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## ON THE RECORD

### Special DDA meeting slated

A special Northville Downtown Development Authority Board meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m. on March 30 at city hall to discuss the cut-through project planned on E. Main Street next to Comerica Bank. City council, the DDA board and members of the Historic District Commission have narrowed the options down to two choices. Gary Cooper of Cooper Design will discuss pros and cons of each at the meeting, which is open to the public.

### Cheer clinics

The Northville High School Cheer Program will be hosting a series of High School Prep Cheer Clinics for girls in sixth-eighth grades on March 29, March 31, April 12 and April 14 from 5-7 p.m. in the NHS cafeteria.

Clinics will include expert instruction from the NHS cheer coaching staff. Participants will learn the skills necessary for cheering in high school as well as be paired with a current high school cheer team member who will become their mentor, guide, and role-model.

For more information and registration forms visit the NHS cheer website at [www.northvillecheer.com](http://www.northvillecheer.com) or contact Coach Gentz at (248) 344-8420 ext. 50376.

### Spring Festival

The Childtime Learning Center, 20804 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 Childtime 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.

## First married couple to have honor



John and Kathleen Treanor, who live in Salem Township but have a Northville mailing address, were the grand marshals in the March 14 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit. They are the first Irish couple worldwide to have such an honor bestowed upon them.

## Couple serve as grand marshals at St. Patrick's Day Parade

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Once you meet John and Kathleen Treanor of Northville, you know they're the real deal when it comes to being Irish.

They even serve Irish tea to reporters who come to their home to interview them about being the first Irish married couple worldwide to serve as grand marshals in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit.

"We checked it out, and we're the first," John said.

"It was a great honor."

"Now we're world famous, whatever that will get us," Kathleen said with a laugh.

The honor was bestowed upon them for the March 14 parade in Detroit by a vote of members of the United Irish Societies in Detroit.

They even got to keep their \$200-each banners they wore in the parade.

"I felt like a Christmas tree," Kathleen said. John said theirs were the first grand marshal banners in with the American flag on them.

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## Salvage operation to benefit township

\$175,000 will go to municipality

Northville Township announced a business partnership on Tuesday with American Industrial Traders, Inc., to conduct salvage operations at the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital. American Industrial Traders will work to remove the primary electrical system and water tower from the former psychiatric hospital at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, pulling any copper metal, sheet

"We are eager to get the property cleaned up and begin planning for its utilization. Putting the money towards this endeavor will be helpful in funding future improvements."

SUE HILLEBRAND,  
township clerk and trustee

metal or any other salvageable materials associated with the switchgear in the powerhouse or other building electrical/mechanical rooms.

In exchange, Northville Township will receive \$175,000. The payment will be used to fund future projects on the property.

The money will be placed into a specific account within the township's general fund. The funds can only be withdrawn with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

"We feel that the funds would best serve the citizens of Northville Township by using them to help convert the property into space that is both functional and practical," said Mark Abbo, township Supervisor.

The former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital was established in 1952 and remained open until May 2003. In 2009, a portion of the property was purchased by the township for \$21.5 million with plans to develop the property for public use.

"We are eager to get the property cleaned up and begin planning for its utilization. Putting the money towards this endeavor will be helpful in funding future improvements," said Sue Hillebrand, township clerk and trustee.

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## DDA staff to apply for grant funding for historic markers

City first needs designation as Certified Local Government

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Downtown Northville will have \$50,000 worth of new historic markers in the near future, with possibly some grant money to help pay for them.

The markers would be erected in the new cut-through planned on East Main Street and other areas in the city.

Members of the Northville City Council and the Northville Downtown Development

Authority Board approved for the DDA staff to apply for a \$25,000 matching grant as a Certified Local Government.

A total of \$50,000 has already been earmarked in the 2010-11 DDA budget for signs and historic markers — \$25,000 in each category.

The city applied to the state earlier this year to become a Certified Local Government. Officials are awaiting the status of the application.

But, since the grant application deadline is March 31, DDA staff members were encouraged to go ahead and submit the CLG grant request prior to the official designation.

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# Deadline set for play writing contest

## Plays must be 15 minutes or less

Area writers are encouraged to submit entries for 10-15 minute plays by next Wednesday for the Tipping Point Theatre's Sandbox Play Festival.

James Kuhl, producing artistic director, said playwrights or plays that have specific ties to Michigan are eligible for submission.

Submissions must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than March 31, and submitted pages will not be returned. First place is \$100, and second place is \$50. There will also be honorable mentions.

The theatre has already received about 30 submissions.

Top plays will be awarded a staged reading at the Sandbox Play Festival in June. The exact number of plays that will

be presented at the festival depends on available space, time and production requirements after the selection of the top prizes.

Guidelines: Plays must be original and unpublished. Plays that have received staged readings or workshops are eligible. Submissions must have an approximate running time of less than 15 minutes. Cast limit of four. No adaptations, collaborations or musicals. Playwrights may submit multiple plays. Winners will be selected and notified in May.

### ARTS & ACTS FESTIVAL

The Tipping Point Theatre staff members are thrilled

to be able to participate in the "Arts & Acts: A Made in Michigan Festival" that will take place in downtown Northville June 25-27.

Downtown Northville has come alive with its annual juried art show, "Art in the Sun" for the past 15 years. But this year, the Tipping Point Theatre will host its first annual play writing competition as an addition to the festival.

"We are excited to join other businesses to create a celebration of Michigan arts," Kuhl said. "The spirit behind the festival is to encourage and increase exposure for Michigan theatre artists."

Tipping Point staff will also be searching for actors and directors looking for opportunities to "get in the sand" and work on creating new theatre. This is an excellent opportunity for actors, directors and playwrights looking to showcase their work.

Submission of materials needs to include: A cover letter that briefly explains your connection to Michigan; full



The Tipping Point Theatre is looking for 15-minute-or-less plays to be submitted by next Wednesday for the Sandbox Film Festival June 25-27. Submissions must be e-mailed or postmarked by March 31.

contact information (name, full address, phone number and/or e-mail); and two copies of the script(s).

Mail submissions to: Tipping Point Theatre, Sandbox Play Festival, 361 E. Cady St., Northville, MI 48167. E-mail Word or PDF attachments to: james@tippingpointtheatre.com.

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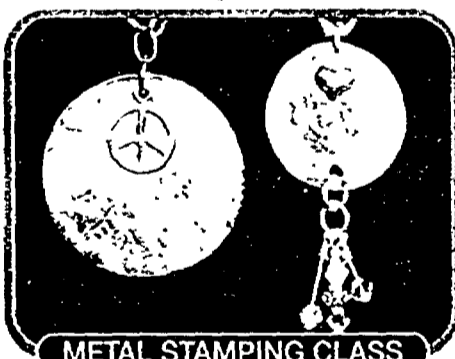
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# Northville woman co-founder of Web site devoted to health care

## Information for both patients, care providers

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Barbara O'Connell believes patients and health care providers should have an opportunity to share their opinions.

As co-founder and chief operating officer of www.WhereToFindCare.com, the Northville resident offers this to the public. The Web site helps people find, compare and rate health care providers.

The completely online service enables people to find all different kinds of health care providers no matter what stage of life they may be in, from getting ready to give birth to going into a nursing home.

"We pretty much have everything for you," O'Connell said. The site allows potential patients to learn what other people are saying about a particular health care provider.

"There are rating and comments," said O'Connell, who has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She also has a bachelor's degree in finance from Eastern Michigan University.

### MAKING CONNECTIONS

The site also gives providers an opportunity to connect with potential patients. "They can provide profiles where they update information about themselves," O'Connell said. "It's a marketing tool for them."

The online business was

**'We're starting a program where every month and then every year we're going to pick an outstanding doctor and recognize them publicly.'**

BARBARA O'CONNELL

started by O'Connell; Dawn Hall of Trenton, a health care consultant; and her sister, Joey Grand of Allen Park, who works as their IT consultant.

"Dawn and I worked together as consultants," O'Connell said. "We realized how difficult it is for people to find information about health care providers. So we set out to make a Web site about health care to help people make important decisions."

Patients have two opportunities to have their voice heard. One is to rate an individual health care provider, and the

other is to rate the facility itself.

"We're starting a program where every month and then every year we're going to pick an outstanding doctor and recognize them publicly," O'Connell said.

### NO COST TO COMMENT

There is no cost for patients to comment and rate providers and facilities. It's free for providers to be listed on the Web site, but there is a fee if they want to upgrade their posting.

"We have 600,000 health care providers on our Web site," O'Connell said.

Contact information is on the Web site for providers. The site was launched in 2008. For more information about the Web site, call O'Connell at (248) 231-5399.

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Northville resident Barbara O'Connell co-owns a business, www.WhereToFindCare.com, that allows Web site visitors to find, compare and rate health care providers and providers to market their services.



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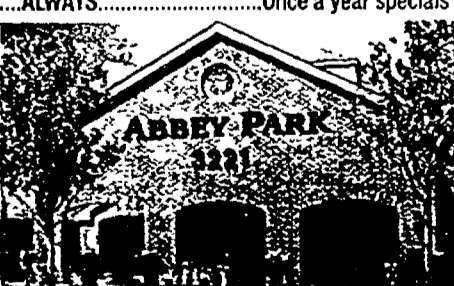
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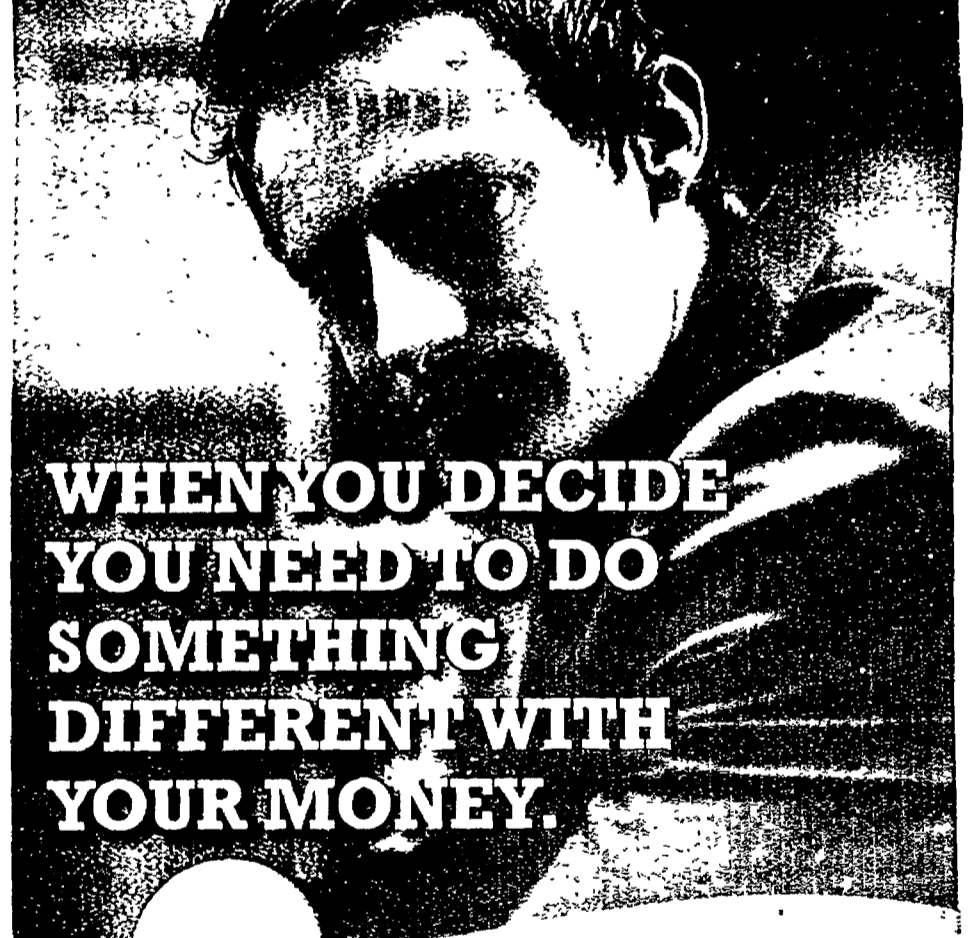


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# 'Smell of the Kill' represents dark comedy at its finest, funniest

This is not your average party

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Last season's "The Dinner Party" was a light-hearted comedy and one of the Northville's Tipping Point Theatre's most popular productions.

