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## ON THE RECORD Economic Symposium

Natalie Mosher is lead organizer of the 11th Congressional District Democratic Organization's presentation, Economic Symposium: 2010 -- The Next Steps for Michigan's Future, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 6 at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center (VT 550 Presentation Room) at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

Michigan unemployment has skyrocketed to 14.6%, the highest in the nation. Unemployed auto workers look to redefine their skills and search for work. The green, alternative energy state Michigan strives to become seems to be stalled without adequate funding. Our education system is in financial peril and Michigan is facing the largest deficit in its history. How do we move forward as a State in transition? Come to the symposium to hear knowledge and opinion leaders discuss the way to our future.

Ron Dzwonkowski, Detroit Free Press associate editor, will moderate. Guests include Lou Glazer, Michigan's Future; Dr. Soji Adelaji, Land Policy Institute, Bio Economy; Mark Gaffney, Michigan AFL-CIO; and Rupesh Srivastava, founder of Youngsoft and H2H Solutions.

## Oscar® contest

Choose the winners of several major Academy Awards® categories for the chance to win some great prizes, courtesy of Emagine Theatres of Canton and Novi and the *Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers*. First prize is a 12-month pass for two to Emagine, second prize is four movie passes and a \$25 concession gift card and third prize is two movie passes and a \$15 concession gift card.

It's easy to enter — just predict how the academy will vote in seven major categories: best film, director, actor, actress, supporting actor, supporting actress and animated film. Tiebreaker categories include winner for best musical score and best documentary feature. In the event that there is a tie, a name will be randomly selected.

Select your choices by 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 5, to be eligible for this year's contest. Go to [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) and click on Oscar Contest.

## Trustees balk on senior bus merger

Board members send plan back to subcommittee

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

It may have been a way for the Northville communities to save \$8,000, but Northville Township trustees decided not to approve a proposed merger of the senior transportation program with its neighbors to the south — city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

The current service includes Northville Township and the city of Northville under a

"Collaboration just for the sake of collaboration is not success."

Mark Abbo, Northville Township supervisor

shared services agreement.

Under the proposed merger, transportation would be provided to senior citizens and special needs riders in the two Northville communities and the two

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Driver Don Keyes outside one of the buses he drives for Northville's senior transportation program.

## Northville neighbors help provide tents to Haitians



COURTESY GILES ANTOINE

These Haitians have a roof over their head following the recent tragic earthquake that shook the country thanks to the Tents4Haiti program. Two Northville Township neighbors have joined the effort to have many tents like the one on the right shipped to the country with the help of many donations across the world.

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BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Some Northville Township residents are helping Haitians devastated by the recent earthquake by providing them something they need immediately — a roof over their heads.

Joe Rocco, his wife Rachel, and their neighbor Kerry Zielinski, are involved in a project called Tents4Haiti that provides shelter to the disaster victims.

They are raising money to obtain and ship about 2,000

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### HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

Donations for Haitians are being accepted by a family foundation run by George Stines, a dentist in Howell. His website is [www.stinesfamilydentistry.com/foundation](http://www.stinesfamilydentistry.com/foundation). This site was set up before the earthquake struck. The overall project is being coordinated at <http://tents4haiti.wordpress.com/donate>. For those who don't have Internet access and wish to mail a donation, contact Rachel Rocco at (248) 345-2048. She can also be contacted via e-mail at [rachelrocco@aol.com](mailto:rachelrocco@aol.com).

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## Several new businesses slated to open soon in Northville

Make-your-own  
candles store to new  
dessert bar

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Northville Downtown Development Authority Board member Mary Starring announced at February's meeting that residents can look forward several new businesses that will open soon in the city.

Starring, chair of the DDA's Business Mix Committee, said at the Feb. 16 board meeting that Proverbs, a two-chair salon with corresponding retail is slated to

open next to the Urban Optiques eyeglass store in the Main Centre Building on E. Main Street.

Another W. Main Street store, Violets Are Purple, to be located at 112 W. Main Street, will feature Full of Scents Candles. These are 100 percent soy wax, triple-scented, hand-poured candles.

The store will also sell hand-painted porcelain antiques, gifts and decorative accessories. Patrons are encouraged to recycle their existing candle holders with Violets Are Purple candles. Containers can be filled with any color or fragrance of candles right in the shop.

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# NEIGHBORS

## Locals gearheads head to Cobo for AutoRama



The 427-cubic-inch Roush engine that Dennis Corn has put in his '88 Ford Thunderbird Turbo Coupe.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Cars from Northville, Novi will be on hand

BY PAM FLEMING AND NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITERS

Dennis Corn says it might not have been "love at first sight" when he found his 1988 Thunderbird, but it was pretty close. Corn, of Northville Township and his father, Bob Corn, of Ann Arbor, will enter two vehicle in this year's

AutoRama this weekend in Detroit— the white '88 T-Bird with blue stripes that's been transformed into a race car and his dad's 1963 triple-black Ford Galaxie. "It's a father-and-son effort," he said of their car work. They plan to race the Thunderbird soon at the Milan Dragway. The last time they had

entered a vehicle in the Detroit AutoRama was in the early 1980s with a turbo-charged Ford Pinto that they still have. Corn said the Galaxie was built to cruise on the street. They purchased the Thunderbird because it was the right opportunity at the right time. "We wanted to build a dif-

ferent vehicle since the last competition vehicle we as a family built was in the mid 1970s," Corn said. They just completed work on the Thunderbird last Sunday. "We were looking for a project, and this was something to keep us out of trouble," he joked. They also have a blue 1967 Mustang.

"We wanted to show off the hard work of the family and friends for the nearly two-and-a-half years it has taken after work to complete," Corn said. "So, the Detroit AutoRama was a nice project build end goal. We look forward to the Detroit AutoRama as they have coordinated a nice show over the years."

#### SHOW HOURS, TICKET PRICES

AutoRama 2010 takes place this weekend at Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit at One Washington Boulevard. Hours are noon-10 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$18 for general admission or \$5 for children ages 6-12 or \$15 for adults and \$4 for children at any area O'Reilly Auto Parts stores.

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## NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

## Solo &amp; Ensemble Fest

Congratulations to the following Band students for participating in the MSBOA District 12 Solo & Ensemble Festival at Livonia-Franklin High School Jan. 30. There were 32 events that performed and all students earned medals based on their scores.

7th Grade: Paige Baal, Rishi Barad, Abby Buck, Kelci Henson-Forslund, Dillon Gorton, Deborah Johnson, Harry Kaloustian, Tiffany Loh, Jacob Luikart, Lee Moore, Rachel Nastelin, Allison Pasek, Brian Qian, Matt Schafer, Brent Schin, Nirek Sharma, Jacob Sirois, Joseph Styers, Anna Thorson and Danny Wickett

8th Grade: Adam Crittenden, Rachel Crittenden, Molly DeDonna, Sandya Janardhan, Bob Malinas, Max Paul, Ryan Sahijdak, Nicole Smaston, Jennifer Tam, Erika Tsuchiya, Aileen Wang, Caroline Werther and Wini Zambare

## Cabaret Concert

Northville High School Choirs present their annual Cabaret Concert, Saturday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. Cabaret is an event showcasing the individual talents of students in the Northville High School Choir Program in a "nightclub" style setting. This year's theme is "Circle of Life."

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door and include entertainment and refreshments. Make your checks payable to NHS Choir and send to Libby Smith at 18262 Arselot Drive, Northville, MI 48168. Please purchase all of your party's tickets at the same time to assure assigned seating together. All tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information or to RSVP by Feb. 20, contact Libby Smith at (248) 348-6697, or email Choir08boosters@hotmail.com.

## Kindergarten notice

Northville Public Schools is now accepting Kindergarten enrollment for fall, 2010. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 1, 2010, please contact your local elementary school for kindergarten enrollment information. The Northville Public Schools kindergarten sessions are half-day programs, offered in the morning or afternoon. School phone numbers are as follows:

Amerman (248) 344-8405  
Moraine (248) 344-8473  
Ridge Wood (248) 349-7602  
Silver Springs (248) 344-8410  
Thornton Creek (248) 344-8475

Winchester (248) 344-8415

Please note that attendance boundary information is located on the school district website at [www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/boundary-maps.asp](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/boundary-maps.asp). If you have further questions, please contact the Northville Public Schools Office of Instruction at (248) 344-8447 or visit [www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us). A parent meeting for incoming 2010-11 Kindergartners will take place at each school during April and May 2010.

## Wondergarten

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs offers a program called Wondergarten for the remaining half of the Kindergarten day. This half-day program, specifically designed for Kindergarten children, is offered at each elementary school, space permitting. It is scheduled either in the morning, from the start of the school day until afternoon Kindergarten begins, or from morning Kindergarten dismissal until the end of the school day.

To further extend the school day, Kids' Club is offered from 7 a.m. to the start of school and from school dismissal until 6 p.m.

Program Request Forms are available on the district website at [www.northville.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood) beginning March 13. The enrollment period is March 15-31. Please contact the Early Childhood office at (248) 344-8465 if you have any questions or concerns. Specific offerings are dependent on enrollment; space is limited.

## Pennies for Power

Students at Winchester Elementary in Northville are learning that every penny counts when it comes to helping their neighbors stay safe and warm this winter. More than 500 Winchester students collected \$1,064.59 as a part of the Pennies for Power program, which benefited the Seventh Annual WWJ Newsradio 950 Winter Survival Radiothon for The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) on held on Feb. 5-6.

From Jan. 11-22, Winchester's students collected pennies in a fun-spirited competition to see which class could raise the most for THAW. Ashley Noonan's class of fourth graders came out on top with a total of \$145.01.

Noonan's class not only earned a pizza party lunch, but also received an on-air mention on WWJ, with class representatives presenting the school's donation live on the Radiothon, which was held in the ballroom at MGM Grand Detroit.

"Pennies for Power has demonstrated to our students the importance of giving and how even pennies can make a big difference to families in need," said Patricia Messing, principal of Winchester Elementary. "It's a lesson we value just as much

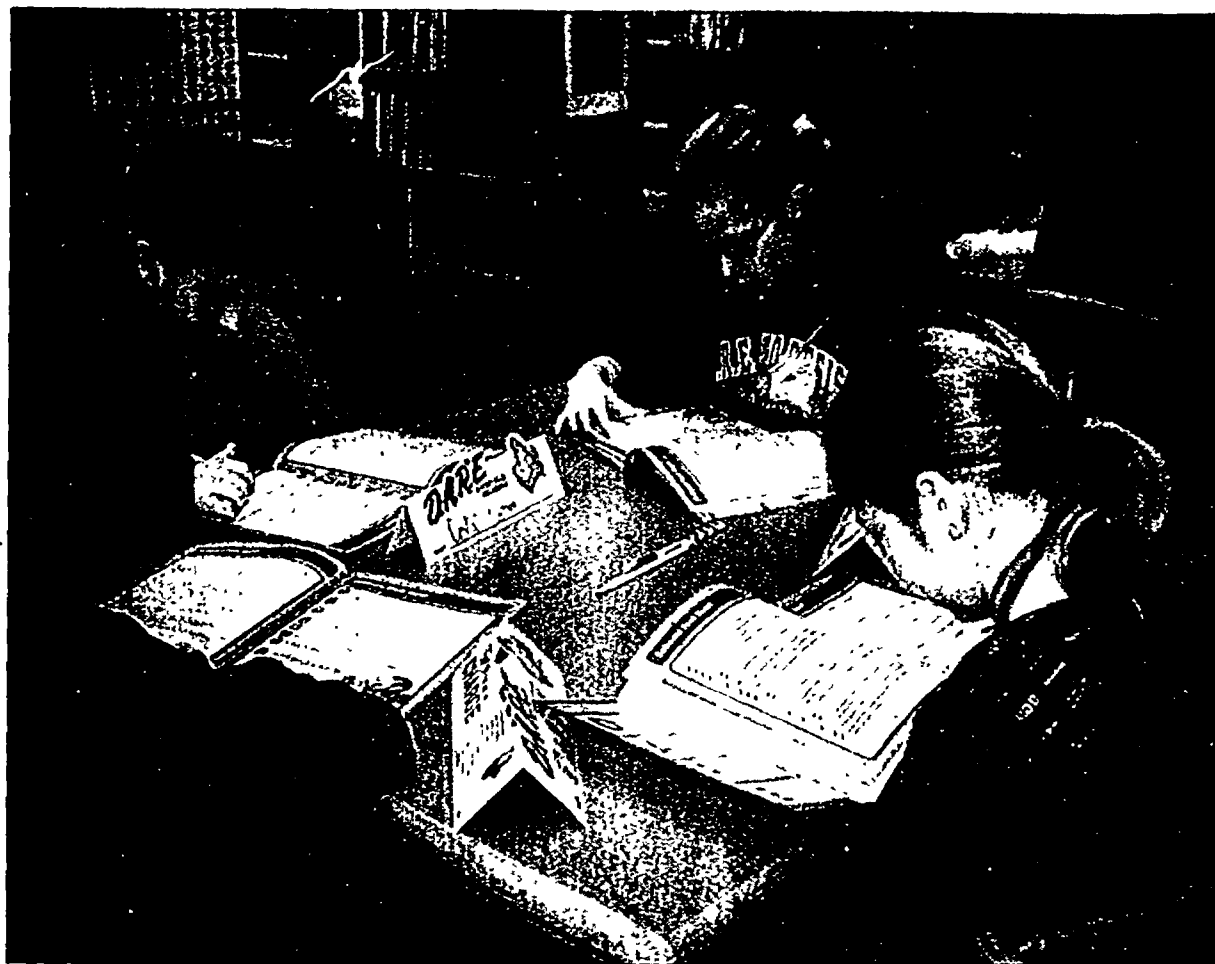


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## D.A.R.E. exercise

Ridge Wood students Joey Minghine (back to camera) and Colin Latta, and Amerman students Carly Bins and Emily Peck, complete an exercise in their D.A.R.E. workbook on Feb. 2. Participating in D.A.R.E. -- Drug Abuse Resistance Education -- is a long-standing tradition for Northville fifth graders. A handful of sixth graders also complete the program at Meads Mill Middle School. The D.A.R.E. program, already cut in the City of Northville, was at risk of being cut in Northville Township this year due to budgetary concerns. Led by Northville Township police officer Larry Demeter, the winter/spring D.A.R.E. class session includes 149 Ridge Wood, Winchester and Amerman fifth graders. The fall session served 128 students from Moraine, Silver Springs, Meads Mill and Northville Montessori.

as math, science or history."

Chase Bank in Plymouth generously donated their services to count the pennies.

## Reflections Night at Barnes &amp; Noble

On Tuesday, March 2 from 3-8 p.m. Barnes & Noble, Northville, will be hosting Northville Reflections Night. All artwork that proceeded to state competition will be displayed and Northville state-level winners will be showcased. Proceeds from purchases made during the first three weeks in March, using a voucher, will help to benefit State of Michigan PTA Reflections. Vouchers are available through your school's website or on the Northville Public Schools website under PTA. Activities for kids will include scavenger hunts, art demonstrations, and performances from local students.

The Reflections Program was started in 1969. In its 40-year history, the program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in six areas: dance choreography, film pro-

duction, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (including art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage).

All NPS students are eligible to enter Reflections. Students submit their art in November for judging at the school level. Winners proceed to state competition in January and results are announced in March. Last year Northville Public Schools had 23 winners at the state level. State winners then compete at the national level. Those winners are announced in June.

## Market Scrip program

Hillside Middle School is now participating in Hiller's Market Scrip Card program. Activate and load money on your new Scrip Card at any Hiller's Market using cash, credit and debit cards, or checks in amounts from \$5 up to \$1,000. You can do this at Customer Service or right at the checkout lane before the cashier begins to scan your purchase. Then use your Scrip Card to pay for groceries (like a gift card). When your balance runs out, just reload the same Scrip Card with more money. Hillside automatically earns five percent every time money is put on a Scrip Card. If you are interested in receiving a Hiller's Scrip Card, e-mail Janice Gutowski at [jgutowski7@comcast.net](mailto:jgutowski7@comcast.net). Please include your name, home address and how many cards you need.

## Yearbook photos wanted

The Northville High School yearbook wants your photos! Send us anything involving our students, whether it's group, team, or individual activities, concerts, performances, or sports -- especially candid and

action photos. Send your high resolution digital files (JPG) to [henderro@northville.k12.mi.us](mailto:henderro@northville.k12.mi.us). Include a brief description of the activity and names and grades of the students pictured, along with the photographer's first and last name.

## Community Financial scholarships

Community Financial, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth (CFP) and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF), will be awarding 11 \$1,000 scholarships in April.

Applications can only be made online by going to <http://scholarships.egrant.org>, creating an account and logging in. Read the guidelines for our "Community Financial Margaret Dunning and George Lawton Scholarships." If you qualify, complete just one application; you will be considered for both scholarships. Deadline is March 5.

## Senior All Night Party

The Senior All Night Party takes place on Sunday, June 6, from 9 p.m.-3 a.m. at Northville High School. The hallways are transformed into a magical setting, created by our very own parents, who have been working very hard for several months at making their vision become a reality.

Tickets are \$75 and include a T-shirt, entertainment, food, casino, and many other activities. Turn in ticket form along with the SANP liability form and cash or check payable to SANP into the office or mail to SANP, PO Box 470, Novi, MI 48376.

Only 30 more security volunteers are needed. Please consider even just a few hours, as a gift to the kids for their last hurrah. The first security meeting will be Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the Forum. Contact Karen Harris at [ks.harris@](mailto:ks.harris@)

yahoo.com for more information.

In 25 words or less, send your senior off with a special message and it will be displayed and given to them at the Senior All Night Party. Parents, siblings, grandparents, etc. are asked to participate in this long-lasting tradition. Turn the attached form into the SANP box in the school office, or mail to SANP, PO Box 470, Novi, MI 48376 along with \$5 cash or check made payable to "SANP".

It is not too late to order the commemorative wooden mustang, which is decorated by you and is put on display at the SANP, and can then be used at your graduation celebration! You have until March 31st to order for \$45, cash or check, made payable to "SANP". Turn form into SANP box located in school office or mail to SANP, PO Box 470, Novi, MI 48376

Volunteers are needed to pop in and help paint and create at Rite Aid, located at 42261 Seven Mile Rd. Hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 9-11 a.m. Contact Betsy Basoukas at [vbetsyb@wowway.com](mailto:vbetsyb@wowway.com).

