



## ON THE RECORD

### From Grief to New Hope

Harry J. Will Funeral Home is sponsoring a one-day grief seminar, *From Grief to New Hope* on Saturday, Jan. 9 from 9 a.m.-noon. This workshop will be conducted by John O'Shaughnessy from New Hope Center for Grief Support. All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar which is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Harry J. Will Funeral Home is located at 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. For registration information call New Hope Center for Grief Support at (248) 348-0115 or view our website [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net).

### Gardenviews relocating

Downtown Northville retailer Gardenviews will be moving from 202 W. Main to 117 E. Main (next to Edward's Cafe).

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To keep from having to move everything, a 25-percent-off sale began Dec. 26. A grand reopening will be held in February.

### Blood drive

Blood Banks in Southeast Michigan are at dangerously low levels because donations are low. Northville Schools are helping fill this need by hosting a series of Red Cross blood drives, including one from 2-8 p.m. on Jan. 6 at Meads Mill Middle School. Go to [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and enter sponsor code: NorthvilleSchools, then select Meads Mill.

### Contact Dr. Ziff

A Regional Marketplace feature in the Dec. 17 edition listed an incorrect phone number for Dr. Adam Ziff's Farmington Hills office. Dr. Ziff, offers general OB/GYN services and also specialized urogynecology services. Reach Dr. Ziff, a Beaumont Hospitals medical staff member and OB/GYN, in his Farmington Hills location at (248) 489-1070.

## Area haunts can help you, yours ring in 2010



Northville residents will be toasting in the New Year on the night of Dec. 31 all around town. Here Poole's Tavern employee's Antone Lamertao and Ashley Lewis raise a glass.

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

It's time to break out the party hats and noise makers, as New Year's Eve is just around the corner.

Area restaurants and bars are gearing up to help revelers ring in 2010 with parties and special menu items.

It's not too late to make reservations, and don't forget to assign a designated driver or consider booking a motel room or hotel room if you plan to include an abundance of alcoholic beverages as part of your celebration.

### NORTHVILLE

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant and Dinner Theater, 108 E. Main Street, will feature Neil Diamond and the Blues Brothers impersonators on New Year's Eve.

Cost is \$49.95 per person, which includes dinner, the show and tax. No drinks or tips are included in this price. To make reservations, call (248) 349-0522.

### Table 5

Table 5 Restaurant at 126 E. Main Street will offer early seating on New Year's Eve, starting at 5 p.m., for those who would like to have an early dinner before going to their New Year's party. For reservations, call (248) 305-6555.

### Poole's Tavern

Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main Street, will close at 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve, which allows partygoers to have a meal downtown before ringing in the new year. The restaurant offers two menu specials daily. For more information, call (248) 349-1715.

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## Not worth the cost

### Penalties make drinking, driving an expensive endeavor

With the calendar having passed Christmas and inching toward New Year's Day, revelers around the metro Detroit area are moving into one of the biggest party seasons of the year.



How many drinks does it take to reach a blood alcohol concentration of .08?

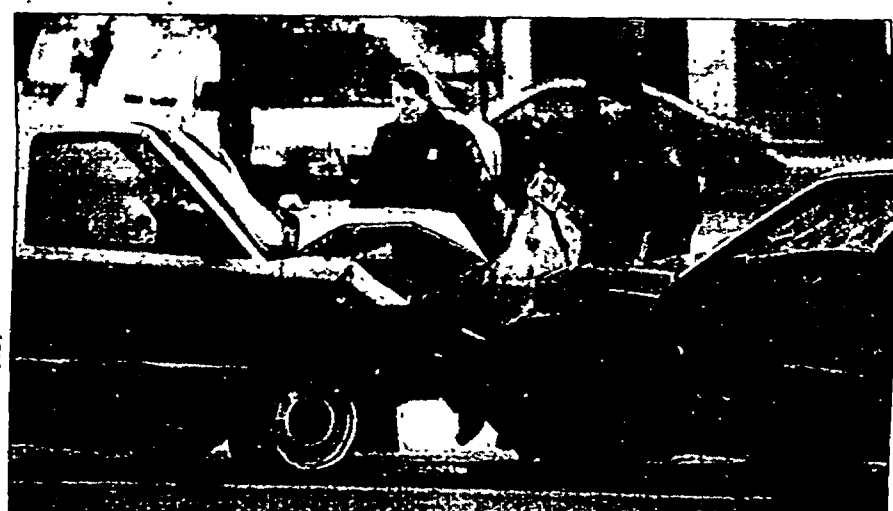
A 170-pound man would have to drink approximately four drinks in one hour on an empty stomach or a 137-pound woman would have to drink approximately three drinks in one hour on an empty stomach. At .08, a person is 11 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than someone who has had nothing to drink.

SOURCE: Studies cited by MADD

And with most local police departments on the lookout, drivers should be aware of the chance of — and penalties for — getting caught driving under the influence.

Fines, fees and sentences vary from court to court, with issues largely being solved on a case-by-case basis, but everyone agrees on one thing: Driving under the influence is going to cost the driver.

In the 35th District Court (which covers Plymouth, Canton and Northville), for instance, a first offender with a relatively low (but still illegal, for drivers) blood-alcohol content who does not



Judges agree the penalties are higher if drivers under the influence cause an accident.

appear, after an evaluation, to have a drinking problem, can expect to be sentenced to six months' non-reporting probation, five days of community service, participation in an alcohol awareness program and a 90-day license restriction, plus fines and costs.

On the high side, repeat offenders can get up to 93 days in jail, two years' probation, and community service in addition to fines and costs — and a license suspension, typically for a

year. Vehicles can be immobilized.

An offender with two or more prior convictions, or a defendant suspected of causing death or serious injury while driving drunk, can be charged with a felony, which means the case would move to Circuit Court.

"You have to give great weight to an accident when it's time for sentencing," said first-year Judge Jim Plakas of the 35th District Court.

In many areas, alcohol-related arrests are rising. Livonia's 16th District Court, for instance, processed 273 drunken driving arrests in 2008; through October 2009, the court already had more than 300 alcohol driving offenses, including both operating under the influence and driving while impaired cases.

The 35th District Court processed 1,021 cases in 2008.

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## Northville leaders urge low-income residents to use federal funds

### Many don't want to disclose information

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township trustees are urging low-income residents to take advantage of federal dollars to fix up their homes. But, the problem is that many people who are eligible for the funds don't apply for them because they have to disclose their financial situation. Richard Henningsen, township treasurer and trustee, said this has been an ongoing

problem with the Community Development Block Grant housing rehabilitation program. It has been mentioned in such publications as the Record and the Northville Senior Community Center newsletter, but often funds are not awarded each year. "The forms go out and they don't come back," he said. "Plus, there are real strict qualifications." Sue Hillebrand, township clerk and trustee, also believes that

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## Let it snow

Area offers plenty of outdoor fun during winter months

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD  
STAFF WRITER

Baby, it's cold outside! But that doesn't mean you have to hole up indoors until the spring thaw.

Take a tip from snowboarders and skiing enthusiasts who eagerly anticipate wintertime: Celebrate the white stuff.

Don't shun the snow, embrace it — or at least use it to have some fun.

And you don't have to travel far to do it.

### Hitting the slopes

"I pretty much think about snowboarding all year. I can't wait for the snow to fall," said Rachel Anderson, 16, of White Lake with a grin.

Rachel strapped on her first pair of downhill skis at age 4, but switched over to snowboarding when she was in seventh grade. She counts the slopes in Colorado and Northern Michigan among her favorites, but said Alpine Valley Resort in White Lake offers a great local alternative.

During the winter months, she's there almost every day.

"It just gives me that feeling in my gut — racing, free and fun," Rachel said. "They have pretty good jumps, and it's the place my friends always go."

Alpine Valley, located off M-59 at Bogie Lake Road, offers 25 tree-lined slopes for various skill levels, nine chair lifts, four rope tows, four terrain parks — with boxes, rails, half-pipes and more to challenge skiers and snowboarders — and a "magic carpet" conveyor belt to transport beginner skiers to the top of the bunny hill.

Lessons and equipment rentals are available at Alpine Valley, as well. For rates, snow base levels and other information, call (248) 887-4183 or visit [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com).



Cindy Standard heads off on a cross country ski trip at Northville's Maybury State Park. Maybury is the only state park that sells more entry permits in the winter months compared to the summer ones.

### The cross country experience

Despite the popularity of Alpine Valley Resort, soaring down White Lake's version of a snow and ice mountain isn't for everybody.

For a tamer outdoor winter experience close to home, consider cross country skiing. Local spots with varied terrain include Maybury State Park in Northville and Proud Lake State Recreation Area in Commerce, as well as Kensington and Indian Springs Metroparks.

"We get a lot of cross country skiers, especially on the weekends," said Tom Bissett, Maybury's park supervisor. "We have a very loyal and dedicated following of cross country skiers — people who come back here year after year, and lots of families."

Bissett said Maybury is the only state park in Michigan that sells more motor vehicle permits in the winter months than in the summer months. People enjoy Maybury's convenient location, he said, and the park's 10 miles of groomed and tracked cross country ski trails that travel throughout the hills, wooded areas and open fields. Tracked trails are groomed for skis.

"Part of the attraction of cross country skiing is you can get out and do some exercise in the winter, rather than sitting around indoors," Bissett said.

"Compared to running, it has less impact on the joints, and you can do it when conditions out there aren't the best for running. When there's snow and ice, you worry about slipping and sliding. But with cross country skiing, you are sliding along on purpose."

Maybury's park hours are 8 a.m. to dusk.

There's no fee to use the trails at Maybury, Proud Lake, Kensington or Indian Springs, but a state park or Metropark motor vehicle permit — which ever applies — is required for entry.

Cross country ski equipment rental is available at the REI store in Northville and Kensington Metropark.

### Easy does it

Of course, if you're looking to keep it really simple, nothing beats the time-honored winter diversion — sledding. Bundle up, grab the saucer, inflatable or wooden classic, and then head to one of the area's top sledding sites.

The Meadowlark picnic area in Indian Springs Metropark is a family favorite in White Lake.

"It's pretty popular, especially for younger kids," said Jill Martin, Indian Springs interpreter. "For those age 10 and under it's wonderful."

Kensington Metropark offers

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## DRUNK

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In 47th District Court (Farmington/Farmington Hills), the 433 drunk-driving cases constituted barely 1 percent of the court's overall cases in 2008, but some 17 percent of the criminal docket. In Westland, 606 drunken driving cases were disposed, generating fines and costs of more than \$883,000.

The penalties including punishment and fines are determined on a case-by-case basis with a range that could go from \$750 to over \$2,000 depending on the case, according to 16th District Court Administrator Dennis Epler.

But the costs could extend well beyond the court, Epler said.

"The person could incur increased insurance costs or even cancellation," Epler said. "Attorney fees can go from \$500 to over \$3,000 depending on the case and its complexity."

Drivers can be assessed the Secretary of State driver's responsibility fee which can be either \$500 or \$1,000 a year for two years. Driving restrictions are handled by the Secretary of State with each type and severity of charge having its own set of restrictions, Epler said.

Most police departments work hard to reduce the number of impaired drivers on the road at a given time. Of Garden City's 78 arrests in 2008, 11 drivers were under the age of 21, and 17 were repeat offenders. Fourteen drivers were driving on suspended licenses.

In early 2009, road patrol officers and their supervisors analyzed the data from 2008 and formed a plan to focus on reducing the number of impaired drivers on the road.

"The results have been impressive," said Garden City Deputy Police Chief Bob Muery.

"As of Nov. 30, officers have arrested 151 impaired drivers. That is nearly double the total for 2008, and there is still another month to go," he added.

Of course, the highest cost of drunken driving isn't a monetary issue at all. It comes when there is a fatality. The deaths of Judy Weinstein and her sons, Alex and Sam, caused by a drunken driver in Farmington Hills in May 2005 is one such case.

It's a reason penalties and fines are so high, and also something that could so easily be avoided.



## WHAT IT COULD COST

Fines and penalties at local district courts for alcohol-related driving offenses (arrest statistics from 2008):

COURT	AREA	ARRESTS	FINES (1st Offense)
16th	Livonia	273	\$500 - \$2,000
35th	Plymouth Canton Northville	1,021	\$500 - \$2,000
21st	Garden City	78	\$300 - \$1,000
18th	Westland	606	\$500 - \$2,000
47th	Farmington Hills	433	\$1,500
17th	Redford	154	\$500 - \$2,000



FILE PHOTO

Memorial reminders dot the sides of local roadways, where people have lost their lives to drunk drivers. This memorial was placed on 12 Mile near Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills in May 2005, after a drunk driver killed Judy Weinstein, of Farmington Hills, and her two sons, Alex and Sam as they were heading to a dentist appointment.

"Many people don't think of themselves as someone who could be a drunk driver," said Judge Maria Parker of the 47th District Court in Farmington Hills. "But a drunk driver is really anyone who has had too much to drink and gets behind the wheel of a car. There are so many alternatives now. You can call a cab. They even have services now where they will pick you up and drive your car home for you. So, there are so many options."

Of course, judges and court officials hope drivers learn the lessons early and don't become repeat offenders.

