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Northville makes big plays, B1

## ON THE RECORD

### 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 by Oct. 1. For more information, call the clerk's office at (248) 349-1300.

At the Sept. 8 city council meeting, Northville Mayor Chris Johnson announced that he will run again for the office in the Nov. 3 election. He will be running for his 12th term. Johnson said that Jim Allen, who was absent from the meeting, will seek another term as a council member. Michele Fecht said she will run for another term as well. Both Allen and Fecht will be running for their second terms in office. Councilmember Doug Bingham was chosen to be an election commissioner at the Sept. 8 meeting for the November general election in Northville. The other two commissioners include the city clerk and the city attorney.

### Blood drive

Our Lady of Victory Church (770 Thayer, Northville) will be holding a blood drive from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27 in the OLV Social Hall.

The drive is open to the public; all donors are welcome.

To schedule an appointment, call Christine Abbey at (248) 701-5221 or email [chrisabbey1@comcast.net](mailto:chrisabbey1@comcast.net). You can also schedule an appointment online at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and enter sponsor code olvc. Walk Ins welcome but appointments help; can be made every 15 minutes.

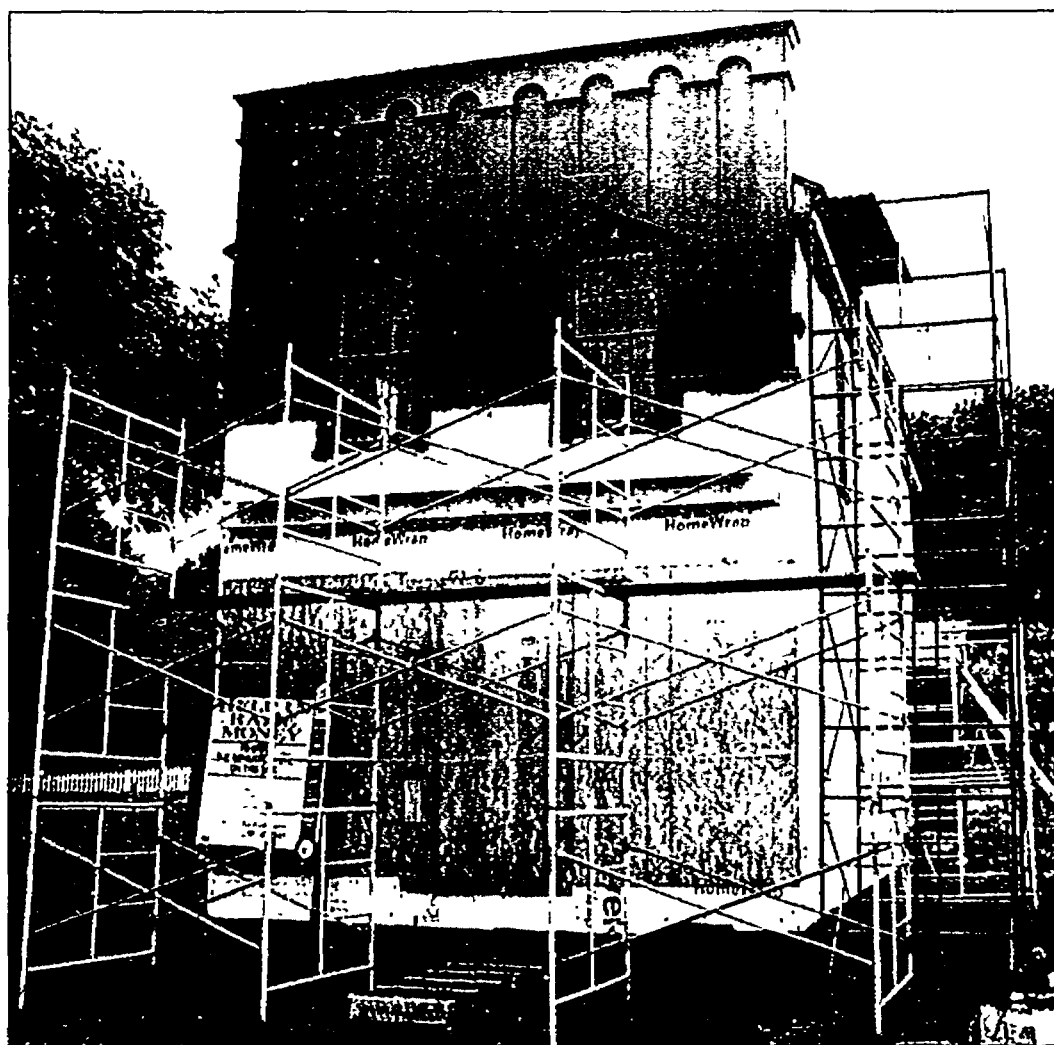
### Corriveau's office hours

State Representative Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) invites residents to talk with him about any issues or concerns during his office hours.

on the first Monday of each month from 10-11 a.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., in Northville

Corriveau also holds coffee hours and other events throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible about any issues or concerns. If your business or organization would like to schedule an event with Corriveau, please contact his office toll-free at (877) 20TH-REP, or send an e-mail to [MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov](mailto:MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov).

## Donations still needed from public



Exterior work on the Mill Race Village General Store project was well under way on the building as of Sept. 7, 2009.

## City to help Mill Race Village fund General Store project

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Northville city leaders are using some creative financing to further the Historic Mill Race Village's General Store project this fall.

The foundation has been poured at 215 Griswold, the interior walls are in place, and the house wrap has been attached.

But, with winter just around the corner, Larry Last, president of the Northville Historical Society, and Mark Chester, finance director, appealed to the city to assist the project financially, so the exterior can be completed.

"We're afraid the interior walls will get damaged during the winter if we don't complete the exterior," Last said.

Northville Historical Society members requested \$32,000 from the city's breakage funds that come from Northville Downs race track and go into the Public Improvement Fund.

On Sept. 8, city council mem-

### HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

Donations are accepted at any time and in any amount to benefit Mill Race Village's General Store project. For more information, go to the Mill Race Village link at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

bers voted to use about \$12,000 of its Public Improvement Fund for remaining utilities and work on the General Store.

The city is also providing \$5,750 to be in a grant-matching program with the historical society on a dollar-to-dollar basis to complete interior work on the store.

The work will include electrical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and plumbing components on the new building.

The city had a similar grant with the historical society once before. These agreements must be approved first by the city attorney, so this most recent request would be brought back to city council for

final approval.

"We can't just hand money over to another entity," Bateson said. "We have to have an exchange of documentation."

"We very much appreciate these funds," Last said. "They will go a long way toward helping us complete this building which we've been at for some years now. I think this is something that's very worthwhile for both the city and the township."

Started in March 2005

The General Store Project started in March 2005 with the careful salvaging of the structure on Main Street. The Historical Society has spent more than \$49,072 on the project to date and volunteers have put in thousands of hours. Each window was made by hand by volunteers with the materials paid for through donations.

Workers broke ground on the new General Store at Mill

Please see **STORE, A12**

## Victorian Festival starts Friday

■ New: Farmers' market, pedal cars and more

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

It may be the 21st year for the event, but there will be some new things at this year's Victorian Festival.

The annual Northville Chamber of Commerce festival that celebrates the Victorian era in Northville kicks off tomorrow and last through Sunday evening.

Festival hours are 5-10:30 p.m. tomorrow; noon-10:30 p.m. on Saturday; and noon-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Jody Humphries, chamber president, said the farmer's market was scheduled to be the new feature last year. Everyone knows that, unfortunately, Mother Nature didn't cooperate, and the festival was almost completely rained out.

"Now we have arts and crafts and produce," Humphries said. The farmer's market will be set up on East Main Street from noon-5 p.m. on Saturday and noon-4 p.m. on Sunday.

"We were excited about it last year, but with the rain, it just didn't get off the ground," she said.

So, what is the weather forecast for this year?

"There might be a few showers here and there, but certainly nothing like last year," Humphries said. "I embrace drizzle now."

Also, the Dodworth Saxhorn Band will bring Victorian dancers this year as part of the entertainment for the festival.

"They'll also be providing opportunities for people to join in the dancing," Humphries said.

This will take place from 2-6 p.m. on Saturday at Town Square on East Main Street.

"They also will be dressed in traditional Victorian outfits," she said.

The 21st Annual Victorian Festival will begin tomorrow with third grade students participating in morning activities.

Students and parents who are participating in the morning activities or the parade on Friday evening, are strongly encouraged to dress in Victorian era clothing.

Please see **VICTORIAN, A6**

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## Council OKs reallocation of race track's breakage money

■ City to still keep \$137,996

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Many city of Northville residents may not realize that the Northville Downs race track helps fund many needed improvements in the city. The race track breakage revenue is placed into the city's Public Improvement Fund.

Breakage revenue comes

Please see **TRACK, A6**

### BREAKDOWN OF BREAKAGE FUNDS

The following was city staff's recommendation to city council on how to use the current Northville Downs breakage funds, which was approved (parentheses indicate a decrease in allocation):

Fiscal year 2007 breakage allocation: (\$7,739)  
Fiscal year 2009 breakage allocation: (\$5,011)  
Randolph Drain Improvements: \$40,000  
Postage machine: (\$2,000)  
Geographic Information System: \$2,001  
Fire Department safety equipment: \$5,000  
Mill Race Village General Store exterior completion: \$12,000  
Mill Race Village General Store Hot grant match to help with completion of interior: \$5,750  
Fiscal year 2009 breakage funds held to maintain financial stability: \$137,996

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## NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Clothing drive

First Presbyterian Church of Northville is holding a clothing drive to support the homeless and indigent poor through the Fort Street Open Door Ministry on Sept. 19 and Sept. 26 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Collection will be at the west side of the Northville Presbyterian Church on Dunlap.

## Concert at church

Several bands will be performing at Club Remission at the First Presbyterian Church (E. Main, downtown Northville) on Friday, Oct. 16.

Scheduled to perform are Nevercast, Apollo, As Others Were, Annabelle and The Newfangled Sequence. Admission is \$6.

Call (248) 349-0911, ext. 209 for more information.

## Novi Street water main, street work bid approved

On Sept. 8, city council mem-

bers approved a bid of \$383,692.36 from Peter A. Basile Sons, Inc., of Livonia for the Novi Street Water Main Replacement and Street Reconstruction. The project will include the placement of a new 12-inch water main from Baseline Road to Allen Drive along with the complete reconstruction of the street in this area. Bids ranged from \$383,692.36 to \$585,909.92. Peter A. Basile Sons, Inc., was the contractor the city used for the reconstruction of Center Street in 2008-09 and Randolph Street in 2002. Work on the water main and street project will begin in mid-September and is expected to be completed in mid-November of this year.

## Northville Dems start blog

The officers and trustees of the Northville Democratic Club have decided to initiate a Club blog in order to give members and supporters a place to share information, opinions, etc. To gain access to the blog, go to <http://northville-democraticclub.blogspot.com>.

The club invites members and others to post a comment or submit a question for consideration. For more information, e-mail Chuck Nichols, blog moderator, at [cnich@aol.com](mailto:cnich@aol.com).

## Used book sale

The Friends Used Book Sale is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 1-4 at the Northville District Library. This event kicks off with a members-only sale 7-9 p.m. In addition to getting first crack at these literary bargains, Friends members this year will get other perks: free coffee and home-made cookies, this night only. Anyone may join the Friends that evening simply by filling out an application and paying the membership fee.

The sale continues 10-6 p.m. on Friday. Then it is big bargain time on Saturday with the \$8 bag sale, 10-5 p.m. Finally it all comes to a close 1-3 p.m. on Sunday with a rock-bottom \$4 bag sale. The questions you have to ask yourself are these: Will that book or DVD, tape

Please see BRIEFS, A9

## Rosiek named publisher of newspaper group



Rosiek

Sue Rosiek, executive editor of the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers*, has assumed the additional responsibility of publisher for the group of community newspapers.

The announcement was made by Susie Ellwood, chief executive officer of Detroit Media Partnership, which manages the business functions for the *Detroit Free Press* and *The Detroit News* and serves as sales agent for the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers*.

"Sue is a highly talented, multi-faceted leader who drives excellence throughout her organization. She has been an integral part of the successes at these newspapers as well as being an active community member," Ellwood said. "Sue is dedicated to local reporting and I am pleased that her title now accurately reflects the great work she does."

Rosiek has held various

positions at the *Observer & Eccentric*, including reporter, community editor and managing editor.

She is a member of the Board of Trustees of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

Rosiek also is a member the Livonia Community Marketing Consortium and a founding member of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle, a pooled fund of the Canton Community Foundation.

She also serves on the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza Committee, Farmington Public Schools Turn Around Achievement Awards Committee and Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast.

Rosiek and husband, Steve Barnaby, have one son, Ian Barnaby. They live in

Plymouth Township.

Rosiek is a graduate of Michigan State University with a B.A. in journalism.

Detroit Media Partnership, L.P. manages the business functions of the *Detroit Free Press* and *The Detroit News*. As the largest newspapers in Michigan, with two of the most visited Web sites in the market, the *Free Press* and *The News* combine to reach a weekly audience of 2.1 million people.\*

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# Stonewater residents perform 'Wizard of Oz'

■ More than  
30 people  
involved

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Neighborhood plays are the stuff of childhood. On Sept. 11, more than 30 children who live in the Stonewater subdivision in Northville Township performed "The Wizard of Oz" outdoors.

The children worked on the performance for weeks, according to Mary Ann Ralph, the mother of two of the cast members and the one who got the idea off the ground.

Her son, Nicholas Ralph, 10, is a fifth-grader at Ridge Wood Elementary School. He loves to act and sing and has performed at the Tipping Point and Marquis Theatres, Northville High School and Northridge Church.

"Last year, he had a dream of writing a play that all of his Stonewater neighborhood friends could perform," said Mary Ann Ralph. So, his parents decided to purchase a script and the rights to perform "The Wizard of Oz" for a birthday gift for him last December. "With the busy demands of fourth grade, it seemed best to wait for summer vacation before jumping into this project," she said.

On the last day of school, Nicholas and his brother, Jonathan, passed out fliers in the neighborhood for a casting call. More than 30 children showed up for auditions. Everyone received a part and a copy of the script to learn their lines over the summer. They gathered weekly from the end of July through the start of school for rehearsals.

Some children were not interested in acting but helped with the sound system, moving props, and creating scenery and costumes. Nicholas Ralph was so appreciative of the number of adults who volunteered



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Children in the Stonewater subdivision in Northville Township had a lot of fun performing "The Wizard of Oz" on Sept. 11. More than 30 were involved in the play, which took place in the back yard of the Ralph family.

their time to help coach the actors, make sure that everyone had a costume and provided material to create props and scenery.

This was the first time the Ralphs had taken on a project like this.

The performance took place in the Ralphs' backyard. The neighborhood event was well-attended by families of performers, as well as scores of other neighbors showing their support. The audience was invited to join the cast for ice cream cones and cookies following the show.

"When I was in second grade, we did a play in our neighborhood, and I'll never

## 'WIZARD OF OZ' CAST MEMBERS

Following is the Stonewater cast of "The Wizard of Oz":

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Chorus Orange - Allie Belanger  
Chorus Purple - Tully Ann Williams

Chorus Red - Nicholas Ralph  
Chorus Yellow - Zarra Williams  
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Dorothy 2 - Kirin Cromer  
Dorothy 3 - Tanae Otis  
Dorothy 4 - Olivia Mady  
Toto 1 - Caleigh Robinson  
Toto 2 - Jacob Cromer  
Toto 3 - G. G. Mady  
Glinda the Good Witch - Tori Mady

Munchkins:  
Burly - Katie Krikorian  
Curly - Maddy Tan  
Josie - Tara Rahmani  
Giggling Munchkins - Grace, Erica and Emily Hofner  
Scarecrow - Riley Marotta  
Trees:  
Woody - Tara Rahmani  
Shady - Madisyn Heil  
Tin Man - Jonathan Ralph

Lion - Karon Rahmani  
Gatekeeper - David Hargitt  
Wizard of Oz - Katie Howe  
Flying Monkeys:  
Chimp - William Howe  
Scamp - Kailey Heil  
Rascal - Lauren Elliott  
Wicked Witch of the West - Julia Marotta  
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forget it," Mary Ann Ralph said. "The memories that something fun like this creates for kids are forever."

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# Northville girl headed to national pageant

■ Wins state event in July in Troy

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Northville resident Christina Zitkus can hardly wait for Thanksgiving this year. But it's not because she likes turkey and dressing.

Zitkus, who celebrated her 12th birthday Aug. 11, was crowned Miss Michigan Pre-Teen 2009-2010 at the National American Miss Pageant held at the Troy Marriott on July 26.

Now she will represent Michigan at the National Pageant held in Hollywood, Calif., during the week of Thanksgiving.

The daughter of Robert and Theresa Zitkus of Northville, she is a seventh-grader at Meads Mill Middle School.

"We are very proud of her," said her mother. "We're so excited. We just hope she does well. Our goal is the top 10, although she wants to be in the top five. She thinks she can do it."

She attended the pageant with 54 other hopefuls and was one of two participants from Northville. Other contestants arrived from across the state to compete in this pageant for girls between the ages of 10-12.

Contestants were judged on stage presence and poise in an evening gown, a personal introduction on stage, community involvement and one-on-one interviews with six judges.

Other competitions during pageant weekend include talent, actress, photogenic, modeling and spokes model.

Zitkus is a competitive dancer at Piazza Dance Company in Northville and placed second in the talent competition with a solo jazz routine. She placed third in casual wear/modeling where her theme was physical fitness. Christina also placed third in the actress and most photogenic competitions. She hopes to one day be a professional dancer or a third grade teacher.

She said she learned about pageants when her family received a letter in the mail that

said, "National American Miss welcomes you to their pageant."

"I wanted to give it a try, and my mom said 'yes,' and so we went, and I did pretty well, and I liked it. So, we just kept doing it," Zitkus said.

"I gain confidence," she said. "I think this will help with job interviews in the future. I think it's a really good opportunity for girls."

This was her third year competing in the pageant. The first year, she won seventh place out of 88 girls in the American Miss Pageant. Last year, she went to the American Co-Ed Pageant instead, where she placed second.

She keeps in touch with some of the girls she meets in the pageants, too.

"We e-mail each other a lot," Zitkus said.

### LIKES FORMAL WEAR PART

"I really like the escort formal wear part of the pageant, because my brother, Jimmy, escorts me, and it's just really fun being up on stage with him," Zitkus said. Her brother is 16 and a senior at Northville High School this year.

"It's nice because then you don't have to be by yourself on stage."

Her jazz dance was performed to the song, "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'" by the late Michael Jackson.

"I can't wait for nationals so I can meet all the other girls from the other states," Zitkus said. Her mother, father and brother will be going with her to California, plus her grandmother, Irene Zitkus, of Sterling Heights.

Vivian Zhong, last year's queen in the 10-12 age group, formerly of Northville, crowned Zitkus at this year's pageant.

She'll be going to a local Ronald McDonald House soon with other Michigan winners, where they will serve lunch to the underprivileged children.

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Christina Zitkus of Northville was crowned Miss Michigan Pre-Teen at the American Miss Pageant in Troy on July 26.

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# EDUCATION

## NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Music Boosters' raffle raising funds

Once again the Northville High Music Program will be having a raffle (revised from previous years) to support the program. Funds are needed to assist in the funding of over 750 students in the choir and band programs. In the past three years, the raffle proceeds have assisted in the purchasing of new instruments, choir uniforms, music scores for both programs, projection equipment and much more.

Tickets this year are \$50 with a total of 1500 tickets to be sold. Drawing to be held Saturday, Dec. 12 after the Holiday Concert at approximately 9 pm.

Prizes are \$5,000, first; \$2,000 second; \$1,000 third; \$500 fourth; and \$100 fifth through tenth.

Each family is asked to sell or purchase a minimum of \$200 in tickets so the funding for the needed materials can be achieved.

The following dates are additional opportunities to pickup additional tickets to sell and turn in sold tickets and money.

- \* Parent/Teacher Conferences on Oct. 13 and Oct. 15
- \* Fall Choir Concerts on Oct. 20 and Oct. 21s
- \* Band-O-Rama on Dec. 4
- \* Holiday Concerts on Dec. 9 and Dec. 10

This is the Booster's primary fund-raiser. Its success will determine if future fund-raisers will be required.

### Meads Mill volunteers needed

The Parents at Lunch (PAL) program at Meads Mill is in great need of volunteers. Please contact Dottie Garrity at PALVolunteer@aol.com if you can volunteer just once a month. PAL runs from 10:45-12:25 pm. It is a great opportunity to see what those middle school kids are up to while helping to monitor the hallways and recess areas.

### Meads Mill fundraising campaign

One of the most important commitments that many of us make is to our children and their education. In Michigan, the majority of that cost is funded by a per pupil foundation amount determined by the State of Michigan each year. The best case scenario for the 2009/2010 school year is that this allotment will stay the same which will result in a \$1 million shortfall for Northville Public Schools. That's why the Meads Mill P.T.S.A. is asking for your participation in a new fundraising campaign called Invest in Your Child. The P.T.S.A. is anticipating that some items/events currently covered either by Meads Mill's operating budget or the P.T.S.A. will either no longer be funded or need increased

funding during the next school year. Rather than relying solely on the present fundraising activities—P.T.S.A. membership dues, bake sales and spirit wear sales—to cover them, the P.T.S.A. has decided to add a new fund-raiser this year. In lieu of "door to door" sales, the group is asking for a \$10 donation per child or \$25 per family to cover such things as school planners, unforeseen expenses (such as new text books, physical enhancements for the school, i.e. signs, copiers, etc.) and Challenge Day.

For this tax deductible donation, you'll receive the promise that this will be the only school-wide fund-raiser of the year. All of the money raised will be spent during this school year and P.T.S.A. will publish what the money covers via ListServ and The Patriot Pages.

### Hyperactive disorders meeting

A satellite group of the national organization, Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders (CHADD), will be meeting monthly in our area. Guest speakers will include expert, local professionals presenting current medical information and various suggestions for dealing with AD/HD.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 21, beginning at 7 p.m. at Northville High School, room 141. There is no cost to attend the meetings.

For more information, visit [www.chadd.net](http://www.chadd.net).

### Traffic safety at high school

Hello, my name is Detective Derek Snider and I am the Northville Twp Police Liaison/School Resource Officer assigned to Northville High. There are few things I want to make sure you are aware of while your children attend Northville High School, regarding both vehicle and pedestrian traffic before and after school.

- 1) It is imperative for safety that you use the designated cross walk at the main entrance of the school when crossing Six Mile Rd.
- 2) Students are not to use Millennium Park or the surrounding subdivisions to park their vehicle during school.
- 3) Please take notice of the traffic signs when entering and exiting the school's parking lot during the listed times. From 7am-7:30am and from 2:15-2:45 p.m., vehicles may only turn left from the east lot and may only turn right from the main lot. Under no circumstances should the students be parked or picked up from the west bus lot.
- 4) For those students that cut through the Edenderry subdivision to get to and from school. I ask that you find a new route due to the fact that



### 20-year partnership

Community Financial is celebrating its first school partnership established 20 years ago with Northville Public Schools for the operation of a student-run credit union. Over the years, the program has given thousands of student volunteers valuable career skills and a hands-on way to learn basic personal finance while operating student-run credit union branches in the majority of this district's elementary, middle and high schools. Pictured, Michelle Richards, Community Financial's education partnership coordinator gives a presentation to students at Amerman Elementary. Plymouth Whalers players joined Michelle in a skit to teach the importance of saving, sharing and spending their resources on Sept. 14. "We have a great partnership with Community Financial, and it's rewarding to watch the development of our students' money management skills as they advance from one grade level to the next. The volunteers gain valuable business experience as they operate a credit union," said Jan Purcell, education partnerships facilitator for Northville Public Schools. According to the Community Financial's Senior Education Partnership Coordinator Natalie McLaughlin, for each student-run credit union, student volunteers are interviewed and trained before serving as branch managers, tellers, bookkeepers, computer operators and marketing representatives. In addition, Community Financial will provide classroom presentations on many financial topics including building good credit and investing basics to over 7,000 students.

there is road construction that may cause a hazard or congestion for the drivers and the workers in the area.

5) Do not use the east side walkway into the Woodlands of Northville (White Pine Circle) subdivision for picking up or dropping of students. (signs are posted)

Please be very conscious of your driving habits to prevent any accidents involving injury or property damage (i.e., seatbelts, cell phone/texting use, loud music, reckless/careless driving, etc.)

So it is no surprise, both traffic and parking laws will be strictly enforced throughout the school year.

### Senior All Night Party planning meeting

Parents, at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21 in the Northville High School Forum, learn about the Senior All Night Party theme, choose volunteer activities, and purchase tickets and Mustang figures for your seniors.

If you have any questions, visit [NHS2010.com](http://NHS2010.com) or contact Mary Zervos at [greekclan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greekclan@sbcglobal.net). For SANP 2010 forms, visit [www.nhs2010.com](http://www.nhs2010.com), click on SANP Info, then Information Packet, or visit [www.northville.k12.mi.us/nhs](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/nhs), click on Seniors, then Senior

### All Night Party Packet.

The senior all-night party will take place on Sunday, June 6 from 9 p.m.-3 a.m.

The dates to purchase tickets for the Senior All-Night

### Party are as follows:

- \* Senior Parent Night, Sept. 10, 7-8 p.m.
- \* Open House, September 16th, 6-8 p.m.
- \* SANP parent planning

meeting, Sept. 21, 7 p.m. in the forum

- \* Parent/Teacher conferences, Oct. 13, 3-6 p.m.
- \* Parent/Teacher conferences, Oct. 15, 3-6 p.m.

## Back-to-School SPORTS PHYSICALS

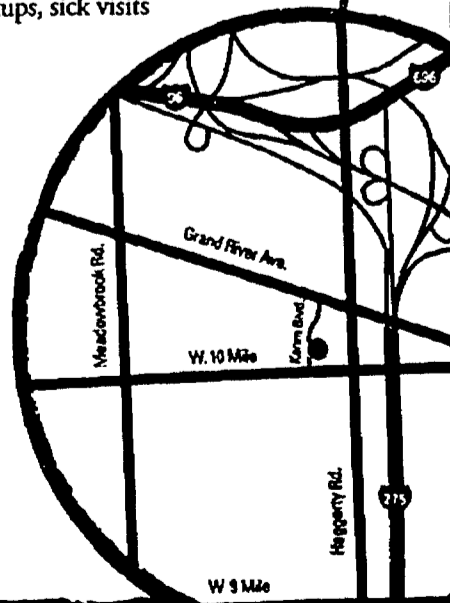
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MathCount 1 for Middle School students, 2:00-4:00 P.M.  
MathCount 2 (advanced) for Middle School students, 3:00-5:00 P.M.  
Leadership: Leadership character/attributes/skills/charisma, how to make yourself a leader/how to develop leadership in school and everyday life: 3:00-5:00 P.M.  
Elementary English Writing (W1): 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.  
Advanced Elementary Reading (R1): 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.  
Middle School English Writing (W2): 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 A.M.  
Middle School English Reading (R2): 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.  
• Vocabulary tales and skills  
• Skim and scan skill and method on readings  
• Quick memory on reading content  
• Literature Appreciation

SAT English Writing (W3) High School Students, 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

- Improve and enhance the skills of English expression and writing ability
- Widen and broaden the English Writing ideas and thinking flows • Grammar Mistake avoidance

SAT Critical Reading (R3): High School students, 1:00-3:00 P.M.

• Vocabulary tales and skills for SAT/ACT • Reading Skills and Methods

Public Speech (1): Communications and Courtesy in Public (9-12 year old, limited to 12 students) 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Public Speech (2): Public Speaking and Interviews (13-15 year old, limited to 12 students) 8:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Debate/Forensic: for Middle school and High School Students: 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Registration: <http://www.nccae.com> - now till September 19, 2009, \$20 registration fee waived if registered before 9/11

Time: Saturdays, total 12 sessions: 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12

SAT Workshop for 11th Graders (Must for 11th grade) and 10th Graders: PSAT will be on 10/14 & 10/17. The PSAT

workshop is just for your cramming before the test days: 9/12, 9/13, 9/19, 9/20, 9/26, 9/27, 10/3, 10/4, 10/10, 10/11

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## DONALD E. BORDEN

Age 75, of Northville, passed away Sept. 5, 2009. Time of gathering Saturday from 2-5pm with a Memorial Service at 5pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Contributions to Make-A-Wish Foundation.



## DOUGLAS H. GOIK

Age 80, Sept. 11, 2009. Member of Lola Valley Masonic & U.S. Power Squadron. Funeral Service held Sept. 16 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

## FREDRICK "WALLY" HAWKINS

Age 77, Sept. 12, 2009. Funeral service held Sept. 15 at Church of the Holy Family. Memorial donations may be made to Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375. Condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

## SUSAN ANN (KORTH) LAMPINEN

Age 56, Sept. 10, 2009. Susan was a dedicated Registered Nurse. Funeral service held Sept. 12 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

## LEONA C. MORAN

Age 83, South Lyon, passed away Sept. 12, 2009. Funeral mass was held last Wed. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mrs. Moran was laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

## ROBERT H. MOREY

Of South Lyon, passed away Sept. 8, 2009. A Funeral service was held Friday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Mr. Morey will be laid to rest at Home Cemetery in Perryville, MO. Contributions to the American Cancer Society.

## MARCELLA OLSZEWSKI

Age 91, Sept. 8, 2009. Funeral service held Sept. 12 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorial donations may be made to St. John Hospice, PO Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

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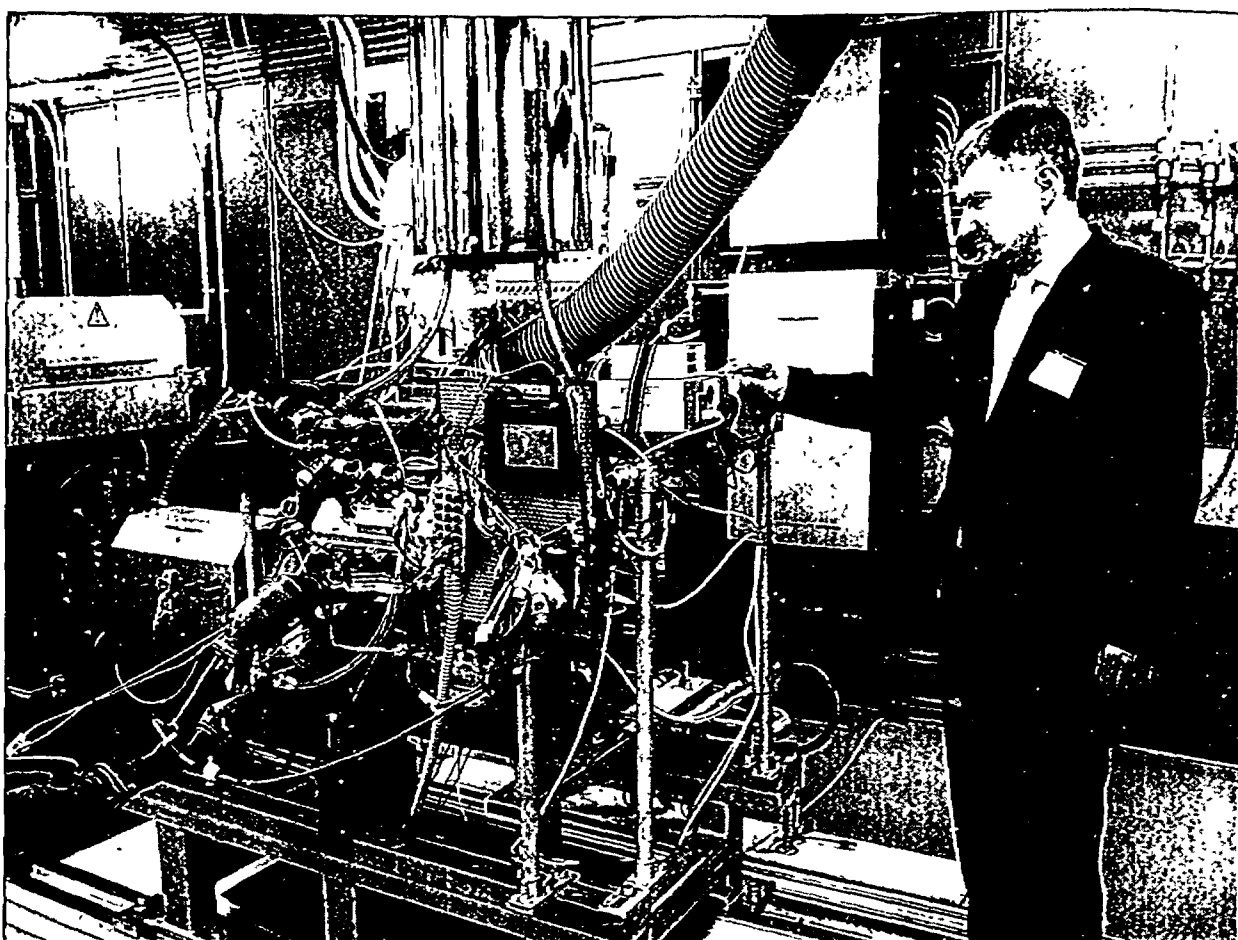
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## DR. KARL FRANCIS STOCKHAUSEN

Age 28, recently of Brooklyn, NY, formerly of Northville, Michigan, after bravely and courageously fighting melanoma cancer for two years, died September 13, 2009. He was born on April 8, 1981 in Livonia to William Francis and Carole Jean (Walker) Stockhausen. In 1999 he graduated from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, in 2002 he graduated with honors from Clemson University with a BS in Biochemistry, and in 2008 he received his Doctorate of Medicine from the American University of the Caribbean (AUC) School of Medicine. He was to start a prestigious Emergency Medicine residency at Einstein/Jacobi Medical Hospital in the Bronx. He loved photography, rock climbing, and had a passion for analytical games like chess and poker. He was an Eagle Scout. He rode round-trip coast to coast on a motorcycle, and traveled across Mexico, Cuba, Europe and India. As a humanitarian, twice he was part of a surgical medical team in Honduras and also worked for three months in La Parroquia, Guatemala assisting in free health care clinics for the indigenous community. At AUC he was president of the American Medical Student Association, and with other students started a diabetes screening clinic on the island of St. Maarten. He was on a Student Judiciary Committee, was an Anatomy Teacher's Assistant and an Orientation Advisor. He was a member of the Alpha Omega Phi Honor Society. He did a clinical rotation in infectious diseases in Mumbai, India, a surgical and Ob/Gyn rotation and a rotation in an HIV Outpatient Health Clinic in London, England, and several rotations in New York City. He thrived on learning about international "health" systems, and more than anything he was committed to revolutionizing global health care. He was a man of his word, made no excuses for the way he lived life, and inspired others to do the same. He wanted to spend his life in the service of healing others. It was his desire that his casket be donated to The Midwest Eye Bank, which will give sight to two people. His body was donated to the Anatomy Department at the University of Michigan Medical School. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his fiancée Rhea Rahman of Brooklyn, NY; his sisters, Juliet (Todd) Culp and Clara of Northville, MI; Rachel of New Britain, CT; his brother Luke "Stucky" of Seattle, WA; his niece Violet Culp and countless friends. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, September 19, at Our Lady Of Victory Catholic Church (133 Orchard Dr., Northville) with visitation at 11 am, memorial Mass and funeral service at 12:30 pm and luncheon following. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a contribution to the Dr. Karl Stockhausen Fund, 218 W. Dunlap St., Northville, MI 48167.

