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## ON THE RECORD

### Japan event



Leah and Meryl Waldo will be presenting on their year-long adventure abroad in Japan as exchange students at the Northville District Library at 7:30 p.m. tonight. The two spent last year studying at Kansai Gaidi University in Osaka. Their presentation will include 30 minutes of pictures, video clips, stories and information on how college students can make their own study abroad dreams a reality followed by a short Q&A.

## Sen. Patterson office hours

State Senator Bruce Patterson's district representative, Sue Trussell, will be conducting office hours on Friday, March 19 from 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street.

Come on in and share your thoughts and concerns with Sue. All are welcome.

## "iDance" production

The Northville High School Varsity Dance Company's third annual production, "iDance", will take place on Saturday, March 20 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 21 at 3 p.m. in the NHS Auditorium. In addition to the Dance Company members and other NHS student performers, more than 50 guest dancers from seven area dance studios will be appearing in both shows.

The NHSVDC is having a raffle drawing at the end of Saturday's performance. Prizes (valued at over \$400) will be given away; one lucky audience member will win an iPod Touch. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase in the NHS front lobby one hour before Saturday's show and sold through intermission. Show tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the NHS Box Office (located in the front lobby) one hour prior to each performance. Another option is to reserve tickets online at the Dance Company's website: [www.nhsvdc.weebly.com/](http://www.nhsvdc.weebly.com/). For more information, visit the above website or call Kara at (248) 449-4931.

## School bus routes consolidated

Changes take effect April 12

BY NATHAN MEMOIAN  
CORRESPONDENT

Bus transportation services will be changing for hundreds of students in Northville public schools on April 12, the Monday students return from spring break.

A consolidation of morning pick-ups and afternoon drop-offs will begin at the elementary schools for high school students, with consolidated morning pick-ups at four elementary locations, and at one or two possible additional community locations for the middle schools.

The changes were approved at a March 9 school board meeting, with the decision saving the district \$100,000 for the remainder of this school year. Northville has been dealing with

a \$2 million loss in per-pupil cuts, with approximately 44 days remaining in the current school year.

Marilyn Price, school board president, said the board is hopeful parents will consider using the bus option to reduce car traffic at the high school and both middle schools, especially during the morning rush hour.

"We also hope that neighbors who choose to drive students to school will work to form car pools. The Transportation Department will fine-tune the new plan before final notification is sent out to families," Price said.

"We'll gain valuable experience with the plan this spring, so that when our new students begin school at both middle schools and the high school in the fall (this year's fifth and eighth graders), the transportation process will be smooth."

Last-minute details of the newly approved transportation

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"There were some very creative suggestions given to us, cognizant of student safety and traffic. We've come full circle now after our discussions with the board and sub-committees. We're at the point of having to come up with savings, while balancing safety and efficiency."

LEONARD REZMIERSKI,  
Northville schools superintendent

## Northville Township woman wins national award for fund raising

Raises money for  
hydrocephalus  
research, more

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Unlike most young women her age, 22-year-old Jennifer Bechard can't drive, go to school or work. But, the Northville Township resident has such a positive attitude that it is contagious, and she is leading a full life despite the fact that she has hydrocephalus.

Because of her fund-raising efforts for the Hydrocephalus Association, she received the national 2010 Cash, Sweat and Tears Award presented each year by the Run Walk Ride Fundraising Council to an inspiring volunteer who goes above and beyond in "thou fund raising."

As part of the honor, she received a trophy, a \$500 contribution toward her 2010 walk fund-

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### WHERE TO LEARN MORE DETAILS

To learn more, go to Detroit WALK on Facebook, Detroit WALK on YouTube, Detroit WALK on Twitter or the local donation page <http://walk4hydro.org.kintera.org/Detroit> and go to Jenn's Dream Team.

The next support group meeting will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. tomorrow at Orchard Hills Baptist Church, 23455 Novi Road in Novi. Dr. Steven Ham, chief of pediatric neurosurgery at Children's Hospital of Michigan, will be the guest speaker.



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hydrocephalus patient and Northville resident Jennifer Bechard was awarded the Cash, Sweat and Tears Award for her fund-raising and awareness-generating efforts for the brain condition. Bechard also helps to maintain more than 30 Web sites for local hydrocephalus fund-raising efforts.

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## Northville students excel in MEAP performance

Northville Public Schools' students across all grade levels performed well on the 2009 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) released last week by the Michigan Department of Education.

"We are pleased that our students have continued to excel on this important state assessment," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "It is a demonstration of the hard work our students, teachers and families do everyday, that even during these challenging economic times for our state and for public schools in Michigan,

our students continue to succeed."

Rezmierski said that administrators and educators across the school district will carefully study these MEAP results and use the data — along with other assessments of student learning — to modify our curriculum and enhance student intervention and support programs with the goal of ensuring success for every student.

In October 2009, third through eighth grade students across the district were assessed under the MEAP in math and reading to comply with federal man-

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# U of M students to seek input on former hospital property

Workshop slated 7 p.m.  
March 25 at township hall

Northville Township residents are encouraged to attend a special planning workshop about the future use of the former state hospital property next week. The event will take place from 7-8:30 p.m. on March 25 at Northville Township

Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road at Sheldon Road.

Northville Township has partnered with graduate students from the University of Michigan Urban Planning Program to prepare a master plan for the portion of the for-

mer Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital site that was recently purchased by the township for \$21.5 million. A key component of the plan will be residents' input.

Township leaders want to engage the community in an open dialogue to hear thoughts and concerns for the future use of the site. The workshop will include a presentation and small group discussions.

This is an opportunity for members of the community to have their voices heard and influence future decisions regarding this valuable community asset. Those interested in attending the workshop are asked to contact Linda Wesley at lwesley@twp.northville.mi.us or (248) 348-5800, ext. 10124.



PHOTO BY PAUL COSECO

Jennifer Frey, director of community development for the township, third from left, escorts University of Michigan graduate students on a tour of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital on Jan. 9. The urban planning students are working with township officials on a master plan for the portion of the property owned by the township.

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**CORRECTIONS**

\* In last week's article "Silver Springs tops state in Reflections contenders," the seventh paragraph listed the Northville students who qualified for the national competition. It incorrectly indicated their 'place' in the state competition, which was actually their grades. The six students listed all finished in first place.

\* The wrestling photo on B1 of last week's edition incorrectly identified the Northville wrestler as Nick Mudar. It was actually Jon Nelson, wrestling at 152 pounds.

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Kindergarten Parent Orientation will take place in each elementary building on **March 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**  
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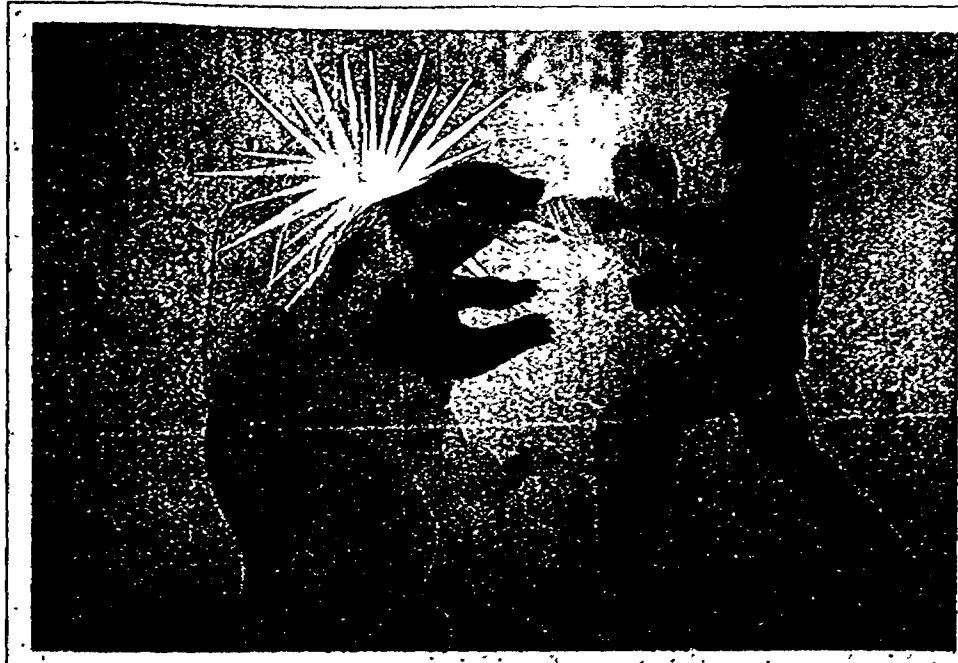
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"Punching Bears" by Don Kilpatrick

## Art House exhibit focuses on teacher-student relationship

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Artist-teachers create future artists. For Leonardo it was Verrocchio. For Henri Matisse it was Gustave Moreau. Relationships create dialog, and that dialog translates into each individual artist's creative output. Illuminating the importance of artists' influences on each other, Art under the Influence will showcase work of teachers, current students and alumni from the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. The work presented in the show reflects the influence of countless intimate

conversations that take place between mentor and mentee over the years of formal training and searching. With hope for success these vaunted roles become harder to define.

Artists in the show include: Angelo Aquino, Elena Arnautova, Gil Ashby, Christian Barr, Michael Burdick, Warrington Colescott, Scott Daly, Lee Devito, Bryan Durren, M. Morgan Eagleton, Ray Domzalski Jr., Maria Filar, Doug Frank, Michael Genova, Chuck Gillies, Joel Grothaus, Benjose Harris, Chris Houghton, Nicole Jarecz, Kris Joestel, Vince Joy, Karl Kanai, Jesse Kassel, Anthony Kieren, Don Kilpatrick, Kaitlin Koch, Keith Kochajda, Shayne Labadie, Matt LeBarre, Adrienne Lesperance,

Stephanie Limon, Mario Moore, Keith Newton, James Noellert, Matt Nowacki, Craig Nowak, Eric Olson, Justin Perkins, James Piggott, Jon Piggott, Kristina Rafalski, Adam Ris, Mark Sarmel, Robert Schefman, Stephen Schuldich, Zazislaw Sikora, Jamie J. Stempnik, Brian Stuhr, Kevin VanHooser, and Casey Wise.

The show will continue through March 27 during the Art House Gallery hours (Wednesday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m.). The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is always free and open to the public.

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# Join the Relay for Life of Northville event

There is good news in the search for a cancer cure: cancer death rates continue to decrease, according to the American Cancer Society. Death rates, the best indicator of progress against cancer, have declined at a rate of about one to two percent per year for 15 years, translating into about 650,000 cancer deaths avoided during that time period. This means more people are surviving cancer and celebrating more birthdays.

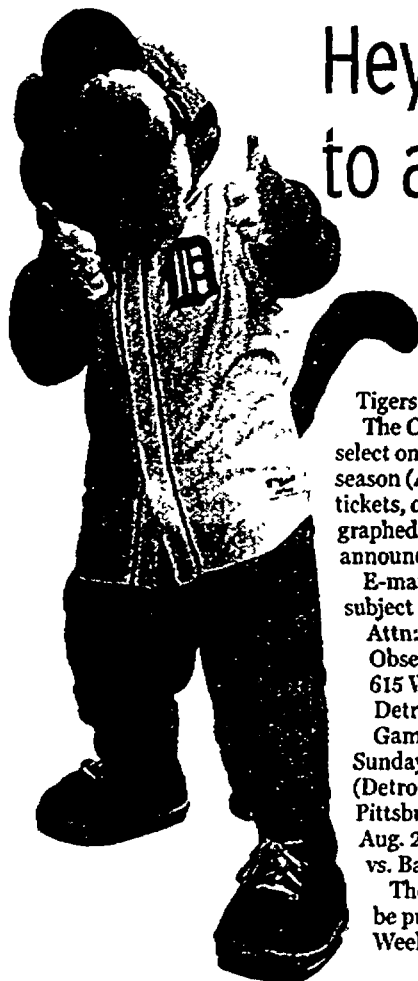
This is all progress that you can personally relate to by participating in your local Relay For Life event. "All of us who Relay are a part of the cure," stated Scott Horvath. "Everything we do at Relay For Life contributes to reducing cancer mortality and incidences. Whether it is raising dollars that support free patient services and research or volunteering to commit to advocacy and education efforts - we're all a part of the fight."

This year's Relay will be held at Ford Field, 150 Hutton Street in downtown Northville on May 15-16 from 10 a.m.-10 a.m.

Relay For Life offers everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer, and the event is currently recruiting more teams to join the event. Teams are often made up of co-workers, friends and family members. Many businesses, schools, organizations and religious groups also build teams. Prior to the Relay event, team members raise dollars by fundraising and securing sponsorships. During Relay, teams camp out overnight and take turns walking a track in an effort to raise awareness and funds in the fight against cancer.

At the event, the Luminaria and Survivor Ceremonies offer us time to remember those we've lost and celebrate those who have won the battle, while the Fight Back Ceremony gives everyone a chance to make a personal commitment to how they're going to take action against cancer throughout the year.

If you are interested in starting or joining a team, log on to [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) and follow the links to the Relay For Life of Northville page. If you're not able to join a team, simply log on to make a donation. For more information, call Nicole Abdilla at (248) 663-3410.



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E-mail your essay to: [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com) with the subject line: PAWS for Applause. Or mail it to:

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Game tickets to be awarded to essay winners include: Sunday, April 11 (Detroit vs. Cleveland); Sunday, May 2 (Detroit vs. Los Angeles Angels); Sunday, June 13 (Detroit vs. Pittsburgh); Sunday, July 11 (Detroit vs. Minnesota); Sunday, Aug. 22 (Detroit vs. Cleveland) and Sunday, Sept. 12 (Detroit vs. Baltimore).

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# EDUCATION



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At the March 9 school board meeting staff from Community Financial were presented with the 2010 Community Appreciation Award for 20 years of participating in the Northville Public Schools Education Partnerships program. Pictured are (l to r) Bill Lawton, Community Financial CEO; Michelle Richards, Community Financial Education Partnership coordinator; Natalie McLaughlin, Community Financial, Senior Education Partnership coordinator; and Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski, superintendent, Northville Public Schools.

## Community Financial honored by Northville school district

Community Financial was presented with the Northville Public Schools 2010 Community Appreciation Award during a special presentation at the March 9 school board meeting.

It was created to recognize local businesses and community organizations who through their support help enrich the lives of Northville students.

"We appreciate the many ways in which Community Financial has so willingly supported Northville students and staff as a community partner," superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said. "They have been true partners since the inception of the Education Partnerships program during the 1989-90 school year in supporting educational excellence by providing opportunities for students and staff through numerous district programs and events."

A part of the Northville community for more than 33 years, Community Financial's Northville branch is located at 108 East Main Street in downtown Northville. Over

the past 20 years, Community Financial has supported Northville Public Schools through the following programs:

- \* Student-Run Credit Unions
- \* Classroom supplements
- \* Classroom presentations
- \* Student opportunities
- \* District support
- \* Professional development
- \* Recognition

Dr. Steve Anderson, Amerman Elementary School principal, has been involved with the Community Financial partnership for over 10 years and values the long-standing relationship with Community Financial.

"Not only does this partnership allow us to connect with the community, but it provides students with real-life examples of job applications, interviews, job training, technology and personal finance," said Anderson.

Bill Lawton, Community Financial CEO, thanked the Board of Education for the honor. "We are excited to fill our vision of teaching Northville Public Schools stu-

dents the importance of saving in elementary school, providing a way to grow those savings in middle school and then offering access to their savings and checking accounts in high school. This partnership program truly prepares students for 'real world' financial experiences."

Rezmierski agreed that Community Financial has been a valuable community resource for Northville Public Schools students and staff.

"We established the Community Appreciation Award as a way to recognize and honor the many businesses and organizations that by sharing their time, expertise and resources provide incredible educational opportunities for our students," Dr. Rezmierski said. "It is impossible to list all the ways, big and small, that Community Financial offers support and encouragement to our staff and students. It is fitting that they should be the recipients of this award recognizing their continuous contributions over the past 20 years."

### NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS

#### Beloit College

Elizabeth Pertner, of Northville, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 term. To be named, students must maintain at least a 3.4 GPA for the semester.

#### Cornell College

Jillian Liu, of Northville, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester. A grade point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale is required for this designation.

#### University of Minnesota

Emily Mannisto, of Northville, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. Students on the list all achieved a grade point average of 3.66 or higher while taking 12 or more credits.

#### University of Dayton

Northville's Brendan O'Reilly and Alan Rozanski were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. To be named, a student must achieve a superior academic record, which is a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

### NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Stop Meanness, Spread Kindness

The Northville Special Education PAC and the Council of PTAs present a workshop focusing on creating a culture where everyone feels welcome, presented by Kimber Bishop-Yanke.

It will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 22 at Old Village School's third floor board conference room. Please RSVP to (248) 344-8453 to ensure adequate seating.

#### Summer Connections

Information regarding Summer Connections 2010 is now available on the Northville School District website at [www.northville.k12.mi.us/instruction/summerconnections.asp](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/instruction/summerconnections.asp).

Look for information available at spring parent/teacher conferences this week at the middle and high school levels, as well as at elementary conferences in April.

The expanded Summer Connections (Summer School) program is offered for K-12 students through Elementary Summer Connections, Middle School Summer Connections and High School Summer Connections (including online courses).

Registration for all programs begins May 3.

New this year: Come join Summer Connections at the Northville School District's new Enrichment Program, which are offered in two-

week blocks. Students can sharpen skills in their favorite subject, explore one of their interests or just have some fun. Registration for Enrichment Classes begins on May 3, 2010 and ends on May 28. As with all Summer Connections programs, classes offered are contingent upon sufficient enrollment, so families are encouraged to register early. Registration forms will be available on the website as well, prior to the registration period.