The Prizes and Gifts Committee is accepting donations from parents. Donations can be monetary, gift cards, tickets for events etc. If you would like to donate please contact Carol Grimmer (248) 380-7244 or 345-5536.

Donations can be mailed to 17490 Rolling Woods Cr., Northville, MI 48168. Please make checks payable to Senior All Night Party.

SANP forms can also be downloaded at <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/schools/high/high.asp> under Northville News or at [www.NHS2010.com](http://www.NHS2010.com).

The decorations team is requesting a photo of your student with their friends in any size to display in their area. Please place in a sealed envelope labeled SANP in the school office SANP Photo box. Deadline is March 1.

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# EDUCATION

## NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS

### Michigan State University

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Carson, Oh, Min; Padmos, Jessica Marie; Palazeti, Maria Mikela; Panetta, Ellen Anne; Pape, Matthew John; Paulus, Kirsta Elizabeth; Peterson, Ryan Lawrence; Peterson, Scott Spencer; Piowar, Kara Nichole; Pluszczynski, Ronald Anthony; Poltorak, Renee Elizabeth; Przekop, Chelsea Rose; Putman, Nicholas Michael; Quick, Heather Alana; Racinski, Stanley Jerome; Raymond, Michael Patrick; Ritchie, Leah Marie; Rossiter, Colleen Marie; Rykerker, Michael David; Schmeling, David Charles; Schmeling, Kathryn Ann; Southers, Erin Elizabeth; Sutter, Stacy Lynn; Swanson, Ryan Brooks; Swartz, Matthew Charles; Swoish, Erica Marie; Tabaczynski, Andrew John; Todoroski, Adrian; Trajkovski, Jacquelina Michelle; Trautmanis, Martins Margers; Truong, Michelle Thanh Thu; Tukys, Renatas; Turner, Erica Hannah; Verbiscus, Lauren Elizabeth; Webb, Alexander Joseph; Wilson, Courtney Annette; Woloszyn, Marisa Leigh; Zannis, Sylvia Marissa;

### Grand Valley State University

Northville's Kari Oshanski was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. She is a senior in communications.

### Alma College

The following Northville High School graduates were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 term: Katherine Hallam, Lisa Glowe and Kathryn Weicksel. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the Dean's List.

### Saint Mary's College

Jenna Hansen of Northville was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. A student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale to earn academic honors at Saint Mary's.

### Samford University

Whitney Anne Brownlee of Northville has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. To qualify for the honor, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework.



Foreign exchange students gathered at the home of Kevin and Janice Ford in Northville Township for a Education First Winter Olympics party last Saturday. Pictured, from left, are Sina Moiser of Germany, Laura Beutler of Germany, Marco Chiatto of Italy, Fernando Gonzalez of Mexico, Jost Bergk of Germany, Kaisa Hartikka of Finland (left of sign), Karoline Buchta of Austria (right of sign), Dorothee Fembrod of Germany (kneeling left) and Lisa Murdovic of Austria (kneeling right). Not pictured: Marit Schmid of Norway.

## Exchange students cheer on Olympic teams

### Germany has most medals next to U.S.

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

It's Olympics month, and most people in the Detroit area are cheering on the U.S. athletes.

But, a group of foreign exchange students who met in a Northville Township home last Saturday had a variety of different allegiances.

The students are studying at local high schools and living with area host families in and around southeast Michigan through the Education First Foundation for Foreign Study's program to learn about and participate in American culture.

This month, all bets are off, as the foreign students root for their native nations during the 2010 Winter Olympics.

In the spirit of friendly competition, this weekend's event was a chance for American students to learn from their foreign counterparts.

The party was hosted by Janice and Kevin Ford in their Northville Township home. Janice is and International Exchange Coordinator with EF.

Schmidt, who is a senior at Grove High School in Birmingham, even has two brothers competing in the Nordic Combined event at the Winter Games. One is representing Norway, and the other Switzerland.

The group hung out, ate pizza and played Wii in the Fords' basement at the party.

Bergk said he likes everything about America. "It's so different from Germany," he said. "I like Cedar Point." He's a swimmer at Walled Lake Central High School. He likes the biathlon event in the Winter Olympics.

"Germany's in second place in the medals right now," Bergk said.

Chiatto, who's attending Plymouth-Salem High School, said he's enjoying his American experience so far. "I have a really nice family. I love my school, too." He likes the ice dancing in the Winter Olympics.

"I really don't understand curling."

"We don't have any snow, so we don't have a Winter Olympic team, which is really kind of sad," Gonzalez said. "I enjoy the sledding events, and I'd love to go snowboarding sometime. I like the high school I'm attending," he said, which is Vandercook High School in Jackson.

Gonzalez said he doesn't like the American version of Mexican food, and Chiatto's not too keen on the U.S.'s interpretation of Italian food either.

### LIKES HOCKEY, ICE SKATING

Hartikka said her favorite Winter Olympics sport is hockey, and she likes individual ice skating, too. "I like the American culture, the language and the people. They are so open with each other. In Finland, people don't talk to each other if they don't know them." She's attending Belleville High School and just returned from a trip to Chicago.

"I've never seen such tall buildings," Hartikka said.

"I really like the experience so far," Fembrod said. "I'm staying for a year, and it's flying by so fast."

"My favorite Winter Olympics sport is the pairs ice skating," Fembrod said. "People here are really open-minded and friendly. It's easy as a foreigner to come here because everyone's so friendly." She attends Saline High School.

Buchta is a student at Romeo High School. Her favorite Winter Olympics sport is downhill skiing, because Austrian are very good in the sport.

Murkovic is a student at Stephenson High School in Sterling Heights. "My favorite winter sports in the Olympics are snowboarding and skiing."

She likes the shopping and Starbucks in the U.S. However, she misses the mass transit system in Austria.

Moiser is also a student at Stephenson High School through the Cultural Homepage International student exchange program. She doesn't have a favorite Olympic

sport. Fembrod is from the Youth for Understanding exchange program.

Bueller said she likes everything about America. "I also like the shopping," she said. She's attending Canton High School and is staying with Bev Swider and her family in Canton.

"I like the ski jumping," she said.

### LOOKING FOR FAMILIES

Ford said students can stay for six months or a year in exchange programs, and they're always looking for more host families.

Jennifer Mott, a host parent for Chiatto from Italy at her family's home in Plymouth and brought daughter, Nicole, to the party, said she loves having students from overseas.

"It's taught us a lot about ourselves, and it's been a really nice experience to be able to have somebody come in and show someone things for the first time," Mott said. "It's kind of like being a new mom all over again."

"Marco's like a brother to me," Nicole Mott said.

Evelyn Akers has been an IEC with EF for four years. She's hosting Bergk while his host family is out of town. "The program makes the world a smaller place," she said. "The students bring a lot of joy to our lives." Her daughter, Chloe, said, "It's been an awesome experience having the students live with us. You learn so much."

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### Circus show

Old Village School student Nick Cashieri, 10, dressed as a panda parades around the circus ring with para-educator Judy Keeling, left, during Fri., Feb. 12th's Old Village Circus Show. Coordinated by adaptive physical education teacher Christine Lalinsky, the show also featured an M.C. and a few students made up like lions who tumbled through hoops.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

# Liquor store clerk admits accidentally shooting himself

## Police learn details day after incident

A 47-year-old clerk at the Northville Liquor Market at Seven Mile and Napier roads admitted to Northville Township police Sunday afternoon that he accidentally shot himself. The clerk called 911, with police responding to a shooting at the market at 51305 Seven Mile Road about 9:08 p.m. Saturday. The man said he had been shot by two unknown assailants in the parking lot.

The victim described the suspects as two white males in a dark-colored vehicle. The victim stated they knew him by name and that they looked familiar.

The victim suffered a wound to the abdomen and was flown to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti by MedFlight. He is currently in stable condition.

Northville Township detectives recovered the firearm inside the market. An interview with the clerk on Sunday afternoon uncovered that it was an accidental shooting by the store clerk on himself.

The investigation is ongoing, with the Wayne County Prosecutor planning to review the case.

# Stressed to the max

All of us have felt some sort of stress in our lifetime and everybody handles stress differently. Think about it: I know some people that will walk into a crowded room and they will immediately start to perspire, and I know others that will walk into that same room and they will not sweat at all. This has nothing to do with temperature in the room, but rather individuals reactions to what they perceive as a stressful situation.

Stress can be good or bad. A good stressor would be playing for a championship in a sporting event, and a bad stressful situation would be to fly on a plane and having a fear of fly-

## THE SAFETY ZONE

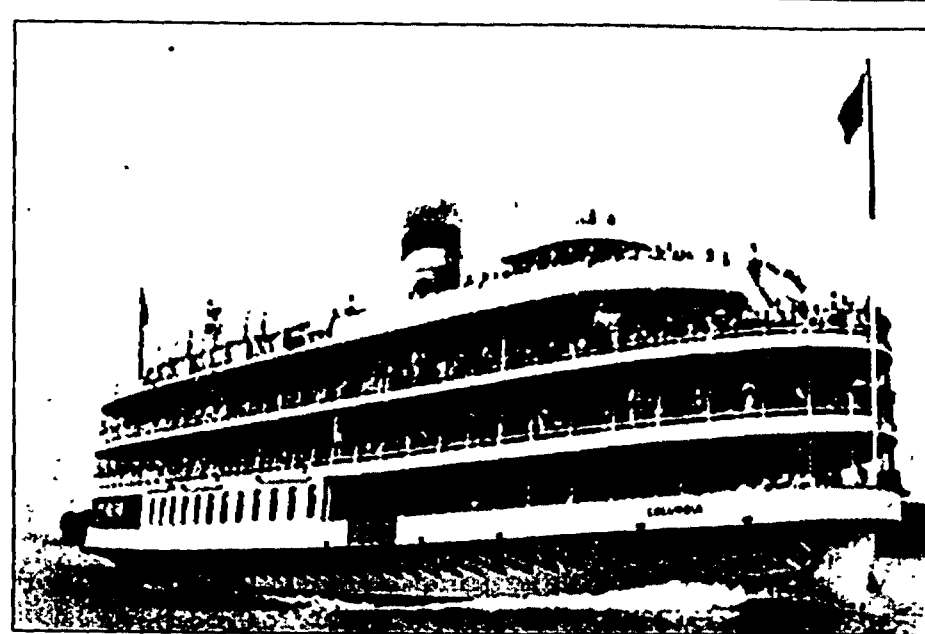
ing. Unfortunately many people don't know how to properly deal with stress in their life. If it goes untreated long enough, stress can lead to exhaustion and illness. It's also a proven fact that stress is a contributing factor to high blood pressure and heart attacks. Fortunately all of us can reduce our level of stress with little effort. Try to incorporate some of these stressors in your life.

- Think positive
- Exercise
- Eat healthy
- Get plenty of sleep

- Meditate
- Take up a hobby
- Relax
- Read a book
- Talk to someone about your feelings

These are just some examples of coping with stress. There are many ways to deal with stress. Only you will know what coping method will work best for you. Stress is unavoidable but with some simple techniques you can overcome it. You never know, by eliminating your bad stress it might just save your life.

Jason Raschke is a firefighter with Northville Township. He can be contacted at jraschke@twp.northville.mi.us.



## Boblo steamers

Remember packing up the kids and a picnic lunch and heading to the Boblo boat dock in Detroit to spend the day on Boblo Island? Boblo Island Amusement Park was a getaway from the hustle and bustle of city life. Half the fun was getting there. Dancing in the moonlight on the Boblo boat moonlight cruises was more popular with an older crowd than those who traveled on the boat just to get to the rides. The cruises were all about dancing and socializing on the Detroit River. Two steamers made especially for the Boblo run were the Columbia in 1902 and the Ste. Claire in 1910, both designed by Frank E. Kirby. They are the last two steamers of their type with integrity left in the United States. The pair shared their original run from Detroit to Boblo Island for 81 years, a record of service on a single run unequalled in U.S. maritime history. Learn about the history and future of these historic steamers. Lori Feret has been working on a restoration project for the Columbia. At Mill Race Village's New School Church at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, she will give a presentation that will include video footage and slides. The event is free, but donations are appreciated. Please call (248) 348-1845 to reserve your seat.

## NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Victorian Tea

On Saturday, March 27, the Northville Historical Society is hosting a Victorian Tea at 2 p.m. at Cady Inn, followed by a Gibson Girl Fashion Show at the Village Church at 3:30 p.m. Advance reservations for the tea (\$25) are required, and it includes the fashion show.

Tickets are \$25 for the program and tea; \$20 for NHS members; \$10 for the program only. There will be preferred seating for tea guests at the program. Seating is limited; reserve by noon on March 19.

For more info, call (248) 348-1845.

### "Annie" to aid Zambians

The musical "Annie" will be performed March 5-6 by the Oak Pointe Players of Oak Pointe Church, including Chuck Gaidica of WDIV whose daughter Riley plays Annie. The net proceeds will go to Living Hope International, a non-profit organization that runs an orphanage in Zambia, Africa.

Show times are Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per child; \$10 per adult and a limit of \$30 per family. Call Oak Pointe Church at (248) 912-0043 or visit [www.oakpointe.org](http://www.oakpointe.org) for more information. Oak Pointe Church is a non-denominational community located at 50200 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi.

### Energy grant

State Representative Marc Coriveau (D-Northville) hailed the announcement by the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth (DELEG) that Northville is among 125 cities, villages, townships and counties throughout Michigan that will receive \$17.4 million in grants to support local energy efficiency projects.

Northville will receive \$50,000.

The state Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants, which are funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, were awarded by DELEG to local projects across the state that will create and retain jobs, save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"This funding will go a long way toward reducing energy costs here in Northville and saving taxpayer dollars," Coriveau said. "Whether it's improving energy use in our municipal buildings, improved street lighting, or expanded community recycling programs, focusing our resources toward energy efficiency is good for Michigan's taxpayers and businesses. This grant is not just an investment in our public buildings and services, but it is also an investment in our local economy that will help create jobs for our residents."

### Women's Club meets

The Northville Women's Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 5 at First Presbyterian Church. The topic of discussion will be "Staging Your Garden - Everything Grows."

### Relay for Life kickoff

On March 4, the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Northville will officially get underway as event volunteers and participants gather at the Northville Township Firehouse (45745 Six Mile Road) for a kickoff rally to launch their fundraising efforts for the year.

Although the Relay For Life of Northville is more than two months away, now is the time to get involved. Residents are invited to attend the kick-off celebration to learn more about the upcoming Relay For Life and how they can become part of an exciting overnight event that can lead to world with less cancer and more birthdays. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the event runs from 6:30-7:30. Light refreshments will be provided.

Relay For Life is the Society's signature event, dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds to fight cancer. Teams of family, friends, and co-workers camp out overnight, taking turns walking the track. During the event, participants and visitors will have a chance to celebrate the victory of area cancer survivors during the Survivors Lap; remember those we have lost to the disease during the poignant Luminaria Ceremony; and participate in the Fight Back Ceremony that gives everyone a chance to proclaim their way of taking action against the disease.

Donations can be made to this local Relay For Life event by visiting [www.relayforlife.org/northville](http://www.relayforlife.org/northville). Community members can also start or join a team by following the links to this local Relay event on [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).

For more information on how you can get involved or about the kick-off event, contact Nicole Abdilla at (248) 663-3410 or [nicole.abdilla@cancer.org](mailto:nicole.abdilla@cancer.org).

### Looking for Great Homes

American Association of University Women Northville-Novi is looking for a few great Northville homes to feature in its 15th annual AAUW Home Tour. A highlight of the Northville Victorian Festival, the tour will be held for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sept. 18.

Typically homes featured are widely different in architecture and interior design, span three centuries of construction and reflect how families have adapted to 21st century living in a community with a Victorian village at its heart. Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will be answering questions at one home this year.

The home tour is a signature fund-raising event of AAUW which directs its support to advance education in the local, national and international community. One of the ongoing local commitments is annual scholarship contributions to Schoolcraft and Oakland County Community College in addition to established endowments.

If you would like to discuss having your home on the AAUW Home Tour 2010 or would like to be a Home Tour volunteer, please contact event

Chair Dianne McCulloch at [dimccul@comcast.net](mailto:dimccul@comcast.net).

### Life on the Vine

The First Presbyterian Church in Northville will host a two-day seminar, Life on the Vine: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit among Christian Men.

Guest speaker will be Robert L. Hunter (Bob), a pastor, author, counselor and consultant with extensive experience in guiding congregations and leaders in their faith journey. He is currently serving as director of Stewardship and Endowment at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

The seminar will begin with registration at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, followed by a steak dinner and Rev. Hunter. Feb. 27 starts with breakfast at 7:45 a.m. followed by a morning session and small group discussions; lunch at noon; an afternoon session; worship and adjournment at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact the church (200 E. Main) at (248) 349-0911.

### Preschool auction

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, located at 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, will be hosting their annual auction event on Friday, March 5, at Genetti's Hole in the Wall, Northville. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. Tickets include a seven-course family-style dinner with dessert, silent auction, cash bar and murder mystery dinner theater. Go to [www.academicpathways-preschool.com](http://www.academicpathways-preschool.com) for more information or call (734) 546-5246.

### Be counted!

Answering 10 simple questions on Census Day, April 1 can create a better future for you, your family and your township.

In March, more than 130 million addresses in the United States will receive a U.S. Census 2010 questionnaire form either by mail or from a census worker. One of the shortest census forms created since the census was first conducted in 1790, this year's form should take only 10 minutes to complete. The form will ask for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship and whether the householder is an owner or renter. People with more than one residence should be counted only at the residence where they spend the largest part of the year.

By filling out your census form accurately and returning it by the deadline, you and the members of your household will be counted in the national census, which is used to determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives, allocate seats in the state Legislature, and influence how the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities.

For more information about Census 2010, contact Sue Hillebrand, Clerk at 248-662-0491, [shillebrand@twp.northville.mi.us](mailto:shillebrand@twp.northville.mi.us). Visit the Census website for employment or other information at [www.michigan.gov/census2010](http://www.michigan.gov/census2010).