Its current play, "The Smell of the Kill," is a black comedy that keeps the audience laughing — and guessing — throughout the 90-minute production.

So as not to spoil the outcome for those who have not yet seen the performance, suffice it to say that there's no way to determine the ending.

The evening revolves around seemingly innocent after-dinner conversation between three wives in the kitchen

while their husbands and fellow golf buddies practice their putting in the living room.

At some point during the kitchen conversation, some rather interesting aspects of the three women's lives are revealed, each with its own challenges, that all involve the husbands.

### THE PLOT THICKENS

As the women are talking, they suddenly discover that the men are missing.

The three husbands have, in fact, accidentally locked themselves in the 10-to-15-degree meat locker in the basement of the home.

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them to suffer the chilling consequences? Do they want to make amends with their less-than-perfect husbands or get their final revenge?

This is when the marital vow 'til death do us part could actually come into play.

The women, who are the focus of the play (only the men's voices are heard), are expertly played by Emily Sutton-Smith, Teri Clark Linden and Laura Croft.

Sutton-Smith is Nicky, the dinner hostess and book editor whose husband is facing prison 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.

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

All three of the actresses provide equally outstanding

performances in their respective roles and have real camaraderie on stage.

The set, designed by Daniel C. Walker, who also designed the lighting, is also outstanding, with the audience feeling like they're in a real kitchen. The sink even has running water. The play was written by Michele Lowe and directed by Kristine Thatcher.

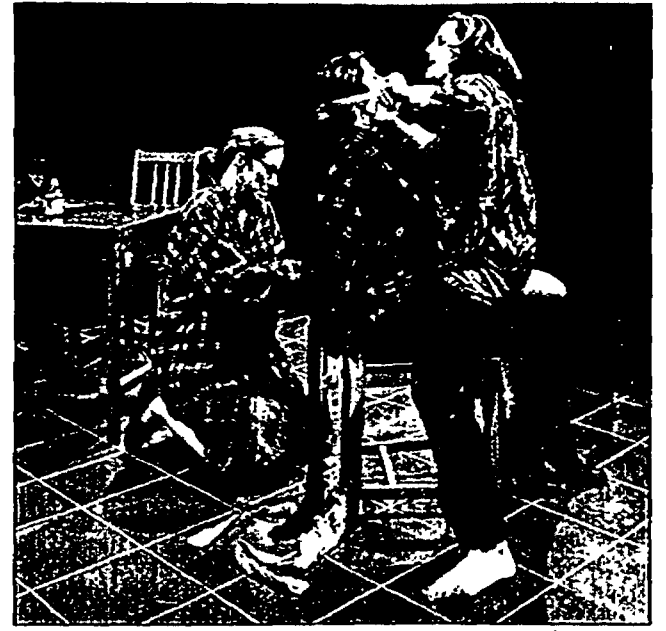
Karen Kangas-Preston is the costume designer, and Ken Faulk serves as sound designer.

Tracy L. Spada is the resident stage manager.

"The Smell of the Kill" is not for children, as it contains mature themes.

Performances run through April 18. For information about ticket prices, call (248) 347-0003 or go to [www.tippingpointtheatre.com](http://www.tippingpointtheatre.com).

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COURTESY TIPPING POINT THEATRE

Oh, what a tangled web the three women weave in the Tipping Point Theatre's "The Smell of the Kill." Pictured, from left: Teri Clark Linden as Molly, Laura Croft as Debra and Emily Sutton-Smith as Nicky.

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# EDUCATION

## Employees agree to wage cuts

### Six school groups help district address budget deficit

Six Northville Public Schools' employee groups have agreed to a 2-percent wage cut for this school year in an effort to help the school district address a budget deficit of just over \$2 million for the current 2009-10 school year that is the result of severe cuts in state funding.

The 2-percent wage cuts — which will be deducted from the remaining pays for this year reflecting an annual loss of 2 percent of wage — in addition to other concessions by these employee groups and individuals earlier in the year, will enable the school district to avoid more than \$191,736 in budget cuts for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year that could have resulted in other reductions in staffing, programs and services.

At the direction of the Northville Board of Education, district officials over the past several months have requested individual meetings with the leaders from each of the school district's union and non-union employee groups. The purpose of these meetings has been to share the school board's plan regarding budget reductions for this school year, potential cuts for 2010-11, and to request concessions from their organizations and members for the remainder of this school year and for 2010-11 in an effort to protect, to the extent possible, the learning that takes place in the classroom.

"At a time when Northville Public Schools is struggling with an unprecedented budget crisis, these employee groups and individuals have stepped forward to take wage concessions this year and in some cases also sacrifice salary increases that others have received," said Northville Board of Education President Dr. Marilyn Price.

"We thank them for their actions on behalf of Northville Public Schools, its students and families, and the community."

The employee groups and individuals agreeing to these wage concessions represent 86 of the district's 990 employees. In addition, in 2008 the district's 175 custodial, transportation and food service employees represented by Teamster Local 214 agreed to multiple concessions including a 2 percent reduction in wages, a "salary step" freeze and elimination of longevity over the three years of the contract, as well as an annual contribution toward health care premiums per employee of \$390.

The district also recently completed regularly scheduled contract negotiations with the Federation of Para Educators and the 98 employees in this group have agreed to a wage freeze for this school year.

In addition to the \$191,736 in employee wage and other concessions, the Northville Board of Education has approved more than \$800,000 in budget reductions for the remainder of the current 2009-10 school year including:

- **Transportation service reductions** beginning April 12 that provide high school bus pick-up and drop-off only at centralized locations including the district's elementary schools and other community locations, as well as morning middle school pick-up at centralized locations including some elementary schools and other community locations and afternoon drop-off at consolidated bus stops (fewer bus stops in neighborhoods). There are currently no changes planned for elementary Transportation services for the remainder of this school year.

- **Staff reductions, layoffs and reassignments** in areas including elementary media staffing, custodial and maintenance staffing, paraprofessional staffing, and central office staffing.

- **Providing "one-way" transportation** only for athletic team travel to competitions.

- **Reducing or freezing budgets** for textbooks, teaching supplies and office supplies, as well as supplies and contracted services in maintenance and operations.

As difficult as the budget reductions have been this year, Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski cautions that 2010-11 is expected to be significantly more challenging as an additional \$7 million budget shortfall is anticipated for the school district for the upcoming school year. The Board of Education is expected to begin deliberations regarding additional budget reductions for the 2010-11 school year in the next few weeks.

"We recognize that it is a difficult and painful process to achieve budget reductions of this magnitude," Dr. Rezmierski said. "We are a people-business with 88 percent of the district's budget devoted to staffing costs. The reality is people's jobs, their compensation, services provided to families, and opportunities for our students are likely to be impacted. "Still, I remain confident

#### DETAILS

The employee groups agreeing to wage and other concessions include the following.

- **Office Support Personnel:** These employees have agreed to a wage cut equal to 2 percent of their 2009-10 salary (47 employees - \$45,324).

- **District Administrators (coordinators, directors, non-affiliated):** In addition to the 2-percent wage cut for 2009-10, these employees agreed at the beginning of the school year to not take a 1-percent salary increase. In total, this group's concessions for this year represents 3-percent of salary (11 employees - \$31,134).

- **Northville Association of School Administrators (building principals, assistant principals and program supervisors):** In addition to the 2-percent wage cut for 2009-10, in October these employees agreed to give back a 1-percent wage increase to the district to help offset health care costs. In total, this group's concessions for this year represents 3 percent of salary (18 employees - \$46,712).

- **Central Office Administrators (assistant superintendents and district-wide directors):** In addition to a 2-percent wage cut for 2009-10, these employees agreed at the beginning of the school year to not take a salary step increase or the scheduled 1 percent salary increase (3 employees - \$32,601). Note - "Salary steps" increase an employee's wages based on his or her years of service to the district.

- **Superintendent:** In addition to a 2-percent wage cut for 2009-10, the superintendent agreed at the beginning of the school year to not take a salary step increase or the scheduled 1-percent salary increase, as well as to eliminate his car allowance (1 employee - \$18,190).

- **Retire/Rehire Employees:** These six contracted individuals have agreed to a 2-percent wage cut for 2009-10. They include central office and building administrators who have retired and are employed by a third party contractor on behalf of the school system in order to save the district the costly health care and retirement expenses (6 contracted individuals - \$17,775).

that, working together, we will navigate these unprecedented financial times with a focus on providing the best possible educational program for all our students."

#### NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

##### Geographic Bee semifinalist

Liam Munro, a sixth grader at Meads Middle School, is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2010 Michigan Geographic Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek.

Bees were held in schools with fourth-through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school's winner. Those students then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. In each of the 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools, and the U.S. territories, the Society invited the students with the top 100 scores to compete at the state level. The Michigan Bee will be held at the Bernhard Center at Western Michigan University on Friday, April 9. The state winner will receive \$100, the "National Geographic Collegiate Atlas off the World," and a trip to Washington, D.C. to represent Michigan in the national finals May 25-26. The national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the Society.

##### 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

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



Giving it a whirl

Meads Mill Middle School sixth grade student Sean Ryan enjoys some Hula-Hooping as part of the after school activity on Feb. 25.

JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

#### ON CAMPUS

##### Michigan State University

Northville High School graduate and Novi resident Katie Beth Jingoian (Arts and Letters College, apparel and textiles major) was named to the fall 2009 semester Dean's List.

##### Kettering University

Northville's Richard Birdsall and Lindsey Scheer received undergraduate degrees from Kettering University at the December 2009 commencement ceremonies.

Matthew Gaidica of Northville made the Dean's List for the spring 2009 semester. The Dean's List is an honor earned by students who, in a given term, have attained a minimum weighted grade average of 92.0 out of a possible 100, have received no grades below 85, and have earned a minimum of 16 credits.

##### Owens Community College

Northville's Corey Booms (Caterpillar Program) was named to the Academic Honors List for the fall 2009 semester. Students must achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average to be eligible.



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**MARKERS**  
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Lori Ward, executive director of the DDA, said city staff members have identified the development of a historic markers program as a high priority.

The initial grant application would pay to hire a historian to research, write and develop a historic markers program for the city and the DDA.

Next year, the city could apply for more funding for

the design, development and installation of the program.

**THE CLG DESIGNATION**

The Certified Local Government Program is a preservation partnership between local, state and national governments focused on promoting historic preservation at the grassroots level. The program is administered by the National Park Service and the State Historic Preservation Office in each state.

One of the benefits of

attaining the CLG designation is access to federal funding. Plus, there are currently only 21 communities in Michigan that have been granted the designation.

Ward said at least 10 percent of the annual Historic Preservation Fund grant given to Michigan under the National Historic Preservation Act must be distributed to cities with the CLG distinction.

The grant funding does not have to be used exclusively in Northville's Historic District

should it be awarded.

Members of the Historic District Commission were also informed of the city's plans at their March 16 meeting.

City Council member Nancy Darga said she would try to have Nancy Finegood from the Michigan Preservation Network office in Lansing and members of the Motor Cities Heritage Trail board to write letters of support to go with the grant application.

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**IRISH**  
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"I'm proud of the U.S.A.," he said. "It's the greatest country in the world of its size."

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY MEMBERS**

The Treanors live on Chubb Road in Salem Township, but since the township doesn't have a post office, their mailing address says Northville.

Plus, they're active members of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in downtown Northville.

St. Patrick's Day Parade grand marshals must be a member of the Irish community.

"And, we have supported them through the years," Kathleen said. "When you come from Ireland, you really don't know anybody, and it was a wonderful thing to be able to go and meet some of the people from your own country. They made you feel welcome. And, it was a lot of fun to go to parties at the United Irish Society, the Gaelic League and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick."

The Treanors met at a function of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and have been married for 56 years. They came to the U.S. separately, have been in this country about 60 years and in the same house off of Chubb Road for 35 years.

**THEIR IRISH BACKGROUND**

The theme of this year's parade was "One Island, One Ireland." John, 85, was born on Aug. 15, 1924, in northern Ireland's County Monaghan and came to the U.S. when he was 23 after first living in Toronto.

"The economy wasn't the greatest in Ireland at the time," he said. "I didn't have a sponsor, so they let me have a visa after I saved \$1,000."