Some first offense drivers

### CALL TO ACTION

Here's what you can do to help eliminate drunk driving:

- Sign the Pledge to Eliminate Drunk Driving found on the Mothers Against Drunk Driving web site, [www.madd.org/mi/semichigan](http://www.madd.org/mi/semichigan). More than 3,500 people and organizations nationwide have pledged their support to help abolish drunk driving through the four pillars of MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving.
  - Become a member of MADD.
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FILE PHOTO

Police departments often stage mock drunk-driving accidents to warn youngsters of the dangers of drinking and driving. Here, Livonia police Officer Jim King checks the pulse of Clarenceville student Amber Mills, who portrayed a victim thrown from the vehicle in just such a mock drunk driving accident.

## Drunken driving costs add up financially, personally

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

Ron W. is learning the hard way that he can't afford to drink and drive. The \$2,000 in fines and court fees, \$20 a week for alcohol testing and the loss of a job were only the financial costs imposed on him when he was sent to jail for 90 days over the holidays last year.

The emotional impact is another story. Imagine trying to explain to your 15-year old daughter, wife and in-laws why you won't be home to celebrate Christmas and that attorney fees are taking another \$2,000 out of the family budget.

Ron W. (not his real name) wants to spare his family from further embarrassment. He does, however, want to share his experience with others in hopes that they will learn from it.

His time hasn't been his own. In addition to undergoing inpatient and outpatient treatment and counseling, Ron W. has completed 234 hours of community service. He goes for alcohol testing three times a week and meets with his probation officer twice a month.

In the beginning, he saw the probation officer once a week and appeared before the judge twice a month. He also attends AA meetings and has to go to marriage counseling ordered by the court. The rest of the time he is on work detail at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

"It's pretty embarrassing," said Ron W. "Nobody trusts you. I was in jail through the holidays last year and you can't hide that."

This wasn't his first offense. Ron W. has been arrested three times for driving under the influence (DUI), the first time years ago.

He quit drinking after the first offense but then was arrested twice within six months. He received 90 days in jail for the third offense when he violated probation by drinking and driving. He's been sober since March.

### THIRD OFFENSE

Ron W. kept his license until the third offense when the judge ordered an ignition interlock.

"I vaguely remember the day of being pulled over," Ron W. said.

"I have three children and my biggest fear as a father is my daughter is 15 and she'll be driving soon. I told her how the problem with alcohol is hereditary and DUIs are bad enough, let alone kill-

ing or injuring anyone. You never think it's going to be you."

Today Ron W. is turning his life around by going to school to become a physical therapy assistant.

Although sentencing for drunken driving varies from judge to judge, offenders usually are not sentenced to jail for their first conviction, allowing them to make positive changes in their lives.

### JUDICIAL APPROACH

Judge Ronald Lowe, chief judge of the 35th District Court (serving the cities of Plymouth and Northville and the townships of Plymouth, Canton and Northville) believes incarceration is not the answer for substance abuse, at least at first.

"The first time is a penalty and fine and community service. The rest of the sentence is about helping the defendant address his substance abuse problem. The second offense steps up that. The punishment is more serious. By the third offense it's apparent this person is not going to take hold of this substance abuse problem," said Lowe.

Although 47th District Court (serving Farmington and Farmington Hills) Judge Marla Parker hears DUI cases against a variety of ages, she is especially alarmed by the increase in drinking by young drivers.

She too believes the focus should be on helping the offender overcome substance abuse but she wants to make sure they don't appear before her again on the same charge.

Every offender is required to go through substance abuse screening and an interview with the probation department before sentencing.

### YOUNG OFFENDERS

"I've been hearing drunk driving cases (for) 17 years and one of the things I'm noticing is particularly troubling to me, the younger drunk driver with high blood levels. They're not just drinking but drinking to great excess."

"Tolerance tends to increase over time unless addressed and alcohol affects their decision making," said Parker.

The result of a decision to drink and drive could result in a maximum 93 days in jail for first offenders, up to one year for a second offense.

"My goal is to punish somebody and hope other people will get the message and stop others (from drinking and driving), make them think twice, then I look at what should be done," said Parker.

## BLOCK GRANTS

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people are reluctant to share their financial picture. "They have to disclose everything about their financial information," she said. The situation was discussed at the Dec. 17 township board meeting, where trustees approved \$106,000 in

Community Development Block Grant funding from the federal government for the 2010-11 year.

From the \$106,000, \$17,000 will go to public services, \$63,400 will go to make areas of the community American Disabilities Act compliant, \$5,000 will go to the Allen Terrace Senior Housing Apartments, \$10,600 will go to admin-

istration, and \$10,000 has been earmarked for residents to use in the housing rehabilitation program.

For more information about the housing rehabilitation program requirements, contact the Charter Township of Northville at (248) 348-5800.

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## WINTER

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a terrific sledding spot at the Orchard picnic area, where visitors will find beginning, intermediate and advanced hills, as well as a special bunny hill for the youngest sledders. Snowboards are prohibited, though, and saucers and inflatables aren't allowed on the advanced hills. Hours are 11 a.m. to dusk on weekdays, and 10 a.m. to dusk on weekends, weather permitting. Contact the park office at (800) 477-

3189 for hill conditions and additional information.

In Novi, sledders often enjoy the hill at Lakeshore Park on South Lake Drive, which encircles Walled Lake. Northville's big draw is the hill near Amerman Elementary School on Center Street near Eight Mile. Bissett also encourages people to head over to the disc golf area in Edward Hines Park. "That's where you will find some of the best sledging around," he said.

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## Families, friends grieve for victims

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

Linda Bernhardt brushes aside the memory of the drunken driver who put her in the hospital with facial injuries that required plastic surgery.

The experience was painful but not as heart-wrenching as the thought of the drunken driver who killed her friends, Rick and Cindy Cameron of Canton, in 1984.

The Camerons and their unborn baby boy died after being hit head-on on Sheldon Road at Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

Bernhardt had become friends with the Canton family in prenatal classes. The two women were both first-time mothers-to-be who bonded with two others in yoga and Lamaze classes. Together, the four women planned to start a play group after their babies were born.

Today, Bernhardt tells their story as a victim advocate speaking to offenders in the 18th and 29th District courts.

Once a month, 75 offenders or more gather as part of a court order to hear a victim's advocate panel put together by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. It is estimated that MADD has helped save 330,000 lives since the nonprofit was established in 1980 to stop drinking and driving.

"The purpose is to tell them the consequences of drunk driving," said Bernhardt.

"The offender has to live with this. You don't have intentions of hurting people but it's not an accident when you put that liquor to your lips and then drive. You can be involved in a crash."

Once every 45 minutes a person is killed by a drunken driver. That is just one of the statistics victim impact speakers like Bernhardt and Paulette Gibson use to dissuade first-time offenders from drinking and driving again.

### SPEAKING OUT

Gibson spoke at the Tie One On For Safety kick-off campaign presented by MADD at Westland Shopping Center Dec. 5. MADD is urging drivers to tie a red ribbon onto their car's antenna as a reminder not to drink before getting behind the wheel.

Gibson's 19-year old daughter April was killed by a drunken driver in 1992. April was so badly disfigured Gibson couldn't recognize her.

"She had a habit of chewing her nails. I picked up her hand in the hospital and knew it was her," said Gibson of Milford.

April not only left behind her grieving mother, but a 4-year old daughter Savannah. April's younger sister, Amy, is just now finally coming to terms with the fact April died before she had a chance to say goodbye. April had

dropped Amy off at work and was on her way back home when she was killed.

"I didn't know anything about it until it was too late and that made it hard for me," said Amy Gibson of Canton.

According to MADD statistics, more than 16,000 people were killed in alcohol-related traffic crashes in 2007 in the U.S.

Homer Smith, executive director of MADD for Michigan, is working to encourage judges to order ignition interlocks on the vehicles of offenders.

"We are grateful there has continued to be a decline in fatalities and injuries over the past decade, but there are still too many tragedies," said Smith.

"I'd like to see judges using the ignition interlock that the court can require even on a first-time offender. New Mexico law mandates ignition interlocks. In three years, they've seen a 30 percent reduction in crashes. Twelve states now require the locks for all offenders. Michigan does not."

"The scary thought is 80 percent of offenders continue to drive. We believe every drunk driver has earned the right to have an ignition interlock on their vehicle and judges can make that happen without changing the laws."

For more information, visit [www.madd.org/mi/semichigan](http://www.madd.org/mi/semichigan) or call (586) 997-6504. Twenty-four hour victim assistance is available at (800) 323-6233.

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## HEALTHIER FOOD HABITS

All the gravy has been ladled. The cookies have crumbled. The red and green candies are on the clearance rack.

That can only mean one thing: people all over the country are resolving to eat better, if not less often. The start of the New Year — and with it, a new decade — means that consumers are focusing on their resolutions to live a healthier lifestyle for themselves, their loved ones, and, for that matter, the planet.

Indeed, there is no time like the present to follow up on your pledge to finally shed those nagging extra pounds, add healthier foods to your diet or slowly incorporate natural, organic and sustainable products into your shopping lists. January is the high point of the year for making such changes.

The hardest part about New Year's resolutions, of course, isn't making them, it's keeping them.

To that end, changing a diet or lifestyle should not be viewed from the outset as a hurdle or a chore. Making it easy, affordable — and fun — helps make a resolution stick.

### The next best thing — or maybe just the best thing.

We've all seen illustrations along the lines of "eat this... not that," that show a bag of chips which should be replaced by, say, a raw handful of vegetables. But for those of us who like to crunch on some salty snacks as we unwind after a busy day or eat lunch in the middle of the day, such substitutions can seem more like a penalty than a reward.

If you're feeling that way, look for foods that offer some attributes of traditionally craved snacks. Snyder's of Hanover, for instance, recently introduced new Pretzel Chips that

offer the hearty flavor of fresh pretzels along with the slight, crisp texture of traditional potato chips with less than 1 gram of fat per serving. Pretzel Chips, in Original and Garden Veggie, also fit into any resolutions to go natural for 2010: the products are all natural, with no trans fats.

There are many other quick and rewarding substitutions that can be made when the craving for something crunchy and satisfying starts in earnest, from fruit and vegetable crisps to 100-calorie packs. Meantime, if it's something sweet you're craving, seek out portion-controlled 100-calorie ice cream novelties or grab a square or two of antioxidant-rich dark chocolate.



### Good for you and green

Feel good about yourself and what you're doing for the planet by doing more with less. Use a non-disposable container to pack smaller portions of healthy snacks to contain calories, costs and waste. You can also take advantage of packaged products designed to be at once better for you, flavorful and eco-friendly. Snyder's of Hanover, for its part, recently introduced the markets first 100 percent compostable outer bags for its 22 count variety packs of 100 calorie pretzels and 1 ounce pretzel sandwiches.

### Buddy system

Teamwork can really mean the difference between sliding back or moving forward. Engage a friend, family member or even a large group of friends to help you in your goals to improve your diet and lifestyle. Compare shopping lists and diet tricks — all the better over a brisk walk or during an exercise class.

### Reward yourself

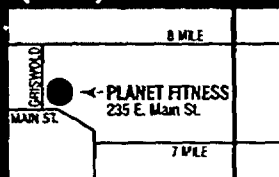
If you make it to Groundhog Day on the way to your goal of eating better and feeling more fit, reward yourself with something that's both healthy and indulgent — and something you don't have to feel guilty about afterwards. Dip a whole-grain pretzel rod into some melted dark chocolate for some sweet and salty satisfaction, not to mention a dose of antioxidants (from the chocolate) and whole grains (from the pretzel). Roll the chocolate-covered pretzel in some crushed pistachios, which are rich in vitamins and minerals like copper, potassium, phosphorus and B6. Or top one scoop of reduced-sugar vanilla ice cream with a half-cup of crushed pretzels and a drizzle (not a drench) of caramel syrup; or top one scoop of dark chocolate ice cream with fresh blueberries and raspberries.

Make the last day of every month a reward day, and that way, you'll be surprised that you're still focused on eating healthy when Memorial Day rolls around.

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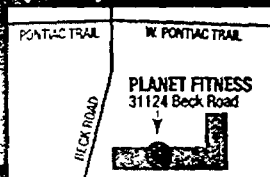
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# EDUCATION

## NEF continues to provide educational opportunities

Now poised to help address school funding shortfalls

The Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) intends to assist the Northville Public Schools district in addressing potential funding shortfalls. Through the NEF, the Northville community can enhance student learning and mitigate the effects of school district funding resulting from state budget cuts and the potential loss of \$4.3 million in state funding for Northville Public Schools.

"The Northville Educational Foundation can help lessen the impact on the district of this severe loss in funding," said Eric Barritt, NEF President. "However, to do this, the NEF needs financial support from district families, businesses and community members through monetary donations. The NEF Board of Directors is committed to providing funding for excellence in education within the Northville Public Schools. We look forward to working together with the district to continue to provide outstanding educational programs for all Northville Public Schools students this year and into the future."

Northville Educational Foundation recently received a generous contribution from Community Financial as part of its annual Community Shares program. "We greatly appreciate Community Financial's ongoing support and generosity that will help us strengthen academic



COURTESY PHOTO

Community Financial recently presented a check to the Northville Educational Foundation in support of its endowment fund. The donation was made possible by Community Financial's continued financial strength in 2009. The Northville Educational Foundation is among seven recipients of the credit union's annual Community Shares program. "We began this program ten years ago to benefit a variety of educational programs and provide resources for enhancing students' learning experiences in the communities we serve," said credit union CEO Bill Lawton. Participating in Community Financial's community shares donation to the Northville Educational Foundation are student-run credit union volunteers from Marc Lipke's and Nicole Tithof's fifth grade classes at Winchester Elementary. The credit union sponsors the Winchester's student-run credit union branch and 29 others throughout the school year. Pictured (l to r, back) are Jon Paul Bernardi, Katherine Ilasenko, Shreya Orhi, Sydney Peterson and Emma Cemalovic; (front) Peter Weir, Brian Lucido, Vincent Egan and Marissa Grazioli.

programs and expand educational opportunities in the Northville Public Schools," said Amy Storm, treasurer of the Northville Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

Recently the NEF distributed funds, including providing Student Assistance grants to every school in the district, funded Martin Luther King, Jr. Day activities, and supported the district's highly successful

Galileo Teacher Leadership Program. The NEF also recently announced that \$8,500 will be made available for Innovative Teacher Grants during the 2009-10 school year (see related information below).