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### DONALD E. BERNARD

Age 55, of South Lyon, passed away, February 19, 2010 at his home in the care of his loving family. He was born on May 19, 1954 in Detroit, son of the late Norbert and Frances (O Grady) Bernard. Prior to his retirement, Donald was a proud and dedicated Foreman with the Oakland County Road Commission for 21 years. He is survived by: his loving and devoted wife Valerie, his beloved children, Kelly (Ken) Oetzel, Jennifer (Jay) Reo, Christopher Bernard, Anita Hadley, Rachel (Joel) Walton and Shane Barker. He is also survived by 4 grandchildren and his siblings, Kathleen Gilmer, Barbara Yaros, Patricia Cavasin and James Bernard. He was preceded in death by his parents. A funeral service was held at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, on Tuesday, February 23, at 11 a.m. with Reverend Gerald Hunter officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan. Online guestbook at: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### GAIL MAJESKA CARLSON

February 20, 2010 age 48. Dear wife of Jon. Cherished mother of Lisa, Brian and Bridget. Services held at St. James Catholic Church. Donations may be made to the church. Online condolences: [www.obrienullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obrienullivanfuneralhome.com)

### ELIZABETH "BETTY" FAUSTYN

Age 82, of Northville, passed away Feb. 22, 2010. Memorial mass held Wed. Feb. 24 at St. Joseph Church in South Lyon. Contributions to Angela Hospice. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 248 446 1171

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### COLIN "BUTCH" GILES

Age 67, of Livonia, passed away, February 20, 2010. He was born on Aug. 26, 1942 in Quincy MA; son of the late Henry & Mary Giles. Colin moved to Michigan in 1953 and graduated from Ferndale High in 1960. He owned and operated Giles Autobody in Inkster from 1979-2007 and was an Active participant at Flat Rock & Toledo Speedway. He was a long time South Lyon resident and a dear friend and father who will be dearly missed. He is survived by his children: Jeffrey (Cindy) Giles and Henry (Gina) Giles; and his siblings: Henry "Bud" Giles, Richard "Dick" Giles, Margaret "Peggy" Becker, and Florence "Chris" Savalox. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Jordan, Cheyenne, Justin Giles and Jennifer Nelson. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Carole (Mead) Giles. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 27th, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon, MI 48178. The family will begin receiving friends at 10:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Colin c/o Phillips Funeral Home or to a charity of your choice. On-line guestbook at: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### DONNA L. HARDY

Age 48, of New Hudson, passed away Feb. 21, 2010. Funeral service Thurs., February 25 at 11:30am at Casterline Funeral Home, 59255 10 Mile, South Lyon. Contributions to the Michigan Humane Society appreciated.

### JAMES P. HELLWEGE

Born Aug. 4, 1943. Died Oct. 12, 2009. Beloved son and brother was a life long learner with a love for bingo. Preceded in death by his parents Walter and Barbara Hellwege and two brothers: Walter F. and Richard Hellwege. He will be greatly missed by his sister Timolee (Raymond) Bodenham, sister-in-law Betty Hellwege, nephew Matthew Bodenham, nieces: timolee Bodenham and Debbie Buchholz along with many friends at the senior center. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon

### MARGUERITE JACKSON MONTGOMERY

Age 83, passed away Feb. 22, 2010. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. with final visitation at 11 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

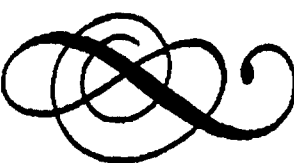


FERN MARIE RACE (HUTCHINS)

Of Davisburg, formerly of South Lyon, passed into eternal life February 15, 2010; age 87. Preceded in death by her husband Blair and brothers Alvin & Russell Hutchins. Mother of James (Marge) of South Lyon, Sue (the late James) Koslosky of Clarkston and David B. (Rita) of FL. Grandma of David S. Race, John (Kari) Race, Kristen (Michael) Gargano, Michael (Lori) Koslosky, John (Cheryl) Koslosky, Cathleen (Steven) Nelson, Ken Race; Great grandma of Benjamin, Cameron, Jacob, Jenna, Jessica, Daria, Jake, Caroline, Luke, Justine, John & David. Sister of Mary Jane Johnston, also survived by many nieces & nephews. Fern was a faithful & active member of First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon for over 65 years. She retired as secretary for South Lyon Schools. She enjoyed reading, playing bridge & traveling. She took each grandchild on a trip "anywhere in the world" for their high school graduation. Visitation was Friday at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon; Memorial service was held Saturday at Phillips Funeral Home. Inurnment will be at a later date at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Local arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Compassus. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

### PATRICIA M. (BOYER) WILLER

Age 69, of the Highland & Milford area; passed away on February 14, 2010. The Memorial Service was held on Thursday, February 18, 2010, at the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, Highland Chapel (248) 889-1500. Visit [www.MEM.com](http://www.MEM.com) and share a memory



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**Church of the Holy Family**

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.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, Thursday, Friday; 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

**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.  
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 dfcnazarene.org  
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast  
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

**Women of the Word**

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

**First Baptist Church of Northville**

Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

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

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

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Men's Bible Study & Breakfast:  
2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:15 a.m.  
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Pastor Nick Fluter

**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
120 Bishop St., Highland  
off of Mifflin 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 Mulin  
889-7253 or 887-4566

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Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.  
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Sunday, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. Holy Day, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; First Saturday 9 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 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided

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4805 Highland Rd. (between Bogie Ln. & Orchard Rd.)  
(248) 687-4654 Deborah V. Kerr, Pastor  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Children Church School 10:00 a.m.  
Child Care Provided  
"The Friendly Church" Established 1835

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**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
PRESCHOOL & KIDG. - Mo. Synod  
620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
Church office: (248) 684-0895  
Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
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Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
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Middle School Group

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1250 South Hill Rd. Just south of downtown Milford  
(248) 685-3560 www.AboutSouthHill.com  
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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.

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11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380  
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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  
Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10:00 a.m.  
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**Northville**

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8 Mile & Taft Roads  
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8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Steve Buck  
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 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. services  
www.wardchurch.org  
Service Broadcast Sunday 11 a.m.  
WDRD-AM 560 The WMUD Word Station

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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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

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200 E. Main St. at Hutton • (248) 349-0111  
Worship & Church School - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Childcare Available at All Services  
Youth League Prog. Wed. 4:15 to 5:50 M-Sat M  
Shingles Place Ministry - Thurs 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Dr. Kent Oles, Senior Pastor  
Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor  
www.fpcnorthville.org

**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**  
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46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.  
Reverend George Charney, 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.faithcommunity-novi.org  
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM  
"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
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248-348-7757 • www.mbcoc.org  
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(Missouri Synod) Pastor Terry Nelson  
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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 11 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

**The Church of Christ**  
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178  
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncc.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.

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Worship 10:00 a.m.  
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9:00 AM - Eucharist with Contemporary Music  
11:00 AM - Eucharist with Traditional Music

**Wixom**

**CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28930 Wixom Rd.  
Wixom, MI 48393  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship  
Rev. Kenneth Warren • 586-531-2021  
www.cpcncw.com

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North Campus of St. Luke Lutheran Church Ann Arbor  
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Dan Flynn, Minister  
734-426-4006 • www.livingwatermi.org

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- Missouri Synod  
Our Service Lutheran School - Pre - level 8th grade  
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(248) 887-4300  
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Sunday School & Bible Class: 9:40 a.m.  
Chaplain L. Thomas, Pastor • Fr. John F. Hackett, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Jeff Theroux, Pastor • Rev. Jeff Theroux, Pastor  
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## Haiti funds

Thornton Creek Elementary School students and siblings Jackson and Delaney Weedmark raised \$1,000 for the Presidents' Clinton and Bush relief initiative for Haiti in the last two weeks. The pair are also on the school's student council and raised the money for a service project for that governing body at Thornton.

## HAITI

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tents to Haiti to provide immediate shelter to those left homeless by the earthquake that hit the country several weeks ago.

They have a friend, Gilles Antoine, who runs a textile factory in Haiti who is supporting the effort on the ground there. Zielinski has arranged for his company to provide shipping/import services to get tents from China to the Dominican Republic and then to Haiti.

Donations for Haitians are being accepted by a family foundation run by George Stines, a dentist in Howell. His website is [www.stinesfamilydentistry.com/foundation](http://www.stinesfamilydentistry.com/foundation). This site was set up before the earthquake struck.

The overall project is being coordinated at <http://tentshaiti.wordpress.com/donate>.

For those who don't have Internet access and wish to mail a donation, contact Rachel Rocco at (248) 345-2048. She can also be contacted via e-mail at [rachelrocco1@aol.com](mailto:rachelrocco1@aol.com).

### HOW IT ALL STARTED

Rocco worked with Antoine between 1995 and 1998 and again between 2002 and 2004.

"We have kept in contact, and I was traveling in China when the earthquake struck," Rocco said. "My wife called me from the U.S., and I called Gilles that day."

He said initially they just provided morale support to Antoine and his extended family as they coped with the immediate aftermath of the earthquake.

An American citizen of Haitian descent, Antoine works manages

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Joe Rocco, Northville

a 2,300-person textile factory in Haiti.

He was born and raised in Haiti, graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and worked in the U.S. for many years before returning to Haiti with his family a few years ago, when he joined Global Manufacturers & Contractors Corporation to operate the textile factory.

Antoine's immediate actions after the earthquake were to make sure his family was safe and then to return to the factory, which was minimally damaged, get his employees off the street and fed.

Days later, he said that what his employees really needed was housing.

"We contacted our network of friends and work colleagues in the U.S., Hong Kong and China and found a tent manufacturer who incidentally provided tents for the China earthquake relief in 2008," Rocco said.

"Joe is a longtime friend," Antoine said. "This (project) means the world to me because of how it came about. Joe took this upon himself after my letters explained to him that the greatest need was the tents. His entire family has gotten involved. I let people know that there are faces behind these tents."

### WHY DID THEY ACT?

"Hearing a person who is on the ground in the immediate aftermath of this disaster was a compelling plea for help," Rocco said.

"The goal is to ship 1,000 tents as soon as possible. The rest is about getting this done and having the faith in God and human spirit to get this accomplished."

What is important is that this is not the work of one, or of a few, but rather of, many people around the world. The participants in this particular relief effort can see the benefits of their contributions in a very real and special way.

"We are tracking these tents from Guangzhou, China, to Antoine's factory in Haiti, where they are going directly to people in need," Rocco said. "These people are currently living outside or under a sheet."

Twenty tents have been distributed, and 200 tents left Hong Kong International Airport on Feb. 12, with 800 ready to be shipped pending further donations.

### GLOBAL ASPECT OF EFFORT

So far, project organizers have raised \$28,000 in U.S. dollars from individuals and churches in Hong Kong, China and the U.S. All donations go directly to the purchase and shipping of the tents, with no administrative fees being charged.

A tent can be purchased and delivered for \$198 in U.S. dollars. The tents are about 10 feet by 10 feet and are waterproof, which is important as this is the beginning of the rainy season in Haiti. They can accommodate up to eight people.

"This is a way for people to directly help," Rocco said. "It's good neighbor policy," Zielinski said.

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## MERGER

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Plymouth communities.

The proposal was developed by a volunteer subcommittee.

On Feb. 18, township trustees remanded the proposal back to the subcommittee, suggesting that perhaps the collaboration was not such a great idea.

### GRANDFATHERED PASSENGERS

The proposal did "grandfather" existing customers, meaning that people who are already regulars with the service would still be eligible to ride the buses. But, new riders in similar situations might be excluded under the new program.

Nancy Cash, co-coordinator of the program with Gerrilyn Camp, came before the board to protest the suggested merger.

"How do you explain to someone that we can take your neighbor, but we can't take you?" Cash asked.

Currently, riders in the two Northville communities are driven to places like the grocery store, doctors' appointments at Providence Park Hospital in Novi or shopping at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Rides are supposed to be within a five-mile radius, but that rule is not adhered to, with riders being charged a dollar for each additional mile outside that radius. Rides outside the radius must be for medical purposes only, however, Camp said.

The five SMART buses and one city bus are not always completely full, which steered subcommittee members to believe that more riders might mean a more economical service.

"The bulk of the money that the Northville service would be saving would be due to having full busses instead of half-full (or less) ones," said Traci Sincok, director of the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. "It's an economy of scale issue."

"This (the proposed merger) may be good for Plymouth, but not for Northville," Cash said. Cash didn't think the savings were worth the fact that the service might have to be denied to those to need it and neither did the trustees.

### FUNDED SINCE 2000

Sincok said the transportation program has been funded since 2000. It is an on-demand service. But dwindling property tax revenues have forced communities to look at ways to trim their budgets.

The township board has asked Sincok to look at ways to reduce her operating budget. Hence, this merger proposal with the transportation service was suggested.

Sincok said Northville has been considering a collaborative service with Plymouth since October 2009.

Funding for the transportation programs comes from a Community Development Block Grant, which stipulates that riders must be age 60 and older, and the SMART program, which provides the service for those age 60 and older as well as those with special needs.

Senior Alliance funding was recently cut to the Northville communities.

Plymouth Township used to use a taxi service for senior citizens and special needs riders, subsidizing rides. Northville did that for a while, too, but found it to be too expensive.

### IS IT WORTH IT?

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, didn't think the \$8,000 savings was worth the possibility that future riders might be denied the service.

"Savings is savings, but how much hardship are we creating and how much benefit?" he asked.

Trustee Sue Hillebrand agreed that collaboration is a good idea, but that local communities know what is best for their constituents.

"Collaboration isn't good or worth it if you lose your own individuality or uniqueness," said Trustee Marv Gans.

Under the proposal, the city of Plymouth would operate the program.

One of the subcommittee members suggested to the board Thursday night that a revised cost-saving proposal might not include the Plymouth communities.

"Collaboration just for the sake of collaboration is not success," Abbo said.

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### CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2010 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2010 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010	8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Administrative Meeting 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010	9:00 a.m. until finished for Deliberations
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010	8:00 a.m. Final Administrative Meeting

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2010, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2010 Real and Personal Property Assessments: **WAYNE COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00, Industrial Real 1.00, Residential Real 1.00, All Personal Property 1.00. **OAKLAND COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00, Industrial Real 1.00, Residential Real 1.00, All Personal Property 1.00.

**ALL TAXPAYERS** wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by **APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 18, 2010.** Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2010 taxable or assessed value.

BOARD OF REVIEW  
KAREN WOODRUFF,  
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2010 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The Northville Township 2010 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2010 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. Beginning Friday, February 19th, 2010 you may call (248) 348-5810 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by March 13, 2010. Postmarks are not accepted.

Tuesday March 02, 2010 1:00 pm Organizational Meeting

#### Appointment Dates:

Wednesday	March 03, 2010	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments
Thursday	March 04, 2010	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments
		6:00 pm - 9:00 pm		Appointments
Saturday	March 06, 2010	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Appointments
Monday	March 08, 2010	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments
		6:00 pm - 9:00 pm		Appointments
Tuesday	March 09, 2010	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments
		6:00 pm - 9:00 pm		Appointments
Wednesday	March 10, 2010	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments
Thursday	March 11, 2010	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments
		6:00 pm - 9:00 pm		Appointments
Saturday	March 13, 2010	9:00 am - 1:00 pm		Appointments

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or at [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury). Click on Forms, then click Property Tax, Board of Review (L-4035)

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# Area moms, daughters invited to Girl World Tour 2010



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Rosalind Wiseman, internationally-known author and expert on children, teens, parenting, bullying and social justice, has decided to include Northville in her Girl World Tour 2010. She will offer a workshop to moms and daughters from 7-9 p.m. March 4 at Hillside Middle School.

## Program aims to get pairs to talk, laugh, connect

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Metro Detroit-area mothers and young daughters are invited to a unique event in Northville March 4.

Rosalind Wiseman, a world-renowned author and expert on children, teens, parenting, bullying and social justice has decided to include Northville in her Girl World Tour 2010.

Wiseman's books include "Queen Bees & Wannabees," which was the inspiration for the hit movie "Mean Girls," "Queen Bee Moms & Kingpin Dads" and her first novel for young people, "Boys, Girls & Other Hazardous Materials."

She has been featured in Newsweek, Parenting magazine and the Chicago Tribune.

being presented by Northville Youth Assistance and The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro, scheduled to open next month at 141 E. Main Street.

Moms and daughters age 8-14 are invited to join Wiseman for a fun-filled evening of mother-daughter bonding. The event will feature an interactive discussion about confidence, friendship, common stressful moments young girls face and mother-daughter challenges.

A question-and-answer session and book signing will follow.

The event is sure to get mothers and daughters talking, laughing and connecting, said Sue Campbell, director, Northville Youth Assistance.

"She puts a lot of humor into her workshops. It's not going to be a morose presentation. It will be entertaining, educational and light-hearted."

SHE LIKES NORTHVILLE

### PURCHASE TICKETS TODAY

Tickets at \$40 for each mother-daughter pair for the March 4 Girl World Tour 2010 can only be purchased online at [www.thenextchapterbooks.com](http://www.thenextchapterbooks.com) or at The Next Chapter Bookstore on E. Main Street the day of the program. For more information about acquiring free tickets for financially challenged families, call Northville Youth Assistance at (248) 344-1618. Attendees need to purchase tickets as soon as possible because books need to be ordered that are part of the package.

Campbell said Wiseman's already visited Northville as a speaker for Northville Youth Assistance twice in the past and likes the community.

"We had her here a couple of years ago after her first book came out," she said. "She's very nice. She called and asked if we would host her workshop. She's enormously well-known, so we're honored to have her."

Tickets are \$40 per mother-and-daughter pair and must be purchased in advance at

[www.thenextchapterbooks.com](http://www.thenextchapterbooks.com). The ticket price includes tickets to the workshop, a copy of "Queen Bees & Wannabees," a copy of "Boys, Girls & Other Hazardous Materials," a Dove Go Fresh gift bag and a subscription to Family Circle magazine.

Campbell said Dove has provided 50 pairs of tickets available for financially challenged families. Additional tickets may also be purchased for \$20 per person and includes a book and a gift bag.

This is a special event for Northville, since the Girl World Tour includes only 10 cities. Other cities include St. Louis; Indianapolis; Naperville, Ill.; Houston; Lakewood, Calif.; Cincinnati; Washington, D.C.; Denver; and Atherton, Calif.

For more information about Wiseman, go to [www.rosalindwiseman.com](http://www.rosalindwiseman.com).

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# New Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro slated to open doors mid-March

## Co-presenting author's visit to Hillside School

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Northville needs a place where patrons can purchase a book or magazine, grab a cup of coffee and take a load off.

The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro, which will be located at 141 E. Main Street in the space formerly occupied by the Bees' Knees ceramic shop, hopes to open by March 15.