Kathleen, 78, was born Kathleen Cavanaugh on April 30, 1931, in southwest Ireland's County Mayo.

She moved to England first in 1949, then to the U.S. when she was 21. Her brother, James, sponsored her, and she worked for friends of the Fords as a maid in their Grosse Pointe mansion.

**AN INSPIRATIONAL POEM**

John Treanor said this is one of his favorite poems:

Be Thankful  
Oh, beautiful for spacious skies  
And hearts that beat so free;  
For purple mountain majesty  
And love of family.  
Oh, beautiful for ones who dream  
And hills that never fade;  
For hands that toil and eyes that see  
A country freedom made.  
Oh, beautiful for fields of green  
And souls of brotherhood -  
For vastness of this special land  
And grace and pride and good.  
Oh, beautiful for sun and seas  
That ever move and shine -  
Be overjoyed and say the words -  
Thank God for things so fine.  
By Joan Stephen  
From "Walk in Faith" Salesian  
Inspirational Books

"It was fun growing up in Ireland," she said. "My mom played the accordion and knew 110 tunes even though she never took a lesson. We used to have to sing, dance or recite a poem. We didn't have much, but we had a lot of good times." She even had a pet donkey, Paddy, and sang in the local opera.

Her late sister, Irene Macken, worked as a dress-maker

They were one of eight children in each of their families and had seven children of their own. "My family had six boys and two girls, and her family had five girls and three boys," John said. He played Gaelic football, which is more like soccer, and in 1992 was honored by the Gaelic Athletic Association for his coaching ability. He still coaches youth soccer locally today.

John also tells about the news of Ireland and recites a poem every week at 1:30 p.m. on an Irish radio program on 690-AM.

They go back to Ireland twice a year — in May and September.

Some of the information for this article came from a write-up in "The Parade Times" written by the Treanors' daughter, Kathy.

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**MARILYN ANDERSON**

March 22, 2010, Age 73. Visitation Thursday 2-8pm at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Funeral Friday, 11am at Holy Family Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angela Hospice. Online condolences [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**ANN CONNORS**

March 20, 2010 age 91. Loving mother of Patricia Hansen and Kiki Connors. Beloved grandmother of Kathleen (Mike) Ottenheimer and Karen (Patrick) Doran and great-grandmother of William, Kathleen and Jack. Sister of the late Joseph Zanglin and Lou Zanglin. Online condolences: [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**MARGARET E KUPTZ (NEE ANDERSON)**

Born 1/10/38, passed away at home in Lansing 3/15/10. Beloved Mother of John (Judy), Elizabeth, Ellen (Jeff) Riley and Carol. She also leaves behind many Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Prior to her move to Lansing, she was a long time resident of Salem Twp. She was a baker/cook at Salem Elementary for 18 years, delightfully feeding the students until her retirement in 1994. She was a longtime supporter of the annual Salem Flag Day festivities and the South Lyon/Salem Library. A Memorial Luncheon will be held on April 10th. Please email: [margaretkuptz@yahoo.com](mailto:margaretkuptz@yahoo.com) to receive details and rsvp

**THOMAS SNYDER**

Age 74, March 12, 2010. Funeral was Friday, March 19 at St. Fabian Church, Farmington Hills. Donations can be made to Hope Hospice, William Beaumont Hospice, or CurePSP. Send online condolences [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**WALTER J. TRADER**

March 21, 2010, Age 77. Funeral was March 24 at St. James Catholic Church. Donations may be made to MI Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Rd. #150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Online condolences [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**RUBY LEE (BEAUCHAMP) BEACH**

A former resident of Highland Township, Michigan, died March 20, 2010, following a brief illness. She had just celebrated her 88th birthday earlier in the week. Mrs. Beach was born March 15, 1922, at Hyacinth, Virginia, the daughter of Wilton Avery and Sarah (Brann) Beauchamp. At the start of World War II she moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked for the U.S. Navy as a clerk in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts. She married November 11, 1944, Ensign Eugene H. Beach, a native of Highland Township, Michigan, serving at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory (NOL) at the Washington Navy Yard. Following the war the couple lived in Highland for several years while Eugene pursued post-graduate studies at the University of Michigan. In 1953 they moved to Silver Spring following Dr. Beach's return to work at NOL's new facility in White Oak, Maryland. Mrs. Beach belonged to Woodside United Methodist Church in Silver Spring for more than 55 years and was active in its Women's Society. She was likewise a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Northumberland County (Virginia) Historical Society, the Northern Neck (Virginia) Historical Society and Colonial Williamsburg. With her husband she enjoyed collecting antiques, travel, visits with family and friends in Michigan, and weekly bingo games with other seniors at a local McDonald's Restaurant. Mrs. Beach was preceded in death by her husband, who died December 9, 2007. She leaves surviving one son, Eugene H. (Lori) Beach, Jr., of Highland, Michigan, and three grandchildren: Joshua D. S. (Laura) Beach of Jordan, Minnesota; Erin Beach (Bryan) Sandford of Ames, Iowa; and Ashley Emma Beach of Highland, Michigan. She also eagerly awaited the birth of a great-grandchild this coming August. Funeral Services will be held at Highland United Methodist Church, 680 West Livingston Road, on Saturday, March 27th at 11 AM. Friends may gather 10 AM until time of service. Interment to follow at Highland Cemetery beside Mrs. Beach's late husband. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Highland Township Historical Society, Highland Township Library, or your charity of choice. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



**PEARL ETTA (HEAD) GARDNER**

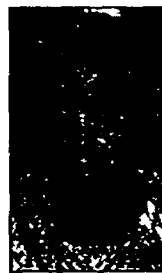
Daughter of Joseph Harry Head and Susan Mable (Blowing) Head was born on February 3, 1938, in New Haven, Kentucky, passed away March 19, 2010, she was 72. Pearl was one of nine and is survived by her brothers William Earl Head and John Martin Head, and sister Theresa Leora Tate. In 1957, Pearl married Marvin J. Gardner of Northville, Michigan. Pearl and Marvin lived in South Lyon, Michigan, where they raised six children. Pearl's husband, Marvin, died in 1981. She is survived by her children: Tara (Brian) Tepatti of Florida, David (Sue) Gardner of Scotts, MI, Jana Daroczy of Brighton, MI, Toni (Robert) Sinke of Howell, MI, Jay (Nedra) Gardner of Brighton, MI, and Dale (Julie) Gardner of South Lyon, MI. She is also survived by twelve Grandchildren and three Great Grandchildren. Pearl was never alone, her son, Dale and wife Julie, and their two children lived with her. Pearl took pleasure traveling and spending time in Port Hope. Family was everything to Pearl. She loved to spend time with her children and their families. Pearl enjoyed playing pinocle with her friends and will be missed by her pinocle club. Services were held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. Pearl's final resting place will be with her husband, Marvin, at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor, MI. Pearl will be missed by everyone. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**DANIEL E. MACDERMAID**

Age 87, of Northville, passed away Mar. 17, 2010. A funeral service was held Mar. 20 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Donations to McLaren Hospice, Fenton Church of the Nazarene Missions, or Crossroads Community Church Go Factor.

**ELSIE JANE MUIR**

Age 80, of South Lyon, passed away March 22, 2010. A Memorial Service was held on March 24 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**GERALDINE H. WALKER SEARS**

Age 82, of Northville/South Lyon, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2010. She was born October 25, 1927 in Rochester, MI to Edward and Mabel (Kidd) Karschnick. Geraldine was united in marriage to Fredrick A. Walker in 1951 until his death on February 14, 1968. She was very blessed to marry Robert Sears in 1976; they spent 14 loving years together until his death on July 31, 1990. Geraldine was very passionate about rug hooking and baking cakes. Her entire family had amazing cakes for birthdays, weddings, and special events. She worked at a bakery in her younger years, but most of her cake-baking accomplishments were self-taught. She also enjoyed cooking and crossword puzzles. She is survived by her children, Clayton (Sally) Walker and Eva (Russ) Blackman; her sister, Eleanor Sherman; 4 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Fredrick Walker, her husband Robert Sears, her son Richard Walker, and several brothers and sisters. A funeral service was held last Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Pastor Ron Wrightson with Life Church in Canton officiated the service. Geraldine was laid to rest in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.



**ELIZABETH M. TUCKER, PHD**

July 19, 1961-March 12, 2010 Elizabeth Tucker, 48, lost her courageous struggle with breast cancer on March 12, 2010 at her home in West Palm Beach, Florida. She grew up in Northville, Michigan and received her undergraduate and doctoral degrees from Michigan State University. She was a Professor of Advertising at University of Texas at Austin before joining major companies in the private sector, BBD&O, Forrester Research & Fidelity Investments in Boston. She is survived by her beloved sisters, Karen and Leigh Tucker, brother-in-law, Jay Garbose, cousin Kathy Benua, and best friends, Jenny Orr, David Richard and Ken Collins. She also leaves behind a close-knit group of lifelong girlfriends from Northville, aunts, uncles, cousins & friends from around the world who will miss her dearly. Among the many things she will be remembered for are her creative intellect, quick wit, loving nature, insightful advice, adventurous travels and incorporating the Heisenberg Equation into her home décor. She was predeceased by her father, William W. Tucker, mother, Corrine K. Tucker, and sister, Lorraine M. Tucker. A Private Memorial will be held for Elizabeth in July on Bald Island, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure, "Beth's Brigade", 1301 N. Flagler Drive, 5th Floor, West Palm Beach, FL, 33401. Quattlebaum Funeral Home (561) 832-5171

**RALPH YALE**

March 21, 2010, Age 79. Husband of Florence Marie & father of Debra. Visiting 10 AM until Funeral at 11 AM March 26 at Novi United Methodist Church. Send online condolences [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

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**DENISE C. BISKNER**

Age 74, of South Lyon, passed away March 16, 2010. A funeral mass was held Monday March 22 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon. Contributions appreciated to the American Cancer Society. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

**WILMA LEE (TAULBEE) CLARK**

Age 66, passed away March 22, 2010 at home surrounded by family. She was born on January 29, 1944 in Mary, Kentucky, to the late Morton and Effie Taulbee. Wilma is survived by her loving children: Rita L. Osterhout, Denise M. Jackson, and Charles W. Hibbard; 2 grandchildren; 5 brothers: Verlon, Arnold, Cecil, Manual, and Roger Taulbee; and 2 sisters: Jewel Rose and Christine Childers. She is preceded in death by 2 brothers: Gene and Quentin Taulbee; and 3 sisters: Thelma Rose, Gladys Stamper, and Linda Webb. Services will be held at the Campton Church of Christ, in Campton, KY. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**MARION L. KOONS**

Age 89, of Roscommon, passed away March 18, 2010. A funeral service was held last Sat. March 20 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Donations appreciated to Heartland Hospice, PO Box 667, West Branch, MI 48661.



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**SYNOPSIS**  
**MARCH 18, 2010 - REGULAR MEETING**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, March 18, 2010  
TIME: 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting  
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road  
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.  
ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen.  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas and amend to add items 5 H. & 5.I. - approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:  
A. Re-appoint Sue Hillebrand to Beautification Commission - approved  
B. Parkinson's Proclamation - approved  
C. NHS Athletic Booster Club Resolution - approved
- Public Hearings: None
- Brief Public Comments: None
- New Business:  
A. Salvage Contract - Psychiatric Hospital Property - approved  
B. Alliance of Rouge Communities Assessment - approved  
C. Water and Sewer F-350 Pick-Up purchase - approved  
D. Sanitary Sewer Extensions - Project Plan - approved  
E. New Resort SDD License - Cantoro's Café LLC - approved  
F. 2006 International Fire Code - approved  
G. Board Rules and Open Meetings Act - approved  
H. WTUA Representation - approved  
I. Hills of Crestwood Street Sign Maintenance Agreement Phase II - approved
- Unfinished Business: None
- Ordinances: A. Chapter 58 Building Construction - Revisions Introduced
- Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,768,318.16 - approved
- Board Communication & Reports: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Chip Snider
- Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: Reminder of Study Session on April 1, 2010. Ribbon cutting for Coldwater Springs Nature Area will be held April 24, 2010.
- Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.  
The unapproved draft of the Board of Trustees minutes will be available after March 31, 2010.