## JASPER "JAY" WARDEN

Talcott born 1913 in South Lyon, Michigan, one of twenty-five children, passed away September 10, 2009 at the age of 96 in Kingsport, TN. Survived by his daughter, Carol Tutor of Kingsport, TN; son, Philip (Carol) Warden of Milford; grandsons, Paul (Lin) Warden, Philip (Debra) Warden, Jr.; granddaughter, Laura (Steve Falcone) Lopez; 6 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandson; 1 brother and 5 sisters. Jay was president of the Waterford Drive-In Theatre when it opened in 1948, then he co-owned a vending machine business and later became a commercial real estate broker. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford on Wednesday, September 16th at 10AM. The Rev. Dr. R. John Harris officiated. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



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## Test facility

IAV Automotive Engineering President Utz-Jens Beister stands inside one of five test cells at the firm's Northville Township test facility. The cells allow IAV to do long-range studies of engine systems and components including air intake, spark and efficient use of fuel. The IAV Automotive Engineering facility in Northville Township received an official ribbon-cutting opening on Sept. 10. The 30 million dollar facility will do research for the German-based company on powertrain, automotive electronics and vehicle development and should eventually employ about 300 people.

## VICTORIAN

FROM PAGE A1

The Northville Historical Society is holding a costume sale at Northville Square, with some vendors continuing throughout the week.

The Northville High School band will lead the Victorian Festival Parade at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow. The streets will be closed to automobile traffic as townspeople, artists and business owners turn back the clock and transform themselves into a Victorian village complete with period costumes, storytellers, magicians, musical entertainment and demonstrations.

## ANTIQUE CARS

Those who like to see how the Victorians traveled can enjoy looking at some antique cars, which will be by Poole's Tavern on East Main from noon-2 p.m. on Saturday. The cars will be brought to town, compliments of the Motor Cities Model A Car Club. "We had these two years ago, and people really seemed to have a great time seeing them," Humphries said.

## ANTIQUES MARKET

Also new for 2009 is an Antiques Market at Northville Square, 133 W. Main Street. Hours are 5-8 p.m. tomorrow; noon-7 p.m. on Saturday; and noon-4 p.m. on Sunday.

## FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Not only will there be the usual inflatables and the ride park, but there will also be an area with old-fashioned pedal cars.

"They are really cute," Humphries said, "and we'll even have some little Model T's and a fire engine."

The area will include hay bales and a small house for children to drive by. Hours are noon-6 p.m. on Saturday and noon-4 p.m. on Sunday.

"We're calling it the Victorian 500," Humphries said. The area is sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford in Farmington Hills.

"We got the idea at Greenfield Village a couple of years ago."

Friday night will feature a bluegrass band, Schlitz Creek, at the Village Saloon behind city hall on West Main Street. Saturday will bring the Shawn Riley Band, which is more

## VICTORIAN DAYS BREAKFASTS

William Demray, DDS, invites everyone to a free waffle breakfast from 7:30-10 a.m. Saturday at his office at the corner of Griswold and Main streets. "When Dr. D first opened the practice here (30-some years ago) he held an annual waffle breakfast (as a patient appreciation event)," said Denise Jenkins from his office. "This year we thought we would bring back the breakfast and host the waffle breakfast in connection with the Victorian Festival. After all, this is one of the original Victorians in town! I hope you will come by for a tasty treat. Dr. Demray will make his homemade waffle batter, and Jason Magic will perform. The American Legion Post 147 at Dunlap and Center streets will host an all-you-can-eat Victorian Festival Breakfast from 8 a.m.-noon on Sunday. The breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage and bacon and costs \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Top 40 hits. The bands will perform from 7-10 p.m. each evening.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Don't forget the variety of activities planned Sunday from noon-4 p.m. at Mill Race Village on Griswold Street, including the annual Duck Race at 3:30 p.m. and even a tarot card reader throughout the day in the Interurban Station. Plus on Saturday, the American Association of University Women members will have their annual

home tour from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets are available at Gardenviews, the Chamber of Commerce, Pear-aphernalia and Starring "The Gallery."

Artists will be painting outdoors from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Northville Art House on Cady Street, and American Idol will bring out the pets and people from 10-11:15 a.m. on Saturday.

"It should be a nice weekend to just enjoy yourself and have some fun."

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## TRACK

FROM PAGE A1

from the odd cents to the dime on winning bets placed at the race track.

This money comes from Northville Downs' activity from both live and simulcast racing.

Breakage revenue received is first used to provide police service at the race track. All other costs or service to the track, such as police, fire, department of public works are paid for by other General Fund revenue, primarily property tax.

The city doesn't budget for this money from the race track, but when it exceeds what is needed for police service, the council decides how the funds should be used.

This Public Improvement Fund is used for various capital improvement projects, grant activity, property acquisitions and related rental revenue and expenditures.

It is the city's policy to not budget for race track breakage revenue, and use of the funds received for a given fiscal year are typically designated after that year's annual audit is presented to the city council in October.

## FUND ESTABLISHED IN 1990S

The city's race track breakage policy has existed since the early 1990s. Some of the reallocated funds being used for projects this year are from undesignated funds from fiscal year 2007.

For fiscal year 2009, the breakage funds received from the race track totaled \$143,007.

Most of the 2009 funds (\$137,996) are proposed to be held to maintain financial stability due to the economy.

The city now has a final account of all of its funds, since the fiscal year 2009 ended

June 30. Some funds were under budget, and others were not programmed that were received in 2007, according to Nickie Bateson, finance director.

Funds carried over from 2007 amount to \$577,339 that have been held to be used in the future.

In fiscal year 2009, the city received \$143,007 into the Public Improvement Fund.

## RANDOLPH DRAIN REPAIRS

The Randolph Street Drain has been managed for years by a drainage board made up of a member from Wayne County, a member from Oakland County and a member from the Michigan Department of Agriculture. A meeting took place recently of this Randolph Street Drainage Board. At this meeting, Northville and Novi officials were informed that the drain board was bidding out and would soon take on necessary repairs to the drain. All of the repairs will be in the city of Northville.

One area is in the Lexington Condominiums and two other areas are along the drain next to Randolph Street south of Eight Mile Road.

The total cost is about \$180,000, with an additional \$40,000 cost for engineering. The cost will be assessed primarily to Northville and Novi. Also, the drainage board will assess the two communities for the cost of routine maintenance on the drain over the past few years, which is about \$52,000.

The Randolph Drainage Board received about \$80,000 from the Rouge Program Office for the project. Northville should plan on being assessed about \$120,000 for the project. Jim Gallogly, public works director, said

the drain in an important watercourse through the city. A natural stream bed, it carries much of Northville's and Novi's storm water runoff to the Middle Rouge River.

The city had already budgeted \$40,000 for fiscal year 2008-09 and \$40,000 in fiscal year 2009-10 for this work. But, another \$40,000 is now needed. So, Bateson recommended another \$40,000 from the Public Improvements Fund be set aside in 2009 for this project.

## POSTAGE MACHINE COST LESS

The postage machine purchase was \$2,001 under budget. The city requested a reprogramming of \$2,000 of these extra funds to the Geographic Information System (GIS) implementation. Gallogly has been working with a staff person in Northville Township on this project.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS

Jim Allen, fire chief, requested that two items be paid for out of the Public Improvement Fund that relate to safety. These items, which include rescue saws and gas monitoring devices, are estimated to cost \$5,000. The saws are required for fire department use during ventilation, forcible entry and rescue operations. The current gas monitoring devices need repair after each use.

Even with providing \$12,000 and the \$5,750 matching grant for Mill Race Village's General Store from the breakage fund, the city is still maintaining a healthy balance in its Public Improvement Fund, Bateson said.

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TODAY'S CLASSIFIED SECTION

# Don't fall into trap of buying toys not tools

I admit that I am fascinated by technology toys. I have spent way too much on toys like my Lego robot and USB-attached rocket launcher. I really enjoy my technology toys but they are expensive and have little real value to my professional life. Sometimes it can be difficult to determine the difference between an essential tool and an expensive toy because we all love to have toys and we especially love toys that we can get our employees to pay for.

I have always used a Dymo label printer. When I bought a new computer this spring, my old serial port label printer would no longer work as the vendor software did not support any version of Windows more current than Windows 2000. When I bought a new label printer I could have bought a simple model but I purchased a model that can print from two different sized spools of labels.

Jeff Livermore

## TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

This eliminated the need for me to change spools when switching from address labels to the large labels I use for books and storage bins. I am not certain if I should classify this purchase as a tool or toy. The simpler and much cheaper printer would have worked just fine but I wanted the "cool" printer.

I also have a scanner that I produce JPEG or PDF images? I think that the scanner is more of a toy that I use for scanning old photos. I never use it for work and I could always use the scanner at the office for work needs. The same applies to the sub-woofer speakers and desktop microphone that I purchased for "work." I rarely use them for work but the speakers sound great playing my iTunes music.

I have the same problem dealing with software. I have installed software that is clearly work-related

and has no "fun" value. I have also installed gaming software that has no possible work value but occasionally I buy software that blurs the line between toy and tool. I purchased some software for designing logos. It is capable of producing some interesting logos and graphics. The problem is that I teach computer security, not logo design and have never needed this software for work.

I am currently looking to purchase a new laptop to replace one that was stolen from my office. I really need a tool that will enable me to write while I am on the road and use while making presentations in classes and at conferences. The problem is that I am tempted to buy a very expensive laptop with some advanced features that I cannot cost-justify but think are really "cool." I basically want a toy when I need a tool.

I think that many of us fall into the trap of buying toys instead of tools. Sometimes even economically stressed businesses fall into the same trap. How

many office workers have powerful PCs with giant hard drives when all they do is type documents, enter data into spreadsheets, and use Outlook for e-mail. An old 486 processor running Windows 2000 would be an adequate tool for that job but it wouldn't provide the same thrill as a shiny new quad-processor running at a ridiculous processing speed.

We will always want our technology toys. It is important in these tough economic times to be able to distinguish between tools and toys. We all need to make sure that we spend our resources buying necessary tools instead of the shiny toys that catch our eye.

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## The Good Doctor

Barefoot Productions announces a change to its 2009/2010 season lineup for its fall show. Neil Simon's classic comedy *The Good Doctor* will replace the previously-slated *Mister Roberts* for Barefoot's fall presentation due to a scheduling conflict. Depicting two scenes from Barefoot Productions' comedy "The Good Doctor" by Neil Simon are (l to r) Samantha Lowry of Novi and Carol Lipinski of Garden City in "The Governess" and Matt Majzlik of Canton and Sam Williams of Taylor in "The Drowned Man." The production runs Oct. 8-25. For more information, please visit Barefoot's website at [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) or call (734) 560-1493. All performances are held at the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main Street, Plymouth, adjacent to Bode's Restaurant. Reduced ticket rates are \$12 for general admission; \$10 for students/seniors and group rates are also available.

# Top Tools for Online Retirement Planning

Dear Savvy Senior,  
I've been searching on the Internet for retirement planning tools and calculators and am not sure where to turn. Which sites can you recommend that are easy to use, provide good information and don't charge a fee? Calculating Carl

Dear Carl,  
When it comes to getting a handle on your financial situation and gauging how much you'll need to retire, the Internet offers a buffet of tools and calculators that can be very helpful. Here are some good sites to help get you started.

## Retirement Tools

Some of the best retirement planning tools on the Web today, are offered through large financial service companies. While the purpose of these tools is to entice new business, most companies don't require you to be a client or purchase their products to use them. Here are four handy sites to use (try several and compare), all of which are free.

- **WealthRuler:** Available at TD Ameritrade, this tool charts your retirement outlook and suggests ways to help you develop a plan to reach your goals. Go to [www.tdameritrade.com/planningretirement/wealth-ruler.html](http://www.tdameritrade.com/planningretirement/wealth-ruler.html) and plug in your financial information (taxes, planned financial events, yearly income, projected Social Security, IRAs and other investments) to get your results.

- **Retirement Income Calculator:** Provided by T. Rowe Price ([www3.trowe-price.com/ric/ric/public/ric.do](http://www3.trowe-price.com/ric/ric/public/ric.do)), this tool uses the Monte Carlo methodology to project whether your retirement income needs will be met based on your savings, assets and age.

- **Vanguard Retirement Center:** Provides retirement advice, along with different calculators depending on your needs and age: More than five years to retirement, less than five years

## SAVVY SENIOR

to retirement, and already retired. See <https://personal.vanguard.com/us/planning-education/retirement>.

- **MyPlan Retirement Quick Check:** Offered by Fidelity ([Fidelity.com/myplan](http://Fidelity.com/myplan)) this site starts with a fun "Snapshot" introduction that puts your retirement reality in perspective, and will help you create a plan to help you reach your retirement goals.

## Other Resources

If you don't like the company sites, there are many others you can turn to for free retirement planning information and calculators, such as:

- **Choose To Save:** Created by the Employee Benefit Research Institute, this site ([Choosetosave.org](http://Choosetosave.org)) offers the Ballpark Estimate retirement planning worksheet, more than 100 online calculators, savings tips and links to resources to help you manage your finances and plan your retirement.

- **CNN Retirement (cgi.money.cnn.com/retirement/tools):** Provides a number of calculators that projects what and how much you need to save for retirement, and how you compare with other people in your age and income level.

- **MSN Money:** Has a "Retirement and Wills Center" that offers a retirement planner and calculator and gives tips and strategies for saving for retirement. Visit [moneycentral.msn.com/personal-finance](http://moneycentral.msn.com/personal-finance) - click on "Retirement."

- **Yahoo Finance:** Offers retirement information and a variety of calculators at <http://finance.yahoo.com/retirement>.

- **AOL Money & Finance:** Provides financial and retirement calculators at [www.wallttopop.com/calculators/retirement](http://www.wallttopop.com/calculators/retirement).

- **Bank Rate:** Go to Bankrate.com and click on "Retirement" for a variety of retirement calculators.

## Specific Calculations

To get estimates or information on specific areas of retirement, here are some additional resources that can help.

- **Social Security:** To estimate your future Social Security retirement benefits at different ages using different future earnings projections see [www.ssa.gov/estimator](http://www.ssa.gov/estimator). Also see MetLife.com/individual/financial-tools/social-security-tool/index.html, which offers a tool to help you decide when to start drawing your benefits.

- **IRAs:** To determine which type of IRA (Roth or traditional) is best for you, how much you can contribute and whether you should convert part or all of a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA see Morningstar's IRA calculator at <http://screen.morningstar.com/IRA/IRACalculator.html>.

- **Immediate Annuities:** To calculate how much you can get with an immediate annuity see [Immediateannuities.com](http://Immediateannuities.com).

- **Life Expectancy:** One of the key (and unknown) elements of retirement planning is how long you'll live. Log on to [Livingto100.com](http://Livingto100.com) to get your estimate.

## Financial Planning

If you're looking for a detailed financial plan, there are several new Web sites that offer interactive tools to help you see your current financial situation and map out your financial goals - all for free. The sites: SimpliFi.net, Planwithvoya.com and ESPlannerBasic (Basic.esplanner.com). You'll need to plug in your income information expenses, debts, assets, insurance, savings and retirement accounts, and the sites will do the rest.

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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# 'Who's Your Gladys?' authors in Northville tonight

## ■ Book focuses on challenging customers

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Anybody who's worked in retail sales, customer service or marketing knows Gladys.

She's the hard-to-deal with customer or client who you'd just as soon not deal with.

In the interest of how to deal with such challenging people, two local authors — Lori Jo Vest of Northville and Marilyn Suttle of Novi — have written a new book, "Who's Your Gladys? How to Turn Even the Most Difficult Customer Into Your Biggest Fan."

The book, which was just released this week and is now in area bookstores, is designed to help anyone who works with customers.

The two will be on hand to answer questions and autograph copies of their book at 7 p.m. today at As the Page Turns bookstore in Old Church Square at Dunlap and Center streets.

Vest works for a television production company, Communicore Visual Communications in Birmingham. Suttle is president of Suttle Enterprises, a personal and professional business training company.

They met in a "master mind group" formed as a group of "accountability buddies."

"We meet every two weeks at a Coney Island restaurant or at one of the member's homes for breakfast," Suttle explained. "It's been phenomenal what's happened with this."

She said the group was formed because, "We all wanted to grow. We wanted to set goals and be accountable to somebody. It's not just a pity party. It's very uplifting."

From these sessions, the book arose. Vest said the book features 10 different companies from different industries. "There's a real nice range," Vest said. What they pulled from these firms apply across the board to anybody who has customers.



M. Suttle



L. Vest

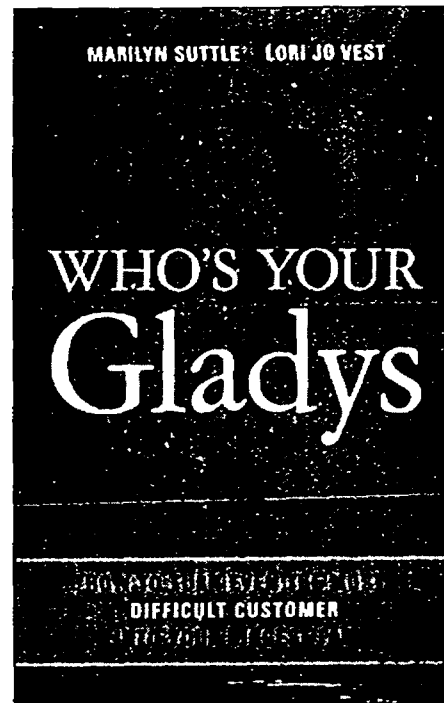
Suttle said she had published books herself before, but this is the first time she's had an outside publisher.

"This is very different," she said. "It's such a thrill."

"We've already hit number 13 on Amazon.com in a couple of service categories," Vest said on Monday. "We've been holding this vision of what this (book) could be, and it's totally exceeding those expectations. We didn't even realize we had international distribution until we saw it up on McGraw-Hill's Web site for Australia and New Zealand."

For more information, go to [www.whosyourgladys.com](http://www.whosyourgladys.com) to find a link to their blog and Facebook page.

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"Who's Your Gladys?" by local authors Lori Jo Vest of Northville and Marilyn Suttle of Novi hit bookstores this week.

## BRIEFS

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or CD still be there? Did I wait too long? Did I play it just right or did I outsmart myself? You won't know until you visit the Friends Fall Used Book sale Oct. 1-4, Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady.

### Help feed the hungry

Backyard Garden Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest are collecting fruit (any extra from your trees) and produce (any extra from your garden). Bring them to the parking lot on Cady Street behind First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday.

### House passes plan to crack down on ID theft

In a move to help safeguard Michigan residents from identity theft, the Michigan House of Representatives last week passed a plan sponsored by State Representative Marc Corrivau (D-Northville) to toughen penalties for identity thieves and strengthen consumer protections for victims.

Corrivau's plan will prohibit an individual from using another person's personal information to mislead law enforcement officials or courts regarding an individual under investigation. The plan passed today also will:

- Force identity thieves to compensate victims for damage done to their financial affairs and credit history, and require courts to order restitution for victims.
- Require businesses to have a written identity theft prevention plan to protect consumers.
- Protect customers' personal information by requiring that any data that includes unencrypted or unredacted information be destroyed when it is removed from a business or agency database.
- Create the Identity Theft Commission, a group within the Michigan Department of Information Technology that will study new and evolving ways to prevent identity theft.

Identity theft is the fastest growing type of fraud in the country. In 2008, about 9.9 million Americans reported being victims of identity theft — a 22 percent increase from 2007, according to the U.S. Congressional Research Service. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), identity theft costs consumers about \$50 billion each year.

### 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, Sept. 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. 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).

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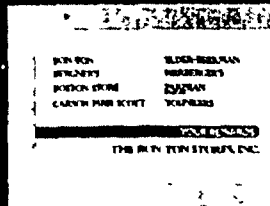
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# NEIGHBORS

## Young leukemia patient invites all to help kids with cancer

Christoph's ALL Stars is holding their Third Annual Charity Evening from 6-9:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27 at the Toll Brothers Model Home on 17205 Crestbrook Drive in Northville's Steeplechase subdivision.

"The Charity Evening is our annual event to raise funds for our organization and achieve our mission," said Anita Bartschat, co-founder. "We have received tremendous community support and will offer many great items in the auction as well as a special performance by the Northville High School Treble Makers."

Silent auction items will be available for bidding from 6-8 p.m. The live auction will begin at 8. Some of the items up for bid include rare sports memorabilia, tickets to sporting events, original artwork, and restaurant gift certificates.

Refreshments will be served including hors d'oeuvres donated by Cantoro Italian Market, Stone House Coffee and several area caterers. The dessert selections will feature a custom designed cake by Sweet 220.

"The community has been so generous donating items for the Charity Evening. Their support allows us to give 100% of the contributions directly to the ones who are working to find the desperately needed cures," says Bartschat. "When you find out that your child has cancer you feel absolutely powerless. Raising funds to make a difference has given our family a feeling of hope."

Christoph's ALL Stars Charity Evening is the annual fund-raiser in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Other community events are held throughout the year. Area schools have supported Christoph's efforts and students have made and sold bracelets and Spirals of Strength key chains.

"It's great to see so many people helping out," said Christoph Bartschat, co-founder. "This year we helped fund renovations at the Oncology Clinic at Children's Hospital of Michigan. The treatment rooms are so much more comfortable and every room has a movie console now."

Christoph, now an eighth grader at Meads Mill Middle School, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (A.L.L.) in May 2007. Christoph has responded well to the chemotherapy and is now in the final phase of the 40 month chemotherapy plan.

"The treatment is tough,



Christoph's ALL Stars is a Northville, MI-based 501(c)(3) organization founded by Christoph Bartschat, a 13-year-old, and his family after he was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (A.L.L.) in May 2007.

but Christoph has handled it without much complaint. Unfortunately he has lost some clinic friends to the disease.

He understands that this is a fight for life," explains his mother, Anita.

Christoph has also learned firsthand about the need for blood donations. Donating blood to the American Red Cross is a way to help kids with cancer without spending a dime. They will be promoting a blood drive to be held at Northville Hills Golf Club on Oct. 15 during the Charity Evening.

### DETAILS

Christoph's ALL Stars is a Northville, MI-based 501(c)(3) organization founded by Christoph Bartschat, a 13-year-old, and his family after he was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (A.L.L.) in May of 2007. The goals of Christoph's ALL Stars are to comfort kids in cancer treatment, raise awareness of childhood leukemia, and support local childhood cancer research. It is run completely by volunteers and 100% of proceeds support the mission. Adults are welcome to attend the Charity Evening on Sept. 27. Tickets are available for a \$10 donation each. To order tickets in advance or to make a donation, please send your name and address with a check payable to Christoph's ALL Stars to PO Box 332, Northville, MI 48167. For more information you may email christophsallstars@comcast.net.

### MILESTONES

#### NORTHVILLE WEDDING

##### Berger & Snearly

Kathryn Mary Berger and Charles Leroy Snearly IV were married July 11, 2009, at the Northville Hills Golf Club.

The bride, of Charlotte, N.C., is the daughter of Mary Berger of Northville and Michael Berger of State College, Penn. She is a 2007 graduate of Albion College and teaches Spanish at Weddington Middle School in Charlotte.

The groom, of Charlotte, N.C., is the son of Chuck and Vicki Snearly of Novi. He is also a 2007 graduate of Albion and works for SPX in Charlotte.

Tom Burdette officiated the ceremony. Bride attendants were Katy Knight, maid of honor, Susanna Brennen; Jenna Morgan; Grace Shin; Laura Snearly and Kathleen Zwally.



Kathryn Mary Berger and Charles Leroy Snearly IV

The groom attendants were John Fleming, best man; ; Nicholas Armstrong; Adam Berger; Gerard Breitenbeck and Daniel Hoffman

A reception was held at Northville Hills Golf Club. The couple took an Alaskan cruise and reside in Charlotte.

#### NOVI ENGAGEMENT

##### Scheer & Westrick

Larry and Annette Scheer of Northville and Bernard and Patricia Westrick of Kalamazoo announce the engagement of Lindsey Scheer and Andrew Westrick.

The bride-to-be, of Northville, will graduate from Kettering University in December with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

The groom-elect, of Novi, graduated from Kettering University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, and works at Trijicon Inc., a manufacturer



Lindsey Scheer & Andrew Westrick

of optical sighting devices for firearms, in Wixom.

They are planning a January wedding in Plymouth.

### NEWSMAKERS

#### Farmers Group rep honored

Aaron Pietila of Northville and Robert Pietila of Livonia, representatives for Farmers Group, Inc.(r) have achieved the company's highest award to district managers and agents for "outstanding overall performance." They join a select group of fellow achievers as a member of the prestigious Presidents Council.

Presidents Council members will be honored at a conference held at the JW Marriott Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C., Sept. 30-Oct. 4.

Council selections are based on outstanding customer service, sales production in all insurance lines, overall professional competence and maintenance of the highest quality standards.

The Pietilas represent Farmers' member companies in automobiles, homeowners, life and business insurance.

#### Gluttonous hot dog contest gives \$1K to local food bank

"If I'm going to gorge myself on hot dogs, I want my winnings to give food to people who don't have any," said Matt Holowicki, the

Plymouth-based winner of the first Hiller's Hot Dog Eating Competition Sept. 12. He ingested 14 Winter's wieners in the allotted 5 minutes.

Holowicki took first prize in the contest, winning a Pistons four-pack (tickets, dinner and parking) and a \$1,000 donation from Hiller's to his chosen charity, which is Gleaners Food Bank.

Justin Hiller, Vice President of Hiller's Markets, selected eight contestants from a stack of applicants and emceed the event.

An energetic crowd cheered on the contestants, who all represented Michigan charities. Each had a story to tell - like Northville resident Jacob Urbiha, who ate 5 dogs in an effort to win the money for ALS of Michigan. His mother is battling ALS.

Single mom and Ypsilanti resident Robin Sartori was the lone female in the competition. She downed 4 dogs before time ran out. Other contestants included Dustin Theis of Waterford; Larry Trotto of Novi; and Sean Comer of Novi.

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# Mass transit should be a no-brainer

I had a long conversation the other day with John Hertel, the CEO of the Southeastern Michigan's Regional Transit Coordinating Council. Naturally, we talked about mass transit.

If the polls are to be believed, mass transit is very popular with people, both in Detroit and in the suburbs. It's been a proven contributor to economic development elsewhere. Financing is now available through the federal government's stimulus package.

And last year, Hertel got his four bosses -- Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano, Macomb County Commission Chair Paul Gieleghem, and Detroit Mayor Dave Bing -- to agree on something big: A regional plan to expand and improve bus service, light-rail and commuter trains.

Here's how it would work: There would be three service corridors adding up to many miles of mass transit -- one along Woodward Avenue (Grand Boulevard to M-59), another out Gratiot, and a third along M-59.

Should be a no-brainer. But it isn't. People are dragging their feet. And, contrary to expectations, the chief foot-draggers aren't in Oakland County, the only place run by

## COMMENTARY

Republicans.

The foot-draggers are in Detroit.

Mary Kramer, the highly respected publisher of Crain's Detroit Business, wrote a column on the subject in last week's issue that called out Norm White for opposing the regional elements of Detroit's transportation system. White is Mayor Bing's Chief Financial Officer and the former director of the Detroit Department of Transportation, or D-DOT, the division that runs the city's bus system.

Kramer linked White to former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his mother, Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-Detroit.) She is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, which has heavy authority over what the feds are willing to support.

According to Kramer, White pushed to end the city's mass transit proposal at Eight Mile Road, Detroit's northern border. Kramer asks: "If you want to get regional buy-in for light rail and expanded transit, why stop there? Why not, say, at least I-696 (two miles north in Royal Oak) in the first phase?"

Good question, especially given the fact that mass transit in Detroit only makes no more sense than a mass transit system that

would be confined to the suburbs. That's bad enough.

But now there's conflict brewing over what kind of mass transit system we'll have ... assuming the politics are finally worked out.

Most people in positions of power have in mind a light rail system like Denver's, which features electric trains running quietly alongside freeways with economic development clustering around the stops. That's fine, but it's expensive to build light rail, and takes a long, long time. Some are arguing it would be far cheaper and quicker to build a "Rolling Rapid Transit" (RRT) system based on modern, articulated buses that look a lot like high-speed electric trains.

Advocates for the RRT version argue that it provides almost exactly the same reliability, speed and convenience as light rail. And they say a bus-based system would cost less than \$1 billion, around one quarter the cost of light rail. And they say it would take 6-7 years to build a bus-based mass transit system, as compared with 20-25 years for rail. They also argue that a bus-based system would also produce transit-oriented economic development around the stations.

Yet supporters of light rail fear that going with a bus-based system now will crush any possibility of rail in the future.

They may be right, but that sounds a lot like letting the perfect be the enemy of the

good -- which could mean nothing would be built.

Those arguments may seem to be splitting hairs, but they're important to a region that is suffering. According to Hertel, the economic impact of mass transit through the region would be between \$1.5 and \$3 billion. And Detroit is the only major metro area in the country lacking a functioning mass transit system.

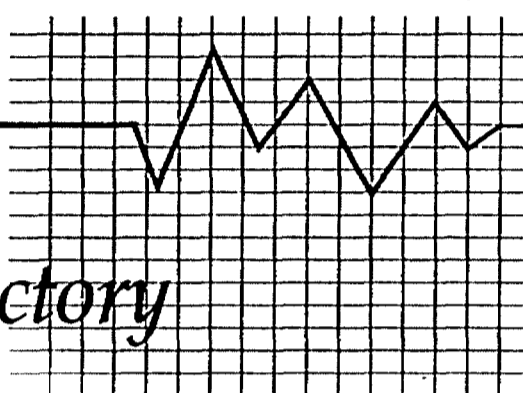
If anyone has the background to know what might work, Hertel's the man. He has an extraordinary resume of varied successes over a 40-year career. He's been chairman of two different county boards (including Macomb) a state senator, boss of the Michigan State Fair and a professor. And he's a noted breeder of fine Percheron draft horses.

It will take a guy with as many varied talents as Hertel to finally sort out the politics, economics and clashing egos that go into making up a regional mass transit system. He deserves all the luck in the world -- and we deserve a world where he succeeds.

Former newspaper publisher and University of Michigan Regent Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics and economics and a former chairman of the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy. He is also the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a bipartisan centrist think-and-do tank which is sponsoring Michigan's Defining Moment, a public engagement outreach campaign for citizens. The opinions expressed here are Power's own and do not represent the official views of The Center. He welcomes your comments at [ppower@thecenterformichigan.net](mailto:ppower@thecenterformichigan.net)

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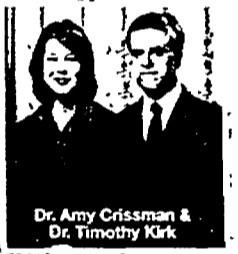
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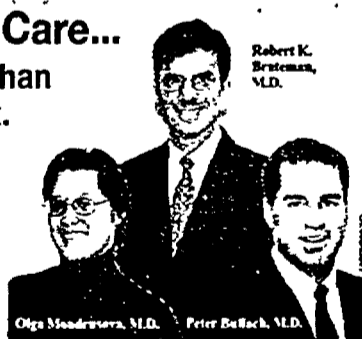
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The first wall of the General Store was put in place by volunteers on July 22, 2008.

## STORE

FROM PAGE A1

Race Village on April 10, 2008. Because it was cold that year, they had to wait to pour the foundation.