The mission of the Northville Educational Foundation is to "attract, manage and distribute charitable gifts to provide educational opportunities that enhance Northville

Public Schools' commitment to excellence." Over the past nine years, the Foundation has built support through fund-raising and contributions from Northville Public Schools families, employees, community members and local businesses. In the past month the Northville Educational Foundation Board of Directors has been participating in the Northville Public School's Managing Our Future com-

munity forums providing an opportunity for participants to gather information about the Foundation's mission and goals.

The Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) was established in 2000 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization by a group of parents and concerned citizens to support academic and enrichment programs that otherwise go unfunded by the Northville Public Schools' limited operating funds.

### INNOVATIVE GRANTS

The Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) announced that it has approved the release of \$8,500 for Innovative Grants for the 2009-10 school year. The goal of these grants is to provide funding to support innovative educational opportunities to enhance learning for Northville Public School students. Northville Public Schools teachers and staff can apply for an Innovative Grant by completing an application and submitting it to Foundation by Tuesday, Jan. 19. Successful applicants will be notified by Feb. 16 with all grants completed by May 15.

Grants will be awarded through a competitive review process lead by an impartial review panel. Grants will be evaluated in the following areas:

- The degree to which the project is innovative and/or takes a unique approach to learning or teaching;
- The degree to which the project improves student learning;
- The degree to which the project offers a specific relationship to state benchmarks in a curriculum content area or school improvement plan.

### NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

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If you are interested in receiving a Hiller's Scrip Card, e-mail Janice Gutowski at jgutowski7@comcast.net. Please include your name, home address and how many cards you need.

#### Donations needed for staff appreciation

This year's Staff Appreciation Luncheon Committee is seeking donations, both monetary and food, for this year's event. Contributions this year are less than half of what they have been in previous years, so we are seeking parent assistance in helping recognize the efforts of Northville High School's dedicated staff.

Once again, the luncheon is scheduled for first semester finals week -- Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. The luncheon menu consists of salads, finger foods (appetizer-type dishes), some main dishes and desserts. Organizers are also seeking monetary donations for the purchase of paper products / supplies.

If you are interested in donating food, please contact Michele Fecht at mfecht@aol.com or (248) 344-9412. Checks for donations should be made out to NHS PTSA and mailed to Michele Fecht, 324 South Wing Street, Northville 48167.

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Hot flashes study

Women who are having bothersome hot flashes and are looking for a non-estrogen based treatment may be eligible to participate in a research study at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center. St. Mary Mercy participates in National Cancer Institute (NCI) sponsored clinical trials through an affiliation with the Michigan Cancer Research Consortium, which is offering this study. The study will help determine if flaxseed, a dietary supplement, is helpful in lessening or stopping

hot flashes in women. Previous studies have shown this alternative to be effective in treating hot flashes. "Hot flashes are experienced by many women, those with a history of cancer and those concerned about the increased risk for breast cancer. Many of these women do not wish to take estrogen therapy due to concerns about breast cancer," explained Philip Stella, MD, medical director, Saint Joseph Mercy Cancer Care Center. "We hope the research will help us find a better alternative in reducing and eliminating hot flashes." For more information about this study or other cancer treatment and prevention trials, please call Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center at (734) 655-2792 or toll-free.

Blood drive

Blood Banks in Southeast Michigan are at dangerously low levels because donations are low. Northville Schools are helping fill this need by hosting a series of Red Cross blood drives, including one from 2-8 p.m. on Jan. 6 at Meads Mill Middle School. Go to www.givelife.org and enter sponsor code: NorthvilleSchools, then select Meads Mill.



House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, left, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester — both lawyers in their 40s — have different political philosophies. But they've managed to work together for almost four years. It's mutually beneficial for them — and the state — that the relationship continue into the 2010 election cycle.

Legislative leaders embrace collaboration

BY PAT MURPHY  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shortly after each was elected to his respective leadership position in 2006, House Speaker Andy Dillon and Senate Majority Leader Michael Bishop met quietly in an out-of-the-way setting for what was the first in a series of meetings. They were by no means private sessions. Other people knowledgeable about the legislative process occasionally attended. But the Democrat from Redford Township and the Republican from Rochester wanted to establish rapport and discuss their new responsibilities in settings free of distractions and interruptions. Those informal meetings continued over the next three years in Lansing, metro Detroit or elsewhere in the state, helping the leaders develop a working relationship.

In many ways, that relationship was not unlike those forged by their predecessors. The leaders in the House and the Senate, regardless of party affiliation, are expected to get along.

What makes the relationship between Dillon and Bishop worth noting are the times, arguably the worst in recent state history. Unemployment in Michigan is at near record levels, falling revenues have prompted layoffs and furloughs and K-12 education appears to need significant reform — as indicated by the legislature's debate last week on getting Michigan in position to qualify for \$400 million in federal Race to the Top funding. With the state facing these challenges, the leaders of both houses must get along. There is a relationship of necessity, particularly going into politically charged 2010, when every member of the legislature, the governor and other state officials are up for election.

Both leaders are term-limited. But each is pondering political life after the legislature. Bishop has announced his bid for attorney general, and as recently as last week Dillon said he will announce his decision on running for governor after the first of the year.

Thus, much depends on the relationship between Bishop and Dillon, even if some outside observers think the Lansing leadership — including Gov. Jennifer Granholm — hasn't done a good job.

State leadership has been less than exemplary, according to Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of Business Leaders for Michigan, a private, non-profit organization composed of senior executives from most of Michigan's largest companies and universities and dedicated to making Michigan a "Top Ten" state for job and economic growth.

"All three (Granholm, Bishop and Dillon) are bright people who care about Michigan," Rothwell said last week. They are competent and capable individuals, he said, but they don't seem to have enough trust and confidence in each other to make the compromises needed to address the state's problems. Painful decisions are needed,

"Bishop is very entrenched. He never wants to raise revenues."

ANDY DILLON, House Speaker

"...as long as he (Dillon) supports Granholm's plans — solving problems with increased taxes or more regulation — we'll have a problem."

MICHAEL BISHOP, Senate Majority Leader

said the former executive director of Worldwide Real Estate for General Motors. But the governor and the two legislative leaders don't seem willing to make politically unpopular compromises — particularly in light of the upcoming election cycle. That assessment is likely an oversimplification, said Bishop. "People think this job is easy," he said Friday as the legislature was about to wrap up its final session of 2009. "And if I were CEO it might (be). But government (by design) doesn't work like a business. There has to be consensus."

He and the Democratic House Speaker have developed a good working relationship, Bishop insisted.

Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics, agrees. Bishop and Dillon were both new to their leadership roles in 2006, Ballenger said. Each was new to the job, and each had different philosophies on government, he said.

"They'd never be in lock step," Ballenger said. But they needed to understand each other, he said, "and today they seem to get along as well as any two leaders I've seen."

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said Dillon may be able to work with Bishop better than he can with Granholm, another Democrat. "From what I've seen," said Patterson, it's the governor who stands in the way of meaningful change.

That's not so, said Dillon, who once considered himself to be a Republican although he never ran for office on a GOP ticket. He and the governor meet or converse at least three times a week, Dillon said. "We have some areas of friction," he said. But they are nothing serious, "and we get along well."

"There might be a perception we don't get along. But that's wrong." Any disagreement between him and Bishop is rooted in their philosophies about the role government should play, Dillon said. "We get along socially," he said, "but that doesn't translate into meaningful compromise."

Dillon said government has a basic role in corrections (the prison system), education, Medicaid and revenue sharing (or money the state shares with local government). He thinks government must find a way to provide a core level of funding, the House Speaker said, hopefully without raising taxes — as the legislature did in 2007, when lawmakers increased the flat rate from 3.9 to 4.35 percent.

Bishop says government should be small and unintrusive to families and businesses. He opposed the recent smoking ban signed last week by the governor, for example, because he felt it infringed on individuals and businesses. As for taxes, Bishop takes

some degree of pride in saying, no. "If the state can live without something," he said, "it should." Naturally, perhaps, Bishop and Dillon consider the other to be the bottleneck.

"Bishop is very entrenched," said the speaker. "He never wants to raise revenues."

The Senate Majority Leader considers Dillon to be a pragmatist, a quality he says is vital in government. "But as long as he supports Granholm's plans — solving problems with increased taxes or more regulation — we'll have a problem."

Some Lansing insiders say the relationship between Bishop and Dillon was strained — if not fractured — during contentious budget negotiations.

"I think the two have had some tense, terse conversations" since early December, e-mailed one insider.

Dillon declined to say the relationship was strained. But what happened with the budget "was not in the spirit of what I thought our agreement was," he said.

Bishop admitted their relationship might have cooled. The state has been dealt a bad hand, he said. "We put our hearts and souls into what we believe," he said, "and we fight until we don't have anything left."

But if their relationship is strained, Bishop insisted, "it will work itself out." Besides being mutually beneficial, they need each other.

That need is dramatically underscored when it comes to the health care reform plan for state employees announced by Dillon in July — a proposal that alienated unions like the Michigan Education Association and convinced many that Dillon does indeed intend to run for governor.

By Dillon's account — his proposal would save an estimate \$900 million in state health care funding by bringing all government employees under one plan, something Republicans lauded as "thinking outside the box."

Critics have said the \$900 million in estimated savings is inflated — a charge Dillon dismisses.

A committee chaired by House Speaker Pro Tem Pam Byrnes (D-Chelsea) has held nearly a dozen hearings on Dillon's proposal and is expected to issue a report next month.

Ironically perhaps, Bishop will need Dillon's help for his pet legislative project: a part-time state legislature. It would trim the bureaucracy, said Bishop, and save money. "If a legislator didn't work, he (or she) wouldn't get paid," he said without much optimism about its passage.

A part-time legislature isn't Dillon's first preference. But if state government can't address Michigan's problems in a more effective manner, he said, "I may be willing to consider it. Our present structure may be dysfunctional," he said.

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Time: 7:30 p.m.  
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Time: 7:30 p.m.  
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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.  
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LORELEI GRACE CRAWFORD

Age 56 of Toledo, and celebrated Oboeist and Arts activist passed from this life at 9:06 PM on Monday, December 21, after a long struggle with Primary Aphasia, a cognitive disorder. She is survived by her companion, The Rev. Dr. Lowell Greer; siblings, Frank (Kathy) Crawford of Cheboygan, Michael (Carol) Crawford of Northville, Terry (Patricia) Crawford of South Lyon, Kathleen (Terry) Klein of Caro, Kenneth (Danette) Crawford of Highland and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by parents, Franklin and Vera Crawford, and a sister, Trudy Crawford. Besides playing principal oboe with the Ann Arbor and Saginaw Symphony Orchestras, she had served on the staffs of both Perryberg Antiques Market and Materials Unlimited in Ypsilanti, MI. Her long time goal of operating a Bed and Breakfast was realized in the Cummings House B&B in the Vista District of Toledo. She was also the founder and the principal driving force behind the successful series of historic home tours held in the Vista District. Her B&B was one of the featured houses on the first tour. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Monday, December 28, at 11AM. Burial followed at Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. A Memorial Service will be held in Toledo at a later date. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

JOHN L. FOX SR.

Howell, MI. Age 70, died December 26, 2009 at his home. He was born May 11, 1939 in Harlan Coal Field, KY, the son of Robert Earl and Eva Irene (MacDonald) Fox. On October 16, 1965 in Alabama John married his loving wife Peggy Jean (Briard) Fox and she preceded him in death in on January 3, 2000. John was employed as a machine thread roller and set up man for NSS Ind. before his retirement in 2003. Survivors include his children: John L. (Tiffany) Fox Jr. and Robbie (Brian) Fox-Dunigan, grandchildren: Sebastian, Brittany, John III, Hailey and Savannah and his siblings: Glenna Wells, Berdeen Skully, Jeanene Brock and Shirley Shroat. In addition to his wife Peggy Jean, his parents and his brother Glen Fox preceded him in death. The family will gather with friends on Tuesday from 2-8 PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. A Healing Farewell will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, December 30, 2009 at Borek Jennings with Elder Rick Passage officiating. Burial will take place in Washtenong Memorial Park. Memorial contributions are suggested to the South Lyon Church of Christ. Please leave a Message of Comfort to John's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit his guestbook at: www.borekjennings.com

WILLIAM J. GAMALSKI

Age 45, of Milford, December 23, 2009. William was born April 1, 1964 in Flint, Michigan to Robert G. and Della M. (nee Hansel) Gamalski. William was a 1982 graduate of Milford High School, and went on to receive a diploma from Motech Automotive School. William loved cars and was a member of the Waterford Hills Road Racing Inc., Shelby Dodge Auto Club and Shelby Dakota R/T Club. William met and fell in love with Mara K. Apsite, and they were married on January 22, 2000 in Waterford, Michigan. Preceded in death his infant daughter, Kristine A. (d.2000) and a brother, Robert Gale, Jr. (d.1965). He is survived by his beloved wife, Mara K.; sons, Joseph R. and Janis R.; mother, Della M. Gamalski of Linden; father, Robert G. Gamalski of Traverse City, and step-mother Dorothy Gamalski of Traverse City; sisters, Janice M. (Alan) Hood of Litchfield, NH, Susan G. Gamalski of Milford; niece, Katelyn R. Hood; nephews, Michael C. Hood, Brent (fiance, Deanna Stepcheck) Gamalski of Okemos and aunts, uncles and cousins. Also leaves in-laws, Janis & Dzidra Apsite of Grand Rapids; brother in law, Aivars (Eva-Marie) Apsite of Grand Rapids and many extended family members and dear friends who join his family in mourning his passing and giving thanks to God for his life among them. Funeral was held December 28, 2009 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford. Burial Oak Grove Cemetery. For further information call 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

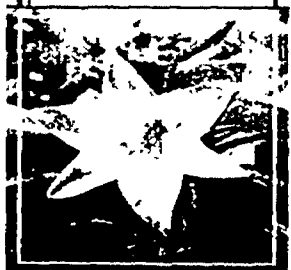
WARREN R. TAIT

Age 88, of Northville, passed away Dec. 19, 2009. Funeral service was held Dec. 23, 2009. Contributions to First Baptist Church of Northville appreciated. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

KEN "ROCKET MAN" ZEUNER

Age 55, lifelong resident of Northville, passed away Dec. 20, 2009. Time of Gathering was held Dec. 29, 2009 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions to the Salvation Army appreciated.