Questions may be directed to the Northville Public Schools Summer Connections Office at (248) 344-8447.

#### 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 information is located on the school district website at [www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/). Space is limited.

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 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/early-childhood](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/early-childhood) 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 need more information. Space is limited.



## Let's PAWS to applaud extraordinary kids.

Are you a kid – or do you know one – who goes above and beyond to make your neighborhood, community, or family better?

Tell us your story in 500 words or less. One winning essay will be chosen each month to receive:

- 4 tickets to a Detroit Tigers Game
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Email your essay to:

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or mail it to:

Attn: Choya Jordan

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Please include the child's name, age, phone number and address.

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### Ridge Wood fun

Ridge Wood kids and siblings and parents stand in line to gain access to a myriad of inflatable rides during their Rocket Rumba. The schoolwide, evening fun fair organized by the P.T.A. and Laurie Williams, featured inflatable rides, Rock Band, a magician-comedian, a cake walk, food and treats and lots of face painting fun for the kids.

Ryan Wleznik, 9, constructs a cardboard tube rocket at last Friday night's Rocket Rumba - a school evening fun fair organized by the P.T.A.



Nicholas Gattoni, 7, left, plays ball during the Fri., Feb. 26 Rocket Rumba at Northville's Ridge Wood Elementary.



# Northville Parks and Recreation's SpringFest set

## Free event for local families

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department staff invite members of the community to the second annual SpringFest set March 28 in Millennium Park.

The free family-oriented event will take place from

2-4 p.m. at the park located behind the Northville Township Fire Station on the south side of Six Mile Road west of Sheldon Road across from Northville High School.

Join the Easter Bunny

in celebrating springtime activities arranged by the Northville Township Fire and Police, an egg hunt, crafts and more.

Egg hunts will begin at 2:30 p.m.

The event is being sponsored by Northville Township Fire and Rescue, Northville Police Department,

Oakpointe Church, Rangel Orthodontics and Bosco Pizzeria.

No preregistration is required.

The event will go on rain or shine, so dress appropriately.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203.



Yellow & Teal Bunny by Charlie Patriocolo

## Doll class

The Northville Art House will present a doll making class by renowned fiber artist, teacher and doll maker Charlie Patriocolo. In this fun and informative two-day class, students will create an elf with a unique personality. Charlie will teach students how to needle sculpt the doll's head and then guide the class as the body is sewn, stuffed and assembled. The two-day class will be held April 24-25 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day. Cost of the entire class is \$100 plus a \$10 kit fee. Students should be able to complete one doll in this two-day class. Call the Northville Art House to register at (248) 344-0497.



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### CHARLES ALBERT "CHUCK" FINLAYSON

March 8, 2010. Age 79. Funeral was Sat., March 13 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorials may be made to the Hospice of the Ozarks. Send online condolences [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

### JACQUELINE MARY GIESEKING

(nee Mudloff) Mar. 10, 2010. Memorial service was Mar. 15 at Guardian Angels Church. Donations may be made to Alzheimer's Assoc. or St. John Hospice. Condolences [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)



### MATTHEW JACOB KEREKAS

Age 23, passed away on March 13, 2010. He was born on May 2, 1986, in Ypsilanti, to Ronald and Kathleen (O'Shea) Kerekas. He graduated from South Lyon High School in 2004 and attended Oakland Community College and Central Michigan University. He would have graduated in May with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems. Matt will be fondly remembered by family and friends as a man with a jovial nature who could lighten any room with his infectious smile and sterna positive outlook. He brought joy and happiness to all who loved him. To know Matt, truly was to love him. Matt was an avid golfer, playing four years on the varsity golf team at South Lyon High School. Upon graduation, he played with a local golf league at leisure. He also enjoyed skiing and spent many winter weekends at Caberfae Peaks in Mount Pleasant. He is survived by his parents Ron and Kathy Kerekas of South Lyon; siblings: Patrick (Megan) Kerekas, Meredith Kerekas; and grandmother Mary Wight. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Joseph and Dorothy Kerekas, Robert O'Shea and Richard Wight. Visitation March 18, Thursday, from 3-9 p.m. with a scripture service at 7 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. A Funeral Mass will be held on March 19, Friday, at 11 a.m. with final visitation at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial donations may be made to the South Lyon Golf Team. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



### NANCY ISABELLA LIDDELL

Of South Lyon Michigan Age 60, passed away Monday, March 8, 2010 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Nancy was born November 8, 1949, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the daughter of Eric and Isabella Liddell. She graduated from South Lyon High School in 1967 and attended Ferris State University. Nancy worked at Greenhills School in Ann Arbor as a college counseling to several over a career that spanned two decades. In 1999, Nancy was diagnosed with ALS, a disease that she courageously battled with dignity, tenacity and grace. She confronted this deadly, debilitating disease as hard-nosed and resolute as she did every challenge undertaken during her lifetime. Nancy's battle with ALS will now continue having donated her body and organs for study to the University of Maryland and the University of Michigan medical schools. She is survived by her daughter Abigail Williams and sister Cynthia Baugh. Nancy did so much to enrich the lives of family members, friends and individuals who were fortunate enough to know her and love her.



### JOAN M. MCINTYRE

Age 78, of South Lyon, passed away, March 14, 2010. She was born on April 7, 1931 in Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of the late Clarence and Marie Steckel. Joan was a devoted member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was an energetic woman who loved to dance, laugh and meet new people. She was a very honest and loving wife, mother and grandmother. Joan had a zest for life and enjoyed every moment she had with her family and friends. She is survived by: her beloved husband Robert of 56 years, her loving daughters, Susan Utch, Kathleen McIntyre and Carol McIntyre, and her grandchildren, Bryan and Ben. She is also survived by her brothers Gerard (Natalie) Steckel and Bill (Pat) Steckel and her mother-in-law Margaret McIntyre. She was preceded in death by her brother Jim in 2006 and her son-in-law Tom in 2005. Family will receive friends on Sunday, March 21st from 3:00pm-9:00pm with Rosary at 7:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral Mass will be conducted on Monday, March 22nd at 11:00am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



### WALTER J. MCKEOWN

Age 94, March 3, 2010 of Northville. Retired Administrative Director of the City of Detroit Lighting Department and long time Officer and Director of the Detroit Retired City Employees Association. Preceded in death by his wife, Elvira on July 7, 2001. Mr. McKeown was descended from a family that migrated from upper New York State in 1834 and settled near Carleton, Michigan. Walter was born in Detroit and educated at the Holy Redeemer Schools. As a youth, he was active in the boy scouts and became the first Eagle Scout of Troop 226 in June, 1930. He graduated from high school in 1933 and entered Wayne University that September. He worked his way through college employed as a Bookbinder. After graduating in 1938 with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, he was hired as an accountant by Standard Oil. He left that company to accept a Civil Service position as a Realty Appraiser in the City of Detroit Assessor's office. He was in the Army from April, 1941 to November 1945 serving with the 32nd Infantry Division and the Air Force Training Command. After World War II, he returned to work at the city as an accountant in the Controller's office and later as Administrative Director of the Lighting Department and retired with more than 30 years of service. Walter earned an MBA at the University of Detroit in 1954 and was a director of the MBA Alumni Association for several years. He was a Past President of the City of Detroit Accountants Association and life member of Monaghan Council, K of C. He participated in many sports. Golf was his favorite game. He was an active player for sixty years. His estate will be shared by various charitable, educational and environmental organizations. Memorials may be made to: Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy. Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48034. Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

### DORIS V. MEADOWS

Age 87, passed away March 10, 2010. She was born on September 14, 1922, in Canada, to the late Russell & Agnes (Rolls) Bell. Doris is survived by her loving children: June (Donald) Gregory, Roy (Karen) Meadows, Rick Meadows, Darryl Meadows, 6 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and her siblings Bernice (Dick) LeMaitre and Carl (Judy) Bell. She was preceded in death by her husband James Meadows in 2008. A Funeral Service was held on March 14th, Sunday, at 4:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to American Holistic Medical Assoc., 23366 Commerce Park, Suite 101B, Beechwood, OH 44122. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### MARY ALYCE TAULBEE

Age 80, passed away March 8, 2010 at home. She was born on June 27, 1929, in Halls, TN, to the late John and Annie Lee (Sayles) Duncan. Mary Alyce is survived by her loving children: Alyce Faye Turner, Dwight David Redman, Stanley Dewayne Redman, Leah Blanchard Haynes; 9 grandchildren: Alycia Turner, Jammie Turner, Drew Redman, Stacy Redman, Jillian Redman, Kristy Redman, Amber Kolar, Rory Blanchard; and 5 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter Perri Lynn Redman, grandson Lance Redman; siblings: Bonnie Shoenbridge, Omer Duncan, Robert Duncan, and Johnnie Duncan. A Funeral service was held on March 13, Saturday, at 1 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

## NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Troops 4 Troops

Northville Cadette Troop #438 and Rangel Orthodontics are conducting a Donation Drive to assist U.S. military troops with humanitarian relief efforts. New or gently-used, clean and soft plush toys, stuffed animals, Webkinz and Beanie Babies are needed. Donations will be accepted until Friday, March 19 at 125 Cady Centre in downtown Northville.

### "Dragon" tickets giveaway

The Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers will be giving away five family four-packs to the advanced screening of "How to Train Your Dragon" at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20 at the AMC Livonia. The movie will be shown in 3D IMAX.

Go to [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) to enter the contest.

### Earth Day park maintenance and improvement

Help out at the Earth Day park maintenance and improvement from 9 a.m.-noon on April 24 at Maybury State Park. Meet at the maintenance building next to the Beck Road ranger station.

Volunteers are needed to cut, move and burn the phragmites stalks along Beck Road, pull and bag garlic mustard at various spots and install posts for a new nature trail which starts near the concession building.

Bring gloves, shovels, garden rakes, wheelbarrows, water and plastic garbage bags.

For more information call George McCarthy at (248) 347-0899.

### Easter Egg Scramble

Come to Maybury State Park at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3 for the Easter Egg Scramble. Meet at the concession building (Eight Mile Road entrance).

There will be 3,000 candy-filled eggs, 1,000 toy-filled eggs, prize-filled eggs from local businesses, activities and games with the Friends of Maybury, face painting, and pictures with the Easter Bunny (don't forget your camera). The event is free with a Michigan State Park motor vehicle permit. For more information, call (248) 349-8390.

### Waterford Village - Northville Township's Link to the Past

The Northville Township Historic District Commission will present "Waterford Village - Northville Township's Link to the Past" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 31 at the Northville Township Hall Community Room.

Learn about the early town-ship settlement; early industry (Grist Mill, Blind Factory, Barrel Shop); the underground railroad; Waterford Ford Plants, Farm Crest Farms and Store; Hines Park and Waterford today.

The event is free. Call Diane Jefferson for more information at (248) 348-5800.

### Spring Festival

The Chikltime Learning Center, 2080+ Halstead, will be hosting its Spring Festival on Saturday, March 27 at 10 a.m.

The event is free, open to local families and includes a pancake breakfast, egg decorating, a visit from the Easter Bunny and an exciting egg hunt. There are activities for children and adults of all ages.

"This is a great opportunity for families to come together and have a little fun celebrating the spring season," said Kerry Barr, center director. "We welcome everyone from the community to this event and look forward to meeting new faces."

Parents will also have the opportunity to tour the facility and learn about the great programs available for their child at Chikltime and learn about the company's proprietary curriculum, The Empowered Child and the upcoming E.C.O. Force Summer Camp. Enrollment incentives will also be available for new families at the event.

### Movies at Marquis

The Movies at the Marquis classic movie series is sponsored by Northville's Urban Optiques Vision and Eyewear and Tom Holzer Ford. Stop by their displays in the theater lobby and thank them for making this movie series possible.

Tom Holzer will draw tickets and give away five oil change certificates. Urban Optiques Vision & Eyewear will draw tickets for two \$50 gift certificates and provides the popular viewing guides for the film.

Upcoming films include:

*Vertigo*, March 20

Tickets go on sale March 6

exclusively at Poole's Tavern located at 157 E. Main.

*Easter Parade*, March 27

This is the final movie in the

2010 classic movie series. Tickets

go on sale March 13 exclusively at

Gardenviews located at 117 E. Main.

*Tea time*

The Northville Historical

Society will recreate a cozy tea

room at Cady Inn on Saturday,

March 27, at 2 p.m.

Served with antique china,

guests will enjoy a variety of

delectable sandwiches and des-

serts with freshly brewed tea.

An intriguing display of

Victorian clothing at the Inn

hints at the 3:30 p.m. presenta-

tion to follow: *The Gibson Girl: A Day in the Life of the New*

*American Woman* © 2000.

Juliana Cerra's original one-per-

son program reveals the under-

pinnings of both fashion and

society. From bloomers to ball

gown, the Gibson Girl presents

an engaging overview of life in

1895.

The cost for the program

and Victorian tea is \$25; \$20

for NHS members; \$10 for the

program only. There will be

preferred seating at the program

for tea guests. Seating is limited;

reserve seats by noon on March

19 by calling (248) 348-1845.

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Life of  
Your  
Loved One

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be with  
you in this  
time of  
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Deadline: Tuesday at 10 a.m. for Thursday

Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.



# 'The Smell of the Kill' to open tonight at Tipping Point Theatre

## Dark comedy to hit local stage

Three seemingly successful suburban couples concerned with keeping up appearances have just finished a regular monthly dinner party.

The men are putting golf balls in the living room while the women clean up in the kitchen.

And that's where all sense of normalcy ends in "The Smell of the Kill," a fast-paced, wickedly funny black comedy about men, women, marriage and malice that opens tonight at Northville's Tipping Point Theatre.

The show opens will run through April 18 at the theater at

361 E. Cady St.

"The Smell of the Kill," written by Michele Lowe, casts Emily Sutton-Smith, Teri Clark Linden and Laura Croff as three women who share a friendship doused with a little animosity, liberal amounts of envy and an undeniable bond of being fed up with their less-than-perfect husbands. (Sutton-Smith and Linden are members of the Actors' Equity Association.)

Sutton-Smith is Nicky, the dinner hostess and a wound-tooth tight book editor whose self-centered husband is facing prison

time for embezzlement. Linden is Molly, who's being smothered by a sickly-sweet husband who wants no part of intimacy or giving her the one thing she really wants — a baby.

Croff is Debra, a biting and judgmental wife of a philandering real estate agent.

Directed by Kristine Thatcher, in "The Smell of the Kill" the women exchange confidences for the first time, revealing that all three marriages are on the brink of disaster.

When the men mistakenly lock themselves in a basement meat locker, the women are faced with a life-or-death decision: Should they leave the men out in the cold

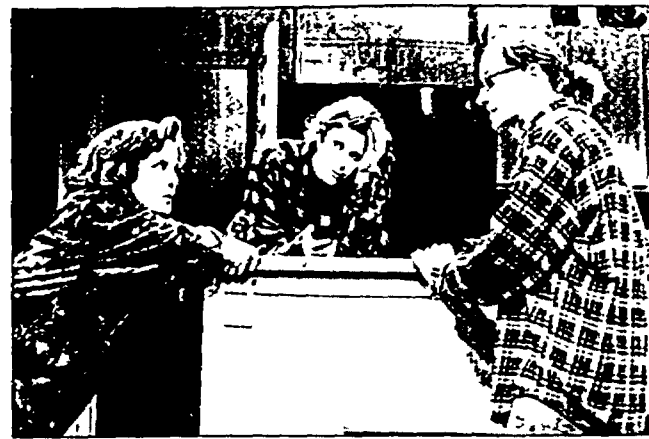
— permanently — or let them thaw?

Come find out at this co-production with the Williamston Theatre.

"The Smell of the Kill" contains mature themes and may not be appropriate for all ages.

Tickets are available by visiting the box office. Call (248) 347-0003 for ticket prices, box office hours and the performance schedule.

Tickets are also available 90 minutes before each performance. Bring a group of 15 or more and receive \$2 off per ticket for all performances. Those age 62 and over also receive a \$2 per ticket discount.



CHRIS PURCHIS

From left: Emily Sutton-Smith, Laura Croff and Teri Clark Linden will appear on the Tipping Point Theatre stage in "The Smell of the Kill" starting March 18.

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## Worship

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**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5051 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114  
810-227-3113  
9:30 a.m. Communion Worship  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
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www.lordoflife.ca.com

**HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
www.hsrcc.net  
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810-231-9199  
Fr. John Rocas, Pastor  
Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
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Please visit our Shrine of Lame Display and Book & Gift Shop

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Farmington Hills • 23225 Gil Rd. • 248-474-0534  
Between Grand River & Freedom  
Saturday Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Worship & Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Traditional/Choral  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary  
Sunday School - all ages 10:15 a.m.

### Highland

**HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
2350 Harvey Lake Rd. (248) 887-4556  
Contemporary Service  
9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays  
Saturday Night Service 6:00 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study & Breakfast  
2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:15 a.m.  
3rd-8th Grade Youth Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.  
Pastor Nick Ruffer

**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
120 Bishop St., Highland  
off Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-59  
• Sunday Church 9:30 a.m.  
• Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
• Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Gary Malton  
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680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
248.887.1311 • www.myhmc.com  
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3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland (248) 887-5364  
Rev. Leo T. Lufko, Pastor  
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5 p.m.  
Sunday, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; M-F 9 a.m.  
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or by appointment

### Livonia

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Services held at:  
Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
15360 Hubbard Road - Livonia  
South of Six Mile Road  
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4805 Highland Rd. (between Bogue Lk. & Ormiston Rd.)  
(248) 887-4654 (Deborah V. Kerr, Pastor)  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
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**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
Church office: (248) 684-0895  
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
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Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
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Awards for 3 yrs. old - 5th grade  
Middle School Group

**SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C.**  
1250 South Hill Rd. Just south of downtown Milford  
(248) 685-3560 www.AboutSouthHill.com  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
KIDS' Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Children and Youth Groups Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.  
Call about our current small group studies.

**WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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248-887-1218  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School ages 3 thru 5th grade @ 10:00 a.m.  
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Phone 248-474-9108  
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Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister  
Website: http://www.newhopeu.org

### Northville

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Rev. Dr. Steve Buck  
www.fumcnorthville.org

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248-374-7400  
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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.  
WPDZ-AM 560 The WPAJ2 Word Station

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
133 Orchard Dr., Northville  
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
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Church 349-2621, School 349-9610  
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Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

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Rev. W. Kent Olson, Senior Pastor  
Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor  
www.fpcnorthville.org

### Harvard

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Wisconsin Synod  
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13605 West Highland Rd. MI 59  
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# Northville graduate hits it big playing drums with indie pop group

Will perform in Michigan in April

**BY PAM FLEMING**  
STAFF WRITER

Graham Bechler was just minding his own business, playing his drums, when opportunity knocked.

Now the 2007 Northville High School graduate is living his dream as the drummer for the indie pop band Andrew Belle.

The 20-year-old son of Paul and Sarah Bechler of Northville joined the band more than a year ago and was home last week for a couple of days to visit his parents before heading to Nashville to rehearse, then off to Austin, Texas, with the band to perform next week.

Andrew Belle was even mentioned during this year's VMA Awards as the MTV Best Breakout Artist, Chicago, for 2009.

**A CHANCE MEETING**

Bechler, was formerly a student at North Park University in Chicago studying English education. He was playing drums at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago when he met a pianist who intro-

duced him to Andrew Belle, lead vocalist and creator of the band.

"He called me and said his friend, Andrew, was going to be in the city and needed a drummer for his gig," Bechler said.

"He's a great guy," Bechler said. "We just hit it off."

Bechler said he just "winged it," only having a few hours to listen to Belle's songs before playing with the band.

"He just kept calling me," Bechler said. He's now been with the band since last summer, and he moved from Chicago to Nashville in January.

**MUSICAL FAMILY**

Bechler comes by his musical talent rightfully, as his father is a pianist and recently did the music for Oakpointe Church in Novi's production of "Annie!," and his mother sings.

His sister, Aubrey, a junior, is in the NHS Chamber Choir.

**WHY THE DRUMS?**

Bechler said he chose to be a drummer because it's just cool.

"When I watched bands, the drummers always looked like they were having the most fun," he said. "And, I've just kind of had an internal rhythm ever since I can remember."

He loves what he's doing.

"This year, we'll probably have 200 shows," Bechler said.

Their third CD, "The Ladder," was just released in February, and their songs have been played on several hit TV shows, including "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," "One Tree Hill," "90210," "Ghost Whisperer" and "The Real World."

When "The Ladder" album hit last month, it was ranked 25th on the Billboard Heatseekers Chart and was number one on iTunes in the Singer-Songwriter genre.

**INDUSTRY ENDORSEMENT**

Bechler was also recently contacted by a musical case company called Mono, based out of Los Angeles, who wants to endorse the band.

"I love the traveling," Bechler said.

Andrew Belle will perform April 7 at Hope College in Holland, Mich., and April 8 at Baker College in Muskegon, Mich. For more tour dates, go to [www.andrewbelle.com](http://www.andrewbelle.com).

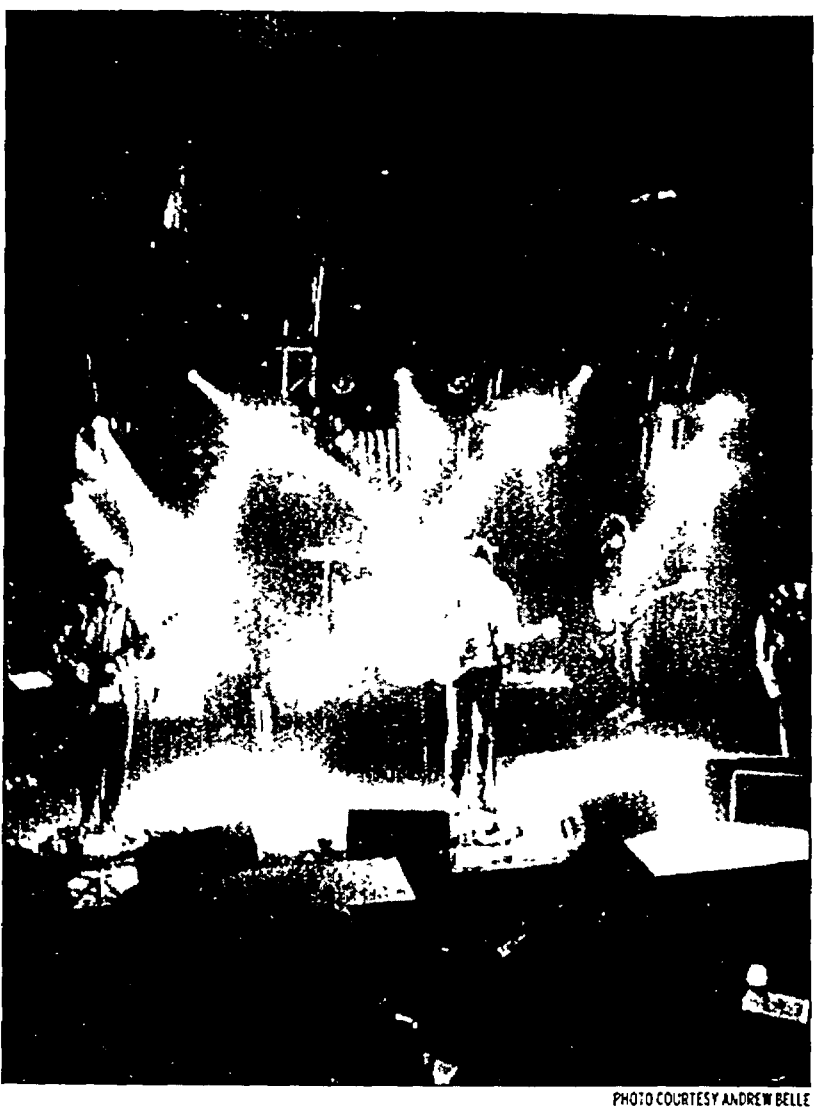


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Graham Bechler, a 2007 Northville High School graduate, is currently the drummer for the band Andrew Belle. The group will perform in Michigan at Hope College in Holland on April 7 and at Baker College in Muskegon on April 8.

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# NEIGHBORS

## Author, teacher advises girls, their mothers on social woes

She says people should focus on dignity, respect

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Do you know the difference between "good teasing" and "bad teasing?"

Rosalind Wiseman, an author, teacher and expert on youth issues, says with good teasing, you feel liked by the person. But, with bad teasing, you're teased about something you're insecure about, such as your weight or your complexion.

Wiseman spoke to a group of mothers and daughters March 4 at Hillside Middle School Auditorium. The event was one of 10 nationwide Girl World Tour 2010 events scheduled this year.

### THE SEAL METHOD

During the two-hour interactive program, Wiseman talked about the SEAL method of dealing with conflict with others. It stands for Stop, Explain, Affirm and Acknowledge, and Lock, and it can help young people figure out what to say when they are uncomfortable, hurt or angry.

The steps are:

**Stop:** Who is the conflict with, and what is it about? When and where will you talk to the person?

**Explain:** How are you feeling, and what do you want to happen?

**Affirm and Acknowledge:** What rights do you and the other person have in this situation? Do you have a role in the conflict?

**Lock:** What do you want your relationship to be? Do you want to lock in the friendship, lock it out or take a vacation? (You may need to decide this after you speak to the person.)

Billing her mission as "creating cultures of dignity," Wiseman had daughters list the qualities they are looking for in an ally, which doesn't



Rosalind Wiseman, author of "Queen Bees and Wannabes" sits in the audience at Hillside Middle School on March 4 for her "Girl World" tour. Wiseman talked to moms and daughters about the struggles and achievements of young girls in the school social environment.

have to be a parent. It could be an aunt, neighbor or other person in one's life.

They were also asked to list their top three allies, the three rights that are most important to them in a friendship and three "deal breakers" -- ways that someone could treat them where they would consider ending the friendship.

Wiseman has been featured on the "Today Show," "Oprah," "CNN," and in People magazine and the Los Angeles Times to name a few popular venues.

"I've been in this room before," she told the group, as this was not her first visit to the local elementary school since she was a previous speaker for Northville Youth

Assistance.

The program was presented by NYA and the Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro, slated to open soon on East Main Street.

### BEING A CHAMPION

Wiseman talked about what it means to be a champion in today's world, and it's not just about sports competition.

"A champion treats other people with dignity, especially when it's hard to do so," Wiseman said. "They include others, stand up for others, admit mistakes, treat people with dignity when they're angry and apologize sincerely."

She also had some advice for mothers. "Listening can be

very challenging for a mom," said Wiseman, who has two sons.

"Affirm her feelings, but don't react by asking her a million questions," she said. "Ask if she's venting or wants advice. Share your own experiences without lecturing."

Using the slogan, "Don't just do something, stand there," Wiseman said adults shouldn't necessarily feel compelled to



Audience members take in Rosalind Wiseman's Girl World Tour presentation earlier this month at Hillside Middle School.

take action every time their child has a problem.

"Give them ownership (of both good and bad things that happen in life) and let them make mistakes," she told mothers.

"Accept silence, and don't make fun of them."

### THE GOLDEN RULE

In Latin, the word dignity means to be worthy. Wiseman said, and girls need to realize that they deserve to be treated with dignity.

"You can't tell your daughters to just walk away if they are having a problem with other girls," Wiseman said. "But, the problem will just follow them." They shouldn't say "Just ignore it," either, because that shows the mother doesn't get what the daughter's living with because of the issue.

"You also can't just be nice to someone who's being mean because then they're going to work you ever worse," Wiseman said.

Instead, mothers should say, "I'm really sorry that happened to you, I'm really glad you told me, and together we're going to work this out."

Wiseman still teaches fifth-

graders for an hour once a week, and she's in touch with social media like Facebook and the too-often-abused YouTube Web site, notorious, she says, for so-called friends posting mean videos of others on the Internet.

She tells young people, "You have the right to complain about things you don't like."

Girls can also be good "fake" apologizers, and that a person can tell by someone's tone of voice if they don't mean it.

Making comments like "I was just joking," "You're so sensitive" or "You took it the wrong way," are good examples of fake apologies.

"You have the right to your feelings," Wiseman said.

She said many people respond improperly to a sincere apology by saying "It's OK," "Whatever," or "Don't worry about it."

The proper response is, "Thank you for your apology," Wiseman said.

Wiseman said if the girls remembered to have dignity and treat others with respect throughout their lives that they will grow up to be strong and confident women.

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### NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Verizon Wireless has named Chris Lewter, of Northville, to the company's prestigious President's Cabinet.

Lewter, based in Southfield, is director of Business Sales for the Michigan/Indiana/Kentucky Region's Business Sales team. He demonstrated exceptional sales leadership in 2009 by providing customers with outstanding service related to company products and service plans. Lewter earned the award by meeting several criteria, including being ranked in the top 1 percent in 2009 sales, placing him as one of the company's top performers among its more than



Lewter

and exceed their expectations."

Lewter is a graduate of Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

25,000 sales people.

"At Verizon Wireless, we are very focused on making sure our customers have the best wireless experience possible," said Greg Haller, president-Michigan/Indiana/Kentucky Region, Verizon Wireless. "Chris works diligently to understand and meet his customers' needs

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## OUR VIEWS

### Term limits – enough already

A 12-year study conducted by Wayne State University has confirmed what has been growing increasingly obvious on recent years: Term limits for state legislators don't work.

In fact, they are counterproductive. "... term limits were sold to Michigan voters on the notion that they would sever close ties with lobbyists and cause legislators to be more independent. In reality, we found them to have the opposite impact," said Marjorie Sarbaugh-Thompson, a professor of political science at WSU College of Liberal

The proponents of these disastrous limits should finally admit they made a mistake and join in an effort to bring them to an end or at least modify them to allow competent leaders time to mature into the job of protecting the common good of the people of the state of Michigan.

Arts and Sciences, who led a team of WSU political science faculty members studying term limits.

The team conducted more than 400 interviews, assessing who and what influenced the policy making decisions of the legislators. Campaign finance reports were also examined. The research team found, among other things, that the influence of lobbyists increased after term limits were imposed.

This hardly comes as a surprise to anyone who has at least a passing familiarity with Lansing and the legislators who are supposed to watch out for Michigan's best interests. But the study

provides data that proves too many legislators care more about their self-interests than they do for the people of Michigan.

Currently, state representative are limited to six years in office while senators are limited to eight years.

Almost as soon are elected, they start planning for their future. For some, who just can't seem to get off the public trough, that means running for different public office, while others seek out positions as lobbyists.

It's a spiral that hurts the state. Just look at the mess were in and the dithering politicians who don't know how to fix it. That can't all be blamed on terms limits, but they do play a part.

Enough already! The proponents of these disastrous limits should finally admit they made a mistake and join in an effort to bring them to an end or at least modify them to allow competent leaders time to mature into the job of protecting the common good of the people of the state of Michigan.

### Use Earth Hour as learning opportunity

Be enlightened by staying in the dark.

That's right. It's called Earth Hour — set to happen from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, all around the world. Turn off your lights for one hour on that day as a commitment to conserve.

We encourage residents to join this international display of solidarity in the commitment to control climate change. Earth Hour is sponsored by the World Wildlife Federation and will take place in more than 80 countries, including the U.S. Major U.S. cities participating include Washington, D.C., Chicago, New York and Las Vegas.

Families could make it a fun and educational event by preparing for it, discussing it and maybe even spending that hour in the back yard, searching for stars while talking about the earth and all of its wonders.

Earth Hour began in Sydney in 2007, when 2.2 million homes and businesses switched off their lights for one hour. In 2009, the message had grown into a global sustainability movement, with 50 million people switching off their lights. Global landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, Rome's Coliseum, the Sydney Opera House, and the Coca-Cola billboard in Times Square all stood in darkness.

This year, the goal is to have one billion people worldwide switch off their lights during Earth Hour. For more information, visit [www.earth-hour.us](http://www.earth-hour.us).

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"Shorter. Bring on global warming. Make Michigan a tropical vacation place."

Joe Stanislawski  
Northville

## LETTERS

### Students' safety the top priority

Challenges? Inconveniences? Dr. Rezmierski, administration and NPS board members — it is simple: safety for our children. Quite frankly, we are tired of hearing that NPS is a people business with 88 percent of costs going to salaries. How is that different from any other sector? What is different? Your "business" is our children; not only educating them, but keeping them safe.

It is appalling that you are reducing transportation to a few central locations to save a buck (we have never seen an actual figure in any meeting minutes). We are quite sure though, that Dr. Rezmierski is still in his NPS car with monthly stipend. But our babies are being told to walk well over a mile, in the dark, on the side of a gravel, rural road, with cars passing in excess of 60 mph (needing to pass through intersections like Eight Mile and Beck) just to get to this central spot.

If families have the luxury of a fleet of cars, with personal staff and no younger children or jobs to get to themselves, children could be driven to these locations, likely to sit in massive traffic congestion and kids in the streets. Car pool? Share rides? We are not in the 1970s. We are working families who watch local and national news stories of horrific accidents and abductions. These cuts are not acceptable.

Susan and Michael Krygier  
Northville

### School transportation plan ridiculous

Regarding the ill-conceived plan adopted at the March 9 board meeting regarding changes to the transportation program within the district, I can't express my disappointment with any greater magnitude other than to say it is totally and completely beyond comprehension!

To centralize bus pickup and drop-off locations in the district is completely and totally irresponsible management of school funds that compromises our children's safety and the safety of others. Since "88 percent of the district's budget" is due to "staffing costs," this plan to cut transportation is a thinly veiled disguise to shield the administrators, teachers and other personnel from having to deal with the harsh reality of these economic times. Additionally, I think each and every parent in the district should hold the administration accountable for poor management skills and decisions that are compromising our children's well being.

Transportation is a core service in a public school system and a vast super majority of students use it to get to and from school. It also offers the safest mode of transportation for children getting to school; it saves in having fewer vehicles running/rushing around the road system in the district, the congestion on the roads and at the schools and drop-off points, etc. Additionally, by the time a student could be dropped off at some random centralized location, the parent could have taken them to school.

I believe many parents will end up taking their children to school as a result of this ill-conceived plan and the congestion and chaos at the schools will be astronomical. After getting past the initial chaos that will result with this idiotic plan, the regular chaos and congestion at the schools and the centralized drop-off sites will likely result in some incidents that

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will be the responsibility of the district (or the district's insurance company).

Most people outside of the government service sector all too well understand these difficult economic times. I appreciate and applaud your efforts to garner more funds for the district in the wake of the state mismanagement of financial affairs. However, it is time to for this district to wake up and smell the coffee (or maybe better referred to as the economic stench). Sacrifices must be made by you, the board and (much to their chagrin) the teachers and other staffing. Anyone who thinks they should be immune to sacrifice beyond what they think they have already endured is simply misguided, and perhaps they simply ought to be escorted out the door now.

Make no mistake, these are tough times and many outside have made and are enduring much more sacrifice than the district staff. If the district staff (that is all of you: bus drivers, teachers, administrators, etc.) can't, or don't want to, take personal compensation/benefits cuts, then there must be more layoffs which may result in increased class sizes, etc. While no one wants increased class sizes, it something the students/teachers will adapt to for the period of time we must endure in this economic climate. Since it takes both the teacher to teach and the student to learn, I expect there will be little sacrifice in student achievement since the students and teachers in the district are, in general, very good at teaching and desiring to learn.