"Almost all the work has been done by volunteers," Last said. The first wall was put up on July 22, 2008. The frame was completed in October 2008. The building was winterized on Nov. 5, 2008.

"It started to snow just as we finished," Last said. Work has since been done on the windows and exterior details. Old glass has been used from buildings that were torn down in Northville. "The glass is from the 1860s," Last said. "It's as wavy as the ocean."

### DARGA DOESN'T VOTE

Council member Nancy Darga recused herself from voting on the General Store issue as she is a board member on the Northville Historical Society. Minus her vote, the council voted unanimously to approve the funding. Chester said the society will continue its fund-raising efforts, and that a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament at Northville Downs in August was successful.

"The state will allow us to have four of these a year," Chester said. "We plan to have another one before year-end. There's been quite a bit of interest with nonprofits across the state in using this as a fund-raiser, so getting dates is getting more difficult."

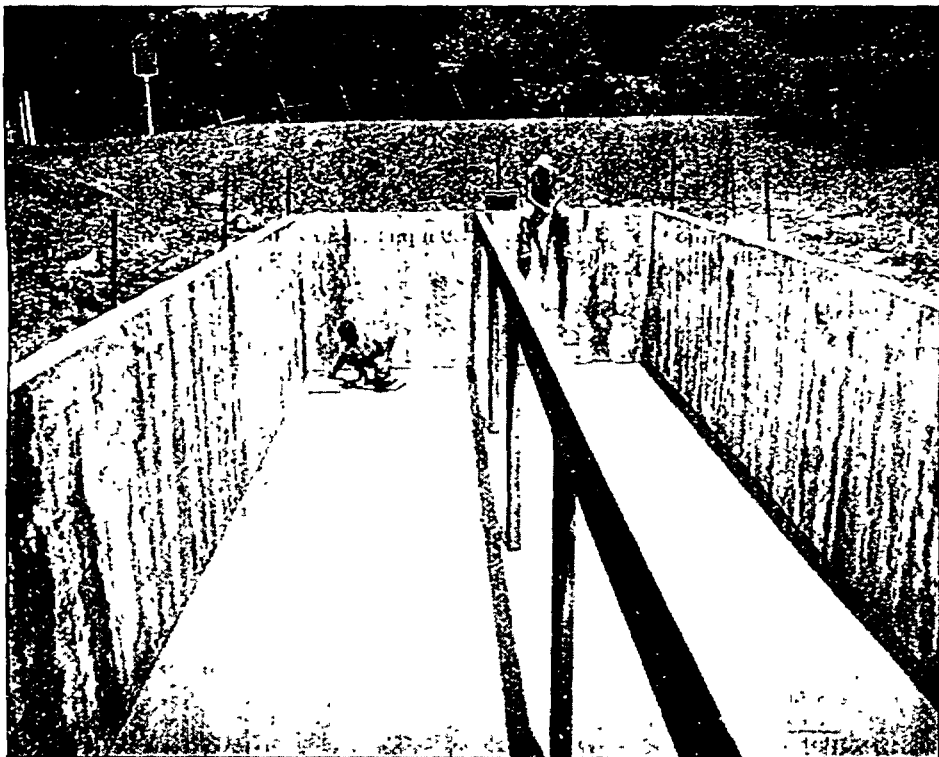
The Victorian Festival Duck Race and the Cemetery Walk, coming Oct. 4, also bring funds to the cause.

Chester said the historical society does not own the buildings at Mill Race Village.

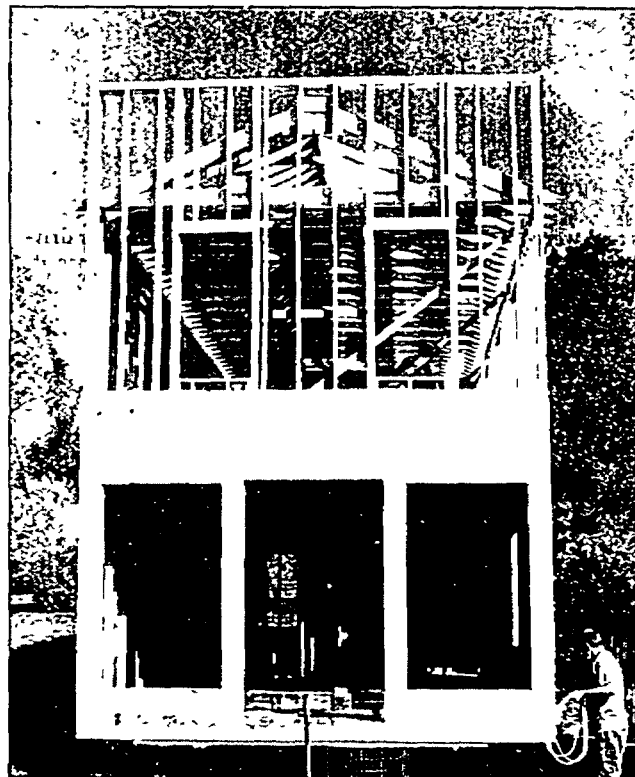
"This is an asset of the city," he said.

"It's been more of a cultural asset than an income-producing asset," Mayor Chris Johnson said. "Any funds generated go back to the historical society to maintain the Mill Race buildings. We're not generating profit. We're generating a way of maintaining history, which is something this community has valued for a long time. That's really the nature of the Ford Motor Company's gift of the Mill Race property to the city in the 1970s."

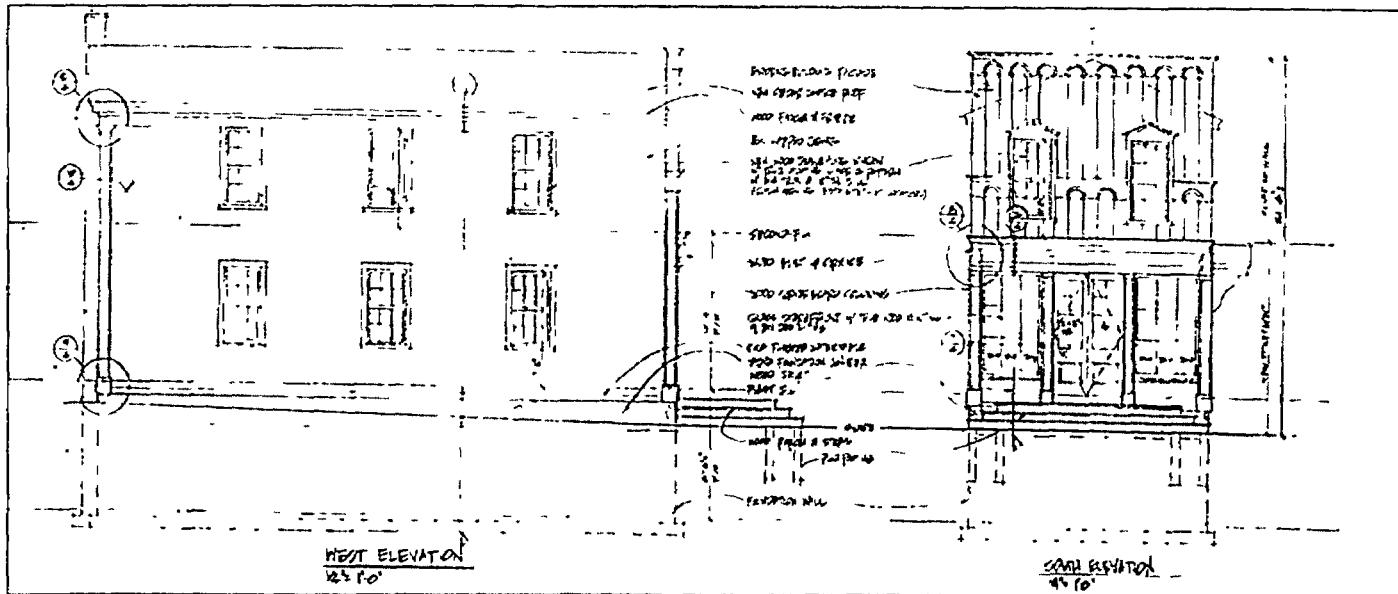
"We have a small Greenfield Village. It's a real asset in terms of attracting people to the community."



The foundation was poured for the new General Store at Mill Race Village on June 30, 2008.



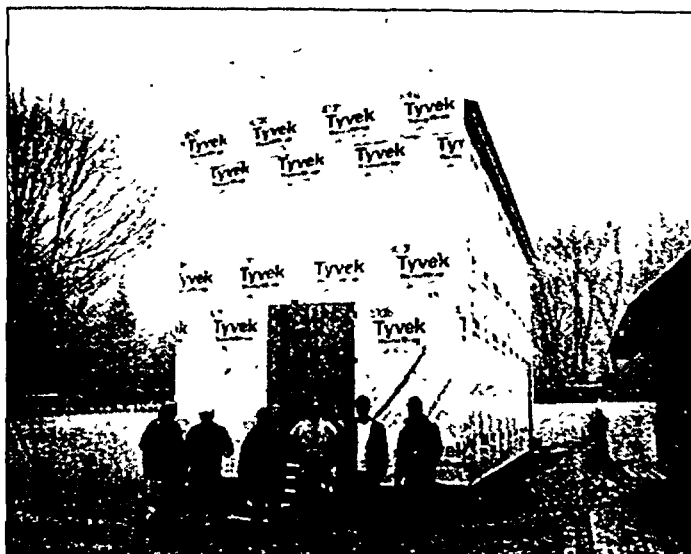
The frame was completed on the General Store on Oct. 14, 2008.



This rendering shows the finished look of the new General Store once the exterior is completed.

ILLUSTRATION COURTESY NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Northville Historical Society members broke ground for the new General Store at Mill Race Village on April 10, 2008.



It started snowing right after the building was winterized, with Tyvek house wrap in place, on Nov. 5, 2008.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Animal cruelty report

**1** Police responded to a call from a 51-year-old Novi woman regarding two dogs that appeared to be in distress inside a vehicle at 308 S. Main St. at 11:45 a.m. on Sept. 10.

The woman told police the dogs were locked in a vehicle in the parking lot of the Northville Medical Clinic.

Police were able to locate the owner of the vehicle, a 26-year-old Novi woman, who was inside the clinic.

The two dogs were lying on the floorboards, panting heavily. The windows of the vehicle were open about 8 inches, and the current temperature was 76 degrees. The dogs seem mildly distressed.

Police were able to unlock the vehicle, let the dogs out, and the owner was able to give them some fresh water.

During the incident, police learned that the woman's vehicle had a temporary license tag which was expired, and her insurance had expired. Since police could not allow her to drive the vehicle, police transported the woman and the dogs back to Novi.

## Attempted retail fraud

**2** Police were dispatched to the Marathon gas station at 510 S. Main Street at 10:38 p.m. on Aug. 22 about some female customers who attempted to steal some Five Hour Energy Drink from the station.

The women, a 16-year-old from Northville and a 16-year-old from Garden City, denied stealing any merchandise. However, video surveillance from the store showed that one of the girls started to put four bottles into her purse and then withdrew them when confronted by the store clerk.

The Northville woman was ticketed for underage possession of tobacco, and both girls received trespass notices and were banned from the store.

## NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

### Suspicious circumstance

**3** A 24-year-old White Lake Township woman came to the police station at 2:30 a.m. on Sept. 13 claiming she had been tasered by an unknown person at the Northville Sports Den, 133 W. Main St.

When questioned by police, however, the highly intoxicated woman said that she, in fact, had not been hit by a stun gun.

She did lose her black flip flops and cell phone, however, while running to the station. The items were not located. Police had the woman's mother pick her up since she was too intoxicated to drive home.

### Friend of Court arrest

**4** While on patrol, police arrested a 35-year-old Northville man for a warrant out of the Wayne County Friend of the Court for failure to pay child support at 12:53 a.m. Sept. 7 at Hamlet's Party Store, 1051 Novi Road.

Police approached the man because he was sitting in his vehicle in the parking lot of the store after hours.

The man told police he had just left his girlfriend's house after an argument and had left the residence to calm down. The man was more than \$11,000 in arrears in his child support.

### Graffiti at Ford Field

**5** Dispatch sent police to Ford Field at 125 Griswold about some graffiti on the rail of some wooden stairs that was applied between 8 a.m. Sept. 4 and 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 8.

The railing was valued at \$100. The incident was reported by a Northville Parks and Recreation Department employee.

### Driving, no license

**6** A 22-year-old Hamtramck man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at

Seven Mile Road and Main Street at 6:15 p.m. on Sept. 8.

An officer ran the license plate on the man's vehicle while at the stoplight at South Main Street in the north lane while traveling eastbound on Seven Mile Road. The man also did not have insurance paperwork.

The man said he believes someone stole his identity and that's why his license is suspended.

### Attempted retail fraud at Hiller's

**7** Police were dispatched to Hiller's Market at 425 N. Center Street about an attempted shoplifting incident at 7:15 p.m. on Sept. 9.

The suspect was described as a white female with dirty blond hair wearing blue jeans and a paisley shirt. The woman was not located.

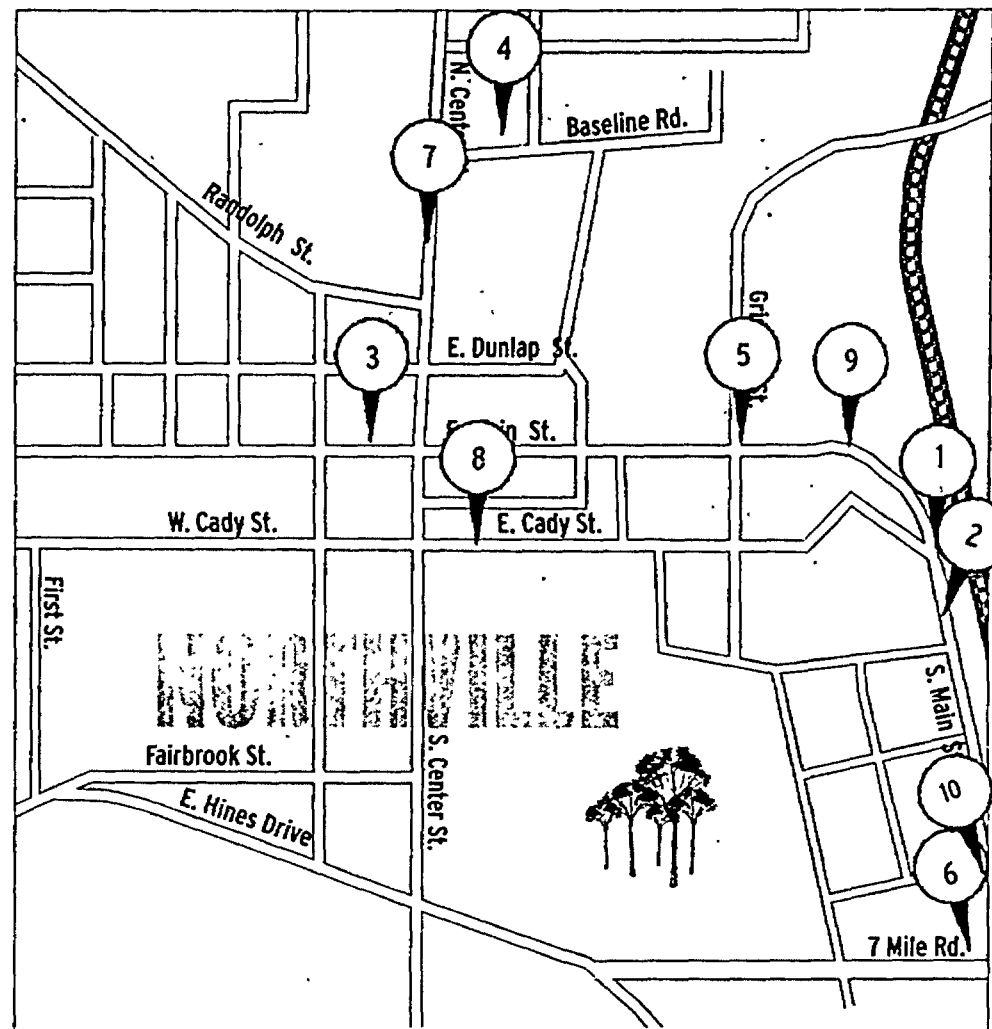
The woman went into the vestibule with merchandise and stopped. When the store manager approached her, she said she was checking to see if she needed anything else. He then took the items back into the store, and the woman left, saying she did not have enough money on her to get the merchandise and that she would be back in a half hour. Items totaled \$198.63.

### Voluntary commitment

**8** A 45-year-old Northville Township woman was transported to Botsford Hospital for treatment following an outburst behind Margo's Salon at 141 E. Cady Street. Police heard the woman yelling obscenities when they drove by the salon. The woman's mother had reported the woman missing for the past three days.

### Counterfeit bill found

**9** A 33-year-old Dearborn Heights man who is the manager of Northville City



Car Wash at 470 E. Main Street came into the police station to report that he had received a counterfeit \$20 bill at the business.

He pulled the bill from his cash register and realized later that there was no visible ribbon when the bill was held up to the light. There was also no image of Andrew Jackson on the right side of the bill.

### No license, false identity

**10** A 19-year-old Northville woman was arrested for driving on a suspended license and obstructing police by providing a false name at 2:05 a.m. Sept. 1 at Silver Springs Drive and Eddington Place.

The woman was pulled over for speeding on Silver Springs Drive, driving 35 mph in a 25 mph zone.

### Attempted breaking and entering

Police were dispatched to the Jewel Gallery at 20085 Haggerty Road about an attempted break-in that occurred between 5 p.m. Aug. 28 and 6 p.m. Sept. 1. The owner said someone had tried to break into the business at the back door, which he found damaged.

### Theft from office building

Police were called a vacant office building at 47050 Five Mile Road about a missing security camera believed taken between 4 p.m. Sept. 2 and 8 a.m. Sept. 3. An employee

from Continuum Services, a security company looking after the vacant building, said the camera had been mounted on the roof of the building. The camera was valued at \$300.

### Larceny from auto

Police were dispatched to the parking lot of the Gaucha Steakhouse at 39550 Seven Mile Road about a theft from auto incident that occurred between 7:15 and 9:38 p.m. Sept. 3. A 42-year-old Canton man said the driver's side front door window had been broken and that a factory navigation system and factory radio had been taken from the dashboard. The system was valued at \$2,500.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

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NOTICE  
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The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville hereby gives notice that amendments to Chapter 72, Design and Construction Standards will appear on the September 17, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

The entire text of the proposed amendments to Chapter 72 is available for review at the following locations:

- Township Offices - 44405 Six Mile Road (Clerk's Department & Department of Public Services)
- Township Police Headquarters - 41600 Six Mile Road
- Township Fire Headquarters - 45745 Six Mile Road

In addition, the information can be found on the township's website at: <http://www.twp.northville.mi.us> and a summary of the amendments follow:

**Amendment Summary  
Chapter 72 - Design and Construction Standards**

Article IV - Minimum slopes and use of contours.

Article V - Minimum slopes and use of contours. Definitions and standards.

Article VI - Design standards and standards for materials.

Article VII - Water mains, valves, gate wells, fire hydrants, general, plan requirements, and construction standards.

Article VIII - Design considerations and plan requirements.

Article IX - Storm sewer piping, minimum depth of sewers, manhole locations, catch basin and inlet locations, materials, and plan requirements.

Article X - Standards.

Article XI - Erosion, grading and staking, pipe bedding, and bored and jacked casings.

Article XII - Title, scope, general requirements, and plan requirements.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk  
Charter Township of Northville

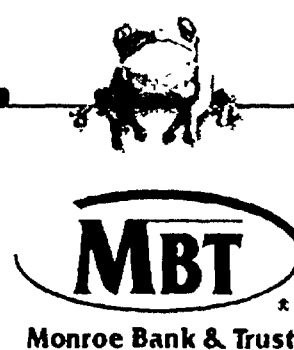
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# Jazzy!

**T**he Northville High school Jazz Ensemble One under the direction of Michael Rumbel, performed at the Detroit International Jazz festival on Sept. 5.

This performance marked the bands 25th appearance in a row at this annual event making for a grand total of 28 years in all.

The invitation to perform in Detroit is earned by being awarded First division ratings from all three judges at the MSBOA Jazz Ensemble festival. This is the highest rating given at festival. NHS Jazz Ensemble One is a state champion band.

This 28th appearance is a great tribute to the high level of performance maintained by the band through the many years of its existence. This record has few equals. The educational atmosphere created at Northville High school is where the road to this great accomplishment begins. Both the band and myself wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the Northville Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Leonard Rezmierski; the School Board of Northville public schools; Rob Watson, principal of Northville High School; the high school administration; and our NHS Music Boosters for all the help that they have provided.

**Mike Rumbel**  
NHS Bands



PHOTOS BY CAL STONE | NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville High School Jazz Band members begin assembling for group photos in front of the Campus Martius fountain after their Sept. 5 performance at the Detroit Jazz Festival.



Emilyh Nastelin on trumpet and Ian Cartmil on trombone during the Northville band's performance Sept. 5.



Shown performing at the Detroit Jazz Festival on Sept. 5 are (front to back, l to r) sax section members Tim Chan, Shafer Odeh, Rebecca Malinas; on trombone Olivia Vitali, Ian Cartmil, Yutaka Oshikiri; trumpeters Jay Snyder, Zach Thomas and Glenn Snyder.



Nathan Love takes a solo on saxophone while director Mike Rumbel listens to band's support at the Detroit Jazz Festival on Sept. 5.



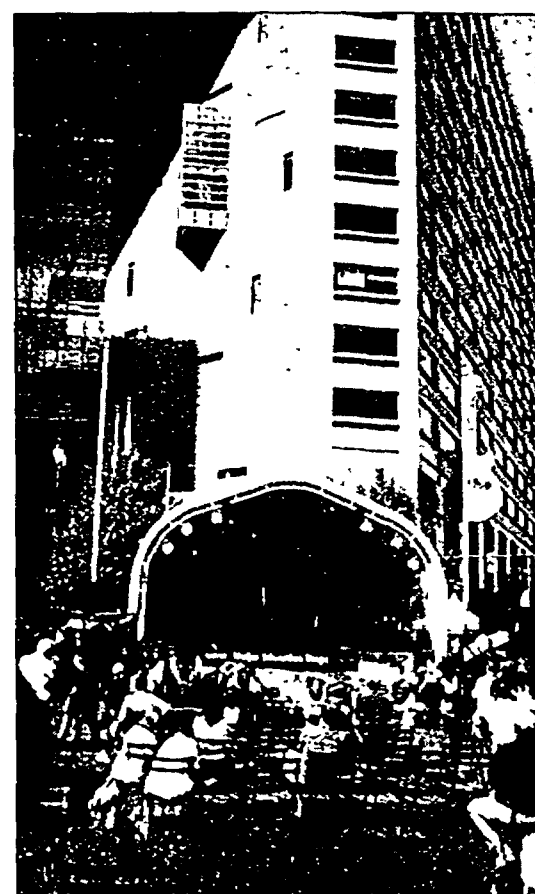
Members of the Northville High School Jazz Band's sax section (l to r): Rebecca Malinas, Mark Pokrandt, JT Thompson and Sarah Hoover at the Detroit Jazz Festival on Sept. 5.



Trumpeter Megan Milewski (center) Jay Snyder (second from right) and Olivia Vitali (right) backstage after the Northville High School Jazz Band's performance Sept. 5.



Northville trombone section members Chris Harris, Aaron Havlich and Yutaka Oshikri playing the Detroit Jazz Fest.



High school and college bands performed on the Campus Martius Stage in front of the Compuware building during the Detroit Jazz Festival Sept. 4-7. Shown is Northville High's band wrapping up their performance.

# Longtime Garden Club member honored

## ■ Arbor placed near library

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Geraldine Kohs loved pretty things. So, she would be pleased with the new arbor being placed in the Northville Garden Club Garden in her memory. Kohs, a longtime member of the club, died on March 29 of this year at the age of 97, according to her son, George Jr. of Clarkston. "She was so heavily involved in many Northville organizations," he said. "It's going to be very nice to have that as a remembrance to her."

Her other surviving sons include Gary and Curtis. The arbor was ordered from Gardenviews and has two seats on it.

It will have a small plaque with Kohs' name on it and the years she served as Garden Club president. "She was a very active person, and the last time she participated in the boat race to Mackinac Island, she was 74 years old," said Barbara O'Brien, current club member.

Collections were taken up for the approximately \$1,400 Grenadine arbor, with Kohs' family making up the difference. "When the club members saw the picture of the arbor, they were very excited," O'Brien said.

Kohs was president of the club from 1962-64. O'Brien joined the club in the 1970s.

"She was a lovely woman," O'Brien said. "She was very generous with her home by having Garden Club meetings there and very approachable."

"She was an avid gardener and had a very pleasant personality," said Ruth Whitmeyer. She lived on 473 W. Cady Street next to the cemetery and across the street from Old Village School.

"She and her husband, George, moved there in 1944," O'Brien said. "She told us that she went looking for a house, and she told her husband, 'It's next door to a cemetery and across the street from a schoolyard, but I love the house,'"



JOHN HEICER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The family of the late Geraldine Kohs, a past Northville Garden Club president, got together to donate this arbor for the garden below the Northville District Library. Don DiComo, second from left, and Garden Club's Erica Luiki, fourth from right, teamed up to get the arbor in place for its Sept. 10th unveiling.

O'Brien said.

Arbors are indeed special additions to any garden. In literature picturing the Grenadine arbor, the following comment can be found from a woman in Tulsa, Okla.,

who purchased an arbor for her garden:

"Our Austram arbor makes such a lovely focal point. It is as if I am stepping through a doorway into an enchanted garden each time I walk through it."

The garden club was organized on May 25, 1936, with the goal of "gardening for the joy it brings."

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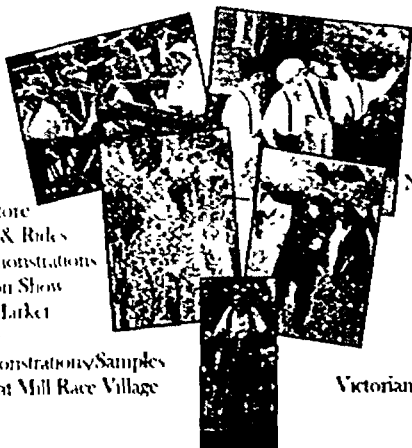
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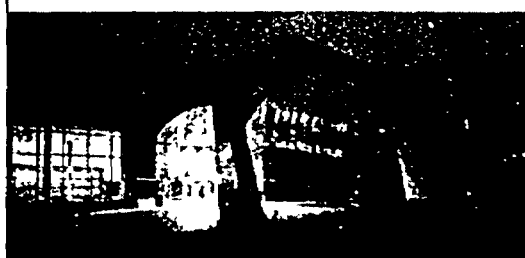
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## Meetings

### 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  
**Heating 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  
**Youth Assistance**  
DATE: Second Tuesday of every month  
TIME: 8 a.m.  
LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road  
CONTACT: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

## Senior Events

### SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

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



## Leaping lizards!

Lexi Fata as Annie, Andrew Neil as Daddy Warbucks and Novi resident Alora Adams as Grace appear in the all-youth production of "Annie Jr." at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton, presented by Spotlight on Youth Theater on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10 at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 11 at 2 and 6 p.m. "Annie Jr." is a 70-minute version of the popular Broadway musical "Annie" geared specifically for a youth cast. Based on the 1930s comic strip Little Orphan Annie, the show tells the story of the titular orphan girl, whose spunky antics in a Depression-era orphanage put her at odds with the institute's cruel facilitator, Miss Hannigan. For tickets, phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300; visit [www.canton-mi.org/villageattheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villageattheater); in person at The Summit on the Park; or at the door. Box office opens one hour prior to show-time. Tickets are \$15; group sales are available \$13 per 15 people per group.

**Wednesday**  
8 a.m.: Walking Club  
9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.  
10 a.m.: Oxyrise  
11 a.m.: Strength Training  
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club  
Noon: Bridge; Walking Club  
1 p.m.: Cribbage  
7 p.m.: Bridge  
**Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Volleyball**  
TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside  
DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.  
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947  
**Adult 50+ Fun Co-ed Volleyball**  
TIME/DAYS: 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday  
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside  
DETAILS: Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome.  
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947  
**Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Basketball**  
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday  
LOCATION: Senior Community Center  
DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.  
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947  
**Health Walking**  
DATE: Monday-Friday  
TIME: 8-10 a.m.  
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.  
**Pilates Class**  
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. each Tuesday  
**Bunco**  
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month  
DETAILS: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.  
**Friday Flicks**  
TIME: 1 p.m. every Friday  
DETAILS: Cost is \$1

## Library Lines

### NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY

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

## Parks & Rec

### NORTHVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

LOCATION: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School)  
CONTACT: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities call (248) 349-0203 or visit [northvilleparksandrec.org](http://northvilleparksandrec.org)

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
DATE/TIME: 7 p.m. second Wednesday, every other month beginning in Jan.  
LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road  
**Open Family Basketball**  
TIME/DATE: 4-6 p.m. every Sunday Sept.-April  
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.  
DETAILS: \$2 Per person  
**Open 40+ Basketball**  
TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday  
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.  
DETAILS: \$3 Per person  
**Open Adult Volleyball**  
TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. every Thursday  
9 a.m.-noon every Saturday Sept.-April  
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside  
DETAILS: \$4 Per person  
**Open Badminton**  
TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday & Friday  
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside  
DETAILS: \$9 Per person, includes birds. Competitive style  
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TIME/DATE: 12 p.m. every Monday; 6-8 p.m. every Saturday  
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside  
DETAILS: \$3 Per person Monday  
\$4 Per person Saturday  
**Open Table Tennis**  
TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m. every Saturday  
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside  
DETAILS: \$5 Per person, 8 tables available.  
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**Open Coed 50+ Volleyball**  
TIME/DATE: 10am - Noon every Mon, Wed, Fri  
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside  
DETAILS: \$1 Per person, all skill levels welcome  
**Bring your friends**  
**Open 50+ Pickleball**  
TIME/DATE: 1-5 p.m. every Monday  
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.  
DETAILS: \$2 Per person, Paddles & balls available  
CONTACT: (248) 449-9947 for more info on all above open activities.

## Volunteering

### ARBOR HOSPICE

DETAILS: Seeking compassionate, caring individuals to join our Volunteer Team in support of patients

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### ART HOUSE STORE

LOCATION: 215 W. Cady St.  
DETAILS: Looking for volunteers to work four hours per month, receive 10 percent off store purchases.  
CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

### FRIENDS OF THE NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY

DETAILS: There are openings for our Board of Directors. The Friends are volunteers who promote reading, support programs in the library and financially support projects not covered by the library's budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and serve on a committee. If interested, send a letter to James Morche, President of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

### HEARTLAND HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TIME: Day and evening training classes  
LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield  
DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is needed.  
CONTACT: Mary, (800) 770-9859

### MEALS-ON-WHEELS

DATE: Ongoing  
TIME: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers needed.  
CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna (248) 348-1761

### NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION SEEKS COMMISSIONERS

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month  
LOCATION: 215 West Cady Street  
DETAILS: Seeking volunteer Commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House. The mission of the Art House is to enhance the community by providing culture and arts in a central and appropriate location. Candidates need only to have a passion for expanding the arts in Northville! Committees are formed

to assist in the development and facilitation of Art House educational programs, events and exhibitions  
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### SUSAN B. GALLI ANGEL FUND

DETAILS: Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic has created a fund to assist families in need with medical expenses for their pets. The fund is in memory of a longtime client, Sue Galli. All donations are welcome so we can help as many pets as possible. Please make checks payable to Hidden Spring Vet Clinic SGA Fund. Mail to: 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-2598

### VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION HOSPICE PROGRAM

DETAILS: In as little as two to four hours a week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free, 18-hour/three-day training program is provided.  
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### YWCA OF WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY

DETAILS: The YWCA is looking for volunteers to assist with office help, after-school programs, building projects, communications and marketing in various locations throughout western Wayne County.  
CONTACT: Tabatha Manuel (313) 561-4110 Ext. 20 or [tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org](mailto:tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org)

## Support Groups

### ANGELA HOSPICE GROUPS

LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia  
CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012  
**General Grief Support Groups**  
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month  
DETAILS: Open to all losses.  
**Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group**  
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month  
**Suicide Loss Support Services**  
DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide, call Sherri Katz at (734) 464-7810 for more information.  
**Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child**  
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month  
DETAILS: Call Ann-Patrice Foley to register, (734) 464-7810.  
**Grief Support Quilter's Group**

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month  
DETAILS: Make a quilt in memory of a loved one. No experience necessary. Register by calling (734) 953-6012.  
**Women's Grief Support Group**  
DETAILS: Sessions held in spring and fall. Call Joan Lee at (734) 953-6012 for dates and times.