Owners Dan and Kathy Comaianni will co-present author Rosalind Wiseman's visit to Northville's Hillside Middle School that same day.

They hope to be open that day so moms and daughters can come in to purchase additional copies of Wiseman's books or other selections.

### IN THE WORKS FOR TWO YEARS

"It has been in the planning and design for more than two years and is finally coming to reality," Dan Comaianni said. "Our plan has taken us through every city hall governing department for approvals and close scrutiny."

"We are very excited and anxious to be a part of the downtown business community and hope that we can contribute to the future success of downtown Northville," Comaianni said.

"We have taken an extremely old and neglected building and have done a complete restoration and update," Comaianni said. The bookstore and bistro combines two storefronts into one store. It will make great use of both the main floor for book sales and the bistro and the lower level, where book clubs will meet. Architects have carefully retained the charm of the old building while creating a cozy atmosphere in which to browse bookshelves or visit with a friend over a light meal and cup of coffee. The store will also provide WiFi. The front wall of floor-to-ceiling windows opens like an accordion to allow patrons to enjoy their meal and fresh air at the same time.

"We invite the public to visit, relax and peruse the selection of books and sample delicious freshly baked daily surprises as well as gourmet coffee and teas of the world," Comaianni said.

For more information, go to [www.thenextchapterbooks.com](http://www.thenextchapterbooks.com) or call (248) 465-0010 and leave a message.

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COURTESY DAN COMAIANNI

The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro is slated to open around mid-March at 141 E. Main Street in the space formerly occupied by the Bees' Knees ceramics shop. The store will feature coffee, fresh baked goods and a reading room on the lower level.

## BUSINESSES

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logs, fund-raisers or parties, contact Collette Cook at [c3cook@live.com](mailto:c3cook@live.com) or (734) 972-6542.

At the other end of the street on E. Main Street across from the Water Wheel Centre, Serendipity, a dessert bar, is scheduled to open soon at 410 E. Main Street in the blue house where the Christina's Home Sweet Home Interiors used to be. The owner of that store returned to Germany with her family.

The owner of the new business hopes her sweet treats will attract the after-theatre crowd from the Tipping Point Theatre at 361 E. Cady Street right behind the new shop.

Although it's outside of the DDA district, Starring mentioned that the yellow house by Hiller's Market on N. Center Street that used to be occupied by Emily's Restaurant will feature another restaurant that will be open for patrons in the near future to be called The Gathering Place.

Gathering Owners plans fell through to open a Mexican restaurant on E. Main Street, Le George, a Middle Eastern restaurant, should open at the end of March or first of April. See the article in this issue of the Record about The Next Chapter Bookstore scheduled to open the first Friday in March on E. Main Street.

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## CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 02-01-10

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 02-01-10 - an ordinance to amend Chapter 42 Historic Preservation of the Northville Code of Ordinances in accordance with Public Act 169 of 1970 as amended and other text amendments. The following Articles and Sections were amended:

- Section 42-2 Definitions: Further defines fire alarm systems, proposed historic district, SHPO, and smoke alarm
- Section 42-3 Historic District: Modified to follow PA 169 of 1970 as amended
- Section 42-20 Historic District Commission: Addresses filling HDC vacancies
- Section 42-21 Procedure of Commission: Addresses meetings and notices
- Section 42-22 Powers and Duties of Commission: Removes repetitive language
- Section 42-23 Establishment Criteria and Procedures of District, and Section 42-24 Establishment, Modification, Elimination of a District: These sections were modified to reflect the changes in PA 169 of 1970 as amended
- Section 42-25 Regulation of Construction and Alteration: Further defines certain requirements and standards
- Section 42-27 Action by Commission: Allows denied applications to be resubmitted with changes, as required by the Act
- Section 42-28 Appeals from Decision of Commission: Requires appeals be made to the State Historic Preservation Review Board
- Section 42-30 Work Done Without a Permit: Modified to follow PA 169 of 1970 as amended.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on February 1, 2010 and was adopted by the City Council on February 16, 2010. The ordinance shall become effective on February 27, 2010. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Visit us online at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com)

**Listings:** Etc. includes Meetings; Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks and Rec; Volunteering; Support Groups; Clubs and Groups; and Health Events. Please visit our Web site (hometownlife.com) to view the complete listing.

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

## MEETINGS

### Northville Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Date:** Second and fourth Tuesday of the month

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Old Village School

### City of Northville

#### CITY COUNCIL

**Date:** First and third Monday of the month

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

### DOWNTOWN Development AUTHORITY MEETING

**Date:** Third Tuesday of each month

**Time:** 8 a.m.

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

**Contact:** downtownorthville.com

### PLANNING COMMISSION

**Date:** First and third Tuesday of month

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** City Hall

### HOUSING COMMISSION

**Date:** Second Wednesday of every month

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Location:** Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

### HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

**Date:** Third Wednesday of month

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** City Hall

### ARTS COMMISSION

**Date:** Second Wednesday of every month

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

### BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

**Date:** First Monday of every month

**Time:** 8 a.m.

**Details:** Individuals and organizations invited to attend

**Location:** Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

### Northville Township

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

**Date:** Last Tuesday of month

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Date:** Third Thursday of month

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Township Hall

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**Date:** Third Wednesday of month

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Township Hall

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**Date:** Third Monday of month

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Township Hall

### YOUTH ASSISTANCE

**Date:** Second Tuesday of every month

**Time:** 8 a.m.

**Location:** Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

**Contact:** Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

## SENIOR EVENTS

### Senior Community Center

**Location:** 303 W. Main St.

**Contact:** (248) 349-4140

#### THURSDAY

**8 a.m.:** Walking Club

**9 a.m. TOPS; Massage by appt.**

**10:30 a.m.:** Yoga

**11 a.m.:** Cribbage

**Noon:** Walking Club

**12:30 p.m.:** Pinochle

#### FRIDAY

**8 a.m.:** Walking Club

**11 a.m.:** Poker

**11:30 a.m.:** Walking Club

**Noon:** Walking Club

**1 p.m.:** Movie

#### MONDAY

**8 a.m.:** Walking Club

**9:30 a.m.:** Mah Jongg

**10 a.m.:** Beginning Line Dance, Oxygene

**11 a.m.:** Adv. Line Dance

**Noon:** Walking Club

**12:30 p.m.:** Pinochle/Euchre

**7:15 p.m.:** Tai Chi

#### TUESDAY

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**10:30 a.m.:** Yoga

**11:30 a.m.:** Walking Club

**Noon:** Walking Club

**12:30 p.m.:** Pinochle

#### WEDNESDAY

**8 a.m.:** Walking Club

**9 a.m.:** Foot Reflexology by appt.

**10 a.m.:** Oxygene

**11 a.m.:** Strength Training

**11:30 a.m.:** Walking Club



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## Snow day

Aliyah Fillman, 7, zips down the hill at Amerman Elementary on Mon., Feb. 22 - a "snow day" for all the local school kids and good one for sledding.

**Noon:** Bridge; Walking Club

**1 p.m.:** Cribbage

**7 p.m.:** Bridge

### CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL

**TIME/DAYS:** 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

**Contact:** Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

### ADULT 50+ FUN CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

**TIME/DAYS:** 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome.

**Contact:** Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

### CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN BASKETBALL

**TIME/DAY:** 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday

**Location:** Senior Community Center

**Details:** All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

**Contact:** Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

### HEALTH WALKING

**Date:** Monday-Friday

**Time:** 8-10 a.m.

**Location:** Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

### PILATES CLASS

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. each Tuesday

### BUNCO

**Time/Date:** 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month

**Details:** Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.

### FRIDAY FLICKS

**Time:** 1 p.m. every Friday

**Details:** Cost is \$1.

### Location:

Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** \$4 Per person

**OPEN BADMINTON**

**Time/Date:** 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** \$9 Per person, includes birds. Competitive style Badminton, all skill levels welcome, 8 Courts

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**Time/Date:** noon every Monday; 6-8 p.m. every Saturday

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**Details:** \$3 Per person Monday

**\$4 Per person Saturday**

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### Psychotherapy and Counseling Services, Northville Counseling Center ANXIETY/AGORAPHOBIA/PANIC ATTACK SUPPORT GROUP

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**Details:** Call (734) 420-8175 for more information.

### CO-DEPENDENCY CLASS

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

### Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center

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

### DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month  
**Location:** Women's Resource Center, Room 225 McDowell Center  
**Details:** Open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce; first meeting each month is group discussion; second meeting features a guest speaker; no fee or registration required.

### Space for Changing Families

A nonsectarian community service of the National Council of Jewish Women/Greater Detroit Section

### Divorce Support Group

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday  
**Location:** Hooper Evaluations Building, 26400 Lahser Road, Suite 306, Southfield.  
**Details:** Help for men and women dealing with the many conflicted feelings regarding divorce and separation. Led by a trained facilitator, Andy Mather. Fee is \$5 per session. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0

### Widowed Friends Support Group

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

### Widowed Men

#### Meet for Breakfast

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays

**Location:** Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia (1/4 mile north of Five Mile Road)

**Details:** This is an informal peer group where men have an opportunity to meet with other widowed men who are ready to help you cope or become involved in the other activities planned by Widowed Friends of AOD.  
**Contact:** Dick (313) 534-0399.

### Young Adults

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. every Thursday

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

## CLUBS AND GROUPS

### AAUW, Northville/Novi Branch

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

### Beautiful Singles Hiking

**TIME/DAY:** 9:30 a.m. first and third Sunday of the month

**Location:** Maybury State Park

**Details:** Join singles of all ages for hiking and other activities.  
**Contact:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/BSHiking/> or Bill at (586) 909-6938

### Camera Club

**Date:** Second Tuesday of every month

**Contact:** Tom James of Northville Camera at [northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net](mailto:northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net) or Northville Arts Commission (248) 449-9950

### Gardeners Of Northville and Novi

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month, Sept.-May

**Location:** Northville Art House at 215 W. Cady Street, Northville  
**Details:** Visitors welcome.

**Contact:** Marcia (248) 349-2352 or visit [gardenersnorthville-novi.org](http://gardenersnorthville-novi.org)

### Great Books Discussion Group

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9:30 p. first and third



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## The white stuff

With a face full of snow Oscar, a bouvier owned by Katie McLallen, tromps through the snow at Northville's Maybury State Park on Feb. 22. Katie's mom, Kathy McLallen, joined Katie with her dog Charlie (seen in the rear).

Thursday of every month

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington Road

**Details:** Discuss novels, plays, poetry and nonfiction. Reading Poetry by Mark Strand. Goody Night.  
**Contact:** (248) 349-3121

### Northville Book Club

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. one Friday per month

**Location:** Solid Grounds Coffee House, 133 W. Main St., Suite 222

**Details:** Reading "The Autobiography of My Mother" by Jamaica Kincaid.  
**Contact:** [northvillebookclub@gmail.com](mailto:northvillebookclub@gmail.com)

### Northville Democrats Club

**Contact:** [www.northvilledems.com](http://www.northvilledems.com)

### State of Michigan Public School Finance Forum

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9

**Location:** Northville District Library, 212 West Cady Street, Northville

**Details:** State Representative Alma Wheeler Smith, Northville School Board member and State House candidate Joan Wadsworth and Northville PTA representative Barbara Morosky-Browne will discuss public finance in Michigan, including school funding.  
**Contact:** NDC President Scott Craig at [sraig27@comcast.net](mailto:sraig27@comcast.net) for more information.

### Michigan Democratic Party Endorsement Convention

**Date:** Saturday, April 17

**Location:** Cobo Hall, downtown Detroit  
**Details:** The purpose of this convention is to endorse candidates for Secretary of State and Attorney General. There will be no endorsements for any primary races. This Endorsement Convention will be held on the same day as the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner.

### Western Wayne County Spring Gala

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, May 1

**Location:** Meadowbrook Country Club on 8 Mile Road in Northville

**Details:** Come join Senator Carl Levin and many Democratic elected officials and candidates running for statewide and local office in this special event sponsored jointly by the Livonia, Northville and Plymouth Democratic Clubs. Ticket information to be available very soon.

### Northville Genealogical Society

#### RESEARCH HELP

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. every Monday and by appointment

**Location:** Northville District Library, Local History Room

**Details:** Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members.  
**Contact:** Tille Van Sickle (734) 595-7806 or <http://rootsweb.com/~mings>

#### MONTHLY MEETING

**Time/Date:** 1:15 p.m. computer genealogy class, 2:30 p.m. general meeting, second

Sunday of month.

**Location:** Northville District Library, Carlos

Meeting Room, 212 W. Cady St.

### LINCOLN ASSASSINATION-JERRY MAXWELL

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Feb. 19

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church  
**STAGING YOUR GARDEN-EVERYTHING GROWS**

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. March 5

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church  
**ANNUAL MEETING and LUNCHEON**

**Time/Date:** 12:30 p.m. March 19

### Northville Newcomers

**Pewabic Pottery and Lunch Tour**

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. April 21

**Contact:** Colleen Nametz (248) 596-1940

## HEALTH EVENTS

### Botsford

#### AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER PROGRAM

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-noon, second Monday of each month

**Location:** Botsford Cancer Center located at 27900 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills

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

#### TAI CHI CLASS

**Time/Date:** 4:30-5:30 p.m., every Wednesday

**Location:** Botsford Hospital-Community Room of the Ziegler Administration and Education Building

**Details:** Looking for a way to improve health and relieve stress? Don't miss Botsford Hospital's offered with Dr. Alex Green, a Botsford pathologist. The class meets from in the. The first class you attend is free and each additional session is \$5.

**Contact:** For questions about this program, please contact Dr. Green at [ajgreen@botsford](mailto:ajgreen@botsford).

org or call (248) 471-8729

### LYMPHEDEMA CLINIC

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

**Details:** A comprehensive lymphedema clinic in conjunction with Botsford Hospital's comprehensive lymphedema management program. The clinic helps patients with lymphedema or venous insufficiency gain control of their lives through education, exercise, self-massage techniques and compression garments.  
**Contact:** (248) 471-8120.

### FREE Health Awareness Seminar

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m., Tuesday nights

**Location:** Health for Life Chiropractic, Highland Lakes Plaza, 43059 7 mile Rd., Northville

**Details:** Meet Dr. Ryan Cooper and see how Chiropractic can help reach varied health care goals.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 449-1630 or [RyanCCooper@gmail.com](mailto:RyanCCooper@gmail.com) or [www.hflchiro.net](http://www.hflchiro.net) Please RSVP

### Flu Shots

**Time:** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Wayne, 33030 Van Born Road, at Venoy, (734) 727-7100. Walk-in days are Mondays and Thursdays. Appointments only on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Fridays

**Location:** Taylor, 26650 Eureka Road, east of Inkster Road, (734) 955-3900. Walk-in days are Mondays and Thursdays. Appointment only days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

**Location:** Dearborn, 6450 Maple, west of Schoefer Road, south of Warren Road, (313) 216-2201. Appointment only on Thursdays  
**Details:** The Wayne County Department of Public Health offers flu shots for residents at its clinics below. Cost of flu vaccine is \$15. Pneumonia vaccine is offered for \$35. Medicare (Part B) and Medicaid are accepted.  
**Contact:** (734) 727-7000

### Strength Training Classes

**Location:** American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap, corner of Center Street

**Date:** Mondays and Fridays

**Details:** Diane DiVita offers Strength Training classes (light weights with a little yoga stretching) for adults

**Contact:** For more information, call Diane at (248) 344-0928 or visit [trianglesix@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trianglesix@sbcglobal.net)

### Psychotherapy and Counseling Services

**Location:** Northville Counseling Center

**Contact:** (248) 348-1100 or (734) 420-8175 to register.

### St. Mary Mercy Hospital

**Location:** 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia

**Contact:** (734) 655-4800 or [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org)

### ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/Date:** 3-4:30 p.m. first Thursday of each month

**Location:** Classroom 1

**Details:** No fee or registration required. For more information call Audra Frye, Alzheimer's Association (248) 426-7055.

### Prostate Screening/Men's Health Fair

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 6

**Details:** For men ages 40-70. Prostate cancer is the second most prevalent cancer among men-early screening and early detection can save lives.

### Parenting with Love and Logic

**Time/Date:** 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24

**Location:** Classrooms 1 and 2

**Details:** For parents with elementary-age children, Parenting with Love and Logic™ is a common sense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children by offering them choices, empathy, and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings, or lectures.

### Do Sleep Problems Keep You Awake?

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10

**Location:** auditorium

**Details:** Gayle Young, R.P.S.G.T., Sleep Center Coordinator, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Sleep Disorders Center, will discuss sleep apnea and treatment, insomnia, good sleep hygiene as well as how sleep problems can affect your overall health. There will be CPAP machines and supplies to view.

### Heartsaver

**Time/Date:** 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 14

**Location:** Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10

**Details:** Learn what to do in a cardiac emergency in this CPR class offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association.

### BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. second Tuesday of each month

**Location:** Classroom 10

**Details:** The group offers a place for patients and survivors to gather and share experiences, learn coping techniques and find support and strength. For more information, contact (734) 655-1162

### FREE SEMINARS-MICHIGAN BARIATRIC INSTITUTE

**Details:** BMI offers three laparoscopic surgical weight loss options. Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding and Sleeve Gastrectomy at a free monthly seminar in the St. Mary Mercy hospital Auditorium.

To register call (734) 655-2693, (877) Why-Weight or visit hospital Web site.

### HELEN PALMER IMAGE RECOVER CENTER

**Details:** Offering a spa-like atmosphere with image-enhancement services to help cancer patients heal from the inside out and regain their self-confidence in a supportive and caring environment. Services include: Free consultation and assessment, skin care, hand and nail care, massage therapy, reflexology, hair replacements, haircuts and styling of hair and wigs, prosthetics and bras, lymphedema compression products and educational resources. Services offered to patients from any hospital and the general public.

**Contact:** (734) 655-8810

### DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month

**Location:** Auditorium

**Details:** All are welcome.

### Peace of Mind and Body through Hatha Yoga

**Time/Date:** 5:15-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through March 16

**Location:** Classrooms 1 and 2

**Details:** Hatha Yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting. Class participants need to be able to move between a standing position to a hands and knees position with ease. The purpose of yoga is integration, purification and discipline of the mind, body and heart, which will lead all to liberation from the circle of pain, distress and anxiety. There is a fee of \$55 for the six-week session.

