery Walk. This year's event will take place on Sunday, Oct. 4, with reserved tour starting times available 5-8 p.m. Guests are guided through the candle-lit cemetery; Northville's oldest; stopping at selected sites to hear costumed volunteers describe the lives and times of notable citizens from the community's past. The talk typically takes just over an hour. Attendees are also invited to the Senior Center to partake of refreshments, view displays and ask questions. Previous guests report experiencing the walk to be both informative and entertaining.

Tickets for the event will be available beginning Sept. 1 and may be purchased at Knightsbridge Antiques during their regular business hours. Sales will also take place at Mill Race Village on Sunday afternoons during September, as well as Saturday afternoon of Victorian Festival. Additionally, mail-order forms may be picked up at Mill Race Village, popular community organizations, and from participating merchants. Remaining tickets, if any, will be available at the gate during the event. Early registration is recommended for those desiring specific reservation times.

Admission is \$10 for adults, and \$8 for students and groups of ten or more. Proceeds of the event benefit Mill Race Village and the Northville Historical Society. Volunteers are also needed.

### Dem's fund-raiser

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Northville Democratic Club at their summer barbeque fund raiser at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29 at the home of Tom and Janett Hess (399 Rayson, Northville).

Enjoy food, drinks and fun with special guests include Lieutenant Governor John Cherry and Jocelyn Benson, Candidate for Secretary of State.



JOHN PECKERSTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Puppet and pals

The musician and puppeteer Maureen Schiffman entertains the Aug. 18 Tunes on Tuesday crowd, along with some kids on stage, as she performs the "head, shoulders, knees and toes" song.

Suggested contribution of \$25 to support 2010 candidates.

RSVP to Pilar Fierro at (734) 420-2133 or [Pilarica@comcast.net](mailto:Pilarica@comcast.net). Please make checks payable to NDC PAC.

### Victorian sale

The Northville Historical Society is holding a four-day Victorian Festival Clothing Sale at Northville Square (corner of Wing and Main streets, downtown Northville). Times are noon-7 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 11; 10-5 Sept. 12; noon-5 Sept. 13; and 10-5 Sept. 14.

Victorian-era clothing and accessories for adults and children will be available for purchase from various vendors. Some clothing is new, some gently used, some vintage. There is no admission charge; cash sales preferred; no credit cards. Some vendors may accept checks.

For more information and possibly expanded hours call the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### Victorian First Ladies to appear at Northville Library

The Friends of the Northville District Library will help to kick off the Northville Victorian Festival at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15, as they sponsor a performance by the Victorian First Ladies.

The Petticoat Ladies of the Garden City Presbyterian Church will portray Mary Todd Lincoln, Abigail Powers Fillmore, who established the first library in the White House, and Harriet Lane, niece of James Buchanan, the only U.S. president to have never married.

The Petticoat Ladies were started 14 years ago. Nine different ladies portray various historical characters. They each created their own costumes and scripts. They do not charge for their performance. Whatever contributions they receive are turned over to charity and missions. For this event they will be dressed in Victorian attire and will be available to answer questions of the attendees.

This Friends of the Library event is free. However, due to limited seating, reservations are urged by call the Library at (248) 349-3020. The Library is located at 212 W. Cady in Northville.

The Victorian Festival, Sept. 18-20, has been a downtown feature in Northville for 21 years.

### Have a Heart for Hunger

Awesome event at Northville

High School, benefiting "Kids Against Hunger" Saturday, Nov. 7, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Soup supper featuring soups donated by area merchants and families; "Kids Against Hunger" meal packing, where you can join in the excitement of assembling meal packets for the world's hungry; awe-some performance at 7:30 p.m. by "Mountain Heart," one of Nashville's premiere six-piece, high-energy bluegrass bands. Check them out at [www.mountainheart.com](http://www.mountainheart.com) or on youtube. For tickets and information, go to [www.haveaheartforhunger.net](http://www.haveaheartforhunger.net)

or contact Dottie Garrity at [dotgar@aol.com](mailto:dotgar@aol.com) or Sue Laabs at [suelaabs@comcast.net](mailto:suelaabs@comcast.net).

Tickets go on sale beginning Sept. 1.

Northville Civic Concern has critical food shortage. Marlene Kunz of Northville Civic Concern, the local food bank located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza at 42951 Seven Mile Road, said the charity is critically low on food.

Shelves are extremely bare, and she is putting forth an emergency appeal to area residents to donate unexpired, nonperishable food to the bank.

For more information about drop-off times and what specific types of food or other items are needed, call Kunz at (248) 344-1033.

### Coffee with Corriveau

State Representative Marc Corriveau (D-20th District) will be holding a coffee hour at Stone House Coffee & Tea on Sept. 28th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Stone House is located in the Ridgewood Plaza, 16923 Ridge Rd. at Six Mile in Northville Township. Please join Marc to discuss any concerns or questions you might have.

### Free Family Event

Join Bilingual Fun on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. for bilingual Spanish storytime at As The Page Turns bookstore in downtown Northville. Children of all ages will learn Spanish through music, dance, stories, and fun activities. Visit [www.bilingualfun.com](http://www.bilingualfun.com) for more information or call 1-877-686-7399.

### Victorian parade

The 2009 Victorian Festival is accepting applicants for the annual parade.

The parade line-up will begin at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, in the Senior Center parking lot (off Cady Street), with the parade beginning at 6:30. No cars will be allowed in the

line-up area or on Cady Street; park in the lot across from the post office and walk over.

In order to preserve the spirit of the Victorian period, parade participants should observe the following guidelines:

\* All participants should dress in a manner appropriate to the years of 1860-1920.

\* Equestrian units should provide their own clean-up crews.

\* No handbills/advertising allowed unless related to Victorian Festival activities

\* Candy may be handed out in a genteel manner, but should not be thrown.

Presented by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, send the following information to that organization by Sept. 9: Contact name; business/organization; address; phone number; fax; email; and description of your entry and approximate number of participants in your group walking in the parade.

Mail to: Northville Chamber, 195 S. Main St. Northville MI 48167; or fax to (248) 349-8730.

For more information, or to reserve your spot in the parade, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce, 248-349-7640.

### Sunday Morning Nature Walks

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 13, hour-long nature walks featuring forest and field ecology of Maybury Park will be held at 10 a.m.

By September, everything is preparing for winter. Take a closer look at nature's harvest on Sept. 13 for the Fields and Edges walk.

See how every living thing of the forest can be explored to unveil the nutrient cycle during the Sept. 20 Forest Ecology walk.

And the characteristics of Maybury's forest trees and special profiles per species will be the subject of the Sept. 27 Trees walk.

All walks begin at the concession building off of Eight Mile. Donations will be accepted for the Friends of Maybury.

To sign up, email [tudor-brownes@gmail.com](mailto:tudor-brownes@gmail.com).

### Library closing for renovations

The Picture books spilling over the shelves, the constant demand for youth computers, and the increasing usage of youth materials were just a few of the factors considered when the Library Board of Trustees scheduled renovations for the popular Youth Area at the Northville District Library at

the end of August.

The library will close for 10 days between Aug. 23-Sept. 2 to add more shelving for youth collections, move existing book shelves, add two additional youth computers, and install a welcoming entryway to the new Youth Area. The Information Desk will be relocated and reading areas will be redesigned to best serve Northville residents.

### Bizarre Bazaar

Crafters and vendors are needed for the Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church, Northville. The event will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the corner of Eight Mile and Taft Road.

This is a great opportunity to showcase your talent or business to hundreds of local customers. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling up fast.

For details and to reserve a space e-mail Pat Breslin at: [BizarreBazaar@care2.com](mailto:BizarreBazaar@care2.com)

For more information regarding Village Banking: [www.villagebanking.org](http://www.villagebanking.org).

### 50 years for St. Mary Mercy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is celebrating its 50th

Anniversary this year with festivities on Sunday, Sept. 13. The facility will be hosting its 3rd Annual 5K run/walk for Cancer at 9 a.m. and Community Open House immediately following from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. with the theme, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."


The 5K run/walk, sponsored by Bright House Networks, is for cancer awareness, a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to participate to honor or remember a loved one. It is a time and place to come together to support and strengthen each other. Any proceeds from this event go toward St. Mary Mercy's Cancer Services to assist patients in need.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia (at the corner of Five Mile and Levan Roads). Register for the 5K on [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). All activities at the Open House are free. Visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org), or call 734-655-1590.

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# LOCAL OPINION

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

## OUR VIEWS

### Without state health revamp, expect cuts at students' expense

The Michigan Education Association and other state unions have banded together to oppose a bold initiative from House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford Township, to save money on health care benefits for state employees.

It's understandable that union leaders will hold fast to what they see as their main mission: Preserve at all costs the compensation packages for those fortunate enough to keep a job on the state payroll.

But what about other leadership in Lansing? Will they see past the expected self-interest of employee groups and think about state services and managing a budget during a time when the state is undergoing a continued exercise in downsizing?

Don't count on it.

Dillon, the second-most-powerful Democrat in state government, took a big risk when he proposed that all state employees — including public school teachers — be included in a single insurance plan. Ostensibly, this would save money through streamlining and volume discounts. But the real savings would come in pulling back on the very generous benefits provided to some state employee groups, particularly the MEA, which is the state's largest teachers' union.

This is a much-needed step as Michigan schools face draconian funding cuts. But there is no heart in the governor's office for such action.

There is nothing new about the idea that public education is getting strangled by the escalating costs of teacher health care and retirement benefits.

In 2004, Tom Watkins, who was then the state's superintendent of schools, wrote a position paper that clearly warned that school funding was not sustainable without consolidating the state's 750 school districts and reining in benefit costs. He estimated that two-thirds of every new dollar for school funding would be spent on health care and retirement benefits.

For his candor, he quickly lost his job. The Michigan Education Association strongly rebuked him, arguing plainly that the solution was more funding, not restrained spending. Gov. Jennifer Granholm jumped to the MEA's command and successfully forced him out of his job.

Granholm had no direct power over Watkins, but she strongly pressured the eight-member state school board to cut ties with him. She also issued a statement that said he should go, that he was not providing effective leadership for Michigan students.

What's odd about that is that just a week earlier she had called him a "valued member" of her leadership team. A scant few months earlier, she had given him a glowing evaluation. That was part of a state board evaluation that graded him A-minus.

What changed from all that adulation? It seems clear that he upset the union and he had to go. The fact that he was correct was irrelevant.

Granholm tried to justify her position by claiming that Watkins had failed to improve education for Michigan youth. Watkins mounted a pretty convincing argument that she was wrong. Besides, he said, she never addressed those concerns with him.

That's because it was a bogus issue. Since Watkins left, the state's largest public school system, in Detroit, has fallen into even deeper chaos. In an interview with a Gannett newspaper two years ago, the governor conceded that Detroit's tragic dropout rate was "unacceptable." Yet there has been no pressure to dump the current state superintendent. Of course, he knows enough to steer clear of the union's sacred cows.

Michigan schools are in a horrible financial situation, and it will only get worse. You will see the ramifications in your local schools. Cutting expenses isn't pretty. But when revenue disappears, there is no choice. Unfortunately, those cuts will all come at the expense of students.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

Do the 'back-to-school' advertisements make you feel like summer is already over?



Yes. The summer has been too short anyway because of the weather. Then we're hit with the advertisements. It's depressing.

Chris Ringo



No, not really. The kids are still running, jumping, doing their activities, going to the mall. We've got a family reunion coming up. School doesn't start for another few weeks.

Jazz Cherry



No, I don't really look at the papers. And it's just starting to get warm!

Ashley Guastella



It does make you feel like summer is over. It's time to get ready for school. I have three getting ready, shopping for clothes.

Diana Kandah

## LETTERS

### Land buy unbelievable

Schostack and its boys have got to be popping the champagne and having a good laugh. They just unloaded a piece of \$10 million land for \$23.5 million and are off the hook for the \$20 million-plus brown-field cleanup.

The yes votes probably also believe in global warming, cap and tax, and government-run health care. Way to go!

If Chicken Little told you the sky was falling, I'm sure you'd buy that one too.

Taxed to death and wanting more. Totally unbelievable. Who is serving the Kool-Aid?

Tom Caroselli  
Northville

### Fear, uncertainty and doubt

Last week's "Obamacare flaws" letter contained a number of inaccuracies that seem to be the opinion of the author. While everyone is entitled to their opinion, these opinions should not be taken as fact without people doing some checking. In reading the bill for myself, I found that all of the citations in the letter can easily be disproved. I will highlight just a few instances to make my point.

The letter writer points out that "On pages 58 and 59 it says the government will have real-time access to individual banks accounts, 401(k) accounts and other financial assets." It really does not say that at all. What it says is it will "enable the real-time (or near real time) determination of an individual's financial responsibility at the point of service and, to the extent possible, prior to service ..." I could not find the part that said they would have access to my personal assets.

The writer then says "On pages 335 to 339, it talks about outcome based measures to control costs. So, if you are a senior citizen, you may be denied treatment." Well, it really says no such thing. Actually, starting back on page 332 under "SEC. 1162 - QUALITY BONUS PAYMENTS," pages 332-341 outline how high quality health care providers can apply for additional funds as a reward for providing high quality service.

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ity service. Although I read these pages over and over again, I could not find any part about "senior citizens" or "denied treatment."

The writer next states "On page 425, the government mandates 'Advanced Care Planning.' Seniors will be interviewed every year for health issues and decisions will be made as to what care they can and cannot receive." Again my concern was heightened as both my parents are in their 80s so I really wanted to understand this part. I found that this section (Section 1233 - Advanced Care Planning Consultation) starts back on page 424. Actually, pages 424 through 434 do not contain anything about "mandates" for advanced care planning. Nor is there any language that states "seniors will be interviewed every year." Rather on page 425 the bill just defines under paragraph (1) what an "advanced care planning consultation" is and that to be considered as such, it cannot have occurred within the last five years.

Finally, page 428 states "An advance care planning consultation with respect to an individual may be conducted more frequently than provided under paragraph (1) if there is a significant change in the health condition of the individual, including diag-

nosis of a chronic, progressive, life-limiting disease, a life-threatening or terminal diagnosis or life-threatening injury, or upon admission to a skilled nursing facility, a long-term care facility (as defined by the Secretary), or a hospice program." So, this is a good thing because if my parents take a turn for the worse, the bill provided coverage for addition advanced care planning due to new circumstances. Nowhere does anything say "decisions will be made as to what care they can and cannot receive."

There is a lot of "disinformation" out there put forth by people because either they are truly concerned and take on blind faith what someone tells them or they have an agenda to use fear, uncertainty and doubt (FUD) to try to sway other people's opinions to their viewpoint. I would ask all citizens to take responsibility for their own opinions and get the facts themselves before forming your own viewpoint. If you're interested, you can get a copy of the bill by searching for "HR 3200" on the Web.

Mark A. Vernacchia  
Northville

### Car wash kudos

The Northville High School Women's Swim and Dive Team would like to give a great big "Thank You!" to The Good Time Party Store for accommodating us so generously at our recent car wash. We especially would like to thank owner, Jim Roth, manager, David Tuer, Gary, and the other store employees working on Aug. 15 who took such good care of us on such a hot and humid day. Thank you so much for your cold drinks as the temperature crept up into the 90s. We also appreciate the access to your water supply for our hoses and your help with getting us set up. We would also like to thank the Northville community for supporting us in our successful fund-raising efforts. We are so proud of the support Northville gives its students. Thank you!

Kelly Burford, Michaela Keady, Faith Miller, Jill Molt, Becca Myers  
2009 women's team captains

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

### VIDEO of Northville High School drumline in practice

Great video of some very talented teens who work extremely hard to prepare for the football season!

jazzmom

### Northville schools implement access control system

As a parent, I appreciate the effort that Northville Public Schools has made to make our children safer and the funding was money well spent. NPS wanted to make sure that citizens saw this as a fiscally responsible project during their current budget crunch:

"Funds to pay for the access control system came from the 2004 Bond issue.

While the access control system is a feel good story to make us aware of NPS staying on top of keeping our schools safe, I would like to see reporting on the direction our school system, under the current elected school board members, is headed. I understand budget constraints in the midst of a financial crisis, however, the major reason

NvilleRnr

You know what would make our schools safer? Get rid of Bolitho. What an absurd title, "Assistant superintendent of administrative services" What does that mean? To me it means someone who is paid to do nothing.

What a joke. Are we really wasting money on this man who accomplishes nothing? If this system is really worth it, then get rid of Bolitho and use his "salary" to buy 10 of them. Shoot, we could take his salary and build moats around each school. That would make

them cooler and safer.

I vote for moats and drawbridges. Who's with me?

89classof

### Residents want limit lowered on Napier; Michigan State Police say no change needed

Wrong. State traffic law was not being applied correctly by Oakland County (imagine that). (MSP) imposed the change correctly and the speed limit signs were removed. Take a ride along Napier in Novi and you will find different. Please don't quote something that is not factual. The ruling is applied correctly and as it should be. Welcome to urban sprawl & the 21st Century. We would all like our own portion of Disneyland, you'll just have to learn to live it and accept that not all can go your own way.

whysitaboutu

## NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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Sunday Schedule  
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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.