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NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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 [d1cnazarene.org](http://d1cnazarene.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

# Your Invitation to Worship

## Brighton

**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5051 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114  
810-227-3113  
9:30 a.m. Communion Worship  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
Rev. Dale Hebbel, Pastor  
[www.lordoflifechurch.com](http://www.lordoflifechurch.com)

**HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.  
810-231-9199  
Fr. John Rocas, Pastor  
Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Please visit our Shrine of Our Lady and Book & Gift Shop

## Farmington Hills

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA**  
Farmington Hills • 22225 Gil Rd. • 248-474-0554  
Between Grand River & Freedom  
Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Worship & Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Traditional/Choral  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary  
Sunday School - all ages 10:15 a.m.

## Highland

**HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
2350 Harvey Lake Rd. (248) 887-4558  
Contemporary Service  
9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays  
Saturday Night Service 6:00 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study & Breakfast  
2nd & 4th Sundays at 8:15 a.m.  
3rd-5th Grade Youth Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.  
Pastor Nick Ruffler

**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
120 Bishop St., Highland  
off Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-59  
• Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
• Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
• Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Danny Walker  
889-7253 or 887-4556

**HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
248-887-1311 • [www.myhuc.com](http://www.myhuc.com)  
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.  
Youth Night - Wed. 8:45 - 8:00 p.m.  
Plus Young Adults, Recovery, Groups 4 Kids, Grief & more

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland (248) 887-5364  
Rev. Leo T. Lukto, Pastor  
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5 p.m.  
Sunday, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; M-F-W-F 9 a.m.  
Holy Day, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; First Saturday 8 a.m.  
Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.  
or by appointment

## Livonia

**FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Services held at:  
Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia  
South of Six Mile Road  
Adult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided

## White Lake

**WHITE LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
4005 Highland Rd. Between Bogie Ln & Ormond Rd.  
(248) 887-4654 Deborah V. Kent, Pastor  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Children's Church School 10:00 a.m.  
Child Care Provided  
"The Friendly Church" Established 1835

## Milford

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
PRESCHOOL & KIDS - Mo. Synod  
620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
Church office: (248) 684-0695  
Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Jun-Aug - Sunday Service: 8:30 a.m.  
Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
The Rev. Richard E. Pope, Pastor

**FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD**  
VISITORS WELCOME!  
133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5695  
Pastor Steve Swayze  
Sunday School (all ages) 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesdays 8:45 - 8:15 p.m.  
Awaras for 3 yrs. old - 5th grade begins Sept. 19  
Middle School Group

**SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C.**  
1250 South Hill Rd. Just south of downtown Milford  
(248) 685-3560 [www.AboutSouthHill.com](http://www.AboutSouthHill.com)  
Sunday School 8:15 a.m.  
KIDS' Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Children and Youth Groups Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.  
Call about our current small group studies.

**WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380  
248-887-1218  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday All Ages 7:00 p.m.

**MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805  
248-374-7400  
Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery care available @ 10:00 a.m.  
R. John Harris, Pastor  
A heritage of area worship since 1836

## New Hudson

**NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation**  
57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165  
Phone 248-474-9108  
Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister  
Website: <http://www.newhopeuuc.org>

## Northville

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN**  
Experience Life Each Week  
Sunday Worship - 9:00 am & 10:15 am  
Sunday School and Children's Programs  
[www.nccafellowship.org](http://www.nccafellowship.org)  
41355 Six Mile Road  
248-348-9030

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
(248) 349-1144  
8 Mile & Taft Roads  
Worship:  
8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Steve Buck  
[www.fumnorthville.org](http://www.fumnorthville.org)

**WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville  
248-374-7400  
Sunday Worship:  
Traditional: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Contemporary 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Nursery & Sunday School during the 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. services  
[www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org)  
Service Broadcast Sunday 11 a.m.  
WFOFAM 560, The WMLD Word Station.

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
133 Orchard Dr., Northville  
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610  
Religious Education 349-2559  
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
200 E. Main St. at Hubbs • (248) 349-0911  
Worship & Church School - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Children Available at All Services  
Youth League Prog. - Wed. 4:15 to 5:45; 6:00 M.W. & M.  
Stephen Place Ministry - Thurs. 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. W. Kent Chas, Senior Pastor  
Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor  
[www.fpcnorthville.org](http://www.fpcnorthville.org)

**Our Service Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
- Missouri Synod  
Our Service Lutheran School - Pre-school 1st grade  
13667 West Highland Rd. (N-59)  
(248) 887-4300  
Sunday Services: 8:30 & 11:00 am  
Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:00 am  
Christopher L. Thoma, Pastor • Dr. John T. Thoma, Associate Pastor  
Mrs. Judy Thompson, Preciple  
[www.our-service.org](http://www.our-service.org)

## Novi

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
9 Mile & Meadowbrook  
Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
will resume September 13  
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m., Monday 7:00 p.m.  
Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor • 349-0565

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

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345  
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.  
[www.faihc.com](http://www.faihc.com)  
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM  
"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile  
248-348-7757 • [www.mbcoc.org](http://www.mbcoc.org)  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Rev. Arthur Rittter, Senior Minister

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375  
Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.  
Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor  
248-349-2652  
[www.umcnovi.com](http://www.umcnovi.com)  
"Loving God, loving each other and living our core values"

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375  
Weekend Hours  
Saturday: 5 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.  
Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor  
Rev. Henry Sands, Associate Pastor  
Parish Office: 349-8847 • [www.holyfamilynovi.org](http://www.holyfamilynovi.org)

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL**  
10 Mile between Meadowbrook & Haggerty, Novi • Phone 427-1175  
Sundays 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist • Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Ray Baber, Interim Rector  
[www.churchoftheholycross.com](http://www.churchoftheholycross.com)

**OAK POINTE CHURCH**  
50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
Saturday Worship 5:15 pm.,  
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
Casual, contemporary service  
Phone (248) 912-0043  
[www.oakpointe.org](http://www.oakpointe.org)

## South Lyon

**CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
(Missouri Synod) Pastor Terry Nelson  
437-8810 • 486-4335 • Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile  
Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

**Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon south of 9 Mile Road  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
Refuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.  
Youth at 6:30 p.m.  
Rev. David Brown, Pastor  
248-437-2222 • [www.fellowshippepc.org](http://www.fellowshippepc.org)

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

**FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
10774 Nine Mile Road  
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) OF SOUTH LYON**  
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery Care Provided  
Check us out on the web: [www.fpcsouthlyon.org](http://www.fpcsouthlyon.org)  
248-437-2875 • 205 E. Lake (10 Mile)  
Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder, Pastor

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**  
Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pkwy.  
at Liberty St.  
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
All Classes 9:00  
Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-2289

**BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH**  
Gathering in Jesus Name  
601 S. Lafayette St. • South Lyon, MI 48178  
Sunday 10:30 and 1:30  
Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Mike Ragan, Pastor  
734-347-1983 pastor cell  
Old fashioned preaching

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON**  
60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178  
Phone: 248-437-2283  
Sunday School 8:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Pastor: Rob Fretwell / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weaks  
Website: [www.fbcsouthlyon.com](http://www.fbcsouthlyon.com)  
• Email: [fbcsouthlyon@bellsouth.net](mailto:fbcsouthlyon@bellsouth.net)

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28900 Pontiac Trail (Jones from Emery's Orchard)  
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.  
Family Service 11:00 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship - Relevant,  
Bible Based Messages  
(248) 486-0400 • [www.crossroads.net](http://www.crossroads.net)

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760  
Sunday Worship: 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:40 a.m.  
Nursery Provided  
Reverend Sandra Wilkobe  
[southlyonfirstumc.org](http://southlyonfirstumc.org)

**FAMILY LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH A/G**  
62345 W. 8 Mile Road 437-1472 • [www.familylifec.net](http://www.familylifec.net)  
Sr. Pastor Joseph R. Tabbi  
Sunday Christian Education 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Christian Education and Family Nite 7:00 p.m.

**SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH**  
22183 Pontiac Trail (behind Jazzerama and Oyle)  
10 a.m. Sunday Celebration  
Pontiac Trail and 9 Mile (back's Shopping Center)  
(Nursery & Children's programs)  
Office 248-486-4400  
[www.solidrocksouthlyon.org](http://www.solidrocksouthlyon.org)

**CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Services held at: Kent Lake Elementary  
30181 Kent Lake Rd.-S. Lyon  
Sunday Service Times  
9:30 a.m. - Meet & Greet  
10:30 a.m. - Morning Service  
Rev. Kenneth Warren-556-5311-2021

## Plymouth

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
A church that shares the joyful love of Christ  
574 S. Sheldon Rd. • Plymouth, MI 48170  
734-453-0190  
[www.stjohnsplymouth.org](http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org)  
Services on Sunday mornings at 7:45 AM - Eucharist - inclusive (without mass)  
8:45 AM - Eucharist with Contemporary Music  
11:00 AM - Eucharist with Traditional Music

**Living Water**  
North Campus of St. Luke Lutheran Church Ann Arbor  
Worship Celebration Sunday 10:15 a.m.  
Whitman Lake High School  
7430 Whitman Lake Rd. • Whitman Lake, MI 48180  
Dan Flynn, Minister  
734-426-4006 • [www.livingwatermi.org](http://www.livingwatermi.org)

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# LOCAL OPINION

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## OUR VIEWS

### Our resolution: News you can use for 2010

There are two things that happen Dec. 31— the crystal ball drops at the stroke of midnight in Times Square and people make their annual New Year's resolutions.

Some people refuse to make resolutions. They believe making long-term promises is just too much. They're in the majority. Only about 40 percent of adults still bother making resolutions, and it's the long haul that proves the most difficult. Studies show that 71 percent of participants kept their resolutions for two weeks, 64 percent for a month and 50 percent for three months.

It goes without saying that most New Year's resolutions are easier announced (or written) than done. People want to lose weight, give up smoking, get their finances in order, but without an attainable target, it's all for naught.

What's a New Year's resolutionist to do? We are not experts, but we think common sense is the best path to follow. Decide what you want to accomplish and then come up with a game plan that's reasonable and manageable. We all know it took baby steps to learn to walk, and such is the case with a resolution. Start small. It's easier to do and can lead to long-term benefits.

That said, we have decided to make a resolution. It's one that we believe will serve us well in 2010. But instead of calling it a resolution, we're calling it our goal. This year has been difficult for all of us. The economy has taken its toll on us, but even with limited resources, we have continued to cover our communities the way the dailies cover the city.

Our goal for 2010 is to continue to provide you with the local news you have come to expect. It is why we are here and it is what we do best. We have never strayed from that and we won't. We fill a news niche that we know is needed.

And while we continue to provide you with your local news, we hope that you will show your support for us. The *Northville Record* is committed to you, our readers and your community.

### Let's hold our state lawmakers accountable

Another year has passed, yet little was accomplished in the Michigan Legislature to solve some of the state's most serious problems.

We encourage voters to hold lawmakers accountable in 2010, an election year.

Instead of just complaining about our state government, voters need to take action — writing or e-mailing state senators and representatives and then voting them out of office in November if they haven't done their jobs.

The state needs to reform the way it pays for essential services, such as public safety and education, now and into the future. It needs to do more to attract and retain businesses that will put Michigan residents back to work. It needs to fix its roads.

We can't afford to keep putting off finding permanent solutions to these problems that threaten the state's economic recovery.

Education funding reform can start with the state aligning its budget year with that of school districts so schools know how much money they'll have at the start of each school year.

Other state budgetary reform can include a serious attempt at getting local units of government, including school districts, to share services to reduce the overall cost of government to taxpayers.

Michigan has a lot going for it, including its unparalleled natural resources, cool cities, great downtowns and resilient residents.

But unless state lawmakers do their jobs, Michigan will continue to spiral downward, losing more jobs, more educated workers and more families who value education to other states.

Let's hold state lawmakers accountable in 2010 and not let another year pass without their solving the problems that are holding Michigan back.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of New Year's resolutions?



"I think people make them too lofty. You should make them more simple, more concise and easier to achieve."

Tracy Garfield  
Northville



"I think it's a good concept until about February."