Respectfully submitted:  
Sue A. Hillebrand, MMC

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Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org

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Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

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### Public forum set tonight

Northville Township residents are reminded to attend a public conversation at 7 p.m. tonight at township hall on the former hospital property. University of Michigan graduate students in urban planning are working for the township and want the public's input on what to do with the portion of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property recently purchased by the township. The forum will take place in the Community Room on Six Mile Road at Sheldon Road.

### 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 desserts with freshly brewed tea.

An intriguing display of Victorian clothing at the Inn hints at the 3:30 p.m. presentation to follow: *The Gibson Girl: A Day in the Life of the New American Woman* © 2000. Juliana Cerra's original one-person program reveals the underpinnings 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.

### Relay for Life meetings

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Northville team captain meetings will be held from 7-8 p.m. on March 30 at Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street. Additional meetings are scheduled for 7-8 p.m. April 21 at Northville Township Hall, and 7-8 p.m. May 5 at Northville District Library.

Teams currently registered for the Relay For Life of Northville event or anyone interested in learning more about participating in the Relay should attend. Team Captain meetings will be held periodically as the community ramps up for the annual Relay For Life of Northville on May 15-16 at Ford Field (150 Hutton St.). Community members can join the movement for a world with less cancer and more birthdays by starting a new team or joining an existing team. Follow the links at [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org). Donations can be made to this local Relay For Life event by visiting [www.relayforlife.org/northville](http://www.relayforlife.org/northville).

### Earth Day park maintenance

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 need 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 - 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 township 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.

### 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 *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.

### Call for artists

The Northville Art House released the call for entries for the second annual West of Center, All Media Show, which takes place June 4-27.

This is an inspired effort to showcase talented artists, as selected by a highly regarded juror, (master sculptor and former College for Creative Studies Sculptor Department Director Jay Holland) and a nod to the Art House location and philosophy of bringing the community something that's different from the usual.

Last year's West of Center Show attracted a wide range of eclectic works from more than 50 artists from Michigan and beyond for consideration - resulting in a contemporary and dynamic, must-see exhibit. Call for entries application/CD must be hand-delivered or shipped to arrive by April 23. Email to [ArtHouseExhibits@northvillearts.org](mailto:ArtHouseExhibits@northvillearts.org) with questions.

## ENGAGEMENT



### Kovacs & Blazek

Andrew and Diane Kovacs of Novi announce the engagement of their son, James Andrew Kovacs, of Chicago and Santa Clara, Calif., to Bridget Anne Blazek of Omaha, Neb. She is the daughter of George and Donna Blazek of Omaha.

James is a graduate of Novi High School and the University of Michigan, where he received bachelor's degree in honor economics and psychology. He earned a juris doctor from Harvard Law School, and he is

currently employed as a senior attorney, Legal and Corporate Affairs, with Intel Corporation in California.

Bridget is a graduate of Central High School in Omaha. She went to the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass., where she graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts in economics accounting. She is currently getting her juris doctor from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

A spring 2011 wedding is being planned.

## ENGAGEMENT



### Pilarz & Austin

Dave and Bonnie Pilarz of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah Elizabeth to Matthew Scott, son of Robert Austin and the late Margaret Austin of Farmington. Sarah will graduate in

May from Central Michigan University with a degree in finance. Matthew is a 2009 graduate of CMU with a degree in management info systems.

An August wedding is planned at Our Lady of Victory in Northville, and the couple plan to reside in Carmel, Ind.

## ENGAGEMENT



### Burke & Fleischmann

Pamela and Charles Burke of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Timothy Burke, to Meredith Fleischmann, daughter of Patricia and James Fleischmann of Hillsdale, N.J. The bride-to-be, of Denver, is a teaching specialist for the Colorado School District. She earned her undergrad-

ate degree at James Madison University and her master's from University of Colorado.

The groom-elect, of Denver, is employed at the Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora, Colo., for the environmental consulting firm Tetra Tech. He is a Western Michigan University graduate.

The couple are planning an Aug. 7 wedding in Denver.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



### Maki

Allison and Ryan Maki of South Lyon announce the birth of twins, Colin Ryan (boy) and Kendall Ann (girl), born Oct. 7, 2009, at Mott Hospital in Ann Arbor. Their dog, Maize, welcomed them home.

Grandparents are Bill Adele Farmer of Northville, and Dave and Jan Maki of Manistee. Great-grandfather is Carl Pumala of Prescott Valley, Ariz.

## NEWSMAKERS

### Eskildsen awarded

David Reault, broker of Century 21 Row announced that Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently recognized Ralph Eskildsen with the Century 21 Grand Centurion Producer award following successful 2009 sales totals.

The award is given to sales associates who achieve \$627,000 in sales production or 180 closed transaction sides within a calendar year.

"Receiving the Grand Centurion Producer award is a tremendous accomplishment for Ralph and is testament to Ralph's unwavering commitment to professional excellence and customer satisfaction," said Reault. "Ralph is a valued and trusted real estate resource for the Livonia community and a valued contributor to the overall success of Century 21 Row."

Century 21 Row is a full-service brokerage located at 37172 6 Mile Road.

### Patterson praised

Michigan State Senator Bruce Patterson (R - Canton Twp.) has been selected as Michigan's Free Market Champion. For a self-proclaimed Conservative legislator, this is an especially significant recognition. It comes to Patterson from the Telecommunications Association of Michigan (TAM).

"I am proud to be honored as a Free Market Champion by TAM, a leading advocate for free market principles," said Patterson. "As I am heading into my final months as a conservative in the Legislature, I can't think of a finer tribute from such a respected organization."



Patterson

The award was presented to Senator Patterson on a most auspicious occasion, the 75th Anniversary of TAM. The President of TAM, Mr. Scott Stevenson, warmly proclaimed:

"Senator Patterson's determination to improve the business climate for telecommunications providers has helped the industry invest and innovate. Michigan's business and residential customers benefit every day thanks to Senator Patterson's leadership. We were honored to recognize his accomplishments by presenting Senator Patterson with our Free Market Champion Award."

At the conclusion of his Acceptance remarks, Senator Patterson reflected on the enormous changes that have evolved in the industry over the past 75 years generally, and during his tenure as the Chair of the Senate's Committee charged with oversight of the industry.

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# Three local scouts make improvements to local, state property

## Court of Honor slated on May 2

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Three members of Northville Boy Scout Troop 755 have made the community a better place in which to live on their way to earning their Eagle Scout rank.

The Scouts are Jonathan Nelson, Connor McCormick and Brian Zinser, who officially earned the rank of Eagle Scout on Jan. 31.

One of the requirements to achieve the rank is to plan, develop and complete a service project that helps a school, religious institution or the community.

met a few times over the late spring and summer to discuss the desired outcome for the area and develop the project plan. The Scout then planned for the needed materials and recruited volunteers.

The field work portion of the project took place on Sept. 12-13 and included volunteers from Troop 755, Nelson's Northville High School classmates and friends. Over the course of the weekend, 22 volunteers devoted more than 110 hours to the project.

The work involved cutting and removing the thick undergrowth, brush, fallen trees, tree stumps, roots and vines and tilling and raking the area for future plantings and development into an outdoor play and learning area.



PHOTO BY TIM NELSON

Eagle Scouts from Northville Troop 755 on Jan. 31, the day of their Board of Review, from left: Jonathan Nelson, Connor McCormick and Brian Zinser.

### NELSON'S PROJECT

Nelson began his Eagle Scout service project in late spring 2009 by meeting with Denise Bryan, principal of Moraine Elementary School, and Chris Kearns, director of operations for Northville Public Schools, to discuss potential projects that would benefit Moraine.

It was suggested that Nelson could clear about a one-third acre of land next to the playground that is overgrown and has been unusable by the students for many years.

Bryan said the clearing of this area would improve the entire play and learning environment of the school.

Nelson, Bryan and Kearns

### ZINSER'S PROJECT

Zinser wanted to do something for Maybury State Park for his service project as he has enjoyed the park throughout his life. Zinser talked with Scott Szukaitis, Northville High School science teacher who has students plant a community garden each year at the park, and Zinser's former track coach, who volunteers at Maybury. He learned it would be helpful if he could design and cut the Maybury Farm's corn maze for the farm's annual fall fund-raiser.

The farm continues to rebuild after a February 2003 fire. Farm staff wanted the maze to spell out the word Maybury.

Zinser designed the maze on paper, then, in July when the corn was knee-high, he and several volunteers staked the plotted graph points in the field using a long measuring tape.

On another day they used the stakes and graph to direct Szukaitis where to drive the bush hog to clear the 4-foot path needed to create the maze.

After the corn had grown taller, Northville resident Scott Sedum took Zinser up in his

airplane to photograph the field for farm staff to use in advertising the maze to the community.

### MCCORMICK'S PROJECT

McCormick also wanted to do something for Maybury State Park and decided to make further improvements to the campsite that reopened in 2009 thanks to an earlier Eagle Scout project of a fellow Troop 755 member.

McCormick's project

involved adding four Outdoor Skills areas at the campsite — a compass course and game that shows how to set and follow a compass bearing, a knots and lashings instruction area, a plant identification area and an Ax Yard for ax and knife use. McCormick and his fellow Scouts and volunteers also built a firewood rack next to the campsite pit and filled it by cutting and splitting downed logs from the surrounding woods.

The project was endorsed by

Maybury Parks & Recreation Supervisor Tom Bissett. McCormick received financial help for the project from the Friends of Maybury and Aileen Patterson from the Home Depot at Five Mile and Beck roads.

A Court of Honor will take place May 2 at the First Presbyterian Church on East Main Street, where Troop 755 meets, to recognize the young men's achievements.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

## LOCAL EVENTS

### 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 luminaia 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  
**Location:** Tirami Su, 146 Centermain Street, Northville  
**Contact:** (248) 735-0101

### Tour of Hope

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. April 22; 9 a.m. May 20  
**Location:** 315 Griswold, Northville  
**Details:** New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a one hour Tour of Hope in their new home. This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types of grief support services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped, and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough.

**Contact:** To attend one of the tours, please RSVP to New Hope at 248.348.0115 or email [grief-help@newhopecenter.net](mailto:grief-help@newhopecenter.net).

### Stop the Meanness, Spread the Kindness

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Monday, March 22  
**Location:** Hillside 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.  
**Contact:** Nancy Couch Nowak for more information or if you have suggestions, resources, parent awareness events to share: [drnancycouch@pol.net](mailto:drnancycouch@pol.net) or (248) 347-7842.

### Northville Newcomers & Neighbors

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



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## Waterford Village

Members of the Northville Historic District Commission will provide a free encore presentation of "Waterford Village: Northville Township's Link to the Past," at 7 p.m. on March 31 at Northville Township Hall. Learn more about Waterford as an early township settlement; early industry, such as the grist mill, blind factory and barrel shop; its involvement in the Underground Railroad; Waterford's Ford plants; Farm Crest Farms and Store; and Hines Park and the Waterford Village area today. Pictured at the Feb. 24 presentation: front row, from left, John Palmer, Carol Poenisch and Dan Schneider; back row, from left, Fred Shadko, Margie Banner, Bill Sivy, Richard Allen and John Colling. Questions? Call Diane Jefferson at (248) 348-5800 ext. 10202.

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O REPO MEN (R) 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 10:00  
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## OUR VIEWS

### Lawmakers miss mark on pay cuts

On March 15, a poll sponsored by the group Business Leaders for Michigan made news with its results that most voters polled wanted a 3 percent pay bump stopped for unionized state workers.

Last Thursday, the Michigan Senate tried again to stop the raise. The bid failed, again.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, (salary: \$105,650) has said he hasn't given up on getting the money from the state workers. Two-thirds of both the Senate and House must agree to stop the pay change before April 11.

It's a real shame that Bishop and the rest of the Legislature can't put the same laser-like focus on saving taxpayers other millions of dollars — money paid out via Michigan's No. 2-in-the-nation legislative salaries.

Advocates of the plan to nullify the negotiated pay bump for approximately 35,000 state workers have made an issue of the Business Leaders for Michigan poll. The people have spoken, so to speak.

But does Bishop or any other state legislator have a doubt what a poll on reducing legislative pay would say?

In 2000, base legislative pay — not counting legislators' personal office slush funds — was \$56,981.