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LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road  
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TIME/DATE: 7:35-9 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.

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LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road  
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TIME: 8:30 and 10 a.m. through Labor Day  
DETAILS: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck  
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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  
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TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24  
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CONTACT: For details and reserve a space e-mail Pat Breslin at: BazaarBazaar@care2.com. For more information regarding Village Banking: www.villagebanking.org.

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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

## UNION EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road  
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TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.  
Service Broadcast  
DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMLZ Word Station.  
Single Point Ministries - 45 and older  
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.  
Single Focus Ministries - 35-50 years  
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.  
Single Purpose Connections - 20-30 years  
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.  
DETAILS: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.  
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920  
Bible Studies and Prayer Nights  
Learner's Bible Study  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101  
Men's Bible Study  
TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office  
Single's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

## CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamily-nov.org/mass Schedule  
TIME/DATE: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday  
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
Reconciliation beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment  
Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting  
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month  
DETAILS: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County Child care is available. Registration is required.

## DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

LOCATION: 2260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit dcnazarene.org  
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service  
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study  
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast  
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

## ST. JAMES CATHOLIC

LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778  
Mass Schedule  
TIME/DATE: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday  
Mothers Group  
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m.  
Monthly, first and third Wednesday  
September 16, 2009-May 19, 2010  
LOCATION: St. James Parish Hall A  
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## St. Mary Golf Classic

Over 220 golfers participated in the 2009 St. Mary Mercy Hospital "Tee It Up" Golf Classic on June 22, raising over \$205,000 to assist with renovations, equipment, and technology for the Graduate Medical Education (GME) program. The GME program, which designates St. Mary Mercy as a teaching hospital, includes medical student education, residency, research and training programs, and is expected to launch in summer 2010. The Golf Classic, presented by Phillips Service Industries, Inc. (PSI, Inc.), was held at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville. This year, over 100 businesses offered a variety of monetary and in-kind gifts to make this event such a success. A special thanks goes to the presenting sponsor, PSI, Inc., the honorary chair Bill Phillips, event chair Bob Phillips, and committee chair, Tim Belanger. Also, thanks to Graphite sponsor Concord EMS; Golfer Gift Sponsors Heartland Health Care Centers and the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Medical Staff. Thanks also to the other hole-in-one contest sponsors Hour Media, Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury, and Orin Jewelers. Pictured is the winning team for the afternoon round was Ian Burnstein, Doug Fura, Glen Pavay and Michael Kalil from The Farman Group.

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LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads  
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Rittler, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Sermon: Biblical Romance  
Church School: 10-11 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.  
YogaFit Classes  
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday  
DETAILS: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session.  
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TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month  
Rally Sunday and ChickenFest  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13

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LOCATION: 770 Thayer, Northville  
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Saturday Worship  
TIME: 5 p.m.  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

## OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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Family Worship: 11 a.m.  
Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
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## NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

LOCATION: 41555 Six Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 348-9030

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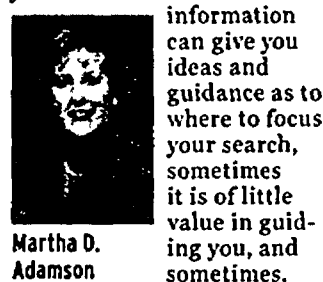
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## How to read job market information

You may be seeing and hearing job market information on network and cable news outlets, radio programs and other news sources and wonder what it means in terms of your own job search. Sometimes the information can give you ideas and guidance as to where to focus your search, sometimes it is of little value in guiding you, and sometimes, you have to really analyze the information to glean helpful information.



Martha D. Adamson

For example, Indeed.com, a job posting site aggregator, recently published its Job Market Competition Index.

This index can be found at <http://www.indeed.com/job-trends/unemployment>. This index compares the number of unemployed persons per job posting in 50 major job

### YOUR NEXT JOB

markets. The best job market by far was Washington, D.C. which has six job postings per each unemployed person. The worst job market was Detroit, which has one job posting per 18 unemployed persons.

If you are able to relocate, your job search may be much easier in job markets that have a better ratio of job openings to unemployed people. Interestingly, the cities with more favorable ratios were not clustered in any specific region of the country, but instead were scattered about the US. This would indicate that you need to consider where, geographically, you would prefer to relocate, and target specific cities.

Does this index tell you that you cannot find a job in Detroit? Absolutely not! It does indicate that competition for jobs, especially advertised job openings,

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is tougher here than elsewhere. If you are not able to relocate, or prefer to target certain cities that aren't as favorably ranked in this index, you should understand that competition will be tougher for those advertised jobs.

But keep in mind that advertised job openings only account for a small portion of all available jobs. Especially in a recession, employers may choose not to advertise openings because they get swamped with applications from desperate job seekers who are not qualified for the opening but are hoping to get noticed for some other opening in the firm. They may be relying on their own Web site to recruit, or asking employees to refer candidates for openings. Employers may also be laying plans for future hiring once credit improves or some other business condition changes.

There is no way to measure these unadvertised jobs.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics ([www.BLS.gov](http://www.BLS.gov)) collects data from employers every month on hiring,

but doesn't ask the employer to tell them if they advertised the job opening or not. Our best data from working directly with job seekers consistently shows that 50% to 80% of the jobs landed never get advertised.

So, yes, the job market in Detroit is tough, but for every advertised opening there are possibly two to five unadvertised opportunities available now or in the near future. At first glance, these odds are still not very good, because we still have 18 unemployed workers vying for those additional jobs, but here's the advantage you have if you are a savvy job seeker. Most of those other unemployed workers (probably 80% of them) are never going to find the unadvertised jobs, because they only look for the advertised jobs. By emphasizing use of your network and employer research to help you find and meet hiring managers, you will cut down the odds tremendously. You've converted the index to two to five job openings for four job seekers - and you are one of them.

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# How to pick a Medicare supplemental policy

**Dear Savvy Senior**  
I will be turning 65 in a few months and applying for Medicare, and have been told I need to consider purchasing a supplemental policy to help pay for the things Medicare doesn't cover. What can you tell me about this and where can I find help?

Supplemental Sally

**Dear Sally**  
If you're nearing 65, and plan to choose traditional Medicare Part A and B as your primary source of health coverage, a supplemental policy (also known as Medigap insurance) is definitely something you need to consider. Medigap insurance helps pay for things that traditional Medicare doesn't cover like deductibles, co-payments and other services. Here's what you should know.

## ABCS OF MEDIGAP

### SAVVY SENIOR

Medigap policies, which are sold by private health insurers, come in 12 standardized benefit packages, labeled "A" through "L." The coverage and price generally increase as you move through the alphabet from the basic Plan A through the more comprehensive Plan L. Plans K and L are high-deductible policies that carry lower premiums but higher out-of-pocket costs. The most popular choice is Plan F, which strikes a good balance between costs (averaging around \$160 per month) and coverage. (Note: If you live in Massachusetts, Minnesota or Wisconsin you have a different set of Medigap plans.)

### HOW TO CHOOSE

To choose a policy, consider your health status and family medical history. The

differences among plans can be small and rather confusing so you'll need to do some homework to pick the right plan. To help you get started go to the Medicare Options Compare tool at Medicare.gov/mppf. Once you get there, click on "Find & Compare Medigap Policies" then type in your zip code. It will give you a break down of what each plan covers, along with a list of companies that offer them in your area.

Since all Medigap policies with the same letter cover the exact same benefits, you should shop for the cheapest policy.

You can get the best price if you sign up within six months after enrolling in Medicare Part B. During this open-enrollment period, an insurer cannot refuse to sell you a policy or charge you more because of medical issues.

You also need to be aware of the three company pricing

methods which will affect your costs.

Medigap policies are usually sold as either "attained-age" policies, which are premiums that start low but rise every year as you get older. "Issue-age" policies, which only increase prices because of inflation, not because of your age (these policies may start out a little more expensive than attained-age policies but may save you money in the long run). And "community-rate" policies, which are where everyone in an area is charged the same premium regardless of age.

### NO DRUG COVERAGE

Medigap policies no longer cover prescription drugs. If you don't have drug coverage you need to consider buying a separate Medicare Part D drug plan too. You can compare drug plans and cost at Medicare.gov/mpdpf. Also note that

standard Medigap plans do not cover vision or dental care, hearing aids or private-duty nursing.

### ALL-IN-ONE PLANS

Another option to consider is a Medicare Advantage plan. Instead of paying separately for Medicare Part B, plus a Medigap supplemental policy and a Part D drug plan you could sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan that provides all-in-one coverage. These plans, which are sold by insurance companies, are generally available through HMOs and PPOs. To find and compare Advantage plans visit Medicare.gov/mppf.

### LOW-INCOME HELP

If you have limited income there are a variety of programs that may be able to help you cut or eliminate your health care costs such as Medicare

Savings Programs, Medicaid, and prescription drug assistance. To find out if you qualify, visit Benefitscheckup.org.

**Savvy Tips:** If you need help or if you don't have Internet access, call Medicare at 800-633-4227 for assistance over the phone. Also ask them to send you a free copy of the "2009 Choosing a Medigap Policy," publication 02110. Another good source for help is your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) which provides free one-on-one Medicare counseling. To find a local SHIP counselor call 800-677-1116 or visit Shiptalk.org.

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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## Quarterbacks Mills and Wegzyn run 'Stangs' offense

### Will need to knock off Novi and Stevenson for title shot

A division title is what has been underlined several times in the war room of the Northville Mustangs football team.

The squad, coached by Matt Ladach in his second year at the helm, will have plenty of competition in their quest for the Kensington Lakes Athletic Association Central Division, especially considering state runner-up Stevenson will be looking for the title as well.

"Although Novi and Stevenson are the projected favorites in the Central, we expect to play for the division title this year," said Ladach. "There is no question - we will have our hands full, but there is not one team on our schedule that is unbeatable."

The Mustangs, who finished 5-4 overall last year and 3-2 in their division behind Novi and Stevenson, will be looking to earn victories with their athleticism. The squad brings back several top-notch players, including senior Dan Mills, who will likely see significant playing time at the quarterback position.

"He is one of the most athletic players on our team, and we will look to put the ball in his hands often," said Ladach.

But Mike Wegzyn, a junior, will be vying for playing time under center as well after a strong season as the junior varsity starter last season. Ladach noted that Wegzyn shows tremendous talent at the quarterback position and said he is "a legitimate Division 1 college football prospect."

Returning this season in the backfield will be seniors Brett Smith and Kyle Galdes.

Smith will be returning kicks and punts as well as taking the ball out of the backfield, while Galdes is expected to carry the pigskin as well as use his talent as a blocker to create holes and protect the quarterback. In addition, juniors John Alandt and Levi Perry are expected to fight for playing time. Ladach said Alandt is a natural athlete with "great vision," while Perry is a transfer in from Ferndale High School where he played last season.

Junior Jzordon Lawence will be taking up the battering ram position of fullback for the 'Stangs this season, using his ability to block as well as charge through the defense to help the squad.

The senior Gibson twins, Jack and Paul, will be having defenses seeing double when they bring their work ethic to the field as receivers. Ladach said the duo was "pound for pound two of the toughest kids on our team." Joining the twins will be senior Ethan Eckhout and junior Brad Wagner, who will be vying for playing time as receivers.

Jake Robideau, a senior, features good hands and aggressive blocking as the Mustangs top tight end candidate. His athleticism also makes him capable of playing split end.

While there is plenty of competition for starting positions on the offensive line, a staggering lack of experience could take some time to overcome. Only one starter returns from last year's team in senior center Nicco Buffone.

"He is a leader on and off the field, and he is the kind of kid that we want represent-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Northville Mustangs varsity football team practices on Aug. 19 as they prepare for the season's first game on Friday Aug. 28th at Pinckney High.

ing Northville football," said Ladach.

Senior Akshar Patel saw limited playing time as a junior, but Ladach noted the potential right tackle has looked good so far this year. Junior Trevor McGowan is the likely starter at left tackle, though senior Steve Clayton will be competing for the job as well. Senior Brennen Berry and juniors Todd Elise, Brandon Kuc, Matt Lippert, Jack Sine and Tim Stagman are all competing for the two guard positions.

The defense will be the key to Northville's hunt for vic-

tory as they face some of the top offenses in the Kensington Lakes this year. Senior Justin Umin and junior Devon Pearson made the switch this year from inside linebacker to defensive line and creates an unusual athleticism at the position for the Mustangs. Fighting for playing time on the defensive line will be J.V. San Martin and Andrew Marzola, both seniors, as well as junior Brandon Kuc and sophomore Ben Smith.

Inside linebacker will be anchored by senior Dan Stern, who is the favorite to earn the starting nod, while juniors

Shawn Williams and Michael MacLean are expected to see plenty of playing time. Also vying for inside linebacker play will be senior Brian Gotberg and sophomore Brett MacDonald. Playing outside linebacker will likely be junior John Alandt while seniors Eric Vandenberg and Georgios Basoukeas are competing with juniors Bobby Wood and Matt Celentino for playing time.

The strength of this year's defense won't be up front or even in the linebacker corps, but instead at the defensive backfield. Sophomore Brandon Love will be show-

#### NORTHVILLE FOOTBALL

Coach: Matt Ladach  
Last Year: 5-2 overall, third in Central Division of KLA  
Key Returning Players: Dan Mills, Brett Smith, Kyle Galdes, Jack Gibson, Paul Gibson, Nicco Buffone, Dan Stern, Justin Umin and J.V. San Martin  
Biggest Challenges: Defeating division rivals Novi and Stevenson

casing his talents in the secondary as a cornerback, sharing playing time with Paul Gibson and Kyle Galdes. Junior Trei Walton, a recent addition to Northville from sunny Miami, Fla., will likely play free safety.

"Trei has good ball skills and he's show us that he doesn't mind mixing it up, either," Ladach noted.

Vic Bodrie, a junior, will be looking for playing time in the defensive backfield as well.

Other players on this year's squad include: Seniors: Wes Baber, Myles Baker, Dan Mills, Perry Dunlap, Jake Elker, James Ellison, Dan Stern, Tyler Stevens, Andrew Tang, Geoff Ginter and Brian Zinser. Juniors: Chase Bailey, Alan Nguyen, Victor Bodrie, Daniel Brenner, Alex bush, Josh Duleba, Joe Savage, Jack Sine, Steven Townsend, Tim Stagman, John Dequesnal, Todd Elise, Jason Tumor, Brad Wagner, Shawn Williams, Yianni Koumariotis, Collin Koschny, Bobby Wood and Matt Lippert.

The Mustangs will open their season Friday when they visit the Pinckney Pirates at 7 p.m. before playing host to Grand Blanc High School a week from today at 7 p.m.

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## 'Stang harriers in one of state's toughest associations

Hard work throughout the summer could make all the difference for the Northville Mustangs boys' cross country team in their search for a division and conference title.

The squad, coached by Chris Cronin in his 15th year at the helm of the Northville program, will have plenty of stiff competition this year in what is widely considered to be one of the toughest cross country athletic association in the state. But the team has been putting in the effort in order to see the improvements they want for this year.

"I think we expect to be in the top three or four in the conference," said Cronin. "It doesn't matter if we're in the old (Western Lakes Athletics Association) or in a program that's just starting up. Sure, we are in a really tough athletic association, but we expect to compete."

Expected to potentially lead the way for the Mustangs will be sophomore Frank Griffiths, who came into his own last year

under the leadership of now-graduated all-star Jack Dalton.

"He really came on last October," said Cronin of Griffiths. "He was slow to develop, but something happened and he had a great meet in Portage and finished with the same time as Jack Dalton and earned a medal. From that point forward, he's been our top runner."

The Mustang earned All-Conference and All-Regional honors for his performances last year and finished 53rd in the state finals with a time of 16:15.6.

"This year, we're expecting bigger things from him," Cronin admitted.

Trent Johnson, a senior, is expected to take the number two spot this year and will be looking to better his sub-17-minute time at the regional last year.

"Look for him to hold onto our number two or three spot," Cronin said. "He's put up some good times and ran the miles this summer."

Senior captain Colin Riley is also back this year and Cronin



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The Northville High School boys' cross country team takes off on a run at Cass Benton Park.

said there are high expectations for him.

"I think this is going to be his breakout season," said Cronin. "If he can run to the level I've seen him running to in practice, he's going to be a key part of what we want to do this year."

Another key component will be sophomore Matt Ciera, who earned his varsity letter on the

squad last year.

Senior Kevin Lerner and his brother, sophomore Jason Lerner, are also expected to be major contributors in Northville's success this year.

"They have a dogged and determined running style," said Cronin. "What they lack in natural-born talent, they make up for in effort. These two guys are

cut from the same cloth and tear themselves inside out to turn in their best times."

The Mustangs also return Chad Cini, who could potentially act as their seventh runner. According to Cronin, he features great leg speed and is an extremely good finisher over the last mile of the course.

