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## ON THE RECORD

### Too busy to bake?

A Christmas Cookie Walk this Saturday at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi will feature dozens of homemade cookie varieties as well as other holiday goodies such as breads, candy, fudge, cookie mixes and much more.

Tables laden with cookies and treats will fill the church Fellowship Hall. All cookies and treats are homemade. No store-bought varieties will be offered.

Cookies will be sold for \$8 per pound. Boxes and gloves will be provided. Other homemade treats will be individually priced. Pre-boxed, wrapped cookie assortments also will be available for purchase.

Admission is free. Numbers for admission will be distributed beginning at 8 a.m. with free coffee provided to those waiting in line. Doors will open at 9 a.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road between 8 and 9 Mile roads in Novi. For further information, contact [www.mbccc.org](http://www.mbccc.org) or the church office at (248) 348-7757.

### Leven's Scholarship Fund-raiser

St. Paul Lutheran School (201 Elm Street, Northville, behind Hiller's Market) will hold a fund-raiser for the Jackie Leven's Scholarship Fund on Friday, Dec. 11.

Dinner and a free will offering will be held from 5-7 p.m. Children will wrap your Christmas presents from 6-9 p.m. Call (248) 349-3146 for details.

### Toddle Time

Bring your toddlers and preschoolers to their own special drop-in play time from 10 a.m.-noon on Tuesdays through April 27 (except Dec. 29) at the Northville Community Senior Center.

Toddle Time is an opportunity for toddlers to learn socialization skills through unstructured, free play. Tots can run, jump, play ball, laugh and giggle with other tots in a big, safe gym atmosphere. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the entire time. Cost is \$3 per child. Contact Pat Brown, recreation superintendent with Northville Parks & Recreation, at (248) 449-9949 or [pbrown@ci.northville.mi.us](mailto:pbrown@ci.northville.mi.us).

## Township gets grant for land buy

### Award will lower purchase price on former hospital land by \$2M

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

A state board voted to award a \$4-million land acquisition grant for Northville Township last week. Actually, the award totals about \$7 million, but there is a \$4-million cap on awards recommended to the governor by members of the

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board.

The board agreed to award Phase I of the funding next year, with the approximate \$3-million balance to be awarded the following year.

With the awarding of the grant, developer REIS-Northville will receive a good portion of the grant and has agreed to lower the \$23.5-

million purchase price on 51.01 acres the township is buying at the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital site by \$2 million.

Last August, township residents passed a millage that will fund the purchase of the former hospital property, which township leaders want to turn into a park.

"Coupled with the facts that the cleanup costs are supposed to be lower than expected and the interest rate on the bonds is going to be lower than predicted, the awarding

of this grant represents a win-win for the township," said Mark Abbo, township supervisor.

Margie Banner, township trustee, and Grant Trigger from REIS-Northville drove to Lansing on Dec. 2 for the MNRTF Board meeting.

REIS-Northville is a partnership between developers Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company.

According to the Web site [www.m-bike.org](http://www.m-bike.org), the board made fund-

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## Salvation Army contributions down



PHOTOS BY JOHN MEYER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The husband-and-wife team of Dave and Chrys Kohl are ringing the bells at Northville's Center Street Hiller's Market in order to raise funds for the Salvation Army.

### Toys, clothing, food needed

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

This is the time of year when shoppers hear the familiar Salvation Army bell ringers.

But the red kettles are not as full this year, according to Army leaders.

Capt. Daniel Hull, pastor and corps

officer, Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries; and Teresa Moriarty, volunteer coordinator in the Plymouth office, which serves Northville, say it's not too late, however, to boost funding for needy families.

"We're seeing more of an influx of people from Northville needing assistance," Aren said. "We're here to help,

and people can also help us."

The Plymouth office handles requests from families in Plymouth, Northville, Canton, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township.

"We work very closely with Marlene Kunz at Northville Civic Concern," Aren said, such as when a local man donated 40,000 chickens to eight agencies helping needy families.

**GOAL THIS YEAR \$316,000**

"Our goal is \$265,000 for the red

kettles alone just for our service area," Moriarty said.

"Our total goal, including all monetary donations for Christmas this year is \$316,000," Hull said.

"Hiller's Market on North Center Street in Northville is our top revenue generator in Northville, and the Hiller's at Five Mile and Haggerty in Plymouth is the second top generator in our service area," Moriarty said.

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### WANT TO ADOPT AN ANGEL?

Area residents are asked to participate in the Salvation Army's Adopt-An-Angel Program by selecting a child and purchasing one toy and item of clothing totaling about \$50 in value before Dec. 22 and delivering the unwrapped items to the Plymouth office at 9451 S. Main Street off Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (800) SA-TRUCK to donate large items or go to [www.mis-alplymouth.org](http://www.mis-alplymouth.org) to select a child. The office is open from 9 a.m.-noon and from 1-4 p.m.

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## Managing Our Future forums under way

BY NATHAN MENOIAN  
CORRESPONDENT

Northville public schools had \$4.3 million in state aid slashed from their current budget last October, and administrators say the district is facing another \$2 million in cuts for 2011-12.

To address what educational programs and services will have to be cut in order to cover the deficit, the Northville school district planned four "Managing Our Future" forums. Two were held last week, one at Meads Mill Middle School, and the other at Hillside.

The purpose of each meeting is to find out what programs and services parents value most in the

K-12 education of their children. Over 100 parents attended the Meads Mill forum, and the count at Hillside was near 90. Two more meetings were scheduled at Northville High School, Dec. 7 and 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Each forum is structured with a variety of 20-minute presentations. An orientation talk is given by the superintendent, and then other administrators cover topics such as transportation and food service, high school programs, benefits, PTA Legislative Action Network, and other departments within the school district.

Audience questions during the

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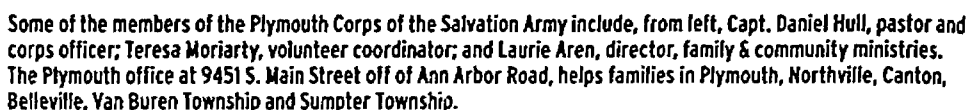


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Last Tuesday, Red Wings personnel were ringing the Salvation Army bells at both Hiller's Market on North Center Street and at Kroger at Six and

"We can provide up to \$300 per unemployed person for medical costs, car repair or other needs," Aren said. "Everything is by a case-by-case basis."

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# Fowl play

## Chicken donation helps feed area's needy

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Area agencies scrambling to feed a growing number of hungry, recession-ravaged families received a much-needed boost Thursday morning when a truck hauling 40,000 pounds of frozen chicken rolled up to a Canton distribution center.

In all, 21 agencies shared the gift from a nonprofit foundation called HEAR (Health, Education And Relief), a Chicago-based volunteer group also helping families in the Detroit area.

"We timed it for the holidays," said local HEAR director Mark McManus Sr., a Novi resident and chairman of Livonia-based New Horizons Computer Learning Centers.

HEAR bought the frozen chicken for a reduced cost from Tyson Foods and had it trucked in from the company's Springdale, Ark., headquarters to Norquik, a cold-storage, warehouse and distribution center in Canton.

"We're amazed by the generosity," said Ann Kalass, CEO for Inkster-based Starfish Family Services, which offers a wide array of family services in Canton, Garden City, Livonia,



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dave Parker loads some of the 2,800 pounds of frozen chicken donated to Starfish Family Services. Starfish CEO Ann Kalass and client Chelsea Cloutier will take the load back to the agency.

Plymouth, Redford, Westland and other metro Detroit communities.

Starfish, alone, received 2,800 pounds of boxed, frozen chicken.

"It couldn't come at a better time than the holidays," Kalass said. "So many families are in crisis and struggling to find resources."

Kalass came to Norquik with Westland single mom Chelsea Cloutier, a Starfish client and

Starfish Head Start executive board member whose 3-year-old son attends a full-day preschool program while she works and studies for a bachelor's degree she expects to receive in August.

"The holidays can be so stressful," said Cloutier, 25, studying business administration and finance.

Ed Hingelberg, a Plymouth City Commission member and operations director of Detroit-

based Cass Community Social Services, said the 3,200 pounds of frozen chicken CCSS received will be stretched to feed as many needy families as possible by using it in soup, chicken salad and other meals.

"I can't tell you how much this helps us," Hingelberg said, standing with McManus outside Norquik on a gray, drizzly Thursday morning that somehow seemed a little less bleak after HEAR's food shipment arrived on Canton's north side.

"When the economy is down," Hingelberg said, "the need goes through the roof."

Cass Community Social Services provides help ranging from meals for the homeless to emergency shelter to vocational opportunities.

McManus said HEAR worked

with another nonprofit organization, Northville Civic Concern, to seek out agencies needing food to help their clients. McManus helped oversee the frozen chicken distribution mere hours after he returned from a relief effort in Guatemala.

He said 100 percent of HEAR's donations are used to help people in need. Much more about the organization can be learned — and donations can be made — online at [www.hear-foundation.org](http://www.hear-foundation.org).

HEAR's shipment of frozen chicken came in 10-pound bags. Agencies received as little as 200 pounds and as much as 3,200 pounds.

McManus released a list of 21 recipients that included Active Faith food pantry of South Lyon; Blessed Hope Mission of

Lincoln Park; Cass Community Social Services; Central Detroit CDC; Faith Community Presbyterian Church of Novi; Forgotten Harvest of Oak Park; Fort Street Presbyterian of Detroit; Friendship House of Hamtramck; Grace Centers of Hope of Pontiac; Help's On The Way of Dearborn; Military Avenue Presbyterian Church of Detroit; Northville Civic Center; The Salvation Army in Farmington, Plymouth, Westland and Macomb; St. Christine's Soup Kitchen & Outreach of Detroit; St. James Catholic Church of Novi; Starfish; the Wayne County Family Center of Westland; and Western Oakland Meals on Wheels.

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Mark McManus Sr., owner of Livonia-based New Horizons Computer Learning Centers, is director for a nonprofit group that donated 40,000 pounds of frozen chicken for distribution to local social service agencies.

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# Photography Studios owners enjoy Water Wheel Centre

Duo creates niche at Northville location

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Craig and Bonnie Butler know that photographs do more than capture the moment. They create memories that last a lifetime. The couple used to operate their photography studio in their home and just moved Craig David Butler Studios to the Water Wheel Centre at 235 E. Main Street in Northville in April of this year.

"We've been in business since 2000," Craig said.

Rick Cox, owner of the building, told the couple the space at the Water Wheel Centre would be open at the end of February.

"We thought about downtown Plymouth, but it's so commercialized," Craig said. "We like the art feel that's downtown Northville. We're proud to be part of Northville."

The Butlers' two daughters, Katie and Emily, attend Northville High School and are on the swim team.

## CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

Craig's father, Harry, who went by H. W., was a wedding photographer for 35 years. "That's kind how I got into messing around in his dark-room," Craig said "doing some black-and-whites. I started using his cameras when I was in high school."

After high school, he wanted to become a photographer or artist, but his dad said, "The world will always need CPAs."

So, he got a degree in accounting, ended up with an insurance company, and 17 years later he was running a national division, selling specialty products to financial institutions all over the country.

They put the marketing department underneath him, and he did some promo videos, photos and more.

"Then in 1999, a relative asked if we could do a wedding," Craig said. "Because they liked it so much, and we enjoyed it so much, we decided that maybe this is something we should do."

## BUSINESS FLOURISHES

Within a couple of years, the Butlers had 30-40 weddings on the book.

"I think our second or third year we had 53," Bonnie said. "It just really took off."

Shortly thereafter, the company Craig was working for was sold.

Once the wedding couples started having children, they returned to the Butlers for their baby photos because they had such a good experience



Craig and Bonnie Butler run Northville's Craig David Butler Studios out of their Water Wheel Centre suite.

## BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Craig David Butler Studios are open from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, but operate on an appointment-only basis. For more information, call (734) 560-3115 or go to [www.craigdavidbutler.com](http://www.craigdavidbutler.com).

with their wedding photographs.

Next came high school senior photographs.

"People tell us that we're different, and it's because we do cater to the customer," Craig said. "Coming from a business background, we know how to treat people."

Bonnie said when she and Craig got married in 1989, they were on a budget and hired a friend to take their wedding photos. Once they saw the photos, they wished they'd had the money to hire a professional.

"Our photos end up speaking miles," Craig said. "We like our brides and grooms to have fun, interact, and not even know we're there."

## VIDEOGRAPHY, TOO

The Butlers also do videography at weddings. "We have the same philosophy with the videographies as we do with the photos, so we're rarely in people's faces," Craig said. "We don't do

cheesy stuff."

Craig said they feed off the bridal parties. In other words, if they're goofy, the photos they take are goofy. If they're more traditional, the photos reflect that feeling.

"We're in tune to the way they are," he said. "We try to capture some fashion poses and capture a lot of photojournalism in our wedding shots."

## TRENDY YET TRADITIONAL

The Butlers say brides and grooms today are looking for something different, creative, unique and unusual. Yet, they still gravitate toward the traditional shots as well – post-wedding groups, interaction with family and friends and intimate shots of the bride and groom.

Bonnie says they are able to obtain natural-looking shots through directed posing because they have fun with the couple.

Although Bonnie had taken a multitude of photographs over the years, she also had an accounting background and considers Craig the more artistic person in the business.

"I kind of moved into the accounting/marking area," she said. "I second shoot with Craig. I have done weddings on my own, but I don't care to because I think Craig and I are such a great team because we feed off of each other. We bring two totally different visions to the day."

The Butlers also do same-day edits, producing video and still images of the wedding day at the reception. "It's a lot of pressure on Craig," Bonnie said. "I still don't know how he gets it done." Sometimes these include growing-up pictures and engagement photos.

## CLIENT APPRECIATION EVENT

Every year the Butlers have a client appreciation event. This year's will be from 5-9 p.m. on Dec. 5.

"Every couple who uses us for a wedding becomes a preferred portrait member, so they can come back once a year for a free session," Craig said.

They're developing something for their high school seniors called Club X, where people can come in and have photos taken with their friends. There's also a Baby Club for new parents.

"We want to keep branching out," he said.

Bonnie said the most rewarding thing about being a wedding photographer is that, "You know that you are giving someone something they will treasure forever."

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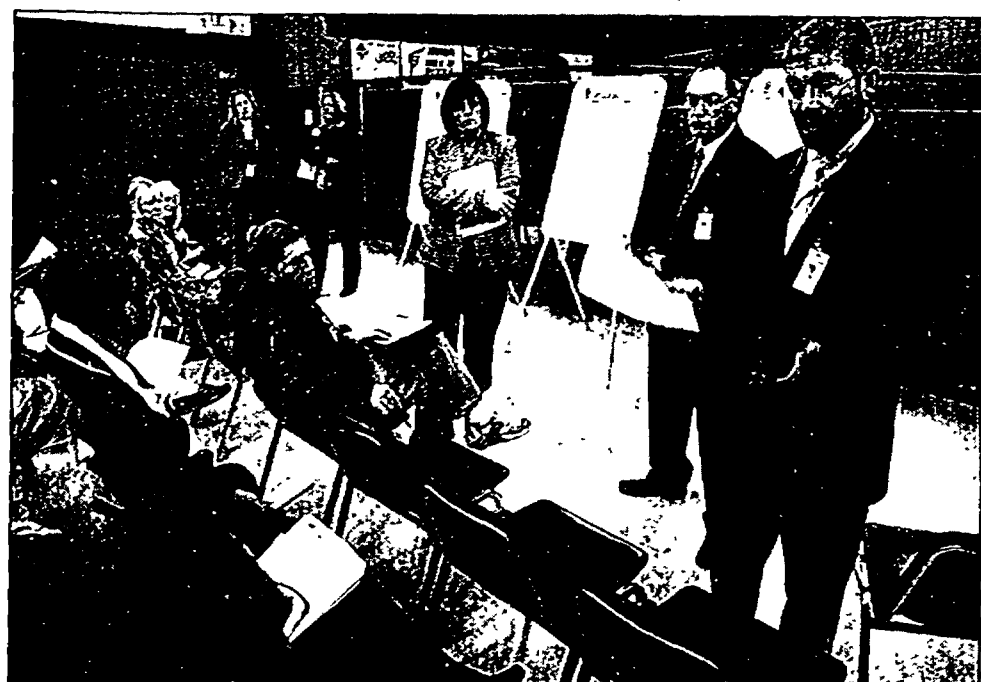
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# EDUCATION



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Northville High School principal Rob Watson, right, and Hillside Middle School principal take turns discussing how the school district can save money by utilizing different block scheduling techniques during a public forum at Hillside on Dec. 3 about the financial future of the schools.