**Contact:** (734) 655-1162 or register online at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes and events"

### CPR/AED and First Aid Classes

**Time:** 6-9 p.m. last Tuesday of month

**Location:** City of Northville Fire Department, 215 W. Main St.

**Details:** These a merican Heart Association and Life Support Training Center (LSTI) classes offer two year certification. Cost is \$40 per course. For more information and to register, call the fire department at (248) 449-9920

### Baby and Me Infant CPR

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, every other month

**Location:** City of Northville Fire Department, 215 W. Main St.

**Details:** This family friendly session is for new parents and their babies. It will provide parents and grandparents knowledgeable support and simple hands-on instruction with their baby in case of life-threatening emergencies. Cost is \$20 for parents and baby and includes a manual and emergency wallet cards. Group rates also available.

**Contact:** Life support Training Institute at (248) 304-6055 for registration, questions and directions.

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# LOCAL OPINION

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## OUR VIEWS

### Publishing public notices ensures government transparency

There is a move afoot in the Michigan House of Representatives that, if successful, will eliminate the requirement of municipalities to publish legal notices in newspapers. Instead, the sponsors of a six-bill package say it would be sufficient for municipalities to post the notices in the clerk's office and on one of the following: the municipality's Web site, on a public, education or government (PEG) channel broadcasted in the municipality, or on a newspaper's Web site.

The legislation comes after heavy lobbying by the Michigan Municipal League, which represents 538 cities, villages and urban townships. The MML feels paying to place legal notices

in newspapers is a burden its members just can't afford, particularly at a time when most cities, townships and villages are having to cut back because of the economy. In essence, they feel it is an unwarranted expense, and there are obviously some in the Legislature that agree.

We couldn't disagree more. This is a bad idea, on many different levels.

It might seem self serving for us to be arguing against this idea. There is no doubt that it would eliminate a source of revenue for not only us but nearly every newspaper in the state. However, there are numerous reasons that municipalities should continue publishing important government notices in newspapers.

First and foremost, this legislation would curtail the public's right to know about important government actions in their community, such as zoning and ordinance changes, public hearings, etc. Publication of these important government legal notices helps provide public oversight of these important matters.

The MML and many local officials argue that posting the information on their Web sites is sufficient public notice, but what about for the elderly or those with lower incomes who have little or no access to the Internet? Do they count less?

Continuing to publish these notices in newspapers, which are an independent source of information and accessible to everyone, ensures public oversight of the important matters that impact communities. The fact is newspapers have long been and remain the main source of local news. They help hold government officials accountable. Just ask Kwame Kilpatrick. If it were not for the *Detroit Free Press*, it is likely he would still be in office today.

It is not that we are opposed to governments posting notices online. In fact we encourage them to do so — in conjunction with posting the notices in newspapers. There is nothing in the current law preventing them from doing both.

We think the MML and the authors of this legislation are selling their constituents short. The public understands why this is important. In fact, the cities of Trenton and Wayne put this very issue on the ballot back in November, and their residents overwhelmingly rejected it by a wide margin.

Yes, municipalities could save money by not having to publish the notices. But how much? According to the Michigan Press Association, a check of various municipalities across the state last fall showed that these notices comprised on average 0.0005 percent of a general fund budget.

We think that is a small price to pay to keep residents informed about important issues that affect our homes, neighborhoods, schools and jobs. And at the same time help ensure there remains a strong, independent voice holding government officials accountable.

There is no doubt that government, from the state right on down to the local municipalities, need to enact reforms. That shouldn't begin with reducing transparency and public oversight.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

Is there one thing the federal government could do to make filing taxes easier?

(Asked at an AARP tax filing event at Northville Community Senior Center.)



"The only thing that springs to mind is its complexities. You could probably save more money if you knew the tax changes beforehand. Let's go back to the days of Ronald Reagan - less regulations."

Joan Kelly  
Northville



"I really don't know what more they could do. But this A.A.R.P. event has helped. I'm very happy."

Lucy Curtis  
Northville Township



"They could get rid of all the paperwork. If you're a senior on a fixed income, it's a hard time trying to file taxes. The government should eliminate all taxes on Social Security."

Richard Good  
Northville Township



"Make the forms easier or make more deductions standard. You get this together and then they say, 'you need this' or 'you don't qualify for that.'"

Garnet Potter  
Northville

## LETTERS

### Stimulus is working

The TV pundits are already telling us that the Democrats will lose seats this coming November. This is a phenomenon that usually happens to the party in power during the midterm elections. And since we cannot expect President Obama to have gotten us out of the swamp he inherited from the last administration by November, it could be quite a loss.

The Republican strategy of trying to block anything that might improve the state of the country, trying to make matters worse, if possible, might pay off if people react by simply voting for change without considering why there isn't as much progress as they hoped. Excuse the old cliché, but change for change's sake is like shooting yourself in the left foot because your badly injured right foot is not healing fast enough.

President Obama's stimulus program has been successful, having saved at least two million jobs, besides working on necessary projects. If anything was wrong

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with it, it was that it was not big enough. Nevertheless, the Republicans still voted "NO" as a block to stop it, and if they had

succeeded, there would have been no stimulus plan at all. Now we see many Republican politicians back in their districts cutting ribbons at events and smiling and trying to get credit from their constituents for this benefit, the one they fought against.

No, change for change's sake is bad policy. Anyone who voted Democratic in 2008 and now stays home or votes Republican is obviously not paying attention to what is going on or is getting his or her "news" from Fox News. If Republicans take over Congress, you can expect them to fight to renew the huge tax benefits for the very rich (which are expiring this year) while claiming that the deficit is too high to allow for another stimulus plan. Voting in the Republican Party, the Party of No, will cause the swamp they left us to last a lot longer than necessary. But, no worry, the wealthy they represent will not be the ones suffering.

Irene Piccone  
Northville

## Sorry state of affairs: De-Greec(ing) our state and building a New Michigan

Greece is teetering on the edge of insolvency. To make a long story short: the country is spending more than they take in and masking their financial troubles.

It does not matter if you are in Greece or Michigan — when you have a hole in the roof, pretending to fix it does not keep the rain out.



Tom Watkins

Michigan has spent the better part of the "lost decade" using one-time budget gimmicks, smoke and mirrors, cuts and, lately, federal stimulus dollars to paper over the fundamental structural budget mess the state is wallowing in.

To her credit, Gov. Granholm has cut more out of state government budgets

than all previous governors combined, but it is still not enough. The state is facing another \$1.8 billion shortfall for the new fiscal year.

When costs continue to rise while revenue declines, simply cutting won't get the job done. What is required is not a simple addition and subtraction, but a complete change of equations.

The sooner we can make the necessary reforms to truly balance Michigan's books to our new economic reality, the sooner we will have a solid foundation upon which to begin building the "New Michigan." Michigan needs a budget that makes us competitive and is not about appeasing special interest constituencies.

Why haven't we been successful to date in our rebuilding efforts? The answer is as simple as it remains elusive. For political reasons our

electd leaders on both sides of the political aisle have avoided making the tough structural changes that the state's new economic reality dictates. One cannot build anew on a foundation in the clouds.

As Greece struggles to get its financial house in order and avoid a financial domino effect on other European Union countries, it is confronting a wave of strikes, tax hikes and painful austerity programs. It will take a major financial tourniquet to stop the hemorrhaging of Greece's economy. Ultimately, the people will have to pay additional taxes, suffer government cuts and change their behavior and expectations as the adjust to the taxes, cuts and reforms. They will be angry.

Change and pain has no constituency. Michigan will surely face similar opposition when we finally stop papering over the necessary changes in how government at all levels operates. What is required is not a simple "nip and tuck" but an "extreme makeover."

There is momentary relief that public education, community colleges, universities, revenue sharing for cities and townships will be "protected" under the governor's proposed budget. However, smart leaders of these institutions might well liken the governor's budget to Christmas morning: unlikely that they get everything they were promised. Further, with escalating costs, staying even is falling behind.

Any leader of our public institution that doesn't assume further reductions and restructuring are just beyond the horizon ought to be removed for malfeasance.

### COMMENTARY

The question is not WHETHER these changes will come — but WHEN. And will our lame duck elected leaders get the job done this year, or once again, kick the problem down the road for future leaders?

Will Gov. Granholm, a late advocate to reform efforts, find the political muscle in her final months in office to make her "grand bargain" of reforms, cuts and new taxes a reality?

Longtime Lansing political watchers are betting against her. The Republican side of the aisle is unlikely to lift a hand to help and those in her own party, who might conceivably be expected to row in her direction, seem more intent on dropping anchor.

The sooner we make the cuts, serious and fundamental structural reforms and raise the revenue (aka taxes) to enable Michigan to truly invest in programs and services (primarily education, job training and 21st century infrastructure) the sooner we will find the solid footing necessary for competing on the world stage.

With the financial issues facing the state of Michigan, doing business as we always have is not the sensible solution. The status quo is quickly disappearing as a thoughtful strategy. We have arrived at a time in Michigan when the unthinkable has become inevitable.

Change is hard and is often avoided, until it can no longer be avoided. We need only look at Greece, GM or Toyota's predicaments to see the results of avoidance.

There is no time like the present to act.

Tom Watkins has served the citizens of Michigan under three governors: as state superintendent of schools, 2001-05 and mental health director, 1986-90. He can be contacted at [tdwatkins@aol.com](mailto:tdwatkins@aol.com).

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## CHURCH

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month.

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**

Location: 200 E. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpres-northville.org

**Sunday Worship**

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

**Walking in the Park**

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday

Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)

Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards.

Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

**Single Place Ministries**

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.

Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details single-place.org.

**First United Methodist Church of Northville****A Stephen Ministry Church**

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumc-northville.org

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Times: (September-June) 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.; (July and August) 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Rev. Jeff Sturgeon

Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

Healing Service: 4 p.m. First Monday of every month

Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday, for fourth-12th grades.

Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday for all women

Men's Club: 8 a.m. the second Saturday

Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third Monday

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 349-0565

**Sundays**

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

**Livonia Church of Christ**

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

Contact: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

**Meadowbrook Congregational**

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Sermon: Having a Plan

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

Asking Questions adult education class

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

**Northville Christian Assembly**

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030

**Sundays**

9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

**Wednesday Family Night**

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

**Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life**

Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohom &amp; Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

**Sunday Worship**

Time: 9:45 a.m.

**Healing Service and Holy Communion**

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

**Peace Vigil**

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church

Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

**Advent Service**

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

**Oak Pointe Church**

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oak-pointe.org

**Worship Services**

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

**Renew Life Ministries**

Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.

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

**Charmed Influence**

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Details: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage".

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

**Orchard Hills Baptist Church**

Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

**Preschool/Kids Choir**

Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church**

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221

**Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church**

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

**Saturday Worship**

Time: 5 p.m.

**Sunday Worship**

Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

**Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church**

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

**Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.**

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service.

**St. James Catholic**

Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 347-7778

**Mass Schedule**

Time/Date: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

**Mothers Group**

Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. monthly, first and third Wednesday through May 19, 2010

Location: St. James Parish Hall A

Details: We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith in order to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as article discussion, crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship.

Free childcare is available but children are also welcome to join their mothers during meetings.

Contact: Kris Endreszl (248) 946-4080

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

**St. John Lutheran**

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjoh-lutheran.com

**Saturday Worship**

Time: 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday Worship**

Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.

**Sunday School**

Time: 10:15 a.m.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville

Contact: (248) 349-3140

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington**

Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills

Contact: www.uufarmington.org

**Youth Interfaith Journey**

Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays

Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program compliments the mission of UUCF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all.

Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

Location: 40000 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978

**Sunday Worship**

Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

**Service Broadcast**

Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station.

**Single Point Ministries (45 and older)**

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.

**Single Point Ministries (35-50 years old)**

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.

**Single Purpose Connexions (20-30 years old)**

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.

Details: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.

Contact: (248) 374-5920

**Learner's Bible Study**

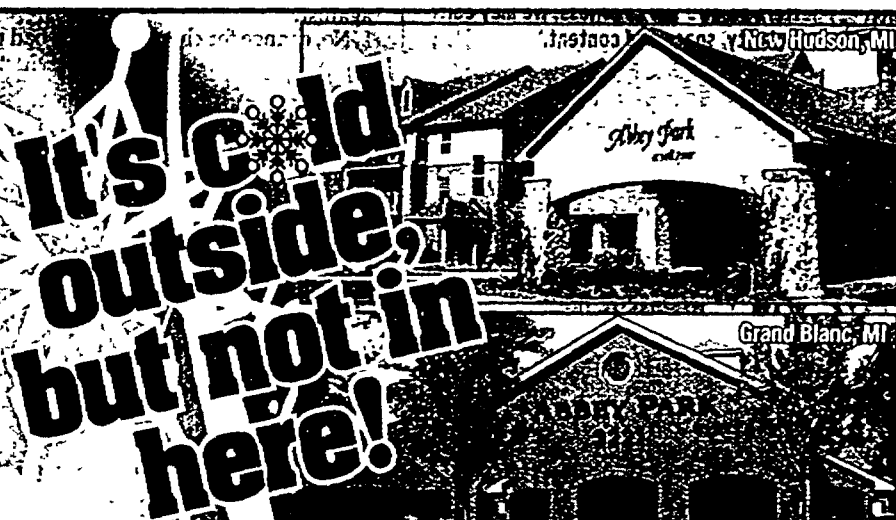
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101

**Men's Bible Study**

Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office

**Single's Bible Study**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

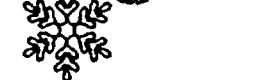


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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

### LOCAL EVENTS

**Country Garden Club of Northville**  
**Time/Date:** noon, Tuesday, March 2  
**Location:** Cady Inn, Mill Race Village  
**Details:** Karen Auch presents Pruning for the Faint of Heart. Business meeting at noon; speaker at 1 p.m. Visitors welcome  
**Contact:** Juliana Cerra at copperleaf@comcast.net

**Gardeners Of Northville & Novi Club Meeting**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, March 8  
**Location:** Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St. Northville  
**Details:** Social Time & Garden Lecture on Winter Seed Sowing. Our guest will be Monic Milla. The public is welcome, so come join us for an informative and fun-filled evening.  
**Contact:** [gardenersnorthville-novi.org](mailto:gardenersnorthville-novi.org) or Renee (248) 231-2334

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

**Tour of Hope**  
**Time/Date:** 5:30 p.m. March 17; 9 a.m. April 22; 9 a.m. May 20  
**Location:** 315 Griswold, Northville  
**Details:** New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a one hour Tour of Hope in their new home. This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types of grief support services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped, and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough.  
**Contact:** To attend one of the tours, please RSVP to New Hope at 248.348.0115 or email [griefhelp@newhopecenter.net](mailto:griefhelp@newhopecenter.net).

**Early Learning Series**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. March 16  
**Location:** Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street  
**Details:** Information series for parents with children ages birth to 5 years returns with Nora Thompson, educational consultant, presenting "What Comes Next? A Dialogue About School Readiness." Free child care for children 33 months and toilet trained (preregister).  
**Contact:** (248) 344-8465

**Stop the Meanness, Spread the Kindness - Creating a culture where everyone feels welcome**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Monday, March 22  
**Location:** Old Village School, third floor Board Conf. Room (unless numbers require a larger room)  
**Details:** A presentation for elementary and middle school parents given by Kids Empowered founder and President Kimber Bishop-Yanke. Other parents and staff are welcomed to attend. There is no charge for attending. RSVP to (248) 344-8453 to ensure adequate seating; those who have not RSVP'd may attend if there are enough seats.  
**Contact:** Nancy Couch Nowak for more information or if you have suggestions, resources, parent awareness events to share: [drnancycouch@pol.net](mailto:drnancycouch@pol.net) or (248) 347-7842.

**Northville Newcomers & Neighbors MEET & GREET**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. first Tuesday of each month  
**Location:** Member's homes or other venues  
**Details:** We welcome all our members from Northville and surrounding communities and invite them to come meet new friends and neighbours. This applies whether you have been here a month or have been raised here. Please come and see what Northville Newcomers and Neighbours has to offer you.  
**Contact:** Paula Lund at (734) 404-5120

**Mill Race Historical Village**  
**Location:** 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field  
**Details:** Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct.  
**Contact:** (248) 348-1845  
 (\*Grounds closed to public)  
**Thursday:** 9 a.m. Archives Open; 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #770; 6:15 p.m. Girl



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### The brush off

Northville resident Janice Wallace cleans off the roof of her Pontiac before heading out during Monday's strong snowstorm. Wallace mentioned that she had already shoveled her driveway three times by 11:30 a.m. that day.

Scouts #1357  
**Friday:** 9 a.m. Archives Open  
**Saturday:**  
**Sunday:** 6:30 p.m. Venture Scouts Crew 8  
**Monday:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Hands-Aff-Around Quilters in Church  
**Tuesday:** 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 11 a.m. Country Garden Club; 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #755  
**Wednesday:** 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket Guild; 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Cadettes #737; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group  
**Solid Grounds CoffeeHouse**  
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**Suburban Republican Women's Club Dinner/general meeting**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25  
**Location:** Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile Rd., Livonia  
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# Treatment options for a common male problem

**Dear SavvySenior**  
Are there any other types of treatments for erectile dysfunction beyond Viagra and the other drugs that are advertised on television? I don't like taking pills if I can avoid it. What can you tell me?  
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**Dear Darryl**  
When it comes to treating erectile dysfunction (ED), most men know of only three options: Viagra, Cialis or Levitra – the frequently advertised drugs on television. But there are a variety of other treatments that can help too. Here's what you should know.

With an estimated 30 million U.S. men affected, ED is a relatively common problem especially in older men. In fact, nearly one-third of all men in their 50's experience ED, and more than half of those in their 60's have the problem.

The first step you need to take in finding a solution to your erectile problem, is to see a doctor who specializes in ED (usually a urologist) so he can find out what's causing it. Depending on what he finds, here are the treatment options.

**Lifestyle Fixes:** For many men, ED is the sign of an underlying health condition like diabetes or hypertension. In fact, in younger men, erection problems are often the first symptom of cardiovascular disease. If this is your problem, adopting a healthier lifestyle such as losing weight, exercising regularly, improving your diet and not smoking may be all you need to fix the problem.

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Cialis and Levitra make them popular treatment options for many men, but it's important to know that these drugs don't work for everyone and they can be rather costly. One Viagra pill, for example, costs about \$15, and many insurers including Medicare don't cover ED medications.