The Mustangs may not be

#### NORTHVILLE BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Coach: Chris Cronin  
Last Year: Fourth in Conference, Fourth in Regional  
Key Returning Players: Frank Griffiths, Trent Johnson, Colin Riley, Matt Sierra, Kevin and Jason Lerner and Chad Cini  
Biggest Challenges: Facing a very tough conference and regional lineup

favor to win their conference or regional, but Cronin said they like the role of underdog.

"We've worked hard this summer and we're looking forward to a good season," Cronin said. "October could be a really exciting month for us."

The Mustangs will field approximately 35 runners this year.

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# Northville runners face tough division in KLAA

Staying healthy and gaining experience will be the focus on the Northville Mustangs girls' cross country team as they prepare for the 2009 campaign.

According to Nancy Smith, who is in her ninth year as the head coach for the harrier squad, the biggest challenge the team faces will be a lack of experience.

The majority of this year's squad will be made up of 12 freshmen and 11 juniors.

"Our season goals are to show improvement across the team with improved times for each athlete, win the division, place in the top three at conference and regionals and send a team to the state finals," said Smith.

In order to obtain their shot at a division title, the Mustangs will have to overcome one of the toughest divisions in the Kensington Lakes



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The Lady Mustangs cross country team runs at Cass Benton Park on Sept. 9.

Athletic Association. The Central Division hosts Salem, Stevenson and Novi, all of which Smith noted for having talented programs.

"With the new KLAA, our division is loaded with tal-

ent," said Smith. We have to be ready to compete every time we have a dual meet."

Leading the squad this season will be senior captains Sarah Forsythe, Lauren Hall, Kelsey Olinik and Gabby

## NORTHVILLE GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Coach: Nancy Smith

Last Year: 3-2 dual meets, 3rd in conference, 6th in Regional

Key Returning Players: Gina McNamara, Emily Sklar and Helen Mulcahy

Biggest Challenge: Gaining experience and staying healthy

Strzalkowski.

The top returning runners are sophomore Gina McNamara, who finished 16th in the regional last season with a time of 19:33, as well as juniors Emily Sklar and Helen Mulcahy. Newcomers to the team who Smith believes have the potential to make an immediate impact are freshmen Claire Courtney, Alexander Drayback and Hallie Tyburski.

"We have the ability to be pretty deep if we can stay healthy," Smith noted.

Rounding out this year's team will be: Senior: Emily Iovan; Juniors: Katherine

Coleman, Sara DeDona, Megan Donohue, Natalie Grimmer, Alie Jezak, Molly Stuart, Emily Toupin, Brianna Vandervoort and Carolyn Zhao; Sophomores: Abby Bixler, Lisa Hamel, Erin Keiffer, Clare Naughton and Alice Xu; Freshmen: Erin Dunne, Miki Ishikawa, Julia Kassem, Anna Kilar, Juliana Lim, Sandra Pui, Alex Rodriguez, Hallie Tyburski and Katie Vandervoort.

Graduation hurt the Mustangs from last year, losing three of their top seven runners, as well as another who left to pursue other inter-

ests. The team finished 3-2 in dual meets last year with losses coming from Stephenson and Novi. They finished third in the conference and sixth in the always-loaded regional tournament.

This year the squad will have to bulk up with experience early if they hope to topple Novi, Salem and Stevenson in the district title hunt. The squad opens their season this Saturday when they travel to the South Lyon Invitational before heading to Rochester Adams High School for another invitational a week from today. The team will then participate in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Invitational Sept. 12 before opening their dual meet schedule up with a visit to the Salem Rocks Sept. 15.

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# Three returning linksters lead Northville this season

A conference championship and a berth into the state tournament are the goals set forth by the Northville Mustangs girls' golf team this season.

The squad, coached by Mary Jane Ossola in her fifth year leading the team, returns three of their top six players this season and has a slew of talent that is waiting in the wings.

"There is no doubt we have a lot of work to do to reach these goals, but (the team) talked after our tournament and they are all willing to do it," said Ossola.

The Mustangs tested themselves early with their annual trip up north for the Traverse City Invitational. The team finished third behind very tough Rochester and Brighton squads. Rochester earned a score of 667 to run away with the victory while Brighton finished with a 693. Northville's third place finish found them racking up a 720 over the two-day tournament.

Ossola noted that the girls



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Northville High golfer Stephanie Sakora.

had to play through inclement weather on the second day.

Leading Northville was junior Stephanie Sakorafis, who shot an 85 on the first day and an 89 on the second day. Amy Bernstein, a senior captain, shot a 97 on the first day and recorded a 96 on day

two. Taking up an 86 during the first day of play was junior Brianna Roberts, who then recorded a 92 during the bad weather of day two while teammate Jackie Kjolhede shot a 90 and 97 on day one and two, respectively. Cati Darish, a senior, recorded a 91

"This isn't last year's team. We have a lot of potential though and I think we're capable of surprising a lot of people. We have realistic goals and a chance to reach them. The girls are willing to work and they've got a lot of potential."

MARY JANE OSSOLA, Northville coach

and a 109 while Lauren Grigg, a junior, shot a 91 and a 90.

"On the second day we played with Rochester and Brighton," noted Ossola. "That was great because it the girls were able to see first-hand what it takes to play like these teams play. They know what they have to do."

Other players on this year's links squad include senior Chelsea Weber, sophomores Emily Poland and Bailey Winter and freshmen Alison Kozerski, Jenna Pomeroy, Shannon Williams, Megan Ye

and Camilla Zhao.

"It's still early," Ossola said. "Some people are going to be a surprise this year and there is no way of knowing what the lineup is going to be right now. It's not set at all."

Ossola said that she believes there are two players who will make the starting squad every week, but that the last four positions for the varsity team will be decided on a week to week basis for the time being.

"Realistically, there are eight players who I think are capable of playing on the varsity team and will be playing for those other four spots," Ossola said.

There are big shoes to fill when comparing the squad to last year's team, which finished third in the state, won their conference and were the regional champions for the first time since 2002.

"This isn't last year's team," Ossola said. "We have a lot of potential though and I think we're capable of surprising a lot of people. We have realistic goals and a chance to reach

## NORTHVILLE GIRLS GOLF

Coach: Mary Jane Ossola

Last Year: Third in the state, Conference and Regional champs

Key Returning Players: Stephanie Sakorafis, Amy Bernstein, Brianna Roberts, Jackie Kjolhede, Lauren Grigg and Cati Darish

Biggest Challenge: Getting experience and improving scores

them. The girls are willing to work and they've got a lot of potential."

Northville will be back in action when they host South Lyon tomorrow on their home course of Tanglewood at 2 p.m. The team will then play Stevenson Sept. 2 at Tanglewood and then travel to the U-M Tournament the following day.

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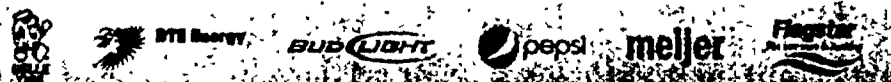
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# Mustangs trying to make up for loss of 14 seniors from 2008

Most soccer teams in division in the same boat

The Northville Mustangs boys' soccer team will be looking to gain some experience as fast as possible before getting into the division portion of their schedule this season.

To help push that goal along, the Mustangs took to the Portage Invitational last weekend where they faced off against some of the top teams in the state. The Mustangs began the invitational against Grand Haven, which is expected to be ranked either first or second in Michigan to begin the soccer season, before they took on top-10 ranked Portage Northern. In their third and final game of the weekend invitational, the Mustangs faced Kentwood, which has won the state title two years running and knocked Northville out of the state semifinals two seasons ago.

The Mustangs started their season off with two ties and a loss.

The squad started their weekend off with a 0-0 tie against Grand Haven before notching up a 2-2 tie against Portage Northern.

"We hit the post a few times on that one," said Klimes of the Portage contest. "I really thought we should have won both of those games."

Scoring for Northville against Portage were senior forward Doug Beeson and senior midfielder Dave Hammond. Klimes noted



A Northville Mustang goalie stops a shot during a Wednesday evening practice session at Northville High.

outstanding defensive play by senior Bobby Kruse.

Northville dropped their final game to a powerful East Kentwood squad, 4-0.

"I really don't think the score indicates how well we played in that game," said Klimes. "It was a tough loss."

Northville is now 0-1-2 on the season.

The reason the Mustangs are taking a crash-course in varsity soccer experience is simple: they graduated 14 seniors from last year's squad. This year, head coach Henry Klimes, who is entering his 20th year as a head coach for the Mustangs, has pulled in 22 players, including one underclassman, to round out

his team.

"We need to get everyone on the same page and create a working system," said Klimes. "I'm optimistic, though we are a work in progress. We show a lot of promise and have a lot of talent, but there a lot more things we need to work on."

Northville's season won't be an easy one, especially with the annual goal Klimes sets forth of winning the divisions title. The Mustangs will have to take on Stevenson, Salem, Novi and South Lyon - all of which are quality programs - if they hope to host the divisional title. To add to their already difficult lineup of games, Northville will play Canton, Saline, Churchill

and Plymouth to fill in their schedule.

"There are no 'gimme' games like we've had at times before," said Klimes. "We have got to be ready to play game in and game out. Every week is going to be a war."

Knowing that the team would graduate a load of seniors, Klimes thoughtfully piled 24 players onto the roster last year. Despite the massive graduation of starters and experienced players, the Mustangs will still have 10 returning players from last year's team. Seniors on this year's squad include goalie Nick Shaya, midfielders Aris Zervos and Dave Hammond, defenders Brandon Cameron,



The Northville Mustangs' varsity soccer team practices on a Wednesday evening as they prepare for their fall campaign.

"There are no 'gimme' games like we've had at times before. We have got to be ready to play game in and game out. Every week is going to be a war."

HENRY KLIMES, Northville coach

Bobby Kruse, A.J. Aquinto and Matt Lypka as well as forwards Doug Beeson and Max McHugh. Juniors are: goalie Matt VanHouten, forward Tom Pickren, defenders Nick Peper, Nate Lightner and Nick Syzdek and midfielders Brendon White, Brendan Burdette, Dan Yutzy, Fatai Alashe, Ryan Kaiser, Joey Zywoil and Kevin Courtney. The lone sophomore this year is midfielder Brian Alumbaugh.

Captains this year will be Cameron, Beeson and Zervos. The positive aspect of looking at this season is the fact that most of the teams in the conference lost a lot of seniors

## NORTHVILLE BOYS SOCCER

Coach: Henry Klimes

Last Season: Third in Division

Key Returning Players: Doug

Beeson, Dave Hammond,

Brandon Cameron and Aris

Zervos.

Biggest Challenge: Lack of varsity playing experience

to graduation, forcing everyone to have to develop quickly in order to be a true force to be reckoned with.

"All the schools look like they're in the same boat," said Klimes. "Every team lost a lot of guns."

The Mustangs' next game will be Monday when they visit the Churchill Chargers at 7 p.m. Northville will then return home to host the Plymouth Wildcats at 7 p.m.

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## NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

### Football

All games are at 7 p.m.

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Fri 08/28/09 | @ Milford                         |
| Fri 09/03/09 | Walled Lake Central               |
| Fri 09/11/09 | @ South Lyon East                 |
| Fri 09/18/09 | Salem                             |
| Fri 09/25/09 | @ South Lyon                      |
| Fri 10/02/09 | Livonia Stevenson (Homecoming)    |
| Fri 10/09/09 | Northville                        |
| Fri 10/16/09 | @ Kensington Conference crossover |
| Fri 10/23/09 | @ Pinckney HS (@ Pathfinder MS)   |

### Boys soccer

All games 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated  
Home games at Meadows Stadium

|              |                            |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Thu 08/27/09 | @ Brighton                 |
| Mon 08/31/09 | @ Canton                   |
| Tue 09/08/09 | @ Livonia Stevenson        |
| Thu 09/10/09 | @ South Lyon               |
| Tue 09/15/09 | @ South Lyon East          |
| Thu 09/17/09 | Northville                 |
| Tue 09/22/09 | @ Salem                    |
| Thu 09/24/09 | Livonia Stevenson          |
| Fri 09/25/09 | Eisenhower                 |
| Tue 09/29/09 | South Lyon                 |
| Thu 10/01/09 | South Lyon East (6 p.m.)   |
| Tue 10/06/09 | @ Northville               |
| Thu 10/08/09 | Salem                      |
| Mon 10/12/09 | @ Conference championships |
| Wed 10/14/09 | @ Association crossover    |
| Fri 10/16/09 | @ Ann Arbor Huron          |

### Boys tennis

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Thu 08/27/09 | @ Port Huron Northern Inv. (8:30 a.m.)              |
| Tue 09/01/09 | @ South Lyon East (4 p.m.)                          |
| Thu 09/03/09 | @ South Lyon East (4 p.m.)                          |
| Wed 09/09/09 | Salem (4 p.m.)                                      |
| Thu 09/10/09 | @ Ann Arbor Pioneer (4 p.m.)                        |
| Mon 09/14/09 | @ Livonia Stevenson (4 p.m.)                        |
| Tue 09/15/09 | @ Northville (4 p.m.)                               |
| Thu 09/17/09 | @ Saline (4 p.m.)                                   |
| Tue 09/22/09 | @ Crossover #1 Central @ South (4 p.m.)             |
| Thu 09/24/09 | Crossover #2 North @ Central (4 p.m.)               |
| Sat 09/26/09 | Novi Invite (8:30 a.m.)                             |
| Tue 09/29/09 | @ Crossover #3 Central @ West (4 p.m.)              |
| Wed 09/30/09 | *Scrimmage - Greenhills School (4 p.m.)             |
| Sat 10/03/09 | @ KLA Kensington Conference Meet (TBA)              |
| Tue 10/06/09 | @ Association Crossover Lakes @ Kensington (4 p.m.) |
| Fri 10/09/09 | MHSAA Regional Tennis (8 a.m.)                      |

### Boys cross country

|              |                                       |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sat 08/29/09 | @ South Lyon Invite (10 a.m.)         |
| Tue 09/15/09 | South Lyon East (4:30 p.m.)           |
| Fri 09/18/09 | @ Spartan Inv. (TBA)                  |
| Tue 09/22/09 | @ Northville (5 p.m.)                 |
| Fri 09/25/09 | @ Anchor Bay Inv. (TBA)               |
| Sat 09/26/09 | @ WL Western Inv. (9 a.m.)            |
| Tue 09/29/09 | @ Salem, Cass Benton Park (4:30 p.m.) |
| Tue 10/06/09 | @ Livonia Stevenson (4:30 p.m.)       |
| Sat 10/10/09 | @ Oakland County Inv. (TBA)           |
| Tue 10/13/09 | @ South Lyon (4:30 p.m.)              |
| Sat 10/17/09 | @ AA Gabriel Richard Inv. (TBA)       |
| Thu 10/22/09 | @ KLA Conference Championship (TBA)   |
| Fri 10/30/09 | @ Redford Union Inv. (TBA)            |
| Tue 10/31/09 | @ MHSAA Regionals (TBA)               |
| Sat 11/03/09 | @ Lakeland 9th & 10th Inv. (TBA)      |
| Sat 11/07/09 | @ MHSAA State Finals (TBA)            |

### Girls cross country

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Tue 09/15/09 | South Lyon East (4:30 p.m.)              |
| Fri 09/18/09 | @ Spartan Inv. (3:10 p.m.)               |
| Tue 09/22/09 | @ Northville (5 p.m.)                    |
| Sat 09/26/09 | @ WL Western Inv. (9 a.m.)               |
| Tue 09/29/09 | @ Salem HS, Cass Benton Park (4:25 p.m.) |
| Tue 10/06/09 | @ Livonia Stevenson (4:30 p.m.)          |
| Sat 10/10/09 | @ Oakland County Inv. (TBA)              |
| Tue 10/13/09 | @ South Lyon (4:30 p.m.)                 |
| Sat 10/17/09 | @ AA Gabriel Richard Inv. (12:30 p.m.)   |
| Thu 10/22/09 | @ KLA Championship (3:30 p.m.)           |
| Sat 10/31/09 | @ MHSAA Regionals (TBA)                  |
| Sat 11/07/09 | @ MHSAA State Finals (TBA)               |

### Volleyball

|              |                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sat 08/29/09 | @ Airport Inv. (9 a.m.)              |
| Thu 09/10/09 | @ South Lyon (7 p.m.)                |
| Tue 09/15/09 | @ South Lyon East (7 p.m.)           |
| Thu 09/17/09 | @ Lakeland Quad (4:30 p.m.)          |
| Thu 09/24/09 | Northville (7 p.m.)                  |
| Tue 09/29/09 | @ Salem (7 p.m.)                     |
| Tue 10/06/09 | Livonia Stevenson (7 p.m.)           |
| Thu 10/08/09 | South Lyon (7 p.m.)                  |
| Tue 10/13/09 | South Lyon East (7 p.m.)             |
| Thu 10/15/09 | @ Northville (6:30 p.m.)             |
| Sat 10/17/09 | @ Madonna Inv. (8:30 a.m.)           |
| Tue 10/20/09 | Salem (7 p.m.)                       |
| Thu 10/22/09 | @ Livonia Stevenson (7 p.m.)         |
| Sat 10/24/09 | @ Kensington Conf. Tournament (TBA)  |
| Thu 10/29/09 | @ KLA Association Crossover (7 p.m.) |
| Mon 11/02/09 | MHSAA District (TBA)                 |
| Wed 11/04/09 | MHSAA District (TBA)                 |
| Fri 11/06/09 | MHSAA District Final (TBA)           |
| Tue 11/10/09 | @ MHSAA Regional (TBA)               |
| Thu 11/12/09 | @ MHSAA Regional Final (TBA)         |
| Tue 11/17/09 | @ MHSAA Quarterfinal (TBA)           |
| Thu 11/19/09 | @ MHSAA Semifinal (TBA)              |
| Sat 11/21/09 | @ MHSAA Final (TBA)                  |