## FORUMS

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Hillside forum ranged from what type of cuts were being considered, and how many people would be affected. Other comments expressed concern over the district's handling of state funds.

One parent asked why administrators and teachers were given a pay raise, when all along the district knew big cuts from the state were in the works.

### USE OF FUNDS

Some in attendance said they thought the district had mismanaged funds in asking the school board to approve administrative pay raises before state cuts were announced.

Ken Roth, school board president, said he was unable to discuss any of the negotiations that took place regarding the teachers' contractual pay raises, and as for the administrative pay raises, those discussions were under way months before state aid cuts were announced.

Northville's school superintendent Dr. Leonard Rezmierski said, "As of now, no decisions have been made about what programs, services, or staff persons will be affected. It won't be until January 2010, when the school board will make the tough decisions, based on recommendations from the administrative office."

That's why these meetings are so important, he said. "We need to hear from the community and are aggressively seeking their input on these very serious matters."

But it was evident at Hillside's forum, that transportation, food service, counseling, and extra curricular activities will likely be among the hardest hit.

If bus service were eliminated for all K-12 students, except those with special needs at



Northville School District Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski discusses ways the district is looking at to save money during a public forum at Hillside Middle School on Dec. 3.

Cooke or Old Village, the district could save about \$1 million. There are 65 bus drivers in the department.

Parents would need to drive their elementary and middle school students to each location, and that, undoubtedly, would cause traffic congestion and long lines in school parking lots.

Partial bus routes could be arranged, but each solution brings many problems. If just half the district's buses were in operation, students would be on buses longer while stopping at other schools before arriving at their facility.

One parent brought up an issue, calling it a hormonal concern. If fewer buses were operational, student age differences on those buses would give some parents cause for concern in gender-related issues.

### FOOD CONCERNS

Food Service has an annual budget of \$725 thousand with 48 employees. If that department is cut, all students will have to bring their own lunches, snacks, etc. The school would be unable to provide nutritious meals for the school population.

"Eighty-eight percent of our budget is staffing," Rezmierski said. "We're a people district, and these unfortunate cuts are going to change a lot of lives."

Listening to a presentation on transportation issues, Rita Myers, a part-time bus aide in the district and kitchen coordinator at one of the schools, said she hopes the pending cuts will be across the board, and not so heavily stacked against a few. She's been working in the district six years.

"They're talking about my livelihood here. We gave up a lot on the last round of contract negotiations, including longevity, and took a pay cut — on top of our cost of living freeze. I don't mind sacrificing, but I don't think we should be the main ones," she said.

Tom Gallmeier, a Northville parent at the Hillside forum, said he doesn't think the state will be able to turn around the financial educational mess they're facing.

"I sent e-mails to our legislators asking them to reconsider the cuts to Northville. If you want a strong state you need a strong education, you just can't keep cutting."

Parents may visit [www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us) to view information presented at the forums. Then visit [www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/mof.asp](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/mof.asp) to complete a survey, no later than December 18, about what they most want to see remain operational.

Nathan Menoian is a free-lance writer living in Milford.

## Bright House, C-SPAN looking for student documentaries

Bright House Networks of Michigan is teaming up again with C-SPAN to encourage Michigan students to explore the national issues that are most on their minds by entering C-SPAN's 2010 StudentCam video documentary competition.

The national competition, supported by Bright House Networks is now in its sixth year. C-SPAN invites all middle school students (grades 6-8) and high school students (grades 9-12) to produce a five to eight minute video documentary.

Students for this year's competition will have the opportunity to produce a documentary on either of the following topics:

A) One of the country's greatest strengths; or B) A challenge the country is facing.

C-SPAN will award a total of \$50,000 in cash prizes, which includes 75 student awards and 11 teacher awards. The Grand Prize winner with the best overall entry will be awarded \$5,000, with multiple

cash prize awards of \$3,000, \$1,500, \$750, \$500, and \$250 to students in both middle and high school categories.

"Bright House Networks of Michigan is proud to support C-SPAN's annual StudentCam competition and to provide an opportunity for students to engage in issues of national importance," said Bob McCann, Bright House Networks of Michigan president. "We are committed to supporting educational programs in our local communities, and this competition is a great program for students to not only become more familiar with the political process, but also learn more about documentary filmmaking."

### COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Entries must represent varying points of view, and include C-SPAN video that supports the documentary's topic. Students, working alone or in groups up to three, can upload their entry form and videos directly online at [www.studentcam.org](http://www.studentcam.org).

dentcam.org. Documentaries must be the original work of students; however teachers may provide guidance and critiques.

The documentaries will be judged by a panel of C-SPAN representatives and educators, and evaluated on a number of criteria, including the thoughtful examination of the competition's theme, quality of expression, adherence to the time limit, inclusion of varying points of view, and use of C-SPAN programming.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday, Jan. 20. Winners will be announced in March 2010, with winning videos to air on C-SPAN beginning in April of that year. Educators can register for updates and view competition details at [www.brighthouse.com/studentcam](http://www.brighthouse.com/studentcam).

StudentCam is sponsored by C-SPAN Classroom, [www.c-spanclassroom.org](http://www.c-spanclassroom.org), a free membership service dedicated to support educators' use of C-SPAN programming in their classes or for research.

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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

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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

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The following date is an additional opportunity to pick up additional tickets to sell and turn in sold tickets and money.

\* Holiday Concert on Dec. 10

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### CLARA ROSE BOBEK (VITTI)

Loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother and aunt, passed away peacefully at home, with her husband and daughter by her side, on November 24, 2009, in Sun Lakes, AZ. Clara was born January 17, 1938 in Dearborn MI, where she whiled away her youth, survived middle age in Northville MI, and then escaped to the sunshine of Arizona where she lived the rest of her life doing what she enjoyed most, golfing, attending Diamondback games, and spending time with friends. She is survived by her dedicated family members, whom she placed above all else, including her husband of 47 years, Ken, her loving daughter, Linda (Dan), her brother Bill (Jen), her sister-in-law Kathleen, and the greatest treasures in her life, her three adoring grandchildren, Lauren, Scott and Jenna Whitaker. Clara also held a special place in her heart for all of her nephews and nieces. Clara was preceded in death by her parents Yolanda and Dominic Vitti, and her two beautiful daughters, Lori and Lisa, who have been waiting patiently with open arms to be reunited and comforted once again by their loving mother. Clara's generous heart touched many lives and she will be greatly missed by all. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, December 21, 12:00 Noon at Valley of the Sun Mortuary Chapel at 10940 E. Chandler Heights Rd. Chandler, AZ.

### MARY KATHLEEN (KATHY) DOYLE

Age 60, of South Lyon, MI, passed away on Tuesday December 1st. She lived an extraordinary life and touched the hearts of many. She was the Loving wife of James Patrick Doyle, Mother of Brian (Michelle) Doyle, Sheila Doyle (Jeff Harris) and very proud Grandmother of Jaden Harris. She was the Daughter of Kyran and Irene Gardner, Sister of Edward (Barbara) Gardner, Karen (Gerald) Westphal, Jon (Linda) Gardner, Jenny (Ron) Willsey and many loving nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her Father Kyran and her brother Patrick Gardner. She was a devout Catholic, friend, confidant, partner, parent and grandmother and truly the light, rock and glue of an entire family. An intimate family service was held at Phillips Funeral Home. In Lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to be made in her honor to the National Bone Marrow, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or CaringBridge.org. She will forever be an inspiration to us all of how we should never complain about the small stuff and never give up hope even when things look their worst.

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Deadlines: Tuesday at 10 a.m. for Thursday  
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### MARJA C. KILLEEN

Age 81, of New Hudson, passed away on December 2, 2009. She was united in marriage to Alvin B. Killeen on July 10, 1945; only a few months after graduating from Northville High School. Marja was a volunteer for Active Faith for many years. She cherished her family and loved spending time with her grandchildren. Marja enjoyed knitting, gardening, and bird watching; she also adored her cats. She is survived by her husband Alvin; her children, Jerry (Linda) Killeen, Laurie Hewitt, and Kristie (Ted) Hansen; 6 grandchildren; and 6 great grandchildren. A funeral service was held last Saturday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Pastor Joe Muzzi with Crossroads Community Church officiated the service. Marja was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Contributions appreciated to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or Hospice of Michigan 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201

### LOUIS JAMES "BUCK" MANVILLE

Louis "Buck" Manville of Newberry, Michigan passed away at Terdecare nursing Home on November 23, 2009. He was born in Kingsley, Michigan on December 19, 1921 to Theron and Mamie (Roberts) Manville. Buck was a decorated Veteran of WWII. Surviving Mr. Manville are his brother Paul; six children: James (Kathy) of McMillan, Michigan, Polly (Dennis) Huffman of Newberry, Michigan, Patty (Herb) Ames of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Dan (Amy) of Ferndale, Michigan, Jack (Cindy) of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, David (Terry) of South Lyon, Michigan; 16 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren. Preceding Buck in death are his parents, and his wife of 60 years, Lula Mae (Morrison). No public services will be held. Arrangements are in the care of Hovie Funeral Home.

### KIM MARIE (ZABELL) MELCHERT

Of Northville, MI, age 50, died Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. She was born June 13, 1959 in Muskegon, Michigan, the daughter of Warren O. & Dede Lee (Caldwell) Zabell. Kim graduated from Northville High School. She attended Concordia College in Ann Arbor, and Eastern Michigan University. She was employed at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn for 28 years. Survivors include her parents of Mason; a brother, Mark Zabell of Aberdeen, MD; two nephews, Eric and Ryan Zabell of Columbus, OH; one aunt, Luella (David) Young of Houghton Lake, two uncles, Rev. Philip (Kathy) Zabell of Willows, CA and Bernard (Arlene) Geyer of Bellevue. She was preceded in death by an aunt, Arlene Geyer. A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 12, 11:00 am at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Chelsea, with Rev. Dale Grimm officiating. Burial will be at Glenn Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main, Chelsea, MI 48118 or the Cancer Chantry of your choice.

Arrangements by: Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea

### ELIZABETH JEAN PEGRUM NOV. 23, 2009

Loving wife of Bob Pegrum, mother of Robert (9) and J Emmett (5). Beloved Daughter of Jean and Jerry Sullivan and sister of Nelson. She is also survived by many other loving family and friends, Bruce and Edie Pegrum, Susan Pegrum Crossley and family and Karen Hoydic and family. Services celebrating Liz's life were held at the First Presbyterian Church of Brighton. Donations may be made to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, P.O. Box 27106 NYC, NY 10087 or Michigan Education Savings Program for Robert B. and Jerome E. Pegrum, call 877 861 6377



### JOHN R. PORTER

Age 55, of Northville, passed away November 30, 2009. He was born May 4, 1954 in Iowa City, Iowa to John Roger and Marjorie A. (Peñkins) Porter. John received a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology and a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Iowa. He met his wife Anne at the University and they were united in marriage on February 28, 1981. A professional engineer, he was most recently employed by Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, & Huber as a senior process engineer. John was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Northville. He was widely regarded as the consummate University of Iowa Hawkeye fan, with remarkable knowledge about the University's history, as well as its current events. John was diagnosed with brain cancer in May of 2007. Bravely accepting his diagnosis, and with the enormous support of family and friends, he successfully fought the cancer for 28 months before it reoccurred. John is survived by loving wife Anne; his sons, Tim and Evan; and his sisters, Robin (Walt) Barbee, Carol Porter, and Kitty (Bill) Blessing. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service was held December 5th at First United Methodist Church of Northville, with Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck officiating. The family would appreciate memorial contributions Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154 or American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076. In addition, the John R. Porter Memorial Scholarship Fund at the University of Iowa College of Engineering has been set up by his co-workers and professional colleagues, with donations to: [www.givetoioiwa.org/john-porter/](http://www.givetoioiwa.org/john-porter/). Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

### SHIRLEY A. SHELDON

Age 82, of South Lyon, passed away 12-5-09. Memorial Service Thurs., 12-10-09 5pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. In lieu of flowers contributions to First United Methodist Church of Dearborn.

### EDESEL VERNON WEITALA

Age 88, died Dec. 5, 2009. Visitation Dec. 11, Friday, 2-8pm at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Funeral Dec. 12, Saturday, 11am at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



Dr. Kavitha Chinnaiyan, MD (left) and Jean Meyer, RN MSN.

## Providence's Meyer named co-chair of Go Red for Women campaign

The American Heart Association announced Jean Meyer, RN MSN and Dr. Kavitha Chinnaiyan, MD as the 2010 event co-chairs for the Go Red for Women campaign. The campaign's premiere luncheon is slated for Feb. 24 from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Detroit Marriott inside the Renaissance Center.

Heart disease is the number one health threat for women. This campaign aims to raise awareness and encourage women to understand their health risks. The co-chairs responsibilities include raising critical funds for research and education specifically for women's heart health and serving as local spokespersons at various events.

Meyer is the president of Providence Park Hospital in Novi. Prior to joining the

Saint John health team, Meyer spent 15 years as the senior vice president and chief nursing officer at Saint Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Meyer focused her work on successfully collaborating with associates, physicians and hospital leaders in creating the highest and safest quality of care. She has dedicated her career to improving patient care through a high quality workforce, physician partnerships and effective operations. Her passion and vision is to do what is right for patient care.

Chinnaiyan is the director of advanced cardiac imaging education at Beaumont hospital. She received her undergraduate degree from Gulbarga University in India and continued her medical training at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva

University in Bronx, NY. Chinnaiyan then continued her medical training at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Where she was the Chief Medical Resident. This led to a fellowship in cardiovascular diseases at William Beaumont Hospital, where she currently holds her position.

Go Red For Women is locally sponsored by Toyota, St. John Health Systems, Beaumont's Ministrelli Women's Health Center, The Autoclub Group, Comerica Bank, Federal Mogul Corporation and Right Management. For more information about Metro Detroit's Go Red For Women campaign, call Shelly Rusinek at (248) 936-5807, or [shelly.rusinek@heart.org](mailto:shelly.rusinek@heart.org). Visit [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org) for additional information.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper

Details: Information series for parents with children ages birth to 5 years returns with Nora Thompson, educational consultant, presenting "Considering the Importance of Children's Experiences in the World Outside; Jan. 19 - Practical Strategies for Talking with Young Children; and March 16 - What Comes Next? A Dialogue About School Readiness. Free child care for children 33 months and toilet trained (pre-register). Contact: (248) 344-8465

ROGER PONDER & DELL SMITH (blues and folk singer/songwriters) Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday  
CAROL SMALLWOOD (classical guitar-list) Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday  
SINGLES MINGLE (socialize with local singles in a relaxing environment) Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month  
Contact: (248) 348-9737

### LOCAL EVENTS

Marquis Theatre  
Location: 135 E. Main Street, Northville  
Contact: (248) 349-8110 or visit our website [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com) "Pinocchio"  
Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Jan. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday Dec. 28-30  
Details: The story of how a wooden puppet becomes a real boy. Tickets are \$8.50. Please no children under 3 years old. Group and reserved seating for 20 or more.