Ashley Lewis  
Northville



"I think they should call them January resolutions."

Antone Lamertao  
Northville



"I think they're great but no one follows through with them."

Audrey Jaskolski  
Northville

## LETTERS

### Countering Nowka

At long last Mr. Nowka has written again and we no longer have to get along with only Sarah Palin's brilliant oratory. In fact, his writing so resembles her talks that I would not be surprised to learn he wrote her speech in which she explained she was leaving her post as governor of Alaska with two years more to serve because she was not a quitter. Maybe he needed a rest after that.

Well, now Mr. Nowka is in great form. He makes up his own facts, his own straw man, and then continues to batter them.

He is strongly against Congress's enacting social programs to serve "dependents" because they not only cause deficits but because of these programs the "dependents" stop taking responsibility and then develop a shrinking of their skills and loss of their potential. Mr. Nowka does not identify whom he means by "dependents." Wink, wink, is this another name for Ronald Reagan's "welfare queens" or does it include all of us "dependents" who are on Social Security and Medicare? If it is the latter, we must expect that Mr. Nowka will refuse Social Security checks and Medicare coverage from those social programs so he will not become unwilling to take responsibility, become unskilled and be in danger of losing his potential, whatever that is. Watch out, Mr. Nowka!

Mr. Nowka even rewrites Italian history. He says Mussolini rose to power by promising to control industry and the gullible Italians believed him. Actually, Mussolini was appointed by the king to form a government and he proceeded to entrench himself by giving the "castor oil treatment" to workers fighting for their rights and by killing his opponents. (He was so popular outside of Italy that

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Winston Churchill said that if he were not an Englishman he would be a fascist.)

As noted, Mr. Nowka laments the huge deficit we have accumulated. And what caused these deficits? The social programs that cater to the necessities of the people, he tells us. So that is another reason he should not accept Medicare coverage and Social Security checks. He would be adding to the deficit. He also thinks it is wrong that our military personnel have to pay for the deficit when they come home. He does not lament the huge tax cuts to the very wealthy during the Republican administrations nor the \$6 billion added each month to the deficit, now for eight years, by the illegal Iraq war started by the Bush administration to get rid of Hussein's non-existent nuclear arsenal. And there is also the mess in Afghanistan which might have been avoided if Bush had not dropped the nego-

tiations with its leaders when he got into office. They were ready to turn al Qaeda over to us but he did not follow through. That mess has also been costing a penny or two.

Yes, we are in serious trouble. But that trouble is the end result of years of successive administrations letting the banks do whatever they wanted by removing the restrictions and supervision put upon them by the Roosevelt administration after the Great Depression. The dismantling of the rules were started by Ronald Reagan ("government isn't the solution, it is the problem") and continued through the administrations of H.W. Bush, Clinton, and George W. Bush. And inevitably, unfettered capitalism gave us one of its periodic recessions. It will not be easy to straighten things out as those who put us in this abyss, the multibillion dollar corporations, practically own the government. Certainly, all the present Republicans depend on them and do their bidding, but enough "moderate" Democrats have also been bought by campaign contributions and possible lucrative jobs in the future.

Should we give up? No way! Replacing the Democrats with Republicans is not the answer. It would only make matters worse. The answer is to stay informed, to get involved if possible, and to support those who are working for the community and have not sold themselves to the moneyed interests. Thank goodness, we can be proud of our senators, Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow. Our next step is to clean up the election process so that big money can no longer purchase elected officials to do their bidding.

Irene Piccone  
Northville

## School reforms – the beginning, not the end

### COMMENTARY

Our state and our schools need to be reinvented. The governor and Legislature are to be commended for making progress on school reform by striking a deal on landmark legislative ideas that have been kicking around the state capitol for a decade. Clearly, the up to \$400 million of "Race to the Top," U.S. Department of Education dollars provided the right amount of inducement to help strike the deal. The legislation expands the number of high-quality charter schools — including two



new e-learning "cyber schools" — raises the dropout age from 16 to 18, and gives the state stronger authority to take over 5 percent of the state's academically worst failing schools.

However, regardless of how monumental, these reforms should be viewed as the beginning — not the end. A recent column ("The Do-it-yourself Economy," Dec. 13) by *New York Times* columnist and bestselling author Thomas Friedman should

be required reading by every educator and legislator in Michigan and America.

This quote by Farooq Kathwari, the CEO of Ethan Allen furniture company, stood out: "Our associates recognize that reinvention is vital to our very survival." Teachers and those who run our public schools need to make this statement part of their DNA.

Sadly, just the opposite attitude permeates too much of the debate. Holding onto the past and protecting the status quo will not prepare our children, state or nation for the hyper-competitive, global, knowledge and innovative economy where ideas and jobs can and do move around the world effortlessly.

Our world has changed in substantial ways and doing what we have always done will not get us where we need to go. What we once had is now gone. Constant and unpredictable change is our new reality.

While we may get momentary reprieves from federal stimulus funds and the federal department of education "Race to the

Top" dollars, no one is coming to our permanent rescue. We can expect the state budget to be strained for the foreseeable future where continuation budgets would be a luxury and continued budget cuts more likely.

What we make of this new reality is up to those that work in our public schools along with all that do not. Currently, Michigan invests \$1 billion per grades for K-12 education. The clamor across the state is that our schools need more money.

Politicians are judged by how much money they pour into or take away from our schools. The more pertinent question should not be how much is given or taken away — it should be what are the results we are getting for the investment we are making?

Clinging to our past successes will not enable us to maintain future greatness. Yes, we were the "arsenal of democracy," the state that "put the world on wheels," and gave the world Motown sounds. The greater question is not what we were — but what we will become?

Don't just blame our school problems on the governor, Legislature or unions. As the old Pogo comic strip character

would say, "We have met the enemy and it is us."

Everyone must demand improved productivity and educational outcomes and find innovative ways to deliver quality education within tax resources available or the public support for the very fabric that helped build this great country of ours, our neighborhood public schools, will continue to fade.

Yes, superintendents and school boards need to adhere to union contracts. Yet, both management and labor must be willing to reopen those contracts when new realities make them unsustainable and undercut the core mission of education — teaching and learning. It is change or die time for our state and our schools.

Michigan and America are teetering on the precipice. Quality education, skills, talent and the willingness to change and innovate will be our salvation.

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## NEW YEAR'S EVE

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### Deadwood Restaurant

Deadwood Restaurant, 18730 Northville Road, will be open until 10 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Call-ahead seating will be offered at (248) 347-4353, with the full menu available, including prime rib.

### Rocky's of Northville

Rocky's of Northville, at 41122 W. Seven Mile Road, will have the kitchen open until 11 p.m. and feature entertainment by pianist Dave Weatherwax from 7 p.m. until midnight. Reservations are recommended by calling (248) 349-4434. Some special menu items will be provided that night, including such specialties as stuffed flounder.

### Tirami Su

Tirami Su at 146 Maincentre will feature a smaller menu on New Year's Eve, with the restaurant open until 11 p.m. For reservations, call (248) 735-0101.

### NOVI

Andiamo Novi/Dirty Martini Lounge/Andiamo Theater, 42705 Grand River Avenue, (248) 348-3838 will offer dinner, drinks and a special New Year's Eve showing of "Kwame A River 2: The Wrath of Conyers" at 7 p.m. showing on Dec. 31. As part of the New Year's Eve package offerings, guests can choose to dine pre-show (5 p.m.) or post-show (8:30 p.m.). The post-show package also includes the opportunity to stay through the New Year with a band, dancing and a champagne toast. Tickets for the 5 p.m. dinner/7 p.m. show package are \$74.95 per person and tickets for the 7 p.m. show; 8:30 p.m. dinner are \$99.95 per person. Space is limited and reservations are required. Party-goers who want to just relax with friends can hang out the Dirty Martini starting at 9 p.m. on New Years Eve and listen to a DJ over a few cocktails. There will be a \$20 cover charge (in advance at the box office only or day-of) for the Dirty Martini.

### Liquor Store

Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Road, (248) 305 8135. New Year's Eve celebration starts at 9 p.m. on Dec. 31; \$10 cover.

### Mbargo

Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Road, (248) 374-3420. New Year's Eve cover is \$20 for Boston's DJ Influence.

### Bar Louie

Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44375 12 Mile Road, (248) 662-1100. New Year's Eve fun starts at 8 p.m.; open dinner buffet; late night

breakfast buffet; live music and DJs; giveaways; packages start at \$25.

Mixx Lounge, 43155 Main Street, (248) 347-6499 or mixxnovi.com. New Year's Eve celebration requires reserved seating; \$20 in advance; champagne toast at midnight; party favors and late night pizza; DJ and dance.

### Novi Public Library

Ring in the New Year Craft from 2-3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 30. Get ready for 2010 in style. Come to the library at 45245 Ten Mile Road to create your own party hat and decorate other stylish essentials for your New Year's party. Registration required at (248) 349-0720. All ages welcome.

### SOUTH LYON

Tanglewood Golf Course, along with the Tanglewood Homeowners Social Committee, will host a New Year's Eve party on Dec. 31 from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Tanglewood Golf Course Clubhouse, located at 53503 W. Ten Mile Road. This event is open to the public.

Music will be provided by Treble Clef Entertainment. Pizza, salad, drink tickets and a champagne toast will be offered. Reservations must be prepaid at \$40 for each individual or \$75 for a couple, to Tanglewood homeowners Association, P.O. Box 215, South Lyon, MI 48178. Please include your name and phone number. For more information, call Gwen at (248) 437-4649 or Hugh at (313) 801-0469.

### MILFORD

The Sons of the American Legion will sponsor a New Year's Dinner Dance Party from 7 p.m. Dec. 31 until 2 a.m. Jan. 1 at the American Legion Hall, 510 W. Commerce in Milford. Tickets are \$45 per person, which includes a full sit-down dinner, live band and all drinks. Cocktails will begin being served at 7 p.m., with dinner at 8 p.m. Tickets Available at the American Legion Milford. For more information, call (248) 684-9919.

### HIGHLAND

At the 59 West Bar & Billiards, 786 W. Highland Road (M-59) in Highland, a New Year's Eve Carnival is planned. The party starts at 9 p.m. No tickets are required, and cover is only \$5. The event includes food, games, entertainment and giveaways. Watch the ball drop under 59 West's Big Top. For more information, call (248) 889-3004.

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## Hosting the perfect party this holiday season requires some know-how

### Etiquette expert offers some tips

Editor's note: The following suggestions were provided by Margit Erickson of Novi, an etiquette consultant for more than 20 years.

'Tis the season for holiday parties, and it's only natural for hosts and hostesses to succumb to last-minute jitters. To minimize your stress, which your guests will detect, making it harder for them to relax, here are a few tips that will help you remain calm and host a dinner party your guests will remember:

- \* Invite guests who are compatible and complement each other, such as some who are good listeners and some who are good talkers.
- \* Plan a menu that is not only delicious and nutritious but is also colorful and appetizing.
- \* Set the dining table the night before and cover it with a bedsheet. It is too nerve-wracking to do this an hour or so before your guests arrive.
- \* Place a drop of cologne on the light bulbs an hour or so before you turn on the lights.
- \* Make sure your home is well-lit, and the address is visible for those coming to your home for the first time. Maps or directions to where you live can be included with your invitations.
- \* As host or hosts, it is your responsibility to greet guests at the door. Do not assume other guests will perform this duty for you. Greet each guest with a smile and firm handshake or a friendly hug.
- \* If you have young children who will be at home during the party, take them to the door with you so that they can learn how to greet guest properly.
- \* Help your guests remove their coats. For a large party, the coats and wraps can be placed on a bed in a guest room. If children are present, they can be assigned the carrying responsibilities. If it's snowy and boots are required, have a small rug or waterproof mat near the front door.
- \* If a guest is unfamiliar at the party, it is your responsibility to introduce him or her to the others. A new guest should not be left alone to wander without knowing anyone.
- \* Along with the obvious soap and towels in the bathroom, it is thoughtful to provide your guests with some items they may need. On a

\* If there are more than eight diners at a table, it is a good idea for the host to determine ahead of time where people should sit. This not only saves time but last-minute confusion and decision-making as well. Place name cards either handmade or store-bought at each place setting.

small tray, place hand lotion, tissues, a small bottle of aspirin, safety pins, a small stack of paper drinking cups and a hand mirror. A festive, lighted candle on the counter is a nice touch.

\* Background music should be soft and subtle and not a deterrent to good conversation.

\* Candles are used on dining tables only after dark. They are lit just before guests are seated at the table and remain lit throughout dinner. Use a snuffer to extinguish the flame; blowing out a candle can send wax onto the tablecloth.

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\* After everyone is seated but before dinner is served, it adds a gracious touch for the host to offer a welcome toast to guests.

\* It is the host's responsibility to monitor the flow of conversation at the dining table. If a disagreement or argument appears imminent, he or she should steer the conversation in another direction.

\* If games or other entertainment are planned after dinner, wait a few minutes after the meal to allow guests to relax, stretch their legs and have a few minutes of conversation.

\* If a guest indicates it is time for him or her to leave, do not try to persuade them to stay longer.

\* Walk a departing guest to the door; help him or her on with their coat; shake their hand and say something like, "We're so glad you were able to share this evening with us."

\* Don't linger with long good-byes. You need to get back to your other guests.

Margit Erickson hosted and produced her own television program, "The Elegant Life," on Time Warner cable network and has conducted seminars and lectures throughout Michigan. Her latest seminar is titled, "Life Aboard the Titanic." Contact her at (248) 471-6170

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## Savor the flavor of Mexico!