### Girls golf

(Home matches at Cattails Golf Course)

|              |                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mon 08/31/09 | @ Livonia Stevenson (3 p.m.)         |
| Wed 09/02/09 | @ South Lyon (3 p.m.)                |
| Wed 09/09/09 | @ South Lyon East (3 p.m.)           |
| Fri 09/11/09 | Northville (3 p.m.)                  |
| Mon 09/14/09 | @ Salem (3 p.m.)                     |
| Wed 09/16/09 | Livonia Stevenson (3 p.m.)           |
| Sat 09/19/09 | @ Grosse Ile Inv. (1:30 p.m.)        |
| Tue 09/22/09 | South Lyon (3 p.m.)                  |
| Wed 09/23/09 | @ Oakland County Tournament (9 a.m.) |
| Thu 09/24/09 | South Lyon East (3 p.m.)             |
| Mon 09/28/09 | @ Northville (3 p.m.)                |
| Wed 09/30/09 | Salem HS (3 p.m.)                    |
| Tue 10/06/09 | @ Conference Championship (3 p.m.)   |
| Thu 10/08/09 | @ MHSAA Regional Tournament (8 a.m.) |
| Fri 10/16/09 | @ MHSAA Finals (TBA)                 |
| Sat 10/17/09 | @ MHSAA Finals (TBA)                 |

### Girls swimming and diving

|              |                                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Wed 09/02/09 | Marian (6 p.m.)                     |
| Sat 09/12/09 | @ W. Bloomfield Laker Inv. (1 p.m.) |
| Thu 09/17/09 | Grosse Pointe South (6 p.m.)        |
| Thu 09/24/09 | South Lyon East (6 p.m.)            |
| Thu 10/01/09 | @ Northville (6:30 p.m.)            |
| Thu 10/08/09 | Salem (6 p.m.)                      |
| Thu 10/15/09 | @ Livonia Stevenson (6:30 p.m.)     |
| Thu 10/22/09 | @ Walled Lake Northern (7 p.m.)     |
| Fri 10/30/09 | @ Division Meet-diving (3 p.m.)     |
| Sat 10/31/09 | @ Division Meet (noon)              |
| Fri 11/06/09 | @ Conference Meeting (5 p.m.)       |
| Sat 11/07/09 | @ Conference Meet (noon)            |
| Tue 11/17/09 | @ Regional Diving (TBA)             |
| Fri 11/20/09 | @ MHSAA Finals (TBA)                |
| Sat 11/21/09 | @ MHSAA Finals (TBA)                |

### Coed equestrian

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sat 09/12/09 | Meet #1 @ Milford (7:15 a.m.)     |
| Sat 09/19/09 | Meet #2 @ Milford (7:15 a.m.)     |
| Sat 09/26/09 | Meet #3 @ Milford (7:15 a.m.)     |
| Sat 10/03/09 | @ MIHA Regional @ Shiawasee (TBA) |
| Sun 10/04/09 | @ MIHA Regional @ Shiawasee (TBA) |
| Thu 10/15/09 | @ MIHA State Championships (TBA)  |
| Fri 10/16/09 | @ MIHA State Championships (TBA)  |
| Sat 10/17/09 | @ MIHA State Championships (TBA)  |



## CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

### Cross country

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Sat 08/29/09 | @ Lansing Cath. Central Inv. (10:30 a.m.) |
| Fri 09/04/09 | @ Time Trial, Milford (2 p.m.)            |
| Sat 09/12/09 | @ W. Bloomfield Inv. (10:30 a.m.)         |
| Sat 09/14/09 | @ OLSM/DLS (4:15 p.m.)                    |
| Mon 09/19/09 | @ Holy Inv. (1:15 p.m.)                   |
| Mon 09/21/09 | @ Brother Rice (4:30 p.m.)                |
| Sat 09/26/09 | @ CC Inv. (1:30 a.m.)                     |
| Mon 09/28/09 | @ U-D (4:30 p.m.)                         |
| Sat 10/03/09 | @ Haslett Inv. (9 a.m.)                   |
| Sat 10/10/09 | @ Oakland County Championship (TBA)       |

|              |                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sat 10/17/09 | @ Sturgis Inv. (10 a.m.)             |
| Sat 10/17/09 | @ Garbriel Richard Inv. (1:30 p.m.)  |
| Sat 10/24/09 | @ Catholic League Championship (TBA) |
| Fri 10/27/09 | @ Operation Friendship (TBA)         |
| Fri 10/30/09 | @ Redford Union Open (TBA)           |
| Sat 10/31/09 | @ State Regional Championship (TBA)  |
| Sat 11/07/09 | @ State Championships (TBA)          |

### Soccer

|              |                                    |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Thu 08/27/09 | Clarkston (7:30 p.m.)              |
| Thu 09/01/09 | @ Notre Dame (7:30 p.m.)           |
| Fri 09/04/09 | Brother Rice (7:30 p.m.)           |
| Wed 09/09/09 | @ Orchard Lake St. Mary's (7 p.m.) |
| Fri 09/11/09 | @ U. of D.-Jesuit (7 p.m.)         |
| Tue 09/15/09 | Divine Child (7:30 p.m.)           |
| Thu 09/17/09 | @ DLAA Pontiac (7:30 p.m.)         |
| Tue 09/22/09 | @ Brother Rice (5:30 p.m.)         |
| Tue 09/29/09 | U. of D.-Jesuit (7:30 p.m.)        |
| Thu 10/01/09 | Ann Arbor Pioneer (7:30 p.m.)      |
| Fri 10/02/09 | @ Divine Child (5:30 p.m.)         |
| Tue 10/06/09 | DLS (7:30 p.m.)                    |
| Fri 10/09/09 | @ Livonia Franklin (5:30 p.m.)     |
| Mon 10/12/09 | Catholic League (TBA)              |
| Wed 10/14/09 | Catholic League Championship (TBA) |

### Football

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted

|              |                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Fri 08/28/09 | Detroit Cody                   |
| Thu 09/03/09 | Hudsonville                    |
| Fri 09/11/09 | @ South Lyon (3 p.m.)          |
| Sat 09/19/09 | @ Monroe                       |
| Sat 09/26/09 | @ Brother Rice                 |
| Sun 10/04/09 | @ Divine Child (Crestwood)     |
| Fri 10/09/09 | Orchard Lake St. Mary (1 p.m.) |
| Sat 10/17/09 | @ DLS (Warren Fitzgerald)      |
| Sat 10/24/09 | U-D Jesuit                     |
| Sat 10/24/09 | @ Prep Bowl (Ford Field) (TBA) |

### Tennis

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Sat 08/29/09 | @ Romeo Tournament (8:30 a.m.)          |
| Wed 09/02/09 | West Bloomfield (4 p.m.)                |
| Sat 09/05/09 | Grosse Pointe North Tournament (8 a.m.) |
| Tue 09/08/09 | Ann Arbor Huron (4 p.m.)                |
| Sat 09/12/09 | @ CHSL Tournament, Brother Rice (TBA)   |
| Tue 09/15/09 | @ Saline (4:30 p.m.)                    |
| Sat 09/19/09 | Catholic Central Inv. (8 a.m.)          |
| Thu 09/24/09 | @ Ann Arbor Pioneer (4 p.m.)            |
| Sat 09/26/09 | @ Essexville Garber Tournament (TBA)    |
| Sat 10/03/09 | CHSL Tournament (TBA)                   |
| Mon 10/05/09 | @ Grosse Pointe South (4 p.m.)          |
| Fri 10/09/09 | @ State Regionals, Novi (TBA)           |
| Fri 10/16/09 | @ State Finals (TBA)                    |



## NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

### Football

All games start at 7 p.m.

|              |                            |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Fri 08/28/09 | @ Pinckney                 |
| Fri 09/03/09 | @ Grand Blanc              |
| Fri 09/11/09 | @ South Lyon               |
| Fri 09/18/09 | South Lyon East            |
| Fri 09/25/09 | @ Stevenson                |
| Fri 10/02/09 | Salem (Homecoming)         |
| Fri 10/09/09 | @ Novi                     |
| Fri 10/16/09 | @ Conference Crossover     |
| Fri 10/23/09 | WL Northern (Senior Night) |

### Volleyball

|              |                                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sat 08/29/09 | @ Saline Inv. (8 a.m.)              |
| Thu 09/10/09 | Stevenson (6:30 p.m.)               |
| Sat 09/12/09 | @ Berkley Inv. (9 a.m.)             |
| Tue 09/15/09 | Salem (6:30 p.m.)                   |
| Sat 09/19/09 | @ Renaissance Inv. (8 a.m.)         |
| Thu 09/24/09 | @ Novi (6:30 p.m.)                  |
| Tue 09/29/09 | South Lyon (6:30 p.m.)              |
| Tue 10/06/09 | @ South Lyon East (6:30 p.m.)       |
| Thu 10/08/09 | @ Stevenson (6:30 p.m.)             |
| Sat 10/10/09 | KLA Challenge Inv. (8:30 a.m.)      |
| Tue 10/13/09 | @ Salem (6:30 p.m.)                 |
| Thu 10/15/09 | Novi (6:30 p.m.)                    |
| Sat 10/17/09 | @ Hartland Inv. (9 a.m.)            |
| Tue 10/20/09 | @ South Lyon (6:30 p.m.)            |
| Thu 10/22/09 | South Lyon East (6:30 p.m.)         |
| Sat 10/24/09 | @ Conference Tournament (TBA)       |
| Thu 10/29/09 | @ Association Crossover (6:30 p.m.) |
| Mon 11/02/09 | @ MHSAA Districts (TBA)             |

### Girls swimming and diving

|              |                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Tue 09/01/09 | Intersquad Scrimmage (6:30 p.m.) |
| Thu 09/03/09 | @ Ann Arbor Huron Inv. (2 p.m.)  |
| Sat 09/10/09 | @ WL Northern (6:30 p.m.)        |

|              |                              |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| Tue 09/15/09 | Stevenson (6:30 p.m.)        |
| Thu 09/24/09 | @ Salem (6:30 p.m.)          |
| Sat 09/26/09 | @ Lakeland Inv. (noon)       |
| Sat 09/26/09 | @ Salem Inv. (noon)          |
| Thu 10/01/09 | Novi (6:30 p.m.)             |
| Tue 10/06/09 | Canton (6:30 p.m.)           |
| Mon 10/12/09 | @ Churchill (6:30 p.m.)      |
| Thu 10/15/09 | South Lyon East (6:30 p.m.)  |
| Thu 10/22/09 | @ Brighton (6:30 p.m.)       |
| Fri 10/23/09 | @ MISCA Meet (TBA)           |
| Sat 10/24/09 | @ MISCA Meet (TBA)           |
| Fri 10/30/09 | @ Division Meeting (TBA)     |
| Sat 10/31/09 | @ Division Meet (TBA)        |
| Fri 11/06/09 | @ Conference Meeting (TBA)   |
| Sat 11/07/09 | @ Conference Meet (TBA)      |
| Thu 11/12/09 | Last Chance Meet (6:30 p.m.) |
| Tue 11/17/09 | @ MHSAA Regional (TBA)       |
| Fri 11/20/09 | @ MHSAA State Finals (TBA)   |
| Sat 11/21/09 | @ MHSAA State Finals (TBA)   |

### Boys cross country

|              |                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat 08/29/09 | @ South Lyon Inv. (9:30 a.m.)    |
| Thu 09/03/09 | @ Rochester Adams Inv. (6 p.m.)  |
| Sat 09/12/09 | @ Bath Inv. (TBA)                |
| Tue 09/15/09 | @ Salem (3:50 p.m.)              |
| Tue 09/22/09 | Novi (5 p.m.)                    |
| Sat 09/26/09 | @ Catholic Central Inv. (9 a.m.) |
| Tue 09/29/09 | @ South Lyon (4 p.m.)            |
| Tue 10/06/09 | South Lyon East (5:35 p.m.)      |
| Sat 10/10/09 | @ Portage Central Inv. (TBA)     |
| Tue 10/13/09 | Stevenson (4 p.m.)               |
| Thu 10/22/09 | @ Conference Meet (TBA)          |
| Fri 10/30/09 | @ MHSAA Regionals (TBA)          |
| Sat 11/07/09 | @ MHSAA State Finals (TBA)       |

### Girls cross country

|              |                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat 08/29/09 | @ South Lyon Inv. (9:30 a.m.)    |
| Thu 09/03/09 | @ Rochester Adams Inv. (6 p.m.)  |
| Sat 09/12/09 | @ KLA Inv. (9 a.m.)              |
| Tue 09/15/09 | @ Salem (3:50 p.m.)              |
| Tue 09/22/09 | Novi (5 p.m.)                    |
| Sat 09/26/09 | @ Catholic Central Inv. (9 a.m.) |
| Tue 09/29/09 | @ South Lyon (4 p.m.)            |
| Tue 10/06/09 | South Lyon East (5:35 p.m.)      |
| Sat 10/10/09 | @ Portage Central Inv. (TBA)     |
| Tue 10/13/09 | Stevenson (4 p.m.)               |
| Thu 10/22/09 | @ Conference Meet (TBA)          |
| Fri 10/30/09 | @ MHSAA Regionals (TBA)          |
| Sat 11/07/09 | @ MHSAA State Finals (TBA)       |

### Boys soccer

|              |                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Mon 08/31/09 | @ Churchill (7 p.m.)             |
| Wed 09/02/09 | Plymouth (7 p.m.)                |
| Tue 09/08/09 | South Lyon East (6 p.m.)         |
| Thu 09/10/09 | Stevenson (7 p.m.)               |
| Tue 09/15/09 | Salem (7 p.m.)                   |
| Thu 09/17/09 | @ Novi (7 p.m.)                  |
| Sat 09/19/09 | @ Saline (7 p.m.)                |
| Tue 09/22/09 | South Lyon (7 p.m.)              |
| Wed 09/23/09 | @ South Lyon East (6 p.m.)       |
| Fri 09/25/09 | Canton (5:30 p.m.)               |
| Tue 09/29/09 | @ Stevenson (7 p.m.)             |
| Thu 10/01/09 | @ Salem (7 p.m.)                 |
| Tue 10/06/09 | Novi (7 p.m.)                    |
| Wed 10/07/09 | @ South Lyon (7 p.m.)            |
| Mon 10/12/09 | @ Conference Crossover (7 p.m.)  |
| Wed 10/14/09 | @ Association Crossover (7 p.m.) |
| Mon 10/19/09 | @ MHSAA Districts (TBA)          |

### Girls golf

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mon 08/31/09 | South Lyon East (3 p.m.)          |
| Wed 09/02/09 | Stevenson (3 p.m.)                |
| Thu 09/03/09 | @ Ann Arbor Pioneer Inv. (9 a.m.) |
| Wed 09/09/09 | Salem (3 p.m.)                    |
| Mon 09/11/09 | @ Novi (3 p.m.)                   |
| Fri 09/14/09 | South Lyon (3 p.m.)               |
| Wed 09/16/09 | @ South Lyon East (3 p.m.)        |
| Sat 09/19/09 | @ Grosse Ile Inv. (1:30 p.m.)     |
| Mon 09/21/09 | @ Stevenson (4 p.m.)              |
| Wed 09/23/09 | @ Salem (3 p.m.)                  |
| Mon 09/28/09 | Novi (3 p.m.)                     |
| Tue 10/06/09 | @ South Lyon (3 p.m.)             |
| Thu 10/08/09 | @ Conference Finals (TBA)         |
| Fri 10/16/09 | @ MHSAA Regionals (TBA)           |
| Sat 10/17/09 | @ MHSAA State Finals (TBA)        |

### Boys tennis

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Thu 08/27/09 | Northville Quad (8 a.m.)                |
| Sat 08/29/09 | @ Grand Blanc Inv. (8 a.m.)             |
| Tue 09/01/09 | @ Salem (4 p.m.)                        |
| Thu 09/03/09 | Stevenson (4 p.m.)                      |
| Wed 09/09/09 | @ South Lyon (4 p.m.)                   |
| Thu 09/10/09 | @ South Lyon East (4 p.m.)              |
| Tue 09/15/09 | Novi (4 p.m.)                           |
| Sat 09/19/09 | @ Catholic Central Quad (8 a.m.)        |
| Mon 09/21/09 | @ University of Detroit-Jesuit (4 p.m.) |
| Tue 09/22/09 | @ Association Crossover-North (4 p.m.)  |
| Thu 09/24/09 | @ Association Crossover-West (4 p.m.)   |
| Tue 09/29/09 | @ Association Crossover-South (4 p.m.)  |
| Sat 10/03/09 | @ Conference Finals (TBA)               |
| Tue 10/06/09 | @ Association Crossover (4 p.m.)        |
| Wed 10/07/09 | @ Ann Arbor Huron (4 p.m.)              |
| Fri 10/09/09 | @ MHSAA Regionals (TBA)                 |
| Fri 10/16/09 | @ MHSAA State Finals (TBA)              |
| Sat 10/17/09 | @ MHSAA State Finals (TBA)</            |

# Depth key to Mustang tankers' chances

Northville High School girls' swimming and diving coach Brian McNeff is confident that his team will be better this year compared to the highly-competitive squad from last year. The only problem is McNeff is pretty sure all the other teams in the conference are better, too.