### ANXIETY DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday  
LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia  
DETAILS: Aim for Recovery offers support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders and their families. Meetings consist of planned behavioral lessons and discussions. Educational material will be available. Donations for the program and materials are accepted.  
CONTACT: Robert Driedrich at [robdriedrich@msn.com](mailto:robdriedrich@msn.com)

### CROHN'S & COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

DATE: First and third Wednesday of each month  
TIME: 7-9 p.m.  
LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center  
DETAILS: Enter facility through south-east entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left.  
CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

### FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS INFORMATION SESSION

DETAILS: Twelve-step program for individuals suffering from food obsession, over eating, under eating, and bulimia; weekly meetings held in Canton, Ann Arbor and other metro Detroit areas, no dues, fees or weigh-ins; everyone welcome including those who think they have food problems or are concerned about someone who may.  
CONTACT: (734) 913-9614 or [foodaddicts.org](mailto:foodaddicts.org)

### NEW HOPE CENTER FOR GRIEF SUPPORT

DETAILS: The groups meet on a regular basis in various locations. All services for offered at no cost.  
CONTACT: (248) 348-0115 or go to <http://newhopecenter.net>  
**Circles of Hope**  
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month  
LOCATION: St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth  
DETAILS: Ongoing support group for widows and widowers; group divides into three sections depending on stage of grief; meets same time as

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## children's support group

**New Hope for KIDZ and Teens Support Group**

**TIME/DATE:** 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month  
**DETAILS:** Meets at the same time and location as adult group; for children ages 3-18 who have lost a loved one; kids divided into different age groups.

**Starting Again**

**TIME/DATE:** 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road  
**DETAILS:** Ongoing support group for widows and widowers who are facing the empty nest, either still working or recently retired.

**Wayfarers**

**TIME/DATE:** 2-3 p.m. second Wednesday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Ward Presbyterian Church, Room A107  
**DETAILS:** For semi-retired or retired widows and widowers.

**The Lunch Bunch**

**TIME/DATE:** Noon third Wednesday of each month  
**DETAILS:** This is a monthly lunch group for widows and widowers; locations vary, call Ed Drost at (734) 261-8045 for more information.

**Parents of Hope**

**DETAILS:** Small groups for parents who have lost a child are offered at some of our From Grief to New Hope workshops. Monthly support groups are also offered at the following times and locations:

**Livingston County Parents of Hope**

**TIME/DATE:** 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 9455 Hilton Road, Brighton

**Oakland County Parents of Hope**

**TIME/DATE:** 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Orchard Lake Community Church, 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake

**FROM GRIEF TO NEW HOPE**

**TIME/DATE:** 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday nights  
**LOCATION:** Orchard United Methodist Church located at 30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills  
**DETAILS:** New Hope Center for Grief Support and Orchard United Methodist Church will be offering an eight week grief workshop. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Tuesday nights.  
**CONTACT:** For registration information call the church at (248) 626-3620. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115.

**PSYCHOTHERAPY & COUNSELING SERVICES, NORTHVILLE COUNSELING CENTER**

**Anxiety/Agrophobia/Panic Attack Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** Second Wednesday of each month  
**DETAILS:** Call (734) 420-8175 for more information.

**Co-Dependency Class**

**TIME/DATE:** 6 p.m. every Tuesday  
**DETAILS:** The focus of each session will be helpful for those who came from a dysfunctional, co-dependent or alcoholic parent situation. Various topics presented each week with time for sharing, guidance and supportive tools. Cost is \$12 per session.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER**

**LOCATION:** Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads  
**CONTACT:** For more information, and to register, call (734) 462-4443, e-mail [wrc@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:wrc@schoolcraft.edu) or visit [schoolcraft.edu/wrc](http://schoolcraft.edu/wrc).

**Divorce Support Group**

**TIME/DATE:** 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month  
**LOCATION:** Women's Resource Center, Room 225 McDowell Center  
**DETAILS:** Open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce; first

meeting each month is group discussion; second meeting features a guest speaker; no fee or registration required.

**SPACE FOR CHANGING FAMILIES**

A nonsectarian community service of the National Council of Jewish Women/Greater Detroit Section  
**Divorce Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday  
**LOCATION:** Hooper Evaluations Building, 26400 Lahser Road, Suite 306, Southfield.  
**DETAILS:** Help for men and women dealing with the many conflicted feelings regarding divorce and separation. Led by a trained facilitator, Andy Mather. Fee is \$5 per session. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0

**WIDOWED FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP**

**DETAILS:** Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit is a peer support group.  
**CONTACT:** For more information, call Marilyn at (586) 739-9406

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. every Thursday  
**DETAILS:** Susan McKenna, a life coach, author and motivational speaker, is hosting a support group exclusively for young adults (high school through 20's). The major issues that this age group deals with are issues with parents; anxiety and or depression; lack of motivation or low self esteem; relationship problems. A group support system which will offer discussion, information and offer ways to encourage problem solving tools will motivate those wishing to be happy and successful. Sessions are \$12  
**CONTACT:** Register by calling 734-420-8175.

**Clubs & Groups****AAUW, NORTHVILLE/NOVI BRANCH**

**CONTACT:** For information e-mail Harriet Sawyer, membership Vice President at [sawyerh@wowway.com](mailto:sawyerh@wowway.com) or call (734) 420-3270

**BEAUTIFUL SINGLES HIKING**

**TIME/DAY:** 9:30 a.m. first and third Sunday of the month  
**LOCATION:** Maybury State Park  
**DETAILS:** Join singles of all ages for hiking and other activities.  
**CONTACT:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/BSHiking/> or Bill at (586) 909-6938

**BUSINESS NETWORKING INTERNATIONAL**

**TIME/DAY:** 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday  
**LOCATION:** Ginopolis on Ice, Compumare Sports Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth  
**DETAILS:** This diverse group of business professionals meets with the goal of exchanging referrals. Currently seeking different representatives from occupations including florist, mechanic, DJ, landscaper, dentist and caterer.  
**CONTACT:** Carol Clarke, (734) 968-8254 or visit [bni-mi.com](http://bni-mi.com)

**CAMERA CLUB**

**DATE:** Second Tuesday of every month  
**CONTACT:** Tom James of Northville Camera at [northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net](mailto:northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net) or Northville Arts Commission (248) 449-9950

**GARDENERS OF NORTHVILLE & NOVI**

**TIME/DATE:** 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month, Sept.-May  
**LOCATION:** Northville Art House at 215 W. Cady Street, Northville  
**DETAILS:** Visitors welcome.  
**CONTACT:** Contact: Marcia (248) 349-2352 or visit [gardenersnorthville-novi.org](http://gardenersnorthville-novi.org)

**GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP**

**TIME/DATE:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month  
**LOCATION:** Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington Road  
**DETAILS:** Discuss novels, plays, poetry and nonfiction. Reading Poetry by Mark Strand. Goody Night.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-3121

**NORTHVILLE BOOK CLUB**

**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. one Friday per month  
**LOCATION:** Solid Grounds Coffee House, 133 W. Main St., Suite 222  
**DETAILS:** Reading "The Autobiography of My Mother" by

Jamaica Kincaid.

**CONTACT:** [northvillebookclub@gmail.com](mailto:northvillebookclub@gmail.com)

**NORTHVILLE DEMOCRATS CLUB Membership Meeting**

**TIME/DATE:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22  
**LOCATION:** The Cady Inn at Mill Race Village on Griswold in downtown Northville.  
**CONTACT:** [www.northvilledems.com](http://www.northvilledems.com)  
**Membership Meeting**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22  
**LOCATION:** The Cady Inn at Mill Race Village on Griswold in downtown. Community Dems Annual Spaghetti Dinner  
**DATE:** Friday evening, Sept. 25  
**LOCATION:** Burton Manor, Livonia

**NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Research Help**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1-3 p.m. every Monday and by appointment  
**LOCATION:** Northville District Library, Local History Room  
**DETAILS:** Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members.  
**CONTACT:** Tille Van Sickle (734) 595-7806 or <http://rootsweb.com/~mings>  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1:15 p.m. computer genealogy class, 2:30 p.m. general meeting, second Sunday of month.  
**LOCATION:** Northville District Library, Carlos Meeting Room, 212 W. Cady St.

**NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS**

**Meet and Greet Monthly Coffee**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m. first Tuesday of each month

**LOCATION:** Member's home  
**DETAILS:** All welcome to socialize, meet, greet friends and neighbors and learn about the activities and interest groups this club has to offer.  
**CONTACT:** Colleen Nametz at (248) 349-4684

**Health Events****BOTSFORD OFFERS AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S LOOK GOOD...FEEL BETTER PROGRAM**

**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-noon, second Monday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Botsford Cancer Center located at 27900 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills  
**DETAILS:** Are you experiencing skin, facial and nail changes during your cancer treatment? Botsford Hospital's Cancer Center is offering an American Cancer Society program called Look Good... Feel Better that provides information and cosmetic advice to women battling cancer. This program is a free, supportive, informative and enjoyable first step toward renewed self-esteem, self-confidence and emotional recovery for female cancer patients undergoing radiation or chemotherapy. The session includes hands-on instruction on makeup, skin care and suggestions for using wigs, turbans and scarves. It also includes tips on nail care during treatment. Further, a makeup gift bag will be donated to all participants. Sessions are limited to 12 people and are open to any woman undergoing cancer treatment in the area. Pre-registration is required. Look Good... Feel Better is offered through a partnership of the American Cancer Society, the Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association and the National Cosmetology Association.  
**CONTACT:** For more information or to register, please call Jeri Davis, MLSW, at (248) 473-4813.

**Tai Chi class**  
**TIME/DATE:** 4-6 p.m., every Wednesday  
**LOCATION:** Botsford Hospital - Community Room of the Zieger Administration & Education Building  
**DETAILS:** Looking for a way to improve health and relieve stress? Don't miss Botsford Hospital's offered with Dr. Alex Green, a Botsford pathologist. The class meets from in the. The first class you attend is free and each additional session is \$5.  
**CONTACT:** For questions about this program, please contact Dr. Green at [ajgreen@botsford.org](mailto:ajgreen@botsford.org) or call (248) 471-8729.

**Lymphedema Clinic**

**TIME/DATE:** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday  
**DETAILS:** A comprehensive lymphedema clinic in conjunction with Botsford Hospital's comprehensive lymphedema management program. The clinic helps patients with lymphedema or venous insufficiency gain control of their lives through education, exercise, self-massage techniques and compression garments.

**CONTACT:** (248) 471-8120.

**FREE HEALTH AWARENESS SEMINAR**

**TIME/DATE:** 6:30 p.m., Tuesday nights  
**LOCATION:** Health for Life Chiropractic, Highland Lakes Plaza, 43059 7 mile Rd., Northville  
**DETAILS:** Meet Dr. Ryan Cooper and see how Chiropractic can help reach varied health care goals.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 449-1630 or [RyanCCooper@gmail.com](mailto:RyanCCooper@gmail.com) or [www.hfchiro.net](http://www.hfchiro.net) Please RSVP

**FLU SHOTS**

**TIME:** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Wayne, 33030 Van Born Road, at Venoy, (734) 727-7100. Walk-in days are Mondays and Thursdays. Appointments only on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Fridays  
**LOCATION:** Taylor, 26650 Eureka Road, east of Inkster Road, (734) 955-3900. Walk-in days are Mondays and Thursdays. Appointment only days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.  
**LOCATION:** Dearborn, 6450 Maple, west of Schaefer Road, south of Warren Road, (313) 216-2201. Appointment only on Thursdays.  
**DETAILS:** The Wayne County Department of Public Health offers flu shots for residents at its clinics below. Cost of flu vaccine is \$15. Pneumonia vaccine is offered for \$35. Medicare (Part B) and Medicaid are accepted.  
**CONTACT:** (734) 727-7000

**STRENGTH TRAINING CLASSES**

**LOCATION:** American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap, corner of Center Street  
**DATE:** Mondays and Fridays  
**DETAILS:** Diane DiVita offers Strength Training classes (light weights with a little yoga stretching) for adults.  
**CONTACT:** For more information, call Diane at (248) 344-0928 or visit [anglesix@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anglesix@sbcglobal.net).

**PSYCHOTHERAPY & COUNSELING SERVICES**

**LOCATION:** Northville Counseling Center  
**CONTACT:** (248) 348-1100 or (734) 420-8175 to register.

**ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL**

**LOCATION:** 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia  
**CONTACT:** (734) 655-4800 or [stmary-mercy.org](mailto:stmary-mercy.org)  
**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 3-4:30 p.m. first Thursday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Classroom 1  
**DETAILS:** No fee or registration required. For more information call Audra Frye, Alzheimer's Association (248) 426-7055.  
**Breast Cancer Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6-8 p.m. second Tuesday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Classroom 10  
**DETAILS:** The group offers a place for patients and survivors to gather and share experiences, learn coping techniques and find support and strength. For more information, contact (734) 655-1162

**Free Seminars-Michigan Bariatric Institute**  
**DETAILS:** MBI offers three laparoscopic surgical weight loss options. Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding and Sleeve Gastrectomy at a free monthly seminar in the St. Mary Mercy hospital Auditorium. To register call (734) 655-2693, (877) Why-Weight or visit hospital Web site.  
**Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center**  
**DETAILS:** Offering a spa-like atmosphere with image-enhancement services to help cancer patients heal from the inside out and regain their self-confidence in a supportive and caring environment. Services include: Free consultation and assessment, skin care, hand and nail care, massage therapy, reflexology, hair replacements, haircuts and styling of hair and wigs, prosthetics and bras, lymphedema compression products and educational resources. Services offered to patients from any hospital and the general public.  
**CONTACT:** (734) 655-8810

**Diabetes Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7-8:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Auditorium  
**DETAILS:** All are welcome.  
**17th Annual Gala**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9  
**LOCATION:** Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia  
**DETAILS:** Beginning with hors

d'oeuvres and a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m. The Gala will feature a gourmet dinner, dancing, and musical entertainment by Simone Vitale Band. For 50 years, St. Mary Mercy Livonia has been an integral part of this community, providing leading edge, comprehensive and compassionate health care. This year, the hospital celebrates our 50-year anniversary milestone at the 17th Annual Gala. Corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities are available. Guest reservations are \$100 per person. For Gal tickets or sponsorship information, contact Sara Stauffer, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Foundation at (734) 655-2980.  
**Baby Basics Workshop**  
**TIME/DATE:** 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26  
**DETAILS:** Infant care and breast-feeding classes combined in classrooms 1 and 2.  
**Sibling Tour**  
**TIME/DATE:** 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19  
**DETAILS:** Welcoming a new baby into the family can be an adjustment for "big" sisters and "big" brothers.  
**"Women's Health 101"**  
**TIME/DATE:** 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6  
**DETAILS:** In the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. Bone Density Screening, Blood Pressure Screening and Massage will be offered from 5:30 - 7 p.m., and the lecture will be from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The speaker is St. Mary Mercy Hospital Physician, Karin Dimon.

**ST. JOSEPH MERCY HOSPITAL**

**Fall Fitness Session**  
**DATE:** Sept. 8 - Oct. 23 (7 weeks)  
**LOCATION:** Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center (on the campus of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital)  
**DETAILS:** State-of-the-art fitness studio provides a variety of classes for adults of all ages and fitness levels. Motivating group fitness classes taught by certified fitness instructors. Classes include Strength Training, Pilates, Yoga, Walking Circuit and more.  
**CONTACT:** Registration required 734-712-5800 or visit [www.sjmercyhealth.org/fitness](http://www.sjmercyhealth.org/fitness) for a complete schedule of classes.  
**Nutricare Weight and Cholesterol Management Program**  
**DATE:** Sept. 22 - Oct. 13  
**LOCATION:** Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center (St. Joseph Mercy Hospital campus)  
**DETAILS:** A comprehensive nutrition program led by a Registered Dietitian combining individual counseling and group classes to help you achieve a healthy approach to weight loss and cholesterol reduction. Classes include hands-on heart healthy cooking classes, weight and body composition and individual goal setting. Classes are offered Tuesday evenings from 6-8:00 p.m. \$40/class. May be covered by health insurance.  
**CONTACT:** Call (734) 712-1313 to schedule an appointment.

**CPR/AED AND FIRST AID CLASSES**

**TIME:** 6-9 p.m. last Tuesday of month  
**LOCATION:** City of Northville Fire Department, 215 W. Main St.  
**DETAILS:** These American Heart Association and Life Support Training Center (LSTI) classes offer two year certification. Cost is \$40 per course. For more information and to register, call the fire department at (248) 449-9920

**BABY AND ME INFANT CPR**

**TIME/DATE:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, every other month  
**LOCATION:** City of Northville Fire Department, 215 W. Main St.  
**DETAILS:** This family friendly session is for new parents and their babies. It will provide parents and grandparents knowledgeable support and simple hands-on instruction with their baby in case of life-threatening emergencies. Cost is \$20 for parents and baby and includes a manual and emergency wallet cards. Group rates also available.  
**CONTACT:** Life support Training Institute at (248) 304-6055 for registration, questions and directions.

**FIRST AID/CPR CLASSES**

**TIME/DATE:** 6-10 p.m. monthly  
**LOCATION:** Northville Township Fire Department, 45745 Six Mile Road  
**DETAILS:** American Red Cross First Aid/CPR classes taught by trained

firefighters. Call for further information and dates; \$20 fee for Township residents.  
**CONTACT:** Northville Township Fire Department (248) 348-5807

**ST. JOHN PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL, PROVIDENCE CENTER FOR THE HEALING ARTS**

**LOCATION:** Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
**CONTACT:** (248) 465-5455  
**Wanted One-time Art Workshop Instructors**  
**DETAILS:** We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops.  
**Colored Pencil Workshop**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1-3 p.m.; second Tuesday of every month  
**DETAILS:** Beginners welcome.  
**Ceramics Class**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday.  
**DETAILS:** Explore the Art of playing with clay. Express yourself in this three-dimensional art form. \$10 lab fee. Call to verify class times.  
**Knittin' Yarns**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday  
**DETAILS:** Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.  
**Meditation**  
**TIME/DATE:** Meditation for individuals or groups by appointment.  
**DETAILS:** Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space; Cancer Center.  
**Therapeutic Yoga**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10-11 a.m. Monday - Yoga for Kids with Parents; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday - Yoga for Backs; 6-7 p.m. Tuesday - Mixed Level; 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday - Meditative Yoga; 12:15-1:15 p.m. Wednesday - Mixed Level; 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday - Prenatal Yoga; 6:45-7:45 p.m. Thursday - Yoga for Backs; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday - Beginner/Intermediate; 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday - Mixed Level; 10:45-11:45 a.m. Saturday - Yoga for Backs.  
**DETAILS:** \$10/walk-in, \$80/10-class card, \$45/5-class card. Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$60. Registration required. Classes also held at Providence Hospital, Southfield. Call for details.  
**Massage Therapy**  
**TIME/DATE:** By appointment  
**DETAILS:** Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and tension; chronic fatigue; pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring physician's referral; \$50/50-minutes  
**Create with Janis**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-noon each Monday  
**DETAILS:** Express yourself artistically in our peaceful and inspirational creative arts studio. Janis provides guidance in a variety of techniques and projects. \$5 suggested per session.  
**Explore Art and Color with Darcy**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1-3 p.m., the fourth Tuesday of every month  
**DETAILS:** Join volunteer artist Darcel as she guides you in transforming an ordinary block of wood into a multi-dimensional work of art. Cost is \$5 per session.  
**Know Before You Go**  
**CONTACT:** Call (248) 465-4488 for a recording of the latest in class changes.

**TAI CHI CLASSES**

**DATE:** Currently in session.  
**DETAILS:** Non-profit Michigan Tai Chi Association is offering classes in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 332-1281

**PLATOON 5 XTREME TRAINING**

**TIME/DATE:** 6 a.m. most days; also evening, mid-morning and Saturday classes  
**LOCATION:** Various local parks  
**DETAILS:** Activities are challenging, fun and different every session. Also included are counseling and advice on healthy food choices. Camp is continuous and new registration takes place every month. Class size is limited  
**Platoon 5 Xtreme Training** is a boot camp fitness company in Farmington Hills.  
**CONTACT:** For information visit the Web site at [www.p5xt.com](http://www.p5xt.com), call Mona at (248) 890-6702 or e-mail at [mona@p5xt.com](mailto:mona@p5xt.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 St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Take pride in our nation's words

Patriotism needs to be measured as a cautious commodity.

Too often it turns into nothing more than a shield for disreputable people to justify their illegal and immoral actions. But it does have its place, and this is a good time to stand up with patriotic pride.

It isn't well known, but the week of Sept. 17 to 23 is Constitution Week. The recognition was established by Congress in 1955 at the urging of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The U.S. Constitution is a remarkable document. For more than 200 years, it has guided this nation. It was so skillfully crafted that even though it was written in 1787, in the days of horse-drawn wagons and wooden sailing ships it still functions admirably in the current age of autos, jet planes and even space ships.

It's doubtful that many people have actually read the Constitution. It isn't a daunting document; in fact, it's remarkably short for a something that defines the structure of an entire nation. But that's its beauty.

It is specific enough to guide our nation yet so flexible that it has only been amended 27 times in its entire existence.

And it is relevant today as it was the day it was drafted. It deals with fundamental rights and issues so skillfully that it is still is fresh and meaningful.

Few, if any, other national constitutions in the world are as effective as the Constitution of the United States. It is a key reason that our nation has survived for so long and still maintained its fundamental principles basically intact.

It has remained true to its objective "to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity..."

Powerful words, even 222 years later.

### Library card month: Good time to get one

We have a question: Do you know what month it is?

You're correct if you say September, but you would be even more correct if you said it's Library Card Sign-up Month.

We know parents just spent the better part of August getting their kids ready for school, stocking up on the school supplies students will need this year. But how many of you thought about a library card? It's most likely the most important school supply of all.

Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. You need only look to the growing number of adults who have turned to their local library to use computers to look for work, prepare resumes, or check out books to enhance their skill to realize how important a library card is.

Big or small, libraries are an important part of the community, not because of the books, magazines, newspapers, CDs and DVDs they make available to the public but their ability to put the world at your fingertips. For kids, the library is great place to get help with homework, to check out books, play games or use the Internet.

Here's a short list of things you can do at your library:

- Check out your favorite novel.
- Attend preschool story hour with your child.
- Research the purchase of a new car.
- Travel to another planet in a sci-fi novel or on the Internet at [pds.jpl.nasa.gov/planets/ornineplanets.org](http://pds.jpl.nasa.gov/planets/ornineplanets.org).
- Borrow an audiobook for your next road trip or commute.
- Learn how to use a database or computerized catalog.

The best part of having a library card is that it's free. No hidden fees, no interest charges. It's one card everyone should have in their wallet. If you don't have one, stop by the library today and get one. It's your key to the world of books and so much more.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite part of the Victorian Festival?



**Dressing up! Being at the Mill Race Village. Working with people on the (festival) committee at the chamber.**  
Heidi Nielsen



**I enjoy it all. For me, it's volunteering at the Oak Pointe Church booth.**  
Gail Paulus



**I just enjoy all the activities, watching the kids get dressed up.**  
Janet Urbahn



**It's got to be the sense of community. Seeing people you know enjoying themselves. And it's fun to socialize with people.**  
Mellanee Asher

## LETTERS

### Health care plan's a scam

The bloom might have fallen off the rose for President Obama. We have heard an earnest appeal for reform to a health care plan that now "may or may not" look like the Congressional bill. America decided to read this bill and is overwhelmed by the misstatements of its promoters and the administration. Those printed words without the flair of inflection and emotion are always much more revealing and trustworthy. Salesmen seek to magnify, stimulate and gain attention but the devil and full clarity remain in the quicksand of details, which salesmen ignore to sell sizzle.

The worst mistake of the Congress and the administration was in pumping our nation's spending programs to a point when even the most unskilled American is frightened to death. No longer is public interest being peaked with worn-out threats, calculated wording and shell games of politicians, followed with a smile and the words "trust me." The logic of saving millions by spending trillions is a real work of art. Americans can see their own stake in America by twisted to the financiers in other countries by sold to politicians buying political power with printed empty money and public debt load.

The battalions of czars promoting political logic, fiat financing and blue sky conclusions are being studied, challenged and

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tested by a few. No longer can we expect to redefine words as we were asked to redefine the word "is" in one past clever administration. All the special interest money and the sub characters leading "the new agenda" for America are being carefully evaluated by a few. I am disappointed by the bulk and slick media who formerly challenged and offered options but now become simply enablers to be smoked out by more independent thinking Americans.

Jim Nowka

### Gift Shop helps library too

The Sept. 3 issue of the Northville Record included a nice front page picture and article about the beautiful renovations which were just completed at the Northville District Library.

The Friends of the Northville District Library provided \$25,000 in funds for this very worthwhile project. As stated in the article, the Friends raised this money through used book sales and memberships. However, another important source of income for the Friends, which was not mentioned in the article, is the Friends of the Library Gift Shop.

Conveniently located just inside the main doors of the library, the Friends Gift Store is a small, but unique shop filled with interesting merchandise. In addition to gift items relating to books, the store carries puzzles, educational and classic toys, jewelry, reading glasses, and greeting cards. Notepads and pens are also stocked for people who are studying or working in the library. Proceeds from all sales help to support the library.

The Friends Store is open seven days a week, and is operated by a very dedicated staff of volunteers helping to make projects like the library renovation possible.

## New taxes: A lubricant to protect the status quo

Michigan — just say no! No new taxes until major government restructuring and reforms are under way. The people of Michigan need to rise up with a righteous indignation and tell our elected leaders

that we expect, no, we demand, change in Lansing.

Raising taxes without action on the new "3 R's: Restructure, Reform and Reinventing"

government is as unacceptable as it is unsustainable and will not position Michigan for the future. Simply increasing taxes is providing government with the lubricant needed to avoid making tough choices and continuing to protect the status quo. Major, visionary, structural reforms must be added to the mix.

Giving Lansing more of our tax dollars without reform would be the equivalent of mandating we pay more for GM and Chrysler products without demanding that they make the structural changes necessary to make themselves competitive. Now, is the right time to right-size and prioritize how we should invest OUR tax money.

### OTHER OPTIONS EXIST

There are other options than the tired formula of simply cutting government and increasing taxes. Organizations as diverse as Mackinac Center, The Center For Michigan, Citizens Research Council, The Detroit Renaissance, the governor's own "Defining Moment Report" of the Emergency Financial Advisory Panel, have laid out ways that Michigan can restructure, reform and reinvent itself — to no avail.

It seems that the governor and the Legislature are looking at only choosing from one side of the menu — tax increases and cuts. The governor and the Legislature need to be held accountable for why they have not adopted the reforms outlined by such distinguished groups as above and game changing ideas as Speaker Andy Dillon's health care reforms before they cut and tax us more. Reforms can free up resources that can be redirected to priority services.

As the governor and legislative leaders huddle in private and conduct the public's business about how they do their constitutional responsibility to balance the budget that is out of whack by what is now estimated at nearly \$3 billion dollars, we have to ask: Whose interests are they looking out for?

Where is the bold leadership to take on the pension and health costs in government that are simply unsustainable? Why do we allow the wasting of precious tax dollars to maintain duplicative and overlapping government services in police, fire, health care, transportation and our schools?

### ISSUES TO ADDRESS

These issues must be tackled if we are going to invest in education and retraining programs that are necessary if Michigan is going to compete with other states and nations as the 21st century unfolds. The time is now for Michigan to get serious about reform.

Our leaders are holding onto the old rather than reaching for the new. Michigan must be willing to take its foot off first base if it is intent on stealing second by reinventing itself and investing what will make us strong.

I am not a member of any "anti tax" group. In fact, along with leadership roles in the private sector, I have spent a major part of my professional career leading government and nonprofit organizations that benefit from government support; serving some of our most vulnerable citizens: children and persons with disabilities. Government has a responsibility to "do good," but we should also expect it to "do it well."

Gov. Granholm has had one of the toughest jobs since taking the reins of state government in 2002. She has cut more out of state government than all previous governors combined. She has also raised taxes and is poised to do so again. This strategy has not worked in repositioning Michigan for the future. Michigan cannot cut and tax its way out of the problems facing us. Reform is mandatory. The ideas are there. It's time to show some leadership and adopt them.

Once reforms are under way, an effective case can be made for developing a 21st century tax structure that propel us into the future, not anchor us to supporting the status quo of the past.

Michigan can't wait any longer. Once the economic recovery begins we will continue to slip further and further behind the rest of the country and the world. Doing the same thing again and again and expecting different results won't work. And it's not what we need, deserve or should accept.

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## NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

**LOCATION:** 200 E. Main St.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.org  
**Sunday Worship**  
**TIME:** 9:30, 11 a.m.  
**Walking in the Park**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10-11 a.m. every Saturday  
**LOCATION:** Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)  
**DETAILS:** Group meets for lunch afterwards.  
**CONTACT:** Sue (734) 459-0016  
**Single Place Ministries**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.  
**DETAILS:** Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

## OAK POINTE CHURCH

**LOCATION:** 50200 W. 10 Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org  
**Worship Services**  
**TIME:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday  
**ReNew Life Ministries**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday  
**DETAILS:** Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.  
**CONTACT:** For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.  
**Charmed Influence**  
**TIME/DATE:** 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday  
**DETAILS:** Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage".  
**CONTACT:** Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church.

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF NORTHVILLE

**A Stephen Ministry church**  
**LOCATION:** 777 W. Eight Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-1144 or fume-northville.org  
**Sunday Worship**  
**TIME:** 8:30 and 10 a.m. through Labor Day  
**DETAILS:** Rev. Dr. Steve Buck  
**Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.**  
**Healing Service**  
**TIME/DATE:** 4 p.m. first Monday of every month  
**Radical Joy**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month.  
**DETAILS:** All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation.  
**Crafters and Vendors are needed**  
**TIME/DATE:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24  
**DETAILS:** The annual Community Bazaar Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church Northville. This is a great opportunity to showcase local customers. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling up fast.  
**CONTACT:** For details and reserve a space e-mail Pat Breslin at: BizarreBazaar@care2.com. For more information regarding Village Banking: www.villagebanking.org.

## NOVI UNITED METHODIST

**LOCATION:** 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com  
**Sunday Worship**  
**TIME:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Healing Service and Holy Communion**  
**TIME/DATE:** 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month  
**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  
**Randy and Marli in Concert**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20  
**DETAILS:** Join us for a musical program of light contemporary inspira-

tional music performed by South Lyon based husband and wife duo who live in their motor home with their two children, Kennedie and Kadison. As a family they travel the country calling home wherever they park and perform to glorify God.

## WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**LOCATION:** 40000 Six Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978  
**Sunday Worship**  
**TIME:** 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 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 WRD-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station.  
**Single Point Ministries - 45 and older**  
**TIME/DATE:** 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.  
**Young Focus Ministries - 35-50 years**  
**TIME/DATE:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.  
**Single Christ 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  
**From Grief to New Hope**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7-8:45 p.m. on eight consecutive Mondays, beginning Sept. 14  
**DETAILS:** This free workshop is open to the community and will be present-

ed by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.  
**CONTACT:** For registration information, call Barb at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support, call (248) 348-0115 or visit our website www.newhopecenter.net.

## CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**LOCATION:** 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.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:** 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org  
**Sunday Schedule:** 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service  
**Tuesday Schedule:** 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  
**Women of the Word**  
**TIME/DATE:** 9:25-11:15 a.m. beginning Sept. 15  
**DETAILS:** The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

## 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  
**DETAILS:** We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith in order to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as article discussion, crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. Free childcare is available but children are also welcome to join their mothers during meetings.  
**CONTACT:** Becky McKee (248) 305-5924 or Kris Endreszi (248) 946-4080

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

**LOCATION:** 217 N. Wing  
**CONTACT:** (248) 348-1020  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

## FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN

**LOCATION:** 44400 W. 10 Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**LOCATION:** 201 Elm St., Northville  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-3140  
**Sunday Worship:** 8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional

## MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL

**LOCATION:** 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads  
**CONTACT:** Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Sermon:** Having a Plan  
**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.  
**Merry Widows Luncheon**  
**TIME/DATE:** 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month  
**Spiritual Journey with Bob Smith**  
**TIME/DATE:** 11:30 a.m. Sept. 20  
**Evening Vespers**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20  
**Adult Christian Education Class**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m. begins Sept. 22

## OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

**LOCATION:** 770 Thayer, Northville  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-2621 or olnorthville.org  
**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

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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



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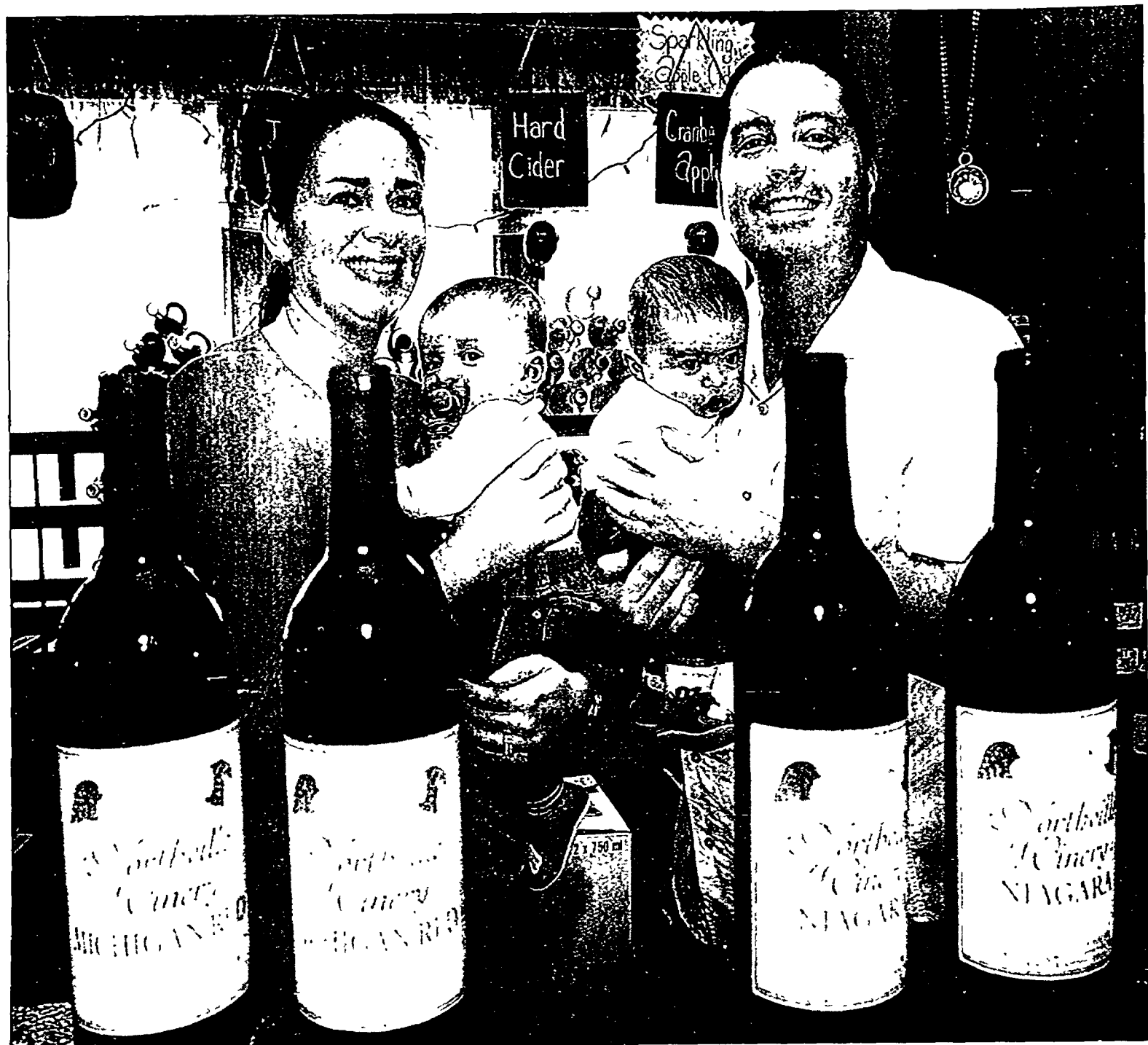
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Carina and Rob Nelson (and their twins Neville and Nashua) are keeping their Northville Winery in Northville at its current location inside Parmenter's Cider Mill.

JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Northville Winery expands line, distributes to area's brew pubs

## ■ Cider mill now open for season

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

When Labor Day weekend hits, it's time for Rob and Carina Nelson to get to work.

The owners of Parmenter's Cider Mill and Northville Winery at 714 Baseline Road in Northville will open for their season last Saturday with an expanded wine list this year.

Established in 1873, Rob Nelson said the cider mill is the oldest business in Northville.

The winery was established in 1983, and the Nelsons have been working with the winery since 2006.

Nelson's parents, Rob and Cheryl, bought the mill from Vern Bodker in 1991 along with partners Mel and Diane Jones. Bodker owned a dairy in Redford in the 1950s.

Recently, city council approved a liquor license transfer for the winery from the four partners to Rob and Carina Nelson.

The family business will hopefully be passed on in a few decades to the Nelsons' 3-month-old twin sons, Nashua and Neville, born on May 23.

### MICHIGAN-GROWN PRODUCE

The mill and winery feature grapes and apples grown on the west side of the state. The grapes come from Barone, near Paw Paw, and the apples hail from the Grand Rapids area. They produce a carbonated, hard cider and a cranberry/apple wine.

A new product is a cherry hard cider, and a new wine — Michigan Vidal Blanc — which is a dry, white variety, was debuted this year.

The winery features seven different wines and one nonalcoholic selection.

"A lot of people get that for homecoming and prom," Carina Nelson said.

The Nelsons are starting to expand the business by selling to brew pubs in the area, such as the Arbor Brewing Company in Ann Arbor and its sister bar, the Corner Brewery in Ypsilanti.

"They have cherry hard cider on tap now," Rob Nelson said.

Deadwood Restaurant in Northville featured two of the winery's wines, as their Wines of the Month for August — the Michigan Red and Just White.

"We don't have a distributor, but we're trying to grow the business," Rob Nelson said. "We're making more wine this year than ever. We should have eight selections by next year."

### IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

Parmenter's Cider Mill and Northville Winery at 714 Baseline Road are open from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily through the weekend before Thanksgiving. For more information, call (248) 349-3181.

The red wine is made with the Chancellor grape, a hybrid variety.

The mill and winery are open from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily until the weekend before Thanksgiving.

People can come and taste the wine for free. Other tasty treats include spiced and plain cake donuts made fresh daily, and many Michigan-made products, such as mustard, maple syrup, salsa, preserves, barbecue sauce, honey, peanut butter, fudge, apple pie, and roasted almonds and cashews.

### IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR

The Hot Dog Hut is run by the Nelsons' cousins, and the Fudge Hut and Nut Mill are run by their aunts and uncles. Rob's sister and brother-in-law, Amanda and Paul Vander Heide, run the Vander Mill in Spring Lake near Grand Haven.

"That's beneficial, because we can trade off ideas," Rob Nelson said.

Parmenter's Cider Slush is a favorite, and the mill won a Bronze Medal this year for its hard cider from the Cider Makers Guild.

The mill specializes in all-things apple, such as apple chips with caramel and nuts, as well as whole caramel apples and apple butter. Other features are a candy counter, an outdoor play area and train for children, picnic tables, and craft booths on the weekends starting in October.

### A DESTINATION PLACE

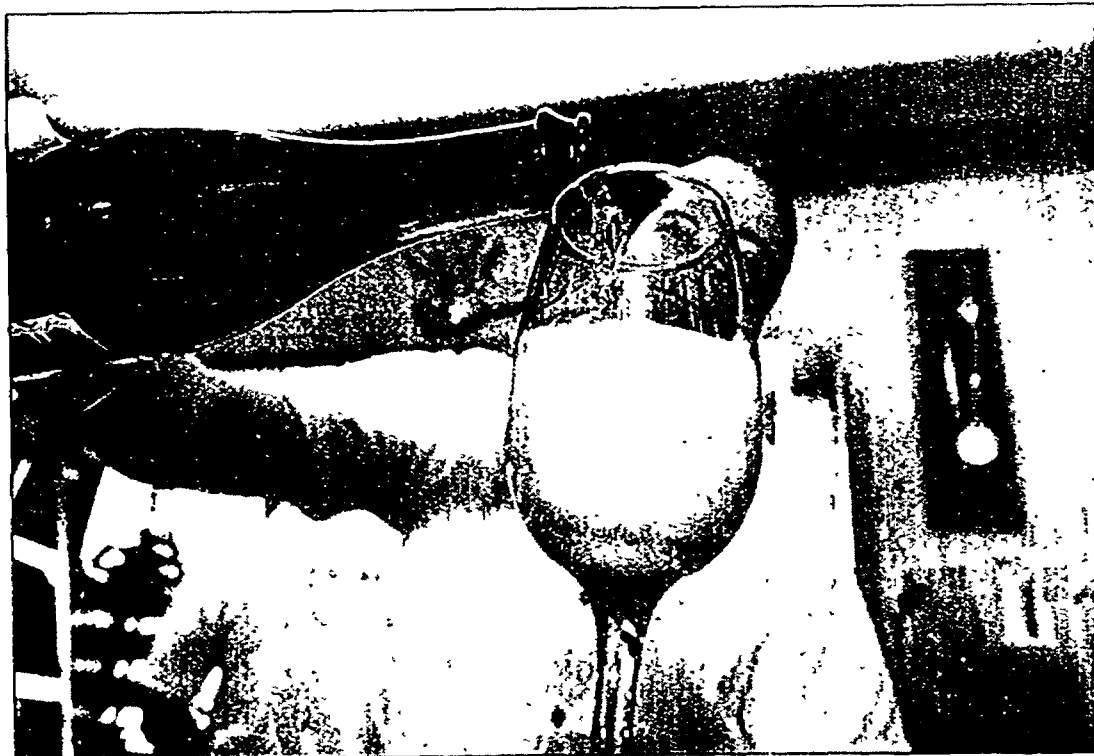
Parmenter's Cider Mill and Northville Winery is definitely a destination place in the Metro Detroit area every fall.

"When people think of Northville, they think about Parmenter's," Rob Nelson said. People used to get engaged on the bridge that used to go across the creek behind the mill. It has since been torn down, due to the eroding creek bank.

Marcia and Al Renaud came all the way from Garden City on Monday just to feed the ducks in the creek behind the mill and winery.

"We used to bring our kids here when they were little, but they're grown now," they said. "Parmenter's Cider Mill is the best one around."

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Rob Nelson, co-owner of the Northville Winery, pours a glass of a hard cider that is sold at the Parmenter's Cider Mill location in Northville.



Carina Nelson places some examples of the Northville Winery's fare on a countertop at Parmenter's Cider Mill.



The Northville Winery, inside Parmenter's on Baseline Rd., offers a number of Michigan-grown wines and a hard cider in bottles (seen here) that are made from apples that come into the Northville cider mill.



Northville Winery co-owner Rob Nelson holds a bottle of Michigan Red wine and a hard cider produced from apples that arrive at the winery's location: Parmenter's Cider Mill on Baseline Road.

# Find more of everything at the Fall Remodeling & Design Expo

Help is here for homebuyers seeking remodeling and design guidance to enjoying a day of family fun at this year's Fall Remodeling and Design Expo.

Here is a list of the great events within the show, taking place Friday through Saturday, Oct. 9-11 at Rock Financial Showplace, in Novi:

- Enter the 2,400 square foot Green Living Zone and discover an 880-square-foot structure built to simulate the rooms of an eco-friendly home, displaying innovative items to save the planet and save money, constructed by various exhibitors from across Southeast Michigan.

- Hear various speakers throughout the weekend discussing everything from tax credits for homebuyers and buying energy efficient products to faux painting tech-

## DETAILS

The Fall Remodeling and Design Expo is Oct. 9-11 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, Michigan. Hours are noon-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$6, seniors \$5, with kids 12 and under always admitted free. For more information visit <http://www.novihomeshow.com>.

niques to sustainable landscaping to saving money on energy bills.

- Visit Habitat for Humanity as they sell reusable supplies, learn about volunteering, make a donation and build a wall for homes to be constructed in the area.

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Puppen Meister Productions' Country Kids Jamboree 2009 featuring a live Marionette show, play games, make a tie-dyed shirt, see the balloon man and more.

- Save lots of cash at Big George's 5,000-square-foot appliance clearance sale.

- Live broadcasts with America's Master Handyman, Glenn Haeghe heard on WJR-AM.

- Grab a hammer at the Home Depot Children's Workshop presented by WDVD-FM, where children can make and take home small building projects.

- Play "Name That Tool," contestants look at photos and buzz in when they recognize the tool, brought to you by WRDQ-FM and register to win a heating/cooling system.

- Adopt-A-Pet weekend, see what dogs and cats from Dearborn Animal Shelter are

available for adoption.

- Kids can paint and take home pumpkins, donated by Three Cedars Farm and enter to win tickets to Cedar Point's "HalloweenWeekend," all brought to you by WVMV!

- Bring the kids to see SpongeBob SquarePants.

- WNIC-FM and WKQI-FM will each give away a \$300 gift card to Meijer's for home improvements.

- Enter-to-win an energy efficient Whirlpool washer & dryer, given away by Wholesale Builder Supply.

- Win lithium ion powered tools from Home Depot.

- Grab a free bag as you enter the show supplied by IKEA to fill with information and brochures from the exhibitors and \$2 off coupons from Simple Green.

## 'Strong message:' Novi dentist loses \$15 million lawsuit

BY STACY JENKINS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It may be the largest jury verdict award for a dental malpractice lawsuit, but Michigan's tort laws prevent the \$15 million award from becoming a reality.

Farmington Hills attorney Robert Gittleman said he is "thrilled" by the \$15 million verdict reached Aug. 27 by an Oakland County Circuit Court jury because "it sends a strong message."

But the tort laws, he says, are "ludicrous and unfair."

Under Michigan's tort laws, his client will receive \$500,000 instead of the \$15 million the jury thought she deserves.

"It's not tort reform, it's tort deform," he said. "It's an oppressive law that messes up the jury (process) because the jury speaks, then the judge has to (rule) something else."

Gittleman represented Herta Hopton, 61, of Novi, in the jury trial in Circuit Court Judge Steven Andrews' courtroom in August.

Hopton, who was referred to board-certified oral surgeon Warren Vallerand, in Novi, had pain in her lower right jaw in 2005. She visited her general dentist at that time, and again in February 2006 when three lower teeth became loose in the area of the jaw pain. She was referred to a periodontist, who recommended the teeth be pulled and a bridge be inserted. A white lesion in her mouth at that time was considered to be "aspirin burn," according to court documents.

The lesion cleared up, but another surfaced in May 2006. Hopton was then referred to oral surgeon Vallerand for lesion evaluation and a possible biopsy.

"His differential diagnosis was traumatic injury from temporary bridge or 'tongue fussing,'" according to Gittleman's summary. "Biopsy was not recommended."

Hopton returned six weeks later and Vallerand reportedly found that the lesion was slowly healing, but there was

a new sore spot in the area. The visits continued, with no biopsy ordered, until the lesions became larger and more painful in November 2006.

The Nov. 27, 2006, biopsy determined Hopton had stage IV cancer.

"He totally misdiagnosed it," Gittleman said. "It's absolute stupidity. It's called supervised neglect. She had all these appointments, without him doing a damn thing."

Hopton, who is a retired Michigan State trooper, underwent eight surgeries, chemotherapy, radiation and hyperbaric treatments.

"Statistically, people with stage IV cancer have a 30-percent survival rate for five years," Gittleman said. "Hopefully, she will be in that 30 percent."

Hopton declined to comment.

Gittleman has specialized in dental malpractice lawsuits for more than 35 years.

"I've never seen it so blatant, from a board-certified oral surgeon," he said. "He didn't just deflate the ball, he threw the ball into the sewer. A simple biopsy would have prevented all of this."

Vallerand's attorney, Craig Nemier, who practices in

Farmington Hills, said his client was not negligent.

"This was not outrageous," he said. "My client monitored the white spot four months, and it kept getting smaller and was totally resolved."

He said the lesion that was eventually biopsied was not the original spot and it showed up more than two months after her last visit to Vallerand. He noted that the lesion from Hopton's Sept. 11, 2006, visit was healed. The cancer diagnosis came Nov. 27, 2006.

Nemier, who claims Gittleman is publicizing the jury's \$15 million verdict

for his own advancement, said the parties agreed on \$500,000. He explained that while the jury may have awarded \$15 million, Michigan's tort reform of 1996 puts a cap on medical malpractice pain and suffering awards. For 2009, that cap is \$410,800. Nemier said they entered into a "high-low" agreement, with \$500,000 being the high.

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## NORTHVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### Local Events

#### VICTORIAN FESTIVAL

**TIME/DATE:** 5-10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18; noon-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20.  
**LOCATION:** downtown Northville  
**DETAILS:** The 21 annual event, presented by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, offers three days of activities for all ages. (See the special program for this event, published by the Northville Record, inside this week's edition of the newspaper.)  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-7640 or visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org)

#### LEGO DONATION DRIVE

**DATE:** September 18-20  
**LOCATION:** Robostangs booth at Victorian Festival, downtown Northville  
**DETAILS:** Robostangs will be collecting LEGO donations for engineering kits to donate to children's hospitals.  
**CONTACT:** [melearman@ameritech.net](mailto:melearman@ameritech.net)

#### OAKWOOD CEMETERY WALK

**TIME/DATE:** 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4  
**LOCATION:** Historic Oakwood Cemetery, West Cady Street, behind the Senior Center & Library, next to the Art House.  
**DETAILS:** Reserved tours begin at ten minute intervals.  
**CONTACT:** E-MAIL: [OakwoodCemWalk@yahoo.com](mailto:OakwoodCemWalk@yahoo.com), phone (248) 348-1845

#### 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 grinded specialties, side dishes and drinks. Show your school spirit and join in the fun. Suggested donation \$5 per person/\$15 per family. Away game tail-



PAINTING BY S.I. WALKER

## Coming and Going

The Providence Center for the Healing Arts presents Coming and Going an exhibit of original paintings featuring glorious land, sky and seascapes by local artist S.I. Walker. Walker, a long time artist in design, photography and ceramics, found inspiration in painting while battling and surviving breast cancer. Meet the artist at a reception to be held 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30 in the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery. The gallery is located in the Assarian Cancer Center at 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. Walker's paintings will be on display at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery through Oct. 31. The Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information about the show or other programming please call (248) 465-5455 or e-mail: [James.Tester@stjohn.org](mailto:James.Tester@stjohn.org).

gates will take place in the parking lot of the opposing team. Proceeds benefit the Todd Schoenheide Memorial Scholarship Fund.

#### GUITARIST ROY SCOUTZ

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

#### MARQUIS THEATER

**"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)  
Auditions for "Pinocchio"  
**TIME/DATE:** 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13

**DETAILS:** For children 8-15. Sing "Do-Re-Mi" from "Sound of Music". Accompanist will be provided. Read a poem or monologue. No longer than 90 seconds. Does not have to be memorized.

#### 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 Pear-aphernalia. 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 Seven Mile Road  
**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 restaur-

ants, 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 [dotgar@aol.com](mailto:dotgar@aol.com) or Sue Laabs at [suelaabs@comcast.net](mailto:suelaabs@comcast.net)

#### WILL 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; 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal; 6:30 p.m. Wolves Den; 7 p.m. Historical Society Board Meeting  
Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m. 3rd Graders on grounds for Victorian Festival; 7:30 p.m. Eclipse

Base Ball Game  
**Saturday:** 1-4 p.m. Buildings Open for Victorian Festival; 1 p.m. Eclipse Base Ball Game; 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wedding  
**Sunday:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Kings 8th; 1-4 p.m. Buildings Open and Victorian Festival Activities; 1 p.m. Eclipse Base Ball Game; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scouts  
**Tuesday:** 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats  
**Wednesday:** 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts; 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.

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For all the green-thumbs out there plants and flowers are available while other finds such as are fine juried crafters, 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.

**AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOKSTORE**  
**LOCATION:** 149 N. Center Street, Suite 102, Northville  
**CONTACT:** (248) 912 0085  
**American Girl Victorian Tea Party**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1 p.m. Sept. 19

**SOLID GROUNDS COFFEEHOUSE**  
**LOCATION:** 133 W. Main St.  
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**TIME/DATE:** 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday  
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**ist**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday  
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**local singles in a relaxing envi-**  
**ronment**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7-9 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month  
**CONTACT:** (248) 348-9737

**NORTHVILLE SPORTS DEN**  
**LOCATION:** Northville Town Square, West Main Street  
**CONTACT:** (248) 347-5993 or w.w.w. northvillesportsden.com  
**MyTriviaLive**  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m. Mondays  
**Open Mic Night with Greg Stryker**  
**TIME:** 9 p.m. Tuesdays

**Karaoke with Chip**  
**TIME:** 9 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Live Entertainment**  
**TIME:** 10 p.m. Saturdays  
**Church Program**  
**TIME:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** 10% of your bill back to your church with proof of church's program

**THE ART HOUSE**  
**Open 1-5 p.m. every Thursday-Sunday; 1-9 p.m. on "First Fridays" of the month.**  
**LOCATION:** 215 Cady St.  
**DETAILS:** Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.  
**CONTACT:** Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or northvillearts.org  
**Baseline Folk Society Open Mic**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7-9 p.m. third Saturday of each month, Sept.-June  
**LOCATION:** Northville Art House, 215 Cady  
**DETAILS:** Enjoy traditional, folk and acoustic music in a casual setting. Five open mic spots available on first to sign up basis beginning at 6:15 p.m. Tickets \$5 at the door.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 344-0954  
**Preschool Class**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1:30-2:30 p.m., Fridays  
**DETAILS:** Wear grubbies, as these classes can be messy! Preschool Art Exploration (Experiment with Mixed Media) Age: 3-5 yrs Fascinated by shiny, sticky & gooey stuff? The joy of creative thinking & self-expression are brought to life using paper, paint, clay and glue. Together, construct projects that develop fine motor skills & enhance creative development. Materials fee of \$6 payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Laginess. \$33/\$43 per session  
**Learn To Draw**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1:30-2:30 p.m., Saturdays  
**DETAILS:** Drawing and Illustration Age 5-9 years Bring a favorite toy and learn how to draw! Or a still life of fun objects will be set up for the students. Learn to draw from life objects. Look past what an object seems to be and instead see the myriad of shapes and color that comprise our visible world. Students will develop illustration techniques

line drawing, shading, stippling and use various materials in their exploration of this fundamental artist skills. Supply list will be provided to the student. Also a great class for home-schoolers. Instructor: Dawn Johnson \$50/\$60 per session  
**Creative Kids**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10-11:30 a.m. second Saturdays  
**DETAILS:** The joy of creative thinking and self-expression are brought to life in this class. Art activities including drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media will be offered in conjunction with the current professional exhibits on display in the Art House Gallery. Instructor: Staff Age: 5-10 years \$18/\$20 per date.  
**Potential Potters**  
**TIME/DATE:** 9:30-10:30 a.m., Saturdays  
**DETAILS:** Invent new shapes while exploring hand building techniques using clay. Encourage small motor development and hand-eye coordination, creating and molding animals, figures, cups or boxes with stoneware. All work will be glazed and fired using food safe materials. Materials fee of \$10 payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Laginess Age: 4-7 years \$40/\$50 per session  
**Intermediate Sculpture**  
**TIME/DATE:** 11-12:30 p.m., Saturdays  
**DETAILS:** Expand knowledge of ceramics as you explore sculpting techniques and begin to use a potter's wheel! Express yourself creatively as you make action figures; wild, wacky or realistic animals; or caricatures of yourself or friends in clay! These are just a few of the possibilities you can create as you stretch your imagination with ceramic stoneware. Your creations will be finished using clay slips and fired, using food safe glazes. Materials fee of \$10 payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Laginess, Age: 8-13 years, \$50/\$60 per session  
**You Can Paint with Watercolors!**

**TIME/DATE:** 4-5:30 p.m., Thursdays  
**DETAILS:** Learn balance, composition, color and value as you experiment with watercolor to create

original pieces of art on a small scale. No prior drawing or painting skills are necessary! Material fee of \$2 per session, payable to instructor. Instructor: Julie Woodard, an accomplished artist. Age: 10-15 yrs \$18/\$20 per class  
**Drawing and Illustration for Beginner and Intermediate**  
**TIME/DATE:** 4-5:30 p.m., Mondays or 3-4:30 p.m., Saturdays  
**DETAILS:** Look past what an object seems to be and instead see the myriad of shapes and color that comprise our visible world. Students will develop illustration techniques: line drawing, shading, stippling and use various materials in their exploration of this fundamental artist skill. Supply list will be provided to the student. Also a great class for home-schoolers. Instructor: Dawn Johnson Age 10-15 yrs  
**Classes for the Family**  
**Exploring Alternative Materials in Your Art**  
**TIME/DATE:** 2-4 p.m., Sundays

**DETAILS:** Learn to let go of preconceived notions and embrace serendipity, exploring a whole new visual world! This class will explore the use of alternative materials in art, applying both non-traditional media and traditional media in non-traditional ways. You will experience drawing a live model in addition to a still life setting as we loosen up and have fun with new approaches to creating art! This class is for anyone from middle school to old school. All supplies provided. Material fee of \$15 payable to instructor. Instructor: Award winning artist, Jeff Cancelosi, Age: 12 and up \$66/\$72 per session.  
**Adult Sculpture Workshop**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Fridays  
**DETAILS:** This beginner and intermediate class will teach the basics of ceramic sculpture. Students will be able to work on a subject that interests them... face, figure, or animal. All sculpture will be finished with oxides or slips and fired in a kiln. Please bring several photos or ideas to the first class. \$15 Material Fee per session, payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Laginess

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**CONTACT:** Mike Mullen, founder, Baseline Folk Society, mjmullen@yahoo.com

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## Northville uses big plays to beat South Lyon

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

The struggles continue for South Lyon football on both sides of the ball.

Northville left the Jungle with a 34-14 victory Friday in the KLA Central opener for both teams.

The Lions (0-3) couldn't get anything going offensively in the first half, being held to 13 yards and gaining just two first downs. Northville had 255 yards of offense at the half, 127 on the ground and 128 passing.

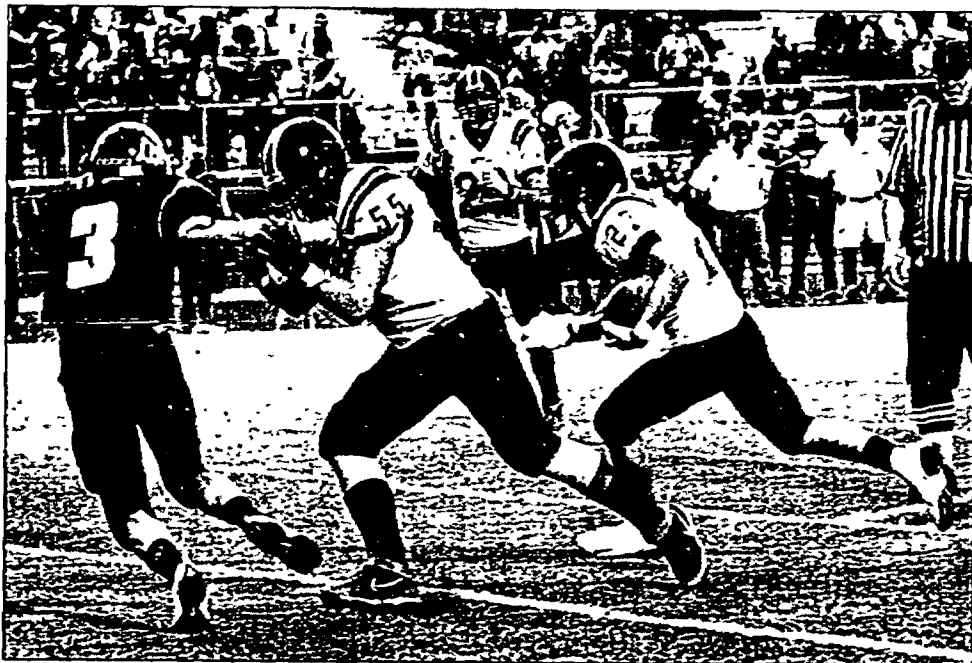
"This type of stuff makes football fun, when you can call things and it's working," said Northville head coach Matt Ladach. "This is the first game we were able to get some big plays. That was one of our goals for the week. We were fortunate to get them this week."

The defense kept South Lyon in the game, but the Mustangs still led 14-0 at the break.

Northville kept on the gas pedal in the second half and pushed the lead to 28-0 with a defensive touchdown in the third. "Big plays again and missed tackles," said South Lyon head coach Mark Thomas. "I don't know what else to say. We're trying."

The Lions broke onto the scoreboard on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Aaron Shelp ran in from the two, and Nick Evans added the



PHOTOS BY CAROL ZINSER

Junior Brandon Kuc blocks for senior Brett Smith as he carries the ball into the endzone for a touchdown.

extra point.

The Mustangs put the game away on the next drive, going on the ground for all but one play for a 46-yard drive that ended in a 5-yard run by Brett Smith with 7:58 remaining. The extra point was blocked, but the Mustangs led 34-7.

The final points came on a 19-yard pass from Tom Kort to Cory Frederick with five seconds remaining.

Big plays were again a problem for the Lions.

The Mustangs opened the scoring with a 75-yard bomb from Mike Wegzyn to Brad Wagner with 3:44 remaining in the first.

"We all played our hearts out," said Wegzyn. "The receivers were playing well, the line was playing well; it was just a good game for everyone."

"We're feeling really good about (starting 2-1). I'm hoping we can just keep playing well, and keep winning."

The second touchdown of

the first half came on a 15-yard run by Smith, capping off a drive of 85 yards, all on the ground in nine plays.

A screen play turned into a 63-yard touchdown by Dan Mills a couple of minutes into the third quarter for a 21-0 lead.

The interception for a touchdown came from Jonathon Alandt. He intercepted the ball near the South Lyon 35 and brought it back for the score and a 28-0 lead.

"As long as I'm here, I can



Northville senior Kyle Galdes carries the ball for a gain on Friday night vs. South Lyon.

NORTHVILLE 34, SOUTH LYON 14

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guarantee one thing, we're going to do our best to play strong defense," said Ladach. "We want to win this division, and we've got to play strong defense."

Ladach knows what it's like to coach a struggling team, but he knows things can change much like his team has once it finds some confidence.

"They're struggling a little

bit, but I'm confident coach Thomas will get them going," he said. "They'll get their wins."

The offense came alive in the second half on the ground, but quarterbacks Shelp and Zac Lucius combined to go four for 15 for 14 yards with two interceptions. The two subbed in for each other throughout the game.

"We're three and out, three and out and the defense is out on the field the whole game," said Thomas. "That's not helping us at all."

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## Northville dominates South Lyon schools

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs had the right recipe for serving up success against both South Lyon high schools last week as they dominated South Lyon, 9-0, and South Lyon East, 9-0.

"The singles players had a great week," said Northville tennis coach Matt Stafford.

Against South Lyon, the Mustangs simply couldn't do any wrong. Not a single match went more than two sets and the majority of them found Northville holding their opponents scoreless.

At first singles, Northville senior Melvin Joseph simply dominated South Lyon senior Mike Detizio, 6-0, 6-0, while

### ON TAP

Northville will take the short trip to Catholic Central to compete in the CC Invite Saturday before visiting the University of Detroit Jesuit High School at 4 p.m. Monday. Northville will then compete in Kensington Lakes Activities Association cross-over games Tuesday at Thursday with start times scheduled for 4 p.m.

Tim Wasielewski, a senior, blasted South Lyon senior Alex Whybra, 6-1, 6-0, at second singles.

Northville's third singles fight found senior Steve Irvine beating South Lyon senior Kyle Wilson, 6-0, 6-1, while Northville senior

Nick Kalweit earned a 6-3, 6-1 win over South Lyon junior Tommy Slankard at fourth singles.

The doubles teams had similar successes, with Northville senior Evan Gatz and sophomore Anthony Rossi teaming up to beat South Lyon seniors Jeremy Paul and Eric Quang, 6-1, 6-3, at first doubles. The second doubles tandem of senior Albert Chen and junior Bryce Groshek topped South Lyon junior Dakota Heidt and sophomore Austin Welsh, 6-0, 6-1.

The third doubles line-up of sophomore Matt Satterfield and junior Phil Lee had little trouble with junior Brett Yerke and senior Jaren Chioniere, beating them 6-1, 6-1. Seniors Kevin Fitzsimmons and Neeraj

Maheshwari blanked South Lyon sophomore Mike Shears and senior Alex Martin, 6-0, 6-0.

Northville continued their success at the fifth doubles flight, earning a 6-1, 6-1 victory with freshmen Brian Manney and Nathan Albanelli over juniors Tim Harper and Kenny Welsh. Both juniors, defeated South Lyon juniors Kenny Welsh and Josh Green in a non-scoring sixth doubles flight, 8-1.

"In our dual matches so far, we have won 35 out of 36 matches," said Stafford.

Northville, once again, wasn't in need of any third sets to topple South Lyon East on their way to a 9-0 victory last week.

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## Mustangs second in Berkley Invitational

Northville spikers come close to toppling John Glenn

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team knows that it takes a lot of hard work to implement a new system as they have been doing this season.

But hard work, more often than not, pays off with dividends and the Mustangs saw that in person at the Berkley Volleyball Invitational last Saturday.

The squad, coached by Amanda Yaklin, earned a second place finish in the tournament, falling in the final round to a very strong John Glenn Rockets team, 29-27, 25-22.

Northville's finish came among a field of 12 teams, including Harrison, Lathrup, Berkley, John Glenn, Regina, Notre Dame Prep, Monroe, Sacred Heart, Avondale, Southfield and North Farmington.

The Mustangs began the day in pool play, beating Lathrup 25-9 and 25-15 before continuing on with two victories over Berkley, 25-11 and 25-14. Northville split their pool matches with Harrison, winning the first 25-19 and falling in a tightly contested second match, 26-14.

The Mustangs' play earned them a second seed in the bracket rankings, behind only to John Glenn, which finished the pool play a perfect 6-0 on the day.

In the bracket tournament, which is played after the pool games in order to determine an invitational champion, Northville had their hands full with a tough North Farmington squad but came away victorious in both games, 25-21 and 26-24 before moving on to trounce Notre Dame Prep 25-19 and 25-21 in the semifinals.

The Mustangs fell in the final round to the Rockets, but not before giving John Glenn more than they bargained for. The final tallies of the two games ended 29-27 and 25-22.

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

## Mustang tankers earn win in first meet

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

If there's one way an athlete wants to start their season, it's with a victory for their team.

The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team earned that coveted opening-season victory as they cruised to a decisive 106-80 victory over the Walled Lake Northern Knights.

"It was good to finally swim in a dual meet, but it wasn't easy," said Northville coach Brian McNeill. "Northern is a good

team and after the 100 free it was tied up. I thought after that point our girls stepped up and really took over the meet."

The Mustangs started the meet off with a second and third place finish in the 200 medley relay with the A-squad of Shannon Lohman, Kelly Burford, Faith Miller and Becca Myers taking second place in a time of 1:58.93. The B-squad of Rachel Brown, Catherine Cui, Riley Bruen, Sarah Garrity finished in third place in 1:59.41.