Guitarist Roy Scoutz  
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday  
Location: Tiramisu, 146 Centermain Street, Northville  
Contact: (248) 735-0101

Gardeners Of Northville & Novi Club Meeting  
MEETING  
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11  
Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street  
Details: Social time and garden lecture in Art. Guest will be Linda Well of the Detroit Institute of Arts. The public is welcome.  
Contact: [gardenersnorthville-novi.org](mailto:gardenersnorthville-novi.org) or Renee (248) 231-2334

Early Learning Series  
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m.  
Location: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street

Northville Newcomers & Neighbors MEET & GREET  
Time/Date: 10 a.m. first Tuesday of each month  
Location: Member's homes or other venues  
Details: All welcome to socialize, meet and greet friends and neighbors and learn about the activities Northville Newcomers has to offer.  
Contact: Paula Lund at (734) 404-5120

Mill Race Historical Village  
Location: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field  
Details: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct.  
Contact: (248) 348-1845  
Weekly Events  
("Grounds closed to public")  
Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 6:30 p.m. Brownies #473  
Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open  
Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scouts Crew #8  
Monday: 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 7 p.m. Lions Club  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #834; 6:30 p.m. Mill Race Weavers Guild Meeting - all are welcome  
Wednesday: 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Cadettes #737; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

Solid Grounds CoffeeHouse  
Location: 133 W. Main St.  
OPEN MIC NIGHT  
Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday

Northville Sports Den  
Location: Northville Town Square, West Main Street  
Contact: (248) 347-5993 or [www.northvillesportsden.com](http://www.northvillesportsden.com)  
MY TRIVA LIVE  
TIME: 7:30 p.m. Mondays  
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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 percent 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](http://northvillearts.org)  
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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

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# Northville OKs joint purchase of movie screen

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Dim the lights, pass the popcorn and let the entertainment begin.

Milford Township officials have approved an agreement to share the cost of an inflatable movie screen with South Lyon, Novi, Northville and Canton Township.

Northville and Novi officials have OK'd the plan as well, while the two remaining communities are expected to vote on it by the end of the year.

The agreement calls for the five communities together purchasing the screen and trailer for no more than \$33,000 in total, or \$6,600 each. The screen would be used

according to a pre-arranged schedule for special events such as the "movie in the park" program that Milford presents in the spring and fall.

Each community will be able to use the screen at least three times a year. It can't be loaned or leased to any other people or groups.

The screen chosen for purchase is 24 feet wide and 13.5 feet tall, and can play DVDs or other video. Additional inputs are available for gaming or PC use. Audio can be transmitted through the speakers or FM radio.

Northville Parks and Recreation officials report that they spend about \$3,100 for each time a movie screen system is rented.

"I want the residents to know that we're try-

ing to find creative ways to develop partnerships with other communities," said Traci Sincoc, director of Northville Parks and Recreation. "I think this collaborative program will benefit all of the participating communities."

Milford Township trustee Dale Wiltse questioned the expenditure. He had voted against it earlier this year.

"It seems like a lot of money for this use," Wiltse said.

However, fellow trustee Bill Mazzara noted the joint purchase will "pay for itself" in less than two years, since the township spends about \$1,500 each time a portable movie screen is rented.

"This is an opportunity for residents to get

something additional for their tax dollars," he said.

Township Supervisor Don Green said the agreement is based on the participation of five communities. Once the purchase is made, there will be no refund if one of the communities wants to drop out of the program. Any other communities interested in participating will have to wait for someone to drop out in order to come on board.

"And they will have to pay what we paid up front. (Those additional funds) can go to the municipalities or a maintenance pot," he said.

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Northville Record staff writer Pam Fleming contributed to this report.

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## GRANT

FROM PAGE A1

ing recommendations to Gov. Jennifer Granholm on park development and land acquisition projects across the state last week.

Lana Pollack, board chair, said \$35.7 million was awarded for projects for next year.

Not all projects were funded for next year, as 175 applications totaling \$108.3 million in park development requests were presented to the board.

### FUNDING TO BE PHASED

Known as 09-174 Northville Township Linear Park Acquisition, the request was for the 51.01 acres to be purchased by the township to become a linear park that will be linked to the Wayne County Hines Parkway and Southeast Michigan Greenways Network.

Banner said there were two

### U OF M STUDENTS TO STUDY SITE

A graduate level urban planning class from the University of Michigan will be using the former state hospital site as a project for their winter semester class, according to Jennifer Frey, community development director for Northville Township. The class will begin in January and focus on data collection and developing and implementing a process for gaining public input. The final product will be a written document containing goals, objectives and findings. A team of five students will be assigned to the site. The team will act as consultants to the township. The project scope and details will be developed in the coming weeks. "I believe this will be a great opportunity for the students and the township," Frey said.

applications which received the "phased" funding on Dec. 2, one of which was the township's.

"What happens, I believe, is that we submit another application, but those that receive phased funding are approved first, and then consideration is given to the remaining applications," she said.

REIS-Northville also put up \$2 million, which was the required match for the grant application.

A steering committee has been formed to discuss what the township residents

want to do with the newly-acquired land, which was to be purchased this week.

Members of the committee have said that with the awarding of this grant it will be easier to obtain other grants, such as one that would pay for the construction of a comfort station on the property. Forestry students could also study the land where the developer's logging operation last winter took place if it is left intact.

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## St. Mary tribute tree

The St. Mary Mercy Hospital Office of Development is continuing a holiday tradition this season with its Holiday Tribute Tree program. This program provides an opportunity for members of the community to honor the lives of loved ones, whether you would like to celebrate the birth of a child, an anniversary, recognize a member of the military or a cancer survivor, commemorate the passing of someone close to you, or honor a doctor or nurse who cared for your loved one as a thoughtful holiday tribute. Proceeds from the Holiday Tribute Tree will benefit St. Mary Mercy's Transportation Services program, which provides van transportation for qualifying patients' travel to and from the hospital for procedures or treatments. \$10 illuminates one light on the Holiday Tribute Tree; \$50 sponsors a poinsettia; \$100 sponsors an Angel; \$500 will sponsor the Holiday Tribute Tree. For each of these gifts, a list of tributes will also be on display at the hospital. A commemorative tree lighting ceremony took place Dec. 8, marking the 50th Anniversary of St. Mary Mercy Hospital since its inception. For more information, contact the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Development Office at (734) 655-2980. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road, at Levan, in Livonia.

### NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Shopping mystery

The 23 businesses and restaurants have been selected in downtown Northville's "Solve the Mystery: Find the Blue Spruce" holiday shopping promotion. Find the "Blue Spruce" outside a store, pick up your calendar and get it stamped.

Prizes will be as follows:

\* Get 20 days stamped to be entered into the Grand Prize drawing — a \$500 Gift Certificate from Orin Jewelers.

\* Get 15-20 days stamped to be entered into the Second Prize drawing: a dozen \$25 Gift

Certificates plus two Tipping Point Theater tickets (a \$350 value)

\* Get 10-20 days stamped to be entered into the Third Prize drawing — eight \$25 Gift Certificates plus two Tipping Point Theater tickets (a \$250 value)

\* Get 5-20 days stamped to be entered into the Fourth Prize drawing — six \$25 Gift Certificates (a \$150 value)

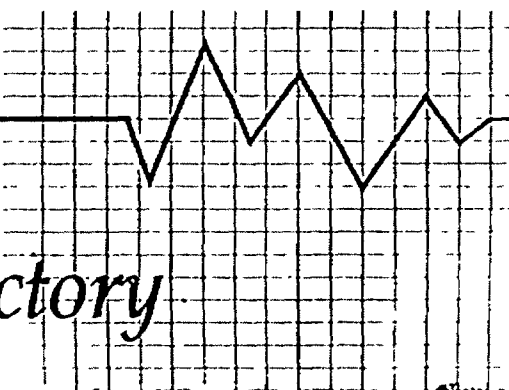
For those who can't find the blue spruce, four locations will offer a hint — Wine Crieres or gg Boutique on Main Street and Sincerely Yours on Center Street. A Facebook account can be accessed by searching for "Blue Spruce in Northville."

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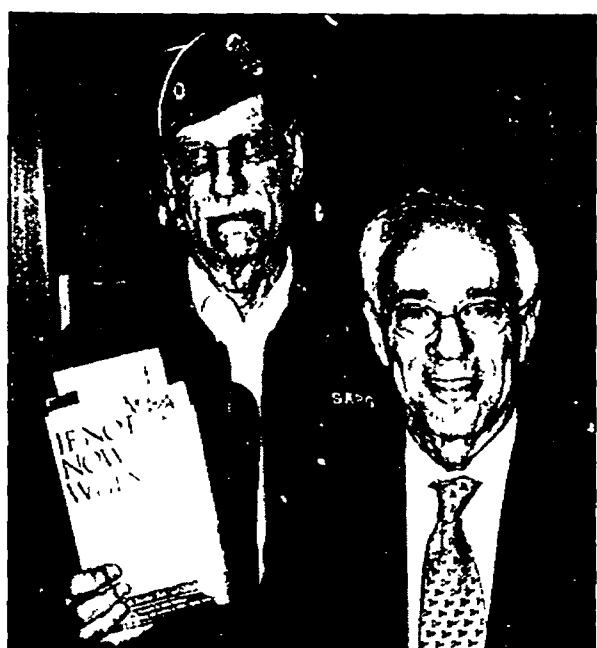


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## Book fair

Former U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Sheldon Schwartz of Novi is shown with Colonel Jack Jacobs (seated), one of two living Jewish Medal of Honor winners, at the Nov. 10 Jewish Book Fair at the JCC in West Bloomfield. Schwartz is holding Jacobs' book, "If Not Now, When?", which Jacobs autographed. Nov. 10 was also the 234th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. Schwartz is a Life member of the Silverman/Lipshaw/Hoberman Post 135 of the Jewish War Veterans of Michigan; and Judge Advocate and a Life Member of the Marine Corps League, Detachment 162 Northville. He is also a 300-hour volunteer two years in a row at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, and he received the Humanitarian Award from the JMW and Chapel of Four Chaplains in Philadelphia, Pa., in 2004.

## ENGAGEMENT



**Thompson & Koziol**  
Dennis and Sandy Thompson of Northville, Janet Whitson of Redford Township and Walter and Jeannie Koziol of Highland Township announce the engagement of Laura Thompson and Andrew Koziol.

The bride-to-be, of Northville, attended Northville High School and Eastern Michigan University.

The groom-elect, of Redford Township, attended Detroit Catholic Central High School and Michigan State University.

The couple is planning a May 2010 wedding in Northville.



## Miss Michigan Pre-Teen

Christina Zitkus, Miss Michigan Pre-Teen traveled to the National pageant for the National American Miss circuit held in Anaheim, Calif. A competitive pageant with 40 state queens saw Zitkus earn fifth place overall.

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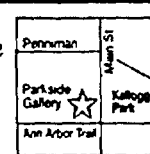
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# LOCAL OPINION

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## OUR VIEWS



Winter driving calls for more cautious driving.

## Snow will be here, so drive carefully

With snow on its way, it's time to prepare for winter driving.

That means remembering to slow down and drive at speeds under the posted limits when streets are icy and/or snow-covered.

Besides slowing down and paying attention, motorists should allow more space between their vehicle and other cars, extending the "three-second gap" rule when road conditions warrant it, according to police.

They should also clean the snow and ice off their windshields, mirrors, and side and rear windows before starting out to allow for clear visibility all the way around.

AAA and the Michigan Department of Transportation offer additional winter driving tips:

- Drive with your low-beam headlights illuminated.
- Accelerate and brake slowly and avoid abrupt steering maneuvers.
- Watch for icy surfaces on bridges and intersections, even when the rest of the road seems to be in good condition.
- If you get stuck in snow, straighten the wheel and accelerate slowly. Add sand or salt under the drive wheels to help avoid spinning the tires.
- If your tires lose traction, continue to look and steer in the direction you want to go. If the drive wheels start to spin or slide while going up a hill, ease off the accelerator slightly and then gently resume speed.
- Look farther ahead in traffic. Actions by other drivers will alert you to problems and give you extra seconds to react.
- When changing lanes, avoid cutting in front of trucks, which need more time and distance than passenger vehicles to stop.
- Don't use cruise control in precipitation and freezing temperatures.
- Remember that four-wheel drive helps you to get going quicker, but it won't help you stop any faster.
- Apply constant, firm pressure to the pedal with anti-lock brakes. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Always wear your safety belt and be sure children are properly buckled up.
- Don't text or talk on your cell phone while you are driving.
- Allow sufficient room for maintenance vehicles and plows. Stay at least 15 car lengths (200 feet) back and, if you need to pass, go to the other vehicle's left.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

Has the economy affected your holiday spending?



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John Buckland  
Northville



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Rebecca Spear  
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"No. So far we're still doing OK. We're holding our own."

Lynn Ditto  
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"No. I don't spend that much."

Linda Schwelnus  
Northville

## LETTERS

### Against anonymous opinions

For years we have always been told by your organization that a letter to the editor without a name would not be placed in the *Northville Record*. This requirement appears to have been dropped when it comes to the section under the heading In Your Voice.

I have taken the time over the years to answer a number of letters addressed to Letters to the Editor when I knew the writer's name and could secure and address from the telephone directory. Individuals who address comments to In Your Voice have made statements in some cases that are way off base. As a trustee, I would like to respond to them directly, as other trustees might, too.

As an elected official of the township, I'm willing, as are the other trustees, to answer questions good and bad that our residents ask. Each township trustee has a township e-mail address and can be reached by that process. I can't speak for each trustee, but I know for a fact they usually take the time to answer e-mails from our residents when they are addressed to their individual township e-mail addresses because they send their response to all trustees as a courtesy.

Please return to publishing only comments that come with a name and not an e-mail identification.

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Richard Henningsen, treasurer  
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### Have a Heart kudos

Our Have a Heart for Hunger fundraiser was a great success. Tremendous

support from the Northville community will help Northville school children and their partners in Detroit and Hamtramck to package at least 120,000 meals for hungry children through Kids Against Hunger. The food will be distributed here in southeastern Michigan and in countries around the world.

Special thanks to area restaurants who donated wonderful soup and bread: Table Five, The Claddagh, Edward's Catering, Panera Bread, Hiller's, Busch's, Genitti's, Charley's Grille, Meadowbrook Country Club, Empire Deli, Cassell's, Rocky's, Poole's, Stonehouse Coffee and Tea, Zorba's, Bath and Beyond, Rebecca's, Great Harvest, Sweet 220, Red Pepper Deli, and the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft College.

We are grateful to our many generous sponsors, especially our major sponsors, the Northville Novi Optimist Club, Patti Mullen Remerica Hometown One, Tom Holzer Ford, the Northville Yoga Center, and Thom and Marianne Barry.

We appreciate the work of our many volunteers and are especially grateful to all the children and families who attended the event and helped to package 10,000 meals which were donated to Northville Civic Concern.

Have a Heart for Hunger Organizing Committee

## New taxes with reform not medicine Michigan needs

Michigan's government is sick — and new taxes without significant reforms are not the medicine to fix it.

Gov. Granholm is clearly attempting to mobilize the citizens to force another tax hike.



Tom Watkins

She is using one of the oldest plays in the tax-hiker's play book — make sure you cut the government services that will inflict the most pain on the voters, the ones that will get people energized

and generate heat on those anti-tax, legislative holdouts. Hence, the layoffs of state troopers and cuts to schools in general and an extra cut to schools in predominantly Republican, anti-tax districts.

The state is in economic free fall. In the end it will require, in this order, cuts, reforms and a new tax structure to fix it. We

have cut and raised taxes but have not added the most important ingredient — reform.

Beyond reform there is another major flaw in the tactics and strategy by our state leaders in the following: it is a belief in government's legitimacy that allows a tax system to work.

Today, Michigan's political leadership lacks the credibility that allows government to function effectively let alone the legitimacy to extract more taxes to protect a dysfunctional status quo.