"It's going to be a hard-fought season that's going to come right down to the end," said McNeff, who is in his third year as head coach for the Mustangs.

Last year, the Mustangs finished third in their division and third in the Kensington Conference of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. They went on to finish 25th in the Michigan High School Athletic Association state finals.

Though the Mustangs lost several top-quality swimmers to graduation – namely all-star Jessica Weber – there is plenty of talent returning to keep the tankers competitive.

"Our strength this year is definitely our depth," said McNeff.

While there may be meets where the Mustangs won't be taking the most first place finishes, they have the ability to earn enough points for victories with strong second-, third- and fourth-place finishes.

Captains on this year's squad are also some of Northville's best swimmers: Seniors Kelly Burford, Becca Myers, Jill Moir and Michaela



The Northville Mustangs' varsity co-captains duck underwater for a quick photo during one of their late-August swim practices. From left: Jill Moir, Faith Miller, Becca Miers, and Kelly Burford.

Keady will be joined by junior Faith Miller as the squad's leaders.

The season is still very young with the Mustangs not due to compete until Sept. 3 when they travel to Ann Arbor Huron for an invitational. There, McNeff hopes to see the competitive spirit and talent that has impressed him so far this year.

"We've only had a week in the water but I really like what I've seen," the coach said. "It's been a great week. Everyone is determined to make the

goals I've set for them as well as their own personal goals. They are all making an effort to accomplish what they want to accomplish. From how hard they are working to their attitudes, I like what I've seen so far."

The toughest teams the Mustangs will face this year? McNeff didn't pull any punches when he said "all of them," and pointed out that Stevenson and Novi will be just as tough as they were last year when they finished ahead of Northville in the conference

standings. Salem and South Lyon, two teams the Mustangs edged out for third place last year, are improved and will present challenges as well, said McNeff.

"It's going to be a pretty tough year," he said. "We've got a talented and determined team, though. They're all ready to go."

In addition to the captains, this year's squad is made up of: Seniors: Jessica Buczowski, Alice Doong, Ashley Filipowicz, Kelsey Libbe, Kelly Stewart, Sue Ann

Shiah, and Megan Nichols; Juniors: Robbie Austin, Megan Blanchard, Christina Chapekis, Mariam Cheaib, Laura Cheaney, Rebekah Cullen, Jill Dobronski, Bridget Dunn, Haley Ferrario, Tori Hilmer, Rebecca Huff, Erica Isomura, Jennifer Jones, Rachel Jurczynski, Molly Ladhoff, Lauren Li, Kelly Sweeny, Allie Vogel, Jennifer Woodard and Lucille Zhou; Sophomores: Nicole Albrant, Liz Boutin, Rachel Brown, Katie Butler, LeAnn Dimitroff, Leah

**NORTHVILLE GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING**

Coach: Brian McNeff

Last Year: 3-2 in dual meets, Third in Division and Conference, 25th in State

Key Returning Players: Kelly Burford, Becca Myers, Jill Moir, Faith Miller and Michaela Keady

Biggest Challenge: Overcoming highly-skilled teams in division and conference

Erlandson, Sarah Garrity, Kayla Hagan, Sarah Jane Jones, Shannon Lohman, Ashley Moore, Susan Morris, Emily Mulcrone, Jane Parayil, Allison Sabo, Megan Truran, Teresa VanDenBerghe, Megha Vashi, Rebecca Willis, Catherine Yang; and Freshmen: Meredith Brady, Tess Breuch, Riley Bruen, Emily Butler, Lily Chen, Megan Conner, Catherine Cui, Sarah Cullen, Kristina Denniston, Kirsten Failing, Elizabeth Hetu, Chandler Hilton, Emily Iverson, Maddy Kipke, Grace LaFreniere, Shelby Mroz, Hannah Mullally, Lia Nagata, Maeve Nichols, Briana Shoenek, Madison Schultz, Shilpa Sharma, Hanah Sims, Michelle Song, Erin Vogel and Blair Winkler.

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# Northville welcomes numerous returning singles players

The Mustangs boys' tennis team is hoping to improve on their 13th-place finish in the state finals last year and looks to have the squad to be able to do it.

The Northville team, coached by Matt Stetson in his fifth year at the helm, returns many experienced and talented seniors. Tim Wasielewski, who will be playing first singles this year, was a first-team All-State selection last season. Melvin Joseph, who will be reclaiming his role as the Mustangs' second-singles netter, is back for his senior year after earning honorable mention All-State honors in 2008. Northville will also return

**NORTHVILLE BOYS TENNIS**

Coach: Matt Stetson

Last year: 8-2, second in division and conference, 13th in state finals

Key Returning Players: Tim Wasielewski, Melvin Joseph, Steve Irvine and Nick Kalweit

Biggest Challenge: Gaining experience in the doubles flights

their third singles player in Steve Irvine, who reached the quarterfinals in the state finals last year and is back for his senior campaign.

"The season is going to be an interesting one because we return a lot of our top play-

ers," said Stetson.

Playing fourth singles this year will be Nick Kalweit, who is also a senior.

While the singles line-up is secure and ready to start the march toward the state tournament, Stetson noted that there are still a lot of questions in the doubles flights.

"We lost a lot of guys from our doubles line-up last year," he said.

The top doubles player coming back from last season is Evan Gatz, a senior who will team up with sophomore Anthony Rossi at the first doubles flight. Returning varsity players Phil Lee, a junior, and sophomore Matt Satterfield, will partner up

for starting positions either at two or three doubles. Albert Chen, a senior, will join Bryce Grosbeck as a team in the flight not filled by Lee and Satterfield.

"At this point, we're still trying to figure out the rest of the line-up," said Stetson.

Seniors Alex Hsu, Jordan Blough, Neeraj Maheshwari and Kevin Fitzsimmons will compete against junior Austin Weaver and freshman Rahul Raj for the remaining playing positions.

"We could have a big year with so much talent at the top of our line-up," said Stetson. "The doubles will hopefully come along as the year progresses, but we will be rely-

ing heavily on our seniors in singles and doubles."

It is the seniors at the singles flights who Stetson believes will be the key in earning a strong finish in the state finals, as well as in the Central Division and Kensington Conference portion of the Kensington Lakes Athletic Association.

"Our singles players have a legitimate shot to finish in the top four at the states in their individual flights," Stetson noted.

The squad finished second in the Central Division and their conference last season behind the Novi Wildcats, the only team the Mustangs lost to in the regular season

in 2008. They finished 13th in the Michigan High School Athletic Association State Finals.

"We hope to improve on all three of those finishes this year," said Stetson.

Northville's next matches will be today when they host the annual Northville Quad meet at 8 a.m. And then Saturday when they visit Grand Blanc High School at 8 a.m. for an invitational. The Mustangs will then play at Salem Tuesday at 4 p.m. and then host Stevenson a week from today at 4 p.m.

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# Shamrocks want league title and playoff berth

Mach's team returns six on both sides

Defense has been the name of Tom Mach's Catholic Central Shamrocks' football program since he first stepped onto the sidelines as the head coach in 1975.

Come the 2009 kickoff, things are still going to pretty much be the same on that side of the football. The offensive schemes, however, have changed and will likely continue to do so.

"You can't just run the ball on everyone anymore," said Mach. "We still focus on that aspect of the game, but we can run a variety of offenses, including the spread."

The Shamrocks, who finished 6-4 last year with an eight-game regular season schedule and two games in the playoffs, will open up this Friday against Detroit Cody at home at 7 p.m.

"The Detroit schools are tough," noted Mach. "It's a good game to start the season with."

This year, like every year past, Mach and the Shamrocks will be focusing on two very important goals: First, they want to win the Catholic League title; Second, they want to earn a berth in the state playoffs.

Experience will help the Shamrocks reach that goal, with six players returning for positions on both sides of the football.

Senior Niko Palazeti will be returning in the

backfield along with Butch Herzog. Both players are expected to be impact running backs for the Shamrocks this season.

Quarterback Sam Landry, who saw playing time as a junior, will be back this season as well along with running backs Anthony Capatina, a senior, and senior Jon Savakus.

Jeff Sherman will anchor the line this year at center, returning from a good junior year, while senior Mike Still returns at right guard and Joe Snyder, a senior, is back at left guard.

Receivers John Jakubik, Josh Kyles and Tom Voutsos – all seniors – will be back as receivers for the Shamrocks and looking to take advantage of Landry's arm strength.

On the defensive side of the ball, where the Shamrocks are known to dominate, Sherman and Palazeti will play as defensive tackles in the 40 and 502 schemes Mach will be using again this season.

"We put a lot of emphasis on our defense," said Mach. "You have to have a good one in order to win it."

Playing linebacker will be seniors Herzog and Mike Kinville, while junior Justin D'Agostino will reprise his role as a linebacker as well as the team's kicker.

The Shamrocks will be looking to Savakus to stop the pass as a cornerback as well as Jakubik to roam



A Detroit Catholic Central varsity football player looks the ball into his hands while practicing with other receivers on Aug. 19. CC is preparing for its first game on Friday, Aug. 28th – at home.

the defensive secondary as a safety.

"We've got a lot of players that will be playing both sides of the ball at this point," said Mach. "We have backups and will spell them during the game, but

we need to build experience with our other players as the season goes along."

The goals for the Shamrocks this year, which features nine games instead of the eight they played last year, is to win

"You can't just run the ball on everyone anymore. We still focus on that aspect of the game, but we can run a variety of offenses, including the spread."

TOM MACH, Catholic Central coach

the Central Division of the Catholic League and make the state playoffs yet again.

"There are a lot of great teams in our division that will be making the state playoffs," said Mach. "Maybe even a couple of them good enough to go to the finals."

Though the competition will be stiff once again this year, Mach is confident in his players' abilities.

"I like the way they look and am happy where they are at so far this year," said Mach. "We've had great attendance in our running and lifting all year and these kids are ready to play."

Seniors on this year's team are: Josh Kyles, Sam Landry, Kamal Mheisen, Tom Voutsos, Anthony Capatina, John Jakubik, Jon Savakus, Corey Smith, Sean Flowerday, Tyler Broughton, Michael Kinville, Benjamin Diaz, Dylan Young, Joe Walters, Butch Herzog, Joseph Pacente, Niko Palazeti, Andrew Johnson, Anthony Seling, Kyle Tarter, Richard Heise, Jake Liphardt, Mike Still, Joe Snyder, Graham Mackie, Zack Wiggins,

**CATHOLIC CENTRAL FOOTBALL**

Coach: Tom Mach

Last Year: 6-4, State Playoffs

Key Returning Players: Niko Palazeti, Butch Herzog, Sam Landry, Anthony Capatina, Jon Savakus, Jeff Sherman, Josh Kyles, Mike Still, John Jakubik, Tom Voutsos, Mike Kinville and Justin D'Agostino

Biggest challenge: A tough central division in the Catholic League, getting experience for backups

Jeff Sherman, Cameron Borman, Bob Schultz, Enzo Stante, David Knuth, Sean Hannal, Nick Bolig, Dylan Drenwo, Pat MacDonell, Joe Widmer and Paul Baratta. Juniors are: Patrick McCarthy, Greg Voutsos, Brandon Sullivan, Dan Burton, Nick Ebrat, Andrew Nelson, Justin D'Agostino, Justin Messner, Louis Diponio, Scott Byrne, Andrew Erickson, Stone Monarch, Brandon Tammaro, Matt Schertzer, Brett Gardner, Andrew Breaugh, Wesley Vaughn, Miles Trealout, John Lawless, Jordan Gates, Nathan Wilkins, Marco Tonarelli, Randall Hamlin, George Darany, Michael Tibbits, Bob Green, Arben Nercesian, Ian Mular and Bob Hay. The lone sophomores on the Shamrocks' varsity roster are Matthew Godin and Matt Doneth.

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# Senior midfielder Gatt leads Catholic Central soccer

The familiar blue and white of the Catholic Central Shamrocks proved to be busy this weekend as they earned two wins and a loss to start off their soccer season.

The squad, which returns a slew of talented players for the 2009 campaign, dropped a tough 3-2 contest against the Salem Rocks before notching two convincing wins over Midland Dow, 3-0, and Walled Lake Northern, 4-0. Catholic Central is now 2-1 on the season.

Scoring for the Shamrocks' in their season-opening loss was senior midfielder Josh Gatt and junior midfielder Jon Malecke.

The Shamrocks were able to turn their luck around with three goals against Midland Dow for the shutout victory. Gatt, once again, scored for the Shamrocks while Ryan Majsac, a junior midfielder, scored two in the win. Catholic Central added goals by Gatt, senior forward Brandon Hess, junior forward Billy Riga and senior midfielder Jake Hodge in their win over the Knights of Walled Lake Northern.

This season, the Shamrocks will be looking for Gatt to continue his outstanding play that brought him honors all last year. Gatt earned 2008 Dream Team, All-State First Team, All-Region, All-District and All-Catholic League first team honors as well as a finalist for the Gatorade Player of the Year award.

Joining him as a returning player is Hess, who earned All-District and All-Catholic League first team honors last year. Coach Joe Nora, who is in his eighth year as the Catholic Central Shamrocks' head soccer coach, also pointed out senior defender Christian Arthur as a key component returning to this year's squad.

The key for the Shamrocks in their hunt for success this season will be keeping healthy as they look to improve on their 10-8-3 record from 2008.

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TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

## Playing from outside the teeing ground

By Jeanne Myers

The teeing ground is defined as a rectangular area two club-lengths in depth, the front and sides of which are defined by the outside limits of two tee markers.

In match play, if you play from outside the teeing ground, you do not get a penalty, but your opponent may immediately require you to cancel that shot and play from inside the teeing ground. He is not required to do so, and I suspect if you hit that tee shot out of bounds, he will be very silent! On the other hand, if you have a career shot, I'm sure he will ask you to cancel and re-play correctly.

Suppose you are playing a match and hit your tee shot out of bounds from the wrong teeing ground. This is easy to do on many of our courses with unmarked holes. Obviously, a wrong teeing ground is outside the teeing ground. Your opponent does not recall your shot and require you to play from the correct teeing ground. Your ball was put into play, but is now out of bounds. Under penalty of one stroke, you are required to play from where you last played, so you must play again from the wrong teeing ground. And, interestingly, you may not tee the ball because the original ball was not played from the teeing ground of the hole being played. Therefore the wrong teeing ground is really part of it through the green and the ball must be dropped. That's adding insult to injury, isn't it?

In stroke play, the situation is very different. The penalty for playing from outside the teeing ground is two strokes, and you must correct the mistake by playing from within the teeing ground. If you do not correct the mistake before teeing off on the next hole, you are disqualified. In the case of the 18th hole, you must declare your intention to correct your mistake before leaving the putting green. The tee shot played from outside the teeing ground and all subsequent shots before the correction is made do not count.

Let's look at an example of the correct way to deal with this situation if it happens to you. You and your fellow competitors, after finishing the 10th hole, play from the teeing ground of the 15th hole instead of the 11th hole. You realize your error before finishing the 15th hole, and return to the 11th tee and complete the round. Each of you adds two strokes to his score for the 11th hole. All the strokes made on the 15th hole do not count. But remember, if you didn't realize your mistake before teeing off on the 16th hole, you are disqualified.

Many competitions are played on golf courses that do not have hole signs. A Committee in charge of a competition should put some identifying marker on the holes so that players do not play from wrong teeing grounds. However, it is the responsibility of every player to know the stipulated round which is one of the conditions of the competition. A stipulated round consists of playing the holes of the course in their correct sequence, unless otherwise authorized by the Committee. Therefore, a lack of hole signs will not absolve a player from penalty.

A further word about tee-markers — Before and during the first stroke from a teeing ground the tee-markers are fixed, and may not be moved. After that, they are obstructions. Therefore, if by chance, your tee shot caroms off a tree and comes to rest next to a tee marker, you will get relief from the tee marker for your second shot under the movable obstruction rule.

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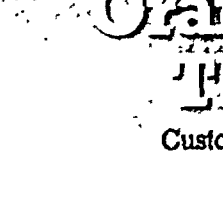
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Sincerely  
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ADVERTISING FEATURE

## Spotlight on Dance



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Gayle's Dance Phase dancers show off trophies earned at a national dance competition in Tennessee this June. The studio is currently hosting auditions for its Competitive Dance Program for ages 5 through 18.