Additionally, more cuts should also be made to programs that are extracurricular and noncore as a significantly lower percentage of the student body participates in these programs when compared to the transportation and obvious classroom learning participation levels. As such, plans should be developed and immediately implemented for 100-percent self-funded extracurricular, early childhood and after-school programs, meaning they should be paid for by the children/students who participate; this includes transportation to and from events, etc.

So, while some may disagree with this letter, there are many others out there who will agree that the district is attempting to nitpick its way through the minefield of what to cut and what is untouchable. Having been outside the government sector has allowed me and many others the unfortunate experience of having to make significant sacrifices in salary, benefits and other compensation well beyond what the school district employees have had to

experience to date. I certainly feel for the district staffing and understand that no one wants to knock their total compensation package down — but neither did anyone else who has already taken it on the chin. We all think that someone else should have to bite the bullet for the mistakes that caused this economic turmoil. However, the district needs the administration to step up and do the job you are paid to do — manage the big piece of the budget by keeping things in place for the greater student body and maintaining student safety and education. Do the right thing!

Bryan Snyder  
Northville

### Kudos for Mueller fund-raiser

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who were involved in the recent "Get Well, Don Fund-raiser" to benefit Sandi and Don Mueller, which was held at Genitti's on March 4.

First, thank you for supporting the Mueller family so generously. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the many people who gave of their time, talent and resources. Please take note of the following donors to the silent auction and be sure to patronize their businesses where appropriate: Stacey Seltz, Al Mudryk/CPA, Kim Lockwood, Rick Fillmore, Ed & Joanne Sawicki, Kim Gorny, Max Berlin/MeasureComp, Kathleen Tibaldi, Julie Cziraky, Trisha Hopkins, The Celiac Shack, Healthy Jones, Red Pepper Deli & Bistro, Gardenviews, Starring "The Gallery," Wine Sync, Pear Aphernalia, Bob Friedman, FUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry, Tracey Shepherd, and The Deli/Tom Gallant. Special thanks to the Genitti family for opening their hearts and restaurant to us for this event.

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### ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

#### ■ Northville Township Police Report

Brann's Bar and Doc's: You need to manage the people you serve. I think Northville should be proactive in assuring that if people drink in their establishments then they should have assurance from the township they could get home. We have these establishments in our neighborhoods that supply a drug that impairs judgement and then we allow them to release the people to the general public. The bars in Northville should get together and determine some way to get these people home safely rather than letting them walk out their door with impaired judgement. Maybe they should fund a shuttle service or some other type a service that will provide somebody to drive your car home. With all the money they make on over-priced drinks this should not be a problem.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

### Juveniles on school roof

**1** Police were dispatched to Hillside Middle School at 775 N. Center Street at 10:30 p.m. on March 12 about some subjects running around on the roof of the building.

Police found a 16-year-old boy and girl from Northville Township sitting atop the school with their legs dangling over the building.

They told police they were enjoying the view and had climbed up on the roof on a wooden structure on the south side of the school.

The youths could have been prosecuted for trespassing, but the school's principal was considering having the youths complete some volunteer hours at the school instead of pressing charges.

### Attempted suicide

**2** Police were dispatched to Dorisa Court about an attempted suicide at 1:07 p.m. on Feb. 26.

A woman called to say that her husband had called her to report that he had just taken all of the pills in the house.

It appeared that the man had taken over-the-counter medication. Police were able to get to him while he was still conscious and have emergency medical services assist him.

### Reckless driving

**3** A 21-year-old Northville Township man will be charged with reckless driving after an incident at 6:18 p.m. March 1 at Griswold and Main Street.

The man told police he was angry because a woman was driving 20 mph on Griswold in a 35 mph zone. The man passed her on the left over a double yellow center line, pulling in front of her vehicle.

He then put the vehicle in reverse like he was going to hit her vehicle but stopped, got out of his van and looked like he was going to walk back and confront her, but stopped, returned to his van and proceeded southbound on Main Street.

He told police he was in a hurry because he was hungry.

Police are awaiting statements from those involved before issuing a warrant on the man.

### Drunk driving arrest

**4** A 42-year-old Novi woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:08 a.m. March 12 at S. Center and Cady streets.

The woman was pulled over for driving 42 mph in a 25 mph zone.

Although police could smell alcohol on the woman's breath, she said she had consumed only two glasses of wine at a local restaurant.

### Operating intoxicated

**5** A 37-year-old Livonia man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 8:06 p.m. March 14 at W. Cady and Wing streets.

The man was pulled over because his headlights were not on, he ran a stop sign and was driving 35 mph in a 25 mph zone.

Police could smell alcohol on his breath, and the man admitted to drinking five beers before a St. Patrick's Day parade he attended then six beers while at the parade.

### Drinking, has a gun

**6** A 46-year-old Dexter man was arrested for operating while intoxicated and carrying a concealed weapon at 2:33 a.m. March 5 at W. Eight Mile Road and Center Street.

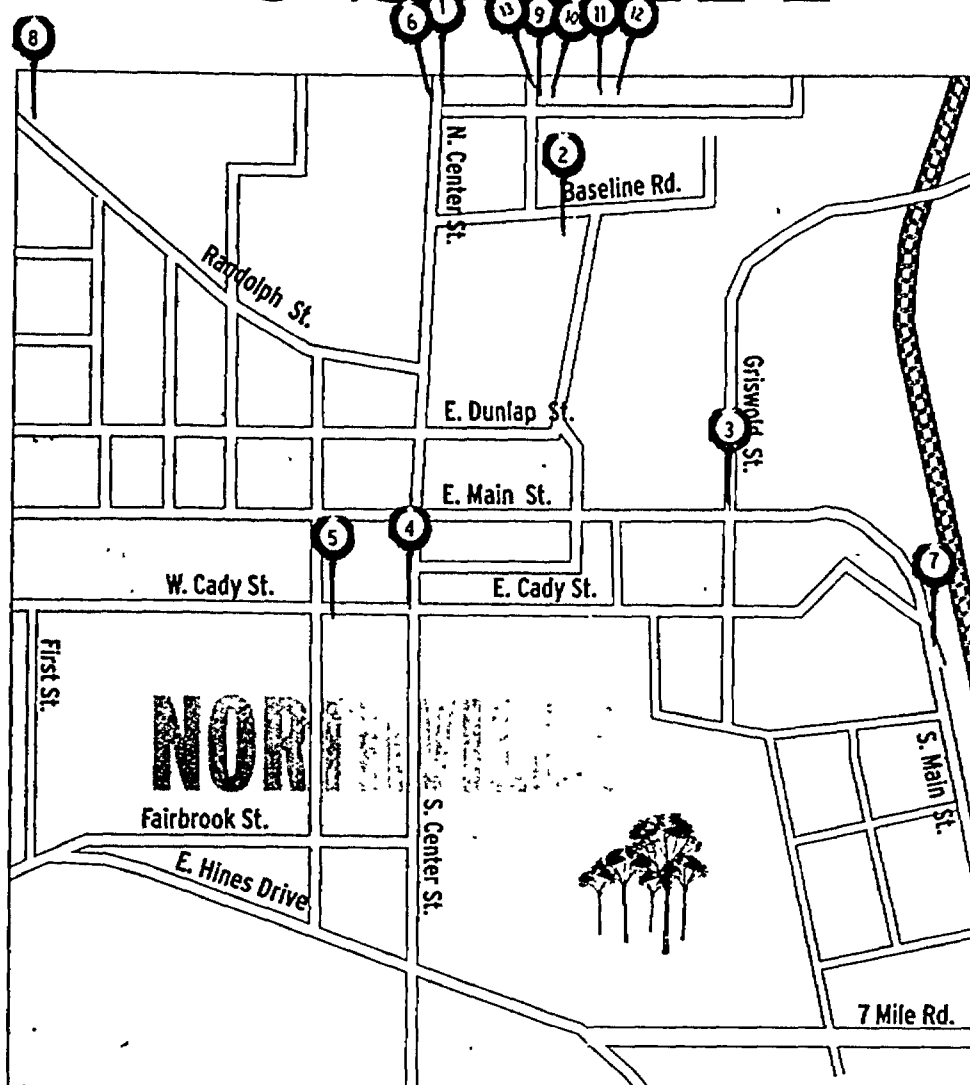
The man was stopped for traveling 53 mph in a 40 mph zone.

The man said he had been at an event for military veterans and was on his way home and that he had a few drinks at the function.

### Driving under influence

**7** A 23-year-old Northville Township woman was arrested for drunk driving at 1:58 a.m. March 5 at S. Main Street and Doherty Drive.

The woman was stopped after she passed a patrol vehicle



on the right at a high rate of speed, almost striking the police car on the passenger side.

The driver then swerved in front of the patrol car and applied the brakes.

Police could smell alcohol coming from inside the vehicle and noticed that the woman's eyes were glassy and that her speech was slurred.

She said she had come from the 336 Club in Plymouth and that she had consumed only one pint of beer.

### Drinking, no license

**8** A 45-year-old Novi woman was arrested for drunk driving at 8:29 p.m. March 2 at Randolph Street and Eight Mile

Road.

The woman was pulled over after she ran a red light, after which police learned she was driving on a suspended driver's license.

### Larceny from auto

**9** A 15-year-old Green Oak Township boy and 16-year-old Lyon Township boy were arrested for theft from a motor vehicle at 9:23 p.m. March 8 on Reed Street.

Police were dispatched by a resident who told police that someone had just attempted to gain entry to a car while it was parked in her driveway.

Stolen items included a charger cord valued at \$50.

**10** A man at another residence on Reed Street whose char-

ger was stolen told police he did not want to press charges, but that he just wanted his charger cord back.

Other recovered items included two costume jewelry necklaces and a pair of small binoculars.

### Theft from auto

**11** Police were dispatched to a home on Reed Court about a theft from auto that occurred between 9 p.m. March 8 and 10 a.m. March 9.

The woman said she was notified by her neighbor that her wallet was found lying on the ground next to a large rock next to his driveway.

### Home invasion

**12** Police responded to a report of a home invasion on Reed Court that occurred between 9:30 p.m. March 8 and 4 a.m. March 9.

While investigating a larceny from auto, a woman said that someone had gone through both of her vehicles, making entry into an attached garage.

Suspects had removed a pair of sunglasses from the glove box and placed them on the passenger seat.

### Larceny from auto

**13** Police responded to a call from a resident on Maplewood Street about a man trying to gain entry into a parked vehicle at 9:23 p.m. on March 8.

Police recovered three pieces of costume jewelry from the suspects, a 15-year-old boy and 16-year-old boy from the South Lyon area, who were later arrested for a similar crime.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

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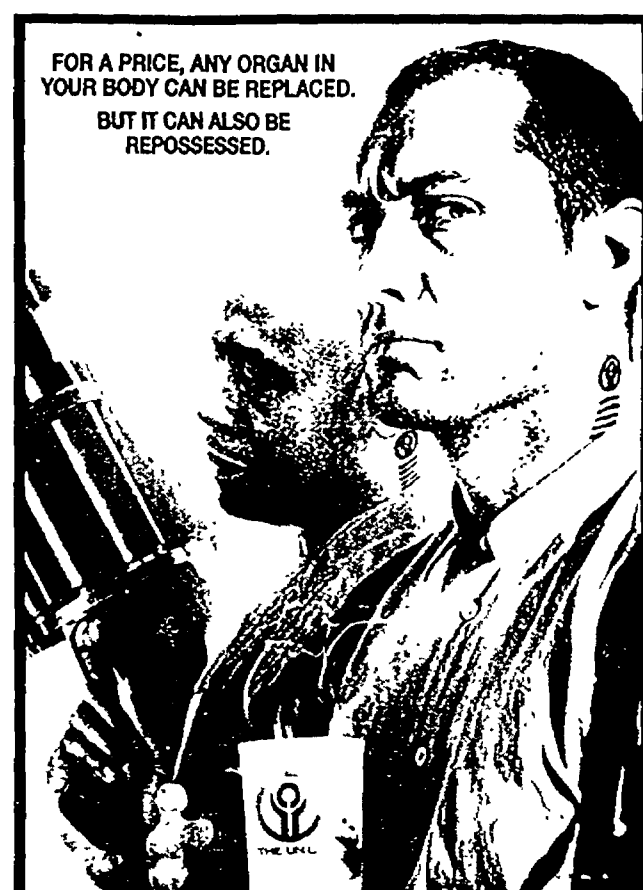


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## Northville Candle, Gifts & Yarn to carry new 'Fly Guy' greeting cards

### Stationery line idea of South Lyon resident

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

These days, we could all use something that makes us smile.

And South Lyon resident Margery Tauriainen has created that with her new line of "Fly Guy" greeting cards.

The cards, which feature photos of red wind-sock characters, are now being sold exclusively in Northville by Beverlee Lindeen at Northville Candle, Gifts & Yarn on North Center Street.

They are also available at the UPS Store in New Hudson and at [www.FlyGuy13.com](http://www.FlyGuy13.com).

Recently, Tauriainen learned that the cards will be available at Card-O-Mat in New York City, a store just two doors from Tom's Restaurant (at West 112th Street and Broadway) featured in the "Seinfeld" TV series.

"They're very colorful, and they catch your eye," said Abbie Holden of Northville, a customer in Northville Candle last week. "They're very different, and it's fun to get unusual cards. This is a great store to come to for that purpose. Plus, we like to support our local merchants."

"I chose them today to send them to my relatives and friends to let them know I'm thinking about them," said Bernice Pichler of Farmington, who was also at Northville Candle.

"They're creative, and I think they'll be a hit. They're appropriate for all occasions," Lindeen said. Tauriainen e-mailed her and asked if she was interested in carrying the card line.

"They're cute, and we need humor in our lives," Lindeen said. Besides two different sizes of greeting cards, the line also includes party invitations. The small cards are \$1.25 each and the larger cards are \$2.99, with 10 party invitations going for \$8.50.

Writing on the cards includes the words "Look who the wind blew in," "Something's in the wind," "Can't deny it's time to fly," "Thank my lucky stars," "You blow me away," "Fall head over heels," and "The best things happen when we dance." There's also a holiday card that can be viewed online.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Graphic designer Margery Tauriainen displays some of her Fly Guy's greeting cards at Northville Candles, Gifts & Yarn on Center St. in Northville.

### WHERE TO LEARN MORE

For more information and to see the new "Fly Guy" greeting cards created by South Lyon resident Margery Tauriainen, go to [www.FlyGuy13.com](http://www.FlyGuy13.com), e-mail her at [mtauriainen@sbglobal.net](mailto:mtauriainen@sbglobal.net) or call her at (248) 756-7069.

### HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Tauriainen has a bachelor's degree in English from Madonna University in Livonia and grew up in Lansing and then Farmington. The story of her Fly Guy's cards began when her husband, Randy, rented a couple of the wind socks to place in their yard as a 40th birthday present for her, and they took a bunch of photos of them.

She picked 13 of her favorite photos of them, then applied to have the photos copyrighted.

"It took almost a year to get the copyright," Tauriainen said. "I'd almost given up on the idea. When I got the copyright, I decided it was a sign to move on."

Next she hired a graphic designer, Susana Castro-Pollard of Global Design ([www.sbglobal.net](http://www.sbglobal.net)), and had Betsy

Volaric of Dollar Bill Copying, both of Ann Arbor, to assist in the project. Castro-Pollard studied poster art in Poland.

"When she presented the project to me, I thought the idea was very creative," said Castro-Pollard. "We brainstormed about adding interesting backgrounds and words. I think we came up with something attractive. From a design point of view, it was really easy to work with those flying guys. It was a fun project."

"I love the Fly Guy cards," Volaric said. "I think they're fresh and unique. I'm glad to be a part of her new project."

"These women have been so supportive," Tauriainen said.

Encouraged by the response, Tauriainen hopes to expand the line, creating twice as many cards plus calendars, gift tags, party decorations, banners, balloons and more. She'll have a booth at the National Stationery Show May 16-19 in New York City.

"To me, the sky's the limit," she said. "I feel they're a no-brainer," Tauriainen said. "They just make people smile."

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## MEAP

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dates. Previously, students in third through eighth grade were also tested in writing. This year, the Michigan Department of Education field-tested portions of a new MEAP writing assessment to students in fourth and seventh grades only, with no scores reported. Beginning in October 2010, students in fourth and seventh grades will take the full MEAP writing assessment, with results provided to school districts and parents.

In addition to the MEAP reading and math exams, fifth and eighth grade students were assessed in sci-

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ence and sixth graders took the MEAP social studies test. Northville High School ninth grade students were assessed in social studies only. (See chart below for Northville 2009 MEAP score comparisons with state averages by grade level.)

The MEAP is one of the criteria used by the State of Michigan in assessing public schools under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. Michigan's Education Yes! accreditation system for schools issues annual report cards for individual public schools across the state. Each school is graded on a number of different factors including performance on the MEAP (which comprises two-thirds of a school's report card grade), the percentage of students who take the test, and graduation rates. Education Yes! Report Cards are released annually by the State, generally in August prior to the start of each new school year.

## NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fall 2009 MEAP scores comparison to state averages\*

SUBJECT	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
Northville State	98% 90%	97% 84%	96% 85%	97% 88%	96% 82%	95% 83%	-
Northville State	100% 95%	99% 92%	95% 79%	92% 82%	97% 82%	91% 70%	-
Northville State	-	-	95% 81%	-	-	94% 76%	-
Northville State	-	-	-	90% 73%	-	-	93% 77%

\*These numbers represent the percentage of students who performed at the "proficient" or "advanced" levels on the MEAP tests.