In the 200 freestyle, Maddy

Kipke took second in 2:04.5 while Susan Morris finished third in 2:10.74 and Leah Erlandson took fourth in 2:11.41.

Lohman captured Northville's first top finish with a 2:23.51 in the 200 individual medley while Briana Schoenek finished right behind her in second with a 2:26.71. Brown finished fourth in a time of 2:28.34.

Miller took second in the 50 freestyle with a time of 26.39 seconds while Myers finished fourth in 27.32. Garrity was right behind her, taking fifth in 27.61.

Northville's diving squad took third, fourth and fifth in the meet as Kelsey Libbe scored 163.2 points, Jennifer Jones scored 161.55 and Kirsten Failing was awarded 141.1 points from the judges.

The meet was practically neck-in-neck when Miller notched a first-place finish in the 100 butterfly in a time of 1:03.49 while Schoenek took fourth in 1:05.9 and Lia Nagata took fifth in 1:07.13. In the 100 freestyle,

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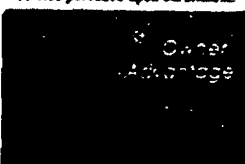
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## TENNIS

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Joseph beat sophomore Kevin Renehan, 6-2, 6-0, while Wasielewski beat sophomore Tudor Bahmata, 7-6, 6-0. Irvine continued his success, beating East senior Chris Kyanka, 6-2, 6-0, while Kalweit earned a 6-0, 6-1 win over freshman Kyle Meyer.

In doubles action, Alex Hsu and Jordan Blough teamed up to beat East sophomore Jaren Slawski and senior Ryan Dennison, 6-0, 6-4, while Northville's Austin Weaver and Rahul Raj earned a win over East juniors Matt Stanulet and Evan Bischoff, 6-0, 6-0, at second doubles.

Fitzsimmons and Maheshwari toppled sopho-

more Brooks Emke and junior Robert Romeo, 6-4, 6-3, in their third doubles flight, while Brian Manney and Nathan Albanelli, both freshman, earned a win over sophomore David Dennison and Anthony Nonis, 6-0, 6-0.

At fifth doubles, Robert Hsu and Baldwin earned a 6-5, 6-1 win over sophomores Andrew Stanny and Nash Saravanan and Northville's Trevor Page and Alex Kim earned a non-recorded 8-3 victory over sophomores Mike Keeler and Bobby Brothers.

Northville is now 4-0 in dual matches and 4-0 in Kensington Lakes Activities Association play.

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## SWIMMING

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Northville's Myers took third in 1:00.58 while Tori Hilmer took fourth in 1:01.81 and Laura Cheaney was fifth in 1:02.65.

The Mustangs began to pull away in the points spread thanks to their depth once the 500 freestyle kicked off. Michelle Song took second place in 5:45.41 while Susan Morris took third in 5:54.04 and Emily Ifverson was fourth in 5:54.93. Northville captured both first and second in the 200 free relay with Maddy Kipke, Schoenek, Cui and Myers taking first and Riley Bruen, Cheaney, Elizabeth Hetu and Kelly Burford taking second.

In the 100 backstroke, the Mustangs found Lohman taking first in 1:02.93, Kipke in second with 1:04.15 and Brown in fourth with 1:06.66.

Northville continued to impress with Cui taking first in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:14.09 while Burford was third in 1:16.28 and Jessica Buczkowski was fourth in 1:23.71.

Northville took second and third in the final event of the day, the 400 freestyle relay, with the team of Miller, Lohman, Schoenek and Kipke taking second in 3:55.94 and Erlandson, Morris, Garrity and Brown taking third in 4:06.22.

"I thought we swam pretty well," McNeff said. "I was impressed with our relays, especially our 200 Free relay going one-two. Having two good relays is going to be a benefit to us all season. We definitely showed our depth - we did not finish in sixth place in any event."

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# Northville kickers earn two victories

## Mustangs blast South Lyon East, sneak past Stevenson

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It was a week of extremes for the Northville Mustangs boys soccer team.

In the opening game of the week—a Tuesday game following the first day of school—the Mustangs took on the South Lyon East Cougars and stamped away with an 8-0 mercy shutout. Two days later, the squad had to muster up the intensity to find a 1-0 victory over rival Stevenson.

"I wasn't happy with our first half intensity," said Northville coach Henry Klimes of the game against the Stevenson Spartans. "We came out with a different intensity in the second half though. We had the type of intensity we need in order to win these division games."

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will be testing their soccer skills against the Novi Wildcats today at 7 p.m. at Novi's home field. This Saturday, the Mustangs will continue their road trip with a drive out to Saline High School at 7 p.m. before returning home Tuesday against South Lyon at 7 p.m. The Mustangs will then visit South Lyon East next Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The Mustangs took the 1-0 lead and, eventually, the victory with a kick by Max McHugh that was made possible off a rebound from a Dave Hammond shot.

"We're on a little roll at home right now," said Klimes of his squad, which was 4-0 at

Northville. The Mustangs will be hosting the district tournament this year and having a strong home-field advantage is important for Klimes and his squad. "It's nice building that kind of advantage by getting wins at home. We're going to take advantage of it."

Matt VanHouten, a junior, earned the shutout victory over the Stevenson Spartans. VanHouten has earned three out of Northville's five shutout victories with senior Nick Shaya getting the other two.

Northville also defeated the South Lyon East Cougars, 8-0. The squad went up 7-0 in the first half and then scored its eighth goal just a few minutes into the second half. This year the mercy rule has been changed so that a team leading by eight points is named the automatic victor—a change from previ-

ous years when a team had to be leading by 10 points for the mercy rule to engage.

"We played well and to our level, which is important," said Klimes. "You can't play down to another team's level. You have to play your game."

Klimes said that South Lyon East is a young team that has a lot of potential to build on.

"I hate getting a mercy over any team," he said. "The problem is, playing keep away with the ball is just as much of an insult. We have a lot of respect for South Lyon East."

The Mustangs are 4-2-2 on the season and undefeated in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association and the Central Division.

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# Mustang linksters earn win over Novi

## Squad focused on improvement for postseason

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls golf team found success despite their continued search for personal improvement last week.

The squad, coached by Mary Jane Ossola, continued to work on their short game and their swinging abilities during practices last week. That focus paid off during competition, too, giving the linksters a 182-193 victory over cross-town rival Novi.

"We worked a lot on the range this week on our swings, focusing on accuracy," said Ossola. "On the course, we worked on our short game, 100

### ON TAP

The girls golf team will compete tomorrow in the Grosse Ile Invitational before visiting rival Stevenson Monday at 3 p.m. and then Salem next Wednesday.

yards and in. Also, we worked on determining just how far we hit our clubs."

While such practice doesn't result in immediate turnaround results, some ramifications were seen during the Novi match. Jackie Kjolhede, who led the Mustangs along with Amy Bernstein with 44 strokes, managed to hole a chip shot during the match.

The Mustangs also earned

a strong score from Brianna Roberts, who carded a 46 in the match, while Stephanie Sakorafis and Camilla Zhao shot 48 each in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division victory.

The medalist in the match was Novi's Megan Henry, who recorded a 43 on the day.

"We need to work on building their confidence so when they pick up a club, they don't question the selection and swing away with confidence," said Ossola.

Northville was also scheduled to take on Plymouth Salem in a divisional dual match, but the game was canceled because Salem did not have the required number of

players. The team did, however, scrimmage Birmingham Seaholm at the Birmingham Country Club for additional practice.

Northville will continue to work hard on increasing their abilities before the post-season arrives.

"The girls are aware they need to work and that we will need at least three scores in the 80s to reach our goals of a conference championship and playing in the state tournament," Ossola said. "If they put in the time, I am confident we can accomplish these goals."

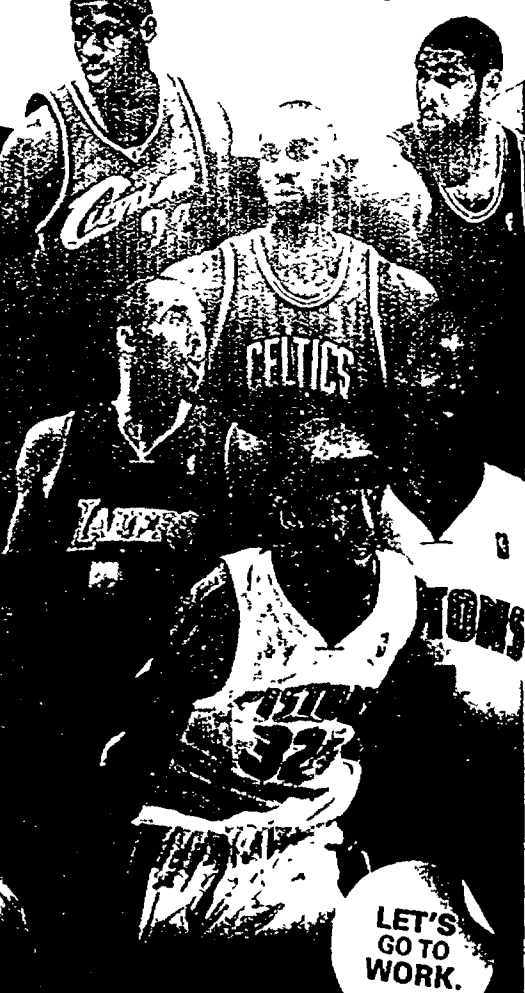
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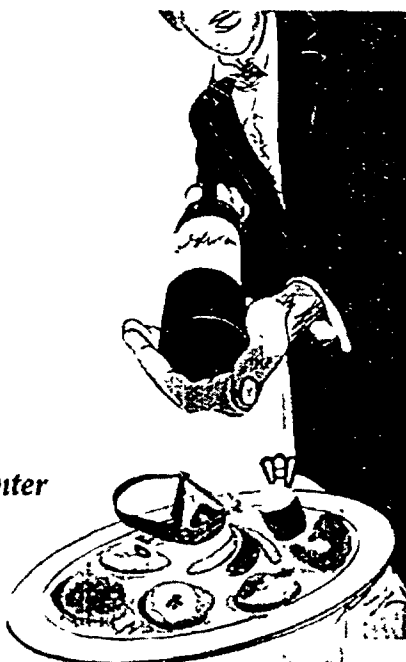
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# Girls finish sixth in KLAA invite

## Mustangs harriers produce season-best times

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls cross country team knew going into the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Invitational last week that the field of competition was going to be stiff.

They were right.

The Mustangs produced several season- and career-best times in the Invitational on their way to a sixth-place finish, tallying up 154 points. Winning the invitational was Brighton, which collected a mere 69 points while Churchill took second with 74.

Despite the incredibly tough field—many of the KLAA teams will likely make the state finals race—Northville coach Nancy Smith said she was surprised with the final results.

"I was a little chocked with our team finish, but I could have not asked for anything else from the girls," Smith said. "We ran great, but there were a lot of talented runners who mixed into the team scoring."

No surprise for Northville was the harrier who led them. Gina McNamara, the phenomenal sophomore runner, took fifth overall with a career-best time of 19:17.

"McNamara continues to reduce her time each week and is really learning how to race," noted Smith.

Taking 25th overall was freshman Alexander Drayback with a time of 20:37 while freshman Erin Dunne took 30th in 20:49. Finishing 43rd was freshman Katie Vandervoort, turning in a time of 21:16, while sophomore Erin Keiffer was 51st in 21:38 and freshman Alex Rodriguez was 53rd in 21:44. Rounding out the top seven was junior Helen Mulcahy, running her first race of the season for a 57th in 21:48.

I was pleased with all the performances, especially my first-year varsity runners who continue to show improvement each week," said Smith.



Northville's Gina McNamara (right) fends off a Brighton runner.

Smith said the KLAA invite really showed the Mustangs where they need to seek immediate improvement.

"One thing that got us as a team was the pack running of several of the teams," Smith said. "We need to work on packing our second through seventh runners. Once we learn how to do this, we will be a much improved team."

Smith did say, however, that she was impressed with the effort the team put forward.

"I couldn't have asked for anything else so far this season," she said. "We continue to improve from week to week and that is what we are training for. Today's meet let us see what we need to work on to prepare for regionals."

Brighton, Novi, Pinckney and Walled Lake Western all

finished ahead of Northville in the KLAA Invitational and all of them are featured in the Mustangs' regional tournament.

"We will focus on pack running and our third mile in order to compete with them at the end of October," Smith said.

### JUNIOR VARSITY

In the junior varsity KLAA race, the Mustangs came up as the champions, placing first with 47 points, followed by Churchill with 55 and Canton with 77. Junior Sara DeDonna led the Mustangs with a second-place finish in 21:45, followed by junior Carolyn Zhao, who was sixth in 22:26. Freshman Hallie Tyburksi was next, taking 12th in 22:52, followed by junior Allie Jezak,



The Northville Mustangs girls cross country produced several season- and career-best times team at the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Invitational last week.

### ON TAP

Next up for the top 14 runners is another premiere meet which is the Spartan Invitational on Friday. Last season, sophomore Gina McNamara finished in the top 30 as a freshman and has the ability this season to finish in the top 10 based on her early season performances.

who was 13th in 22:58, sophomore Clare Naughton, who was 13th in 22:59 and junior Katherine Coleman, who was 14th in 23:03.

"I was extremely impressed with both DeDonna's and Zhao's efforts today," noted coach Nancy Smith. "Sara raced up front and Carolyn exploded during the second half of the race and looked the strongest I have ever seen her race before."

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### PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

#### 1ST ANNUAL KLAA INVITATIONAL SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 1100 WEST PARK IN NEW BOSTON VARSITY 5K RUN

#### BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

1. Canton, 53 points, (Total Time) 1:25:33.00; (Avg.) 17:06, 2. Hartland, 65, (TT) 1:27.24, 17:12; 3. Livonia Churchill, 85, (TT) 1:27.24, (Avg.) 17:28.80; 4. Walled Lake Central, 103, (TT) 1:27.48, (Avg.) 17:33.60; 5. Walled Lake Northern, 127, (TT) 1:29:36, (Avg.) 17:55.20; 6. Salem, 156, (TT) 1:31:16, (Avg.) 18:15.20; 7. Livonia Franklin, 167, (TT) 1:32.43, (Avg.) 18:32.60; 8. Walled Lake Western, 188, (TT) 1:33.22, (Avg.) 18:40.40; 9. Westland John Glenn, 248, (TT) 1:41:02, (Avg.) 20:12.40

#### MEDALISTS (Top 21)

1. Kyle Roche (WLC), 16:12, 2. Chad Norton (WLC), 16:29, 3. Kouser Yajma (WLC), 16:36, 4. Ian McGinn (Hartland), 16:36, 5. Tom Windle (Churchill), 16:48, 6. Zack Speltzer (Canton), 16:51, 7. Keith Zech (Canton), 16:52, 8. Quinn Osgood (Churchill), 16:53, 9. Casey Routledge (WLC), 16:57, 10. Jacob Johnson (Hartland), 17:04, 11. Paul Rakontis (Canton), 17:06, 12. Alexander Gietek (Hartland), 17:06, 13. N.K. Gherardin (Franklin), 17:16, 14. Mitch Clinton (Canton), 17:16, 15. Braden Conley (Canton), 17:28, 16. Bobby Wilson (Franklin), 17:30, 17. Jimmy Daniels (Salem), 17:32, 18. Brendan Gavitt (Hartland), 17:32, 19. Alexander Glasson (WLC), 17:33, 20. Jon Peck (Canton), 17:37, 21. David Daavettia (Hartland), 17:42

#### GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS

1. Brighton, 69 points, (Total Time) 1:40:36.00; (Avg.) 20:07.20; 2. Livonia Churchill, 74, (TT) 1:39:12, (Avg.) 19:50.40; 3. Salem, 80, (TT) 1:41:04, (Avg.) 20:12.80; 4. Walled Lake Western, 123, (TT) 1:42.25, (Avg.) 20:29.5, Canton, 143, (TT) 1:43.23, (Avg.) 20:40.60; 6. Northville, 154, (TT) 1:43.41, (Avg.) 20:44.20; 7. Hartland, 166, (TT) 1:43.27, (Avg.) 20:41.40; 8. Livonia Franklin, 170, (TT) 1:44.11, (Avg.) 20:50.20; 9. Plymouth, 171, (TT) 1:44.51, (Avg.) 20:58.20; 10. Walled Lake Northern, 260, (TT) 1:49:35, (Avg.) 21:55.00; 11. Walled Lake Central, 300, (TT) 1:51:50, (Avg.) 22:22.00; 12. Westland John Glenn, 389, (TT) 2:04.40, (Avg.) 24:56.00

#### MEDALISTS (Top 21)

1. Sara Kroll (Churchill), 17:51, 2. Megan McPherson (Franklin), 18:38, 3. Avery Evenson (Hartland), 18:55, 4. Julia Valencia (WLC), 19:07, 5. Gina McNamara (Northville), 19:18, 6. Elizabeth Kingshott (Brighton), 19:20, 7. Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 19:31, 8. Victoria Trapp (Salem), 19:36, 9. Kerrigan Riley (Churchill), 19:57, 10. Bethany Piat (Churchill), 20:02, 11. Jordyn Moore (Salem), 20:07, 12. Brandi Corkins (Brighton), 20:08, 13. Kelsey Young (WLC), 20:13, 14. Sydney Anderson (Churchill), 20:17, 15. Samantha Brish (Brighton), 20:19, 16. Paige McGahan (Brighton), 20:22, 17. Andrea Velosa (WLC), 20:23, 18. Adelaide Jepperson (Salem), 20:23, 19. Nicole Trautman (Plymouth), 20:26, 20. Lydia Bumann (Brighton), 20:27, 21. Autumn Burn (Salem), 20:28

# Northville boys harriers take fourth

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs boys cross country team had the opportunity to run against some very talented harriers last week and made the best of it.

The squad, normally coached by Chris Cronin but helmed by assistant Tim Dalton this past week, earned a fourth-place finish with 139 points. Rockford finished first, taking 55 points with four runners in the top

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will have a chance to showcase their talent against their cross-town rival Novi come Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Cass Benton Park.

15. Saline was second with 70 points and Haslett was third with 107.

The Mustangs were led by Trent Johnson, who finished the race in 17th place with a time of 17:05. Not far behind was Matt Sierra, who fin-

ished 20th in 17:17.

"I thought both Trent Johnson and Matt Sierra ran very solid races," said Dalton. "They are really starting to emerge as leaders of this team."

Jason Lerner ran a 17:23 for 25th place. Northville's Christian Guenther took 38th with a time of 17:36, which he shared with teammate Edward Clifton, who took 39th.

"Christian Guenther and Ed Clifton have really shown improvement this year and will become important fac-

tors of this team as the season goes on," Dalton noted.

The Mustangs' scoring was rounded out by Kevin Lerner, who finished in 45th with a time of 17:48, and Colin Riley, who was 52nd in 18:02.

"Senior Colin Riley also ran a solid time considering the injuries he has battled early this season," Dalton said. "It was good to see him out on the course again."

The overall winner of the race was Ian Hancke of Haslett, who ran an impressive 16:09 for the top spot.

The course at Bath is a difficult one, often adding seconds to a runner's normal time over the same distance at most other courses. Dalton said it was a good indication of how the Mustangs have been shaping up since the season began.

"The course at Bath gives us a good idea of where our fitness level is at this point in the season," he said.

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### NORTHVILLE JV / FRESHMAN WRAPUP

#### JV tops South Lyon, 34-33

The Northville Mustang junior varsity football team improved their record to 2-1, with a thrilling 34-33 come-from-behind victory over a tough South Lyon team last Thursday night. Down 13-0 in the first five minutes of the game, the Mustang defense changed the momentum of the game when Brandon Patrone blocked a punt for a safety, and the offense scored a quick touchdown to get the Mustangs back in the game trailing 13-8 at halftime.

The second half of the game looked like it belonged to South Lyon, as they were able to capitalize on a couple Mustang miscues to take a 33-14 lead at the end of the third quarter. But football games are 48 minutes long, and the final 12 belonged to the Mustangs. Led by the leadership and poise of quarterback Jeff Gertley, the hard running of Brandon Patrone and Dawson Laabs, and pressure catches by Tom Charara, Andrew Wright and Kyle Keech, the Mustangs scored the final 20 points of the game for the victory.

"We found ourselves down 33-14 in the fourth quarter, but our kids never gave up," said JV Head Coach Joe Rohrhoft. Jeff Gertley, in his first start as quarterback, let the Mustangs with 205 yards passing and three touchdowns. Tom Charara, Kyle Keech and Andrew Wright all caught five passes, with Charara reaching the end-zone twice (including the game winner with less than a minute to go in the game) and Wright once. Brandon Patrone led all rushers with 122 yards on 19 carries, and Dawson Laabs chipped in for 90 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns. The Mustangs finished the game with 429 yard in total offense.

"Despite what the high scores might indicate, it was our defense that won the game for us in the second half" said Rohrhoft. "Every time we needed a stop, the defense came up big." Trevor Maresh led the Mustangs with 14 tackles, followed by Brandon Patrone with 12 and Billy Mitchell with 11. Tom Wagner picked off a South Lyon pass, and Mitchell along with Chris Leja recovered South Lyon fumbles.

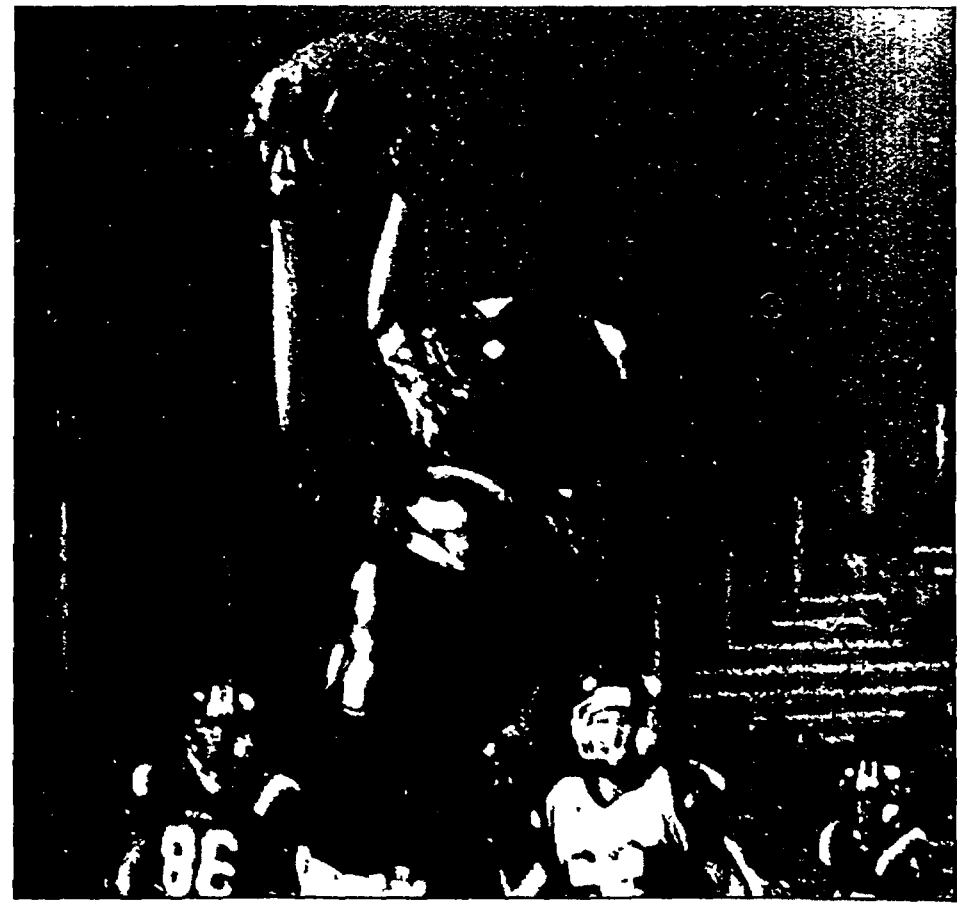
The Mustangs travel to Flint Davison for their next test this afternoon.

#### Freshmen fall to Lions, 20-6

It was a bright sunny day when the Northville Freshman football team took the field to challenge the undefeated Lions of South Lyon. Understanding the battle ahead of them, the young men were confident in their abilities and their game plan.

From the opening kickoff you could see this game would be won or lost in the trenches. The Lions' balanced attack was held in check the first half by the strong play of Sam Tacconelli, Adam Kwiecinski, Jonathan Wines, Chris Markatos and the rest of the Mustang defense, only yielding six points in the first half. With only minutes left in the half, Jake Hanson led the offense down the field, with strong line blocking, sure hands and great running, putting them in scoring position. Jake threw a 13-yard pass to Brad VanHulle and an inspired run by Phillip Hayes gets the Mustangs in the end zone and ties the score 6-6 at the half.

The second half the Lions found their running game and were able to move the ball and score twice. Although the Mustangs played hard they just couldn't put the ball in the end zone, final score in favor of the Lions, 20-6.



JV Mustang Tom Charara catches the game-winning touchdown pass, with less than a minute on the clock, in his team's victory over South Lyon.

NORTHVILLE STALLIONS WRAPUP

Varsity falls to Walled Lake 38-21

"We were every bit as good as they were; we just did not execute on both sides of the line. The main thing is that the team didn't give up."

These were Coach Joe Pirone's few choice words after a thrilling first game by the Northville Stallions against the home team of Walled Lake on Sunday.

On a gorgeous afternoon for a ball game, Coaches Dan Weber, Bill Justice, John Doering, Scott Walters, Dave Stewart and Ken Cheslik opened the season alongside Coach Pirone.

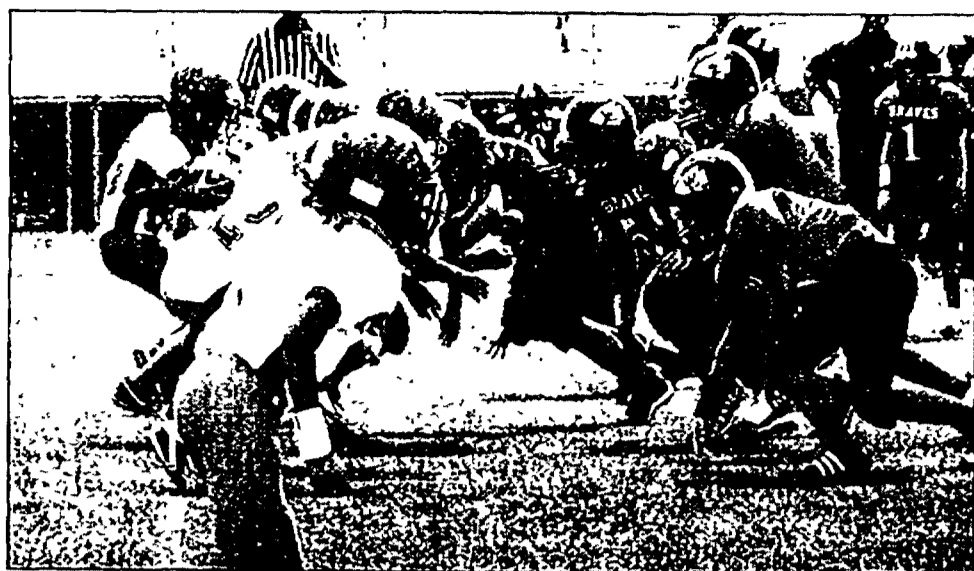
The game was off to a swift start with the Braves receiving the opening kickoff and Conner Keady making the first two tackles right away. Though Walled Lake got the first score, the Stallions charged right back with Andrew Meacham, Matthew Pirone and Jack Meacham getting the ball to just short of the goal line and quarterback Jake Cheslik running the ball for Northville's first touchdown. At the end of the 1st quarter the Braves were only ahead by 2 with a score of 8 to 6.

The Braves expanded their lead in the second quarter making it 16-6 despite Chris Komorous, Austin March, Alex Doering, Zachary Werksma, Kevin Charara, and Matthew Pirone setting up a formidable defense with blocked passes and hard-hitting tackles. Defensive lineman Gregory Stewart was consistently disrupting things on the offensive line. Werksma displayed excellent speed coming out of nowhere to tackle one Braves ball-carrier near the goal line after a nearly 40-yard run.

At one point before the end of second quarter, it took what appeared to be half of the Braves team to take down Andrew Meacham after he caught one particular pass. The Stallions closed the gap when, with just seconds left in the first half, Andrew Meacham caught a 27-yard pass by Jake Cheslik to bring up the Stallions' half-time score to 13.

The third and fourth quarters taught both teams the importance of good conditioning. There were fumbles, quick turnovers, interceptions, and penalties on both sides though Clay Rittershaus, Hemanth Panditi, Jack Meacham, Kevin Charara, Conner Keady and a few others maintained more skillful plays.

The final TD for the Stallions



DANA PETERS

The JV Northville Stallions dug in but finished with a loss against the West Commerce Braves.

came as a result of a pass from quarterback Conner Walters to Matthew Pirone with 33 seconds left in the game.

The final score was 38-21, in favor of Walled Lake. Their edge was heightened by their strong-legged kicker who was successful on several field goal attempts to include a 35-yarder.

"In all, it was a good learning experience for the kids," said Coach Pirone. "We know what we need to work on to get ready for our next game."

The Stallion's next game will be on Sunday against the Gators at Northville High School stadium.

- By David Schied

JV loses 20-0 to Braves

The JV Northville Stallions lost their season opening game on Sunday to the Walled Lake Braves.

The Stallions offensive line looked impressive in their first game. Grant Kiple made a nice tackle in the opening quarter. Troy Borawski broke up a play stopping a touchdown and forcing the Braves to punt the ball. Unfortunately on their next drive the Braves scored a touchdown making the score 7-0 after the touchdown and extra point. Late in the second quarter, Nick Green intercepted the ball on the three yard line. Time ran out before the Stallions could score on the interception.

The Stallions defensive line played hard against the Braves. After the Braves scored their second touchdown Jordan March blocked the extra point keeping the score 13-0.

The defensive line was able to penetrate the Braves offensive line numerous times with

sacks by March, Justin James, Mike Beydoun, and James Lewis. Many players including Evan Simoff, Jake Justice, and George Metrusias contributed to key tackles throughout the game.

The Stallions will play the Walled Lake Gators on Sunday at 1p.m. in their home opener at Northville Stadium.

- By Jeff Lewis

Freshmen topped by Braves 12-6

The Northville Stallion Freshman started their season with a narrow loss to the Walled Lake Braves by a score of 12-6. The Braves exploited their home field advantage with numerous outside plays early in the first quarter. The Braves opening kick-off returner crossed the width of the field and sprinted down the far sidelines to a touchdown. The first year Stallions, Orange Crush, stuffed the 2-point conversion when the Braves ball carrier collided with #32 Mike Merritt, holding the score to 6-0. At 8:40 in the first quarter, on a busted offensive play, the Braves running back improvised, found a soft corner and sprinted to the sidelines and the endzone. The second two-point conversion was also denied by the Stallions. Down by 12, the Stallion defense closed down the corner sweeps, and penetrated the Braves offensive backfield. The aggressive defense paid off with a pair of first-quarter fumble recoveries, by Shane Rankin and Jack Debrabander.

Early in the second quarter, Stallion offense began to open up the passing game. Quarterback Matt Stinebiser connected with Benjamin Schmidt and later to Nathan Page. The offense advanced to the Brave's 26 yard line, where the Braves defense held. The teams traded hard-fought 4th down possession turnovers to

the end of the first half with a score of Braves 12, Stallions 0.

The Stallion offense picked up in the third quarter. The Orange Crush received the kickoff and started the offensive series. Crush Quarterback Michael Williams handed off to Grant Hood for two consecutive first downs. The "Black" offense continued the drive and advanced the ball down to the Braves 27. At the 27, the Brave's red zone defense strengthened once again, keeping the Stallions from scoring. The battle continued in the hot sun with both teams crossing the 50-yard line multiple times. Stallion defense forced a break at the end of the third quarter when Jonathon Michalak intercepted a pass on the Brave's 35-yard line. The Stallions capitalized on the turnover, scoring their first touchdown. The offensive line, consisting of Bryce Marmaduke, Andrew Mertz, Jordan Grewe, Kurt Wigent, and Alex Ajlouny, opened up holes allowing Shane Rankin to reach the endzone! The third quarter ended with the Stallions closing the gap to 6 points.

The Stallions defense pounded the Braves in the fourth quarter. The defense forced the Braves into several fourth-and-long situations. The Stallions' final drive started at the Braves 42 with 2:40 left in the game. A well balanced offensive series of dives, sweeps, and passes drove the ball down to the Braves 22, but at fourth-and-one, the Braves halted the drive, ending the Stallions' hopes of tying the game. The Braves played out the clock and the game ended with the Braves 12, Stallions 6.

The Stallion Freshman and Orange Crush showed endurance, skill and determination, digging deeper and deeper as the game progressed. They'll come out fighting against the Lakes Area Gators Saturday 11 a.m. at Northville Field.

- By Tim Grewe

# Shamrocks continue court domination

## CC state's top-ranked team

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes, a tie in an invitational is just as good as a win, especially when the two teams that tie for first place are each the top state-ranked teams in their respective divisions.

Detroit Catholic Central's tennis team, coached by Joe Stafford, earned a first-place tie in the Grosse Pointe North Invitational along with Midland Dow. Catholic Central is currently ranked first in Michigan for Division I teams while Midland Dow is ranked first in Michigan for Division II. Both teams scored 18 points in the invitational tournament.