In 2010, after Michigan had lost hundreds of thousands of jobs, base legislative pay is \$79,650.

If legislative pay were reduced to its 2000 figure, that would save the state \$3.35 million per year (\$22,669 cut times 148 legislative slots).

True, the legislative pay cut isn't a huge bundle in a state that spends billions out of its general fund. But go back to this state-worker rollback. The Associated Press says its nullification would save \$48 million for the general fund.

That is a savings, but still a small one when compared to Michigan's \$1 billion-plus deficit for the upcoming 2010-11 budget year. If it's of vital necessity to get this \$48 million saved, why isn't it better to save another \$3 million?

Legislators will tell you they voted for a pay cut; and they did — for lawmakers taking office in January 2011. Some lawmakers will say they have made voluntary givebacks of salary.

Fine, but the Legislature isn't debating a program to allow state workers to voluntarily give back this 3 percent, or any other figure. State lawmakers want to force these state workers to give up the money.

Yet, for all their acumen, all their integrity, all their concern for the state treasury, they just cannot find a way to immediately cut the pay for every single member of the Legislature.

The Business Leaders for Michigan should be asking them why.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What are your plans for spring break?

(Asked of Hillside Middle School students.)



"I'm going to Florida to visit my grandpa. When there, I just like going to the beach."

Emma Callahan  
eighth-grader



"I'm going on a cruise to Mexico, I think. I'm looking forward to going mountain biking and seeing the Mayan ruins."

Hamilton Wilson  
eighth-grader



"I'm just hanging with a bunch of my friends and working out for volleyball. I plan on making the high school team next year."

Katherine Boss  
eighth-grader



"I'm going to Disney. I'm looking forward to the rides."

Adam Crittenden  
eighth-grader

## LETTERS

### The reality in our country

In response to the lack of objectivity articulated by two local progressive-minded letter writers, I would like to respond with a few points of fact.

When the Republicans failed to maintain their majority in the 2006 elections, it was because they had lost the confidence of their conservative base. When the Republicans took over in the 1994 elections, the Gingrich congress brought a level of fiscal discipline that resulted in balancing the budget and creating a surplus. That attitude changed when Gingrich was ousted and Bush 43 was elected president. The Republicans proceeded to behave like liberals with the checkbook and the legislation.

What took the Republicans 12 years to accomplish (getting fired by the electorate), the Democrats will accomplish in a mere four years. This president, who promised us change in Washington's dirty ways, has demonstrated that he is no different than the rest of them, and possibly much worse. In his four years in office, he will propose and spend over \$14 trillion just through the standard budgeting process. Add at least another \$6 trillion of deficit spending on top of that, all at a time we see Social Security and Medicare going broke. The post office is about to take away services because they are broke. Our new health care legislation collects taxes for four years before providing anyone with any services.

We are broke people, on all levels — our city governments, our school systems, our

state government and Washington. You think health care is a crisis, just wait till the pensions all fail and need to be bailed out in full. How anyone in good conscience thinks this is the time to commit our children to a new program is beyond me. But that's the problem with me: I see reality for what it is, not what I pretend it to be.

Brooks Decker  
Novi

### Insure government employees

This is in response to the woman who feels that government employees should pay for their own health insurance.

She resents having her taxes used for this purpose. While some higher-up government workers earn very good salaries, the majority earn between \$40,000-\$50,000 per year. These workers are usually in the public service areas. Isn't it worth it to her to have part of her taxes used for local, state and federal police agencies to have them protect her from murderers, rapists, home invaders and other violent predators? These people are willing to take a bullet for you. Isn't it worth it to her to have firefighters literally walk into hell to save her, her family and even her beloved pets from a horrible death? Often, they are even able to save your home and precious belongings.

Isn't it worth it to her to have prison guards and other prison workers, who face verbal and physical assault and even possible full-blown riots on a daily basis, monitoring these dangerous predators and preventing them from escaping to contin-

ue to prey on society? Do you realize how outmanned these guards are? Isn't it worth it to her to have mental health workers willing to work with the severely mentally ill, some of whom are just as violent and dangerous as many criminals, to help prevent them from harming others? Though most mental hospitals are now closed, there are still some facilities for the most violent and dangerous of these patients. Even mental health workers are in danger of being assaulted or otherwise harmed. I know, I was one. Anyway, these facilities provide treatment and prevent these people from being out on the streets where they could harm others.

Finally, isn't it worth it to her to have the greatest and strongest military force in the world, whose numbers are willing to die and have died to defend our country and protect its citizens, like her, from terrorists and hostile countries? These people hate us and are bent on our destruction. Not only do our military men and women face death, they face capture and torture. In the end, they are federal employees. Would you deny them health insurance?

All of the people I've mentioned in this letter not only deserve paid health insurance, they deserve the best medical care available. These men and women serve you, the U.S. citizen. They serve with honor, dignity, care, total commitment, self-sacrifice and complete unselfishness, with little thanks, recognition and certainly little say. Please don't begrudge them their health care.

Sharon Johnson  
Northville

## Community college - a great value close by

### COMMENTARY

Our community colleges are the Rodney Dangerfield of higher education. They just "don't get no respect" — respect that they deserve and continue earning every day.

Community colleges are the grand entranceways to enhancing knowledge and skills, giving individuals a boost up life's economic ladder while strengthening our communities. At Schoolcraft Community the students are being taught by instructors who are focused on teaching what they know best, and students are saving themselves and their families a ton of cash.

"Too often, community colleges are treated as an afterthought — if they're thought of at all," President Obama said in a speech at Macomb County Community College last summer. The president proposed sinking \$12 billion into revamping our country's community college system. This ambitious and much-needed plan would invest \$9 billion in grant money to boost academic programs and raise graduation rates, plus another \$2.5 billion to upgrade school infrastructure. It would also fund open-source e-learning courses so that schools don't have to build more classrooms to admit more students. (See my 2005 Wayne State University report on the value of e-learning: Exploring E-learning for Michigan: The New Education (R)evolution <<http://www.inacol.org/research/docs/e-learningreport.pdf>>).

While this good news of financial help for

community colleges was delivered in Michigan by the president of the United States, the soaring rhetoric has yet to translate into money. Legislative bills are still winding their way through committees in Congress.

Thirty years ago, on average, Michigan's community colleges received nearly 50 percent of their funding from state appropriations and another 25 percent each from property taxes and tuition. Today, the state's contribution is less than half that — 20 percent — while the other 80 percent is derived from property taxes and tuition, according to Mike Hansen, president of the Michigan Community College Association.

In the last Michigan budget cycle, community colleges were one of the only areas not reduced, and we'll be fortunate to repeat that again this year. Yet we all know that may be difficult when costs such as health care, utilities and pensions continue to rise and tax revenue has floundered.

Community colleges are supported by state appropriations that have declined or been flat and property tax revenues that are threatened by serious declines in property values. Making up the difference for the loss of revenue from state and local property taxes by adopting huge tuition increases is unrealistic, especially in the depressed economy Michigan currently finds itself in.

Another reason for investing in our community colleges is how responsive they are to local needs by providing re-education for laid-off workers. These colleges are also agile in providing classes on demand by employers.

My support for community college education is personal as well as professional. I am a product of Michigan's excellent community college system with degrees from Michigan State and Wayne State built upon the solid education I received at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. I would not have had the exciting and rewarding career I enjoy without the educational foundation provided by the excellent instructors at Henry Ford.

Community colleges carry a heavy load and will continue to do so as Michigan transforms itself from a "heavy lifting" state to one with a knowledge-based economy.

Today's students/workers need to be able to learn continuously, think critically and adapt to a changing economy. We cannot and will not compete with developing nations on low-wage and low-skilled jobs. Our future depends on skilled, knowledgeable and flexible workers who can pivot rapidly and stay ahead of our global competitors. That workforce is being prepared today by a community college near you.

At a time when national data suggest that one of every five students at our finest and more costly universities requires developmental and remedial assistance to graduate, the value of a quality, less-costly community college education comes into sharper focus.

Schoolcraft Community College has earned the respect and deserves the support of the taxpayers.

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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 judgment 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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NORTHVILLE ETC.

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

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

MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**  
Date: First Monday of every month  
Time: 8 a.m.  
Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.  
Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

**Northville Township PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Date: Last Tuesday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Date: Third Thursday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Township Hall

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
Date: Third Wednesday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Township Hall

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**  
Date: Third Monday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Township Hall

**YOUTH ASSISTANCE**  
Date: Second Tuesday of every month  
Time: 8 a.m.  
Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road  
Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

**SENIOR EVENTS**  
Senior Community Center  
Location: 303 W. Main St.  
Contact: (248) 349-4140

**THURSDAY**  
8 a.m.: Walking Club  
9 a.m.: TOPS; Massage by appt.  
10:30 a.m.: Yoga  
11 a.m.: Cribbage  
Noon: Walking Club  
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

**FRIDAY**  
8 a.m.: Walking Club  
11 a.m.: Poker  
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club  
Noon: Walking Club  
1 p.m.: Movie

**MONDAY**  
8 a.m.: Walking Club  
9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg  
10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxycise  
11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance  
Noon: Walking Club  
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre  
7:15 p.m.: Tai Chi

**TUESDAY**



**'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'**  
Northville youths Lauren Eberhart and Lauren Talby were featured in the recent youth theater production of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin." Lauren Eberhart played Emma and Lauren Talby played Anna. They are shown with Novi resident, director Barbara Bloom. The show was at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
8 a.m.: Walking Club  
9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.  
10 a.m.: Oxycise  
11 a.m.: Strength Training  
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club  
Noon: Bridge; Walking Club  
1 p.m.: Cribbage  
7 p.m.: Bridge

**CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL**  
TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside  
Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

**ADULT 50+ FUN CO-ED VOLLEYBALL**  
TIME/DAYS: 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday  
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside  
Details: Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome.

**CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN BASKETBALL**  
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday  
Location: Senior Community Center  
Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

**HEALTH WALKING**  
Date: Monday-Friday  
Time: 8-10 a.m.  
Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

**PILATES CLASS**  
Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday  
Location: Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.

**FRIDAY FLICKS**  
Time: 1 p.m. every Friday  
Details: Cost is \$1.

**LIBRARY LINES**  
Northville District Library  
Location: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall  
Time/Day: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday.  
Contact: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.

**Home Safe Cleaning:** Have a non-toxic Home  
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 6  
Details: Learn how to have a healthy home free of harmful chemicals! Everyone will have a chance to mix healthy home cleaning recipes. Presented by Ecology Center of Ann Arbor. Call to register at 248-349-3020.

**Art-O-Session for Teens**  
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 7  
Details: Teens, grade 6th-12th!

Come hear a fascinating presentation about art from a vending machine (there's a machine in downtown Northville)! Make your own vending machine art - the "All Ears" finger puppet. Call to register: 248-349-3020.

**Jason Hudy's Comedy Magic Show**  
Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday, April 8  
Details: Enjoy Jason Hudy's action packed magic show. All children receive a complimentary balloon animal. 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk five minutes prior to program.

**Spring Break Movies & Munchies for Kids**  
Time/Date: Noon, Friday, April 9  
Details: Take a break during the Spring Break! Bring your lunch to the library and enjoy the movie Monsters vs. Aliens (DreamWorks, Rated: PG. Running time: 94 mins). Snacks and beverages provided. All ages welcome; children ages 4 and younger must attend with a caregiver. Caregivers of children attending independently must remain in the library. No registration needed.

**Drop-In Morning Storytime**  
Time/Date: 10:15-10:45 a.m.; Thursdays April 1-May 6  
Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers! All ages welcome to attend. Caregivers must accompany children age 3 and younger. No registration, just drop in!

**PARKS AND REC**  
Northville Parks and Recreation  
Location: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School)  
Contact: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities call (248) 349-0203 or visit northvilleparksandrec.org

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
DATE/Time: 7 p.m. second Wednesday, every other month beginning in Jan.  
Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road

**OPEN FAMILY BASKETBALL**  
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. every Sunday Sept.-April  
Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W Main St  
Details: \$2 Per person

**OPEN 40+ BASKETBALL**  
Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday  
Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W Main St  
Details: \$3 Per person

**OPEN ADULT VOLLEYBALL**  
Time/Date: 7:10 p.m. every Thursday 9 a.m. noon every Saturday Sept.-April  
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside  
Details: \$4 Per person

**OPEN BADMINTON**  
Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday  
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside  
Details: \$9 Per person, includes birds. Competitive style Badminton.