SOURCE: Michigan Department of Education

## BUS

FROM PAGE A1

plan are still being worked out, but the basic plan is in place.

Northville's six elementary schools will serve as centralized pick-up and drop-off locations for high school students. Morning pick-up locations for middle school students would also include elementary schools and possibly other centralized community locations such as the Northville Township Hall, Winchester and Amerman elementary schools would not be used as centralized locations for middle school pick-up given their close proximity to Meads Mill and Hillside, respectively.

"There were some very creative suggestions given to us, cognizant of student safety and traffic. We've come full circle now after our discussions with the board and sub-committees. We're at the point of having to come up with savings, while

balancing safety and efficiency," Rezmierski said.

Feedback from the 'Managing Our Future' forums ranged from eliminating transportation service altogether to alternating morning and afternoon pick-ups and drop-offs.

The new plan is a compromise on many fronts, stated Rezmierski. And though the district is curtailing pick-ups and drop-offs, they're striving to provide as much transportation as possible under the declining budget.

Also at the March 9 meeting, board members approved a motion of support of the final report issued by the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates. It says Michigan, by law, needs to provide financing for any mandated activities under the 1978 Headlee Amendment, and so far the state hasn't been doing that.

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

## FINANCIAL WOES

The Northville district has already cut \$700,000 in the last two months with layoffs, job reassignments, personnel cuts, only one-way transportation for athletic team travel, reduction of materials and supplies, along with contracted services in maintenance and operations. Continuing state-aid cuts from Lansing have been forcing districts across the state to slash their budgets more than halfway through the current school year.

Administrators, teachers, principals, parents and students are overwhelmed by the suddenness and depth of the financial challenges.

Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, Northville school superintendent, sees the change in bus service and other cuts as not

getting any easier from this point on.

"The issue of how much more we'll be losing from state aid is looming large, and we still have over \$1 million to cut this year just so that we can get on to the cuts for 2010/11," he said. "We're trying to protect the classroom, but we're running out of easy, clear-cut options. Once the district presents a balanced budget to the school board by June 30th, their 2010/11 budget will be turned in, and the cuts in that are terrible."

Northville schools lost \$486 in cuts per student this year. They expect an additional \$268 in per pupil cuts for the coming school year, resulting in an anticipated \$7 million of additional cutbacks. Currently, there are 7,093 students in the district.

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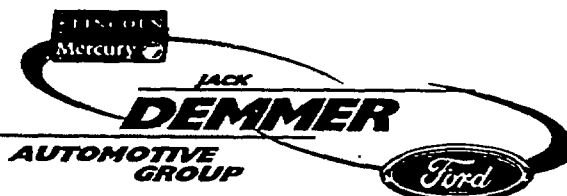
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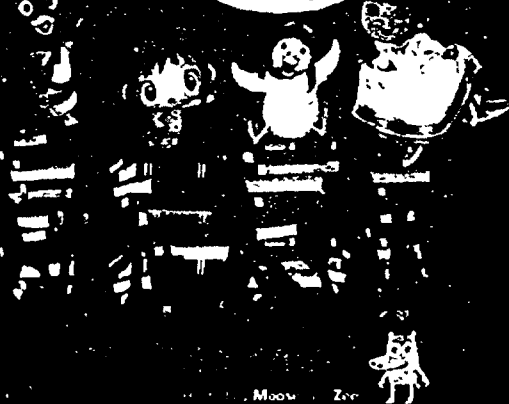
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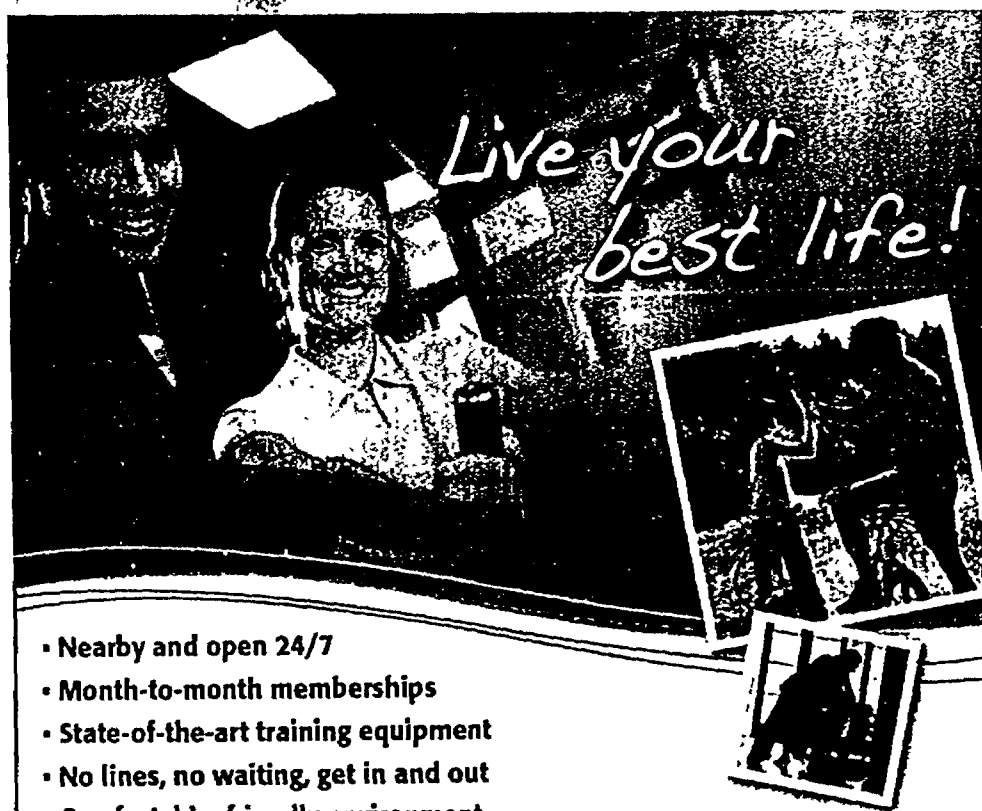
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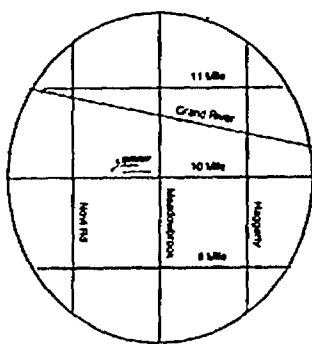
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raising goal, walking apparel and footwear donated by New Balance, and a customized shirt depicting her achievements designed by Lunatique.

**DIAGNOSED AT AGE 10**

Bechard was born in Livonia and lived there most of her life, just recently moving to the township with her mother, Denise.

She was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, a chronic, incurable neurological condition in which cerebral fluid builds up on the brain, when she was only 10.

"I had headaches my entire life and was kind of in constant pain," she said. "And, no one knew why."

Her mother took her from doctor to doctor. Some said it was migraines.

"Then they were actually telling my mom that I was making it up," Bechard said.

She started to have a lot of stomach problems and lost about 15 pounds.

"They did a CT scan and found the tip of a fluid-filled sack that was running down the top portion of my spine," she said.

She was immediately sent to a neurosurgeon, Dr. Alexis Canady of Children's Hospital of Michigan.

"She diagnosed me," said

Bechard, who now sees Dr. Steven Ham and his partner, Dr. Sandeep Sood, at Children's Hospital.

They performed a test where they insert dye into the spine to check the pressure of fluid on the brain.

"The number should be about 10-15, and mine was 42," she said.

She has had numerous shunts installed since age 11 which drain the cerebral fluid and relieve the constant headaches.

**CONSTANT SHUNT REVISIONS**

To date, she's had 88 surgeries for shunt revisions or for other problems. Her senior year in high school she missed more than 100 days of school.

There are also valves that monitor how much cerebral fluid she drains. These can also malfunction.

"We've had a really hard time regulating my pressure," Bechard said. Negative numbers mean there is no fluid surrounding the brain.



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Northville Township resident Jennifer Bechard wears this T-shirt to show her dedication to raising funds to combat and increase awareness of hydrocephalus.

"It's very complicated, and every case is different," Bechard said.

But, Bechard said she considers herself one of the lucky ones, because hydrocephalus patients can have a stroke or die.

She even competed in track and basketball until she was about 16 until her health started to deteriorate.

At some point, the base of her brain dropped slightly into her spinal cord, which led to another major brain surgery.

Her last surgery was in November.

**HER VOLUNTEER WORK**

Despite her multitude of health challenges, Bechard volunteers for the Hydrocephalus Association by helping her mother organize an annual 5K walk and leading a support group. She runs more than 30 of the association's walk donation Web sites.

She was nominated for the

Cash, Sweat and Tears Award by colleague Sarah Oxford.

"I had no idea she had nominated me," Bechard said. She traveled to Dallas on March 3 for the Run Walk Ride Conference for the Cash, Sweat and Tears dinner ceremony.

"It was a great experience," Bechard said.

"I have a great support system," she said, between her mother's devotion and the Hydrocephalus Association support group.

The next Hydrocephalus Association walk in this area is Aug. 7 at Nankin Mills. For more information, go to www.hydroassoc.org. So far, the local walks have raised more than \$50,000 for the cause.

Last year, there were 343 participants in the Detroit walk.

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LOCAL EVENTS

**Northville Women's Club**  
Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 19  
Location: First Presbyterian Church  
Details: Annual luncheon; please bring a new or used book to exchange, plus your table setting.

**2010 Spring Fest**  
Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. March 28  
Location: Millennium Park (south side of Six Mile Road, across from Northville

High School)  
Details: Adults and children are welcomed to celebrate springtime with games, egg hunt, crafts, and a lot of fun activities the whole family can enjoy. Don't forget, age-specific egg hunts promptly starts at 2:30 p.m. Event is free.

**Gardeners Of Northville & Novi Club Meeting**  
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Monday April 12  
Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, Northville  
Details: Social time and garden lecture on growing herbs; guest will be Karen Bovio. The public is welcome.  
Contact: [gardenersnorthville-novi.org](mailto:gardenersnorthville-novi.org) or Renee (248) 231-2334

**Relay for Life**  
Time: 10 a.m.-10 a.m. May 15-16  
Location: Ford Field, 150 Hutton Street, Northville  
Details: Join the American Cancer Society's vision to create a world

with less cancer and more birthdays by participating in Relay For Life of Northville. This inspiring overnight event unites the entire community in celebrating those who have had cancer, remembering loved ones lost, and providing an opportunity to fight back against the disease. Relay For Life supports the Society's mission to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back. Activities will include a cancer survivor celebration and victory lap, a luminaria ceremony to honor and remember everyone touched by the disease and a fight back ceremony to empower our community members to take action against cancer.  
Contact: Nicole Abdilla at (248) 663-3410 or visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).

**Guitarist Roy Scoutz**  
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday  
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Contact: (248) 735-0101

**Tour of Hope**  
Time/Date: 9 a.m. April 22; 9 a.m. May 20  
Location: 315 Griswold, Northville  
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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).

**Stop the Meanness, Spread the Kindness**  
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, March 22  
Location: Hallside Forum  
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.  
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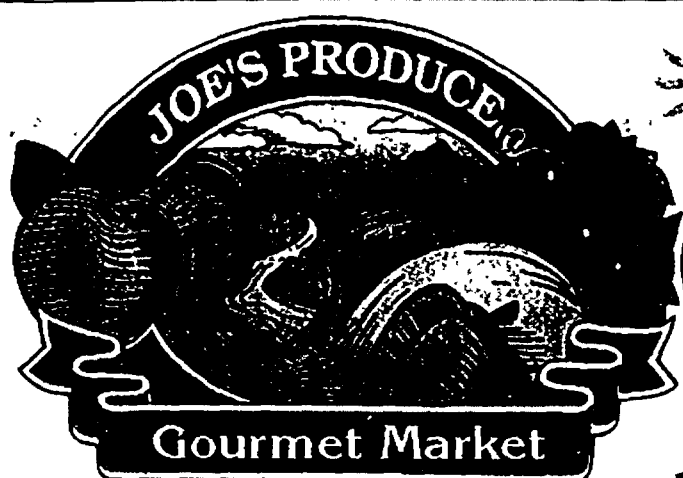
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## Mustang cagers bow out to Canton

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Northville's best Jekyll and Hyde impression gave Jimmy Reddy plenty of reason to get nervous in the fourth quarter of a Class A boys basketball district semifinal.

The Chiefs' first-year coach watched his team build a 34-10 lead at the intermission, but needed to wring his hands more than he thought necessary down the stretch as the Mustangs scored 28 fourth quarter points.

It was 61-53 with 1:45 to play, but to Reddy's relief, Canton (16-6) made seven free throws in the final 90 seconds to secure a 68-55 win Wednesday at Novi High School.

"We're talking about 16-, 17-, 18-year-old kids," Reddy said. "It's tough to sustain that kind of effort when you're winning, after the type of first half they had."

But Reddy gave plenty of credit to Northville (9-12) for not folding the tent after making just three of 27 field-goal attempts (about 11 percent) before the intermission.

"We were guarding the three-line pretty good in the first half," Reddy said. "That had something to do with them missing. Our energy was good, we got out in transition good."

"We just didn't sustain that type of energy in the second half, defensively."

The big gun in Northville's comeback was senior forward Tim Hasse, who scored 16 of his 21 points in the second half (including three treys). When Hasse fouled out late in what was his final prep game, he received a warm ovation from Mustangs fans.

"He developed into a terrific basketball player and all because of his own hard work," said Northville head coach Todd Sander, about Hasse. "I thought he did a phenomenal job all season, not just tonight, trying to keep our team going."

"... He got hot at the end and we made people wonder what was going to happen."

Reddy said he talked to his players about what Hasse and other



JOHN MEYER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Dietrich Lever tries to spin away from Mustang Makis Eatmon during their March 10 game.

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## Northville girls finish fifth at state finals

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Erin McWatt didn't hesitate when asked during her very first interview of the 2009-10 gymnastics season what the team's goals were.

"A top five finish at state," McWatt said, her intention to make that goal a reality ringing extremely clear.

The girls on the gymnastics team must have been listening. Last week, at the state finals, the squad put together two days of outstanding performances to earn a team total of 140.75 points and a fifth-place finish. Winning the championship was Grand Ledge with 150.225 in its third-straight title.

The top-five finish marks the fourth consecutive season the Mustangs have finished in the top to and is the second-best finish for the seniors who have been on the team for the past four years. In 2008, the team finished fourth in the state.

"This is an improvement upon our seventh-place finish from last year, and it's a real testa-

ment to our seniors, especially, who make up over half of our competitive team," said McWatt. Those seniors, she noted, have plenty of state finals experience. "This team has placed in the top 10 in the state for four consecutive years—what a terrific end to a high school career for our graduates."

The Mustangs followed the lead of Allison Kemp and Cassidy Winter as both outstanding athletes earned All-State honors for their top-10 places on vault, beam and floor. Kemp finished the finals eighth in the all-around.

Friday found the Mustangs competing in the team state finals. They were represented by seniors Winter and Michelle Steslicki and Amy O'Brien, as well as junior Kemp and freshman Taylor Dempsey.

While no individual is recognized for their performance during the team state finals, McWatt did note that there was one highlight that stood out. Kemp showcased her talent by

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COURTESY OF ERIN MCWATT

The six seniors on Northville's gymnastics team who will be graduating this year (l to r, front) Cassidy Winter, MaKenna Pohl and Brittany Kronner; (back) Cailleigh Deacon and team captains Michelle Steslicki and Amy O'Brien.

## NORTHVILLE ROUNDUP

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

### Northville graduate looking for continued success

Northville graduate and current Hope College junior Emily Kreichelt will be looking to continue her successful collegiate career this spring as she rejoins the Flying Dutchmen for track.

Kreichelt is expected to be a key member of the 4x100 meter relay team again this year. Last year she helped the relay team earn the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association title along with returning track standouts senior Kara VandeGuchte and sophomore Rachel Walton. The fourth member of the relay graduated last spring and a replacement has not yet been named.

### Canadiens trade for Palushaj

Northville native Aaron Palushaj discovered last week that he was traded to the Montreal Canadiens and out of the St. Louis Blues organization for Matt D'Agostini.

The 20-year-old Palushaj had scored five goals and 17 assists in 44 games in the American Hockey League this year. He was playing for the Peoria Rivermen when he was traded.

Palushaj was chosen in the NHL draft as the 44th pick overall by the Blues in 2007.

### Ruiz helps Marquette to victory

Christina Ruiz, a junior at Marquette University and a former tennis standout at Northville High School, helped the Marquette Golden Eagles to victory last Sunday.

The Golden Eagles upended San Jose State, 6-1, on a sunny afternoon. The start the day off, Ruiz and doubles partner junior Rachael Hush, won the No. 1 flight in convincing fashion, 8-0.

### Blickle earns All-Patriot Second Team honors

Army sophomore and former Northville swimming standout Brody Blickle earned All-Patriot League Swimming and Diving Second Team honors last week. Brody joined five other Black Knights in earning the All-Patriot honor.

Blickle swam to a runner-up finish in the 100 butterfly (48.99), while finishing first in the consolation final of the 200 IM (1:52.47). He also swam on three scoring relays, including the third-place 200 medley relay (1:32.41) and the fourth-place 800 free relay (6:46.85), to earn his second-straight all-conference nod after capping his freshman campaign with first-team recognition.