BY ALISON BERGSEKER  
ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

With Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Technique, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Pointe and Tumbling, Gayle's Dance Phase is West Oakland County's premiere studio for boys and girls ages 2.5 through 18.

For dancers looking to turn their hobby into a year-round competitive sport, Gayle's Dance Phase offers a competition program for dancers as young as age 5.

"There is a lot of discipline in our competition program," said Instructor Nina Yurkunas. "It's more of a fast-paced, structured environment. We're offering auditions through September for dancers who want to compete with us this year."

The studio offers three levels of commitment at the team level — Novice with less than three hours per week; Line with less than four hours per week; and Elite with five or more hours per week.

All teams participate in a fall weekend camp that develops leadership skills, team skills and competition choreography.

"After your audition, we place you where your commitment and dance level fit best," Nina said. "There are a lot of opportunities for dancers who want to be in the program."



### Awarding winning dance teams

Gayle's competitive dance teams consistently win state and national awards for their performances.

At a national competition in Tennessee this June, several teams, small groups and individual dancers brought home awards.

"This was the studio's most successful nationals in terms of awards," said Gayle Winnie, who co-owns the studio with her sister, Tina Bishop. "We are really proud of all the awards and overalls the dancers won and the dancers for their sportsmanship, conduct and effort."

On alternating years, competitive dancers compete at state or national competitions. The local competition has been held in Sandusky in recent years, and dancers have traveled all the way to Las Vegas, Florida, Chicago, Toronto and New York for national competitions.

The staff at Gayle's Dance Phase encourages dancers to pursue their dreams after high school. Many dancers pursue college degrees in dance.

"We had quite a few dancers audition for So You Think You Can Dance," Nina said. "We really encourage our dancers to continue their dreams after they dance here. We help them get set up with programs to learn from other instructors and professional choreographers in different places to enhance their education."

### Team unity

Being responsible, accountable and organized are just a few of the skills competitive dancers pick up throughout the year at the studio.

Flexibility, coordination, exercise and friendships also make the list of the many benefits associated with dance.



"There is a lot of team unity amongst our competitive dancers," Nina said. "Not only do we have kids that are friends, they become more like family. Normally your best friends come from school. Some of these kids are best friends because of dance."

Dancers and parents interested in auditions for the Competitive Dance Program are encouraged to call 248-305-5600 to set up a time.

The studio is accepting auditions until the beginning of the season in September after Labor Day.

For those interested in the Non-Competitive Dance Program at Gayle's, walk-in registration is welcome from noon to 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays as late as December.

Gayle's Dance Phase is located at 51770 Grand River Ave. in Wixom.

*Gayle's Dance Phase offers award-winning Competitive Dance Program*

### Congratulations National Dancers!

Gayle's Dance Phase is excited to share the results from its 2009 National Event. This was the studio's most successful nationals in terms of awards.

#### Small Group Awards

Wonder Woman, Platinum & 8th Overall  
Funky Town, Platinum & 9th Overall  
The Incredibles, Platinum & 10th Overall  
Dream On, Platinum & 3rd Overall  
Mermaid, Gold & 8th Overall  
Distortion, Platinum & 4th Overall

#### Solo Gold Winners

Alyssa Winnie "Colors"  
Fallon Johnson  
Haley Marrocco & 3rd Overall  
Alex Turner & 10th Overall  
Zoe Fish  
Hayley Midea  
Lisa Loeckel & 3rd Overall  
Cassidy Church  
Kelli Jo Casarez "Army"  
Audrey Carson  
Stephanie DeClark "Make Me" & "Paris"  
Brittany Burns  
Elizabeth Roy & 2nd Overall  
Cassidy Church "Look At" & 5th Overall  
Jamie Limbriht  
Lauran Saeedell

#### Duo & Trio Results

Kay Bitty Platinum & 4th Overall  
Wrecked Platinum & 8th Overall  
2 Kool Gold  
5-6-7-8 Platinum & 8th Overall  
Time After Time Platinum & 10th Overall  
Together Again Platinum & 8th Overall  
Perfect Young Ladies Platinum & 4th Overall  
Star Struck Gold  
Just Dance Gold  
Hi Gold  
Shameless Gold

#### Solo Platinum Winners

Brittany Evans  
Emma Gessert & 10th Overall  
Alyssa Winnie "Daddy" & 9th Overall  
Kylie Douglas & 8th Overall  
Jenna Davis & 2nd Overall  
3rd Overall "Big Show"  
Lauren Wylie "Give It Up" & 5th Overall  
Julia Gessert & 5th Overall  
Lauren Wylie "Mad"  
Naomi Nakamura & 4th Overall  
Tessa Britza & 3rd Overall  
Shelby Bishop "Suzie" & 4th Overall  
Danielle Erasic "Rain" & 1st Overall  
3rd Overall "Big Show"  
Kelly Munzenberger & 7th Overall  
Laura Hall & 7th Overall  
Shelby Bishop "No Man"  
Danielle Johnson & 5th Overall  
Lauren Cole "Wanna See" & 5th Overall

Several Level 1 and Level 2 teams also won awards.

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## WHY SOME PEOPLE GO ABOVE AND BEYOND



### WORKWISE

by  
Mildred L.  
Culp

Individuals who, for personal and/or professional reasons, exerted themselves for others. They're in workplaces large and small and in industries of all kinds -- wherever you'll find people.

### TAKING CHARGE

Michael Barnes found competing demands on his time and life while practicing business and estate planning at DCBA Law & Policy L.L.C., in Washington, D.C. An engagement in Chicago often required weeks out of town, imperiling his ongoing work and personal matters. Non-attorney staffers volunteered to help, turning the stereotype of law firms on its head.

"One went to my house to keep the mail from piling up and even started my car every once in a while so that it would run when I returned home on weekends," he says. "The firm's bookkeeper

helped me with my personal bills as well as travel expenses. Our law clerk -- who is a law student -- provided support on a number of complex client matters, surprising me (and likely himself) with his substantive skills. They really kicked in extra effort to (assure) continuity, enable us to please our client in Chicago and help me avoid burnout."

Karissa Bentley encountered a nearly disastrous last-minute hitch when she was relocating from a San Francisco area Six Flags America to become Admissions and Guest Relations manager at the Six Flags America, in Upper Marlboro, Md. "It was a whirlwind move," she recalls, with about two weeks to organize, manage and throw herself into high gear, all of the way down to obtaining vet records and an airline reservation for Maddie, her 60-pound Golden Retriever mix. Bentley was planning to be taken to the airport by a co-worker at 4:30 a.m., but sleepless two hours before, went online. She discovered that Maddie needed a physical and a written statement from her veterinarian that she was fit to fly.

Roommates could have taken the dog, but Bentley, "an emotional mess," asked her co-worker, a close friend, to help. He took Maddie in for two weeks, drove her to the veterinarian for the paperwork and took her to the airport for her transcontinental flight. The co-worker



L. to R. Liza Conrad, Isha Holy, Michael Barnes (center) and Paul Scott O'Neill (far right).



More playful for the lazy days of summer (with dog): L. to R. Liza Conrad, Isha Holy, Michael Barnes (center), Hattie Barnes (dog), and Paul Scott O'Neill (far right).

subsequently transferred to the Upper Marlboro facility.

Behavioral psychologist Meredith Gardner of The Strategic Edge in New York City describes one time she helped. She recalls her job in a small executive search firm, working with a man who needed a list of contacts requiring lots of cold calling -- not his strong suit. She spent about 10 to 15 hours developing a list of 10 prime people for him to call.

### MOTIVATIONS

Why do some people go out of their way for others at work? "I helped him because I wanted to," Gardner says. She wanted recognition, a friend, and made one. Their friendship continues 30 years later.

Barnes says that staff members volunteered for professional reasons -- to help the young firm and help maintain their job security. "I also think they realized that what I was doing was very difficult," he comments. "So I think they had both professional and personal motivations."

Bentley, Maddie's owner, maintains that the family atmosphere of Six Flags encourages employees to ask for help and to give it. "In large businesses," she says, "if you don't ask, others may not know."

However, she adds about her co-worker, "He really felt for me and he really loved that dog."

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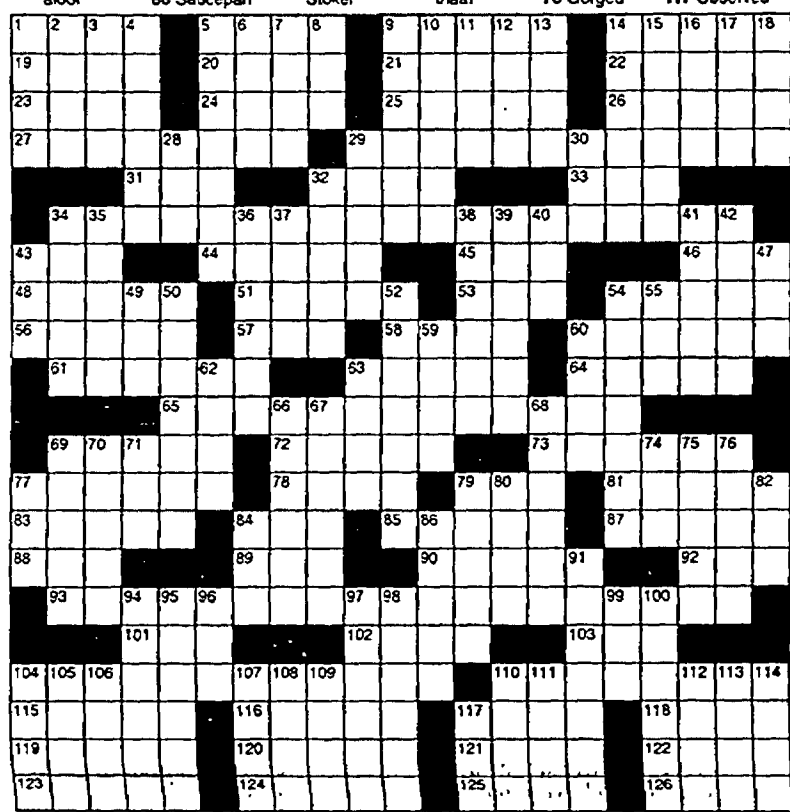
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**ACROSS**

1 Kidnappers?  
5 Frolic  
9 Elsie's appendage  
14 Gather  
19 Come unglued  
20 Spread in a tub  
21 Sib's kid  
22 Send the money  
23 Tel —  
24 Barmy  
25 Build a bamer  
26 Where Athenians assembled  
27 Combative  
29 Speaker of remark at  
34 Across  
31 Sloth or anger  
32 Bone-dry  
33 Lubricate  
34 Start of remark  
43 Dogpatch's  
44 Inventor  
45 — Grande  
46 Chop  
48 Bronte's — Grey  
51 More aloof  
53 Menno male  
54 Emulate  
56 Summarize  
57 Rocker  
60 Momson  
61 Gracious me!  
62 Actress Wendy  
63 Dignified calm  
64 Winter Bret  
65 Church instrument  
66 Part 2 of remark  
69 With 29 Down, "Touched by an Angel" star  
72 Leases  
73 Gives in to gravity  
77 Not as messy  
78 Bk. loan  
79 53 Across' mate  
81 Rock's — Trick  
83 Like Yale's wadis  
84 — degree  
85 Day or Duke  
87 Yaphet of "Homicide"  
88 Saucepan  
89 Actress MacGraw  
90 Get the soap off  
92 "Sea Hunt" shocker  
93 Part 3 of remark  
101 — G  
102 Mrs. Charlie Chaplin  
103 Ferns-wheel unit  
104 End of remark  
110 Texas town  
115 Tycoon  
116 Time on the throne  
117 Word with pad or powder  
118 Equipment  
119 Disintegrate  
120 Football's Herber  
121 Frank or Francis  
122 Peruvian Indian  
123 Gardening tool  
124 Elbowed  
125 Dandelion, for one  
126 Playwright Coward  
**DOWN**  
1 Scary Stoker  
2 Saan's Shankar  
3 Demonic  
4 Concoct  
5 Bookstore section  
6 Ken or Lena  
7 Dissolve  
8 Seal school  
9 Open Old Glory  
10 Fuel choice  
11 Lions' lairs  
12 "Behold!" to Brutus  
13 Virginia —  
14 Mideastern tongue  
15 Word form for "great"  
16 Run — (lose control)  
17 Father  
18 Show-stopper  
28 See 69 Across  
30 Card game  
32 "Carmen" setting  
34 Bet  
35 Ergo  
36 Master Twist  
37 Singlass  
38 Thiss and that  
39 Highakutn' headgear  
40 — "Dooley" (58 ha)  
41 Actress  
42 Sorbo or Spacey  
43 Deface  
47 Elfin  
49 "The Bells" monogram  
50 Bad  
52 Showed one's feelings  
54 Sorcerer  
55 Unit of work  
59 Univ. tests  
60 Piglet's papa  
62 Practice boxing  
63 — up (detained)  
66 Imitation gold  
67 Feature  
68 Crusader  
69 St. Andrews  
70 Winter Whanion  
71 Decline  
74 "Now I've got you!"  
75 Lorie or Lely  
76 Gorged  
77 Hint  
79 Slezak or Eleniak  
80 Jeroboam contents  
82 Office seeker, for short  
84 Eastern "Way"  
86 Primate  
91 Flew the coop  
94 Rele (lo)  
95 Bank employee  
96 Court  
97 — bag  
98 Lamented  
99 Conflict  
100 Starting point  
104 Hoskins in Hook  
105 Puzzle part  
106 Like kids at Christmas  
107 Certain sandwich  
108 Archdiocesan  
109 Hughes' milieu  
110 Top-notch  
111 Lion's pride  
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CRO LENO GLIB EDICT  
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## Local pros: Market's 'starting to look up'

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Gary Reggish, owner of Remerica United Realty in Novi, has been in real estate 10 years. The Livonia resident's president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

"Things are absolutely starting to look up," Reggish said. The multiple listing service numbers through June show more homes sold in June than in previous Junes for many years.

"That is awesome news," Reggish said. "June was a record month for home sales."

He's pleased with a 27 percent drop in houses on the market, reducing inventory and helping with supply and demand issues. "That's absolutely a direction we want to be moving in," Reggish said.

The WWOCAR president cites good depth of homes available and the \$8,000 tax credit available to first-time buyers. That's getting many people off the fence, as it sunsets Nov. 30.

"We've been working very hard in promoting that it's a good time to buy," Reggish said.

Some people treat the housing market like the stock market, waiting for prices to drop. They may miss a great buying opportunity, he said.

"We're moving in the right direction" toward stabilizing property values. "We're heading toward stability."

He sees people relocated by their employers coming back to Michigan; some were in temporary corporate housing and may qualify for the \$8,000 credit.

Reggish is seeing more sold signs on properties, which boosts additional sales. "When they see movement, they start to buy."

More realistic pricing is also helping. "Same rules have always applied. Price a home right, you're going to get activity and you're going to sell."

In a declining market, as opposed to appreciating or stable, the seller should aim just below recent sales. "We're shooting at a moving target," Reggish said.

The economic downturn in Michigan related to auto company woes has certainly hit housing. "People tend to hold off on spending because they're uncertain about the future," he said, citing older cars on the road and home repairs delayed.

"They're going to have to start investing in goods," Reggish and others at Farmington-based WWOCAR are working with Michigan legislators on job creation.



He noted our state has lost some 600,000 jobs since 2000, mostly in auto manufacturing. "That has a huge impact in the salability of our houses." He and others are working at the state level to bring in new companies for job creation and boost small business startups as well.

Michigan is below the national average on small business ownership, Reggish said.

Dan Elsea, president of brokerage services for Southfield-based Real Estate One, also has his finger on the pulse of the housing market.

"There's cause for optimism," said Elsea, a 25-year veteran of real estate who lives in Troy. The main thing he sees is first-time buyers and investors buying, driving down inventory.

"That's always the first sign you look for in a housing recovery," Elsea said, adding that recovery piece isn't always tied to the economic requirement. For a full recovery, "the economic piece has to kick in at some time. This is the first stage of the good news." The shift will be to a neutral or even seller's market.

Elsea agreed the \$8,000 tax credit helped; until recently, 70 percent of their sales were in the \$100,000 market. They're starting to see activity at prices above that, and he noted great interest rates and housing deals got people to buy.

"They're still staying and buying because 80's still a good price as compared to 120," Elsea said. He anticipates the higher end will improve, with the slowest category the \$500,000 to

\$900,000 or so.

That category was created in the 1990s largely by dual income families, Elsea said, a less stable economic unit. There's also a demographic gap in that category between baby boomers and the next generation of buyers.

Realtor Adam Hammons of RE/MAX Classic in Canton agreed things are looking up in the housing market. "We've been seeing the market since about April pick up," said Hammons, a Westland resident. "We've had a real improvement in sales."

Homes up to about \$80,000 are selling well, and Hammons is seeing movement in Canton in the \$125,000-\$165,000 range. "It's been a great time to buy," he said, adding he sees increased consumer confidence.

Hammons finds the \$8,000 credit has helped but the driving factor is elsewhere, "how much home you can buy for these prices right now." He's a seven-year veteran of real estate, and agreed many consumers were scared and holding off on purchases.