Rio Grande serves up authentic Mexican plus healthy, flavorful American cuisine at unbeatable prices

BY ALISON BERGSTEKER  
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

Deciding where to eat is easy when one place in town has everything from sizzling fajitas and oversized burritos to burgers and fish n' chip platters, specialty drinks and amazing desserts.

The easy choice is La Casa Del Rio Grande, West Oakland County's premiere Mexican restaurant, where the menu is only the beginning of what is offered to satisfy even the pickiest of appetites.

The New Hudson eatery features authentic recipes straight from Mexico, family friendly service and a convenient location on Grand River Avenue near the I-96 exit at Milford Road.

"All of the food at Rio Grande is awesome," Owner Dawn Salvati said. "You can't get a better meal for our prices."

### A local favorite

It's no surprise that Rio Grande is winner year after year of the South Lyon Herald's People's Choice award for best Mexican food.

"Our recipes are straight from the Chihuahua, Mexico region," Salvati said.

Fajitas are an absolute customer favorite at Rio Grande. The dish is served up on a sizzling skillet with skirt steak or chicken and piled high with frijoles borrachos, rice, pico de gallo and sour cream over a warm tortilla. Guests can include sautéed vegetables such as green peppers, tomatoes, onion and mushrooms - in any combination, or leave them out all together. It is truly a culinary delight.

Other house specialties include the popular Willaneise Sandwich, four layers of beans, rice, meat and cheese layered between tortillas, and Flaming Cheese served up with ground beef, chorizo and poblano peppers, ranchero sauce and munster cheese for a Mexican twist.

Specialty drinks like Rio Grande's "Voodoo Coffee" can't be found anywhere else, served up warm or frozen with Kahlua,

Bailey's, Hazelnut and vodka. Almost every entrée on the menu pairs perfectly with the house drink, "Spyder," a margarita without sour mix and a citrusy zing.

"We have basically every American bottled beer there is, and a selection of Mexican beers including Dos Equis Amber and Lager, Carta Blanca and Bohemia," Salvati said.

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

### Order it your way

Resolving to eat healthier this year? Rio Grande can help you stick to your goal year-round with healthy fare guaranteed to satisfy any craving.

"You can order anything you want and we will make it for you if we can," said Salvati. "Our chef loves to create things that customers want that aren't even on the menu."

The restaurant is happy to work with special diets and allergy concerns. Those needing gluten free or dairy free food can be accommodated. Vegetarians can dine without worries, as no lard or chicken stock is used in the beans and rice.

Several items on the menu accommodate vegetarian eaters, including the Ultimate Botana platter, heaping with loads of nacho fixins. Veggie burritos, fajitas, chimichangas and tacos are spread throughout the menu.

Most menu items can be adapted to follow low-carb or low-fat diets. Salvati recommends the Seafood Salad as an easy choice for dieters.

### Catering and community support

All of the famous Rio Grande food is also available for take-out and catered events.

"No one beats our catering prices," Salvati said.

Want something that's not on the menu? Rio Grande can cater just about anything. Menus for local businesses have included Chicken Piccata and lasagnachilli, a Mexican favorite. The restaurant happily caters parties from 10 to 100 people.

Large and small carryout includes

set-up and teardown, utensils and all serving materials.

Rio Grande is proud to host fundraisers annually for community and school groups, non-profit organizations and those in need. The restaurant has hosted fundraisers for the American Diabetes Association, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, local residents that needed assistance with medical bills, South Lyon Community Schools, Catholic Central High School and a food donation to the Howell Nature Center.

Visit Rio Grande soon for your next family dinner, night out with friends or lunch break!



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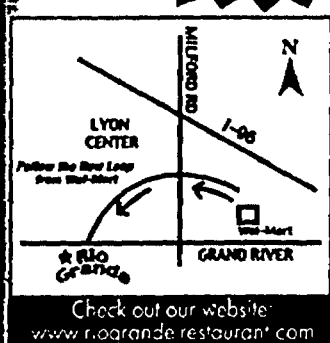
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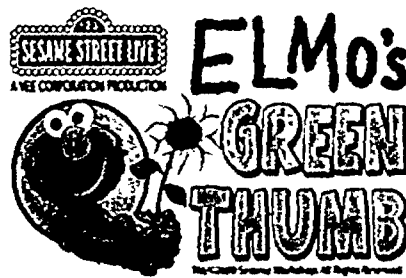
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# LOCAL SPORTS



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## Northville grad showcasing gymnastics talent at CMU

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

When Cheryl Conlin prepared to graduate from Northville High School in 2007, she had a tough decision to make regarding her future.

Which college to attend? Why?

Conlin chose Central Michigan University. Her reason was three-fold: The location of the campus, the academic program



for her desired major of health fitness and, of course, their top-notch gymnastics program. Conlin wasn't a name Northville fans read in the sports section. She didn't compete for the high school team, but rather for the highly-competitive Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy, currently located in Novi. There, she honed her skills and pushed herself to be the best.

Some things never change. Conlin is still pushing herself to be better than ever, and it's showing in her junior year at CMU.

"(Cheryl is a) team captain this year as a junior," said CMU coach Jerry Reighard. "She is a great leader on and off the competitive floor."

Reighard noted that Conlin is "looking better than ever at the start of her junior year" and said that he is very confident in her ability to perform and lead the team.

Conlin has quite the job cut out for her in the leading department. The Chippewas have 10 Mid-American Conference championships under their belt as a team. Conlin will be looking to lead her team to their 11th this year.

"My top goal this year is to win MAC championships as a team," Conlin said when asked about her goals this season. "As an individual goal, I would like to score a 9.9 this year. Another goal of mine is to take first place at MACs on an event."

And to reach those goals? "I must become consistent and perfect my routines," she said.

While many critics might quip that such a thing is easier said than done, Conlin wouldn't listen. She's pushed herself from the first day she stepped into a gymnastics academy and hasn't stopped. This year she upgraded her difficulty for the 2010 season on both the floor and the vault. She's going to compete on bars for the first time this season. She specializes on the beam as well. She's poised to potentially become an all-around competitor for the Chippewas.

"I feel my training has been



Cheryl Conlin, Northville High School Class of 2007, is captain of Central Michigan's gymnastics team.

relatively the same, but over the past summer I trained new skills and improved on current skills," Conlin said. "Also, I continued the weight lifting program throughout the summer."

All of which could potentially pay off for Conlin, who is slated to graduate in 2011.

Conlin has showed steady improvement since arriving at Central Michigan University, and her career is potentially peaking this year and into next year. But what about beyond? Will Conlin look to continue competing?

Her answer, simply, is no. Instead, Conlin will look to bring the joy of gymnastics to others.

"My plans for after college with gymnastics would be to coach gymnastics part time at the club level," she said.

Maybe she'll coach a future captain of the Chippewas? Or a MAC champion? Only time will tell.

Prior to that, she has a few goals she wants to reach—and the driving determination to do it.

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



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## 2009: Year in Review

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It was a great winter 2009 season for the Northville Mustangs. Lots of lessons learned and lots of great individual efforts. The squads ranged from top-ranked to state-finals bound. Plenty of pride was shown from each of the teams, which is typical of Northville Mustangs style.

### Girls Basketball

It was quite the year for the Mustangs, which had a tough learning curve against some very good basketball teams. The squad never gave up though, fighting each step of the way.

Over winter break, the Northville Mustang girls basketball team split a pair of matches at the Chelsea Tournament, winning one against Chelsea and losing one against South Lyon in overtime for a win-loss record of 3-2.

The Mustang girls basketball team lost to Canton the following week, scoring 35 to the winner's 49 points. Canton led all the way through the game to raise their record to 6-0.

In the KLAAC Central division opener against Salem, Northville fell 39-30, struggling with free throws. A matchup with Novi then continued Northville's losing streak for a 4-5 record. Novi put on a strong showing, leading 17-1 after just eight minutes, and winning the game 45-35.

They made up for it after a cold-delayed game against Wayne Memorial, which they eventually won 59-17. Senior Chelsea Atzinger starred with 16 points and 14 rebounds.

The girls basketball team dropped another game to Salem 36-28 at home in a heavily defensive effort, and followed that up with a loss to Novi, 55-37, chasing Novi in points all the way through the game to a 7-8 win-loss record.

Northville's girls basketball team won 51-33 on Feb. 17 against the South Lyon East Cougars in a jerky, foul-filled game that improved their record to 9-8 overall.

Plymouth ended the Northville girls' basketball season with a 50-40 victory over the Mustangs in the Class A district first round competition.

### Boys Basketball

Youth was the name of the game for the boys basketball team. Lots of tough lessons learned, but efforts that showed what true athletes the boys on the squad were.

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team split their two Chelsea Tournament matches, losing to host Chelsea 48 to 35, then returning against Detroit Allen Academy to win 61-56 and bringing their record to 1-3.

Walled Lake Western scored 51 to Northville's 43 in boys basketball the follow-

ing week, after a hard-fought game tied at the half.

The next week saw another Northville loss as the boys basketball team were outscored by Novi 64 to 46. It was the third straight loss for Northville against rival Novi, as the Wildcats led throughout, leaving Northville with a 1-6 record.

Playing three games in four nights moving into February left the Northville boys basketball team with a mixed result. They lost 60-44 to Wayne Memorial, then won against South Lyon East in a close 46-44 game, then suffered a 49-41 near-miss loss in the fourth quarter to South Lyon.

The boys basketball team pulled out a dramatic win over Salem for a 72-70 final score after three overtimes with several exciting moments for fans.

Meeting up with Novi resulted in a loss for the Northville boys, as Novi outscored them in the fourth quarter after the Mustangs led through most of the game. Novi ended up winning 40-38, although with two minutes left, they had just edged past Northville to 36-35.

Canton beat the Northville boys 62-53 in a "Senior Night" victory for the Chief's seniors' final home game. The Mustangs led at halftime, 25-22, but Canton pulled ahead for the win.

The Mustang boys hoops team rebounded from the loss with two back-to-back wins over Livonia Stevenson, 48-41, and South Lyon East, 55-32. Tim Hasse shot a career-high 20 points against the Cougars.

The Northville boys basketball had a surge late in the season, winning five of their final six games and heading to the Class A district semifinals. March 3, the Mustangs beat Livonia Franklin, and March 5, they won 41-37 over Walled Lake Central for an 8-12 regular season finish.

Catholic Central boys basketball beat Plymouth in the Class A District opener at Novi, 62-46. They improved their already winning record to 15-6 with the victory, and moved on to play Northville in the semifinals.

Catholic Central beat the Northville boys' basketball Mustangs in the district semifinal, in a decisive final score, 83-43. CC's Brett Smith scored a career-high 27 points.

The Mustangs ended their season 8-13. The Shamrocks went on to play Novi in the District final, which they also won.

### Wrestling

Northville wrestling has always been known for its scrappy style and never-give-up attitude. That didn't change in 2009 with the boys bringing their best each and every time they hit the mat.

Northville wrestlers started their season by winning the title at the South Lyon Invite

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with 204 points over Linden at 186 points. The Mustangs also took home four individual titles for Dan Amaro, Nick Mudar, Bobby Lahiff and Colin Maresh.

Mustang wrestlers took first in two weight classes at the Rochester Adams Invitational, helping the team to a second

place finish among 17 teams. Matt Hagan and Bobby Lahiff were the two individual firsts. Host Rochester Adams won the event with 301 points to Northville's 248.

Northville took the title at the Livonia Stevenson Spartan Classic, boosted by a dramatic overtime win by George McClymont in the 125-pound class. Northville then went on to win 35-33 over nine other teams.

The wrestlers' quad meet

at the end of January pushed them further toward a possible Division title. The Mustangs won over Novi, 63-13, then over Livonia Stevenson, 46-18, to bring their record to 22-3.

The Northville wrestlers went on to win the KLAA Central division championship with two victories over South Lyon East and Salem. They beat South Lyon East decisively, 61-16, and sailed past Salem 40-25. However, the Mustangs didn't make it to a conference title, losing to South Division champion Livonia Franklin by just a few points, 29-24.

The Northville wrestling team took third at the first ever KLAA individual meet, with 204.5 points. Individual standouts were Matt Hagan, taking the 152-pound title, and Nick Mudar, winning the 171-pound title.

The team went to state playoffs as a team but fell to Novi Catholic central in the district championship match, 41-27.

Seven Mustang wrestlers moved on to Division 1 individual regional competition after a 25-5 team finish to the season. Captains Matt Hagan and Colin Maresh were among them, along with district champion Nick Mudar.

Junior Jon Nelson was the only Northville wrestler to advance to the division 1 state meet in March, placing third in the 145-pound class in regionals. He took twelfth place in individual scoring at the state meet.

## Gymnastics

When doesn't the Mustangs gymnastics team bring some great talent into the season? The squad continued that tradition with some impressive performances from some outstanding athletes in 2009, and it paid off with a seventh-place finish in the state championships.

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team took first place at the Salem Invite dual meet, their second meet of the year, with 138.0 points. This followed their second-place finish at the Tecumseh Invite in December. Also in first place for Northville at Salem was MaKenna Pohl in the all-around scoring.

The gymnasts continued their streak the next week at two events. They placed third at the 13-team Farmington Invitational and beat Walled Lake Northern in a matchup that got Northville a high 145.50 point total.

Northville went on to another victory over Livonia Red, with a 146.05 score to the Livonia team's 138.85.