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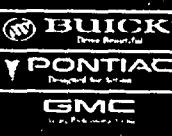
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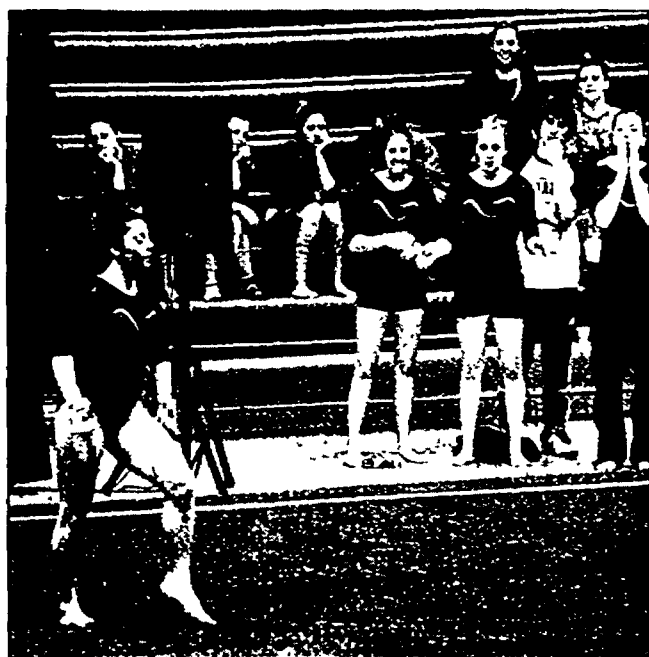


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COURTESY OF ERIN MCWATT

Mustang Allison Kemp performing her floor routine during the team portion of the state finals as her teammates cheer her on.

## GYMNASTICS

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nailing a handspring front vault—the first time she hit it during a competition—for a career-high score of 9.65.

McWatt talked about more than just a state finals finish as a goal during her pre-season interview. She also discussed qualifying as many girls as possible to the regional.

That goal, she noted, was reached by 10 of the team's 11 competitors for at least one event each.

In the individual state finals, the Mustangs were represented by O'Brien, Kemp and Winter. Kemp tied for 10th on the vault with a 9.35, took second on the beam with a 9.625, earned eighth on the floor with

a 9.325 and was eighth overall with a 37.1. Winter notched her third All-State beam honors in her four years of competition with a 9.4, which was good for a tie at ninth place.

Winning the individual championships was Grand Ledge's Alexis Byington, who set a new state record with an overall score of 38.85 points.

The Mustangs went undefeated in dual meets throughout the year and won the Kensington Lakes Activities Association title. They finished third in the regional tournament.

"This was a great season," noted McWatt.

Northville graduates six seniors from the squad this year.

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## MUSTANGS

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Northville shooters could do if left unchecked.

"We talked about how those guys can shoot the ball, Hasse can flat-out shoot it," Reddy noted. "We let them get going and Hasse put on a show in the second half."

Northville trailed 49-27 entering the fourth quarter and Canton expanded that to 51-29 when sophomore forward Paul Baumgart (eight points, six rebounds) scored on a dunk.

Baumgart was called for an unsportsmanlike foul because of the jam and starting with three subsequent free throws (making it 51-32), that seemed to fire up the Mustangs.

Northville then went on a 24-10 run, including treys by juniors Bryce Grochek (16 points), Andrew Baldwin (nine points) and two by Hasse—one from well behind the three-point arc to make it 60-51 with 2:10 remaining.

The Chiefs were able to hold Northville to just one field goal the rest of the way, while senior guard Yusef Bazy, senior forward Brandon Duffey (11 points, four rebounds, three assists) and senior point guard Dietrich Lever (29 points, nine boards, four assists) all made clutch free throws.

Lever picked up where he left off Monday in Canton's district win over Salem, with numerous spectacular plays.

Probably the most exciting came at the end of the third when, standing out of bounds near his own bench, Lever lofted the ball to the backboard. Baumgart jumped up to catch and shoot in one mid-air motion for the bucket.

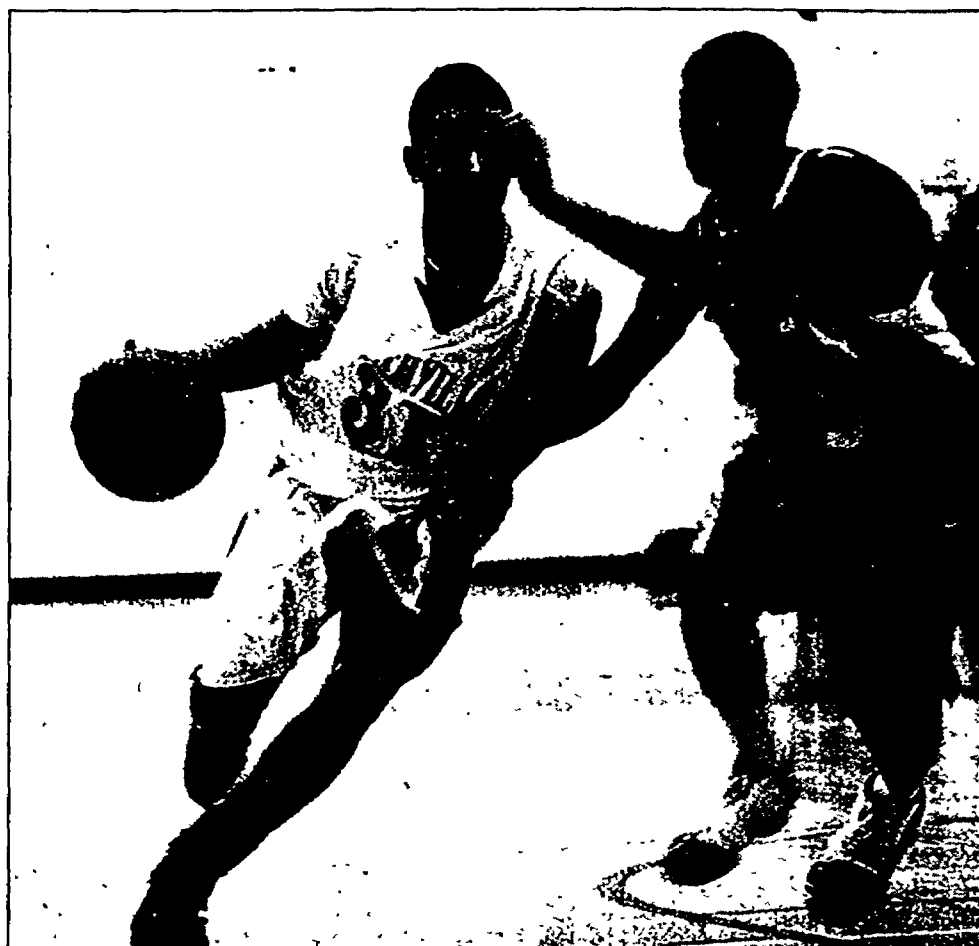
The first half was an entirely different scenario, featuring Canton's aggressive defense and Northville's off-kilter offense.

The Mustangs made just two of 14 first-quarter tries from the floor as Canton built a 14-5 lead. Keying that early surge was senior forward Kevin Weisz (14 points), who buried two three-balls in the first 4:31 of play.

It was more of the same in the second, with Northville ice cold (1-13) and Lever draining several jumpers (including two treys) as the Chiefs outscored their opponent 20-5.

But Northville wasn't about to let the season end that way.

"I thought we showed some guts," Sander said. "We were



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mustang Bryce Groshek dribbles past Canton's Dietrich Lever.



Mustang Tim Hasse works against the Canton Chiefs on March 10.

## NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

### Mustang baseball camps

The third annual Northville Mustangs spring training baseball camp will be held March 27-28 at the high school baseball field (or inside if inclement weather).

The hitting camp will be held from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday and the pitching/defense camp from 9 a.m.-noon on Sunday.

The camps are for players age 7-14. Cost is \$45 per session if registered by March 18; \$50 per session at the door.

The cost includes a camp T-shirt.

Please visit [www.northvillemustangbaseball.com](http://www.northvillemustangbaseball.com) to print off your registration form.

### Youth soccer camp

A youth soccer camp will be presented by Northville High School's varsity soccer teams from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on April 17 at the NHS soccer fields.

The camp is for all children currently in grades first-sixth. Cost is \$35.

The goal is to teach the fundamental skills of playing soccer. The kids will be assigned to a counselor that will involve them in games, drills, learning new techniques/skills, contests and having fun.

To receive an application form or to have any questions answered, please e-mail Heidi Haller at [heidihaller@gmail.com](mailto:heidihaller@gmail.com).

# Spring fitness training suggestion: Start off slow but steady



Jeremy Daum

### QUESTION

After a long winter of reduced activities, I want to train as soon as the weather improves. I also want to exercise at the same level I did

last season. Do you have any spring fitness training suggestions?

### ANSWER

Slow but steady. Don't succumb to the weekend warrior syndrome, where you overdo on Saturday and Sunday. Try to get some exercise in three to four times per week every other

day. One of the best ways to get injured or sore is to go too hard on the weekend and do nothing during the week. To work the entire body, be sure to cross-train by including resistance training with weights and cardio-vascular workouts to get the heart rate up.

### QUESTION

How can I motivate my children to exercise?

### ANSWER

If you want your children to become interested in exercise, it is important for them to see you participating in activities. As a parent, it is up to you to play a part in your child's

fitness and lead by example. You can't just tell kids that being active is fun. You have to show them. Try taking your kids hiking, dancing, sledging, in-line skating, biking or jogging. Plan activities that focus on physical activity instead of television, video games or going to movies. If you want your kids to become healthy adults, it starts as children, and it's up to you to be their first role model.

resistance-band training. I teach my clients how to start and stop quickly by using the resistance bands (giant rubber bands) that they wrap around their waist. The person runs forward with a burst of energy for three strides, then goes backwards and decelerates, then repeats the acceleration forward for a total of 30 seconds to a minute to increase speed, strength and power.

### QUESTION

I am a football player and want to increase my speed. How might I do that?

### ANSWER

This can be done through

Fitness professional Jeremy Daum is the owner and trainer of Forever Fit Certified Personal Training, 215 E. Main Street in Northville ([www.foreverfittrainer.com](http://www.foreverfittrainer.com)). He can be reached at (248) 747-3037 or [Jeremy@foreverfittrainer.com](mailto:Jeremy@foreverfittrainer.com). Look for Jeremy's new Forever Fit healthy menu coming to Riffles Restaurant this spring.

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The City of Northville - Northville Housing Commission is requesting proposals for lawn maintenance services at Allen Terrace. Proposal details may be received by contacting: Sherry Necelis, Housing Director, 401 High Street, Northville, MI 48167 (248) 349-8030.

An original proposal must be submitted by Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened and read to: Dianne Massa, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Proposals must be sealed in an envelope marked "Allen Terrace - Lawn Maintenance Proposals". Faxed and emailed proposals will not be considered.

The City of Northville reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities in the proposals that are in the best interest of the City of Northville. Persons with disabilities, who require assistance to participate or attend this public meeting, are requested to contact the housing director at the above number at least 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

Sherry Necelis, Housing Director  
Dianne Massa, City Clerk

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# Dayna Azzopardi named diving coach of the year

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Danya Azzopardi has trouble taking credit when it comes to the diving team at Northville High School. Lucky for her, no one else has trouble giving credit where it's due.

Azzopardi was named the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I Diving Coach of the Year last weekend at the swimming and diving state finals. And for good reason: Her two top divers, Kevin Bain and Will Price, took top-10 spots in the state championships.

"Our divers were the most valuable players today," said Northville head coach Rich Bennetts. "Danya Azzopardi was named the Diving Coach of the Year in Division I. She is outstanding with our kids and is very deserving of this award. We are very lucky to have such an outstanding coach here at Northville."

The award was announced after the Mustangs had secured third place in the state with their state finals showing. Big points came from Bain's fourth-place finish and Price's



COURTESY PHOTO

Dayna Azzopardi flanked by Kevin Bain and Will Price.

sixth-place performance.

"It's a great honor," said Azzopardi of her divers being named MVP. "We are one event. We bring big points for our team, but we are only one event. We have many swimmers who swim

individual events, as well as relays, so for Coach to give the divers MVP is very exciting and I'm honored he considered the divers."

When the announcement was made the Azzopardi had earned

the coach of the year honors, she accepted the award gracefully. She said, looking back, that earning recognition has never been a part of the reason she coaches the Mustangs.

"I coach because I love the sport, the kids, the coaches of the NHA (boys) team—not for an award," she said. "The divers did it, not me."

Bain wasn't so sure. Sure, he was the one springing off the board and being critiqued by the judges at the state finals and every other meet this year, but he said outright that he would never have scored as high as he had if it weren't for Azzopardi's guidance.

"Diving is one of those sports where natural talent gets you nowhere without a great coach," said Bain, a senior. "Dayna is able to not only instruct my dives, but she also motivates me to work hard and focus. She pushes me to learn dives that I'm way too scared to try at first, and yells at me just enough so that I fix my mistakes. Dayna's a great diver and coach, and I would never have gotten to where I am now without her."

The biggest award for Azzopardi wasn't the honor she received from her peers, but rather the places her diving team earned with the hard work she pushed them to do.

"I teach my kids to set goals," she said. "At the beginning of the season, we write out goal sheets. I don't personally write one, but I set goals for the kids in my own mind. My goal this year was to finish both Kevin and Will in the top six."

That goal was going to be a difficult one to obtain, and Azzopardi knew it. While Bain took third and Price took 12th at the finals last year, a whole new dynamic was thrown into the mix when the outstanding dive team from Zeeland had entered Division I from their position in the Division II ranks a season ago.

"They always have strong divers, but this was my goal," said Azzopardi. "So, for me personally, I was ecstatic and proud of my boys. We set a goal and we met it."

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

## Tankers take third in state swim finals

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

If there's one thing Northville swimming and diving coach Rich Bennetts has never put much stock into, it's what the "experts" have to say.

This year he and the Mustang tankers proved that those who think they know the most often know very little. Northville, chosen to barely break into the top 10 in the state by the pundits, exploded in the Division I finals for a third-place finish behind powerhouses Saline and Ann Arbor Pioneer. The Mustangs picked up 166.5 points while Saline blew away the competition with 325 points and Pioneer snagged 254.5.

"I am very proud of our kids," said Bennetts. "They were told all year about what they couldn't do by everyone that 'knows swimming.' Most of those 'experts' had us picked no higher than 10th at states. The boys showed more determination and heart than any other team that I have coached. It was a privilege to coach these young men this year."

Not only did the Mustangs make some noise in their own division, they let everyone know that they have what it takes to compete at any level. Nate Lunn, John Blickle, Ben Schoenek and John Lubisco earned All-American status in the 400 free relay thanks to an outstanding swim,



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SUSAN GREENLEE

Northville's Lunn, Blickle, Lubisco and Schoenek just after they took fourth in the finals of the 400 free relay with a time of 3:10.97.

while Kevin Bain and Will Price earned All-American honors for their performance off the diving board.

The Mustangs also found Lunn, Will Greenlee, AJ Aquinto and Blickle earning All-State honors with their showing in the 200 free relay. Lunn notched All-State honors with his individual performances in the 200 and 100 freestyle swims while Lubisco became an All-State swimmer with a great swim in the 50 free. Chris LaFayette also earned All-State honors thanks to a great day in the 500 freestyle. Adding to their All-American status were Bain and Price, who also earned All-State honors.

"We had a great meet," said Bennetts. "The kids worked so hard this year. I was very proud to represent this team."

Lunn was a standout performer in the finals, stepping far beyond where the pundits had expected him to as he finished fourth in the 200 free and sixth in the 100 free. The 400 free relay and 200 free relay that he was a part of each took a fourth place.

Lubisco took sixth in the 50 freestyle and 16th in the 100 backstroke, while Greenlee finished ninth in the 100 butterfly and LaFayette was eighth in the 500 freestyle, while Blickle tied for 12th in the 100 free and Todd Truran took 16th.

Bain finished fourth in diving, followed closely by Price, who finished sixth. Their coach, Dayna Azzopardi, was named Diving Coach of the Year for Division I. The diving team's performance earned them the most-valuable player award from

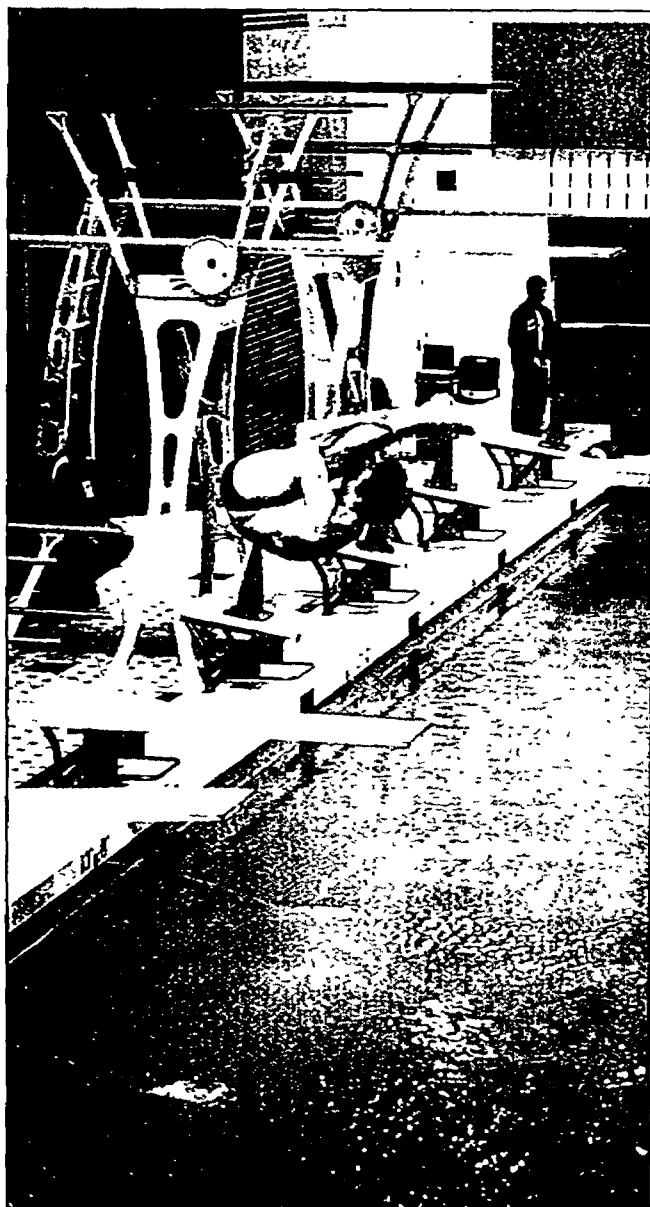
Bennetts for the state championship meet.