"It was a great day of tennis," said Stafford. "We saw some of the best teams in Division II. Portage Central has as formidable a singles lineup as anyone in the State and Midland Dow and Forrest Hills Central have a lot of depth in their doubles teams."

The first-place finish in the tournament marks Catholic Central's third such finish in a major tournament.

Those types of finishes are promoted by the outstanding play from the Shamrocks talented line-up. That talent was again showcased with two flight victories in the tournament.

Joe Dube', at first singles, earned a flight victory as he went 3-0 on the day.

"Joe Dube' played outstanding throughout the day," Stafford noted. "Joe was down a set to Ryan Richmond from Portage Central. Then Joe took it to another level, taking the ball early and keeping a lot pressure on Ryan. It paid off in the third set, for sure."

Fourth singles netter Eric Guindi also earned a flight victory with his 3-0 performance.

The Shamrocks were helped to their first-place finish by the play of flight finalists Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindi

ON TAP

The Catholic Central Shamrocks will host the CC Invitational this Saturday before visiting Ann Arbor Pioneer a week from today.

at third doubles and Patrick Bowers and Ryan DeLacy at fourth doubles. Petrucci and Guindi lost in the final round to Forest Hills Central, 6-4, 6-3. That's the same team that upended Bowers and DeLacy in the final match, defeating the Shamrocks, 64-, 6-2.

"I am really proud of the way our team is coming back when down in matches," Stafford said. "We had five matches where we were either down a set or down two breaks of serve in a set and our guys kept fighting and found a way to win. One thing champions do is make adjustments, and we are improving in that area."

Consolation winners for the Shamrocks were Kevin Hodges, who went 2-1 on the day at second singles, and Willy Willson, who was 2-1 at third singles. The first doubles team of Yong Tae Kim and Derek Mumaw went 2-1 as well.

Catholic Central's second doubles team of Brandon Kosinski and Zach Wisniewski finished as semifinalists on the day.

Winning this year is about more than just relying on strong play from the team, said Stafford. It's the parents, too, who help promote champions.

"If we are going to be the best we can be this season, it is going to take everybody working together," Stafford said. "This group of parents have really provided a lot of support to the coaches and players and it makes for a special season."

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# Catholic Central topples Monroe, 49-0

## Shamrocks awaiting intense Brother Rice matchup Saturday

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Yes, Catholic Central earned their third victory of the season. Yes, Niko Palazeti added three more touchdowns and 107 to his already dazzling statistical numbers. Yes, the Shamrocks kept their foes scoreless for the third straight week.

Not to take anything away from Catholic Central's 49-0 drubbing of the Monroe Trojans last week—or their other scoreless opponents, for that matter—but the Shamrocks have more important things to think about these days. Like Brother Rice this Saturday.

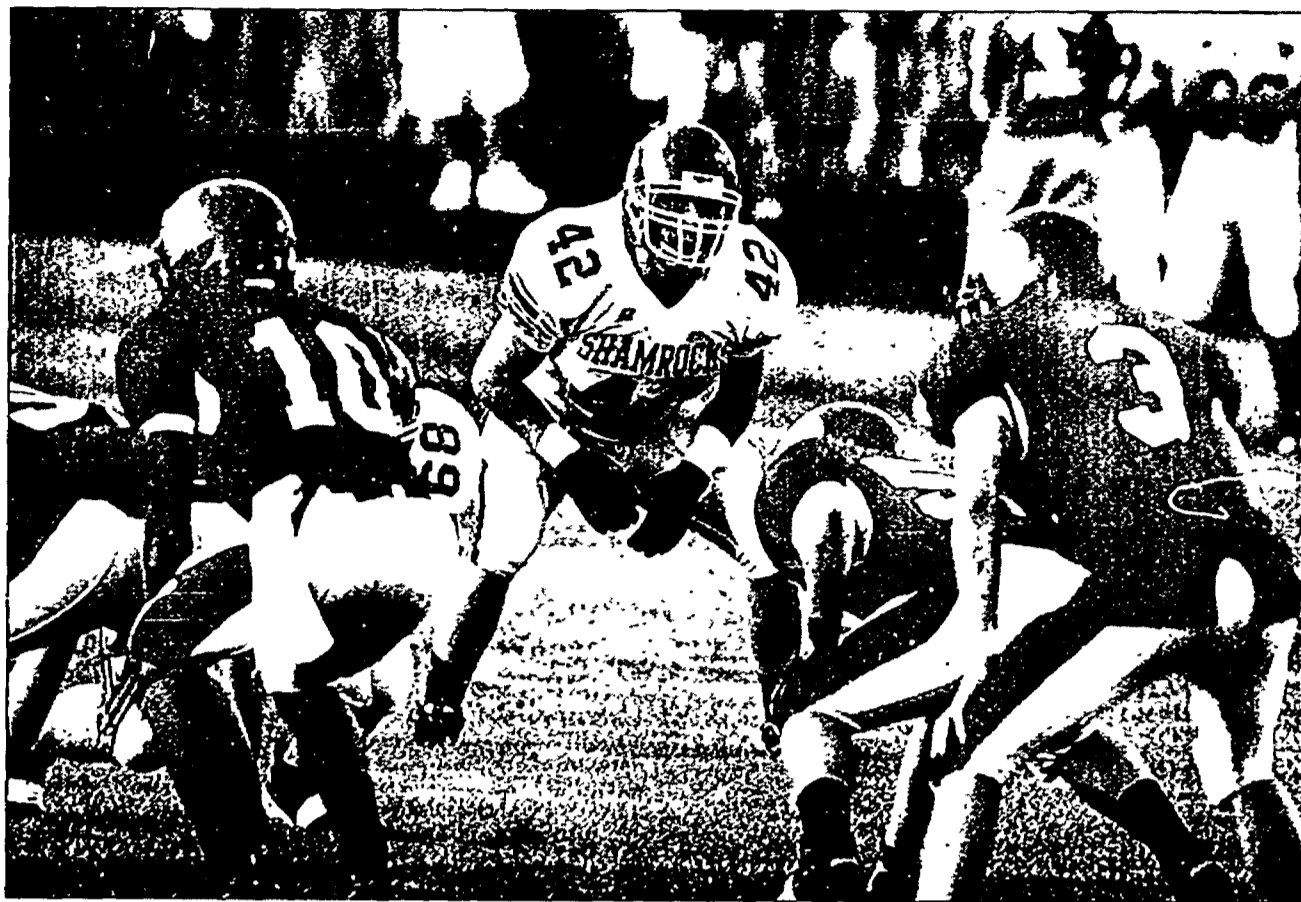
"We're coming into league play now," said Catholic Central coach Tom Mach. "These games are going to be more of a test. The league is really full of strong teams and Brother Rice is one of the best. They are very good with a lot of good weapons."

Can the Warriors run the ball? Check. Can they pass? Check. Are the undefeated? Check. Are they hosting the Shamrocks? Check.

Sounds like a tough test for Catholic Central's toughest game to date in 2009.

"We're going to go in and do what we've done since the beginning of the season, but we always have a few wrinkles we're ready to go to if we need to," said Mach. "With the quality of the teams in the Catholic Division, we're ready to use a few of those wrinkles."

It's not as though there aren't moments to reflect on from the Monroe game last



CC's Butch Herzog gets ready for the Trojans in last week's 49-0 win.

week, but the Shamrocks have learned that its best to prepare and practice than it is to reflect. Yet, there are highlights to be noted.

Palaetti, for example, carried the ball 13 times for 107 yards and three touchdowns. His season total—over a mere three games—tallies up to 314 yards on 53 carries for an average of 5.9 yards per carry. Oh, yeah, and he has nine touchdowns, too.

If that weren't impressive



Niko Palazeti stiffarms a Trojan in CC's shutout.

enough, senior quarterback Sam Landry added 119 yards on a 7-for-9 passing performance and tallied a touchdown. Jon Savakus tacked on 67 yards and two touchdowns on eight carries and Anthony Capatina had seven carries for 57 yards and added a score.

The Trojans had some chances late in the game, having two would-be touchdowns called back by penalties in the waning minutes

### ON TAP

The Shamrocks will square off against Catholic League Central Division rival Brother Rice Saturday in a game that is sure to test both sides of the ball. "They're a very talented team," said Shamrocks coach Tom Mach. "We expect this is going to be a really great battle. We have to play our best if we want to win." Catholic Central is currently 3-0 on the season, having beat Monroe last week, 49-0. The Brother Rice Warriors will also put their own 3-0 record on the line, earning that mark with a 13-6 win over Highland Park last week.

of the contest and then dropping a final pass in the end zone as the clock ticked down to zero.

The Shamrocks allowed just five pass completions from Monroe quarterback Billy Hochradel for a total of 46 yards. Trojan running back Enrique Mendez managed to lead his team's ground attack with just 25 yards.

Mike Stills, an offensive and defensive lineman, was noted by Mach for having outstanding play on the day.

"We made him a captain of the week because of how well he played," said Mach. "He had a great game, both ways."

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

# Catholic Central soccer earns victory, draw

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Catholic Central Shamrocks soccer team is earning plenty of experience in the early weeks of the season, no matter if the outcome be win, lose or even a draw.

The squad, coached by Joe Nora, earned a 1-1 tie against Orchard Lake St. Mary's last week before turning around and rolling over University of Detroit, 3-1, the very next day.

"It's a great learning experience for us so early in the season," Nora said of the tie game against Eaglets of Orchard Lake St. Mary's. "We need

### ON TAP

The Shamrocks will visit De La Salle today at 7:30 p.m. before taking another road trip to visit Brother Rice Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

to bounce back and not dwell on the highs or lows of the season, and just prepare for every game and work as hard as we can."

Hard work was exactly what Orchard Lake St. Mary's used when found a way to keep the Shamrocks all knotted up September 9 in the first Catholic League game of the

year.

The Shamrocks scored the first goal on a penalty kick with Josh Gatt finding the back of the net for the 1-0 lead. The Eaglets were able to tie it up with a penalty kick of their own to keep it 1-1.

"We came out very flat and couldn't seem to get any flow to our play," said Nora. "A lot of credit goes to Orchard Lake St. Mary's. They outworked us all over the field the entire game."

The next day, however, the Shamrocks weren't going to allow anyone to get the best of them. After U-of-D scored early in the first half

for the 1-0 lead, the Shamrocks rebounded and dominated the remainder of the contest for the 3-1 final.

The first Catholic Central goal was scored when Gatt put the ball past the Cubs' goalie on an assist from Ryan Majsak to tie the game. Gatt helped his squad take the lead on a cross from Dylan Hagan, which he scored with to put the Shamrocks up, 2-1.

The final goal of the night was tallied when Gatt took the role of assister and fired a cross into the mix in front of the goal, which was headed in by Brandon Hess to end the game,

3-1.

"I'm very proud of the way we played tonight," said Nora. "I thought we played with the kind of intensity needed to win games in the Catholic League."

Alex Lang and Wes Harding each played a half in goal for the Shamrocks and Nora said they "both did a great job."

Catholic Central is now 5-1-1 on the year and 1-0-1 in the Catholic League.

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

# Catholic Central races to win at West Bloomfield

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Catholic Central Shamrocks cross country team should take a long look at their performance in the West Bloomfield Invitational when considering just how potent their potential is.

The harrier squad, coached by Tony Magni, notched a

### ON TAP

The Shamrocks are slated to run in the Holly Invitational Saturday before visiting Brother Rice on Tuesday for a Catholic League Central Division showdown.

first-place victory in the invitational, which featured several teams as Ann Arbor Pioneer,

Troy and Lakeland—all known to be top-notch squads that compete regularly in the state championships.

The Shamrocks weren't intimidated, however. In fact, they did a little intimidating and eye-opening of their own as they ran for just 46 points, edging out the Pioneer's 52 points and third-place Troy's 98 points.

Troy's Mike Atchoo, one of the state's top runners at this point in the season, took the overall first-place finish in a time of 16:03. Catholic Central's Ricardo Galindo kept him in sight for the entire race, however, finishing in second place with an impressive time of 16:16.

Overall, the Shamrocks had five runners finish in the top 15, showcasing their pack time and

ability. Andrew Garcia-Garrison took seventh overall as Catholic Central's second runner with a time of 16:31. Viktor Puskorius wasn't too far behind, taking 10th overall in 17:04.

Identical twins Austin Zebrowski and Jean-Paul Zebrowski tidied things up for Catholic Central, finishing in 11th and 15th, respectively. Austin Zebrowski notched a

time of 17:06 while his brother collected a 17:10 in the race.

Rounding out the Shamrocks' scorers were Sean Carney, who finished 46th with a time of 18:06, and Peter Cernak, who took 59th with an 18:17.

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# Tyler-made: NHL prospect Seguin to set pace for Whalers

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For two decades, it's been Hometown thanks to the dominance of the Detroit Red Wings.

But it's also been Hometown-West with the Plymouth Whalers of the OHL also stringing together season after season of playoff-brand pucks.

Season 20 for the Whalers starts this week and head coach Mike Vellucci is as enthusiastic as ever.

"Every year they pick us for the middle of the pack and we end up at the top of the pack," Vellucci said during a recent interview at Compuware Arena. "Twenty years in the league and we've only missed the playoffs one time and that was the first year we had a franchise."

"Nineteen straight years of

making the playoffs, nobody's even come close to that (in the OHL)."

Spearheaded by playmaking center Tyler Seguin (described by hockey experts as another Steve Yzerman), Livonia forward Austin Mattson, Farmington Hills defenseman Austin Levi and goalie Matt Hackett, Vellucci has plenty of talent on the 2009-10 roster. That nucleus hopefully will spur improvement from last year's fourth-place record of 37-26-5 in the OHL Western Conference.

Another plus is that Vellucci is behind the bench from day one.

The Whalers last year managed to overcome a sluggish start, with Vellucci replacing Greg Stefan as head coach at mid-season and ultimately leading a mini-playoff run before bowing out in six games to eventual OHL and

Canadian Hockey League champion Windsor.

"Now they know exactly what my system is and what I expect from them," he said. "I'm hoping to have a good start this year and we'll be that much better."

### UP-THE-MIDDLE STRENGTH

It all starts in goal, of course, with the 6-foot, 2-inch, 170-pound Hackett (a Minnesota Wild NHL draftee). The netminder had a 3.04 goals-against average and 34-15-3 ledger last season and sparked with a .913 save percentage.

"I see him making the NHL, definitely," Vellucci said. "What makes him so good is his poise and his size. He is very calm in there, he doesn't get rattled very often. He's just a very sound, technical goalie."

Backing him up is 17-year-old Scott Wedgewood, who

picked up plenty of experience during training camp while Hackett suited up in the Minnesota camp.

The goalies will benefit from a big, strong and mobile defense that Vellucci expects will reduce the number of pucks entering the Plymouth net.

Back on the blueline will be 6-5 bruiser Leo Jenner, not to mention 6-4 Levi, 6-3 Colin McDonald, 6-2 Anthony Donati and 6-1 Clarkston native Josh Bemis.

Add to that group two players who also have been with the Carolina Hurricanes NHL camp — 6-3 Michal Jordan and 5-10 Beau Schmitz.

"I'm very excited about our defense this year," Vellucci said. "I wouldn't say we have any big names other than Jordan and Schmitz, who are touted as blue chippers. But I like the way our defense is

rounded out."

Jordan has offensive punch, too, as demonstrated by last year's tally of 12 goals and 30 assists. Schmitz collected 37 points.

### FUTURE STAR

Up front, Compuware fans will be thrilled all winter by the wizardry of Seguin (21 goals, 46 assists, 67 points), who can skate like the wind and make Houdini-like passes on the fly.

Vellucci said Seguin is projected to be an early pick in the first round of the 2010 NHL Entry Draft.

"He's going to be talked about quite a bit," the veteran coach said. "He has exceptional speed, he sees the ice very well. He's just an all-around player who's been compared to Steve Yzerman."

"Even Yzerman was here last year to watch him play and

expressed what a good player he is. Those are big shoes to fill."

Despite the loss of top goal-scorers Chris Terry (39 goals) and Matt Caria (34 goals), other players have the ability to pick up the slack. Those include wingers AJ Jenks (a Florida draftee) and team leader Ryan Hayes, who last year tallied 21 and 26 goals, respectively.

### LOCAL FLAVOR

Livonia's Mattson and Westland forward Tyler J. Brown provide hometown talent.

Vellucci has high hopes for Mattson, a free-agent signing who played last season with Sioux City (Iowa) of the USHL.

Tyler J. Brown scored 13 goals last year, but faded down the stretch. The Whalers are hopeful he will be able to put a full season together this time around.

## Varsity shuts down Livonia, 24-0

On Sept. 13, the varsity Colts again showed the diversity of their offense and strength of the defense with a 24-0 victory over the visiting Eagles. The Colts struck early on a Robby Parks wildcat run from the Eagles 16-yard line. The new Jason Hanson of the league, Zach Wilds, then converted the extra point, which counts for two points in youth football for an 8-0 lead. The Colts defense then held firm and took over on the 10-yard line after a long punt. Robby Parks was then able to get warmed up and stretch his legs on a 90-yard touchdown run that was called back due to a holding penalty. Two plays later, Parks reeled in a short pass from Joey Hewlett and ran an identical 90-yard route to the end zone. The steady Wilds nailed the point after again for a 16-0 lead in the first quarter.

The second quarter was a defensive struggle with Joel Booth showing his speed and athleticism with three impressive tackles in the quarter. The offensive highlight of the quarter was a Hewlett to Ryan Gardner pass that had Hewlett patiently waiting in the pocket, then rolling out and finding Gardner open along the sideline for an eighteen yard gain. The half ended with a spectacular Parks over the shoulder diving interception.

The third quarter was similar to the second with no scores. A Gardner interception clipped the Eagles hopes after a drive to the Colts 18-yard line. Tough runs by Sean Conway helped wind the clock down.

The final score was a P.J. Schnepf fumble recovery in the end zone on a fumbled punt attempt. Schnepf blitzed through the line and gave the Colts a 22-0 lead. Enter Wilds who once again easily split the uprights for the 24-0 final score. Elijah Bentley had a big play in knocking down a potential touchdown pass and Paul Lindow had a big fumble recovery after a punt.

This was a day highlighted by the defensive line of Brian Abrams, Nicky Stegmeyer, Sean Conway, Patrick Hannah, Zach Zimbo, Andrew Sarokin, and Mitch Sklar who held the Eagles offense to limited first downs the entire afternoon. Please come out and support the exciting Northville Colts Varsity as we welcome the Rochester Ravens at our home field behind Cooke Middle School on Saturday at 1 p.m.

## JV overpowers Eagles, 39-18

The sunny late summer football weather Sunday provided the JV Colts with a perfect setting for their 39-18 victory over the Livonia Eagles.



Cole Gingell takes it in for a touchdown for the JV Colts.

The Colts received the kickoff, and the strong offensive line, including Mason Pitt, Anthony Feisel, and Jeremiah Dunne blocking the Eagles defensive line, leaving David Dillon open to run for a touchdown in the 1st Quarter. Cole Gingell kicked the football for an extra two points, setting the tone for the rest of the game as the Eagles struggled to keep up. The Eagles scored a touchdown, but the Colts matched those 6 points almost immediately with a second touchdown. The Colts used creative plays, with short passes and pitches enabling the ball carriers to outsmart the Eagles, and the swift Zachary Prystash was able to bring in another touchdown adding 6 points.

The Colts quickly took the ball away from the struggling Eagles when Jacob Pollitt recovered a fumble. Again the Colts' offensive line

allowed ball carries by Luke Booth and Isaiah Popp, culminating in another touchdown. Now the scoreboard read 26-6.

In the second quarter, the Colts defense worked in concert, seeking out the Eagles ball carriers and brining them down. Tackles by Joey Nelson, Joe McCormick, Ian Rachelson, and Phillip Jovanovski and Connor Wright as well as by Timothy Elliot and Ty Kilar kept the Eagles from scoring until late in the quarter, and then Mason Pitt blocked the kick. The Eagles managed to recover their own onside kick, but the Colts quickly remedied that with an interception by Prystash that led to a Dillon 9 yard carry for a touchdown. The Colts led comfortably at the half 32-12.

The Colts came back after their break to show off their powerful

defense, with organized sacks by Leo Keyes, Alec Coppock, Dunne and Elliot, forcing the Eagles to punt. The Colts offense stormed in, and although Cole Gingell carried the ball over the line, that touchdown was no good due to a penalty call. The Colts rallied and combined carries by Popp, Gingell, and Nate Holloway, with Gingell carrying in another touchdown. Mason Williams ran in the extra point for a 39-12 lead.

Now the Eagles were in possession, but key tackles by Aaron Slusser and Sam McMeekin kept them from making much progress, and the Colts worked together to squash the Eagles offensive plays, only allowing one touchdown in the second half. The Colts' Mikey Grimes and Kilar broke up Eagles pass attempts and Rachelson intercepted a pass. All of the Colts teams, offensive and defen-

sive, played consistently and with confidence. The final score of 39-18 reflected this.

- By Kristina Dunne

## Freshmen clip Livonia, 48-33

The Freshman Colts added another victory to their record on Sunday against the Livonia Eagles, making them 2-0 for the season. Daniel McLaughlin received the opening kickoff of the game. Jake Khoury shot the pocket for a 66-yard gain scoring the opening touchdown, a missed extra point attempt made it 6-0 Colts. Colin Gardner delivered the second score of the game with a 21-yard rush and a completed extra point. Nearing the end of the first quarter, Abe Khoury delivered a long pass play to Elijah Gash who rounded out the score with the extra point. The closing kick return for the quarter gave the Eagles their first score 20-7 Colts.

Gardner opened the second quarter with an Eagles' sack and loss of eight yards, that caused their eventual turn over on downs. He then delivered a 30-yard run-away touchdown. Gash glided in the extra point to take a 27-7 decisive lead. The Eagles continued to struggle to penetrate the Colts defensive line when Joseph Borthwick intercepted a pass and ran for 7 additional yards. The Eagles eventually scored and ended the second quarter 27-14.

The second half opened as the Eagles received the ball and McLaughlin recovered a fumble forced by a freight-train hit from Jacob Khoury. This led the way for Abe Khoury to score a touchdown on the QB Keeper behind the power line Jacob Brevard, Joseph Bennett and Evan Carson. Gash charged the extra point making it 34-14. The Eagles scored late in period. Gash responded with a 19 yard wide-field sweep to drive in another score. Abe Khoury and the power line drove the extra point, 41-21 Colts.

The fourth quarter opened with an Eagles' score and a deflected extra point. Abe Koury and Colin Gardner deliver a two-man sack to shake up the Eagles' offense. Gardner scored again on a 15 yard pass from Khoury, the extra point made it 48-27. The Eagles took one last touchdown to end the game 48-33 Colts.

Colin Gardner led the offense with thirteen carries for 169 yards. Elijah Gash and Jacob Khoury both rushed for 88 yards. Jackson Stegmeyer also contributed. Jacob Brevard led the defense with seven tackles. Collin Gardner, Joseph Borthwick, Elijah Gash, and Alex Seba each delivered five stops.

The Colts continue the 2009 season against the Rochester Ravens on Sept. 19 at Northville.

- By Mike Brevard

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&amp;A



Kathryn Bailey (left) and Basma Shamoun-Miscovich, owners of Bailey &amp; Shamoun Interiors in Northville.

## Bailey & Shamoun's goal: 'Turning houses into homes'

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

We offer full-service interior residential design from our home accessory store on Doheny Drive. Our store is unique in Northville: We have a large selection of home accents -- lamps, art, furniture -- plus a design studio where we can customize the right look for your home in terms of fabric, drapery, wallpaper, carpeting and more.

How did you first decide to open your business?

I met my business partner, Basma Shamoun-Miscovich, right after she earned her degree in architectural design. We both had a passion for to design home environments that fit people in terms of lifestyle and scale. It was 2001 in the heyday of growth in Northville. It made so much sense to offer a design service inside a spectacular home accessory store amidst all of this residential growth. Without a doubt, we were blessed.

Why did you choose Northville?

Northville is home for me. I live here, my kids go to Northville Schools. I go to church at Oak Pointe. I love the fact that I see many of my customers outside of the work environment -- at school, at football games, or just around town.

What makes your business unique?

Basma and I from the beginning set out to build a business that focused solely on turning houses into homes. We take time to get to know our clients -- their wants, their goals -- and we create

### DETAILS

**Business Name:** Bailey & Shamoun Interiors  
**Address:** 767 Doheny Drive, Northville  
**Your Name/Title:** Kathryn Bailey / co-owner, interior designer  
**Your Hometown:** Northville  
**Business Opened When:** 2001  
**Number of Employees:** five  
**Hours of Operation:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday (other days by appointment)  
**Your Business Specialty:** full-service interior design plus home accessory store  
**Phone:** (248) 380-7898  
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a unique plan from there that allows them to be proud of their largest investment -- their home. Bailey & Shamoun Interiors is also unique because we offer full-service design, from floor to ceiling. We remodel kitchens, baths (including plumbing, cabinetry, granite and more). We've even total homes, rebuilding from the inside out. We design drapery and work with one of the top drapery seamstresses in the state. We really do it all.

How has it changed since you opened?  
We've expanded our Doheny Drive store three times since we opened in 2001. We completely remodeled the building both inside and outside. Our motto is 'Inspiration Begins Here' because many people come to our home design store to get

ideas for their own homes. We continue to evolve in terms of the furniture lines we carry, offering both high end lines in addition to mid-tier selections. Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?

We have lots of funny stories. One of the great things about our business is the friendship that Basma and I have. We work hard but we also have a lot of fun while we work. Laughter is important; it's gotten us through many rough days!

How has the recent economy affected your business?

Recent consumer reports show that shoppers are being frugal in terms of discretionary spending. For us that means that people will think twice about buying a new sofa. However, we also know that in this economy more people are 'cocooning' or staying at home. Therefore, our services in terms of helping to design and furnish the home does take on extra importance. We've seen strong growth recently in terms of kitchen remodels and flooring, and we've seen growth in our cabinetry sales, granite and tile, along with carpet and hardwood flooring.

Any advice for business owners? It's all about customer service.

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

This weekend we are having our annual clearance sale. Everything in the store is marked down 50% or more. This is always our biggest sale of the year with people

traveling from all over the area for great bargains on home accessories, lamps, artwork, furniture, gifts and more.

We do this every year prior to receiving our fall merchandise.

We are also getting ready for our annual trip to the High Point Furniture Market--shopping for unique client needs and also furniture and accessories for the design store.



## Community Financial helps Hicks

Seven years ago Ray Hicks (with one of his award-winning 1953 Corvettes) was checking auto rates to purchase a car for his wife and visited the Community Financial branch close to his home in Northville. Remembering the first car he bought more than 30 years ago with a credit union loan, Hicks was aware that credit union rates were typically lower. After that visit, not only did I become a Community Financial member and purchase a new Cadillac for my wife, I was able to get a commercial loan to expand my business," said Hicks, whose car wash enterprise has grown over the past 30 years to include nearly two dozen properties throughout metropolitan Detroit. "Community Financial also helped me with loans for my classic car collection, including several 1953 Corvettes." Hicks attributes his success to being a hands-on worker, who spent 18 years in a GM plant before growing his car wash business, and to being a 'bottom-line' guy who pays close attention to financial details, including loan rates. Given the current economy, Hicks indicated that he is satisfied with the number of car washes that he operates, owns and leases, but he'll still on the hunt for more classic cars. "It's all in the search and restoration." Headquartered in Plymouth, membership in Community Financial is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency.

## Chance to tour the ideal location for your business!

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

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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).

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### IMPACT Award winners announced

The IMPACT Award winners were selected from an outstanding pool of eleven contenders. To be considered for inclusion, all projects entered for consideration had to involve at least one company with a CREW Detroit member and had to have been completed between January 1, 2008 and June 29, 2009. Project criteria was broad and included innovative design and/or construction, environmental consciousness, creative use of existing materials, sensitive land use and social/economic significance.

In addition to the winners -- Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, The Westin Book Cadillac Hotel, and the Marquee of Redford Township -- the other IMPACT award submissions were: Providence Park Hospital, Novi; The Courtyards, Ann Arbor; University of Michigan Ross School of Business, Ann Arbor; The Water Wheel Centre, Northville; PM Environmental/Strategic Energy Solutions, Berkley; Fort Shelby (hotel/apartments/restaurant) Detroit; eTitle Building, Troy; and DTE Energy, Detroit.

#### Community Financial one of the best

Community Financial has been named for the fourth consecutive year as one of "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work

For." The credit union was one of the top companies selected, from more than 1,000 nominations and over 400 applications submitted. The annual award and program is presented by the Michigan Business and Professional Association (MBPA).

"We are proud to acknowledge the commitment, mutual respect and superior member service of all our team members who made this award possible," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial's president and CEO. "Also our ongoing training programs, leadership development and decision making processes help us maintain a talented and dedicated team."

The award program was established to honor companies that recognize employees as their greatest asset. Participants are required to fill out an extensive survey and winners are selected based on independent research that evaluates each entry on a variety of best practices in human resource management.

"Community Financial's goal is to provide team members and their families with the resources they need to protect and enhance their financial security and to balance the priorities of work and personal life," added Lawton. "At the same time, Community Financial and its team are committed to enhancing the financial well-being of our members. I feel fortunate to work for a great company and with great people--focused entirely on helping others!"

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## SPOTTING TRENDS, NOT FADS OR BLIPS



### WORKWISE

by  
Mildred L.  
Culp

The economic downturn has prompted renewed interest in trend-spotting among businesspeople and consumers. Almost everyone is searching for signs of an

improved economy. Layoff stability, surely a negative factor in good times, is now cause for near-celebration. Spotting a real trend is more complicated than you might think.

Adam Gordon's "Future Savvy" defines a trend as having significant patterns in data. "It must be a change that affects a wide range of people and that has, or will eventually have, broad social, economic or political implications," Gordon writes (AMACOM, \$24.95). However, you can't view a trend in isolation, assuming that it will remain static, unchanged by "other elements," he points out, "setting in motion further changes, all of which will cumulatively affect the total net outcome."

### BLINDERS

Josh Calder, analyst at GeoFutures in Washington, D.C., says that after 10 years in trend analysis and 14 years as a futurist, he's settled on a definition of a

trend as "an ongoing change in a factor over time." But he feels that many businesspeople have their blinders on by focusing almost exclusively on tasks crossing their desks.

"Too busy doing your job?" he asks. "Too busy to know what's going outside of your industry? Change may be occurring in a place that's hidden from you, even if you're doing your own job well. For example, a year ago, some people had no idea what Twitter was, and now it's affecting almost every industry."

Futurist trainer Paul Higgins, director of Emergent Futures Pty Ltd., in Melbourne, Australia, believes that "people miss subtle signs of change and therefore are slower to figure out new trends and changes. Instead, they generally notice two things, the familiar (events or issues consistent with their current patterns of thinking) and the extremely novel. The latter causes them to react to information that doesn't gel with their current ways of thinking or shocks them." Calder would agree, noting "that there is a lot of false trend-spotting, especially in the media. A lot of reporters will see a couple of examples and consider it a trend. Look for some verification."

And don't think that you have to go it alone. Calder mentions that "the trend-spotting process is reinforced by having multiple heads involved. You want diversity of interest and opinion for checking each other's ideas for strength and relevance."

### CLARITY



Josh Calder is in Hyderabad, India, on an expedition with clients to examine how the country is changing and to spot consumer trends. Based in Washington, D.C., he is an analyst at GeoFutures.



Josh Calder, based in Washington, D.C., is an analyst at GeoFutures, where he's involved in extensive research about trends.

Credit: Josh Calder

Calder further maintains that companies and industries need to establish and sustain a reward structure for "looking up from what's immediately in front of them. You have to convince people that it's worthwhile." A short-term program of six to 12 months won't produce long-term benefits.

The process, though, is rewarding intellectually and practically on its own terms; so it makes sense not to wait for your company or industry to catch up with you. Calder recommends taking these steps:

- systematically identifying trends of interest to you and your work;
- identifying a meaningful change that could impact one of them;
- developing a time-frame for your industry, which could range from six to 12 months for a service business providing new offerings, ten years for a pharmaceutical company or longer for an energy

company;

— seeking out early indicators in the speeches, publications, web sites and behaviors of thought leaders and early adopters, and

— measuring the trend by obtaining relevant data from sources, beginning with the Internet.

Throughout the process, ask yourself about the relationship between any endorser of the trend, including yourself, and the trend, itself. Gordon, the author, cites "future-aligners," or "future-influencers." The first, he says, are motivated to find advantage for themselves, while the second are attempting to improve the world. Let's hope for a third type, the aligner/influencer, out for himself and the world.