# Historical Society speaker brings Boblo's history to life

## Volunteer says steamers are on way back

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Many Detroiters remember how the Boblo Steamers used to bring people to Boblo Island for a day of fun in the sun.

The historic steamers were brought to life this month during a presentation by Lori Feret on March 10, "The Boblo Steamers: Matriarchs of the Detroit River," organized by Pat Allen of the Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village's New School Church.

Feret has been involved with a group of people who have been trying to save the Columbia and the Ste. Claire - the two boats that carried passengers from the banks of the Detroit River to Boblo Island.

The island is actually called Bois Blanc Island and is located 18 miles southwest of Detroit. Most Detroiters could not pronounce the French words and began to call the island Bob-Lo.

The Columbia was launched in 1902, and the Ste. Claire in 1910. The two boats shared the trip to Boblo Island for 81 continuous years, a service record unequalled in U.S. Maritime History.

**BEAUTY IN WORKMANSHIP**  
"These ships are the last of their kind to survive with a beauty in workmanship that is unequalled today," Allen said in introducing Feret. "They are a living representative of Detroit's maritime history, and she feels that it would be a crime to lose them."

Feret is an amateur photographer interested in lighthouses, antique ships and local history. She is involved with lighthouse organizations, the Friends of Belle Isle, the Friends of the Detroit River, Project Hope League of Metropolitan Detroit, the Parade Company and the Detroit Zoo.

She is also a member of the Boblo Boat Ste. Claire Restoration Team and serves as the local contact for the SS Columbia Project fund-raisers. She was formerly part of the membership from The Columbia Foundation and Friends of the Boblo Boat - Columbia.

**A LONG TRADITION**  
At the beginning of her presentation on the Boblo boats, Feret showed a television commercial from 1991 promoting trips to the island. The popularity of the boats began to decline in the 1980s, and the Ste. Claire made her last trip to the island on Labor Day 1991. The boat was declared an Historic Landmark in 1992. "Most of us have fond memories of Boblo Island, Captain Boblo, Louie the Lion and the Boblo Bear," Feret said. "We



Lori Feret, left, holding a photo of the Boblo boat the Columbia, was the guest speaker at the March 10 Northville Historical Society presentation "The Boblo Steamers: Matriarchs of the Detroit River" at Mill Race Village's New School Church. The talk was organized by society member Pat Allen, right.

**HOW TO KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE**  
Plans are to officially relaunch the former Boblo boat the Ste. Claire on her 100th birthday on May 7. Those who would like to make a donation to the Ste. Claire renovation project can mail a check to Maximus Corporation, 4541 Ottawa, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301. To find other ways to lend support, go to [www.bobloboat.com](http://www.bobloboat.com).

remember the loud whistles and a full day of fun."

**RICH IN STEAMBOAT HISTORY**  
Feret said the Detroit River is rich in steamboat history and that the first steamboat, the Victoria, was launched in 1872. She showed many old postcards and photographs of the boats and ticket offices. The early ships also took people to Belle Isle before the bridge was built. Promise was a boat launched in 1898. A round-trip ticket to Bois Blanc Island cost 35 cents. Other names of early boats were the Sappho, Pleasure Isle and the Britannia.

"In 1902, a ferry service from Canada began," Feret said. The Columbia was completed the same year in the Wyandotte Shipyard.

"There were live bands, dancing and dining," Feret said. The Joe Vitale Band was a favorite.

The dance hall, which still stands on Boblo Island, was the largest in the U.S. It was funded by Henry Ford, who commissioned famous architect Albert Kahn on the design. Unfortunately, there's talk of it being razed, Feret said.

**BOBLO A RESORT COMMUNITY**  
The Ste. Claire, which was built in the Toledo Shipyard, could accommodate 2,416 passengers. The Columbia could handle 2,566 people, and they were both designed by Frank E. Kirby and ran from May-September.

"Many of the crew members made a habit of working on the weekends," Feret said.

Currently, Boblo Island has homes and a marina and is a resort community. A jazz festival is held there each year.

As soon as it's refurbished by a group of volunteers, the Columbia will be towed to New York City harbor, where it will remain and have a unique teaching and cultural role in the community. Richard Anderson is president of the SS Columbia-New York Project.

The renovation project is divided into four phases: stabilization, relocation to New York, full restoration and its service on the Hudson River. A benefit cruise is planned in July of this year.

A local resident, Dr. Ron Kattoo, of the Maximus Corporation purchased the Ste. Claire in 2006 and wants to continue work on the boat, which will remain in the Detroit harbor. Renovation of the entire ship is being done.

"It's a work in progress, with most of the work being done by volunteers," Feret said. It may return to the water as soon as August of this year. A movie theater is even planned for the fourth floor.

"The demolition is pretty well finished, and the engines are workable."

"Ron's dream is for the Ste. Claire to cruise the river again," she said.

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# Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR NORTHVILLE BUSINESS Q&A

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS



Chris VanDam displays some of her spring line for sale at her 111 E. Main Street women's clothing: VanDam's.

## Van Dam's specializes in unique women's clothing

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

We have an eclectic mix of clothing and accessories for most occasions. We carry small designer lines such as Barbara Lesser, XCVI, Petit Pois, and Willow. We do a lot of personal shopping for clients.

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

I had a degree in education, in a climate much like today, and couldn't find a job.

3. Why did you choose this area?

I was at the Renaissance Center for 20 years and wanted to be closer to home.

4. What makes your business unique?

We only buy one of a size, of any given item, so our look is constantly changing.

5. How has it changed since you opened?

We first began as a designer lingerie boutique and slowly evolved into what we are today.

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

Yes, and it actually made the front page of the Detroit newspapers -- but you'll have to stop by the store to hear it!

### DETAILS

**Business Name:** Van Dam's Boutique  
**Address:** 111 E. Main Street, Northville  
**Your Name/Title:** Christine Van Dam/owner  
**Your Hometown:** Northville  
**Business Opened When:** 1978  
**Number of Employees:** five  
**Hours of Operation:** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday  
**Your Business Specialty:** ladies apparel and accessories  
**Phone:** (248) 449-4282

7. How has the recent economy affected your business?

I don't think there is anyone in this state who hasn't been affected. However, the positive note out of all this is more and more people want to buy things made in the U.S. And people are realizing if you have a great downtown, you support it to keep it great!

8. Any advice for business owners?

If you love what you do, it never seems like work.

### 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 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)
- 20: FastTrac® New Venture™
- 22: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM)
- 23: Oakland County CRA Small Business Money Smart Forum
- 27: Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business
- 28: Sales II: Is Following Up Your Best Sales Strategy?
- 29: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (PM)
- May 2010
- 5: WBE Certification Orientation
- 11: Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)
- 12: Team SBA Financing Roundtable
- 13: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (AM)
- 20: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM)

### 27: Small Business Loan Workshop

- June 2010
- 1: Pre-Business Research Workshop (PM)
- 9: Fiscal Fitness for the Growing Business
- 16: Sales I: Effective Networking
- 17: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM)
- 23: QuickBooks Essentials Part I
- 23: QuickBooks Essentials Part II
- 24: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (PM)

### Michigan retailers off to better start in 2010

Michigan retailers began 2010 with an upswing in sales and confidence, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The survey found that more than 40 percent of retailers increased sales in January, the highest level since November 2007. In addition, 49 percent project better sales for the rest of the winter and early spring, the best since March 2008.

However, the number of retailers posting year-over-year sales decreases in January, 47 percent, outnumbered those ringing up increases, 42 percent, for the 27th consecutive month.

The Michigan Retail Index survey for January found that 42 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 47 percent recorded declines and 11 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 49.9, up from 47.8 in December. A year ago, the index had dropped to 29.0 in January.

Index values above 50 generally indicate an increase in positive activity, while values below 50 indicate a decrease.

Looking ahead, 49 percent of retailers expect sales during February - April to improve over the same period last year, while 29 percent project a decrease and 22 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 61.8, up from 57.1 in December. A year ago the index had fallen to 41.6 in January.

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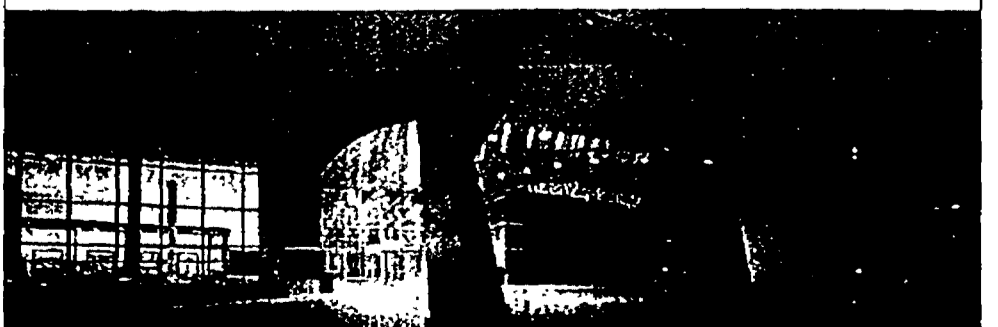
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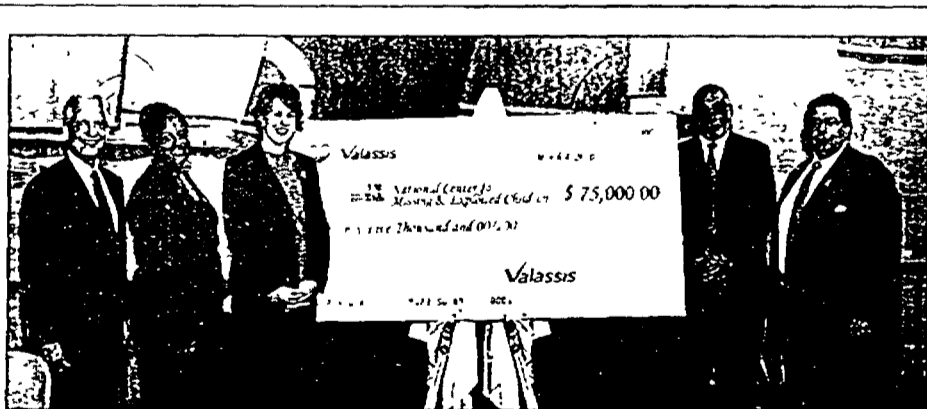
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### Helping children

Valassis recently presented the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children with a \$75,000 check as a result of a variety of employee-led fund raisers. From left to right: Ernie Allen, NCMCEC president and CEO; Lisa Reynolds of Northville, Valassis vice president of Consumer Engagement; Martha Bol-Johnson of Redford, co-chairwoman of the Valassis Giving Committee; Ralph Parilla, chairman of the NCMCEC Board of Directors; and Vince Giuliano, Valassis senior vice president of Government Relations.

### Miracle honors

Northville's Jeanette Schneider, VP/regional director of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan and Eric Miller, franchise sales consultant were honored to receive an award from Children's Miracle Network at a recent event. The award recognizes that RE/MAX agents from all over the United States have raised over \$100 million in personal donations toward the charity and its work with ill and recovering children across the country. "I am honored to accept this award on behalf of all the RE/MAX sales associates and broker/owners in Southeastern Michigan who contribute to CMN on a daily basis," said Schneider. "It is their commitment to this very worthy cause that makes this award possible. RE/MAX agents are a very charitable group and I am proud of their continued support and on-going efforts to raise awareness of this unique program we sponsor."





**CHURCH**

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**First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church**  
 Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 349-3647 or [firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org](http://firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org)  
 Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.  
 Family Worship: 11 a.m.  
 Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
 Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**  
 Location: 200 E. Main St.  
 Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit [firstpresville.org](http://firstpresville.org)  
 Sunday Worship  
 Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.  
 Walking in the Park  
 Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday  
 Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)  
 Details: Group meet for lunch after-

wards.  
 Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016  
**Single Place Ministries**  
 Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.  
 Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details [singleplace.org](http://singleplace.org).

**First United Methodist Church of Northville**  
**A Stephen Ministry Church**  
 Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.  
 Contact: (248) 349-1144 or [www.fumc-northville.org](http://www.fumc-northville.org)  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
 Times: (September-June) 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.; (July and August) 8:30 and 10 a.m.  
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 Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m.  
 Healing Service: 4 p.m. First Monday of every month  
 Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday for fourth-12th grades.

**Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m.** first and third Thursday for all women  
**Men's Club: 8 a.m.** the second Saturday  
**Career Ministry: 7 p.m.** first and third Monday

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
 Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
 Contact: (248) 349-0565  
**Sundays**  
 Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship  
**Livonia Church of Christ**  
 Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia  
 Contact: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

**Meadowbrook Congregational**  
 Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads  
 Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org) or e-mail to [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org).  
**Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.**  
 Sermon: Having a Plan

**Church School: 10-11 a.m.**  
**Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.**  
**Merry Widows Luncheon**  
 Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month  
**Pilgrim Fellowship**  
 Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays  
**Asking Questions adult education class**  
 Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays  
**Cross Walk**  
 Time/Date: 5 p.m. April 2  
 Details: Join us in a somber remembrance of Christ's final walk; from Meadowbrook Congregational

**Church to Novi United Methodist.**  
**Maudy Thursday**  
 Time/Date: 6:14 p.m. April 1  
 Details: Potluck and worship service

**Northville Christian Assembly**  
 Location: 41355 Six Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 348-9030  
**Sundays**  
**9-10 a.m.:** Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children  
**9 a.m.:** Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium  
**10:15 a.m.** Contemporary service in worship center; children's

super church on the second level (208/210)  
**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**  
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**Wednesday Family Night**  
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Larceny from auto

1 A 47-year-old resident of Surrey Lane reported a larceny from auto that took place between 12:01 a.m. and 5 a.m. on March 2.

The woman told police that while her vehicle was parked in her carport overnight that someone stole the catalytic converter from the car. She did hear a couple of loud noises in the middle of the night but did not get up to take a look.

The converter was valued at \$500.

Hubcaps stolen

2 A 44-year-old resident of Northridge Drive told police that the two front hubcaps were stolen from his vehicle between 12:01 a.m. and 2 p.m. Feb. 28.

The man's vehicle was parked in the parking lot near his apartment. The two hub caps were valued at \$130.

Driving, no license

3 A 42-year-old Sterling Heights man was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at

9:56 a.m. on March 3 at Eight Mile Road and Silver Springs Drive.

The man was pulled over after an officer ran his place while driving behind him.

Marijuana possession

4 A 17-year-old Northville Township boy and 18-year-old Northville Township boy were arrested for possession of marijuana at 7:17 p.m. March 3 at Seven Mile and Northville roads.

The arrest occurred after an officer on patrol in the Northville Recreation Park West off of Hines Drive was checking the southeast corner of the park near the volleyball courts.

He saw a small vehicle backed up against the trees in the extreme southeast corner of the back lot. The park was completely dark, but he could see that the vehicle's inside driver's light was on.

He pulled the driver over as he was leaving the park as it is illegal to be in the park after dark.

The driver said he was letting his car run because he had just added some fluid to it.

Two officers at the scene could

smell the odor of marijuana coming from the car.

A baggie containing 3.5 grams of the drug was found in a pocket of the 18-year-old's clothing.

Operating intoxicated

5 A 36-year-old Salem man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:50 a.m. on March 7 at Seven Mile and Gerald roads.

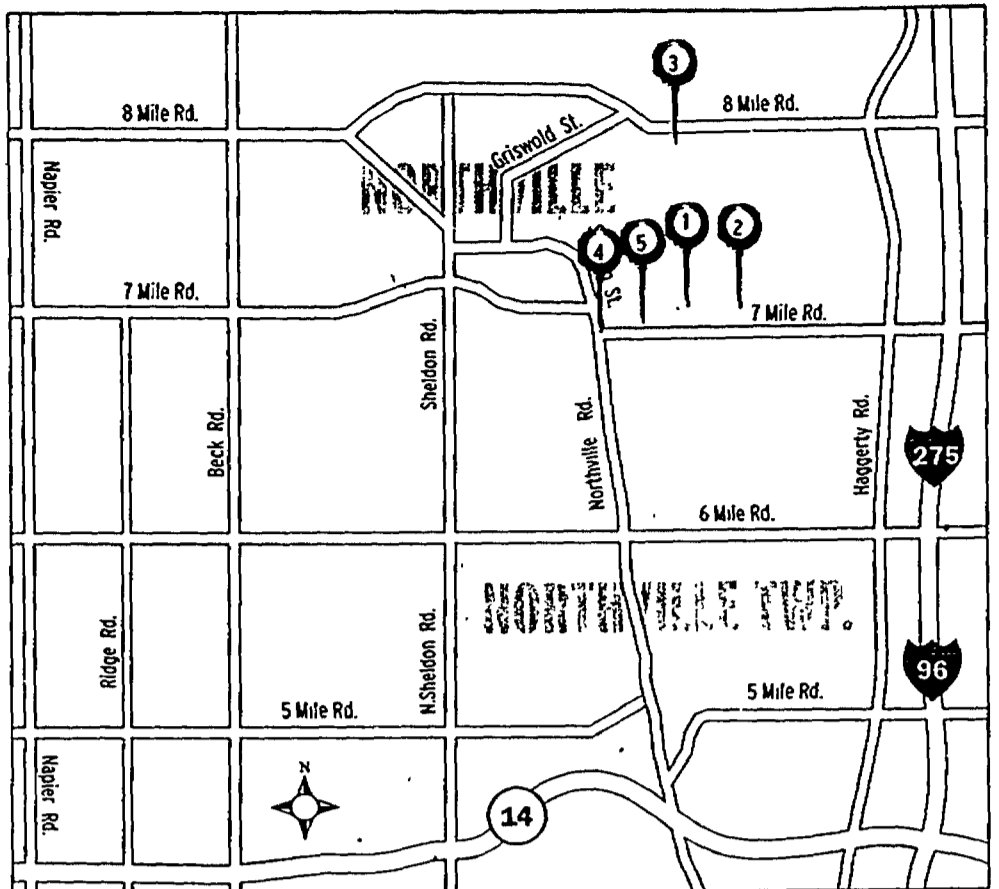
Dispatch had received a call from other driver that had followed the man's vehicle from Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia that the man was driving erratically.

Police saw the man's vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, crossing the center line and the fog line and jerk to the left suddenly to avoid jumping the curb.

An officer could smell alcohol coming from the car, and noticed that the driver's speech was slurred and that his eyes were bloodshot and glossy.

He stated that he had consumed five beers at a charity event at the restaurant.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming



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## Spring into cleaning

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- Change your detector batteries. You should have smoke and carbon monoxide detectors located throughout your home, these need to be changed biannually. Also, some residences have hardwired detectors. These detectors may have a battery backup system in place and should be replaced as well.
  - Make sure your address is completely visible from the street.
  - If you live down a long drive with overhead trees and branches, trim them back away from the drive.
  - Trim all shrubs and bushes around your home especially near doors and windows.
  - Replace the bulb in your porch light(s).
  - If a fire hydrant is on your property make sure it is clear of debris.
- Seconds count in the event of an emergency and every step that you take greatly increases your chances of survival. Changing the batteries

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in all of your detectors is critical and I cannot over stress the importance of it. Many residences in Northville Township are located down elongated drives or set far back from the street and having your address visible, your porch light on, and your driveway clear, will aid emergency personnel in a quick response. Our equipment can be big and bulky and if you have removed all overgrowth from around your residence, we can have a much more fluid response inside of your home.

Finally, it is of high importance that you keep your fire hydrant clear of debris and overgrowth. If your home or a home in your area happens to catch fire, the fire department could lose critical time in establishing water for suppression operations if your hydrant has debris around it.

Use these tips this spring to ensure that you are prepared for an emergency. If you have any other questions regarding preparations for you and your family in the event of an emergency, call the Northville Township Fire Department at (248) 348-5807, and we will be glad to assist you.

Jason Raschke is a firefighter with Northville Township. He can be contacted at [jraschke@twp.northville.mi.us](mailto:jraschke@twp.northville.mi.us).



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## Firefighters growing 'staches for kids

If you've noticed Northville Township firefighters appearing a bit different recently, it's for a good reason.

The Northville Township Professional Firefighters Union (NTPFFU) Local 3961 is growing Mustaches for Kids. The inaugural fund-raiser began as a fun way for fire department members to compete against one another, but blossomed into an event that will benefit Detroit Children's Hospital Burn Unit and has Northville Township firefighters growing sweet, sweet mustaches.

Starting March 1, firefighters began growing their mustaches after paying a \$10 fee to buy-in to the contest. Competitors are not allowed to shave their mustache for the entire month.

If they do, a \$20 early shave fee will be assessed and they will be disqualified from

the contest. Rules regarding mustache maintenance and grooming also apply.

At the end of the month, a poll will be taken amongst NTPFFU Local 3961 members and on Facebook to see who is voted Best 'Stache.

The winner will receive a small prize and a mustache trophy custom designed and created by the Northville Township High School ceramics class.

Mustaches for Kids will end March 31, but if you'd like to contribute to cause, show your appreciation or just get more information about the Northville Township Fire Department, visit [IAFF3961.org](http://IAFF3961.org) or search Northville Township Firefighters on Facebook.

Mustache Coordinator Jeff Sims is a firefighter/paramedic with the Northville Township Fire Department. He can be reached at [jsims@twp.northville.mi.us](mailto:jsims@twp.northville.mi.us).

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## Diamond goals are the same for Mustangs



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Mustang David Uberti pitches to the Spartans of Livonia Stevenson in a 2009 matchup.

### Baseball team is the one to beat every year

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
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John Kostrzewa knows that every team in the KLAACentral Division and Kensington Conference want nothing more than to beat the Mustangs baseball squad.

That's the price you pay when you string together championship after championship.

"Within the division, I believe all the teams will be tough," said Kostrzewa. "Winning four division and conference titles in a row means you will always get every team's best effort. The past two seasons we have had some great games with Salem, and Novi is always a huge rival game."

The Mustangs will be looking to Dylan Breault, Davin Montgomery and Dan Mills to lead the way.

Mills has been a three-year starter for the Mustangs and

has hit over .400 in each of the past three seasons. Last year he was an All-Conference selection.

Northville does have a lot of gaps to fill this year. Kyle Breault, the team's short stop, was the 23rd-round draft pick of the Washington Nationals in the Major League Baseball draft last year. Dave Uberti, a two-time All-Conference selection and a top pitcher, is also gone. Add to that catcher Anthony Sergi, All-State first baseman Bobby Thomas and All-State pitcher/designated hitter Ryan Mullen as well as jack-of-all-trades Matt Deacon to the list of those who graduated (all of them are playing college baseball) and it's clear there are roles that need players to step up.

Kostrzewa is worried though.

"The goals are always the same," he said. "Come to practice each day and prepare to be the best player and team you

can and all of the individual and team accolades will come. We don't talk much about goals other than getting better each day."

And there's really no point this year. Every team is going to bring their best and the Mustangs will have to play to their potential in order to win.

"Naturally, when you win several division and conference championships in a row, each game and year gets more and more difficult because teams are really gunning for you," said Kostrzewa. "Our teams have done a fantastic job of being mentally and physically prepared for each year and game."

The Mustangs lost 16 players from last year's team, and Kostrzewa noted he's aware that experience is the biggest hurdle at this point.

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## Development key to Northville success Mustangs softball team has to grow quickly

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Kary Couchman may only be in her second year of being varsity head coach of the Northville softball team, but she already knows her team well enough to know where immediate improvements need to be made.

Unfortunately for Couchman, and the Mustangs, the most needed improvement this year isn't one you can get by practicing. Northville's young team will be looking to mature quickly this season, especially with

the likes of Canton, Salem and Plymouth on the conference schedule.

"We play in a tough conference, so we'll face great competition throughout the year," Couchman said. "The Plymouth schools are always tough, especially."

Northville suffers this year from key losses to graduation. Four-time All-State catcher Sarah Rounsifer is the highest profile loss, followed by All-Conference and All-District pitcher Sam Doud. The Mustangs also lost experience in center fielder Mariel Wilson and first baseman Nara

DeMuro.

That team finished the season with a district championship before bowing out in the regional final.

This year, the Mustangs have just a single senior to turn to for experience and leadership and that's outfielder Megan O'Malley, who will be expected to help keep the squad on the right track this year.