"Now it seems like everyone is relaxing a bit and spending more. I think it's going to continue," he said. Hammons is encouraged that there will even be small increases in values.

"So that's good news."

Ruth Martin, associate broker with Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth Township, said, "I would definitely say it is looking up. We are getting rid of a lot of inventory. There are starting to be some competing offers."

Some investors are picking up foreclosed properties. "The banks are trying to work out the short sales a little faster. I'm very optimistic, absolutely," said Martin, a Livonia resident with 23 years in real estate. "I think the stimulus check is helping a lot of first-time buyers."

Realtor Ron Jasgur, who owns Homesource Realtors in Southfield, is seeing an upswing. Jasgur, with 12 years in real estate, noted home sales have increased in the last six-eight months.

"Pricing, on the other hand, is another story," the Commerce Township resident said. There are still homes in good neighborhoods with good schools.

"The volume has definitely picked up," he said. "It's a great time to buy."

He's seeing first-time buyers interested in the credit, up around the \$250,000 point and below. "Obviously, there is pent-up demand for the higher end items," Jasgur said.

He added high unemployment in Michigan puts a damper on home sales: "Everybody would be buying if they knew they could sell."

## Attorney can advise on land contract

Q: I have a land contract which allows me, as the seller, to exercise my option to accelerate the unpaid balance because the land contract vendee has defaulted. Do I need to give notice of such acceleration?

A: The answer is no. Under a recent case in the Michigan Court of Appeals the court held that no particular form or type of notice is prescribed for exercising the right to accelerate and that, in fact,



Robert Meisner

commencement of an action for foreclosure would evidence the seller's desire to exercise and would constitute an exercise of the right and option to accelerate. You should, however, review the contents of your land contract with an attorney to ensure that there is not an additional requirement in your land contract form.

Q: My property has been foreclosed on and I am trying to get refinancing. I am hoping that the bank who did the foreclosing will extend the redemption period. Do they have any obligation to do so?

A: No, even if the bank's refusal was based on spite or for any other reason, the bank has no obligation to make any concession by extending the redemption period based upon a recent case out of the Michigan Court of Appeals. If you do not tender the money before the expiration of redemption period sufficient to satisfy its tolling, you will be out of luck. You should retain an attorney, however, to see if something can be worked out with the lending institution.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND COUNTY

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|                        |                     |           |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 15719 Kirkshire Ave    | Beverly Hills       | \$67,000  |
| 30200 Bristol Ln       | Biagam Farms        | \$212,000 |
| 1785 Bowers St         | Birmingham          | \$150,000 |
| 1256 Cedar Dr          |                     | \$263,000 |
| 1999 Henrietta St      |                     | \$350,000 |
| 971 N Old Woodward Ave |                     | \$170,000 |
| 2494 Pembroke Rd       |                     | \$180,000 |
| 17415 Elton St         |                     | \$156,000 |
| 1382 Westboro          |                     | \$430,000 |
| 774 Brookwood Walk     | Bloomfield Township | \$281,000 |
| 2808 Dandery Ct        |                     | \$214,000 |
| 2375 E Hammond Lake Dr |                     | \$175,000 |
| 1733 Hickory Bark Ln   |                     | \$174,000 |

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| 6830 Orinoco Cir         | Clarkston         | \$147,000 |
| 6645 Almond Ln           |                   | \$108,000 |
| 8595 Elkrun Dr           |                   | \$310,000 |
| 5074 Greenview Dr        | Commerce Township | \$187,000 |
| 2464 Ivy Hill Dr         |                   | \$240,000 |
| 2516 Ivy Hill Dr         |                   | \$240,000 |
| 5311 Weston Ct           |                   | \$165,000 |
| 23610 Bicking Ct         | Farmington        | \$75,000  |
| 33880 Glenview Dr        |                   | \$210,000 |
| 23340 Longacre Ct        |                   | \$190,000 |
| 29018 Lorikay St         | Farmington Hills  | \$55,000  |
| 30484 Rumblewood Club Dr |                   | \$135,000 |
| 29254 Stillwater         |                   | \$207,000 |
| 29844 Tanglewood Dr      |                   | \$125,000 |
| 2836 Beland Ave          | Keego Harbor      | \$35,000  |
| 3415 Blasser Dr          | Lake Orion        | \$157,000 |
| 66 Golden Gate St        |                   | \$103,000 |
| 3817 Long Meadow Ln      |                   | \$197,000 |
| 1822 Valley Ln           |                   | \$126,000 |
| 18202 Wiltshire Blvd     | Lathrup Village   | \$100,000 |

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|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 3380 Morrow Ln        | Milford          | \$60,000  |
| 45167 Nine Mile Road  | Novi             | \$295,000 |
| 2026 Austin Dr        |                  | \$50,000  |
| 28380 Carlton Way Dr  |                  | \$159,000 |
| 50945 Chesapeake Dr   |                  | \$685,000 |
| 45108 Roundview Dr    |                  | \$250,000 |
| 45736 White Pines Dr  |                  | \$340,000 |
| 5295 Ashmonte Ct      | Oakland Township | \$405,000 |
| 2647 Invitational Dr  |                  | \$635,000 |
| 144 Linwood Ave       | Rochester        | \$439,000 |
| 1619 Springnew Ct     |                  | \$475,000 |
| 17193 Apple Ridge Ct  | Rochester Hills  | \$283,000 |
| 2522 Brilliance       |                  | \$234,000 |
| 633 Millstone Dr      |                  | \$190,000 |
| 1036 Olympia Dr       |                  | \$315,000 |
| 187 Orchardale Dr     |                  | \$185,000 |
| 2931 Pheasant Ring Dr |                  | \$442,000 |
| 123 Stratford Ln      |                  | \$100,000 |
| 1834 Streamedge Ct    |                  | \$107,000 |
| 58735 Carriage Ln     | South Lyon       | \$10,000  |
| 61391 Dean Dr         |                  | \$133,000 |

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|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 208 Oakbrooke Dr      | Southfield      | \$66,000  |
| 23622 Prescott Ln E   |                 | \$319,000 |
| 79405 Addison Dr      |                 | \$15,000  |
| 20985 Constitution St |                 | \$132,000 |
| 21420 Polomac St      |                 | \$78,000  |
| 3766 Horseshoe Dr     | Troy            | \$163,000 |
| 4949 Rivers Edge Dr   |                 | \$389,000 |
| 6579 Veranoor Dr      |                 | \$226,000 |
| 274 Wellsboro St      | Walled Lake     | \$99,000  |
| 1048 Erskine Way      | Waterford       | \$185,000 |
| 4023 Lotus Dr         |                 | \$118,000 |
| 3970 Maiden St        |                 | \$136,000 |
| 5530 River Park Dr    |                 | \$145,000 |
| 2295 Eastman Blvd     | West Bloomfield | \$290,000 |
| 4236 Foxpouke Dr      |                 | \$173,000 |
| 5765 Kingsfield Dr    |                 | \$190,000 |
| 5873 Kingsfield Dr    |                 | \$151,000 |
| 6138 Palomino Ct      |                 | \$60,000  |
| 7393 Westbury Blvd    |                 | \$180,000 |
| 9045 Huron Bluffs Dr  | White Lake      | \$263,000 |

### BRIEFS

#### Career Seminar

Come to a free 59-minute Career Seminar 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, to find out why now is a good time to get into real estate. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. It is offered by Keller Williams Realty, 36642 Five Mile, Livonia 48154. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

#### Real Estate as a Second Career

A seminar for individuals considering real estate will be held each Saturday at noon at Home Smart Realty, 20853 Farmington Road. Call (248) 426-6754 to reserve your seat. Offered by Home Smart Realty.

#### Foreclosure tours

Tour foreclosed homes in the Farmington and sur-

rounding areas on every Sunday at 1 p.m., offered by Home Smart Realty, 20853 Farmington Road. Call (248) 426-6754 for more information and registration.

#### Investors

Learn about legal updates concerning the real estate industry including mortgage debt relief, first-time buyers, lead paint, license requirements, energy credits, Proposal A, military housing relief, etc. This seminar will give Realtors 2.0 hours Continuing Education credits. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland Thursday, Sept. 10, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

#### BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council presents a seminar on "Financial Planning" on Wednesday, Sept. 9, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Brad Hinkson of Hinkson Construction, Inc. and NABHR chair, will moderate the presentation that will address how to evaluate the financial health of your business, self-diagnosis and how to get back on the right track. There is no charge for council members and \$15 for guests. Advance payment is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org. ■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern

Michigan's (BIA) Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will hold a Real Estate Continuing Education course on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real Estate Continuing Education.

Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$120 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. Continental breakfast and lunch are included.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present an overview of the Michigan Uniform Energy Code on

Thursday, Sept. 17, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services, LLC will present the training including comparison of the four compliance strategies, an explanation of the various methods of demonstrating compliance, a discussion of construction related changes, a description of the different foundation insulation systems, a comparison of insulation materials, and a view of the Sample Cost Scenarios of the different methods.

Registration fees are \$55 for Green Built™ Council members, \$75 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$95 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of May 11-15, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

|                        |             |           |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 41569 Ayrshire Dr      | Canton      | \$130,000 |
| 40459 Bay Harbor Ln    |             | \$302,000 |
| 5756 Gaiman St         | Garden City | \$90,000  |
| 29120 Broadmoor St     | Livonia     | \$200,000 |
| 9928 Brookfield St     |             | \$112,000 |
| 18914 Glenarry Dr      |             | \$295,000 |
| 29729 Nottingham Cir   |             | \$120,000 |
| 17173 Stamwich St      |             | \$340,000 |
| 17305 Vacri Ln         |             | \$195,000 |
| 18922 Heather Ridge Dr | Northville  | \$573,000 |
| 16521 Mulberry Way     |             | \$259,000 |
| 15537 Preswick Cir N   |             | \$549,000 |
| 42955 Whitestone Ct    |             | \$210,000 |
| 342 Pacific St         | Plymouth    | \$168,000 |
| 157 S Mill St          |             | \$135,000 |
| 480 Sunset St          |             | \$105,000 |
| 9216 Berwyn            | Redford     | \$105,000 |
| 18852 Brady            |             | \$75,000  |
| 26555 Cathedral        |             | \$80,000  |
| 19371 Fairfield        |             | \$43,000  |
| 15085 Gaylord          |             | \$140,000 |
| 6770 Churruwa St       | Westland    | \$112,000 |
| 34335 Parkgrove Dr     |             | \$191,000 |