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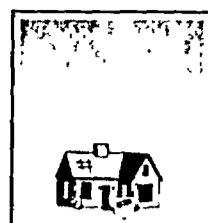
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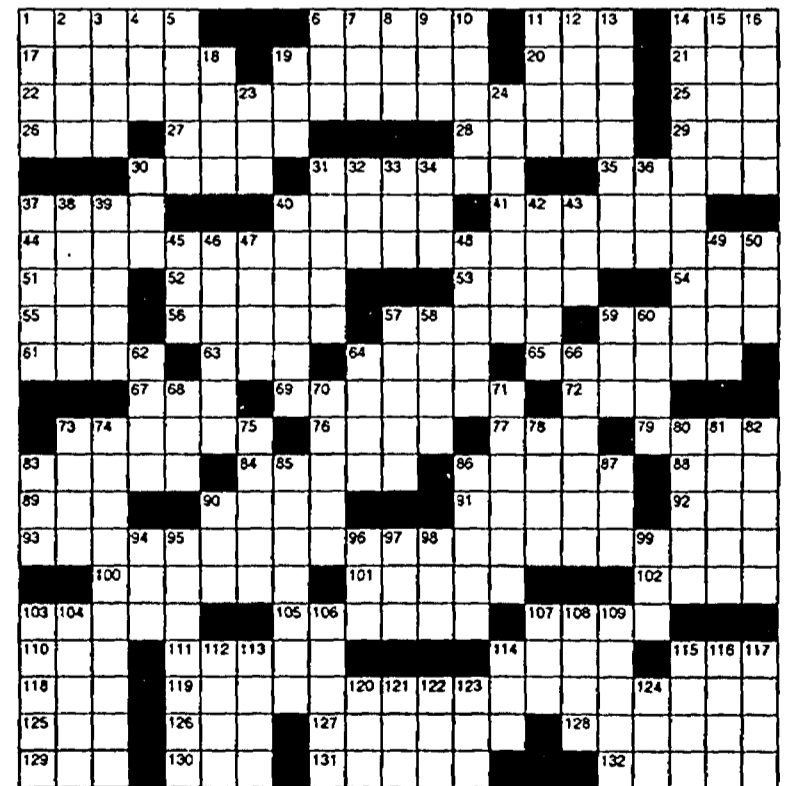
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## 'Good Neighbor' Realtor gives back to her community

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Michelle M. Phaup owns Clarkston Realty Inc. in Clarkston, and her nonprofit, Lend a Helping Hand Inc., is close to her heart.

Inspired by a colleague's 12-year-old granddaughter who was diagnosed with terminal cancer, Phaup began her mission to help ease the financial burden of families faced with catastrophic illness. Since 1989, Phaup has sponsored fund-raising events that have raised more than \$2 million to help people pay for uncovered medical expenses.

Phaup also serves as a canine foster mom, and writes a newspaper column for a Clarkston newspaper spotlighting outstanding local charities and volunteers.

"I've been doing the fund raising for 20 years," said Phaup, a Clarkston resident recently tapped by the National Association of Realtors as a finalist for this year's Good Neighbor Award. She and other volunteers had raised a large sum for a bone marrow transplant, and learned there would be a hefty tax bite. She went through the process of forming the nonprofit Lend a Helping Hand in 2002.

"By doing that, I could also help more than one person at a time." She works with all volunteers and noted, "It's rewarding to be helping as many people as you can."

Their Web site's at [lendahelping-hand.org](http://lendahelping-hand.org), and recently got help at a



Michelle Phaup is a finalist for this year's Good Neighbor Award.

Washtenaw Community College conference. IT professionals volunteered their time and expertise, and won an award for their work on Phaup's group's site.

The girl diagnosed with cancer at 12, Shannon Clark, died at 17. Shannon had been told she'd live six months to a year.

"She was a remarkable kid," Phaup said of Shannon, who would visit sick children in the hospital to allay their fears, answering questions they were reluctant to ask adults. "It taught me how your whole life can change by giving and helping someone."

Shannon's grandma, Phyllis Braun, is now retired.

Phaup has been a canine foster mom more than 10 years, currently with Canine Companion Rescue Center in Clarkston. She's worked with other such groups in the past.

Mom to a grown daughter, Phaup earned her bachelor's degree in economics and business administration from Kalamazoo College. She's attended graduate school in business at the University of Michigan and intends to complete that degree.

Ten top individuals, Realtors who volunteer, were announced recently by the National Association of Realtors as finalists for *REALTOR Magazine's* 2009 Good Neighbor Awards.

Now in its 10th year, the Good Neighbor Awards program recognizes Realtors who generously volunteer their time to help others. The Realtors often donate countless hours and dollars to organizations that help those in need and make their community a better place to live, the association Web site notes.

"I was excited and surprised," said Phaup, nominated by Amy Serra Albright of RE/MAX Encore of Clarkston, current North Oakland County Board of Realtors president. "I was always impressed by things people were doing. It is a big honor."

In November, five winners will be selected from among the 10 finalists and will receive travel expenses to the 2009 Realtors Conference & Expo in

San Diego, national media exposure for their community cause, and a \$10,000 grant for their charity. That will be Lend a Helping Hand for her.

"There's a computer we really need." They try for donations for office equipment, and "We would probably save it for people who need it."

Now, when someone who's ill comes to them they start fund raising. The Good Neighbor grant would give a head start on fund raising for patients.

In her free time, Phaup, in real estate 22 years, enjoys traveling, and has visited 49 states and some 50 countries. She's also an exercise instructor who enjoys working out.

Five honorable mentions will receive a \$2,500 grant. The winners will be announced in the November issue of *REALTOR Magazine*.

"Realtors build communities and play an important volunteer role for organizations across the country, helping improve the quality of life for those less fortunate or in need," said NAR President Charles McMillan, a Realtor and broker with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Dallas-Fort Worth. "Despite today's busy world, the Good Neighbor Awards finalists still find ways to give their time in service to others. They are truly inspiring and deserve to be recognized for their hard work."

The National Association of Realtors Web site contributed to this report.

## Follow bylaws for board removal

**Q:** We are not happy with our Board of Directors and are attempting to remove them. We served a petition to remove the board on the secretary but the president hasn't called a meeting. What can we do?

**A:** Check your bylaws to make sure that you filed the petition to remove the

board and, presumably, to call a special meeting properly; that you secured the appropriate signatures, and that the persons

who signed the petition had the authority to do so. If the board refuses to call a special meeting, get a lawyer and remind the board of its responsibilities. Failing same, you will need to seek a circuit court order to compel a special meeting of the association.

**Q:** I am purchasing a condominium from a seller in a resale situation. The seller has not paid his assessments to the association. How can I insure that those assessments are paid?

**A:** Make sure that your purchase agreement makes it clear that the seller is responsible for all due back assessments and any additional assessments which may have been levied, but which may not be due. Also, get a letter from the association at least five days before closing insuring that you know exactly how much is due and owing. Don't close unless you have done so.

**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](http://bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

## Tax system changes will boost Michigan job growth

Michigan's net negative migration of 465,000 residents since 2001 is well-documented. The primary reason: Michigan's inbound migration rate has dropped to nearly zero. The result is income losses equating to billions of dollars. Not to mention hundreds of millions of dollars in lost payroll taxes, sales and use taxes and property taxes.

Michigan's migration woes will continue as long as the current job market and future prospects remain much brighter elsewhere.

Reversing this trend involves creating a business environment that results in consistent job growth. A significant tool for attracting and retaining businesses, regardless of economic conditions, is tax policy.



Michael C. Stoskopf

Joshua Barro is a staff economist for the Tax Foundation. In his paper "2009 State Business Tax Climate Index (SBTCI)," he states, "...most mass job relocations are from one U.S. state to another

...[meaning] that lawmakers must be aware of how their states' business climates stack up to others in their region and nationwide."

According to the Tax Foundation's 2009 rankings, how did Michigan do?

The good news, as far as overall taxation, Michigan ranked

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20th. The bad news: Michigan's Corporate Tax Index, composed of the factors by which businesses evaluate states when deciding to relocate, ranked a dismal 48th.

These rankings inspired me to do a little research.

I compared, by state, three telling economic measures from 2004-2008: Gross Domestic Product; Per Capita Income; and Population. The "Top 7 States," based on their 2009 SBTCI Overall Rank, had positive growth rates in all three measures. They also performed markedly better than the 42 other states combined. Finally, as a group, they significantly outperformed Michigan, which

had negative rates across all measures.

Attributing Michigan's poor performance to the worldwide automotive recession is certainly reasonable. However, by and large, businesses continue not selecting Michigan for their operations. This should serve as our "wake-up call" for immediate action.

The absence of a major tax is the dominant factor in vaulting the "Top 7 States" to the top of the rankings. Property taxes and unemployment insurance taxes are levied in the seven states, but there are several that do without one or more of the major taxes (i.e., corporate, individual income, or sales).

Michigan faces many difficult decisions with economic

consequences. However, just as critical, we must create a business environment that results in consistent job growth, thereby ensuring a viable economic future for Michigan.

There is an old sports adage, "To BE the best, you must BEAT the best."

Now is the time for our elected leaders in Lansing to make Michigan one of the best states for business. Creating a comprehensive, new, business-friendly tax system will encourage job growth and economic vitality for years to come.

Michael C. Stoskopf is executive officer of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, based in Farmington Hills.

### HOMES SOLD - WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of June 8-12, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**Canton**  
43459 Applewood Rd \$152,000  
7279 Burgundy St \$155,000  
43802 Cherry Grove Ct E \$127,000  
351 Country Club Ct \$329,000  
46472 Creekside Ct \$220,000

43998 Frederickburg St \$60,000  
13811 Hampshire Dr \$170,000  
1564 Kensington Dr \$260,000  
15441 Liberty St N \$280,000  
47326 Northwood Dr \$160,000  
41084 Northwest Dr \$70,000  
43770 Palisades Dr \$155,000  
15911 Rustic Ridge Rd \$135,000  
7005 Sutton Rd \$165,000

36790 Angeline Cir \$125,000  
14233 Arcola St \$128,000  
10214 Cranston St \$153,000  
37507 Eagle Dr \$65,000  
31510 Haldane St \$129,000  
9960 Hazel Ct \$101,000  
34155 Nawn Ave \$191,000  
18021 University Park Dr \$128,000

552 W Dunlap St \$275,000  
17532 Williamsburg Ct \$476,000  
39537 Windsor Dr \$285,000

14422 Sarasota \$120,000  
26649 Southwestern Hwy \$35,000

### HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of June 8-12, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**Auburn Hills**  
2445 Hempstead Rd \$122,000  
3134 Phillips Rd \$103,000

47617 Brittany Ct \$470,000  
26579 Portico Ln \$140,000  
26585 Portico Ln \$120,000  
41643 Terra Ln \$125,000  
30249 Viewcrest \$240,000

3629 Tremonte Cir S \$82,000  
3895 Lakeview Blvd \$225,000

345 Spezia Dr \$85,000  
139 Drake St \$186,000  
1644 Wood Trl \$267,000

1954 Cloverdale Dr \$375,000  
139 Drake St \$175,000  
530 W Third St \$508,000

**Beverly Hills**  
19962 Waltham Rd \$275,000

2390 Arizona Ct \$166,000  
538 Augusta Dr \$218,000  
658 Lockport Rd \$136,000  
21714 London Bridge Dr \$94,000  
251 Mystic Wy \$295,000  
956 Norcross Dr \$280,000  
90 Orchardale Dr \$135,000  
1770 Skyline Dr \$318,000

21321 Andover Rd \$58,000  
17145 Bonstelle Ave \$150,000  
17501 Madison St \$48,000  
21045 Marshall St \$17,000  
29400 Murray Crescent Dr \$153,000  
30845 Red Maple Ln \$122,000

13336 Inkster Rd \$65,000  
17380 MacArthur \$78,000  
16104 Norborne \$60,000  
13997 Sarasota \$76,000

30470 Avondale St \$37,000  
2280 Buchanan Ct \$171,000  
32086 Fairchild St \$166,000  
39060 Huron Pkwy \$178,000  
39248 Huron Pkwy \$103,000  
38503 Meghan Ln \$55,000  
7345 Mohawk St \$94,000  
6321 W Morgan Ct \$164,000  
39033 Willow Creek Pkwy \$160,000  
6711 Wilbur St \$45,000

**Birmingham**  
181 Euclid Ave \$850,000  
1447 Yosemite Blvd \$288,000

4819 Clarkston Rd \$18,000  
9919 Dixie Hwy \$224,000  
6493 Enclave Dr \$263,000  
5597 Northwest Y-Way Dr \$172,000  
4825 Pelton Rd \$80,000  
5880 Sunnydale Rd \$125,000  
8535 Waumegah Ct \$290,000  
7485 Wymgate Dr \$330,000

1642 Carpenter Dr \$265,000  
2506 Cheswick Dr \$253,000  
585 Colebrook Dr \$62,000  
6485 Fredmoor Dr \$150,000  
2835 Marcus Dr \$125,000  
3011 W Bay Beaver Rd \$80,000

3107 Alexa Dr \$150,000  
515 E Walpole Lake Dr \$229,000

27845 Cathlamet \$135,000  
846 Panorama Dr \$78,000  
308 Debra Ln \$200,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Business change

Weir Manuel Realtors, a leading Michigan independent real estate firm, announced that it has joined the Coldwell Banker brand and has absorbed Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate to form Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel. The announcement was made by Weir Manuel CEO Kelly Sweeney and Coldwell Banker Schweitzer CEO Paul Schweitzer.

The new company is one of the largest real estate firms in the state. Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel has 465 sales professionals and 11 offices in southeast Michigan.

Kelly Sweeney, who served as Weir Manuel's CEO since 2000, will retain that role in the new firm.

"It's an exciting day for all of us at Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," Sweeney said. "Our new entity delivers great strength, depth and value to the marketplace. We have created an outstanding platform for our sales associates and a strong foundation from which we can execute our strategic growth plan. We see tremendous opportunities in Michigan as the real estate market begins to stabilize. While others continue to pull back, we plan on investing heavily in our people and our operations."

#### Career Seminar

A Real Estate Career Seminar will be held at Keller Williams Plymouth, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a seat.

Keller Williams Realty of Livonia will hold a free 59-minute Real Estate Career Seminar at their offices at 36642 Five Mile Road 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

#### Real Estate Agents, Appraising & Staging

Thinking about a career in real estate? Is working in real estate your dream? Keller Williams Realty is seeking experienced or non-experienced people in the real estate field. The candidates must be hard working and have a passion for learning.

There's a free seminar every week: Tuesday or Saturday, 11 a.m. to noon at 27555 Executive Drive (off West 12 Mile and Halsted), Farmington Hills 48331.

For more details, contact Steve Leibhan, (248) 553-0400, Ext. 2500.

#### Careers in field

A free 59-minute Career Seminar will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, for those interested in real estate careers. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. It will be at Keller Williams Realty, 36642 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

#### Homebuyers

A Homebuyer Seminar will be held 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 and 26, at Keller Williams, Farmington Hills

Market Center, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100 - southeastern corner of 12 Mile and Halsted. RSVP: (248) 893-1550.

#### 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. Presented by Loretta Chmura, Educational Director, Middleton Training. This seminar will give Realtors 2.0 hours Continuing Education Credits. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on 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](http://www.REIAofOakland.com))

#### 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

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**LIVONIA**  
 \*\*\*BIG GARAGE SALE!\*\*\*  
 Friday & Saturday, Sept. 18/19 9am-3pm Both Days! 18512 Hillcrest St. in Livonia

**LIVONIA - HUGE SALE!**  
 Thursday Sept 17 - Sat Sept 19, 10-6pm. 29700 Greenland, bwn 5 & 6 Mile, off Middlebelt. Brand new items, antiques, furniture, DVDs, CDs, video games, clothes, vintage purses, jewelry, glassware dishes, best seller hardcover books, too much to list everything!

**LIVONIA 14408 Lyons** off Lyndon, bwn Middlebelt & Inkster Great assortment of linens, china, clothing, furniture (indoor & out) Sept. 17-19, 9am-5pm.

**LIVONIA 9/24-9/25 Multi-Family** 19253 Gary Lane Livonia. West of Seven Mile by Bicentennial Park. Thursday & Friday, 8-5pm.

**LIVONIA 9075 Henry Ruff** 9/19, 8-4pm. Appliances, craft supplies, jewelry, bikes, 300 DVD/CDs, scarves, gloves, new Christmas & gift items, linens, books, clothing

**LIVONIA Garage Sale!** Cherry wood entertainment center, TVs, DVDs, Play Station, video games (rockband), holiday decor, lamps and tons more! 34232 Haidane Dr, Livonia Fr., 9am-4pm, Sat., 9am-12noon.

**LIVONIA Whole House Indoor Moving Sale!** Everything Goes! Sept. 17-21, 9-4pm. 41905 Swathmore, Quakertown Sub. S of 6 Mile, W of I-275

**LIVONIA-Household, books, kids, toys, DVDs, women's clothing & more!** 9/18 & 9/19 9-5pm. 9/20 9-3pm. 33362 Broadmoor Ct. 3 streets N of 5 Mile E of Farmington

**LIVONIA: Huge Multi-Family Garage Sale.** Sept. 9-19, 9-5pm. 18395 Loveland, E. of Farmington, bwn 6 & 7 Mile. Clothes, toys, household items & more. Don't Miss This One!

**MILFORD - Huge multi family 9/17-9/19, 9-5pm** 1190 Garden Rd. bwn Old Park & Burns Rd. Lots of misc. household, X-mas, kids toys!

**MILFORD - Quality junkie** 3434 Lone Tree, Hickory Ridge & Lone Tree 9/17-9/19, 8-5pm.

**MILFORD 9/17-19, 9-30-430 528 Union, 1 bkt. E. of Main, N. of Commerce** Girls clothes, great cond., sizes 6-10, various home goods

**MILFORD: Multiple Sales in Brookfield Sub. across from Centennial Schools** Sat. & Sun. 9-3

**NEW HUDSON: Multi-family-antiques, toys, sports, household & more!** The Villas at Crystal Creek, 11 Mile/Milford Rd. 9-4pm, 9/17-9/19

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**NEW HUDSON: Barn & Garage Sale.** Mostly for Men Toys, etc. Household. Sept. 17-19, 10-5PM. 28501 Tindale Trail, S. of Travis, W of Milford Rd

**NORTHVILLE - 2 FAMILIES** Fri. & Sat. 9am-7 324 Yerkes, East of Noydville Downs Antiques, furniture & household

**NORTHVILLE - My Big Fat Estate Sale** Office & restaurant equip & supplies, tools, electronics, small appliances, clothing, books, sports equip & furniture. 39737 Phillips, 7 Mile & Haggerty Thurs-Sat, Sept. 17-19th, 9am-4pm.

**NORTHVILLE 4 Family Sale - Sat., Sept. 19, 9am-4pm.** 15487 Menon Ct., Northville, off Sox Mile, bwn Sheldon and Beck.

**NORTHVILLE - Moving sale.** The good stuff, holiday decor, games, glassware, furniture, lamps, paintings 46569 Greenridge Dr, N. Beacon Woods Sub Fr, Sept. 18, 9-5pm, Sat, Sept. 19, 9-Noon.

**NORTHVILLE- Baby to adult clothing, toys, furniture, baby items & more!** 9/17 & 9/18: 4-4pm. 15540 Bay Hill, bwn 5 & 6 Mile off Sheldon

**NORTHVILLE- Yard sale 9/18 & 9/19 (Fri & Sat) 9-4pm.** 741 Carpenter (Center St & 8 Mile) Good variety, good prices, all ages & sizes

**NOVI- Huge garage sale - any & all goes!** Antiques & collectibles. 41940 Quince Dr., 1 bkt W of Meadowbrook, off of 10 Mile Thurs-Sat, 9am-6pm

**NOVI- Large variety Stone Hedge Condo residents,** Haggerty S of 10 Mile, Sept. 18 & 19, 9-5pm. Follow balloons

**NOVI-Meadowbrook Gleas** Sub Sale, N of 10 mile, W of Meadowbrook. Sept 24-27, 9am-7 Pm or Shan!

**NOVI: 45318 White Pines & 44949 Huntingtoncross** Furniture, household, all must go! 9/17 & 18, 9-3pm. Bargains!

**NOVI TOP NOTCH SALE** Sept 19-20, 9-3PM. 41905 Canterbury, 48377. Nov & 14 Mile. Household, Games Toys, Sports & Garden Equip, Appl

**PINCKNEY - SUB SALE** Sept. 18 & 19, 9am-5pm. Whispering Pines G.C. on McGregor, south of M-36

**PINCKNEY, 11858 Earl St.** Multi-family Fri-Sat, 9am to 2pm Baby items, antiques, collectibles & much more

**PINCKNEY, Whispering Pines (M-36 & McGregor)** Sept. 17, 18, 19, Thurs thru Sat, 9am to 5pm. Huge multi family garage sales. Household, furniture and accessories, 2 piece preformed pond, tanning bed, pet items, women's (7 to 3X+), lots of women's designer, business, casual, outer wear, shoes. (size 11), boys sizes 6 to 16, men's, mediums to 2 X XL, baby/kids items. 9982 & 10014 Rolling Greens Dr. 9993 & 10025 Meadowcrest Ct., 2554 & 2562 Signature Ct.

**PLYMOUTH - BIG 2 Family** 1041 N. Main, M&B & Wilcox. Sat. & Sun. Only, 9-6pm. Lots of furniture, Bosch dishwasher, Craftsman table saw, etc.

**PLYMOUTH 8/18 & 9/19, 9am to 4pm.** 873 Palmer Street, Little Griv/Baby toys - Barbie (houses, cars), books, CDs, DVDs, games, dishes, play food Scanner, garden tools, double jogging stroller

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**PLYMOUTH 9/18-9/19 873 PALMER ST.** 8am-4pm. Little griv/baby toys, Puppets, Barbie toys, books, CDs, DVDs, scanner and two child jogging stroller.

**PLYMOUTH Thursday-Sept. 17, 9am-4pm** Antiques, collectibles, women's clothing, holiday/home decor 49368 Pine Ridge Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170

**PLYMOUTH- 1 DAY SALE!** Sept. 19th, 8am-5pm. 9064 Woodgrove Dr. Teen/junior, gowns, coats; exercise equip, cameras; pc games, household

**REDFORD 13430 Farley, E. of Beech Daly, S of I-96.** Thurs-Sat, 9-17 to 9-19, 9-5pm. Household items, & more!

**REDFORD Garage Sale Misc** household items 12870 Levee, off Schoolcraft, bwn Inkster and Beech, Thurs, Fri and Sat., 10am to 5pm

**SALEM TWP**  
 Community Garage & Yard Sale. Sept. 19-20 9am-5pm. Northville Crossing, 8 Mile Rd., 2 miles E of Pontiac Tr.

**SOUTH LYON 2-Family Sale.** Sue St. Books, antiques, clothes, children's toys, craft items. 15+ years of accumulation Fri-Sat, 9/18-19, 10-3pm.

**SOUTH LYON 2-Family Sale** Sue St. Books, household goods, antiques, clothes, toys and craft items. 15+ years of accumulation! Sat-Sun, 9/19-20, 9-3pm.

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# Base Versa Provides Different - But Satisfying - Retro Experience

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By Dale Buss

To appreciate the virtues of the base Versa model that Nissan began selling last summer for just a startling \$9,990, I had to think back – way back – to what I was looking for the last time I had been in the challenging position of having to settle for the absolutely least expensive form of automotive transportation that was still functionally, esthetically and socially acceptable.

High school? Not quite that far back. As for most high-school kids today, just about anything was acceptable to ourselves and one another back then in the Seventies, whether it was a true beater or a nice little gift from Daddy.

Only when my generation was nearing graduation from college and entrance to the work world would a car like the base Versa begin to seem appealing. What I wanted then, and what many twenty-somethings still want now, is a vehicle that they can finally call newly, freshly their own rather than yet another in a series of used vehicles that may have helped break in their experiences with driving and auto ownership.

Back in the day, my solution was a new 1979 Chevrolet Chevette, followed a few years later by a Renault Alliance. And nowadays, the base Versa serves the same purpose.

And for all the advances in

automotive amenities since then – CD players, power-memory seats, “movie screens” in the back seats – satisfaction with your ride always boils down to meeting your expectations, whatever they are, doesn’t it? In that regard, Nissan’s base Versa accomplishes its objective in spades.

Nissan came out with and advertised its base Versa in the summer of 2008 during the \$4-a-gallon gasoline craze, while trying to create some way to burst through consumers’ panic and provide a unique solution. The idea was that, for prices beginning at \$9,990, anyone could get a proven-reliable Versa as long as they were willing to put up with the lack of a few features.

Here’s the very good news about the base Versa: It does what Nissan says it will do in providing fuel-sipping, yet peppy, performance in a low-priced skin; mileage is rated at 34 mpg on the highway and 26 mpg in the city. The vehicle looks good from the outside in a basic-transportation sort of way.

It offers Versa’s now-famous back-seat room, enough so that two tallish adults could fit comfortably in the back of the Versa that I drove and didn’t complain about a half-hour ride. The trunk is plenty spacious enough for traveling luggage or golf clubs or many bags of groceries or other normal cargo.



The base Nissan Versa looks like richer models, but the price comes down on the inside.

Performance is another attribute that I consider a plus with the base Versa. Without all the extra weight of little motors to run the power amenities and so on, even with air conditioning, the version I drove provided plenty of burst and was quite comfortably maneuverable. The manual transmission was long-geared but smooth.

And, of course, you can add certain “extras” to the \$9,990 price. First, realize that shipping fees of about \$700 push the actual delivery price of the base Versa to around \$10,700. If you want air conditioning like the version that I drove on a warm week in September, add another \$1,000. Tack on another \$1K for automatic transmission that is only available with air conditioning.

But the list of things the base Versa doesn’t include is long indeed. First of all, the car has a manual transmission and a 1.6-liter, four-cylinder engine which is rated at only 107 horsepower, a smaller power plant than in other Versa models. Also, the base version of the car is available only in a sedan, not in the hatchback option, which is another

limitation.

As for equipment that the base Versa actually lacks, let’s start with what is the most obvious when you enter the vehicle: There’s no radio. This would have been a problem 30 or 40 years ago with any base new vehicle, and in the Versa it’s even more so today: Because there is no detectable sound system in the car, much less a radio receiver, there is no way to, say, throw in a CD for something to listen to, and, of course, no way to make your iPod listenable through the vehicle.

What’s more, staring at the space where the radio would be just gives you an empty feeling: There’s an old-fashioned plate covering the opening. The least Nissan could have done is use that space creatively for cell-phone storage or something like that.

Anyway, the list goes on of what the base Versa doesn’t include: power accessories beyond steering and brakes, anti-lock brakes, cruise control, floor mats.

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**Novi** 248-851-4100  
CUSTOM BETTER THAN A MODEL! NOVI SCHOOLS 2008 totally updated large custom colonial, 4 BR, 5 full baths + 2 powder rooms. Finished walkout w/theater. Situated on a private wooded lot.  
(29107302) \$621,000



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Hiland Lake 5 BR, 3.1 BA w/1st flr Mstr BLT in 2002. Prof decorated. Open floor plan, 4007 sq ft. LG lot w/deck, 8amp patio, 2 staircases, 2 furnaces, 2 ac's, daylight BSMT, close to schools & X-way.  
(29056385) \$610,000



**Novi** 734-591-9200  
Model of Autumn, Dual staircases, New lands/ scap with. Aggreg Dr & newer gar drs. Inter has custom trim, limestone tile, Granite tops. Fin day/ light bsmt w/bar/wine cellar, flr rm/BR/TP/Hme theat, much more.  
(29069312) \$549,900



**Novi** 248-851-4100  
BUILDER'S HOME. NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS Custom built 07.1 acre lot. Gourmet island kit. w/granite, stainless, travertine & walk in pantry. Granite library. 4 BR including MBR suite guest suite. 4 car garage.  
(29040431) \$475,000



**Novi** 248-851-4100  
GORGEOUS HOME, GOURMET KITCHEN, SHORT SALE. Soaring great room. Granite kitchen w/walk in pantry, ceramic floor. MBR w/ tray ceiling, sitting area, jetted tub, dual units. 2 BR share 1/2 bath, one w/private bath.  
(29089820) \$400,000



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Spacious Updated 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Ranch. Newer windows, furnace & HW/H. Granite, oak cabinets, ceramic fling. Master suite w/walk & full ba. Lots of storage. All appl's. Novi schools, close to highways & mall.  
(29063344) \$155,000



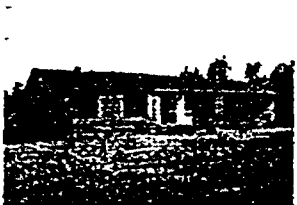
**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
BEAUTIFUL BEACON HILL ESTATES RANCH! Huge mstr w/walkout flr plan, fieldstone FP, bella wdw's, newer roof, custom t/o, 2.5 car gar w/ new floor, full bsmt, never lud or pet worn!  
(29113795) \$339,900



**Redford** 734-455-7000  
BRICK RANCH ON HUGE, PRIVATE, TREED LOT! Loaded w/updates & too many features to list. Great home for everyday living & entertaining. Newer drive & walkway. 24x13 deck. 20x20 patio. Fin bsmt. 24x24 gar.  
(28092208) \$119,900



**Redford** 734-455-7000  
"CAPE COD" CLASSIC! Top of the line move-in shape brick 3 BR "Cape Cod" in quiet, wooded setting. Redone kitchen, BA, windows, roof, furn, & much more! All appl., like new.  
(29070531) \$94,900



**Rose** 248-684-1065  
Classic ranch on nearly 1 acre of country, private setting. Large BR w/vaulted ceiling, corner stone FP, oak cabs in kit, large MBR w/ his/her baths.  
(29097006) \$100,000



**Shelby Twp** 248-652-6500  
Move In Ready! 3 BR/2 BA Ranch w/2 car extended mechanics garage. Updated KIT w/ granite, hdwd flrs under carpet/new windows/fin bsmt/extensive landscaping/city water & sewer.  
(29076781) \$200,000



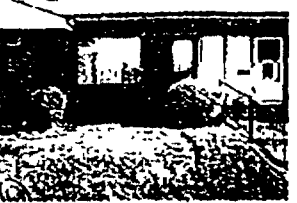
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Just Listed! Custom open flr plan ranch situated on a one acre cul de sac private setting. Extensive decking on 1st flr. Lg lot, w/ island. www.realestateone.com/29117426  
(29116426) \$239,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
55+ Complex, Central air, end unit, 2 BR, new kitchen, nicely decorated, neutral decor. Florida room, kitchen, dining area w/doorwall leading to deck. Prof. fin. bsmt. www.realestateone.com/29062812  
(29062812) \$124,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
SS+ Complex, Central air, end unit, 2 BR, new kitchen, nicely decorated, neutral decor. Florida room, kitchen, dining area w/doorwall leading to deck. Prof. fin. bsmt. www.realestateone.com/29102070  
(29102070) \$39,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Adult 55+ Co-Op. Great value in this well cared flr Phase II unit. Enjoy the pool, clubhouse, loads of activities, walk to town. www.realestateone.com/29099729  
(29099729) \$32,000



**Walled Lake** 248-348-6430  
Fabulous Sunset Loads Of Summer Fun 3 bed, 2 bath vinyl sided home, just steps away from Walled Lk. Full basement. 2 car garage. Great deck and yard for entertaining. All appl. inc. Home warranty.  
(29054790) \$144,900



**Wayne** 734-284-5400  
WELCOME HOME Move right in! All repairs have been done. Great Open Floor Plan. 3 BR, 2 full baths. Open Kitchen & nook, master ste w/ garden tub. Skylights, lg deck. C/A.  
(29048440) \$125,000



**Westland** 248-348-6430  
Super Clean and Move In Ready Well maintained on dead end street next to school. Huge backyard with custom stone patio. Lots of updates. Must see!  
(29054039) \$75,000



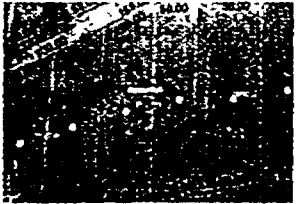
**Westland** 734-455-7000  
BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH! Most affordable and in great condition w/remodeled kitchen and bath, finished basement, hardwood floors and newer carpeting. 2 car garage.  
(29096876) \$59,900



**White Lake** 248-348-6430  
Lake View From Rare 2200 SQ. FT. Ranch. Wonderful open floor plan. Master suite opposite side of home from other bedrooms. Walkout BSMT. On beautiful low maintenance lot. Built 2004. Also for lease.  
(29041238) \$275,000



**White Lake** 248-684-1065  
Adorable ranch w/ Cedar island priv. Open flr plan. HDWD flrs in kitchen. BR w/ dual sinks. Part fin W/O. Full BA in bsmt. Deep lot w/ privacy fence.  
(29072648) \$160,000



**White Lake** 248-684-1065  
High dry site overlooking Grass Lake. 3 parcels to choose from. Bring your builder or use mine.  
(29072749) \$30,000



**Whitmore Lake** 734-591-9200  
No Need to Wait, not a Short Sale. Leave your Own/Prnt at home. 0% down. Immac cond, newer blk col in Whitmore Lake Sub w/sde/ w/bs & fenced yd. Prof fin bsmt, lg eat in kit w/doorwalk to deck. Nw roof 2009.  
(29076086) \$134,900



**Whitmore Lake** 734-591-9200  
Move in cond CO w/fin bsmt offers 0% down Prnt loan. Rul Dev. Grt neighborhood, small town feel but close to everything. Side/walk fences are allow twice enter lot. Bths updated. Huge eat in kit, bth in hot tub.  
(29064930) \$145,000



**Whitmore Lake** 734-591-9200  
Move in 0% finance. Updated T/O on large priv 1 acre fenced lot on quiet dead end st. Updated kit w/all newer appliances. Strip if house & garage 2009. Bth. Wind. Water soft. 4 more Sun rm w/dr w/2. Skylight in laund.  
(29067712) \$124,900



**Wolverine Lake** 248-684-1065  
Great starter home or home in which to downsize. 2 BR, 1 BA, LR, DR, FR, Rec room/ library on entry level. Full & laundry rm bsmt. Porch, deck, lake privileges.  
(29058517) \$117,900

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