**Shots or Suppositories:** Another treatment to ask about is a shot of alprostadil, which is given directly into the penis with a tiny needle to create an erection. Your doctor can teach you how to do the injection yourself at home. The shots cost about \$35 per injection and are covered by many insurers, but not by Medicare. Or, for a less expensive option ask your doctor about a generic combination of alprostadil, papaverine and phenolamine.

If injecting yourself with a needle gives you queasy, a suppository that's inserted inside the urethra – containing alprostadil – is also available, though it is not considered as effective as the shots.

**Vacuum Pumps:** This is a drug-free treatment that's very effective for many men. A penis vacuum pump works by pulling blood into your penis to make it erect. Then you put a snug ring around the base to maintain the erection, which lasts long enough to have sex. The cost for this device, which requires a prescription, can run from \$300 to \$600 but most insurers including Medicare will cover part of the cost. You can also buy a nonprescription pump online (Amazon.com carries some)

for as little as \$30. **Implants:** If all the previous treatments fail, ask your doctor about a penile implant. The most common type is the inflatable implant where two cylinders are placed inside the penis that can be inflated anytime you want to create an erection. Most insurers including Medicare will cover this surgery.

**Surgery:** A last resort is vascular reconstructive surgery to improve the blood supply of the penis. It's the equivalent to a coronary artery bypass, but it is rarely performed and there are only a handful of surgeons in the country who do it.

**Therapy:** If your ED is psychological and not physical, your doctor may prescribe sex therapy as your treatment. Psychological ED is often caused by stress, such as: work worries, financial worries, relationship conflicts and poor sexual communication.

**Other Treatments:** If testosterone deficiency is causing your ED, your doctor may prescribe testosterone patches, pills, gels or injections to give you a boost. Or, if you're a believer in alternative treatments, nutritional supplements (arginine, bioflavonoids, zinc, Vitamin C and E, and flaxseed meal), herbal remedies (ginseng or ginkgo) and even acupuncture have been used to improve their ED, but be sure you talk to your doctor before you try anything.

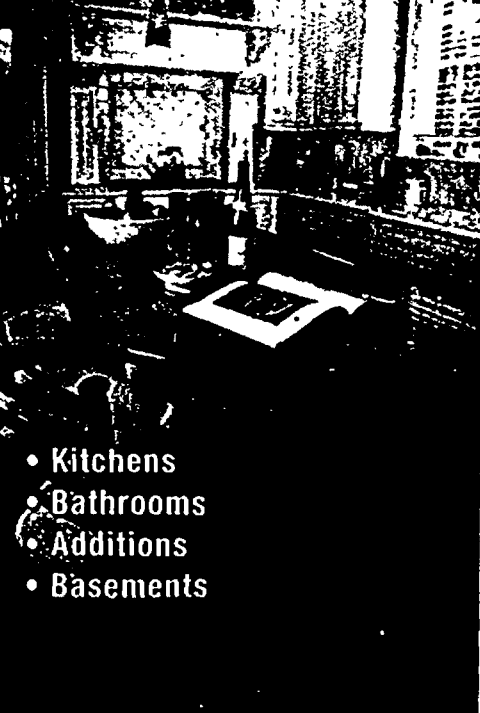
Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



## AAUW luncheon

The Northville-Novi branch of the American Association of University Women held their annual luncheon Feb. 13 at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft in conjunction with the Transitions Center of Schoolcraft. The speaker was Dr. Gail Majcher (front) author of *A Worth Woman: Victory Over Domestic Violence*. She was presented a thank you bouquet by Susan Schanne of AAUWNN (back). Majcher is a fully licensed psychologist and marriage counselor who has been in private practice for more than 20 years. She is a co-host of "Sunday Sessions" on WJR (760am). Majcher is an expert in communication training with individuals, couples and groups. Throughout the years, couples counseling has been a large part of her practice. Although she specializes in a diversity of issues such as anxiety and depression, it is the topic of domestic violence that tugs most at her heart. Speaking to the women who attended the luncheon meeting, the doctor told of her personal experience as a victim of domestic violence and her escape. Today she has a successful life, a good marriage and her two children have become well-respected adults with loving spouses. She wants victims of domestic violence to know that there is hope for them – if she could turn her life around so can other women. The next monthly meeting of AAUW will take place at the ACE Hardware on Novi Road with the topic Ladies at the Hardware. There will be break-out sessions from the Appliance Doctor, Kelly Brothers Heating and Cooling, Johnny on the Spot Carpet Maintenance and Easy Plumbing Repairs from ACE.

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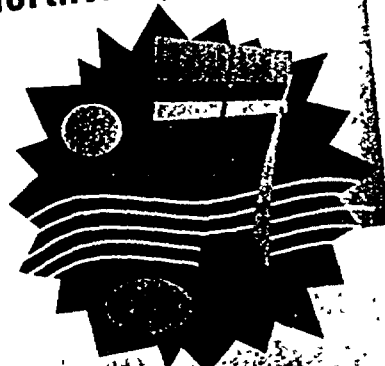
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## Senior captains continue their outstanding season

Mudar, Nelson, Lahiff and Wright  
headed to individual state finals

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The four senior captains for Northville's wrestling team are having seasons to remember—and those individual seasons will continue thanks to wins in the regional last week.

The captains—Nick Mudar, Bobby Lahiff, Jon Nelson and Josh Wright—all earned top-four positions in the individual regional tournament to earn a berth to the state finals this weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Mudar stood out among his teammates if only for the fact that he has finally been able to cap off his career with a trip to the finals. Mudar has been one of the best wrestlers at Northville High School during his varsity campaign but only this season earned a trip to the finals. He did so in impressive fashion, earning a victory in the finals to earn the individual championship at 171 pounds.

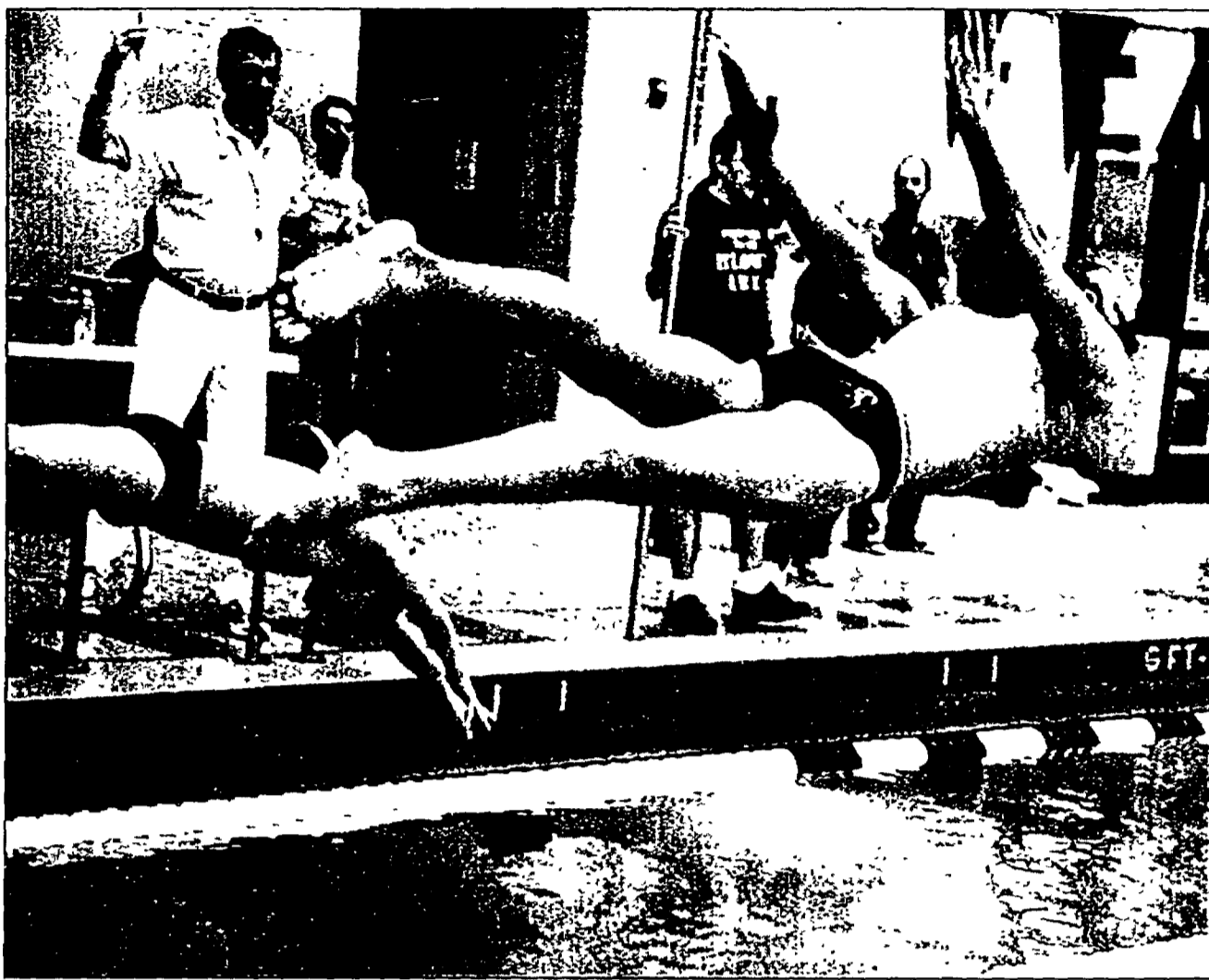
Nelson will be making a return trip to the Palace of

Auburn Hills, having been there as a junior as well. The 152-pound wrestler earned second place in the individual regional this year and collected wins over the eventual third- and fourth-place winners from the regional tournament.

Wright earned third place wrestling in the 145-pound division. The senior grappler last his first match of the day after pushing it into overtime but then collected three wins in a row—including a retribution victory over the same grappler who beat him earlier in the day—to secure third place and a trip to the state finals.

Lahiff, a 189-pound wrestler, took fourth place in his weight class to advance to the state championships this weekend. Lahiff had to beat Andrew Schramm—a top rated wrestler from Livonia Stevenson—twice in order to earn the fourth-place finish.

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



Northville's Connor Kobinski flies off the block.

PHOTOS BY SUSAN GREENLEE

## Northville tankers capture division

### Mustangs earn huge Central Division victory

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

If there's one thing that the rest of the swim teams in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division must be tired of seeing, it's Northville's name next to the words first place.

The Mustangs, coached by Rich Bennetts, earned yet another victory in the Central Division. This time, it came in the form of a division championship thanks to some outstanding swimming at South Lyon's pool last week. Northville collected 683.5 points while second-place Livonia Stevenson earned 493.5. South Lyon finished third in the division while South Lyon East took fourth and Novi finished fifth.

The Mustangs started the meet off in slower-than-usual fashion, taking third in the 200 medley relay with a team of John Lubisco, BoFang Zhang, Ben Schoenek and William Greenlee finishing in a time of 1:42.97.

The team recovered nicely, though, taking second, fourth, fifth, seventh and ninth in the 200 freestyle. Schoenek swam a 1:50.23 for second while Alex Miller took fourth, John Blicke fifth, Chris Lafayette and Tim Shea seventh and ninth, respectively. In the 200 individual medley, the Mustangs continued their top-notch swimming, taking fourth with Zhang and a time of 2:05.69, as well as fifth with Anthony Adamowicz with a 2:05.97. Northville also took 10th in the event with Aaron Zalewski finishing in 2:13.74.

In the 50 freestyle event, the Mustangs' depth continued to show. Lubisco took third in 22.95 seconds, while Greenlee took fifth with a 23.05. A.J. Aquinto was ninth for Northville with a 23.53 and Spencer Miller rounded out the top 10 with a 23.72.

Northville's division title was helped greatly by the dive team, which took the top two spots. Kevin Bain led the way with a 441.35 from the judges, while Will Price impressed with a 404.05 for second. That one-two punch bled over into the 100 butterfly where the Mustangs took first with a 55.11-second finish by Nate Lunn and a second-place showing in 56.36 by Aquinto.

In the 100 freestyle, the Mustangs weren't able to take the top two spots, but they did take third, fourth, sixth, eighth and 10th with Greenlee (49.9 seconds), Ryan Winkler (50.5), Miller (51.36), Todd Truran (51.70) and Spencer Miller (52.87), respectively.

The 500 freestyle results read like a Northville roster, with Chris Lafayette taking first in 4:54.83 while Blicke took third in 5:02.78. In fourth was Schoenek (5:03.62) while Tim Shea was fifth (5:05.01), Kim Dennis was ninth (5:18.98) and Austin Hunt was 10th (5:19.42).

In the 200 freestyle relay, Northville took a first- and fourth-place finish.



Northville's Bofang Zhang begins the 200 individual medley.

The team of Lunn, Greenlee, Aquinto and Blicke snagged the top spot with a 1:31.05, while the team of Winkler, Alex Miller, Truran and Spencer Miller took fourth in 1:33.61.

The 100-yard backstroke found Lubisco in fifth (58.04 seconds), while Lunn finished eighth (58.57) and Winkler was ninth (1:00.42). In the 100 breaststroke, it was Zhang in fifth (1:04.68) and Adamowicz in sixth (1:05.36).

Northville ended the meet in style, finishing first and fifth in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The team of Lubisco, Blicke, Schoenek and Lunn were the top swimmers with a time of 3:18.22, while the team of Truran, Spencer Miller, Shea and Zhang finished fifth in 3:27.66.

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



TIM NELSON

Four Northville High School wrestling team members placed top four in their respective weight classes at the Saline region on Saturday, thus earning their ticket to the MSHAA Division I High School Individual wrestling championships on March 4-6. The wrestlers are (l-r): Jon Nelson second place, 152 lbs.; Josh Wright, third place, 145 lbs.; Nick Mudar, champion 171 lbs.; and Bobby Lahiff fourth place 189 lbs.

## Northville cheer wins division, takes second place in KLAA

Girls looking ahead to regional tourney

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

If there's one the Northville Mustangs competitive cheer team has made extremely clear this year, it's that they're in it to win it.

The girls, coached by Mindy Gentz, turned in several big performances in the past two weeks, compiling not only a Central Division championship, but also a second-place finish in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association in a field of 23 teams.

And that's not even the icing on the cake. The girls squad also pounced out a second-place finish in the Michigan High School Athletic Association district tournament to earn a trip to the regional this weekend.

"Our team is known for coming on strong in the back half of the season, which always puts us in a great position for the KLAA championships and more importantly, the MHSAA post-season tournaments," said Gentz. "We have been getting better and better each week since late January when we won the Northville Invite."

In the district tournament, the Northville Mustangs opened up the competition with a round one score of

220.2. In round two, the girls earned a 228.8304 from the judges—a solid 15 points than their cross-town rival Novi in the same round. The Mustangs then finished the meet with a round three score of 288.2, compiling a total of 737.2304 for a second-place finish. It marked their second-straight runner-up finish in the district tournament.

"The girls did a great job on Saturday at districts, but we were not perfect," said Gentz. "There is still more we can improve on. We will be spending this week prepping for our regional appearance, focusing on the details, improving our scores. The team has not peaked yet. We are expecting an even stronger performance at regionals."

Last year, the Mustangs finished ninth in the regional. This year, the team—which will be competing at 2 p.m. at Brighton High School, will be looking to improve on that finish with an ultimate goal of taking a top-four spot in order to advance to the state finals, which will be March 6 in Grand Rapids.

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

### Gymnasts take second in KLAA

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team got a good look of what it means to be involved in tight competition thanks to the outstanding talent in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association league meet last week.

The girls, coached by Erin McWatt, collected 140.45 points to take second place, edging out Brighton in a tie breaker for the runner-up position. Canton took first out of the 10 teams and one individual—Hartland's Taylor Jayne—who competed in the meet.

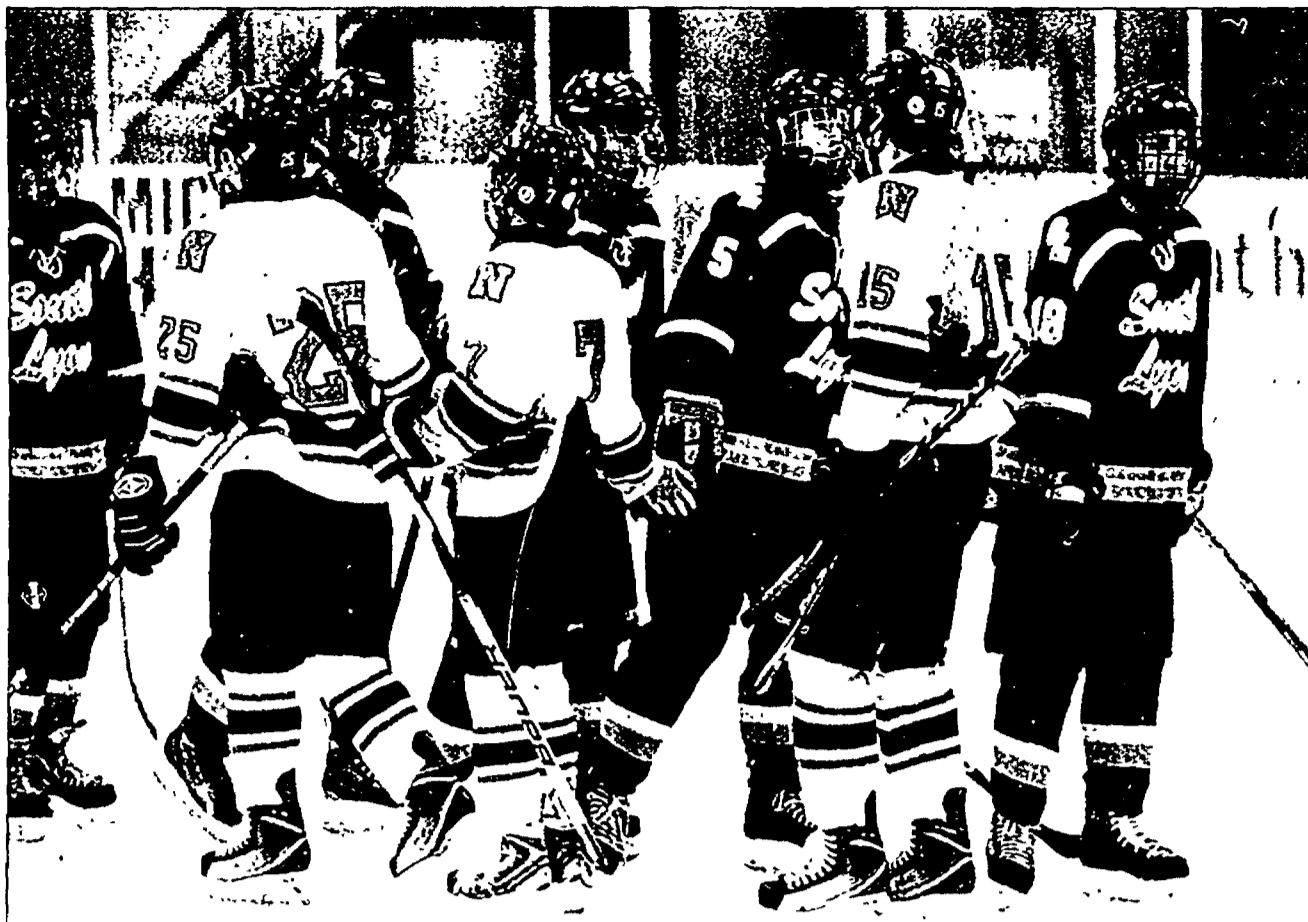
The Mustangs turned in some outstanding performances and earned nine of their 11 competitors a chance to compete in the regional tournament March 6 at Plymouth High School. Five of those nine will compete all-around.