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| <b>Garage Sales 7110</b><br><b>19TH ANNUAL MUSICIANS GARAGE SALE.</b> Aug 29 & 30 Buy/Sell anything in music. Dan 517-404-2650.<br><b>BEVERLY HILLS</b> Huge Moving Sale - August 28, 29 & 30 and September 5, 6 & 7, 14 Mile Rd. and Eastlady Dr.<br><b>BIRMINGHAM</b> GIGANTIC MOVING SALE. Beautiful quality furniture, corner cabinet, twin sleigh bed, dressers, tables, bookcases, desk, porcelain kitchen set, antiques, chandeliers, light fixtures, artwork, pedestal sink, china, crystal, mirrors, crib, electric scooter, quality adult & children's clothing and more. 8:30 - 3:00 SATURDAY ONLY 8/29 1666 Birmingham Blvd, Birmingham.<br><b>BIRMINGHAM</b> Huge Sale- Designer men's & women's clothing, home decor 8/28-29 1-6pm. CASH-ONLY. 2235 W. Maple Rd.<br><b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b> GARAGE/YARD SALE - Aug 26-28, 9am-4pm CASH ONLY! Baby and children's clothes, toys, baby strollers, Step 2 Playhouse, small electronics, TV's (27 and 31 inch), men's and women's clothes, yard equipment, books, DVDs, Pro Form treadmill, household items and much more! 2640 Bradley, N/Maple and W/Cranbrook.<br><b>BLOOMFIELD TWP.</b> Antique baker's cupboard, designer clothes, luggage, rollerblades, lamps Sat. 10-5pm. 6129 Lantern Ln, W of Telegraph blwn Maple & Quarten, Foxcroft Sub.<br><b>BRIGHTON 5 FAMILY</b> Thurs & Fri 8-4, 5038 Ashton Ct. off Brighton Rd across from Iron Grill. Toys, books, designer clothing, furniture, electronics.<br><b>CANTON 3 Family</b> Garage Sale 2067 Bellingham, Palmer & Sheldon, Fri, 9-5, Sat., 9-12 (Half off). | <b>Garage Sales 7110</b><br><b>CANTON- HUGE</b> Garage Sale Sat., Aug. 29, 8-4pm. Southwest corner of Beck & Geddes Furniture, baby & children's clothes, toys, back-to-school supplies, outdoor tents, framed artwork, candles. ONE DAY ONLY!<br><b>CANTON:</b> 3 family sale. Antiques, household items, toys, games, gym equip, lots of misc. Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 9am. 830 & 840 Glencliff.<br><b>Farmington Garage Sale</b> Corner of Power and Loomis. Trundle bed, DVD stand, boys and women's clothing, toys, games, portable dishwasher, and much more Friday 10-5pm, Saturday 10-5pm, Sunday 12-3pm.<br><b>FARMINGTON HILLS -</b> Aug 27-29, 10-6 Multi-Family, 21539 St. Francis, N/8 Mile, W/ Inkster. Furniture, electronics, CDs, tools, household items - big & small, carpets, comforters, toys & clothes.<br><b>FARMINGTON HILLS -</b> Design business & multi home sale Aug 29-30, 12-6p. 25820 Orchard Lake, S of 11 Mile. Misc furniture & art work.<br><b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> ESTATE/GARAGE. Huge Sale! Thurs-Fri-Sat. Aug 27-29, 10-6. Clothing, glassware, kitchenware, china sets, office supplies, furniture, art, vintage, collectibles, books, more. 29480 Sugarwing Holly Hall Sub W/Middlebelt, S/13 Mile.<br><b>FARMINGTON HILLS- Huge</b> family garage sale. Fri-Sun, Aug. 28-30th, 9-5pm. Everything imaginable! 8 ft Western plow, power tools, furniture, antiques, 1920s 2 tone oak dining room set w/table, buffet and 2 chairs, perennial flowers, brand new items. Attention collectors: we have 30 yrs plus baseball cards (1950-1990s), many in mint cond. So much more, you have to come see for yourself! 21929 Leyte (9 Mile/Inkster)<br><b>FARMINGTON HILLS- Kid's</b> stuff & a lot of misc. items. 8/27-8/29 9-5pm 25811 & 25812 Casslergh, S of 11 E. of Middlebelt. | <b>Garage Sales 7110</b><br><b>FARMINGTON HILLS- Aug</b> 27-28. Household items, furniture, bedding, holiday items, kitchenware 37280 Aspen. S. of 9 Mile, E. of Halstead.<br><b>FARMINGTON</b> Household items, furniture, medical equip., tools, books, toys, collectibles, vintage/antiques. 8/27-8/29 9-5pm. 23500 Sans Souci, off Middlebelt blwn 9 & 10 Mile.<br><b>GARDEN CITY- Gigantic Sale!</b> Aug 28-30, 10-5pm. Glassware, pots & pans, small appls, tables, bikes, tools, 24" & 18" pipe wrench. Snow/ Roof Shovel, old country music 8 track tapes, metal closet, queen size sheets, car seat, vinyl upholster material, 64 Chromacore, 12 string Crestwood Guitar, 25 yrs old. Black diamond strings, never used, lots, lots, more. 30835 Rosslyn, blwn. Ford Rd & Cherry Hill, E. off Meridian.<br><b>HAMBURG - 10485 Campbell</b> Ct. off M-36 blwn Learning Ln & Marathon Gas Station, Aug 26-30, 9-5pm. Antique furniture & misc items.<br><b>HARTLAND. 2456 North</b> Tippecanoe Lake Rd. Aug 27, 28, 29, 9am to 6pm. Antiques, games, 2006 Gold Jaguar S, speakers, walkie talkies, karaoke player, lots more.<br><b>HARTLAND. MULTI-FAMILY</b> 2853 Buffalo, 3/4 mile north off M-59, east of 23 Aug 27, 28, 29, 9am to 5pm.<br><b>HIGHLAND 222 John St., M59</b> & Miford Rd. Aug. 27-29th, 9am-4pm. Household items, kid's stuff, freezer & furniture.<br><b>Local Jobs</b><br><a href="http://HOMETOWNlife.com">HOMETOWNlife.com</a><br><b>JOBS AND CAREERS</b><br><b>HIGHLAND SAMPLE SALE</b> One Day Only! September 4th, 9-5pm, 1444 Blue Heron (M-59 to Tippecanoe Lk. Rd. North, follow the signs) Housewares, hardware, school supplies & plastics. | <b>Garage Sales 7110</b><br><b>HOWELL. Aug 27, 28, 29, 30,</b> 9am-5pm. 4318 St. Andrews, Oak Pointe Sub. Jeep power wheels, athletic equip., childrens clothing, winter coats, American Girl items, misc.<br><b>Howell. Yard Sale: 1425</b> Third Ave, Howell Thursday & Friday August 27th & 28th. Furniture, Collectibles, Appliances, House Equipment, Antiques, Brand name clothes, Women's and Kid clothes and much more. Tel: 517-552-4060<br><b>LIVONIA- Thurs-Sat. 8-27</b> 8/29, 9-4pm. 10000 Loveland, S of Plymouth Rd., E. of Farmington Rd. HUGE SALE - Baby & Kids' furniture, toys & clothing. Appliances, Books, Beanie's, Boys' Bears & More! GREAT CONDITION!<br><b>LIVONIA 15575 Mayfield, E.</b> of Farmington, N. of 5 Mile. Baby & children's clothing, furniture, toys & household items. Thurs-Sat., Aug 27-29th, 9am-4pm.<br><b>LIVONIA- Multi-Family</b> Garage Sale - 37561 Bristol Ct., 6 Mile & Newburgh 8/27-28, 8AM. Antiques, Sewing Machines, Furniture, Baby.<br><b>Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)</b><br><b>LIVONIA</b> Sat., Sun. 7, 30-April. 19235 Bethany Furniture, tools, housewares, car parts. | <b>Garage Sales 7110</b><br><b>LIVONIA Two Family Sale -</b> 32931 Southgate St. Livonia, near 6 & Farmington. Thurs-Fri, Aug 27-28th, 9am-4pm. Household items, bar stools, baby food, scrapbooking, books, much more!<br><b>LIVONIA- PERISH-WIDE</b> garage sale. TOOLS, furniture, household, collectibles, vintage, garden, decor, purses, jewelry, religious. 8/28 & 2/29, 9-5pm. Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 W. 6 Mile (just E of Middlebelt). No early sales.<br><b>LIVONIA- Various household</b> items, clothing & more! 8/27-8/30, 8-5pm. 18329 Manor Ln in Calhoun Manor Sub, blwn 6 & 7, W of Newburgh.<br><b>LIVONIA- Aug 27-29, 9-4.</b> Multi-Family. Appliances, furniture, clothes, games & more for home & family. 18636 Glenarry, 7 Mile/Newburgh.<br><b>LYON TWP- Huge</b> downsizing yard sale! Great variety - household, tools, misc. Fri & Sat. 9-4pm. Sun 9-2pm. 52250 12 Mile, at John's Rd blwn Napier & Haas.<br><b>MILFORD - MULTI-FAMILY</b> 1630 Weaver, blwn Duck Lake & Commerce Fri-Sat, Aug 28-29, 9-5pm.<br><b>NORTHVILLE Sat, 8/29 ONLY!</b> 9-4pm. Home accessories, rugs, granite countertop w/sink, custom crib, toys, etc. 44871 Gahway<br><b>NORTHVILLE. 20507 Wood-</b> bend Dr. Beck/8. Kitchenware, appls, garden tools & mirrors, antique phone, toys & murrors. Fri-Sat, Aug 28 & 29, 9-6.<br><b>NORTHVILLE: 343 S. Rogers,</b> N. of 7, blwn Beck & Sheldon. Furniture, toys, misc. Aug 28-29, Fri. 8-6 & Sat. 8-4<br><b>NORTHVILLE- Aug 27-29,</b> 8am. Furniture, dishes, kids clothes, toys, clothing, accessories. 206 W. Dunlap (Downtown) 248-762-6552<br><b>NORTHVILLE: Chanty</b> Garage Sale, Hobbes Road, Aug 29 & 30, 9-5 19525 Maxwell Dr 7 Mile, blwn Hagerty & Northville | <b>Garage Sales 7110</b><br><b>NOVI- MULTI FAMILY</b> Aug 28 & 29, 9am-4:30pm. 41071 Todd Lane. 8 Mile and Meadowbrook. Sporting and household goods, furniture, childrens toys and more.<br><b>NOVI 41162 Marks Dr., blwn</b> 8/9, off Meadowbrook. Thurs-Sun, 10am-4pm. Toys, sports, furniture, boys' clothing misc.<br><b>NOVI Great prices!</b> Furniture, housewares, rugs, linens, clothing Fri, Aug 28, 9am-6pm. Sat, Aug 29, 9am-4pm. 41501 Sleazy Hollow Dr, Novi. In the Maples!<br><b>NOVI. Aug. 27, 28, 29, 9am</b> to 4pm. Tools, holiday items, toys, misc. 23665 Maude Lea, 10 Mile & Meadowbrook, Willowbrook Sub.<br><b>NOVI: Toys, games, Barbies,</b> K-5 books, quality children's clothing, pottery and much more. Thurs-Sat 10-6 24546 Redwing Dr. Briarwood Sub.<br><b>PINCKNEY Aug 27 &amp; 28, 9am-4pm.</b> 5655 Lawrence Ct. Corner of M36 and Chilson. Tournament fishing equip. some new Boat accessories, furniture, bikes, framed art, camping equip & much more!<br><b>PINCKNEY. 11658 Earl St.</b> Multi-family Aug 27, 28, 9am to 3pm, Aug 29, 9 to Noon.<br><b>PLYMOUTH Aug 27 &amp; 28,</b> 9-5pm. Huge multi-family & 40300 Schoolcraft blwn Eckles/Hagerty.<br><b>PLYMOUTH Fri. &amp; Sat., 9am-5pm.</b> Everything Must Go! 12238 High Meadow Court, Sheldon & Ann Arbor Trail | <b>Garage Sales 7110</b><br><b>PLYMOUTH Household,</b> antiques, Longaberger, furniture, toys. 46718 Darwood CL/Woodlore North Sub - Fri 8/28, 9:00 am.<br><b>PLYMOUTH TWP. Multi-</b> Family Thurs-Sat, Aug 27-29, 8-4pm. Home goods, glassware, clothes 45431 Barrington blwn Joy & Ann Arbor Rds., W of McCumpha<br><b>REDFORD YARD SALE!</b> Aug 27-29, 9am-6pm. (Thurs/Fri), 8am-noon (Sat) 14123 San Jose. A/C unit, housewares, bikes, more! Most items new or in near new condition. cawhalen@umich.edu<br><b>ROMULUS YARD SALE!</b> Aug 27, 28 & 29, 9-6pm-weather permitting. Household, collectibles, home school supplies. 38312 Castle<br><b>SOUTH LYON - Lg</b> garage sale, Thurs Aug 27 only, 9-6pm. 272 Courtney Ct. off 8 Mile in Country Estates. Low prices!<br><b>SOUTH LYON 121 Woodland</b> Dr., off 10 Mile. Thurs-Fri, Aug 27-28, 9-5, Sat., Aug 29, 9-noon. Baby clothes, furniture, camping equipment, household goods, books, games & toys.<br><b>SOUTH LYON Aug. 27-29th,</b> 9-6pm. Multi-Family Furniture, household, baby & kid's, electronic. 849 West-hills, in Hidden Creek at 9 & Duboro<br><b>Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)</b><br><b>SOUTH LYON Don't Miss This</b> One! 10300 Otter Dr. (Lakeside Estates North), off 10 Mile, blwn Rushion & Duboro, Aug 27-29th, 9am-4pm. Kid's clothes, TOYS, home goods, tools & collectibles. Everything Must Go!<br><b>SOUTH LYON GARAGE SALE</b> 429 Lyon Ct. off 10 Mile & Lyon Blvd. Thurs-Fri, 9-5pm. Something for everybody!<br><b>SOUTH LYON - 12623 Coach</b> Lane, 10 mile & Rushion, Aug 27-29th, 9am-5pm, baby clothes, bowflex & other misc items | <b>Garage Sales 7110</b><br><b>SOUTH LYON- Household</b> items & more! 8/28 & 8/29, 8:30-5pm. 10012 Aylebury Dr., W of South Lyon, off 10 Mile, blwn Duboro & Rushion<br><b>SOUTH LYON- Yard</b> sale Everything must go! Sat. only 9-5pm. 9292 Firwood, across from Cheers Party Store.<br><b>SOUTH LYON. DON'T MISS THIS ONE!</b> Aug 28, 9am to 4pm, 1 day only, rain or shine. Hidden Creek Sub, N off 9 Mile, W of Pontiac Tr 939 West Hills Dr. Home decor, garden items. Some clothing, much more!<br><b>SOUTH LYON/MORE LAKE BIG SALE!</b> Fri & Sat, Aug 28 & 29, 9-6pm. 6560 Buckland, off 7 Mile. Blwn. Spencer & Rushion, Barn to attic, new and old. Lawn & garden, 8 hp chopper, sports, 2 rototillers, camping, heaters and exercise, household, too much to list. Something for everyone. No early birds. Free Coffee.<br><b>SOUTH LYON- Multi-Family,</b> Aug 27-28, 9-3PM 1354 Cartwright Ln. Off Pontiac Tr, blwn 11 Mile & Silver Lk Rd. Furniture, kids & baby gear<br><b>SOUTHFIELD Antiques,</b> collectibles, Mary Kay 16279 & 16269 Rutherford, 2nd block north of 12 Mile, off Perce Fri, Sat, Sun. 10 AM ONLY!<br><b>SOUTHFIELD: Block Sale.</b> Bethesda & Brooks Lane. S of 12 Mile, W of Lahser, Aug 28-30, 9-5. Clothes, art, toys, household & other treasures<br><b>WESTLAND - Lighthouse</b> Indoor/Outdoor Sale 34033 Palmer Rd. blwn Wayne & Yonoy Aug 28-29 Sept 5, 9-7pm. Furniture, computers, appls, dishes, collectibles, jewelry, electronics, leather coats. ALL PROCEEDS TO PURCHASE FOOD FOR THE NEEDY<br><b>FIND IT ONLINE</b><br><a href="http://HOMETOWNLIFE.COM">HOMETOWNLIFE.COM</a> | <b>Garage Sales 7110</b><br><b>WESTLAND - A MUST COME</b> SEE! Antique furniture, white wicker chairs, vintage kitchen table, chairs & hutch, household items. 9am-4pm. Fri 8/28 & Sat 8/29, 232 N Hawthorne St. Cherry Hill between Wayne & Yonoy<br><b>WESTLAND- Sleeper sofa,</b> other furniture, anti-que born set, washer/ dryer, Tiger's jacket, collectible coins. Fri & Sat. 10-5pm. 34400 Spring Valley Dr. (Holiday Park)<br><b>WESTLAND Fri. &amp; Sat.</b> Aug 28 & 29, 10-4 No Early Birds. 5840 N Harvey Wayne & Ford Rds.<br><b>Moving Sales 7130</b><br><b>Birmingham Moving Sale</b> Household goods, furniture, toys etc 996 Chester Street, Birmingham, Fri., Aug 28 - Sat., Aug 29, 9am-4pm.<br><b>COMMERCIAL TWP -</b> Last 2 days of sale, Thurs-Fri, Aug 27-28, 10-4pm. 6120 Warwick Dr. N. of Commerce, W of Carey, Beacon Hill Sub.<br><b>NORTHVILLE Two Family</b> Estate Sale - 7734 Hidden Ridge Ln, Northville, MI, 6 Mile just west of Curtis Thurs/Fri., Aug 27 & 28 from 9:00-3:00 Home Decor, Designer Women's & Children's clothes, Sporting Goods and much more!<br><b>Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)</b><br><b>NORTHVILLE TWP.</b> Interesting collectibles, Christmas items, toys & more! Thurs. & Fri. 9-4pm, 10029 3 Mile, 7 Mile & Chubb<br><b>REDFORD MOVING SALE!</b> Sat, Aug 29th - Thurs. Sept 3rd 18686 MacArthur. Men's clothing, electronics, VHS movies, crafts and more!<br><b>SOUTHFIELD 21537 Stahelin,</b> N of 8 Mile, W of Southfield Aug 27-29th, 9am-4pm. Haywood Furniture dining set, furniture, household items, lawn & garden, lots of stuff! |
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# Saturn's Outlook A Fresh Option

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Saturn's Outlook SUV is just great. However, there is competition in the Honda Pilot, Mazda CX-9, Buick Enclave and GMC Acadia.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. --The minivan may be dead, but almost every carmaker wants to reincarnate it as a large crossover SUV. Saturn's alternative to the soccer mom mover is the Outlook.

Saturn designed the Outlook with a good mix of style, size and versatility. The end result provides the cargo space of a minivan, looks of a large SUV and the handling of a regular-size car.

The Outlook seats eight adults comfortably by offering three rows of seating. And maybe it does if you have three small adults in the third row, but any trio of people 5 feet and 10 inches tall and up back there and their fighting for legroom. So for the American market, who Saturn is almost exclusively targeting, it's false advertising because there aren't too many families with diminutive grown-ups.

However, with the almost 20 feet of storage space behind the third-row seat, this combo pays for itself if you need to haul a lot of luggage. Access to the third-row seat and laying it flat for storage is as easy as pulling a strap thanks to a feature called Smart Slide. This feature allows second-row seat cushions to flip up as the seat slides forward, creating a wider path of entry for access to the third row.

Rivalling the storage space of the Chevy Tahoe, the Outlook is ideal for road trips. With the second and third rows folded completely flat, the Outlook holds an impressive 117 cubic feet; the Tahoe, which is an inch longer, only holds 109.

If you need to haul more than the Outlook's capacity allows you can even order a hitch package that's capable of towing 4,500 pounds. This is ideal for the sport's types who need to pull a jet-ski in the summer and a snowmobile in winter.

The base XE and the decked out XR are great. Both models are offered in front-wheel-drive or all-wheel-drive at no additional cost. The XR offers standard features like 18-inch wheels, power doors, windows

and driver's seat, heated exterior mirrors, cruise control, air-conditioning with a separate unit for the rear seat, OnStar and a CD/MP3 player.

If you opt for the XR trim you get a trip computer, steering-wheel-mounted audio controls, an eight-way power driver seat, speed-proportional power steering, faux wood trim throughout the cabin and dual-zone climate control.

Options, depending on trim, include 19-inch wheels, a power lift gate, xenon headlights, a navigation system, keyless engine start, a premium audio system, a sunroof, second-row captain's chairs, a rear-seat DVD player, leather upholstery and rear park assist.

The Outlook sports a sleek, aerodynamic looking body, a design that usually isn't associated with such a capacious cabin. The rear glass wraps around the corners and is angled slightly toward the roof, enhancing the vehicle's flowing lines.

The most prominent design element of the Outlook's exterior is the front end, which shows the face of Saturn. The look is more angular than rounded, with well-defined creases highlighted with a bright grille bar that is flanked by large, jewel-like lights. This theme, combined with the Outlook's wrap-around rear glass, results in a bold and symmetrical look.

This set-up was first applied to the Saturn Sky, cousin to Pontiac's two-seat Solstice sports roadster.

Like the exterior design, the Outlook's interior snugly radiates class and style. A low-sitting instrument panel similar to a newer Cadillac enhances the feeling of openness in the front-row seats, instead of a cluttered truck design. The instrument panel and other interior elements feature high-quality, easy on the eyes low-gloss materials.

The Outlook's comprehensive safety system is designed to protect passengers before, during and

after a crash. A strong structure is the foundation and with a wide stance and low center of gravity, rollovers are high likely.

The Outlook's responsive four-wheel independent steering system also enhances safety by providing stable ride and handling characteristics on even the hilliest terrain. Such as the back roads of Birmingham, Ala., where I took this baby for a test drive.

Constantly driving up and down, with a swerve on every curb, my arms felt like limp noodles from all the steering. But never once did it seem like the vehicle was drifting out of my grasp. No, the rubber grabbed the road. With four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes standard, in case the vehicle did get out of control, Saturn engineers did everything they could to prevent a crash.

If you do get into a bang up though, you should feel safe in knowing that you are covered in almost any kind of accident.

The Outlook is equipped with six standard air bags: two dual-stage frontal air bags for the driver and front passenger, two seat-mounted side-impact air bags in the first row and two head curtain side-impact air bags that cover all three seating rows. The head curtain air bags are among the longest air bags in any production vehicle.

Complementing the air bags is General Motors' rollover sensing system, which can employ the side-impact air bags if sensors determine a rollover is imminent. Because rollovers are typically longer in duration than non-rollover crashes, the air bags stay inflated longer to provide occupants increased protection from being thrown around the cabin.

To make sure you know where you're going all Outlooks are equipped with service called OnStar Turn-by-Turn Navigation. This is the first factory-installed, fully integrated GPS navigation system from

OnStar.

Turn-by-Turn allows drivers to talk to a live advisor, who in turn sends complete step-by-step directions to their vehicles through the OnStar system. These audio directions automatically play through the vehicle's stereo, triggered by the OnStar system's GPS. This enables drivers to be led to their destination while keeping their hands on the wheel and eyes on the road.

The Outlook gets 18 miles per gallon city and 26 mpg on the highway with an engine that is General Motors' latest and most technologically advanced V6 unit. In fact, it's the same engine that the Cadillac CTS is equipped with and pumps out 275 horsepower when equipped with dual exhaust in the upscale XR model. Without twin pipes, you still get 270 horsepower. Not much of a trade-off, but the duals do look fierce.

All in all, Saturn's entry to the crossover SUV segment is definitely a worthy one and it has the right Outlook on what people want and have delivered it in spades.

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