The lack of legitimacy covers both political parties. Today, the majority of the voters see the state as broken and our elected leaders incapable of individually or collectively unable to fix it.

In order to raise or modify our tax system it is going to take the peoples' trust and belief that our government is effective, efficient and fair. Without these elements, which do not exist today, the average citizen feels no sense of duty to pay for what is seen as weak politicians, beholden to

special interests, unwillingness to undertake necessary reforms to fix a broken and dysfunctional government.

It is the sense of fairness and legitimacy that allow government to function. This is being eroded, if not lost, in Michigan today.

In any system of government taxation, you will have the outliers complaining the system is unfair.

Yet, government is in trouble when wider and wider swaths of the citizenry feel the system is broken and those in charge are incapable of fixing what is wrong. That is where we are at today in Michigan.

John Cherry, Granholm's lieutenant governor who is running on her record to replace her, recently stated: "people are not happy with the capacity of state government to solve problems right now." I agree.

However, both the governor and lieutenant governor have concluded that they think a ballot

drive may be the only way to create a tax structure that ensures stable funding for schools and other government services.

The irony is the voters have a built-in ballot proposal that is automatically on the November 2010 ballot. Under our state constitution, every 16 years the voters are asked: "Do you want to revise the state constitution?" If I were a protector of the status quo — I would fear what the voters will say on this question.

The citizens of Michigan will accept a change in the tax structure once they see the necessary changes and government reforms that will make our government efficient, effective and fair that have been avoided too long.

New taxes without reform is not the medicine Michigan needs.

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant in the U.S. and China. He served the citizens of Michigan as state superintendent of schools, 2001-05, mental health director, 1986-90. Read his other works at [www.domemagazine.com](http://www.domemagazine.com).

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## IN YOUR VOICE

Northville Township residents protest proposed changes at Islamic center

Wow, an Islamic Center right next door and I never knew. Well, I am all opposed to putting up a parking lot with lights, and we all know that property values will drop when word gets out about the center, even though it's a house. But why not think smart and instead of putting in a parking lot, why

not just put in an extended circular drive? If it's one of the homes I'm thinking of, they have all that room out front. By putting in a large circular drive they do not even need to go to the zoning board, and they can still accommodate the cars without ruining the look of the property, and it won't lower values based on the look from Eight Mile. Just a thought.

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There is a time for everything, and now was not the time to present that play.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Northville Democrats urge all to vote in state's Supreme Court races

They say judges' decisions affect our lives

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Northville Democrats say many residents don't even vote for Michigan Supreme Court judges. But, they should, because these judges make decisions that affect our everyday lives.

At the Nov. 11 Northville Democratic Club Town Hall Meeting at the Northville District Library, lawyers and politicians urged attendees to turn over their ballots in next year's election and cast their votes for the Michigan Supreme Court judges of their choice.

The speakers, organized by Fran Brenner,

included Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville); David Blanchard, an Ann Arbor attorney; Graham Teall, a Washtenaw County attorney; Lynn Shecter, a Bloomfield Hills attorney; and Jocelyn Benson, a Wayne State University law professor and secretary of state candidate in next year's election.

Teall explained that state Supreme Court candidates are selected at political conventions, but their political affiliations are not on the ballot.

**DROP-OFF PERCENTAGE HIGH**  
In Michigan's history, there have been 33

Supreme Court judges since 1954, with eight incumbents being defeated. But, 17-34 percent of registered voters fail to vote for the judges.

"Our goal is to reduce this drop-off (percentage)," Teall said.

In 1998, Democrats conducted a pilot project in Northville in which six precincts were chosen in which volunteers walked and talked, made phone calls and worked the polls to encourage people to vote in the Supreme Court race.

"We need a grass-roots effort," Teall said.

### CORRIVEAU: WHY IT MATTERS

Corriveau asked the group, "Why are we talking about the (Michigan) Supreme Court? Because it matters," he said. "It has an effect on

our everyday lives."

The speakers said those who go to the polls and vote a straight ticket have not voted for judges or any proposals. Voters must review and vote on these as well. It's a two-step process.

### SHOULD REFLECT OUR VALUES

"The Supreme Court should reflect our values," Benson said. She believes judges should uphold justice, equality, fair treatment and freedom.

Benson said voters have the power to change who sits on the Michigan Supreme Court.

"The power of the vote is the most important tool we have," she said.

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## An Invisible Killer in Your Home

This is an invisible killer that is responsible for over 500 deaths a year, and over 15,000 people seek treatment from its poison. This poison is odorless, colorless, and is extremely toxic. This poison will kill you before you know it's even in your home. Thankfully, its poisonings are preventable. This invisible killer is called Carbon Monoxide (CO).

### WHAT IS CARBON MONOXIDE?

Carbon monoxide is the result of incomplete combustion and can be released into the atmosphere by household appliances that are improperly installed or malfunctioning. Your home has many sources of CO. These include your furnace, gas stove, gas dryer, water heater, fireplace, automobile (in an attached garage), and space heaters to name a few.

### EXPOSURE TO CARBON MONOXIDE

People who are exposed to CO poisoning experience symptoms similar to the flu

### THE SAFETY ZONE

with the exception of a fever. These symptoms include: weakness, dizziness, headache (throbbing), nausea/vomiting, trouble breathing, and confusion.

### PREVENTION

Your best defense against CO poisoning, is a carbon monoxide detector. These detectors should be installed near laundry rooms, kitchens, and most importantly, sleeping areas. When purchasing a detector, be sure that is tested by a reputable agency such as underwriter laboratories (UL). Once you have installed your detector be aware of the difference between CO detector activation and smoke alarm activation and know how to properly respond to each accordingly.

### ALARM ACTIVATION


If your CO alarm goes off, you need to determine if you are experiencing symptoms or not. If you are experiencing symptoms, quickly

remove everyone from the residence and call 911. The Fire Department will respond and determine the cause of the CO leak and treat any victims for CO poisoning. If you are not experiencing symptoms and your alarm goes off, attempt to restart your detector. Turn off all your appliances including your furnace and call the Fire Department. The Fire Department will respond and determine the cause of the activation and advise you on what to do next.

The Northville Township Fire Department responds to numerous CO alarms throughout the year, but a majority of these alarms occur during the winter, because of the use of heating elements in homes. The Fire Department wants you to know that these alarms/poisonings are preventable just by purchasing and maintaining a CO detector. Don't be a victim take the steps to ensure a safe winter in your home.


Jason Raschke is a firefighter with the Northville Township Fire Department. He can be reached at jraschke@twp.northville.mi.us or (248) 348-5807.

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**Submit:** Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville/Novi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

**Church of the Holy Family**

**Location:** 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-8847 or visit [holymfamilynovi.org](http://holymfamilynovi.org)  
**Mass Schedule**  
**TIME/DAY:** 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday  
**Holy Days:** 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
**Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment  
**ADOPTIVE PARENT NETWORKING MEETING**  
**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month  
**Details:** Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

**Crosspointe Meadows Church**

**Location:** 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit [www.crosspointemeadows.org](http://www.crosspointemeadows.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 11:15 a.m.  
**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages  
**Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

**Detroit First Church of the Nazarene**

**Location:** 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 348-7600 or visit [dfnazarene.org](http://dfnazarene.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.  
**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.

**Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross**

**Location:** 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 427-1175 or [churchoftheholycross.com](http://churchoftheholycross.com)  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.  
**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. Worship Service  
**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

**Faith Community Presbyterian**

**Location:** 44400 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-2345 or visit [faithcommunity-novi.org](http://faithcommunity-novi.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.

**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

**First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church**

**Location:** 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-3647 or [firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org](http://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.

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**

**Location:** 200 E. Main St.  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit [firstpresville.org](http://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](http://singleplace.org).

**First United Methodist of Northville**

**A Stephen Ministry church**  
**Location:** 777 W. Eight Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-1144 or [fumcnorthville.org](http://fumcnorthville.org)  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**Time:** 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.  
**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

**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

**Livonia Church of Christ**

**Location:** 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia  
**Contact:** For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

**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](http://mbccc.org) or e-mail to [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org).  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Sermon:** Having a Plan  
**Church School:** 10-11 a.m.  
**Fellowship Hour:** 11 a.m.  
**MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month  
**PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sundays  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**Sermon - God is Near**  
**Cookie Walk**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. Dec. 12  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. family; 9 p.m. traditional candle lighting

**Northville Christian Assembly**

**Location:** 41355 Six Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 348-9030  
**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
**9-10 a.m.:** Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children  
**9 a.m.:** Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium  
**10:15 a.m.** Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)  
**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

**WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT**

**7 p.m.:** Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

**Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life**

**Location:** Novi  
**Contact:** [www.novijewishcenter.com](http://www.novijewishcenter.com) e-mail: [rabb@novijewishcenter.com](mailto:rabb@novijewishcenter.com) or call (248) 790-6075.

**Novi United Methodist**

**Location:** 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-2652 or visit [umcnovi.com](http://umcnovi.com)  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**Time:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Healing Service and Holy Communion**  
**Time/Date:** 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month  
**PEACE VIGIL**  
**Time/Date:** Noon, first Sunday of every month  
**Location:** In front of the church  
**Details:** Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.  
**ADVENT SERVICE**  
**Time/Date:** 9:45 a.m. Sunday

**Oak Pointe Church**

**Location:** 50200 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 912-0043 or visit [oakpointe.org](http://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.  
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**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](mailto:joy@oakpointe.org) or call the church.

**Orchard Hills Baptist Church**

**Location:** 23455 Novi Road  
**Contact:** Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665  
**PRESCHOOL/KIDS CHOIR**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday  
**Details:** For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church**

**Location:** 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0326, ext. 221

**Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church**

**Location:** 770 Thayer, Northville  
**Contact:** (248) 349-2621 or [olvnorthville.org](http://olvnorthville.org)  
**SATURDAY WORSHIP**  
**Time:** 5 p.m.  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**Time:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

**Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church**

**Location:** 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth  
**Contact:** Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891  
**Wednesday Bible Study:** 7 p.m.  
**Sunday Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service.

**St. James Catholic**

**Location:** 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi  
**Contact:** (248) 347-7778  
**MASS SCHEDULE**  
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## CHURCH

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p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday  
**MOTHERS GROUP**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11 a.m. monthly, first and third Wednesday through 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 Endreszl (248) 946-4080

## St. John's Episcopal Church

**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0190  
**Blue Christmas Service**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20  
**Details:** The Blue Christmas service is specifically designed for people who, for whatever reason, are not in the holiday spirit. This could include people who are dealing with the loss of a loved one, a job loss, troubled relationships or any number of situations that make it difficult to enjoy a more festive church celebration. The service will include Taizé music, Holy Eucharist and a service of candle lighting. For additional information, please call 734-453-0190 or check the church web-site [www.stjohnsplymouth.org](http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org).

## St. John Lutheran

**Location:** 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** (248) 474-0584 or visit [stjohn-lutheran.com](http://stjohn-lutheran.com)  
**SATURDAY WORSHIP**  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**Time:** 9, 11:15 a.m.  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**Time:** 10:15 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

## Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

**Location:** 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** [www.uufarmington.org](http://www.uufarmington.org)  
**YOUTH INTERFAITH JOURNEY**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays  
**Details:** This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUUF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program compliments the mission of UUUF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all.  
**Contact:** Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or [dre@uufarmington.org](mailto:dre@uufarmington.org)

## Hearing Aid Assistance for Seniors in Need

## Dear Savvy Senior,

Are there any organizations that you know of that offer low-cost hearing aids to seniors on a very tight budget?  
**Hard of Hearing**

## Dear Hard,

Unfortunately, there are millions of U.S. seniors with hearing loss that go without needed hearing aids because they simply can't afford them. Digital hearing aids are expensive, typically costing between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per ear, and most insurance companies including Medicare don't cover them.

But there's good news! Today, there are a number of organizations that offer hearing aid assistance programs to help those in need. Most programs have income requirements that you'll need to meet to be eligible, and they all require a hearing evaluation by an audiologist, which in most cases you'll have to pay for yourself. Here's where to look for help.

## LIONS AFFORDABLE HEARING AID PROJECT

Provided by the Lions Clubs International Foundation and offered through many local Lions clubs throughout the U.S., this program provides the opportunity to purchase new, behind-the-ear, digital hearing aids manufactured by Rexton, for \$200 per aid. To be eligible, most clubs will require your income to be below 200

## SAVVY SENIOR

percent of the federal poverty level, which is less than \$21,660 (or \$29,140 for a family of two) in 2009. Contact your local Lions club to see if they participate in this project. To reach your local club, visit [LionsClubs.org](http://LionsClubs.org) or call 800-747-4448 to get the number to your state Lions Club office, which can refer you to your community representative.

## HELP AMERICA HEAR PROGRAM

Provided by the Foundation for Sight & Sound and the EarQ Group, this program provides free, digital hearing aids to individuals making less than \$25,000 per year. All applicants must be referred by an EarQ hearing professional (call 866-432-7500 or see [EarQ.com](http://EarQ.com) to find one) and pay a \$75 non-refundable application fee. Visit [FoundationForSightandSound.org](http://FoundationForSightandSound.org) or call 631-366-3461 for more information.

## HEARNOW

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## SERTOMA

This is a civic service organization that has over 600 clubs nationwide, some of which collect used hearing aids, have them refurbished, and distribute them to local, low-income seniors in need. Call 816-333-8300 or visit [Sertoma.org](http://Sertoma.org) to locate a club in your area. Next month, Sertoma is also launching Hearing Charities of America (HearingCharities.org), an affiliate program that provides hearing aids to those in need who don't live near a participating club.

## AUDIENT PROGRAM

This nonprofit service helps people purchase new, digital hearing aids at discounts ranging between 30 and 75 percent. To be eligible, your income must be no higher than \$27,075, or \$36,425 for a family of two (the guidelines in Hawaii and Alaska are higher). Assets are not considered. Go to [AudientAlliance.org](http://AudientAlliance.org) or call 877-283-4368 for more information.

## TRAVELERS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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## LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Depending on where you live, other hearing aid assistance programs may be available to you. Check with your Area Aging Agency (call 800-677-1116 to get your local number) or your state assistive technologies director (see [www.ataporg.org](http://www.ataporg.org) for contact info.) to find out if there are any city, county or state programs or local nonprofits that can help.

Also check the local chapters of service groups such as Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Masons, Optimists, Elks, Easter Seals, United Way and Quota International. They, too, may offer assistance.

**Savvy Tip:** The Better Hearing Institute offers a comprehensive listing of hearing aid financial resources at [BetterHearing.org](http://BetterHearing.org) - click on "Resources," then on "Financial Assistance."

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

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**Submit:** Send item submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; 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.

## MEETINGS

**Northville Public Schools  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: O'd Village School

**City of Northville  
CITY COUNCIL**  
Date: First and third Monday of the month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT**

**AUTHORITY MEETING**  
Date: Third Tuesday of each month  
Time: 8 a.m.  
Location: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.  
Contact: downtownnorthville.com

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Date: First and third Tuesday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: City Hall

**HOUSING COMMISSION**  
Date: Second Wednesday of every month  
Time: 3 p.m.  
Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
Date: Third Wednesday of month  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Location: City Hall

**ARTS COMMISSION**  
Date: Second Wednesday of every month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**  
Date: 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**



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## In appreciation

The Michigan Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America, headquartered in Novi, presented the city of Northville with a certificate of appreciation for recent improvements made for handicapped students at Hillside Middle School. Pictured at the Nov. 16 Northville City Council meeting, from left, are Steve Lomske of Northville, who has a handicapped child and was instrumental in getting the school's administration to take on the improvements; Northville Mayor Chris Johnson; Michael Harris of the PVA; Joan Wadsworth, school board treasurer; and Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of education.