"We are shooting for a finish among the top three teams," said McWatt. "If we do, we will advance to states in Rockford (on) March 12 and 13. The state teams are composed of the top three teams in each of the four regions, plus one team from any region who scored at least a 140 and was the highest fourth-place team in any of the four regions—this is known as the wildcard."

Northville, in the past, has qualified as the wildcard team in the state finals, but they're looking to make more noise than that this year. And they have the team to do it. Individually, the Mustangs earned several Division I league medalists and one Division II league medalist.

Allison Kemp led the charge with a third place finish in Division I in the vault, the beam and on the floor and took a sixth on the bars. She was fourth all-around in the league meet and was named the KLAA Most Valuable Player in Division I for the vault and the beam, which means she averaged the highest scored on those two events for all conference competitions.

Cassidy Winter also medaled, taking fifth on the bars and sixth on the vault, the beam, the floor and all-around. Taylor Dempsey was a league medalist with a seventh-place showing on



Northville Mustangs and South Lyon Lions congratulate each other after a 4-4 tie after their Feb. 18 match at Novi Ice Arena.



Northville's Stephen Champagne looks for a pass from a teammate during their Feb. 18 match against South Lyon.



Mustang Erin Warwood performs her floor routine in Plymouth.

the bars and the beam and an eighth place on the vault, floor and all-around.

For Division II, Amy O'Brien was league champion on the beam with a first place finish while taking fourth on the floor and eighth on the vault.

Northville, as a team, was named the team MVP this year for their undefeated 9-0 conference record.

If Northville isn't able to make it to the states as a team, individual performances could vault them there. To compete at the state finals as an individual, a gymnast must finish among the top eight—including ties—in each event at the regional or in the top six as an all-around performer.

Last week, Northville also defeated Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western/Northern. The Mustangs earned 139.7 points while Central collected 109.55 and Western/Northern earned 111.1.

Leading the way were Kemp on the vault (9.15) and bars (8.85), Dempsey on the beam (8.65) and Winter's 9.3 on the floor during which she showcased a brand-new routine.

"(It was) jaw dropping, literally," said McWatt of Winter's performance.

### Hockey boys tie South Lyon

The Northville Mustangs hockey team ended the regular season with zero penalties and two power play goals as they skated to a 4-4 tie with the South Lyon Lions last week.

The squad, coached by Jeff Hatley, earned power play goals from Eric Goebel and Matt Rosiar with assists going to Joe Close (2), Mike Maclean and Goebel. Stephen Champagne and Goebel also scored even power goals in the game with Goebel, Maclean and Rosiar all contributing.

Close's goal came with just nine seconds left in the game to earn the tie.

David Ketelhut and Sean Bretz split the game in goal for the Mustangs.

Northville will now face Catholic Central in the opening round of the state playoffs come Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

### Bowlers wrap up regular season

The Northville Mustangs bowling teams finished up their dual meets for the year with a competition against Wayne Memorial where the girls maintained their undefeated divisional record and the boys falling.

The girls earned a big win over a solid Wayne squad, sweeping the Baker games and earning strong individual play from Jessie Sammut (216) and Shelby Curlew (211). The girls finished the year 12-0 with 20 straight divisional wins dating back to December 2008.

The boys weren't so lucky. They stayed even through the Baker games—helped by three clutch strikes in the 10th frame by Ian Lovdahl. The Zebras, however, rallied in the individual games to earn the victory. Ryan Benoit (204) led the Mustangs.

The junior varsity teams found the girls winning their match thanks to a clutch 10th frame spare in the last game by Lisa Rice to secure a three-pin victory. The JV boys, however, fell despite strong efforts from Adam Zimmer (195) and Joe Mikos (166).

—By Sam Eggleston

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The Novi Twp. Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 at 44425 Chedworth Dr. on March 9 at 7:30. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 44020 Cottisford Road. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the clerk at (248) 231-6210.

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## Mustangs stay even with split

Girls basketball team loses to Canton, beats Plymouth

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team will be the first to say that Canton deserves being ranked second in Division I in the polls. They'll also be the first to show you that you might be able to knock them down, but they're going to get right back up and keep playing.

The squad was indeed knocked down by the powerful Canton Chiefs, taking a 48-18 loss in the first round of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association tourney last week. But, the girls got right back up, dusted themselves off and rebounded nicely with a 48-38 win over the Plymouth Wildcats just two days later in the second round of the tournament.

Against Plymouth, the Mustangs didn't do anything fancy or showcase any of their various offensive and defensive fronts.

"We did just enough tonight to win," said Todd Gudith, the girls second-year head coach. "Having to play them again in two weeks in the district, we didn't want to show all our cards."

But the cards they did show were pretty much four of a kind as the Mustangs kept control of the contest in each of the four quarters of play.

To open the game, Northville took a 13-9 lead in the first quarter and increased their lead in the second to head into the locker room up, 22-15. By the end of the third, Northville was leading, 35-24.

Plymouth wasn't able to show all of their playbooks, either, as they were without three starters due to injuries.

Leading the way for Northville was senior Julia Ramey, who scored 13 points, while senior Tori Wright added nine and junior Sarah Tuohy added nine.

Northville evened their season record to 9-9 with the victory.

Against Canton, the Mustangs found out what it takes to earn a second-place ranking in the state of



Battling for the basketball during Tuesday's KLAAs Conference playoff game are Canton's Kari Schmitt (No. 25) and Northville's Tori Wright (No. 20).

Michigan—consistent play and team unity. The Chiefs used both as they pounded out a 48-18 victory over Northville in the opening round of the KLAAs tournament. They were seeded first in the South Division and Northville was seeded fourth from the Central Division.

"Nothing clicked today," Gudith said. "We wanted to make the playoffs and by getting in with the fourth spot you're going to open up against a very good team. There's a reason Canton's been ranked all year. They play well together."

Canton opened the game on a 9-0 run before the Mustangs were able to add their first bucket. The first quarter ended in favor of the Chiefs,

11-2, and stayed that way. The Mustangs trailed, 25-6, heading into the locker room and 43-9 to open the fourth quarter.

"Canton imposes their will on you," Gudith said. "They're a program you want your own to be like. There's nothing special about what they do and they don't blow you away with outstanding players, but they constantly play hard. Whatever mistakes they make on the floor, they hustle to cover them up."

Northville was led by Meredith Williams, who scored seven points in the losing effort.

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

### NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Farmers Agent Pietila plays with the bet

Realizing a dream of golfers, both duffers and regular weekend scratch golfers, local Farmers Agent Aaron Pietila from Northville played a round of golf with Jeff Klauk, one of the world's best players. They played during the Pro-Am Tournament held in conjunction with the PGA-sanctioned Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines Golf Course in southern California, Jan. 27.

"It was an incredible experience," said Pietila. "Being able to play with one of the world's great players, on one of the best courses in the

country, is truly a great way to start the year." Pietila was one of 29 specially-selected agents and district managers invited to participate in the precursor event to the Farmers Insurance Open which ran from Jan. 28-31. The Open, which was the PGA TOUR's first network-televized tournament of the season and featured some of golf's greatest players, was won by Ben Crane -- a Farmers customer in Texas. "I got some good tips and advice from Jeff Klauk," said Pietila. "I look forward to seeing how much my golf game improves this year as a result of this experience."



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## Rocking with NHS

The Northville pom team will be hosting their second annual variety show, *Rocking with NHS*, on Friday, Feb. 26 7:30 p.m. in the Northville High School auditorium. The show will run about 1.5 hours with an intermission. During the show the pom team will perform routines from their High Kick competition, state competition at Eastern University, Alma competition and other routines they learned throughout the year. In addition to the pom acts other participants will include the NHS Treblemakers, the high school's female choral group; Backbeat, the school's male choral group; The Breaks, a rock band; the middle school pom team; Meads Mill cheer team; and several NHS students who will perform solos or duet numbers. A raffle for different prizes will again be held for those who bring two non-perishable food or paper products. These items will be given to Civic Concern a local food bank. Pre-sale tickets for the show can be purchased during lunch at the high school Feb. 25-26 for \$5 for students and \$6 for adults. Tickets can also be purchased the night of the show for \$7 for students and \$8 for adults. A special thank you to Max & Erma's of Plymouth, Starbucks of Northville, Panera Bread of Livonia & Northville Lumber for their donations.

## Hoops team avenges early-season loss

### Mustangs edge Glenn on Rockets' home court

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville boys basketball team showed that they've matured and improved since the early part of the season.

The squad, coached by Todd Sander, avenged a loss from game three against John Glenn as they went to the home of the Rockets and beat them, 61-59, last week.

"This was easily our most efficient game of the season," said Sander. "I'm so happy for our team. Our guys have been fighting all season long, and they were rewarded for their hard work tonight."

The Mustangs jumped out to an early two-point lead at the end of the first quarter, 16-14, and maintained it through the end of the first half as they went into the locker room leading, 31-29.

The third quarter was shaky for the Mustangs, as it consistently has been this season, and the Rockets launched into the lead, 49-45.

Tim Hasse, a senior, opened the fourth quarter showing that the Mustangs weren't going to be wrangled. He nailed one of his four 3-point field goals in the opening seconds of the final stanza to cut the Rockets' lead to one point, 49-48. The Northville cagers responded in kind, upping their defense and holding John Glenn to just 10 points in the final quarter while pouring in 16 of their own to earn the victory.

"We showed how good we can be when we play the right way," Sander commented, adding that his team will be looking to carry this style of play into the post season. "We need to keep moving forward and

build on tonight."

As a team, Northville collected 17 assists—a season high for the squad. Northville shot 19-for-30 from the floor, including a 9-for-16 performance from the 3-point arc. In addition, the Mustangs out rebounded the Rockets, 24-17.

Leading Northville was Hasse, who scored 19 points, including 12 from beyond the arc, and had three rebounds. Andrew Baldwin had 16 points in the victory, including three 3-pointers, and snagged six boards of his own. Bryce Groshek added 14 points and six rebounds and shot an impressive 10-for-12 from the free-throw line.

Though not a leading scorer, Brett MacDonald—a starter—led the charge in the first quarter with two 3-pointers.

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

## Figure skating squad advances to state finals

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs figure skating team has made an early-season goal come true this year—qualifying for the state finals.

The squad, coached by Sheri Combs, noted when the season began late last year that an ultimate goal was to make the state finals with at least one of their teams from the A-, B- or C-level squads. Last week with a very strong performance, the A-squad escaped a very tough district to take third place overall and advance to Midland for the state finals March 28.

"Our A team, although small with only three skaters, is very strong," commented Combs. "They started the season strong and held on through the three competition series."

Those three skaters—senior Jenn Sutton, junior Chelsea Walker and sophomore Jillian Kastely—found themselves

tied for third place with Plymouth Canton after the jumps and the moves events.

"We knew whoever placed higher in the spins even would make it to the states," Combs said.

When the scores were tallied and the final marks announced, Northville stood out clearly as the better team with a third-place finish in spins as compared to Plymouth Canton's seven-place showing.

At the state finals, Combs admits that there is a level of unknown awaiting the team.

"We haven't competed against any of the teams in the other districts, so we have no idea how we will match up," she said. "I just want the Northville skaters to skate their best and be proud of the outcome. It will be very exciting."

Overall in the district competition, the Northville skaters A-squad took third place in jumps and spins and 10th place in moves.



PHOTOS BY DENNIS BARNES

The Catholic League hockey champions, Catholic Central.

## Catholic Central wins CHSL hockey title

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team knew heading into the Catholic High School League championships that they would have to play their best in order to win.

But, with a schedule like Catholic Central's this year, they have to play their best each and every day in order to win. So, the Shamrocks did what they do best and earned another victory last week, topping DeLaSalle in overtime, 4-3, in the CHSL championship game to earn the league crown.

"Our players set the team goals each year and the CHSL is definitely on that list of 10 goals," said coach Todd Johnson. "DeLaSalle is a very high quality program so it was very satisfying to come back and win the game. We got off to a very slow start which is not the correct formula for the state tournament."

It definitely wasn't all smooth sailing for the

Shamrocks, who found themselves trailing twice in the contest. The first time was a 2-0 lead by DeLaSalle at the end of the first period with goals being scored by Austin Hibner and Brad Wernet.

Catholic Central answered back in the second and early in the third periods as Brad Wilhelm and Eric Fragozo each found the back of the net to knot the game up, 2-2.

As any hockey fan would expect in the CHSL championship game, the scoring was far from over. The DeLaSalle icers put the Shamrocks behind again, 3-2, when Bobby Penrod added a tally at the 11:04 mark in the third.

The Shamrocks, skating with just a few minutes left in the contest and trailing, took advantage of a DeLaSalle tripping penalty and tied the game up on a power play goal by Sean Gaffney.

In the overtime period, the Shamrocks scored the game-winning goal off the stick of Fragozo to seal the game.

"We are happy with the effort and execution in the comeback, but, as in the Trenton game, comebacks have a low rate of probability," Johnson said. "We are very excited for the state tournament to begin. I think the players are very committed to the necessary details to give us an opportunity for success in a single game elimination tournament."

Earning assists for Catholic Central were Wilhelm (2), Nolan Gluchowski (2), Ryan Obuchowski, Fragozo and Gaffney. Earning assists for DeLaSalle were Shane McKenna and Trevor Shields.

Zack Cisek earned the win in goal, stopping 13 shots on goal. DeLaSalle's Matt Neal stopped 41 shots on goal.

The Shamrocks will play Port Huron Northern Saturday and will open the post-season against the Northville Mustangs March 1.

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



CC's Eric Fragozo ties the score near end of third period.

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## CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

## Wrestlers continue toward team, individual finals

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team is continuing its two-pronged attack toward state finals greatness.

The team, coached by Mitch Hancock, earned a team regional title to advance to the team state finals this weekend, and the Shamrocks earned a berth to the individual state finals for all 14 of their weight classes.

In the team regional, the Shamrocks defeated Livonia Franklin and Plymouth Canton to advance to the finals. Against Franklin, Catholic Central had no troubles, pounding out a 78-0 domination. Against Canton, the score was closer but the domination continued as the Shamrocks earned a 42-21 victory.

"I'm very happy and proud of these guys," said Hancock on the team's website. "They continue to stay focused on the goal and make sacrifices for team. That's what it's all about this time of year."

In the individual regional tournament, the Shamrocks qualified their entire team for individual state finals competition. The Shamrocks earned five runner-ups, one third place finish and three fourth-place finishes.

Winners were: Mike Kinville (215), Ken Bade (103), Todd Melick (112), Alec Mooradian (119) and Doug Eldridge (145); Runner ups included: Miles Trealtout (189), T.J. Fagan (103), Charlie Joseph (125) and Justin Melick (135); Taking third was Andrew Erickson (160); and in fourth place were: Matt Thompson (119), Nick Mason (130) and Gerid Gee (152).

## Bowling team takes third in CHSL

The Shamrocks bowling team made plenty of noise last week, earning a third-place finish in a highly-competitive Catholic High School League championship tournament.

The Shamrocks began the day with a 3077 in the preliminary round to earn a second seed in the remainder of the tournament. High scorers were earned by Nick Carvalho (214, 243 and 204), Matt Nugent (203, 218 and 237), Eric Pavlov (237, 207 and 192) and Scott Kujawa (206, 211 and 208).

In the seeded tournament, the Shamrocks bowled Riverview Gabriel Richard and won the final two games, 190-187 and 212-191 and lost the first game, 180-153. In the second round, the Catholic Central strikers couldn't find a way to get past Bishop Foley and fell, 181-151 and 191-180.

Bishop Foley went on to defeat DeLaSalle to claim the CHSL title.

Carvalho earned first-team All-Catholic honors while Nugent was named to the second team. Tom Zahari was named to the All-Academic team thanks to a 4.5 grade-point average.

- By Sam Eggleston

## Novi ice dancer 11th at Olympics

## Samuelson and Bates show promise for 2014

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

Nineteen-year-old Novi resident Emily Samuelson and ice dancing partner Evan Bates of Ann Arbor skated the first of what they hope to be many Olympic performances last Friday.

With Samuelson draped in purple sequins and Bates in a red dress shirt and black pin-striped vest and pants, the pair made their Olympic debut, flowing through the smooth arcs and quick turns of the tango romantica-themed compulsory dance to score 31.67 points in Vancouver early in the competition.

"Where this team stands apart for me is their use of leg lines. Emily has the most beautiful feet in the business," NBC analyst and 1988 Olympic ice dancing bronze medalist Tracy Wilson told the medallist audience Friday during the Michigan duo's compulsory dance performance. "This is a strong dance technically. Good skating, they still can develop the subtleties of expression through the upper bodies."

The United States' Meryl Davis (West Bloomfield) and Charlie White (Dearborn) scored 41.47 shortly after to take the lead over France's Isabelle Delobel and Olivier Schoenfelder's 37.99 score, but Russia's Oksana Domnina and Maxim Shabalin followed with a 43.76 to take the lead that would stand for the rest of the night. USA's Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto - who won the silver medal in 2006 - scored 40.83 to briefly take third before Canadians Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir - who share coaches and train with Davis and White in Canton, Mich. - scored 42.74 to take second, dropping Samuelson and Bates down to 14th of 23 pairs after the first day.