Bennetts noted that it wasn't just the Mustangs swimming well, but the tankers from the Kensington Valley Athletic Association as a whole.

"Our league swam very well at this meet," he said. "Stevenson finished sixth and had outstanding performances from their kids on Saturday. South Lyon, Salem, Canton and Novi all showed up and represented our conference extremely well. Our league is one of the best in the state and it showed this weekend."

South Lyon finished 11th overall while Salem finished 13th, Canton was 22nd and Novi captured 26th.

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Mustang Kevin Bain, shown in the prelims, placed fourth in the finals with 415.20.

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IT'S YOUR NORTHVILLE BUSINESS Q&A

## Sunny Pointe Child Care Center offers home away from home

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

Sunny Pointe Child Care Center is more than a daycare -- it is a home away from home for children from 3 months to 6 years. Our building looks like a big house with a covered front porch, helping us to achieve our theme of offering quality care in a homelike setting. The early childhood program consists of an infant room for children up to 12 months, toddler classes for children 13 months to 2 years 10 months and preschool classes for children 3 and 4 years and a young 5 kindergarten.

Our program is nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Sunny offers a full early childhood curriculum with emphasis on literacy and pre-reading and pre-math skills. The curriculum also includes music classes by the Music Lady, an early childhood music specialist, and Tumble Bunnies Gymnastics. We have an optional hot lunch program, where parents can order hot lunches delivered daily by RTD Food Service. Many in-house field trips and events are scheduled throughout the year such as Holiday Open House and Music Sing Along, Family Book Exchange, Mother's Day Tea, Father's Day Breakfast, Summer Carnival and Fall Festival, to name a few.

We have an active Parents Club that supports our program and gives parents the option of being a part of their child's school.

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

### DETAILS

**Business Name:** Sunny Pointe Child Care of Northville, Inc.  
**Address:** 19149 Fry Rd., Northville, MI 48167  
**Your Name/Title:** Linda Orosz, director/owner  
**Your Hometown:** Northville  
**Business Opened When:** October 1991  
**Number of Employees:** 17  
**Hours of Operation:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday  
**Your Business Specialty:** child care and preschool  
**Phone:** (248) 347-6580 (248) 347-6576  
**Website:** [sunnypointe.com](http://sunnypointe.com)

I was an elementary teacher with experience in kindergarten and could see a growing need for quality early childhood programs for families where both parents need to work. I felt that I could provide a positive service for my community.

3. Why did you choose this area?

When I started looking for a community for my childcare center, I found that the Livonia, Farmington Hills and Birmingham markets had an over abundance of childcare centers. I wanted to be a part of a growing community. I knew when I found the little yellow house on Fry Road in Northville Township it was exactly the community I wanted to be a part of.

4. What makes your business unique?

We have been a NAEYC accredited center for the past five years. The accreditation system has set high



Linda Orosz has been taking care of children for 19 years at Sunny Pointe Child Care of Northville.

standards for early childhood programs, which helps families identify high-quality programs for their young children. Our teachers have degrees in early childhood education and many have been at Sunny Pointe for over 10 years. We are very multi-cultural with families and teachers representing 10 different countries.

5. How has it changed since you opened?

In 1991 when I opened my center I was licensed for and had an enrollment of 35 children. I am very proud to say in the past 18 years we have doubled our enrollment to 70

children and more than doubled the square footage of our center. In 1991, Northville was a very up-and-coming community, and watching this area grow and prosper has given me a great sense of pride that I was a small part of the growth of this great city.

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

There are so many funny stories when you are working with young children. One especially comes to mind that occurred during the Christmas holiday season after the teacher read the story of "How the

Grinch Stole Christmas". One little girl went to the painting easel and in a matter of minutes had painted herself completely with green paint. She said she wanted to be a Grinch. Thankfully, her mother was as amused as we were.

7. How has the recent economy affected your business?

As all businesses in Michigan, we have been affected by the sad economy. We have worked with our clients who have lost their jobs by offering part-time schedules so that they could participate in training classes or look for other employment. Fortunately, for my business, quality child care remains very much a necessity to young families who need both parents to work.

8. Any advice for business owners?

My advice for future business owners is to do their homework. Make sure that there is a growing need for the type of business you are interested in opening in the community and that it is not a crowded market. Make sure that you are well trained and have knowledge of the business. Keep in mind that you need to keep educated and updated in the field and that it will probably take a lot of hard work and long hours.

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

We hope that we can continue to serve the wonderful people of Northville and surrounding communities for many years to come. As long as our community continues to grow, Sunny Pointe will continue to shine.

### NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Schoolcraft College offers seminars

Schoolcraft College's Small Business and Technology Development Center is offering several seminars in March that cater to the unique needs of entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Reservations are required. To reserve a seat for these or any other SBTDC seminars, call (734) 462-4438 or visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/bdc/sbtde\\_seminars.asp](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/bdc/sbtde_seminars.asp) for registration instructions. All of the seminars are held at the VisTaTech Center on Schoolcraft College's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. The Entrepreneur Series includes:

- \* Starting a Business: Wednesday, March 24, 6-9 p.m., \$30
- \* Marketing Your Business: Thursday, March 18, 6-9 p.m., \$40
- \* Finance: Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6-9 p.m., or Wednesday, March 31, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., \$40

In addition, the SBTDC will offer "Working for Yourself: The Ins and Outs of Becoming a Consultant, a Contractor, or other Service Provider," Wednesday, February 24, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and again on Wednesday, March 24, from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$40.

A brand new course, "Whale Hunting: Landing Big Sales and Transform Your Company," will be held Friday, March 12, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This course provides a nine-step, team-sales approach to closing deals using existing resources to better serve large accounts. The cost of this course is \$299.

#### 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. Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan - Thursday, March 18, 9 a.m. to 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.

#### Future Workshops

- (AM) Morning Class 9 a.m.-12/12:30 p.m. (PM) Evening Class 6 p.m. 9/9:30 p.m. April 2010
- 8: Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business
- 9: FastTrac® Listening To Your Business
- 15: Pre-Business Research Workshop (PM)
- 16: FastTrac® Growth Venture (Venture Forward)
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## 10 Careers That Didn't Exist 10 Years Ago

Every so often, you meet someone with a job title that makes you go, "Huh?" Either it's too technical to understand, too hard to describe or in some cases, people just may not have heard of it. But, why would someone not have heard about a job's existence?

Simple: All the changes that have come about in the past 10 years, from environmental policy to emerging technologies to the recession, have contributed to the creation of careers that never could have existed before.

Dom Sagolla, co-creator of Twitter, for example, recently made the switch from working in research and development at Adobe to creating iPhone applications with his company, DollarApp. Sagolla is also authoring a book, "140 Characters," which demonstrates the effect of hypertext on literature by redefining the concept of "the book" using Twitter and iPhone to start, he says. Could he have done this 10 years ago? Doubtful.

"I've noticed that the best-of-breed iPhone apps incorporate Twitter and social networks, and the best Twitter apps seem to be on iPhone," Sagolla says. "That is no coincidence: The two came to prominence at roughly the same time. I've worked hard to position myself at intersection of those two industries, which form a vortex of attention and zeal that is unmatched."

Here is a little information about 10 careers that didn't exist a decade ago:

### 1. Bloggers

What they do: Bloggers research and write blog posts in a conversational style to engage readers online. They work for themselves or for corporations, but their goal is the same: to develop and maintain blogs to promote a brand, mission or objective. Jimmy Moore, owner of "Livin' La Vida Low-Carb," started his blog in April 2005 after losing 180 pounds. He wrote about it while still employed in a customer service position. He began blogging full time in October 2006. "My annual income increased from about \$25,000 a year to nearly \$60,000 now. I get to work out of my home, I've written two books, host my twice-weekly health podcast show on iTunes, do YouTube videos and so much more. This is literally my dream job," he says. "[It] didn't even exist a decade ago."

### 2. Community managers or content managers

What they do: Community or content managers are an extension of a typical marketing role, but on a more personal level. They serve as a liaison between the company and the public, managing a Web site that allows them to engage with community members and spread the word about the company.

Erin Bury has been the community manager at Sprouter, a Toronto company that enables collaboration and networking among entrepreneurs, for almost one year. She says, "A community manager is a nontraditional role, so it requires some unique traits: the ability to adapt quickly, the ability to juggle a multitude of tasks while still keeping a smile on their face, and an innate passion for what they do. This isn't a 9-to-5 job; it's one that involves being an extension of the brand almost 24/7, which is why loving the company and the job is a prerequisite."

### 3. Green funeral directors

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### 5. Patient advocates

What they do: There are several types of patient advocates, and although their services vary, all of them want to make sure that the patient and family are informed and to make things easier on everyone. Advocates can go with patients to appointments; ensure they're visiting with the right specialists and taking the right medicines; sort through medical bills and negotiate fees with health-care providers and insurance companies; they can even educate family members on proper care for their sick loved one.

### 6. Senior move management

What they do: Senior move management companies help older adults and families with the physical and emotional demands of downsizing, relocating or modifying their homes.

### 7. Social media strategists

What they do: Social media strategists use social media tools to help companies interact with customers, increase brand awareness, create buzz, increase traffic and provide information.

### 8. User experience analyst

What they do: User experience analysts look for ways to make using a Web site easier, more pleasant and more engaging for consumers. They want to figure out how to keep you on their site and how to make your experience while you're there memorable and useful.

### 9. Video journalists

What they do: In the 1960s, reporters had to shoot and edit their own stories because of lack of manpower and resources. Now, almost 50 years later, this role is back, but now it's called video journalism. To save money, large-market news groups hire small-market reporters as video journalists at a fraction of the cost. They are usually assigned stories to produce for the station Web site, finding content to drive Web traffic.

### 10. Virtual business service providers

What they do: Many people are forming their own companies by way of telecommuting, offering such virtual services as customer service, concierge services or even public relations from their homes.

"Thanks to the birth of the Internet and the rise of new industries because of it, my company was born. The rise of virtual companies like ours has provided jobs for lots of people," says Deborah Sittig, owner of Green Room Public Relations.

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19 Luncheonette lure  
20 Bard's river  
21 May or Strich  
22 Clav's "Mogambo" co-star  
23 She's not a bleached blond, she's ...  
26 Tear  
27 Walk  
28 Composer  
29 Stevenson  
30 Singer  
31 Sumac  
32 Fill to the gills  
34 Rapiet  
37 — Locka, FL  
40 Eastern dye  
42 Raven  
45 — terrier  
48 She's not old, she's ...  
54 Conductor's concern  
55 — "Nidre"  
56 Right-felder

**DOWN**

57 Discontinue  
58 "Strange" Interlude  
60 Quaker  
62 Baby bites  
64 Hazard  
65 Kats' — a Nightingale  
66 Scuba site  
68 Tach meas.  
69 Actress  
70 He doesn't have detention, he's ...  
75 Ring figure  
78 Bnt. lexicon  
79 Puente or Jackson  
80 Cognizant  
84 Actor  
86 Rushed  
88 Poet  
90 Teasdale  
92 Paint over  
92 Sacks  
94 Urania's sister  
96 Seer's gift  
98 Undo an error  
99 He's not ignorant, he's ...  
103 Approaches  
104 Superlative  
105 It's up in the air  
106 50s campus org

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107 Printer's measure  
109 Entangle  
110 "A Tank in the —" (41 film)  
111 — pro quo  
112 Beethoven dedication  
120 Sahara  
123 Decorative vase  
124 He doesn't snore, he's ...  
130 FBI employee  
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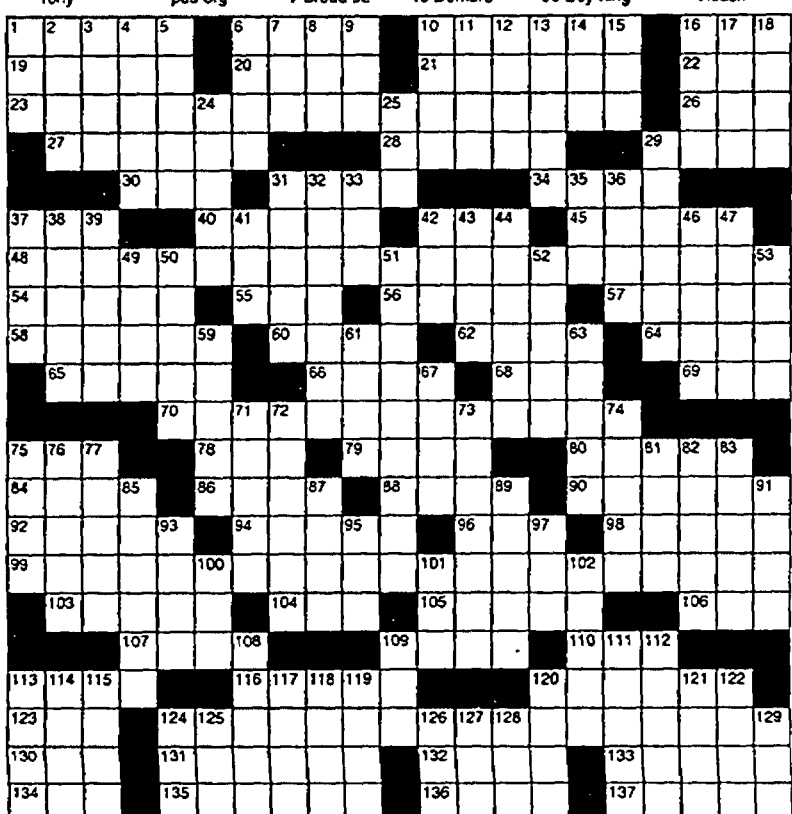
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122 Writer  
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## Home show pros: 'Go green' here to stay

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

"Think Green" was front and center at the recent Canton Home Improvement Expo.

"The big thing is proper insulation on a house," said Patrick Elliott of Livonia, project manager for Canton Construction. He was among vendors at the March 6-7 event at Canton's Summit.

"With the proper insulation, you can really cut your heat bills," he said. You need to look at your home as a whole system. Proper ventilation is needed to avoid condensation, which can lead to mold and attendant health problems.

"People are so much more aware of energy conservation," Elliott said. For roofs, certain materials reflect the sun away, lowering costs.

Not all can afford to go fully green, he said, but when the time comes to, for example, replace a furnace, being green comes into play. Windows are also important part of energy conservation, Elliott said.

The Expo, in its ninth year, was presented by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Marni Carnahan of Belleville was busy representing Sherwin-Williams Paint Co. on Michigan Avenue in Canton. Paint has Volatile Organic Compounds, she said, or VOCs.

"Basically, it's the odor," Sherwin-Williams has some low and zero lines, which don't compromise on quality.



Sherwin-Williams also has tools for painting made from recycled materials. "So you could go green for your entire project, which everyone should," Carnahan said.

She agreed "green" won't go away: "There's a huge demand for it right now. Being green is very big."

The "green" paint is top of the line and washes well, she said. Oil-based paints are being phased out with Sherwin-Williams ahead of the game in Michigan.

Carnahan's pleased with response to a free decorator service with purchase of a \$75 gift card. "That's taken off really well," she said.

In a nearby room at the Summit was Lori Mounts of Redford, designer with Long Kitchen & Bath Designs of Northville. Mounts said fixtures and cabinets are now made with the environment in mind.

"A lot of people are going green," she said. "Some have been there for years." Solvents used are friendlier to the environment "as well as to the consumer."

Faucet components now mean minimal lead content, she added. "Delta's starting to do it and so is Moen."

Mounts believes green is here to stay, much like organic food. "It's really for our health and for our planet,"

she said.

At Long, business is good with countertops, mirrors and faucets being replaced. More customers opt for partial work ("They're freshening") with fewer full remodels other than those caused by leaks.

"I think people are tired of being afraid of spending money," said Mounts, who hopes that continues.

Jason Benward of Canton and Sam Stukel of Plymouth were representing Horton Plumbing & Remodeling of Plymouth. Their remodeling work is going strong, including bathrooms, kitchens and basements.

"Everyone's trying to go green lately, eco-friendly," Benward said. Low-flow toilets are best for that.

"You will recoup it in your water bill," he said of cost. "And they flush better." Low-flow toilets are now higher with better design, for less strain on the back and knees.

Canton Construction, owned by John Sarnecky, is at 5914 N. Lotz, Canton 48187. It can be reached at (734) 844-8420, jsarnecky@cantonconstruction.com, cantonconstructioncorp.com.

Sherwin-Williams Paint is at 46006 Michigan Ave., Canton 48188, (734) 495-9441, sw1397@sherwin.com, www.sherwin-williams.com. Long Kitchen & Bath Design is at 190 E. Main, Northville 48167, (248) 349-0373, lmcunts@longkitchenandbathdesign.com, www.longkitchenandbathdesign.com.