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; Oxygise  
11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance  
Noon: Walking Club  
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre  
7:15 p.m.: Tai Chi

**TUESDAY**  
8 a.m.: Walking Club  
10:30 a.m.: Yoga  
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club  
Noon: Walking Club  
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

**WEDNESDAY**  
8 a.m.: Walking Club  
9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxygise  
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 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 for information regarding programs and library materials.

**Teens! Bottle Cap Blast!**  
Time/Date: Saturday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m.  
Details: Teens, grades 6-12 are invited to turn recycled bottle caps into decorative jewelry, magnets and other fun items. Please call to register at 248-349-3020.

**Teens! Winter Library Arcade**  
Time/Date: Saturday, Dec. 19 from noon-2 p.m.  
Details: Teens, grades 6-12, warm up your gaming skills at the Library Arcade. Rock Band on XBOX 360 and Super Smash Brothers and Mario Kart on the Wii. Bring your own handheld games to play. Please call to register.

**Internet Search Tips Class**  
Time/Date: Monday, Dec. 14 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.  
Details: Learn tips on how to find what you are searching for on the Internet.  
Must be able to use a mouse. Please call the Library to register for this free, hands-on class at 248-349-3020.

**Between the Lines Adult Book Discussion**  
Time/Date: Monday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.  
Details: Join us for a discussion of Vicki Myron's "Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World."

**Holiday Crafts for Kids**  
Time/Date: Tuesday, Dec. 15 from 4-5 p.m.  
Details: Children of all ages are invited to make a festive jumbo snowflake. No registration needed. "Winter Magic" by The a.m.azing Clark

**Time/Date: Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 4:15 p.m.**  
Details: Shake those winter blues with this fun-filled magical winterfest of illusion.  
All ages welcome. Due to space limitations, we cannot accommodate daycare, preschool, or after school care groups. 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk five minutes prior to program.

**Kidz Time**  
Time/Date: Thursday, Dec. 17 from 4:30-5 p.m.  
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☐ THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G)  
11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10  
FRISAT LS 11:25

☐ EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG-13)  
FRI-SUN TUE-TH 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:20,  
9:30 FRISAT LS 11:40 MON 12:15, 2:30  
OLD DOGS (PG) 12:55, 3:00, 5:05, 7:10, 9:25

FRISAT LS 11:30

FAIRYTALE MUR. FOX (PG)  
FRI TUE 11:15, 1:20, 3:25, 5:25  
WED TH 11:15, 1:20, 3:25

MONIA ASSASSIN (R)  
FRI TUE 7:25, 9:35 FRISAT LS 11:50

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG-13)  
11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13)  
11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

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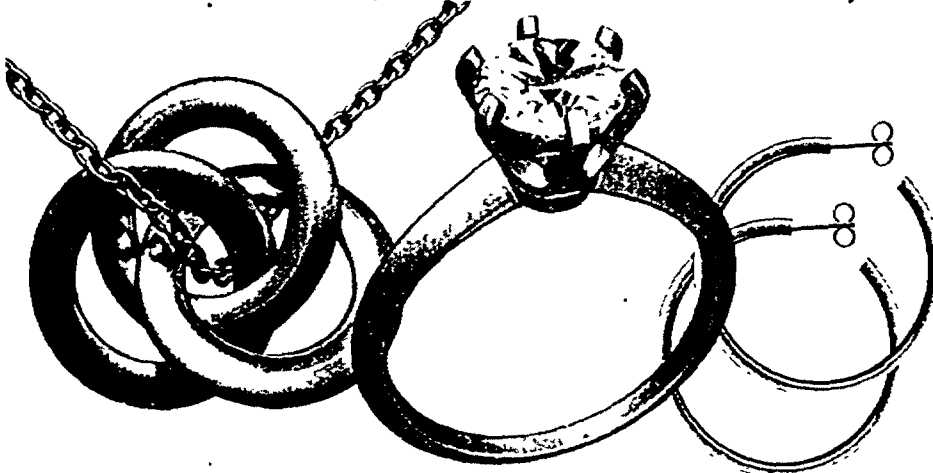
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\$5.00 1795 to 1833.....up to.....	\$10,000.....	\$50,000
\$5.00 1834 to 1838.....up to.....	\$1,000.....	\$10,000
\$5.00 1839 to 1908.....up to.....	\$1,500.....	\$6,000
\$5.00 1908 to 1929.....up to.....	\$1,500.....	\$6,000
\$10.00 1795 to 1804.....up to.....	\$9,000.....	\$29,000
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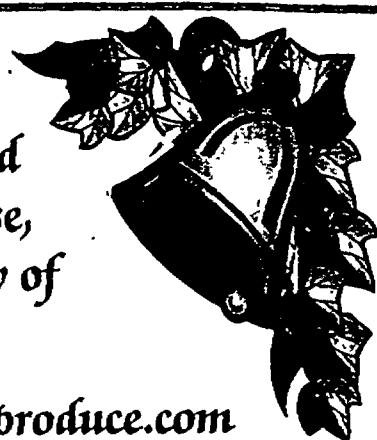




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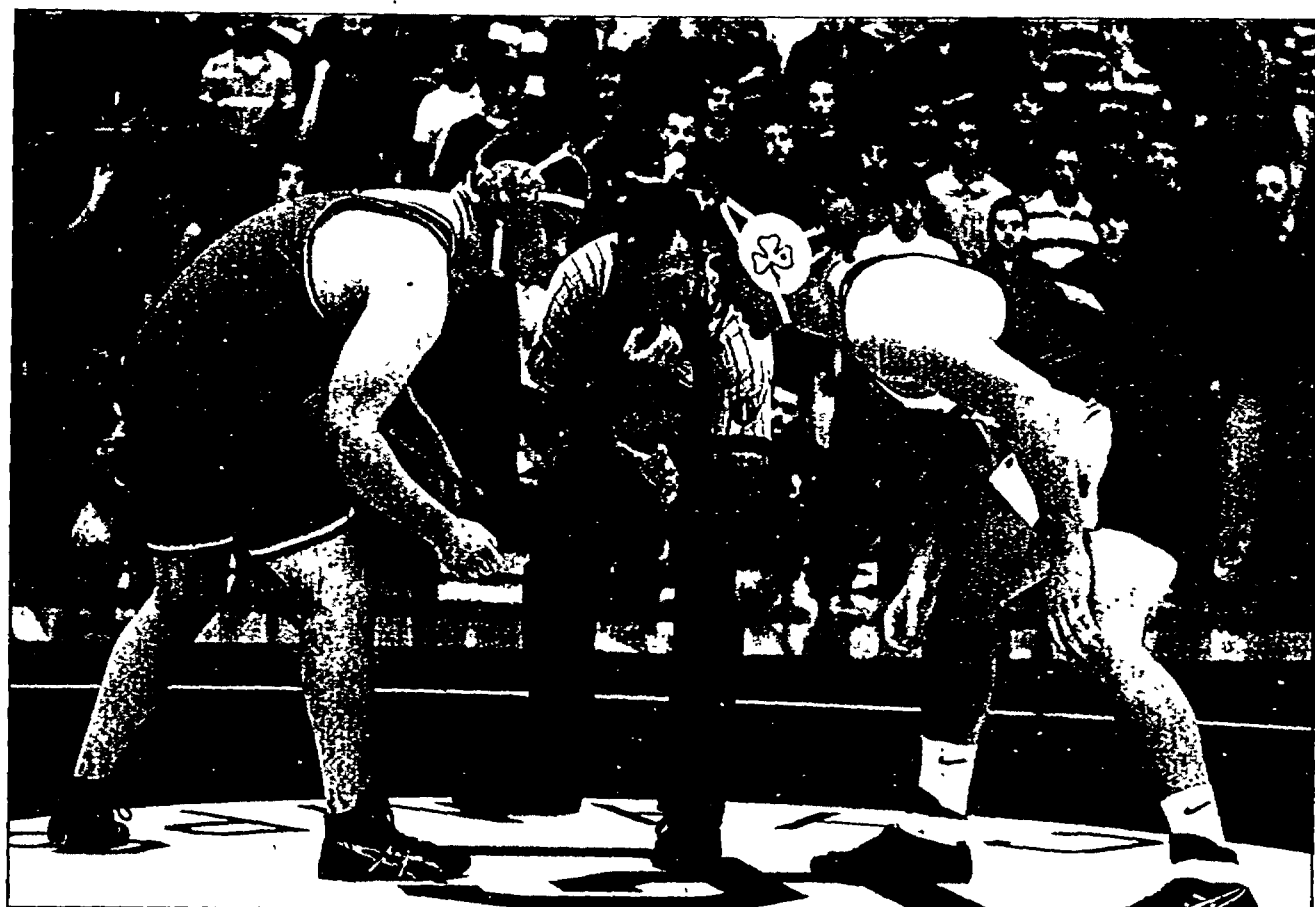
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A pair of Northville grapplers squaring off — Catholic Central's Mike Kinville (right) wound up pinning Northville High's Steve Widzinski at the 0:56 mark in the heavyweight division.

## Mustang grapplers take 2nd

■ Lahiff, Sirton finish day undefeated

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

If the Northville Mustangs wrestling team needed any indication of how their season could play out, the Grand Blanc Invitational last week showed them it's going to be a scrappy one.

But scrappy is what the Mustangs are known for doing best, and proved so when they took second place in the tournament, finishing second behind Saginaw Swan Valley and ahead of perennial powerhouse Davison. Swan Valley is currently ranked first in Division III schools.

Northville was led by the outstanding

wrestling of senior Bobby Lahiff, a 189-pound grappler, and junior Ian Sirton, who weighs in at 103. Both Mustangs finished the day 3-0 for first-place finishes.

Making the final round but falling to their foes were three other Mustangs. Heavyweight wrestler Steve Widzinski finished 2-1, as did 140-pound wrestler Harry Eichholtz and 152-pounder Jon Nelson.

The Mustangs also had strong showings from Mike Bagian (140) and Nick Mudar (171) as they grappled their way to third place in their individual weight classes, while John Montgomery (160) and Greg Lorrain (125) took fifth places and Kevin Lerner (135) and Yianni Koumaroutis (152)

### ON TAP

The Mustangs wrestling team will be back in action Saturday when they host the Todd Schoenheide Challenge in honor of a former Mustang who was killed when a car struck him in 2005. The event will feature five schools besides Northville and is slated to begin at 9:30 a.m.

took sixth places.

Competing but not placing were Benny Marsalese (112), Jake Johnson (171) and Trevor Maresh (189).

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

## Wrestling tourney honors fallen student

■ Drunken driver claimed life of Todd Schoenheide in April 2005

The Mustang wrestlers will take their memories to the mat this Saturday to honor a fallen teammate. Todd Schoenheide, NHS Class of 2006, is their inspiration as the grapplers host their third annual tournament in his name.

"He was the embodiment of the true athletic spirit with a dedication to excellence," remembers JV Head Coach Steve Minier.

The wrestling team rides on the spirit of their fallen teammate, who was killed by a drunken driver on April 10, 2005.

"It is hard to believe it has been over 3 years since the tragic events in 2005. We make every effort to keep him in our prayers and part of the program," said former coach, and NHS teacher, Jeff Balagna.

During his junior year, Schoenheide was killed less than one month after wrestling at the MHSAA Regional Championship. An avid 17-year-old cyclist, Schoenheide was returning from a Sunday afternoon bicycle ride to Ann Arbor with friends when he was struck at the intersection of Plymouth-Ann Arbor and Gotfredson roads.

Todd's father, Dale Schoenheide, appreciates the tournament. "I think it's pretty amazing that the NHS Wrestling Team has chosen to remember Todd in this way. It's a wonderful tribute to the caring, fun-loving person he was. He died doing one of his favorite activities because of a drunk driver. I'll always wonder what might have been."

Besides wrestling and



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cycling, Todd also played varsity football and was actively involved in Boy Scouts.

"Todd was an extremely resilient young man and had a way of wearing a smile even when others couldn't,"

said Minier, an NHS Class of 2004 graduate. "I was blessed to know him at my time at Northville High School and can honestly say that he had a

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## Newly-formed local dance team earns high marks

■ Squad takes top-five spots in two different competitions

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

There's a new team in town and they're definitely not afraid to just dance the night away.

The first-ever Northville Mustangs dance team was formed this year with the help of coach Tracy Kielb and 20 very eager athletes. The team, which has competed in two events so far this season, is earning high marks.

The Mustangs took two fourth-place finishes at the mid America Dance and High Kick Championship, held at Eastern Michigan University earlier this year, and then went on to collect fifth and sixth place finishes at the UDA Great Lakes Dance Championship, held at Lake Orion High School, just two weeks later.

The Mustangs competed in the jazz and hip hop dance competitions during the Mid America Dance and High Kick Championship. The judges awarded the squad fourth place finishes in each of those events. They repeated their performances in the highly-competitive Great Lakes championship and were awarded fifth in the jazz competition and sixth for their hip hop routine.

The Mustangs dance team also participated in the Fourth Annual Oakland Dance Festival, held at Harrison High School two weeks ago, and were critiqued by dance instructors from the University of Michigan, Margrove, Western Michigan, Oakland University, Eastern Michigan and Wayne State University, among others. The team's jazz piece was selected to be performed at the Showcase Concert by the judges.

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

## Hockey falls to cross-town rival

■ Northville squad sees one of state's best teams in Novi

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't the game the Northville Mustangs boys hockey team had hoped to put up against their cross-town rivals, but it was the type of game that opened their eyes to what it takes to be one of the best teams in the state.

The Mustangs, coached by Jeff Hatley, fell to the Novi Wildcats last week, 7-1, in a contest that found the Mustangs struggling on several levels.

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys hockey team, which is currently 2-1 on the year, will be back in action when they visit Howell at 6:50 p.m. today before taking on South Lyon tomorrow at 6 p.m. at home in the first Central Division contest of the year.

The Wildcats—a team that Hatley said "may be the state's top team this season"—jumped to a 3-0 first period lead thanks to goals by Nolan Valleau, Brandon Juodikis and Tyler Perpich. They continued the onslaught in the second, adding goals from Matt Stemkoski and Perpich before landing three more goals in the final period off shots by Perpich, Stemkoski and Evan Dixon.

Northville's lone goal came early in the third period when Robbie Thornborg won the face off, working the puck around and getting it to Brady

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# Milford's Johnson caps off career with 3rd title

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Milford's Rachel Johnson capped her senior season in style with her third-straight 500 freestyle gold medal at the State Finals. She also showed her versatility with a runner-up finish in the 200 individual medley and earned All-American status for her times in both events.

Johnson is the 2009 All-Area Swimmer of the Year.

"Rachel's season was something out of the story books," said head coach Heather Lutz. "She set her goals at the beginning of the season and did all she could to reach them."

"There is no other athlete on our team that has achieved that feat and I think it will be a very long time until we see that accomplished again. Rachel is deserving of every award and accolade she received since she has worked so hard to achieve them."

Some of accomplishments throughout the season include conference champion in the 200 IM (conference record), 100 backstroke (conference record) and as part of the 400 freestyle relay; set a pool record at the county meet in the 200 IM; was also county champ in the 500 freestyle; set Milford records in the 200 IM, 50 free, 100 breaststroke and 500 free; and broke Milford pool records in the 200 IM, 50 free, 100 butterfly, 100 free, 500 free and 100 backstroke.

Something important to Lutz and the rest of the team, was Johnson was also a vocal captain.

"As Rachel matured, she developed into a skilled leader as well," said Lutz. "She was almost like having an additional coach on staff. Rachel spent time talking with her teammates about how goal setting has helped her and role modeled the worth ethic it takes to succeed."

"She pushed the other girls in her lane beyond their limits and cheered at the side of the pool for everyone during meets. In addition, she demonstrated good sportsmanship with her competitors."

Johnson leaves a record board with her name littered all over it and will take her abilities to the University of Toledo where she will continue to swim.