The pair skated seventh in the order Sunday for the original dance performance. Set to the tunes of the Dixie Chick's "Long Time Gone" and "White Trash Wedding," Bates was dressed in full cowboy attire for the performance. Scoring a personal best of 53.99, the pair pushed their total score to 85.36 and improved to 11th overall heading into the final night.

"These two choosing this music to the Dixie Chicks and they really bring the character of this piece to life," Wilson said during the performance. "Well, very nervous in the com-

pulsory dance and the excitement of the Olympics bringing out the best in them here in the original dance. Catchy piece of music, clever choreography. Well done, Emily and Evan. They've got to be pleased with that."

Davis and White also had a personal best of 67.08 in the original dance, putting their total to 108.55 to place second overall, while Belbin and Agosto's 62.50 score put them in fourth place with 103.33.

Samuelson and Bates skated 13th on the final night dressed in gold and maroon attire to the tune of "Canto Della Terra" by Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli. The pair beat their season-best 80.41 with a score of 88.94 in the free dance event to finish with 174.30 points.

"2008 World Junior Champions and I think the secret to their success is the beautiful long lines. And they make the most of those long lines by the extension of their free legs and point of their toe," Wilson said Monday. "These two have some of the best footwork in the business because of their unison and the curves they make across the ice."

Their combined score earned them an 11th-place finish in Olympic ice dancing, same as their finish at last year's World Championships.

Current U.S. champs Davis and White, skating their free dance to "Phantom of the Opera," went on to win the silver medal with a 107.19-point performance and total score of 215.74, just 5.83 points behind Virtue and Moir.

Fellow Americans Belbin and Agosto scored 99.74 in the free dance to finish fourth with 203.07 points after Russians Domnina and Shabalin - who train with them in Pennsylvania - edged the four-time U.S. champs out for the bronze medal with the final performance of the night.

Following Samuelson and Bates' original dance performance Sunday, NBC sportscaster Tom Hammond noted how promising the future looked for the Michigan duo.

"Soaking it all in and youth on their side, 19 and 20 years old respectively," he said. "Getting Olympic experience here in 2010 and perhaps thinking ahead to 2014 in Sochi, Russia when, if they continue to progress, they could be one of the favorites."

Chris Jackett is a free-lance writer and former Novi News staff writer.



DAVID CARMICHAEL

Emily Samuelson and Evan Bates skated at the World Championships in Los Angeles last March. The pair placed 11th in what will be a prelude to this month's Olympic competition.

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# Strictly Business

## Gluten-free bakery opens on Five Mile Road in township

### One Bite At A Time provides diet solutions

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Longtime baker Steve Ciric isn't just interested in providing gluten-free baked goods.

He's interested in making gluten-free products that taste good.

He now has a new bakery, One Bite At A Time, in the strip mall by Mr. Z's Party Store on Five Mile Road in Northville Township west of Haggerty Road.

The brand the bakery carries is Rumi's Passion, named after a 12th century Persian poet.

"His poems are translated into many different languages," Ciric said. "People have claimed that he surpasses Shakespeare in popularity."

Ciric said to him, Rumi's poems are about the oneness of the world.

"If you read some of his poems, they speak about the human condition and who we are not in relation to one another but to God," he said. "There are some deep and profound messages in his poems."

Ciric said when people have a product, whether it be a cookie, a coffee or a tea, they need to step back, go inward and ask, "Who am I? Why am I here? What am I supposed to be doing? There's a great poem

by Rumi on that as well. It's not simply to provide a cookie, but to provide folks with an experience."

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As the gluten-free market has grown, more large companies have become involved, meaning the ingredients are starting to improve, Ciric said.

"One of the staple flours used in gluten-free baking is rice flour. We're starting to see improvements in this type of flour - the mesh size is now finer. So, the end product turns out not as gritty."

Although the percentage is constantly changing, Ciric said he's seen studies that place the amount of the population who needs to eat gluten-free products at 2-3 percent.

But, the important thing to consider is that for the celiac (those who must not consume gluten) this is a lifestyle.

"Some (celiacs) are extreme," Ciric said. "They are going to have a violent reaction if they eat gluten."

Ciric said some studies have shown that a gluten-free diet can also help those who have attention deficit disorder or autism.

He added that reducing gluten intake is healthy even for



One Bite At A Time bakery owner Steve Ciric makes gluten-free tasty treats like these cakes and cupcakes for his catering businesses, Hiller's Markets and Highland Lake Plaza's Wildflours Bakery.

those who can digest it.

Also, many of the commercially-produced breads even have added gluten besides what's in the flour. He opened the new bakery because he saw the need for gluten-free products.

#### PRODUCT LINE

Although he hasn't been able to develop a gluten-free bread that he is happy with yet, Ciric does sell gluten-free cookies, cakes, muffins, chocolates, tortes and more.

Hiller's Markets are carrying his products, with other stores introducing the products soon. One of his most

popular items is his gluten-free butter-rum bundt cake.

His chocolate cupcakes are another favorite. "It's very difficult to tell that they're gluten-free," Ciric said.

His bakery is a dedicated gluten-free bakery. He is working on getting the wholesale product line up and running and will have regular store hours at the Five Mile Road location soon.

To contact Ciric for a gluten-free birthday cake or other gluten-free items, call (734) 335-7145.

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One Bite At A Time bakery owner Steve Ciric's wife, Staci, displays some of the Rumi's Passion gluten-free products available at his new bakery on Five Mile Road in the strip mall by Mr. Z's Party Store west of Haggerty Road. He's currently only available for special orders.

#### BUSINESS BRIEFS

##### Building customer loyalty

Gerald W. Bricker, managing principal and founder of the Northville-based business consultancy Advise Consulting, will conduct a seminar on the importance of building a customer loyalty strategy to grow sales, improve profitability and enhance employee relations.

The seminar will be held on Wednesday, March 3, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Double Tree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi.

Bricker is a 30-year professional in general and sales management, having served most recently as vice president and general sales manager of a major global automotive electronics firm. He will present the strategic value of building customer loyalty in helping grow revenue by more than 10 percent and profitability by more than 25 percent, all with a minimal amount of investment.

To register for the seminar, go to [www.novi-chamber.com](http://www.novi-chamber.com) and click on the Events button; or call (248) 974-1537.

##### Women: Create Your New Economy

Women's Business Network will host "Create Your New Economy!" business and networking expo on March 20 at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford.

The all-day event will include eight dynamic women presenting pertinent information on the legal, financial, marketing and other important aspects of running a business. Pointers for success and how to make an excellent personal impression on prospective clients will also be presented. Several example makeovers will be completed. There will be numerous opportunities for networking with other local women professionals throughout the day. The organization expects 100 attendees.

The cost of attendance is \$45 per person, or \$120 for three tickets, if registered by March 1. Thereafter, tickets will be \$55 per person. Lunch provided by Baker's of Milford is included in the ticket price.

Vendor space is available to promote your business to attendees. The cost for an eight-foot table display is \$30, plus the cost of admission. Vendors may choose to share their space and the rental cost among multiple businesses if desired. Each vendor in attendance will be responsible for the cost of admission.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Debra Downing at (248) 252-2952 or [downingddd@aol.com](mailto:downingddd@aol.com).

##### Oakland offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, 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** - Thursday, March 4, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source,

Oakland County Market Research Department, and a Business Reference Librarian. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

**Fiscal Fitness for the Growing Business - Fiscal Management Tools for the Non-financial Manager** - Wednesday, March 10, 8 a.m.-noon

This workshop provides the business owner an in-depth look at the essentials of using financial information to make effective decisions about improving their business performance. Topics include Ways to improve your company's cash flow, How to use the balance sheet and income statement to diagnose business problems and opportunities, how breakeven analysis helps you make better pricing and business decisions and How to insure you have enough working capital to support growth. The fee is \$50. No refunds.

**Fundamentals of Starting a Business** - Thursday, March 11, 9 a.m.-noon

This 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 fee is \$30. No refunds.

**Sales I: Effective Networking** - Wednesday, March 17, 9 a.m.-noon

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**Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan** - Thursday, March 18, 9 a.m.-noon

This is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds.

**QuickBooks® Essentials** - Thursday, March 25, 9 a.m.-11:30 for Session One; 12:30-3 p.m. for Session Two.

This introduction to small business financial management provides an overview of accurate recordkeeping, report interpretation and utilization, and management of the variety of tools provided in this system. Presented by Kildal Services, LLC. Session I: \$40/person, Session II: \$40/person. Both Sessions: \$75/person. No refunds. Includes a 60-day QuickBooks® software demo; laptop highly recommended.

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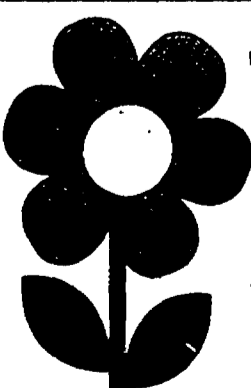
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## 6 Tips for Making a Fresh Start in a New Career

Robert Half International

Emerging signs the economic downturn is ending may mean you're considering a job change, especially if you've been struggling under large workloads and high levels of stress. But what if you seek not just a new position but an entirely new career? You may dream of pursuing a personal passion, taking advantage of opportunities in an industry with significant growth potential or finding a path that better fits your skill set.

A new start can be attractive and worthwhile, but go in with your eyes open. It's not always an easy road. Here are a few tips to help you make a successful leap into a new career.

### 1. Take a step back

Before you head full steam into your next opportunity, evaluate your present situation and make sure that switching careers is the right path. Are you unhappy with your job or the type of work you do? Would working for a company that provides better employee recognition or clearer paths for promotion, for instance, be enough to rejuvenate you? Be certain of your motivation before taking the leap.

### 2. Do your due diligence

If you feel your current career path lacks promise, you can quickly convince yourself that any other option is better. But that may not be true. Pursuing a position in a struggling industry or area of the country, for example, could actually set you back professionally.



Read trade publications, conduct online research and speak to members of your network to get a better sense of the field you'd like to pursue and its future prospects. Also research any potential hurdles you may have to overcome prior to making the switch. You may have to gain new training

or certifications, for instance, or face steep competition from a large labor pool.

### 3. Seek advice

Consider arranging an informational interview with someone in the field or position that interests you to get a real-world perspective. If you don't know anyone, find out if people in your network do. Once you've identified the right person, contact him or her to schedule an informational interview. Be clear that you're not asking for a job.

An informational interview will give you the chance to find out what's currently happening in your field of interest and, potentially, additional insight into the hiring environment. You also can ask the people you meet with about how they started out in their careers, the challenges you might face when you make the transition and whether or not your contact can share any helpful advice for getting a foot in the door.

### 4. Know thyself

Once you know what opportunities are achievable, evaluate your current skills and experience and consider how qualified you are. For example, communication, organizational and leadership skills can often be effective across industries. Other skills, such as specific software knowledge, may not. The more transferable your skills are, the better able you will be to make a quick switch. At the same time, consider what

skills or qualifications you might need to develop. Is extensive schooling or training involved? Do you need to become licensed or certified in a certain software or procedure? Think about the time and cost involved to determine the ease or difficulty of making a switch.

### 5. Transition slowly

Look for opportunities to give your new career a "test run." Depending on the industry, you may be able to pursue volunteer or temporary work and determine if the new situation feels like a good fit.

### 6. Be realistic

No matter the economic climate, a career switch won't usually happen overnight. It can often take time to transition into a new field, especially if you need to build skills, and you may have to start in an entry-level position until you gain experience.

Although it may not be a path to immediate employment, a career transition is an opportunity for you to rethink where you are headed and potentially discover a new course that gives you the professional satisfaction you crave.

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12 Brazos  
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19 Point the finger at  
20 Synthetic fiber  
21 Christmas, today  
22 Remote  
23 Riddle: Part 1  
25 Gershwin's "In Blue"  
27 Beatty or Buntline  
28 Waigle gal  
29 Fountain order  
31 Rocker Marc  
33 Nature spirit  
36 Sable, for one  
38 Lee of "The Fall Guy"  
41 Cantaloupe's cousin  
43 Team  
44 Skaler  
45 Bleak  
46 Riddle: Part 2  
51 Papua New Guinea port

**DOWN**

52 Contaminates  
55 Butz or Warren  
56 Sapporo sash  
57 Tactful  
59 Consider  
61 Ford flop  
63 Maine town  
64 Space  
66 A) — (cooking term)  
67 Lear, to  
68 Goneril  
69 Riddle: Part 3  
74 Fleur-de —  
75 Deser  
76 Heep of Dickens  
80 Coeur d' —, ID  
81 Caroonist  
83 Hard to describe  
88 Humed  
89 Little one  
91 Prate  
92 — (Toyota model)  
93 Riddle: Part 4  
98 Lollar part  
99 Gladde  
101 Alan of "Gilligan's Island"

**ACROSS**

102 Frequent  
104 Scanty  
105 Roller-coaster feeling  
108 1970  
109 Chatterley or  
110 Director  
111 Skip  
112 Turbine part  
115 Goncalo, Brazil  
119 Avoidance  
121 Answer to riddle  
125 Swell  
126 Actor Barry  
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128 Farm adolescent  
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132 Spanish —

**DOWN**

133 Riddle: Part 1  
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# GM KEEPS ON PUMPING ETHANOL POWER DESPITE OBSTACLES

Advertising Feature



By Dale Buss

The Chevrolet Volt will be available in a version that runs on E85 flex-fuel within a year of the 2011 introduction of General Motors' highly anticipated plug-in hybrid, said Tom Stephens, vice chairman of Global Product Operations, recently from a big biofuels conference in Orlando.

The decision to make an ethanol-powered Volt underscores GM's still-growing commitment to an alternative fuel whose long-term viability has come under increasing attack over the last few years.

In fact, while flex-fuel rollout initially focused on more traditional port fuel-injected engines, by next year, GM also will provide flex-fuel-capable versions of the direct-injected powertrains on recent new models including the Chevrolet Equinox and GMC Terrain crossovers. And the soon-to-debut Buick Regal and Chevrolet Cruze each will offer flex-fuel engines shortly after they hit the market: naturally aspirated and turbocharged direct-injection engines in Regal and a downsized turbocharged engine in the compact Cruze.

Overall, GM has determined that more than half of its 2012 production volume in the U.S. market will be E85-capable vehicles. It already is responsible for more than four million of the total of 7.5 million E85 vehicles on American roads. "We feel that ethanol is the best near-

term solution to displace petroleum," Stephens said, noting that GM also continues its heavy backing of two startups that are attempting to commercialize cellulosic ethanol as well as its support of university research into this so-called "second-generation" ethanol that doesn't rely on corn as the feedstock.

Critics have scored ethanol because of how the corn-based fuel competes with food for arable land, especially in the United States; because at the moment it is higher-priced than gasoline; because of its lack of energy density compared with gasoline; because there are relatively few E85 pumps at filling stations around the country; and because the powertrains in most of the existing fleet of non-E85 vehicles on American roads would be ruined by even a moderate increase in the slight proportion of ethanol that already is allowed in gasoline.

But Stephens and other GM executives pushed back against that criticism. "Clearly we don't want to abandon" ethanol, Coleman Jones, GM's biofuels implementation manager, said on a conference call with reporters. "To get where we want to go, it'll be [based on] cellulosic ethanol or something beyond corn. We'll have more ethanol and [prices] should be more competitive relative to petroleum."



The first Los Angeles-area E85 fuel station was opened in Brentwood, Calif.

In some ways, of course, America needs GM to keep pushing ethanol as much as GM needs U.S. consumers to grow more friendly to it. There's a congressional mandate for the nation to produce 15 billion gallons of ethanol by 2015, and that fuel will need to be blended with gasoline and go into vehicles somehow.

The appeal of ethanol, of course, largely has been that it is a substitute for gasoline, much of which comes from imported oil. But the GM executives noted that it also holds some substantial environmental benefits, among them the fact that corn ethanol produces 21 percent fewer carbon-dioxide emissions than gasoline. For cellulosic ethanol, the figure is 110 percent less after giving production of cellulosic ethanol credit for co-generating bio-electricity, according to a recent analysis by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. What's more, the executives pointed out, corn prices have continued a long-term decline relative to gasoline prices even as ethanol production has boosted demand for corn as a feedstock. They noted that corn yields are still climbing strongly. And of the 4.4 pounds of waste

produced daily by each American, only 10 percent is recycled — leaving vast quantities of potential raw material for cellulosic-ethanol production. But Stephens acknowledged that, at least in the short term, the retail economics of ethanol are problematic. "The real thing that drives consumers is simply economics," he said. "What we need to do is change the economics of ethanol so it's more cost-effective."

The GM executives said that the auto industry and the federal government together must address the fact that there are only about 2,200 E85 fuel pumps across the entire country, and about two-thirds of them are concentrated in just 10 states, mostly in the Midwest. The problem is that only 19 percent of the flex-fuel vehicles now on the road are garaged in those states. GM has been helping gasoline retailers add hundreds of flex-fuel pumps, but there are 160,000 filling stations across the U.S. The industry needs about 12,000 E85 pumps "to have ethanol fuel available to every customer within about two miles of them," Stephens said. "So we've got some work to do there."

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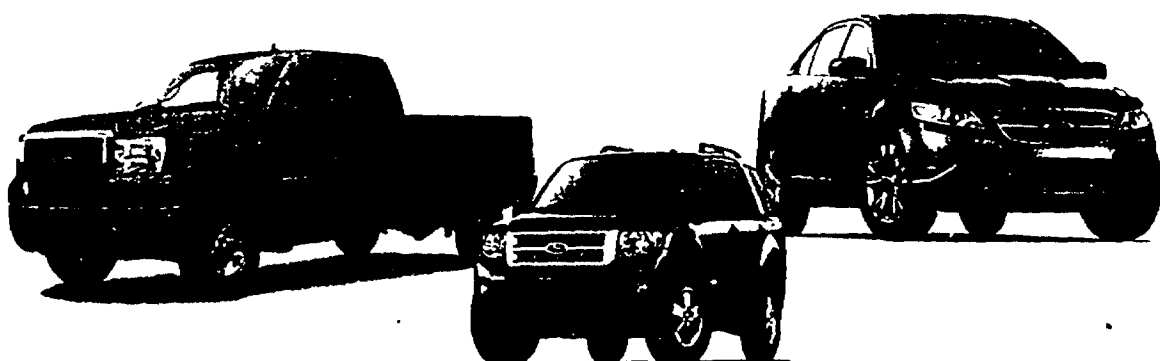
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