At the 18-team Canton invitational, the gymnastics team placed fourth with 144.025 points. They were outscored by Grand Ledge with a record-setting 151.375 points, Livonia Blue with 146.35, and Farmington with 146.125. Chloe Presley took fourth place as an individual in the all-around.

In a match-up with Plymouth, the Mustang gymnasts won 145.6 over their host's 113.85. Chloe Presley, MaKenna Pohl and Cassidy Winter starred in the scoring, with 37.65, 36.75, and 36.15 respectively.

The Mustangs were runners-up at the KLAA conference meet, in second place, led by Chloe Presley. Their season-high 147-175 points were second to Livonia Blue.

The gymnasts finished the season second at Division 1 regional competition, again only behind Livonia Blue. They scored 146.05 behind Livonia Blue's 147.35.

The Mustangs went on to state finals as a team, and placed seventh in the state with 144.675 points. Five Northville gymnasts earned All-State recognition as individuals: MaKenna Pohl, Chloe Presley and Cassidy Winters in Division 1, and Allison Kemp and Amy Reynolds in Division 2.

## Swimming

If there is one thing that can always be expected from the Northville Mustangs boys swimming and diving team, it is that they will fight in each and every meet and swim to the best of their abilities. That was apparent again in 2009 when the team came to each meet with determination and a desire to win.

The Northville Mustang boys swim and dive team placed

fourth at the Salem Rock Kilgor Invitational hosted at Salem High School. Their 195-point finish put them behind Ann Arbor Pioneer, Zeeland, and Livonia Stevenson.

Against South Lyon, the boys won, 115-71, boosting their dual meet record to 8-1.

Livonia Stevenson, their next challenger, beat them 114-71, dropping the swimmers' record to 8-2. There were bright points: Kevin Bain won the diving competition with 245 points, and Nate Lunn placed first in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:49.65.

The boys took second at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet, behind Livonia Stevenson. They racked up 440.5 points to the Spartans' 526.5. Northville swimmers came home with four first place finishes: Nate Lunn in the 200-yard freestyle, Kevin Bain in diving, Ben Schoenek in the 100-yard butterfly and Chris Lafayette in the 500-yard freestyle over teammate John Bickle in second place.

Northville placed 12th at the Division 1 state swim meet with 59 points, but individuals shone brighter. Sophomore diver Kevin Bain was third in the meet, while Ben Schoenek placed seventh in the 100-yard butterfly. Both were recognized as All-Staters.

## Boys Hockey

Early-season expectations turned into a great season for the highly-touted Northville Mustangs boys hockey team. Unfortunately, only one team ends the season with a win and Northville ran into that team early in the playoffs, losing to the eventual state champion Detroit Catholic Central.

The entire season was on heck of a ride, however.

The No. 2-ranked Northville Mustangs boys hockey team moved up to lead the KLAA's Central Division after winning over Livonia Stevenson, 4-3. The win brought Northville to a 11-1 overall record and to the head of the division at 7-0. No. 1-ranked Novi-Detroit Catholic Central beat the Spartans a week earlier 3-2.

The Mustangs went on to a two-game series against South Lyon, the first a 5-0 win and

the second a 2-2 draw, earning themselves a No. 1 ranking.

A 2-2 draw with Livonia Stevenson earned the Northville boys hockey team the KLAA Central Division title in February, with an overall 15-1-3 record. Matt Dembicki scored both goals for Northville.

The Mustangs marched onward to a KLAA Kensington Conference title over Salem, 5-0, sending them forward further to the KLAA championship to meet Brighton. The conference title was the first for the Mustangs.

They headed to the championship with high hopes, but were outscored by the Brighton Bulldogs, shut out with a final score of 2-0. Northville dropped to a 17-4-3 record.

Northville went on to win the pre-regional Division 1 game against Livonia Stevenson, 5-2. Their record was boosted to 18-4-3 overall by the win, earning the Mustangs a spot in the second round of regional competition.

The Mustangs then played the Catholic Central Shamrocks in a clash of top-ranked Division 1 hockey teams, and lost, as they did the first time, in a 1-0 shutout.

## Girls Hockey

The girls hockey team, under the guidance of coach Bill Holden, once again showed that the sport isn't just for boys anymore.

The Northville girls hockey team shut out previously unbeaten Grosse Pointe South, 1-0. The Mustangs improved their win record to 9-7-2 heading into their state playoffs seeded fifth. The standout performance in the game came from sophomore goalie Julia King, who blocked all 42 shots from Grosse Pointe South. Becca Champagne scored the lone goal.

## Bowling

Northville girls bowling saw a first place KLAA victory over Westland John Glenn, making up for a loss to the same team earlier in the season.

The girls team finished the year with a KLAA Central

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### City of Northville Final Statement of Objectives 2010 Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Funds

The Northville City Council approved the following Community Development Block Grant projects for the 2010 Program year.

Allen Terrace Improvements	\$35,210
Senior Center Programming	\$11,690
Program Administration	\$ 5,100

Total Estimated Allocation \$52,000

Sherry Necelis, Housing Director

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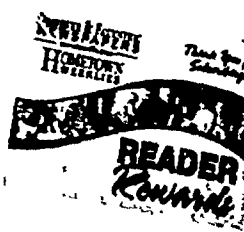


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division title, and moved on to a state final performance in March, bouncing back from a second-place finish one pin behind Walled Lake Central in the KLLA conference tournament Feb. 20. Singles bowler Angie Ramsey also qualified to represent Northville.

## SPRING

Spring proved to be a great season for the Northville Mustangs.

The school was proudly represented, earning a handful of individual state titles and some amazing regular-season runs. A few school records were set, and some big victories were earned.

## Boys Lacrosse

It was a fairly even season for the Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team. The squad their season with a split, beating South Lyon, 9-6, and falling 10-1 to Cranbrook Kingswood. Against South Lyon, Sean Larabell and Ian Meador both registered three goals, while Drew Lamoureux added two goals. Dylan Gelven had five assists and goalie David Kettlehut stopped 11 shots.

By the time everything was said and done, they were split again, earning a 6-6 record with a win in an senior night with a 12-11 showing. The Mustangs were led by Dylan Gelven, who netted four goals and two assists in the game. Jakob Kippola scored a late goal to give the Mustangs an 11-10 advantage late in the fourth quarter. Ian Meador won 13-of-20 face offs in the game and Lamoureux and Nick Diegel each tallied a pair of goals.

## Girls Soccer

You win some and you lose some. That's what the Northville girls soccer team discovered the hard way this past year. The team started their season with a 2-1 victory over Novi with both goals being scored by freshman forward Mallory Weber March 30. The team's season came to an end against the Wildcats of Novi, however, when they watched as a 1-0 loss closed them out of the state playoffs.

There was plenty to be proud of throughout the season, however. Despite beating Novi to open their season, the squad also earned a 1-1 tie against Walled Lake Western with Camille Junca scoring the lone goal. The Mustangs bounced three shots off the cross bar.

The girls soccer squad remained unbeaten with two wins over division rivals, beating Livonia Stevenson, 2-0, and South Lyon, 5-0. Against Stevenson, Jeanette Dolmetsch

and Jenni Borawski each earned a goal. Against South Lyon, goals came from Junca, Jessica Lyon, Weber, Borawski and Jill Allumbaugh. Northville climbed to 5-0-2 with the wins.

The first loss for the Mustangs came against Novi, 1-0. Despite outshooting Novi, 9-3, the Mustangs couldn't hold on and took their first loss of the season.

The Mustangs fell to 7-2-3 in mid-May with a tough 2-0 loss to Canton and went to a scoreless draw against a very tough Saline squad.

Against Canton, Northville outshot the Chiefs, 7-0, but allowed a penalty kick and an own-goal to turn the game over.

The squad didn't let the record hamper them, however, as they worked to a Kensington Conference championship title with a shootout victory over Canton, 3-2. Converting shots in the shoot out were Jeanette Dolmetsch, Kelsey Fiscus and Tori Wright. Earning the win in goal was Elana Ryznar.

## Girls Track

It was a record-setting season for the Northville girls track and field team. Amy Reynolds set the school record in the pole vault and Beth Roach set the record in the high jump. Both of those athletes managed to earn a place to compete in the state finals as well.

The Northville Mustangs girls track and field team didn't have any trouble dominating their opening meet of the season as they crushed South Lyon, 116-21, to start things off. The team scored first in all but one of the 17 events. First place finishers were Jaclyn Konopka (100-meter hurdles), Julie Xu (100-meter dash), Sara Rounsifer (shot put), Beth Roach (400 run and high jump) and Amy Baditol (800 run).

The girls squad earned a record-setting showing from Amy Reynolds in the pole vault as she broke the school record with a new mark of 11 feet. She helped her team to a 82-55 win over Livonia Stevenson.

The Mustangs squad finished third overall at first-ever KLLA Conference championship meet. Roach won the high jump and the 400 run, Reynolds won the pole vault and Jaclyn Konopka wins the 100 hurdles.

The season came to a close for the Mustangs as they took third at the track and field regional with Roach and Reynolds earning berths in the state finals. Roach won the high jump with a 5-1 leap. She set the school record earlier in May. Reynolds took first in the pole vault with a 10-8 performance.

Several other Mustangs did

well. Konopka took third in the 100 hurdles and Roach took third in the 400 dash. Gina McNamara ran to third in the 800 run while Alexandra Moynes tied for fourth in the high jump and Michelle Steslicki took fourth in the pole vault.

## Boys Track

It wasn't a great season for the Northville boys track team, but their effort proved to be no indication of what the final scores ended up. Strong performances were turned in all season by various athletes, but the Mustangs struggled throughout most of the season.

The Northville Mustangs didn't have an outstanding start to their season, but there were a few exceptions. Paul Gibson, Ali Arastu and Noel Key all showed top talent in a tough loss to Livonia Stevenson. Arastu won the 110-meter high hurdles and the 300 hurdles while Gibson took second in the 300 hurdles and Key finished second in the 200 and 400 races.

The boys took third in the first-ever KLLA conference meet. Arastu won the 300 hurdles, Frank Griffiths won the mile run, and Northville won the mile relay and two mile relay.

The Northville boys took fourth at the track and field regional. Pacing the Mustangs were Al Myers, who won the high jump with a 6-foot-2-inch jump; and 300 hurdler Arastu, who won the event in a meet-record time of 37.85 seconds. Both athletes qualified for the state meet.

Kevin Mantay took third in the pole vault with a leap of 12-foot-10 inches.

## Baseball

What a season to be had by the Northville Mustangs baseball team. The squad earned their only regular-season loss and entertained everyone who showed up at the ball field to watch this incredibly talented team play.

The Northville Mustangs baseball team started the 2009 season with four quick wins and a huge loss, taking double header victories over Wayne Memorial and Milford. The team fell to Salem, 19-4, in an early-season game.

Northville climbed to 5-1 with a 13-1 whipping of Canton. Bobby Thomas went 4-for-4 and Anthony Sergi and Ryan Mullen hit home runs in the victory.

The Mustangs remained red hot with a pair of convincing double header sweeps in early

May, topping Livonia Franklin, 12-2 and 11-4, to improve to 7-1 in the KLLA. Ryan Mullen went 3-for-3 in the first game. The Mustangs also earned a 14-9 and 12-1 sweep over Trenton. In the first game Kyle Breault went 3-for-5 with a home run and three RBIs while Dan Mills went 3-for-3 with a home run and two RBIs. In the second game, David Uberti went 2-for-3 with four RBIs.

Northville climbed to 15-1 overall with the wins.

Northville got a chance to avenge their only loss with a 2-1 victory over Salem in mid-May. The squad improved to 21-1 overall and 9-1 in the KLLA.

"I didn't have to say a lot to them before the game," said Northville coach John Kostreza. "We had to chew on that loss for a long time. It wasn't that we lost that left a bad taste in our mouth, but that it was an embarrassing loss and that it was at home."

The Mustangs collected the KLLA title with a huge 18-2 victory over Livonia Franklin to earn the Kensington Conference championship. The game only lasted four innings thanks to a 15-run mercy rule. The team's record climbed to 27-1.

Bobby Thomas went 3-for-4 with five RBIs while pitcher David Uberti, who earned the win, knocked in three runs. The team collected five stolen bases.

Northville season came to a close after a fourth consecutive division and conference title and the school's fifth district title and their first since 2006. They fell to Brother Rice, 11-4, in the regional tournament to end their season.

## Girls Tennis

The Mustangs earned a trip to the state finals—again!—under the guidance of Sandy Woolfall. The trip paid off, too, with the highlight of the season being the state title from the team of Valerie Juan and Mackenzie Powers at the No. 4 doubles position. The girls worked their way through a very tough fight to earn the title. The duo only took a single loss all season.

The Mustangs began their season with a bang, winning the Grosse Pointe South Quad Tournament and blanking division foe South Lyon. The squad, coached by Sandy Woolfall, earned a 9-0 victory over South

Lyon and then proceeded to beat Ann Arbor Huron, 9-0, Grosse Pointe South, 5-4, and Farmington Hills Mercy, 9-0, to capture the quad tournament.

"This was a great win for us," Woolfall said of the tournament. "It was a tough day with the cold temperatures and fierce wind. It was a great confidence booster for the team this early in the season."

The Northville Mustangs continued to showcase their talent with a 5-4 win over cross-town rival Novi. The squad was led by wins from the No. 2 doubles team of Abby Grajek and Sabrina Masciulli, the No. 1 doubles team of Laura Taylor and Ursula Cauffiel, the No. 3 team of Maudie Smith and Amy Bernstein, the No. 4 team of Valerie Juan and Mackenzie Powers and the No. 5 team of Caiti Darish and Jenna Grezlik.