## FIRST TEAM

### Katie Pohlman, Milford

The Maverick senior competed in four events at the Division 1 State Finals, the 50 free, 100 free, 200 free relay and 400 free relay. Both relay teams reached the finals. She was also part of the KLAA Conference champion 400 relay team and the runner-up 200 medley relay.

"Katie had an impressive season

as a result of the effort she put into her training," said Lutz. "She dropped times meet after meet and was someone we could count on to score dual meet points or compete strong at any one of our qualifying meet."

"One of the highlights for me was watching Katie swim state cut times at the KLAA Lakes Conference meet. It is wonderful to watch all that hard work pay off."

### Haley Hilt, Milford

The Milford junior swam in three relays at the state meet, with the 200 and 400 free relays reaching the finals. She swam through a shoulder injury throughout the season but was a steady contributor regardless. She was also part of the conference champion 400 free relay team.

"Despite her injury, Haley was a key contributor in both individual and relay events," said Lutz. "She typically swam sprint freestyle or breaststroke for us this season."

"At the state meet, Haley swam her lifetime best breaststroke relay split in the medley relay."

### Morgan McGinnis, Milford

The sophomore also competed in all three relays for Milford at the state meet. She also was part of the conference champion 400 free relay team. She was called on to swim multiple events in all the major meets.

"Morgan's season progressed just as we had hoped," said Lutz. "She started off strong and continued to improve throughout the course of the season. Morgan can swim anything well, but she focused on sprint freestyle and backstroke."

"She had an outstanding conference meet and swam her lifetime best 50 freestyle split at the state meet."

### Paige Drazga, South Lyon

The junior finished fourth in the state in the 50 freestyle and earned an All-American consideration time of 23.87. She also scored in the 100 butterfly and was a member of the All-State 200 freestyle relay team and the 400 freestyle relay team that scored at the state meet. In addition, she was the KLAA Kensington Conference champion in the 50 freestyle and finished third at the conference meet in the 100 butterfly. Drazga is the South Lyon record holder in the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly.

"Paige was motivated this season to set new records and swim fast," said coach John Burch. "She also was a very good leader of the team. She is very motivated to have a successful season."

### Rachel Green, South Lyon

The freshman made quite a splash at the State Finals, captur-

ing fifth place in the 100 free and eighth in the 200 free, earning All-State honors in both events. She is one of only three freshmen in the state to earn All-State honors in two individual events. She was also a member of the All-State 200 freestyle relay and the 400 freestyle relay team that scored at the state meet. She was also the KLAA Kensington Conference champion in the 100 freestyle and finished in third place at the conference meet in the 200 freestyle. Rachel is the South Lyon record holder in the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

"Rachel is a very talented swimmer who helped our team greatly this season with her hard work and positive attitude," said Burch. "She is going to have a very successful high school career."

### Monica Gironza, South Lyon

The senior capped a successful career with a fourth-place finish at the State Finals with an All-American score. It was her third All-American score of the season. She was the KLAA Kensington Conference runner-up in diving. Gironza is the South Lyon varsity record holder in both the six-dive and 11-dive events.

"Monica injured herself last season and just missed the state meet, so to come back and have a career-high finish at the state meet is a great accomplishment," said Burch. "She has had a great career in South Lyon."

### Maddy Kipke, Northville

The freshman claimed 10th place the State Finals in the 100 backstroke. She also qualified in the 200 freestyle.

"Maddy was a tremendous swimmer this year," said coach Brian McNeff. "She worked hard every day and led just about every set. She was unable to compete in the conference meet due to an illness, but she came back strong at the state meet and swam a 1:59.04 in the 200 free and a 59.88 in the 100 back."

### Shannon Lohman, Northville

The sophomore swam in four events at the state meet, highlighted by a 16th-place finish in the 100 backstroke. She also competed in the 100 butterfly, the 200 medley relay and the 400 free relay.

"She was All-Conference in the 200 medley relay and in the 100 backstroke," said McNeff. "She was a very good all-around swimmer for us."

### Faith Miller, Northville

Miller qualified for the state meet in the 200 free, 100 butterfly and 200 medley relay. She was also All-Conference in the same events.

"Faith was a huge part of our team this year and scored a lot of points for us," said McNeff. "She was a captain and a very good leader."

"She unfortunately got really sick the week before states and did not perform as well as she would have liked, but will be back next year to redeem herself."

### Kali Twork, Lakeland

The Lakeland senior set a new bar for the program. She holds eight different records and is the first two-time state qualifier in school history. "She has raised the bar for what team members can accomplish, and will be remembered how well she represented our team as an athlete, student and leader," said coach Erik Koppin.

### Andrea VanderMey, Novi

The freshman burst onto the scene with a State Championship in the 100 backstroke, a third-place finish in the 200 IM, and a pair of fourths in the medley relay and the 400 relay. She was a large part in a fifth-place finish for Novi. She was KLAA Conference champion in the 100 back and the 200 IM and went undefeated in the 100 backstroke throughout the year.

"Most athletes only dream

of winning a state title, Andrea already has one and she is only a ninth grader," said head coach Scott Teeters. "She is looking forward to winning a few more as well as the challenge of competing at the national level with her club team."

### Becca Berman, Novi

The junior showed a ton of versatility at the state meet, capturing third in the 500 free, fourth in the 400 free relay and seventh in the 100 butterfly. She was also Oakland County champ in the 100 butterfly and as part of the 200 medley relay.

"Becca is a worker and takes the sport very seriously," said Teeters. "She swam an almost impossible combination of events at the state meet, because the 500 came just one event behind the 100 fly. She jumped right out the pool and had just caught her breath and then she got right on the blocks for the 500, and then swam the very next event the 200 free relay. This takes an amazing amount of focus and drive."

### Meredith Cote, Novi

The senior placed fourth in the 500 free, the 200 medley relay and the 400 free relay at the State Finals. She was also sixth in the 200 IM for four All-State swims. Other highlights included a KLAA Conference title in the 100 breaststroke and a title at Oakland County in the 200 medley relay.

"She has really left her legacy on the Novi program, not only her fantastic swimming accomplishments but also her mentoring of the younger kids in practice and at the big meets on how to handle the added intensity," said Teeters. "Without her the Novi program would not have moved into the top-tier of state teams or have been team champions at the KVC and the KLAA Champions the last three years."

### Maranda Buha, Novi

The Wildcat freshman placed fourth in the 200 medley relay, fourth in the 400 free relay and sixth in the 100 butterfly at the State Finals. She was also the KLAA Conference champ in the 100 butterfly. She was part of all three relays that set school records this year.

"Maranda is one of Michigan's up-and-coming stars," said Teeters. "She loves to compete and race to win. Not much intimidates her."

"I would not be surprised to see her develop into one of the top swimmers in the nation before she leaves high school. She just gets it."

## SECOND TEAM

### Ashley Little, Milford

The senior competed in the 100 backstroke and 200 medley relay at the state meet. She was a two-time qualifier in the backstroke. She was conference runner-up in the 100 back and as part of the 200 medley relay.

### Corinne Caldwell, South Lyon

The sophomore was a state qualifier in three events, but only swam the 100 butterfly at the state meet so she could compete in all three relays. She was a member of our 200 freestyle relay that earned All-State honors, finishing in fifth place and was also on the scoring 400 freestyle relay team. At the KLAA Kensington Conference meet she finished in 5th place in the 50 freestyle and 9th place in the 100 butterfly despite being very sick on the day of the meet.

### Kayla Nunez, South Lyon

The junior finished in 16 place in diving at the state championships. She is only the second diver in South Lyon history to score points at the meet (Gironza is the other). She also finished in ninth place at the diving Regional meet where the top 12 qualify for the state championship meet and she finished in fourth place at the Kensington Conference

## ALL-AREA SWIMMING

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Rachel Appelbacher, Novi freshman

## Championship meet.

### Andrea Monk, South Lyon

The sophomore swam on both the medley relay and the 400 free relay for South Lyon at the state meet.

### Erin McCurry, South Lyon

The sophomore qualified for the state meet on the medley relay team.

### Kelly Munzenberger, South Lyon

The junior qualified for the state meet as part of the medley relay team.

### Ashley Kaminski, South Lyon

The sophomore qualified for the state meet as part of the medley relay team.

### Catherine Cui, Northville

The freshman was a force throughout the season in the 100 breaststroke, capturing All-Conference honors with a third-place finish.

### Rachel Brown, Northville

The sophomore qualified for state in the 100 backstroke. She finished eighth at the conference meet in the same event and 12th in the butterfly.

### Kelly Burford, Northville

The senior qualified for state in the 100 breaststroke and in the 200 medley relay. She was All-Conference in the 200 medley relay and fifth at the conference meet in the 100 breaststroke. She was a captain for the Mustangs.

### Leah Erlandson, Northville

The sophomore qualified for state in the 100 backstroke, the

200 free relay and the 400 free relay. She was fifth in the 100 backstroke at the conference meet.

### Sarah Garrity, Northville

The sophomore qualified for state in the 100 backstroke at the 200 free relay. She was sixth at the conference meet in the 100 back.

### Becca Myers, Northville

The senior qualified for state in the 200 medley relay and the 200 free relay. She was a captain for the Mustangs.

### Lia Nagata, Northville

The freshman qualified for state in the 200 free relay. She was 10th in the 100 back and 14th in the 100 fly at the conference meet.

### Briana Schoenek, Northville

The freshman qualified for state in the 100 fly and as part of the 400 free relay. She was eighth in the 100 fly at conference.

### Madalyn Buha, Novi

The junior was 13th in the 50 freestyle at the state meet.

### Kelsey Shurmur, Novi

The freshman qualified for the state meet in the 100 butterfly.

### Jacqui Carless Novi

The junior qualified for the state meet in the 500 free.

### Kara Berg, Novi

The freshman qualified for the state meet in the 50 free.

### Abby Hall, Novi

The sophomore qualified for the state meet in the 50 free.

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The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on the following days in observance of the holidays:

Thursday, December 24th  
Friday, December 25th  
Friday, January 1st, 2010

Residents wishing to pay their taxes before year-end can do so up until closing at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2009.

The Department of Public Safety (Police and Fire) will remain open.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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## TOURNAMENT

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smile that endured anything. When wrestling practice became grueling, Todd was always there wearing a smile. A smile that never faded, and a spirit that never faded. His spirit lives on to this day as we honor him at his tournament."

The Todd Schoenheide Invitational Challenge will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday in the main gym at Northville High School on Six Mile Road, east of Beek.

"We want to give back to a member of our Northville Wrestling family and honor Todd's memory each year," said Northville Wrestling head coach and teacher, Bob Boshoven.

The Mustangs will host the Brighton Bulldogs, Monroe Trojans, Saline Hornets, Marysville Vikings, and the L'Anse Creuse Lancers.

"It's a nice opportunity for us to bring different teams into Northville," explained Boshoven. "It's an opportunity for wrestler's friends and families, who wouldn't normally get to see them wrestle to come out on a Saturday and see some great competition."

Todd's father said, "Having a wrestling tournament and an athletic scholarship in Todd's memory is a wonderful tribute."

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Todd Schoenheide Memorial

Scholarship. This \$1,000 award is presented every spring to a Northville High School senior who shares one of Schoenheide's passions, either football, scouting or wrestling. "The Todd Schoenheide scholarship goes to a very deserving athlete in the school," said Balagna.

"He was a wonderful fun loving kid. He loved being a member of the wrestling team even though he lost more often than he won. His classmates & teammates have long since graduated, but they all were affected by his death," according to his father. "By remembering Todd, we are reminded that his life was cut short by a drunk driver. With the holidays almost here it's an important reminder for all drivers."

"I'm proud of these athletes for choosing to give back to the community by recognizing the dangers of drinking and driving," said Boshoven.

Admission will be \$5 Saturday at the door. Concessions and memorial T-shirts will be available.

"What a great event for the Northville community and wrestling family. It means a lot to the team and program to host a tournament in honor of Todd," says Coach Jeff Balagna. "The wrestling team has done a wonderful job reaching out to Todd's family, keeping them involved," added Balagna.

Submitted by Debra Elcholtz

## Family Sports Passes available

It is not too late to get your Family Sport Pass for the upcoming winter season.

Don't miss your chance to purchase a 2009-2010 Northville High School Athletic Boosters Club Family Sport Pass. This convenient pass provides admittance to all Northville High School sports regular home games.

A one-time cost of \$100 covers your immediate family including your NHS student or students.

All funds generated from the sales of these passes goes directly to support NHS sports.

If you have any questions, contact Maureen Owen at (248) 348-0075.

## Seventh grade hoop tryouts

The Northville Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) boys basketball tryouts for seventh grade students will be held Sunday and Monday at the Hillside

## NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

## Recreation Center.

The Sunday tryouts will be from 3:45 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. and the Monday tryouts will be from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

For more information, or if you have any questions, contact coach Scott Baldwin at (248) 348-6677.

## Eighth grade hoop tryouts

Eighth grade basketball travel team tryouts will be held Dec. 13 from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Northville Parks & Rec. gym in Hillside Middle School. The tryouts are for any eighth grade boy residing in Northville or attending the Northville School District. Two teams will be formed. For more information, contact Dan Van Houten at (248) 797-4587.

## Adult basketball leagues forming

Northville Parks and Recreation is forming Winter 2010 adult basketball leagues. Seasons (eight game minimum)

are as follows:

- Sunday AA: Jan. 10-March 21 at Hillside
- Sunday B: Jan. 10-March 21 at Hillside
- Thursday: Jan. 14-March 18 at Senior Community Center
- Womens: Jan. 12-March 23 at Senior Community Center
- 30+ League: night to be determined if there is enough interest
- Game times are 5-9 p.m. Sundays; 6:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Team registration is \$310 per team plus \$100 forfeit fee (refunded at the end of the season if there are no forfeits or violations).

Additional fees include \$25 per team per game prior to start of each game for referees, and a \$18 fee per non-Northville resident due by the third game.

Please contact League Coordinator Monica Belanger at (734) 620-3618 or mbelanger@ci.northville.mi.us.

## SCHEDULE

## Boys Swimming &amp; Diving

Thu 12/10/09 Brother Rice High School 6:30 p.m.  
Tue 12/15/09 @ Walled Lake Central

Thu 12/17/09 @ Church Hill High School 6:30 p.m.

## Wrestling

Sat 12/12/09 Northville Invitational 9 a.m.

Wed 12/16/09 Quad Meet 5:30 p.m.

## CATHOLIC CENTRAL

## HIGH SCHOOL

## Basketball

All games at 7:30 p.m.

Fri 12/18/2009 Old Redford Academy

## Hockey

Fri 12/11/2009 @ Churchill 6 p.m.

Sat 12/12/2009 Stevenson 7 p.m.

## Wrestling

Fri 12/11/2009 @ Lowell 6 p.m.

Fri 12/18/2009 @ Oakland County 3 p.m.

## NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

## Boys Basketball

All games are at 7 p.m.

Fri 12/11/09 @ Walled Lake Northern

Tue 12/15/09 @ Walled Lake Central

Thu 12/17/09 @ Livonia Churchill

Fri 12/18/09 Saline

## Girls Basketball

All games are at 7 p.m.

Fri 12/11/09 Walled Lake Northern

Tue 12/15/09 Walled Lake Central

Thu 12/17/09 Livonia Churchill

## Ice Hockey

Home games at Novi Ice Arena

Sat 12/12/09 6 p.m. @ Walled Lake Western

(Kensington Valley Ice House)

Mon 12/14/09 6:30 p.m. Plymouth

Fri 12/18/09 6:30 p.m. @ Clarkston Invite - Davison

## Boys and Girls Bowling

All meets are at 3:30 p.m. unless noted

Mon 12/14/09 Northville (Town & Country)

Thu 12/17/09 @ John Glenn (Super Bowl)

## Competitive Cheer

Sat 12/12/09 @ CCCAM Invite

## Wrestling

Sat 12/12/09 9 a.m. @ Herm Wilkinson Classic

(Howell)

Fri 12/18/09 @ Oakland County Wrestling

## HOCKEY

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Marotta. Marotta fired a hard shot past Novi's Michael Pesendorfer for the goal.