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



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366 N Vista	\$73,000
3555 South Blvd	\$165,000
Beverly Hills	
30627 Banzbury Ct	\$217,000
32463 Sheridan Dr	\$115,000
Birmingham	
1274 E Lincoln St	\$365,000
909 Fairfax St	\$285,000
764 Lakeview Ave	\$640,000
1113 N Old Woodward Ave #4	\$130,000
932 Pierce St	\$255,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave	\$185,000
1500 Yula Rd	\$104,000
Bloomfield Hills	
160 Kirkwood Ct	\$280,000
1025 Stratford Pl	\$179,000
Bloomfield Township	
1289 Atkinson Ave	\$34,000
3755 Brookside Dr	\$491,000
681 Indianwood Trl	\$325,000
5025 Kings Gate Way	\$320,000
752 Roomwood Cir	\$190,000
3711 Thornbrier Way	\$200,000
2930 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$495,000
1559 W Long Lake Rd	\$150,000
310 Westwood Dr	\$450,000
Clarkston	
9232 Allen Rd	\$188,000
7879 Deenhill Dr	\$270,000
9145 Ellis Dr	\$198,000
10250 Ellis Rd	\$172,000
5171 Heath Ave	\$85,000
3926 Kias Dr	\$173,000

9319 Robert Dale	\$60,000
8177 Bassboro Trl	\$225,000
Commerce Township	
1920 Bass Lake Rd	\$111,000
2380 Bevan Ct	\$220,000
4775 Driftwood Dr	\$395,000
1694 Point St	\$151,000
2865 Ravinewood Dr	\$228,000
Farmington Hills	
11760 Clark Rd	\$131,000
36664 Bradley Hill Ct	\$145,000
36538 Saxony Rd	\$190,000
23120 Violet St	\$64,000
23662 Wesley Ln	\$118,000
Farmington Hills	
37273 Chesapeake Rd	\$230,000
29035 Forest Hill Dr	\$221,000
38219 Getch Pond	\$250,000
28111 Gresham St	\$190,000
31838 Homewood Dr	\$150,000
32419 Hestwood St	\$168,000
32574 Oakwood	\$125,000
30561 Sequoia Cir	\$203,000
21714 Sheffield Dr	\$290,000
37847 Thames Dr	\$160,000
27227 W Lyman Rd	\$115,000
27529 W Echo Vly	\$48,000
36424 W Lyman Rd	\$210,000
39164 Wilton Ct	\$230,000
Franklin	
26065 Carol Ave	\$248,000
25870 Woodlore Rd	\$450,000
Keego Harbor	
3056 Stapleton Dr	\$10,000
1761 Syman Gln	\$24,000
3148 Yargo Ct	\$75,000
2829 Walnut Dr	\$18,000
1514 Wayward Dr	\$25,000
Lake Orion	
82 Burnham Ln	\$150,000
2465 Holland Rd	\$108,000
980 Leitch St	\$125,000
1440 Melvin Rd	\$155,000
599 Oakland Dr	\$160,000
2922 Salford Dr	\$152,000

Lathrup Village	
18200 Roseland Blvd	\$122,000
18714 San Diego Blvd	\$237,000
18791 Sunnyside Ave	\$53,000
18240 W T Mile Rd	\$75,000
Madison	
1796 Brookbury Dr	\$356,000
3900 Dabate Ct	\$200,000
732 Manor Dr	\$103,000
1770 Red Oak Ln	\$18,000
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Oxford	
143 Broadway St	\$123,000
1030 Cross St	\$211,000
760 Dorat Dr	\$77,000
1181 Iniquous Trl	\$459,000
1910 Lakeside Dr	\$230,000
518 Lighthouse St	\$135,000
1990 N Baldwin Rd	\$73,000
166 Spezia Dr	\$74,000
Rochester	
826 Garnet Ct	\$235,000
760 Maple Ave	\$175,000
803 Plate St	\$19,000
1379 Tuberry Cir	\$370,000

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3205 Avalon Rd	\$123,000
1784 Blue Grass Dr	\$380,000
3746 Connors Dr	\$150,000
2243 Crystal Dr	\$52,000
3697 Edinborough Dr	\$275,000
199 Grosse Pointes Dr	\$240,000
3547 Hogan Cir	\$130,000
3583 Hogan Cir	\$50,000
172 Lake Forest Rd	\$157,000
1457 Lakeridge Dr	\$80,000
2665 Long Meadow Ln	\$210,000
74 Longford Dr	\$100,000
2384 Longview Ave	\$135,000
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3151 Salem Dr	\$228,000
793 Snowmass Dr	\$270,000
969 Stag Ridge Rd	\$205,000
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590 Ten Point Dr	\$150,000
694 W Bluff Ct	\$155,000
336 Willow Grove Ln	\$82,000
366 Wirtpole Dr	\$185,000
South Lyon	
619 Lyon Blvd	\$125,000
Southfield	
18555 Bainbridge Dr	\$85,000
24149 Harden Ave	\$69,000
19047 Middlesex Ave	\$49,000
18533 New Hampshire St	\$175,000
28206 Red Leaf Ln	\$62,000
30690 Red Maple Ln	\$105,000
17670 Roxbury Ave	\$85,000
21762 Sutherland St	\$80,000
24629 Tempair Ave	\$83,000
Troy	
3716 Acorn Dr	\$285,000
1755 Austin Dr	\$115,000
1230 Autumn Dr	\$110,000
2551 Avalon Dr	\$120,000
2901 Devonwood Dr	\$415,000
806 Deyon Dr	\$213,000

Walled Lake	
4287 Harmony Dr	\$184,000
3428 Lange Dr	\$150,000
3463 McClure Dr	\$130,000
4697 Pier Dr	\$435,000
37131 Raintree Dr	\$162,000
660 Robinwood Dr	\$104,000
329 Scottsdale Dr	\$173,000
6516 Tamara Ct	\$330,000
3213 Troy Dr	\$120,000
792 Wesley Dr	\$295,000
Waterford	
495 Aquarius Ave	\$320,000
2616 Bonita Dr	\$117,000
37 Coleman Dr	\$54,000
6636 Doyon Dr	\$110,000
3909 Iris Dr	\$120,000
2680 Lacota Rd	\$25,000
684 Ledyard Dr	\$25,000
1311 Monrovia Dr	\$103,000
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2974 Nottingham	\$140,000
4109 Oceana Ave	\$89,000
1291 Ridgeview Dr	\$135,000
West Bloomfield	
1806 Allendale Ave	\$180,000
7396 Barrington	\$127,000
7100 Cedar Rd	\$143,000
5123 Chestershire Ct	\$180,000
5425 Kingsway Ct	\$170,000
6192 Lee Crest Dr	\$167,000
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8826 Cooley Lake Rd	\$130,000
6104 Keweenaw St	\$62,000
Wolverine Lake	
1845 Ladd Rd	\$375,000
151 Wabasso St	\$50,000
864 Wolverine Dr	\$280,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 23-29, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

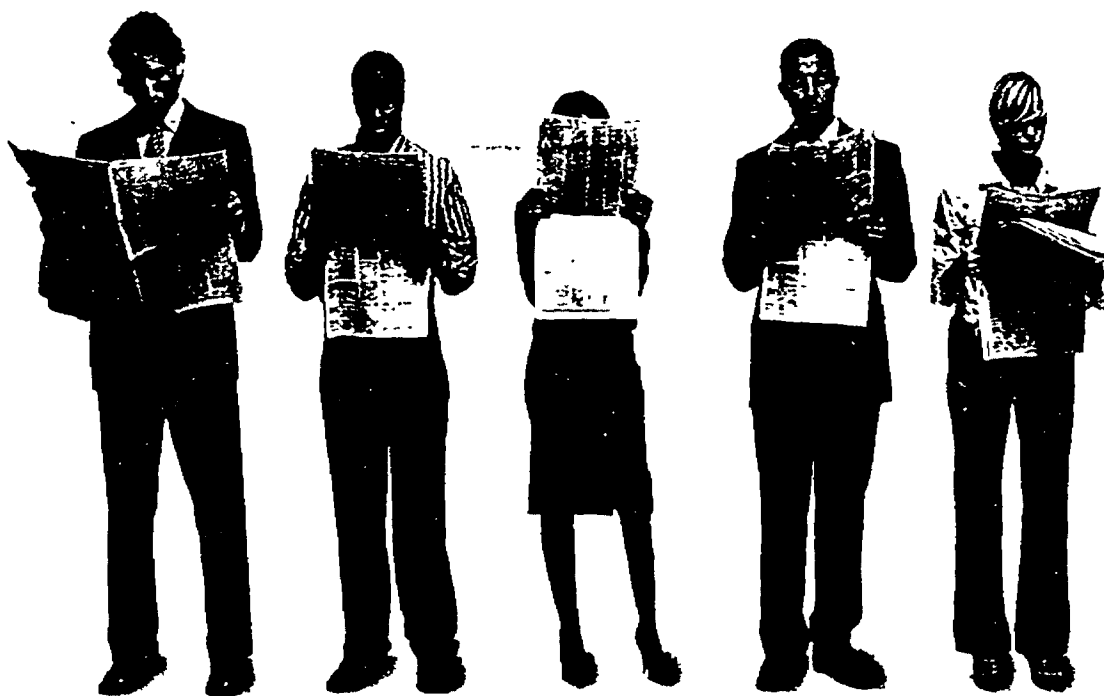
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Garden City	
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1817 Helen St	\$90,000
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21433 Buckingham St	\$185,000
11875 Chase Blvd	\$145,000
8929 E Deborah Ct	\$55,000
28860 Fire Lake Rd	\$174,000
19751 Flamingo Blvd	\$174,000
18564 Gallman St	\$174,000
39007 Grenada St	\$164,000
32623 Hees St	\$163,000
15132 Houghton St	\$145,000
16559 Middlebelt Rd	\$20,000
29875 Minton St	\$178,000
32924 Perla St	\$160,000
33825 Richard St	\$116,000

29366 Terrence St	\$175,000
28036 W Chicago St	\$103,000
Northville	
42488 Corina Dr	\$140,000
48933 Rainbow Ln S	\$280,000
42285 Sunnydale Ln	\$205,000
Plymouth	
336 Adams St	\$133,000
44429 Albert Dr	\$242,000
287 Arthur St	\$173,000
12755 Essex Ct	\$292,000
12211 Hillsdale Dr	\$300,000
45120 Hilltop Dr E	\$305,000
12063 Landers Dr	\$275,000
9298 Mayflower Dr	\$168,000
50955 N Territorial Rd	\$95,000
174 Pinewood Dr	\$58,000
Redford	
18260 Brady	\$41,000
14415 Fenlon	\$17,000
26622 Kenneth Ct	\$13,000
17465 Lennane	\$10,000
19771 Macarthur	\$14,000
24567 Orangelawn	\$45,000
16681 Ryland	\$60,000
14412 Salem	\$60,000
13041 Tecumseh	\$10,000
15419 Woodworth	\$21,000
Westland	
27950 Ann Arbor Trl	\$120,000
1240 Easley Dr	\$87,000
31266 Fernwood St	\$67,000
34636 Hazelwood St	\$124,000
36673 Hazelwood St	\$138,000
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7525 Michn Ave	\$10,000
9448 Mitchell Dr	\$173,000
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## 104 Million

Number of adults who read a print newspaper every day, more than 115 million on Sunday. That's more than the Super Bowl (94 million), American Idol (23 million) or the average late local news (65 million.)

## 61%

18-24 year olds and 25-34 year olds who read a newspaper in an average week. 65% of everyone in those age groups read a newspaper or visited a newspaper website that week.

## 40%

Households with unique visitors to newspaper websites in an average month.

## 56%

According to Google, percentage of consumers that have researched or purchased products they saw in a newspaper.

## 52%

Percentage of people who are more likely to buy a product if it is seen in the paper.

## TONS

Number of creative options for advertisers choosing to utilize the newspaper. From belly bands, polybags, post-it notes, scented ads, taste-it ads, glow-in-the-dark and temporary tattoos, as well as event and database marketing, behavioral targeting, e-mail blasts, e-newsletters and more.

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Newspapers make a larger investment in journalism than any other medium. Most of the information you already read from "aggregators" and other media originated with newspapers. No amount of effort from local bloggers, non-profit news entities or TV news sources could match the depth and breadth of newspaper-produced content.

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For more on the power of newspaper media, visit [newspapermedia.com](http://newspapermedia.com).



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**Flea Market** (7060)

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**WESTLAND - Huron Valley**  
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# ATTITUDE-OR SAFETY?-SOME FIRST CARS FOR TEENS HAVE BOTH

Advertising Feature



By Dale Buss

What you want in a first car depends on whose first car it is.

If you're a teenager whose life is about to change for the better by climbing behind the first steering wheel you own, there's often one set of criteria, usually including killer speed, funky styling, some nasty quirk, maybe a little rust or mismatched paint -- or all of the above.

But if you're a parent and are signing for the car, you may want something entirely different for your son or daughter's first vehicle. Sure, you remember your first wheels -- that roaring Charger, or the Bonneville that was big enough to fit eight teenagers, or maybe an original Volkswagen Beetle with the toy-like controls. Yet now you're old and mature enough to realize that your parents were crazy to let you drive around in that thing.

And now that you're the responsible one, you want to make a responsible choice for your offspring.

So we've come up with our Top Picks for First Cars, with features and attributes that will appeal either to the kid or the parent or -- in the case of extremely mature people co-existing in a very well-adjusted and mature household -- both of you.

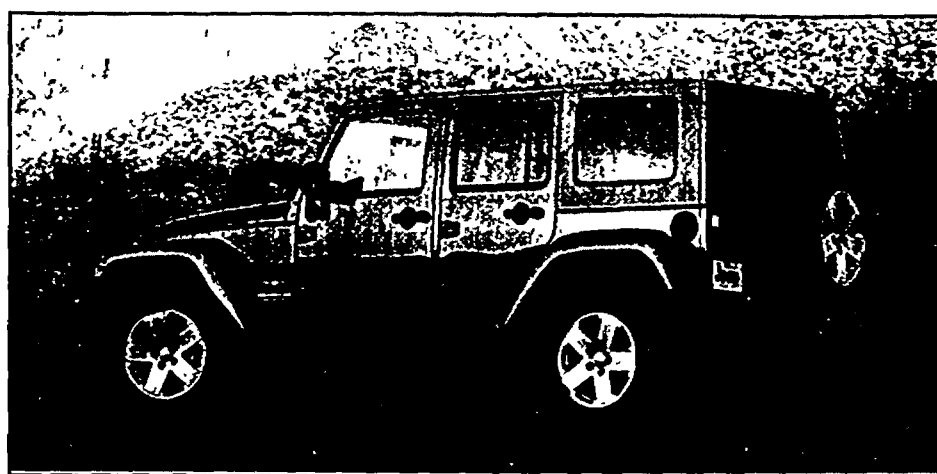
One thing you probably can agree on: The best first cars are late-model used cars. If you're the teenager, you're probably realistic enough to understand

that you're not going to get a brand new vehicle right out of the chute. And if you're the parent, that decision is one of the biggest no-brainers you've ever made.

Here are some vehicles to consider:

**2008 Volvo C30:** As if it wasn't enough that the C30 gets a star turn as the sheet-metal object of vampire Edward's desire in the latest Twilight movie, this decidedly un-Volvo-looking little racer has a bunch of other things going for it as well. While it appears as a performance hatchback, with 227 horsepower, it offers ample interior room as well. And with ABS, ESP and traction control -- as well as front- and side-impact airbags -- the C30 qualifies as an Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Top Pick. Though Robert Pattinson's character is immortal, kids aren't.

**2006 Ford Mustang GT Convertible:** There's no reason today's teenagers can't enjoy a Mustang just as their parents used to. The ultimate pony car still represents style and freedom. Parents may want to look for the tamer V6 version rather than the growling 4.6-liter V8, however; with 210 horsepower beneath them in the six-cylinder, the wind will still whip through kids' hair as they blow out the sound system. Theoretically there is seating for four, but only a couple of teenagers would be limber enough to squeeze into the car's snug back seat.



The 2009 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited remains one of the most versatile first vehicles for a teenager.

**2009 Mini Cooper Hatchback:** At first a curiosity, the Mini began climbing on teenagers' wish lists with the chase scenes in the Bourne Conspiracy and the company's growing footprint in the U.S. market. Everything about this runabout is cute. Parents can appreciate that the Mini Cooper retains the go-cart-like handling and looks of the original Austin Mini from the Sixties.

**2009 Honda Civic SI Coupe or Sedan:** With tuner looks and performance combined with Honda's excellent reputation for quality and safety, this could be an attractive package that appeals to both teens and their parents. With new-for-2009 17-inch wheels, fog lamps and an mp3 input, the Civic SI meets the challenges of "peer review." It's also got a 197-horsepower VTEC engine and a 60-mph sprint of just six and a half seconds. And like nearly every Honda, it has a stellar safety record to boot.

**2009 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited:** It's carrying a torch from the X generation to the Millennials as a favorite vehicle of would-be young iconoclasts. But it's

surprisingly safe as well, now with four doors, on a longer wheelbase, and with ESC as well as Trailer Sway Control. Also, for kids with green sensibilities, Wrangler is now rated ULEV II for emissions instead of LEV II. Yet clearly, its versatility is a favorite characteristic: removable top off when it's warm, but able to plow through and over snow with its high clearance. And, of course, Wrangler is more than off-road capable.

**2009 Subaru Impreza:** Now it's the WRX. Anyway, it's equipped with a 265-horsepower, turbocharged four-cylinder Boxer engine that produces a mean growl and zero-to-60 mph time of just 5.2 seconds. Available only in a five-speed manual transmission, this rally car helps teens learn how to "really" drive a vehicle car -- an experience that is increasingly escaping this generation because of the automatic-transmission models that now dominate even low price points. Impreza is more powerful than the sibling 2.5i. With superior handling, unique styling and standard all-wheel-drive traction, it might just be the perfect first car.

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