The team also earned a 9-0 victory over Salem to climb to 6-0 on the season.

## Boys Golf

Chalk up a few great victories for the Northville Mustangs boys golf team, a fifth-place state finals finish and an individual state finals championship. That's what 2009 meant to this squad.

It all started when the Northville boys golf team defended their East Lansing Invitational title with a score of 309 to hold off their nearest competitor by eight points.

Leading the way was West Gates, who earned medalist honors for the second straight year with a 74. Trevor Grigg and Eric Goebel scored 77 each while Steve Brown shot an 81 and Alex Bernstein shot an 83.

Northville climbed to a 2-0 record with a win over Novi, 155-167. Gates shot a 34 while Grigg carded a 39 and Brown and Brandon Cameron and Bernstein each shot a 41. Goebel shot a 44 in the win.

The Mustangs earned two more wins to stay undefeated with a 4-0 KLLA record, topping South Lyon East, 153-164, and then moving on a win in the Seaholm Tournament with a score of 296.

The golf team continued its dominance—and earned a first-place ranking in the state—with an 8-0 record after pounding out two more wins against South Lyon and Novi

in mid-May. The team topped South Lyon, 147-165, and edged Novi, 153-160. Brown led the team in the South Lyon win, shooting a 34, while Grigg shot a 47 to lead the Mustangs against Novi.

The golf team collected their third-straight Division I district golf crown and maintained their top-ranked team with a score of 320 to edge out Livonia Stevenson, Canton, Churchill, Plymouth and Dearborn.

Northville was led by Grigg, who shot a 78, while Brown had an 80, Bernstein notched an 81 and Gates earned an 81.

"We were happy to win and come away with the district championship—our number one goal was to qualify," said Northville coach Matt Stetson, who returned three starters from last year's team.

The season came to a close with a fifth-place finish in the state finals, though the story of the year was the individual championship earned by Gates, who recorded a 71 on the first day and a 77 on the second while fighting off illness.

"Wes' performance was outstanding," said Stetson. "He has been working for this his whole career and it paid off for him at the right time."

Grigg shot a 155, Brown a 160 and Goebel shot a 171.

## Softball

The Mustangs turned in some impressive performances, some great wins and an impressive record as they not only earned a 22-13 standing but a district title to boot.

One highlight from this past season was when the softball team climbed to a 16-12 record with a convincing victory over South Lyon East, 15-2. The squad followed Samantha Doud, who earned four RBIs, while Karly Fisher picked up three RBIs in the win.

The softball season came to a close in the regional tournament after winning the District title. The squad fell to a tough Lakeland Eagles squad, 2-1. The team racked up a 22-13 record on the year. Doud was the pitcher in the loss and Sarah Rounsifer hit a single to score the only run for the Mustangs.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding temporary structures, temporary construction buildings, temporary residences, portable on-demand storage structures, dumpsters, and a prohibition of membrane storage structures. The proposed changes are described as follows:

Section 18.22	Temporary Structures
Section 25.04e	Temporary Buildings and Uses
Section 26.02	Definitions

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on January 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments can be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments will also be received at the above address.

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## NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Walsh winter registration under way

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.

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, 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.

### Oakland offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in January offered at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Pontiac, Waterford. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit [www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar](http://www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar), or call (248) 858-0783. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

**Pre-Business Research** - Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? The class is held on Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Presented by The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County's Business Center, Market Research Department, and Research Librarian. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

**Fundamentals of Starting a Business** is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. The class runs from 9 a.m.-noon on Thursday, Jan. 14. For location and pre-registration, visit our website at [oakgov.com/peds/calendar](http://oakgov.com/peds/calendar), or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$30. No refunds.

**Fundamentals of Writing 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, Jan. 21, from 9 a.m.-noon. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit our website at [oakgov.com/peds/calendar](http://oakgov.com/peds/calendar), or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds.

**Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business** - This workshop covers many of the key legal and financial issues faced by both new and existing small businesses in Michigan. The program initially focuses on the many management and liability concerns faced by entrepreneurs, as well as today's tax consequences. The program also provides solutions and techniques for business concession and individual investment and retirement planning. Presented by Carter & Affiliates, P.C. Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m.-noon. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit our website at [oakgov.com/peds/calendar](http://oakgov.com/peds/calendar), or call (248) 858-0783. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.



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### Teamwork

Northville-based IT service provider Tera Networks teamed up with The Children's Center of Wayne County to give a few young adults a reason to smile this holiday season. Tera Networks delivered four desktop computers to The Children's Center on Dec. 23. The computers will be used by the organization's Young Adult Self-Sufficiency Program (YASS). The YASS program provides young adults transitioning out of the foster care system with the tools needed to not only live independently but to become productive members of society. The computer donation is part of Tera Networks' TeraG initiative, which helps clients extend their "green" footprint by recycling their technology. Tera Networks volunteers its time and expertise to refurbish and donate computers to those in need. This donation is the first of what Tera Networks hopes to be many of its kind. Shown (l to r) are Paul Kapusky, Tera Networks; Nanci Ballantyne, The Children's Center; Rozlynn Swindle, Leroy Murray, computer recipients; and Gary Prindle, Tera Networks.

## DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE EVENTS

### 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. 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.

### Movies at the Marquis series

The Movies at the Marquis Series returns for a limited time only and will showcase 11 all-time favorite classic films

every Saturday night January 16-March 27. Sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford & Urban Optiques Vision and Eyewear. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:45 p.m.). Tickets (\$3 each) are available for purchase exclusively at merchant-sponsored locations.

The 2010 Movies at the Marquis Series schedule includes (date/movie/sponsor location):

Jan. 16, North by Northwest (1959), Long Plumbing, Heating, Kitchen & Bath, 190 E. Main

Jan. 23, My Fair Lady (1964), Edwards Café & Caterer, 115 E. Main

Jan. 30, The Thomas Crown Affair (1968), Starring the Gallery, 118 W. Main

Feb. 6, Philadelphia Story (1940), Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main

Feb. 13, Roman Holiday (1953), Riffles Homestyle

Restaurant, 160 E. Main

February 20, Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939), Wine Sync, 122 W. Main

Feb. 27, That Touch of Mink (1962), Alexander's Custom Clothiers, 124 W. Main

March 6, Charade (1963), Sincerely Yours Inc., 110 N. Center

March 13, Paris When It Sizzles (1964), Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Court

March 20, Vertigo (1958), Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main

March 27, Easter Parade (1948), Gardenviews, 202 W. Main

The Movies at the Marquis series is open to all guests 5 years and older. The historic Marquis Theatre is located in downtown Northville at 135 E. Main St. For more information and updates on the 2010 Movies at the Marquis Series, visit [www.downtown-northville.com](http://www.downtown-northville.com) or call (248) 349-0345.



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### Martian Marathon

Running Fit co-owners Steve Angerman (left) and Randy Step at their Martian Marathon, one of the 23 events that they host in addition to special events and ongoing classes.

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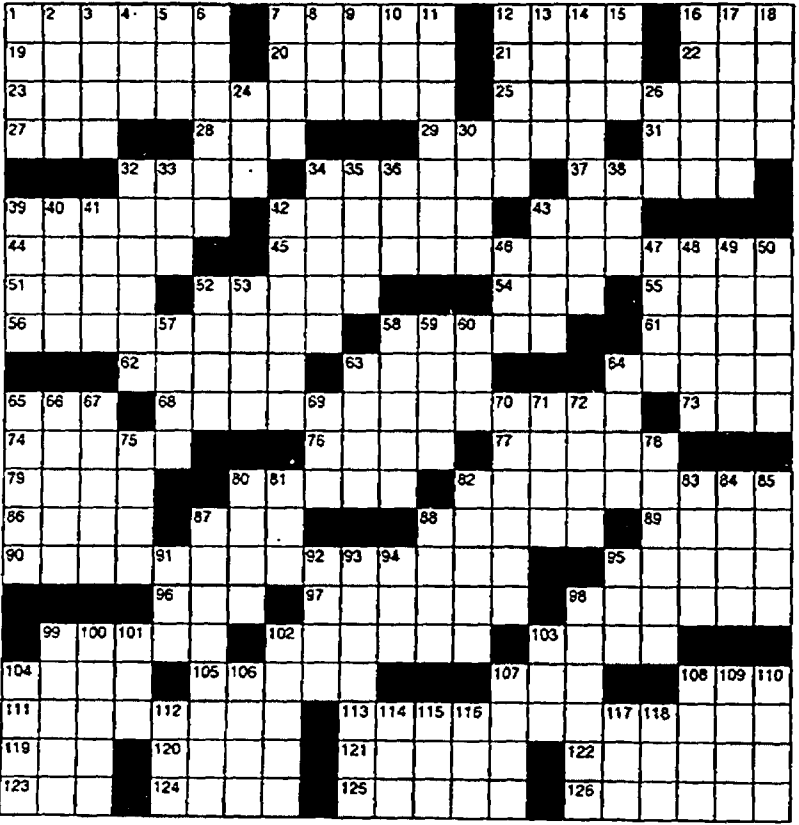
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  - 12 Pacific archipelago
  - 16 Fit —
  - 19 Not as affluent
  - 20 Let up
  - 21 "East of Eden" character
  - 22 Negligent
  - 23 Start of a quip by Ogden Nash
  - 25 Massachussets
  - 27 "Kind-Drags" (67 ft)
  - 28 Little fox
  - 29 Does some cobbling
  - 31 Jannings or Gielis
  - 32 "Pequod" captain
  - 34 Whippet or wolf
  - 37 Raptor feature
  - 39 Dugong, for one
  - 42 Salon offering
  - 43 Fant
  - 44 Fashionable
  - 45 Part 2 of quip
  - 51 Agatha's colleague
  - 52 Hardy popular
  - 54 NASA affirmative
  - 55 — vera
  - 56 Revolt
  - 58 Prop for Figo
  - 61 Make murky
  - 62 Alpine area
  - 63 Soccer superstar
  - 64 Gounod opera
  - 65 "Fantasia" frame
  - 68 Part 3 of quip
  - 73 Narcs' org
  - 74 Old Testament character
  - 76 Jet-setter's need
  - 77 Spine-tingling
  - 79 Middle Eastern money
  - 80 Play ground?
  - 82 Cajole
  - 85 Cry of dread
  - 87 — Na Na
  - 88 Tuscan town
  - 89 Surflet
  - 90 Part 4 of quip
  - 95 Prepare the champagne
  - 96 Vintage
  - 97 62 Across
  - 98 Grown-up grub
  - 99 Cum in coriander
  - 102 Pieces
  - 103 Noisy birds
  - 104 Tibia
  - 105 Walker's "The —"
  - 107 Kennel feature
  - 108 Catchall abbr.
  - 111 Flirt
  - 112 End of quip
  - 119 Burmese statesman
  - 120 TV's —
  - 121 Early computer
  - 122 Pianist Jose
  - 123 Baby —
  - 124 Scent
  - 125 Musical movement
  - 126 Get in shape
- DOWN**
- 1 Lhasa —
  - 2 Magic-show sound
  - 3 — Linda, CA
  - 4 Zinc or copper
  - 5 Ran into NBC newsmen
  - 6 —
  - 7 Actor Damon
  - 8 — Dhabhi
  - 9 Historic org
  - 10 Had some halibut
  - 11 Handel oratorio
  - 12 Tale
  - 13 "Dies —"
  - 14 Control lever
  - 15 Office-holders
  - 16 Battle site of 1836
  - 17 Fancy fabric
  - 18 Salchow kin
  - 24 Spare part?
  - 25 — Amy
  - 30 — in America (63 tune)
  - 32 Say yes
  - 33 — polio
  - 34 Proof-reader's mark
  - 35 Sailed through
  - 36 Tang
  - 38 Orthopedists' org
  - 39 Detailed description
  - 40 Continental currency
  - 41 Br'l of Rights grp
  - 42 Femme —
  - 43 Couturier
  - 46 — Vicente, Brazil
  - 47 Zhivago's love
  - 48 Ausbly
  - 49 Din
  - 50 Actress
  - 52 Long lunch?
  - 53 Mighty mile
  - 57 Satellite —
  - 58 Witherspoon of "Legally Blonde"
  - 59 Soprano
  - 60 Zuko
  - 63 Blue nose
  - 64 Move like a hummingbird
  - 65 Chocolate substitute
  - 66 Yolk or foot
  - 67 Inclined
  - 69 Palindromic name
  - 70 Most modern
  - 71 MTV viewer
  - 72 Precinct
  - 73 Story line
  - 78 Decorates glass
  - 80 Wearing saddles
  - 81 Author
  - 82 Places
  - 83 Came down to earth
  - 84 Droop
  - 85 Howard or Petty
  - 87 Chose
  - 88 Bactenolol
  - 91 Ad —
  - 92 Repeat
  - 93 Mitty's creator
  - 94 Harrison's "Star Wars" role
  - 95 Dodger
  - 98 Good name for a raccoon
  - 99 Radiated
  - 100 Stimulate
  - 101 Shiba — (Japanese dog)
  - 102 Weather word
  - 103 Roast beef
  - 104 Move quickly
  - 106 Football Hall of Famer Jim
  - 107 Puerto —
  - 108 To be, to Baudelaire
  - 109 Forbidden
  - 110 Overcharge
  - 112 Inflatable item?
  - 114 Lennon's widow
  - 115 Canterbury can
  - 116 "I've been —"
  - 117 Ike's domain
  - 118 Sister



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