"We have to tip our caps to them and try to put this behind us," said Hatley of Novi and the loss. "We struggled with defensive zone turnovers, back checking and special teams."

Northville, which has been

utilizing the power play all season, committed three penalties in the game compared to Novi's eight. The Mustangs, however, could not capitalize on the advantages.

Northville fell to 2-1 on the season with the loss while Novi, which has had an early season rush of games, climbed to a 6-0 tally.

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

## NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

## Boys Basketball

All Games at 7 p.m.

Tue 12/15/09 W.L. Western

Thu 12/17/09 @ John Glenn High School

## Girls Basketball

All games at 7 p.m.

Tue 12/15/09 @ W.L. Western

Thu 12/17/09 John Glenn High School

## Boys and Girls Bowling

Sun 12/13/09 @ W.L. Northern Wonderland Lanes

1:30 p.m.

Mon 12/14/09 @ Novi Town & Country Lanes 3:30

p.m.

Thu 12/17/09 @ Plymouth Super Bowl 3:30 p.m.

## Cheerleading

Sat 12/12/09 @ Stoney Creek High School TBA

## Gymnastics

Wed 12/16/09 @ Plymouth High School 6:30 p.m.

## Boys Hockey

Thu 12/10/09 @ Howell 6:50 p.m.

Fri 12/11/09 South Lyon High School 6 p.m.

Wed 12/16/09 Brighton High School 6 p.m.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## American Carpet has all your flooring needs covered

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

Floor covering sales, including carpets of all types and makes, hardwood floors, all wood species, ceramic tiles, laminate floors, vinyl floors, featuring Stainmaster floors, commercial carpets, and commercial tile. We also offer installation of all floors.

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

I have been in the flooring business most of my working life, over 25 years. I was a supervisor with New York Carpet World, until the company closed. I am an expert in my field, and with the current economic conditions I was unable to procure employment, so I decided to make a job for myself.

3. Why did you choose Northville?

I operated a flooring store for my brother in Northville. He lost the lease and had to shut down in 2008. I have developed many personal trade customers in the interim, and Northville is a good business climate.

4. What makes your business unique?

A flooring store for the discriminating customer, our customers will receive personal service, expert advice

### DETAILS

**Business Name:** American Carpet  
**Address:** 43261 Seven Mile Highland Lakes shopping Center, Northville, MI 48167  
**Owner Name/Title:** Jack Eadeh/owner  
**How HomeTown Decision Begins:**  
**Business Opened When:** July 2009  
**Number of Employees:** two  
**Hours of Operation:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Friday  
**Your Business Specialty:** All aspects of floor covering, sales, measures, decorating  
**Phone:** (248) 305-0963

on the flooring purchase as well as help in decorating and usage of the product. Unique products are featured in the store. Purchase your carpet from a flooring store, not a hardware or a warehouse store.

5. How has it changed since you opened?

Economic conditions drive the retail business, so you have to go the extra mile for your customers and give service, service, service — and do everything possible to

please, not disappoint, your customers.

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

It's comical when a customer thinks footprints should not show on carpet or if they have us carpet a dollhouse or a pet room.

7. How has the recent economy affected your business?

Of course the economy is the only factor in retail, and it's difficult to be able to make your sales figures. However, there are flooring customers out there, so our job is to reach those people and impress them so they can purchase from us.

8. Any advice for business owners?

Do not give up. Try to keep a cheery attitude. Express to your employees the importance of making the customer first. Network so you can have repeat business and referrals. Do all you can to stay alive.

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

The hope is that the people in our retail area get to know us and make us their flooring store, to build a trust in the community and make sure every customer is satisfied and happy so we can succeed.

### New IT firm offers flat-rate billing and green processes

Small and mid-sized business owners have a new option for IT services and it isn't your typical IT company.

Tera Networks, a division of DataFactz, a provider of IT services including data warehousing and business intelligence, opened for business in the third quarter. Headquartered in Northville, Tera Networks provides managed hosting, managed services and disaster recovery solutions for a monthly fixed price, including on-site consulting hours.

"Most IT companies work on an 'I'll-fix-it-once-it's-broken' model, which is essentially an extended warranty program," said Krishna Kallakuri, vice president of Tera Networks. "We do the opposite. We prevent problems. Our proactive model, which includes fixing the majority of IT problems remotely, optimizes our clients' ROI because they spend less time on computer system challenges and more time focused on their business."

Tera Networks manages the entire IT life cycle process.

- Designs a tailored IT solution based on each client's needs;
- Facilitates purchasing equipment cost effectively;
- Offers competitive financing and equipment leasing options that allow clients to stay current with the latest innovations;
- Remotely manages, monitors and repairs network devices (servers, routers, firewalls, etc.) 24/7 without disruption to clients;
- Provides 24/7 e-mail, phone and on-site support and service;
- Provides data removal services and options for disposing or recycling equipment.

"We provide everything a client needs for an efficient and effective IT system," said Kallakuri. "Flat-rate pricing offers the peace of mind that businesses are looking for, particularly in this economy where every dollar matters."

Many businesses recycle paper or plastic, but overlook the carbon "bigfoot" footprint in their IT departments. Tera Networks created Tera G, an initiative to help businesses find the "green" in their IT infrastructure.

Through Tera G, Tera Networks implements management practices that reduce IT equipment power consumption, saving clients time, money and resources. Tera Networks recycles clients' used and broken technology. It removes and destroys hard drives to prevent data loss and identity theft and sends the hard drive pieces and the remainder of the machine to an EPA-certified recycling company. This reduces the toxins and materials in landfills and, by the reuse of properly recycled materials, reduces the volume of raw materials required to produce new products. Tera Networks refurbishes salvageable systems and donates them to nonprofit organizations.

Most IT-related issues are resolved remotely through secure technologies. This reduces paper waste, travel time and helps clients save energy costs through a centralized power management feature. This same secure technology can be leveraged for clients to enable their staff to work remotely.

### Oakland County offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in December offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Write a Business Plan is a workshop for

small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. The class is held on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 6-9 p.m. at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit our Web site at oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds.

#### Future Workshops

(AM) Morning Class 9 a.m. to 12/12:30 p.m.  
 (PM) Evening Class 6 p.m. to 9/9:30 p.m.

#### January 2010

7 - Pre-Business Research Workshop  
 14 - Fundamentals of Starting a Business  
 21 - Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan  
 26 - Legal and Financial Basics for Small Business  
 28 - Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business

#### February 2010

9 - Pre-Business Research (PM)  
 16 - Start A Business (PM)  
 17 - Team SBA Financing Roundtable  
 23 - Write A Business Plan (PM)  
 24 - WBE Certification Orientation  
 25 - Small Business Loan Workshop

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

### Walsh winter registration underway

Registration for winter courses that begin Jan. 4 is under way at all Walsh College campuses, with no appointment necessary on Walk-In Wednesdays. Students can enroll now in a new Master of Management degree program and a new MBA master's in finance dual degree program.

Walsh continues "Walk-In Wednesdays", where prospective students can meet with an academic advisor, review transcripts, and register for classes on a walk-in basis at the Troy, Novi, or Clinton Township campuses from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call (800) WALSH-01, or e-mail [admissions@walshcollege.edu](mailto:admissions@walshcollege.edu).

The 33-credit Master of Management (MM) degree offered at the Troy and Novi campuses focuses on managing resources in a broad spectrum of management within for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. Human resources, financial management, marketing, information security, project management and communications are among the courses. Students can also select a management concentration of study. For more information and a list of courses, please visit [www.walshcollege.edu/MM](http://www.walshcollege.edu/MM).

A new dual master's degree program in Business Administration (MBA) and Finance (Master of Science in Finance) can be completed within a shorter timeframe than enrollment in each separate degree program. Students are required to take 22 classes for 66 semester credits required for both degrees. The distinctive MBA encompasses accounting, finance, management, and related disciplines. The MSF covers all aspects of finance, a blend of accounting, economics, and finance, and the study of economic theory. For more information and a list of courses, please visit [www.walshcollege.edu/MBA-MSF](http://www.walshcollege.edu/MBA-MSF).

Among the new courses are Real Estate Principles, an undergraduate course focusing residential real estate; and an Entrepreneurship Seminar for graduate students, exploring the entrepreneurial success process.

## DOWNTOWN EVENTS

### Tinsel & Treasures

Come to the Northville Senior Community Center (303 W. Main) and indulge yourself in the unique shopping experience offered by the Handcrafters Shows Friday, Dec. 11 (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12-13 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Better described as an artisan market, Handcrafters offers an environment filled with 75 artists and craftspeople from around the country. From the personable faces to the one-of-a-kind items, one is sure to find something for themselves and others. So throw on your most comfortable pair of "shopping shoes" and come explore greatness of Handcrafters Shows and its artists and craftspeople. Tickets are \$3 for adults; free for children 12 and under; no strollers. For more information visit [www.handcraftersunlimited.com](http://www.handcraftersunlimited.com).

### Northville Nite

Celebrate the New year with a country-western theme and gallop into 2010 at the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School from

### 4:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31

Spend your New Year's Eve celebrating with the community and your friends. Enjoy activities like carnival games, crafts, face-painting, huge inflatable games, and much more. Northville Rotary Club will be selling hot dogs. Make sure you stay until 8 p.m. for the countdown! For more information, contact Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

### Solve a mystery

This holiday season guests can "solve a mystery" and win some fabulous prizes from locally owned merchants. Here's how to play:

- Look for a different store or restaurant each day with the "blue spruce" out front.
- Get your calendar stamped and receive your special gift, discount or offer from the featured business of the day.
- On Dec. 23, turn in your stamped calendar at the last featured business to be entered into a drawing on Dec. 24. The drawing will be held at noon in Northville Square, 133 W. Main (upper level).

You do not need to be present to win.

- Having trouble finding the "blue spruce"? Visit the following "hint" stores: Wine Sync (122 W. Main), Ruffles (160 E. Main), gg Boutique (133 W. Main) or Sincerely Yours (110 N. Center).

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1. Get 20 days stamped to be entered into the grand prize drawing: \$500 gift certificate from Orin Jewelers
2. Get 15-20 days stamped to be entered into the second prize drawing: (12) \$25 gift certificates plus two Tipping Point Theatre tickets (\$350 value)
3. Get 10-20 days stamped to be entered into the third prize drawing: eight \$25 gift certificates plus two Tipping Point Theatre tickets (\$250 value)
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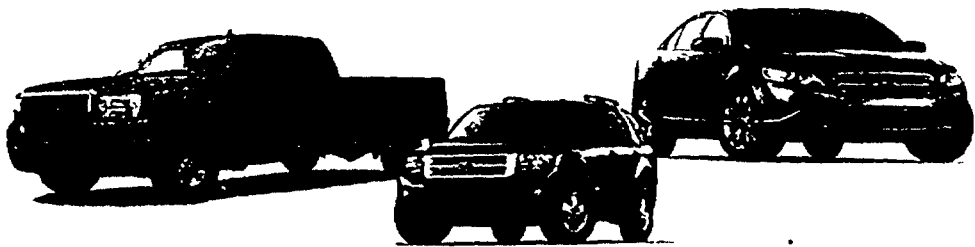
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## Deck the halls: Interiors, exteriors get festive touches

BY JULIE BROWN  
OSE STAFF WRITER

Customers at Plymouth Nursery are eager to decorate for the holidays. "Probably the hottest thing we've got going now are the evergreen porch pots," said Tim Parker, general manager at the nursery and garden center. Juniper, Fraser fir, boxwood and white spruce tips in the center combine for an attractive outdoor look at holiday time.

Customers like Michigan holly with red berries: "People are going crazy for those," said Parker, a Pinckney resident.

You can also keep things colorful in winter by putting evergreen branches in your hanging baskets, using materials to make the branches stand up. The LED lights are popular as they use a lot less electricity and burn more brightly.

"Because there's no filament they're cool to the touch," he said. "It's really a good value" due to lower energy costs.

Wreaths and green roping are still standbys for holiday decorating at Plymouth Nursery. There's a product, Wilt Proof, that dries out water and prevents it from escaping. Parker noted people can leave some decorations up throughout winter after using Wilt Proof.

"Some people are creative," he said of December decorating. "Some just want it done for them."

"It's still very strong," he said of December decorating. People like fresh greens, including for centerpieces: "Everybody wants the smell."

At Plymouth Nursery, grapevine birdhouses filled with greens do well, adding fragrance to a home.

Nicki Wilson, who has the Decorating Den Interiors Canton franchise, sees a lot of interest in holiday decor. "The smell of it and the whole connotation of Christmas and holidays, I think," she said of the appeal.

She agreed centerpieces with evergreen boughs are great for December, some with candles. Colors vary.

"It can be whatever you want," Wilson said. "You can add gold or silver to make it more festive." Green, red, gold and silver are the traditional Christmas colors but not obligatory

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by any means.

"We've evolved. It doesn't have to be," she said.

Wilson sees more artificial than live Christmas trees in homes. People often like ornaments children made or others with sentimental value.

"I think everyone has certain holiday traditions that are always there," she said. Some go all out and some on budgets keep it simpler: "I think mostly people just do what's comfortable."

She has a couple Christmas trees at her home, a family tree and the "pretty tree that does with the decor of the house." Wilson likes something Christmas-related in each room at the family home.

"I think that people will still decorate," she said, with more making do with what they have. She sees people borrow decorating ideas from parks and stores, but more for exteriors. "If you put it up you have to take it down or find someone to do it for you," she added of holiday decorations, which sometimes stay up well into the New Year.

There are many options available for holiday decorating, and your choices will depend on your budget and personal preferences, Wilson said. Here are a few budget — and eco-friendly — ideas:

- Old-fashioned garlands of popcorn and cranberries for your tree
- Wreaths, either evergreen or grapevine, decorated or not, hanging on your door or over the fireplace, or lying flat on your dining or cocktail table

- Pine cones, evergreen sprigs, cinnamon sticks, fruits and nuts can be used to create a natural display in clear glass bowls, or artfully arranged on a tabletop or tray, or to decorate a wreath or tree.



Plymouth Nursery's home to many festive outdoor decorations.



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Robert Meisner

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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## HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Aug. 31 to Sept. 4, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

<b>Auburn Hills</b>		
952 Bloomfield Village Blvd	\$25,000	
3146 W. Lagan St	\$38,000	
<b>Beverly Hills</b>		
32285 Auburn Dr	\$166,000	
2676 Corsair Ln	\$219,000	
18942 Riverside Dr	\$455,000	
32265 Southfield Rd	\$115,000	
19710 W 13 Mile Rd	\$190,000	
<b>Bingham Farms</b>		
30515 Oakview Way	\$150,000	
<b>Birmingham</b>		
659 Ann St	\$175,000	
1195 Barbary St	\$122,000	
1451 E 14 Mile Rd	\$80,000	
1533 Holland St	\$379,000	
441 Vinewood Ave	\$350,000	
875 Vinewood Dr	\$309,000	
722 Wallace St	\$850,000	
1656 Washington Blvd	\$458,000	
<b>Bloomfield Township</b>		
1761 Copperwood Dr	\$813,000	
5535 Crabtree Rd	\$295,000	
7268 Glenview Dr	\$156,000	
450 Lahser Rd	\$142,000	
1445 Paddle Wheel Ct	\$450,000	
6151 Rocky Spring Rd	\$338,000	
6270 Thurber Dr	\$130,000	
844 Upper Scotsborough Way	\$160,000	
1863 Wingate Rd	\$208,000	
2858 Woodcreek Way	\$450,000	
<b>Clarkston</b>		
4724 Alamo Ave	\$38,000	
9429 English Oak Dr	\$230,000	
4232 Newcaste Dr	\$120,000	
7040 Northwind Dr	\$250,000	
5670 Sheffield Dr	\$200,000	
6561 Transparent Ave	\$101,000	
6686 Weston Ct	\$136,000	
10330 Whipple Tree Ln	\$275,000	
<b>Commerce Township</b>		
5015 Farrington Dr	\$268,000	
1837 Glen Iris Dr	\$175,000	
1865 Sketh Rd	\$280,000	
<b>Darvill</b>		
7990 Sandbar Ln	\$143,000	
<b>Farmington</b>		
34143 A La Loma Dr	\$56,000	
1331 Grand River Ave	\$23,000	
<b>Farmington Hills</b>		
35064 Bunker Hill Dr	\$147,000	
22174 Cape Cod Way	\$65,000	
37371 Chesapeake Rd	\$214,000	
36465 Edinborough Ct	\$670,000	
24384 Elmhurst Ave	\$226,000	

## HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

36026 Harderburg Rd	\$240,000
21000 Hugo St	\$140,000
29825 Indian Trl	\$100,000
22302 Insubbrook Dr	\$246,000
25959 Lynford St	\$150,000
21704 Middlebelt Rd	\$9,000
29603 N Meadowridge	\$165,000
28300 Shadylane Dr	\$155,000
26535 Yerdun St	\$84,000
23705 W Newell Cir	\$125,000
21284 Woodchill Dr	\$290,000
<b>Franklin</b>	
27305 Crestwood Dr	\$685,000
32773 Haverford Rd	\$173,000
31080 McKinney Dr	\$250,000
<b>Keargo Harbor</b>	
3165 Nerrick St	\$265,000
<b>Lake Orion</b>	
600 Buena Vis	\$183,000
691 Harry Pack Dr	\$175,000
958 Highland St	\$85,000
585 Knollwood Dr	\$160,000
2090 Marie Dr	\$185,000
3748 North Oaks Ct	\$214,000
320 Park Island Dr	\$848,000
928 Sherry Dr	\$125,000
3959 Spring Hollow Ct	\$220,000
3123 W Madison Ave	\$119,000
743 Woodside Ct	\$280,000
<b>Milford</b>	
2941 Katie Ln	\$330,000
3515 Morrow Ln	\$535,000
725 Noble St	\$108,000
<b>Northville</b>	
795 Grace St	\$128,000
728 Horton St	\$450,000
<b>Novi</b>	
24563 Bashian Dr	\$50,000
27130 Edgewater	\$63,000
43016 Emerson Way	\$250,000
27471 Harrington Way	\$240,000
40329 Ladene Ln	\$165,000
41028 Malott	\$126,000
30219 Yewcrest	\$230,000
1657 West Lake Dr	\$430,000
22644 Woolsey	\$35,000
<b>Oakland Township</b>	
4835 Freer St	\$170,000
403 Oak Dr	\$44,000
3339 Rosemont Ct	\$335,000
<b>Oxford</b>	
465 Lakes Edge Dr	\$145,000
650 Lakes Edge Dr	\$300,000
1263 Pondview Ln	\$197,000
887 W Peninsula Ct	\$250,000
<b>Rochester</b>	
1923 Cloverdale Dr	\$305,000
1855 Flagstone Cir	\$110,000
669 Romeo Rd	\$90,000
<b>Rochester Hills</b>	
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3043 Bathurst Ave	\$12,000
2529 Brillance	\$270,000
3399 Connors Dr	\$58,000
3155 Faintail Dr	\$251,000

1548 Galetta	\$55,000
1884 Homestead Ct	\$195,000
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1775 Jason Cir	\$232,000
2649 Long Meadow Ln	\$250,000
618 Middlebury Ln	\$200,000
2711 New England Dr	\$320,000
3265 Parkwood Dr	\$312,000
819 Rambling Dr	\$280,000
3427 Talbert Cir	\$50,000
2618 Tower Hill Ln	\$230,000
1651 W Avon Rd	\$285,000
2476 W Tenken Rd	\$168,000
1173 Whispering Knoll Ln	\$199,000
259 Whitely Dr	\$172,000
<b>South Lyon</b>	
1290 Coach House Ln	\$250,000
23678 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$61,000
<b>Southfield</b>	
29433 Brentwood St	\$55,000
5000 Town Ctr	\$35,000
20430 Westhaven Ave	\$12,000
<b>Troy</b>	
1316 Burns Dr	\$180,000
1760 Carpenter Dr	\$452,000
2521 Chesnut Dr	\$259,000
1868 Connolly Dr	\$482,000
1372 Devon Ln	\$175,000
172 Harrington Dr	\$240,000
1165 Provincial Dr	\$375,000
2840 Vineyards Dr	\$1,300,000
<b>Walled Lake</b>	
442 Boardwalk Dr	\$112,000
3075 Brisbane St	\$51,000
385 Cherry Grove Ln	\$215,000
<b>Waterford</b>	
7670 Austere Dr	\$88,000
2679 Desmond	\$36,000
1389 Glenview Dr	\$139,000
3366 Harbours Blvd	\$241,000
1126 La Salle Ave	\$68,000
3592 Lakewood Dr	\$139,000
1403 Laurel Lane	\$33,000
4042 Louella Dr	\$50,000
2160 Odette Dr	\$33,000
7522 Pontiac Lake Rd	\$100,000
5945 Rowley Dr	\$160,000
<b>West Bloomfield</b>	
7084 Autumn Hill Dr	\$505,000
3146 Bloomfield Shore Dr	\$280,000
7375 Creek View Ct	\$118,000
7572 Glasscott Ave	\$48,000
4521 Green Lake Rd	\$50,000
2406 Island View Dr	\$125,000
2920 Oakbrook Ct	\$302,000
6857 Orchard Lake Rd	\$76,000
7162 Pebblecreek Rd	\$140,000
<b>White Lake</b>	
9157 Bonnie Briar St	\$135,000
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1690 Aberdeen St	\$177,000	
50651 Colchester Ct	\$405,000	
43902 Cranford Ave	\$175,000	
44495 Eissa Ct	\$135,000	
44243 Fair Oaks Dr	\$160,000	
51350 Ford Rd	\$125,000	
46083 Graystone Ln	\$140,000	
45269 Horseshoe Cir	\$170,000	
50186 Jackson Ln	\$291,000	
50256 Jackson Ln	\$230,000	
2173 Lone Wolf Ln	\$135,000	
5908 Meadowview Dr	\$248,000	
41300 Northwind Dr	\$50,000	
7434 Pontic Dr	\$148,000	
4766 Pond Run	\$165,000	
3316 Riverside Ct	\$169,000	
42285 Trent Dr	\$220,000	
1630 Walnut Ridge Cir	\$160,000	
884 Wildwood Ln	\$136,000	
42183 Woodcreek Ln	\$232,000	
<b>Garden City</b>		
913 Bellon St	\$46,000	
29503 Cambridge St	\$95,000	
5949 Gilman St	\$44,000	
5747 Harrison St	\$17,000	
29851 John Hawk St	\$50,000	
29467 Meadow Ln	\$82,000	
31024 Roslyn Ave	\$60,000	
<b>Livonia</b>		
14051 Alexander St	\$97,000	
9620 Alden St	\$120,000	
14211 Berwick St	\$160,000	
32969 Brookside Cir	\$160,000	
12314 Camden St	\$87,000	
17100 Dolores St	\$129,000	
33009 Fargo St	\$25,000	
18636 Glenarry Dr	\$360,000	
33146 Grenada St	\$135,000	
14128 Ingram St	\$170,000	
28723 Jacquelyn Dr	\$178,000	

<b>Northville</b>		
39463 Champion Ct	\$230,000	
39481 Edgewater Dr	\$360,000	
520 Grace St	\$995,000	
39474 Springwater Dr	\$135,000	
48320 Wellesley Ct	\$166,000	
<b>Plymouth</b>		
46356 Barrington Rd	\$214,000	
12699 Beacon Hill Ct	\$430,000	
50457 Beechwood Ct	\$88,000	
405 Blunk St	\$460,000	
9251 Brookline Ave	\$130,000	
1045 Carol Ave	\$405,000	
8875 Elmhurst Ave	\$124,000	
13962 Knottview Ct	\$300,000	
625 Sunset St	\$230,000	
14664 Thornridge Dr	\$181,000	
9380 Village Manor Dr	\$281,000	
9600 Wellington Dr	\$372,000	
50800 Weston Dr	\$325,000	
911 Woodgrove Dr	\$260,000	
<b>Redford</b>		
13438 Arnold	\$70,000	
14834 Beech Daly Rd	\$80,000	
18644 Beech Daly Rd	\$38,000	
15926 Delaware Ave	\$50,000	
16136 Delaware Ave	\$66,000	
17678 Denby	\$38,000	
20455 Fox	\$30,000	
20429 Gaylord	\$56,000	
18258 Kinloch	\$12,000	
15928 Leona Dr	\$47,000	
18284 Norborne	\$20,000	
9631 Salem	\$41,000	
<b>Westland</b>		
33342 Anita Dr	\$122,000	
29104 Baden St	\$82,000	
38514 Deer Creek Blvd	\$93,000	
32421 Grandview Ave	\$103,000	
36000 Hazelwood St	\$47,000	
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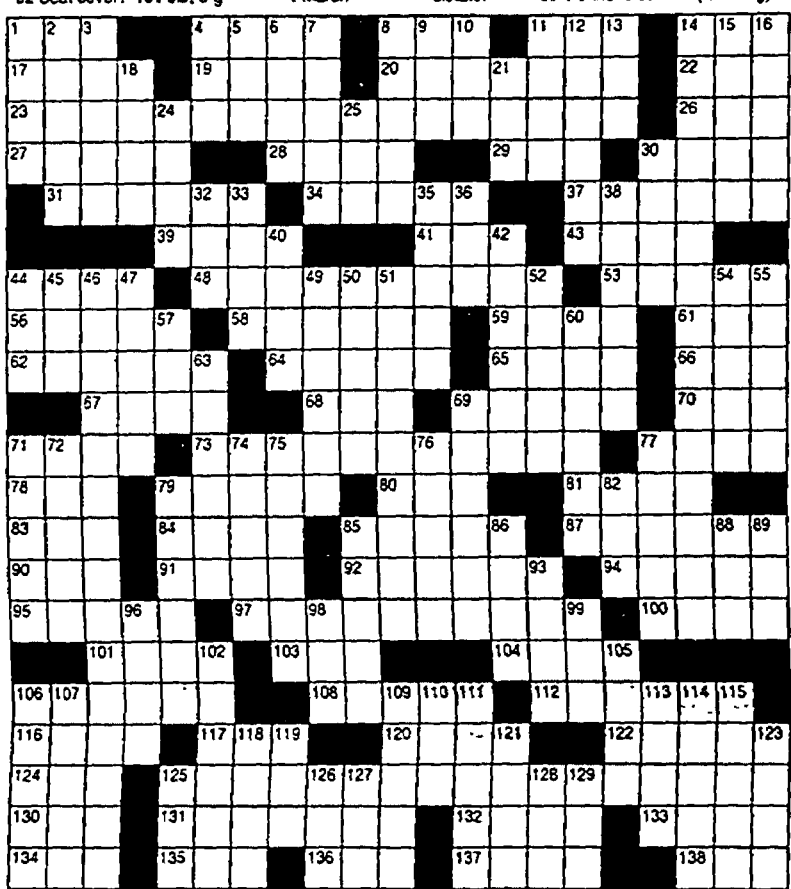
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By Dale Buss

I've driven and written a lot about clean-diesel vehicles lately in these pages, because I really believe that the technology could become just as important as hybrid powertrains in the auto industry's accelerating drive toward a more fuel-efficient future.

Many of those miles have been spent in an impressive succession of 2007-through 2009-model vehicles that Robert Bosch LLC, the auto-industry supplier, had outfitted with its own clean-diesel powertrains. More on that later.

But until last week, I hadn't experienced the ultimate diesel-driving experience: a long trip on the open road. We took the family to Grandma's house in Wisconsin over Thanksgiving weekend in the new Mercedes-Benz GL350 BlueTec, the clean-diesel version of this fantastic SUV, and the best attribute of this new type of powertrain came through with flying colors.

The fuel efficiency and range of the GL 350 BlueTec were superb, and so was its acceleration and overall performance in every aspect of the trip. The GL350 is impressive enough in any version. It's a seven-passenger vehicle that offers all of the best of what Mercedes-Benz has come to mean in the luxury segment.

The ride was comfortable without being marshmallow-y. Sunroofs above the

first and third rows of seating welcomed in the (gloomy) November skies. The rain-sensing intermittent windshield wipers came in really handy while driving through Chicago, both coming and going, where there seems to be a permanent raincloud on the horizon.

With four adults in the vehicle, separate second-row climate controls also became something we couldn't get along without. I also can't say enough about the eight-speaker audio system with automatic speed-based volume adjustment; listening to Il Divo's Christmas album while rumbling across Indiana in the GL350 was magical!

But by far the best part of the experience was not having to stop every few hours for gasoline. Mercedes-Benz and other German luxury makes are touting the range of their clean-diesel vehicles as their most attractive feature, and so I was eager to test out this attribute with the GL350.

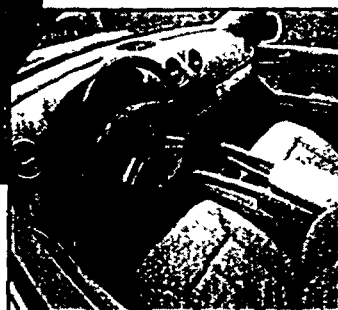
I wasn't disappointed. The vehicle has a mammoth 26.4-gallon gasoline tank to begin with. And even with four adults and way too much luggage in the vehicle for the whole time, over the course of a round trip that stretched out to nearly 1,200 miles, I only had to make two meaningful stops for diesel fuel.

All told, I figure I averaged



The Mercedes-Benz GL350 BlueTec boasts clean-diesel technology under its stylish hood.

Inside, the GL350 BlueTec sports classic Mercedes-Benz styling and amenities.



somewhere over 23 mpg on the trip, which is exactly what Mercedes-Benz says that you'll get – within a range of 19 mpg to 27 mpg on the highway for most drivers. That's a remarkable number for a vehicle with a curb weight of 5,423 pounds, further encumbered another 600 pounds of human cargo and a few hundred pounds of gear.

For me, then, the GL350 BlueTec passed the ultimate test of clean-diesel worthiness with flying colors.

Meanwhile, too, the Thanksgiving trip further validated what I had been experiencing in Bosch's diesel-powered vehicles over the previous several weeks in and around metro Detroit. Successively, I drove a Honda CR-V, a Volkswagen Jetta, a Mercedes-Benz ML320, and a BMW X-5, and found each of them providing further confirmation that clean diesel could be a game-changer in the U.S. car market – especially if it can find its way into more and more mainstream-market vehicles like the Jetta.

Obviously, green-oriented observers agree. The 2010 Volkswagen Golf TDI and 2010 Audi A3 TDI – both clean diesel

passenger vehicles – claimed two of the five nominations as finalists for Green Car Journal's 2010 Green Car of the Year award. That means that vehicles using clean diesel technology supplied by Bosch have been named as finalists for this prestigious award for the second year in a row. Winners were to be announced at the Los Angeles Auto Show.

The Volkswagen Golf's and Audi A3's turbocharged direct injection (TDI) engines use the latest generation of Bosch clean diesel common rail system, capable of up to 1800 bar (nearly 30,000 psi) and multiple (up to five) pre- and post-injections through piezo-electric injectors.

"The fact that not just one but two diesels earned nominations this year, after the Jetta TDI won the 2009 Green Car of the Year, speaks volumes to the increased popularity of clean diesel in this country," said Bernd Boisten, regional president, diesel systems North America, Robert Bosch LLC. "More so than ever, Americans have come to recognize the numerous benefits that clean diesel vehicles offer."

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