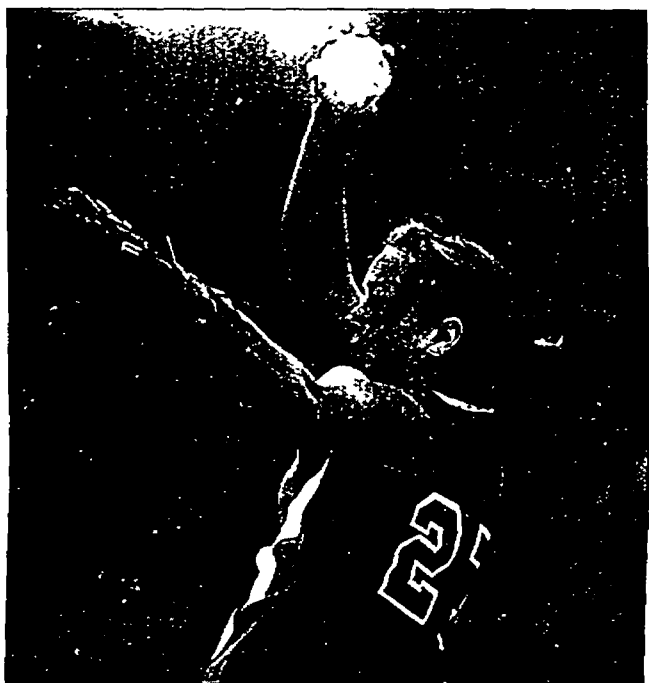
This year's team has four juniors and seven sophomores.

"We are a young team, so we'll need to mature quickly," noted Couchman. "We have a talented group, and we have

potential, but we need to learn and develop a faster pace than was necessary last year."

Juniors this year are pitcher/infielder Katie Fenech, short-stop Karly Fisher, pitcher Natalie Grimmer and catcher Mary Rounsifer. Sophomores are outfielders Ellie Asher, Jennifer Buckingham and Maggie Stewart, as well as catcher Rachel Brown, utility player Rachel Deacon, pitcher Laura Pond and infielder Meredith Williams.

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A Northville Mustang pitcher fires one homeward during a game against Novi last year.



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The Mustangs return 14 girls from last year's squad, and they'll have a new head coach - Eric Brucker.

## Changes on sideline for Northville soccer

### Mustangs return 14 players this year to pitch

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

There's going to be a little different style of coaching in the Northville Mustangs girls soccer games this season.

First-year head varsity coach Eric Brucker, who has been with Northville soccer for a total of 14 years, has been handed the reins and a very strong crew of returning players. He takes over for long-time coach Ron Meteyer, who retired from teaching last year.

With Brucker comes new assistant coach Robert Rowland, as well as a new junior varsity coach but familiar Northville name Lindsey Blair—a former Mustangs soccer standout. Laura Stratton will continue her six-year run as the freshman coach.

"Overall, I am very excited about this upcoming season," said Brucker. "We have a ton of talented players ready to make a run at second division, conference and association

title. With 14 players from last year's roster that felt the pain of being knocked out early in the playoffs, we have a lot of motivation to not let that happen again. We have increased our overall team speed and I like the chemistry that team has already shown in the pre-season scrimmages."

Having over a dozen returning players helps the team chemistry a ton. Returning seniors include midfielders Caroline Castelli, Stacy Clough, Ella Dodson and Jessica Lyon while defenders include Kelsey Fiscus, Tori Wright and Heidi Haller. Forward Lauren Lokey is also back this year, as are goalies Shelby Poerg and Katherine Jansen.

Juniors returning this year are forward Ali Hawksford and middle Andrea Stark, while sophomores are forwards Jenni Borawski and Mallory Weber.

New additions to this year's roster include senior middle Michelle Conti, junior midfielders Tara Cureton and Becky Reynolds

and sophomore midfielders Claire McHugh and Alex Gjonaj and defenders Tess Bradley and Sasha Gardner.

Last year, the Mustangs finished the regular season 10-3-3 and won the Central Division and Kensington Conference titles and took second in the Kensington Lakes Athletics Association. They bowed out, unexpectedly, in the first round of the playoffs to Plymouth.

This year the Mustangs will continue to keep an eye on Novi in division play.

"Brian O'Leary always puts together a great team," said Brucker.

In addition, he noted Stevenson will have new energy with a new coach, and Salem is always an extremely tough squad with Joe Nora at the helm—who also coaches Catholic Central's boys team.

Canton, Churchill and Plymouth are all games circled on the conference portion of the schedule.

"I think one of our biggest obstacles is

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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.northville-mustangbaseball.com](http://www.northville-mustangbaseball.com) to print off your registration form.

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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).

# New head coach helms boys track

## Team returns plenty of talent for 2010 season

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs boys track and field team will have plenty of firepower this season as they take to the task of winning their league in the talent-laden Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

The Mustangs welcome Joe Knisely to the head coaching position this season for his first year at the helm. Knisely is familiar with the team, however, having spent the past three seasons as the assistant head coach in the program.

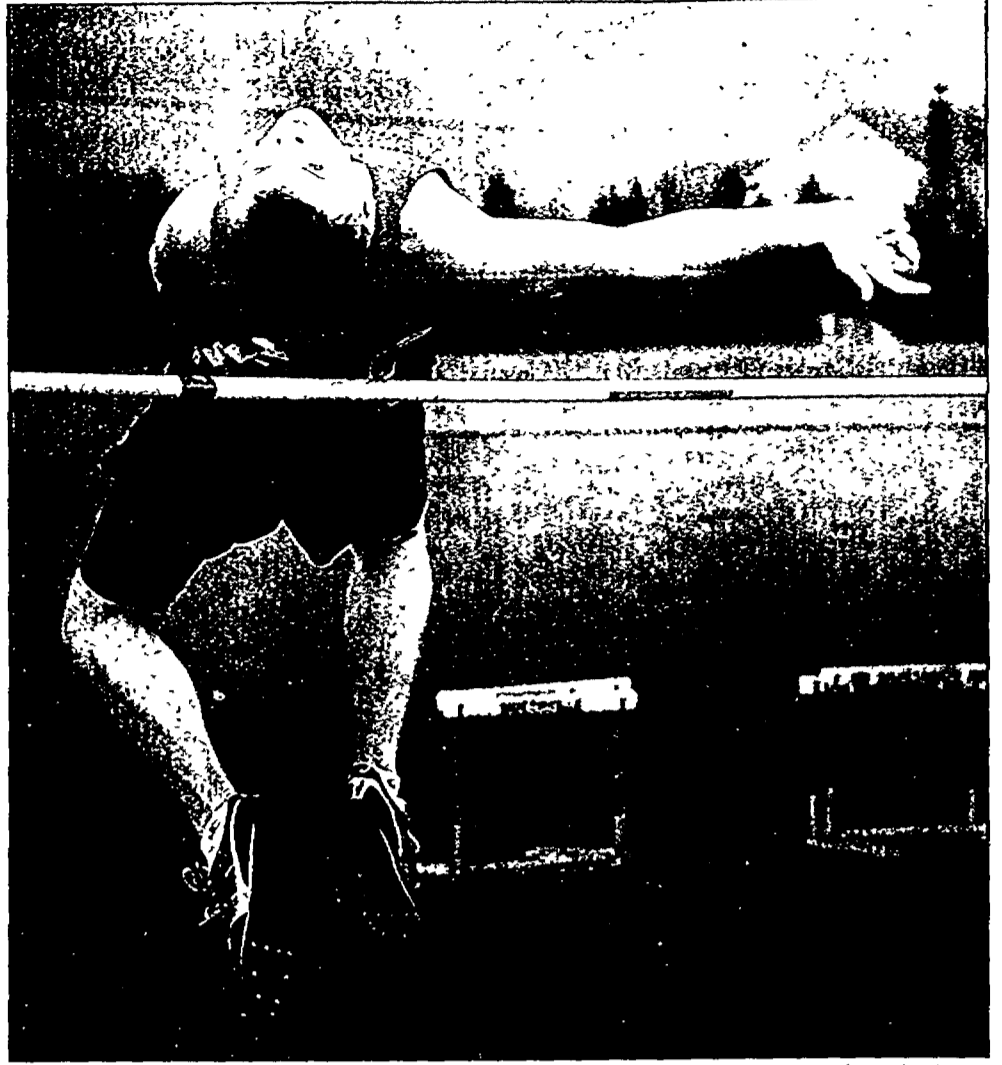
Knisely isn't pulling any punches when outlining his goals for the team, either. He has set his sights on the league title -- a feat not accomplished at Northville since 1992, before any current player was even born.

"We can do this by scoring in every event," said Knisely. "Salem is the probable favorite, but with a little luck and focus, we have a legitimate shot at it."

A few names come to mind when the idea of scoring in multiple events is brought to the conversation. First and foremost is Ali Arastu, a senior captain on the team who will bear a heavy burden of being the top athlete on the squad.

Last year, Arastu earned state-wide recognition and All-State honors with a second-place finish in the 300 intermediate hurdles and seventh in the state in 110 high hurdles. He was regional and KLAAs champion in the 300 hurdles and was an All-KLAA long jumper.

Another senior captain,



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Mustang Dave Brown competes in the high jump at a Northville High meet last season.

Frank Griffiths, will be expected to surpass last year's league championship in the 1600-meter run. Griffiths, who has already earned All-State recognition in cross country during the 2009 fall campaign, will also be key in several other events.

Paul Gibson, a senior captain and standout Northville athlete, will reprise his role as the team's go-to guy in the 800 and

400 meter events, while senior Chris Bentley will be shooting to repeat his performance as an All-KLAA discus thrower. Senior Jeff Wagner is expected to be one of the top pole vaulters in the KLAAs this season.

Junior Al Myers, who was the league champion in the high jump last year, will be asked to lead the way in the field events again, while junior Nick Dembecki and sopho-

more Ed Clifton will be key in Northville's hope of repeating as champion in the 3,200-meter relay as they return to the event this year.

Last year, Northville finished with a dual meet record of 3-2 and took third in the league meet.

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# Mustangs look to repeat strong season

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs will be looking to capitalize on a strong core unit of returning athletes this year as they get back in the hunt for the division and conference titles.

Last year, under then-first-year coach Kerry Barnett, the Mustangs went 4-1 in divisional dual meets, earned second at the division championships and third in the conference before going on to finish third in the regional and 27th in the state finals.

"Our biggest obstacle remains believing in our abilities," noted Barnett. "This team has good depth in most all the events and should be solid on the field as well as

on the track. We continue to develop new athletes, and the leadership of the 2010 edition is solid."

Northville will look to returning athletes Jaelyn Konopka, Amy O'Brien, Michelle Steslicki, Julie Xu, Mary Kay Brzezinski, Laura Cheaney, Chelsea Ciampa, Gina McNamara, Morgan Malloy, Courtney Minghine, Rylee O'Brien, Elizabeth Roach, Kristen Wines, Rachele Taubitz, Alexandra Moynes, Faith Miller, Helen Mulcahy, Emily Sklar, Molly Shuart, Megan Donohue and Hillary Chen to lead the way for the team.

The most notable is Roach, who was a All-State selection for her sixth-place performance in the high jump at the state

finals. She is also the current record holder at Northville High School for the event.

Co-captains this year are Xu and Konopka.

There are plenty of shoes that need to be filled, however, with the graduation loss of top-scoring athletes Amy Reynolds (All-State in pole vault, now at Grand Valley State University), Daniela Drury, Sarah Rounsifer, Shelby Johnson, Kanika Kochhar, Jenna Dehne, Julie Davison, Amy Baditof, Megan Sklut and Amanda Stacer.

The Mustangs should do fine, said Barnett, who expects the team to be able to fill in most of the gaps this year.

"The season is quite promising for this group of athletes," Barnett said. "With a solid

core returning on the track and in the field, the Mustangs hope to match last year's performances."

Northville's core group will be expected to score well in most meets: Roach in the high jump and 400 meters; Steslicki and Amy O'Brien in the pole vault; Konopka in the hurdles; Ciampa in the hurdles, long jump and relays; McNamara in middle distance; Brzezinski in the long jump; Moynes in the high jump and discus; Minghine, Malloy and Cheaney in sprints; Rylee O'Brien and Wines in the discus; and Xu in hurdles and sprints.

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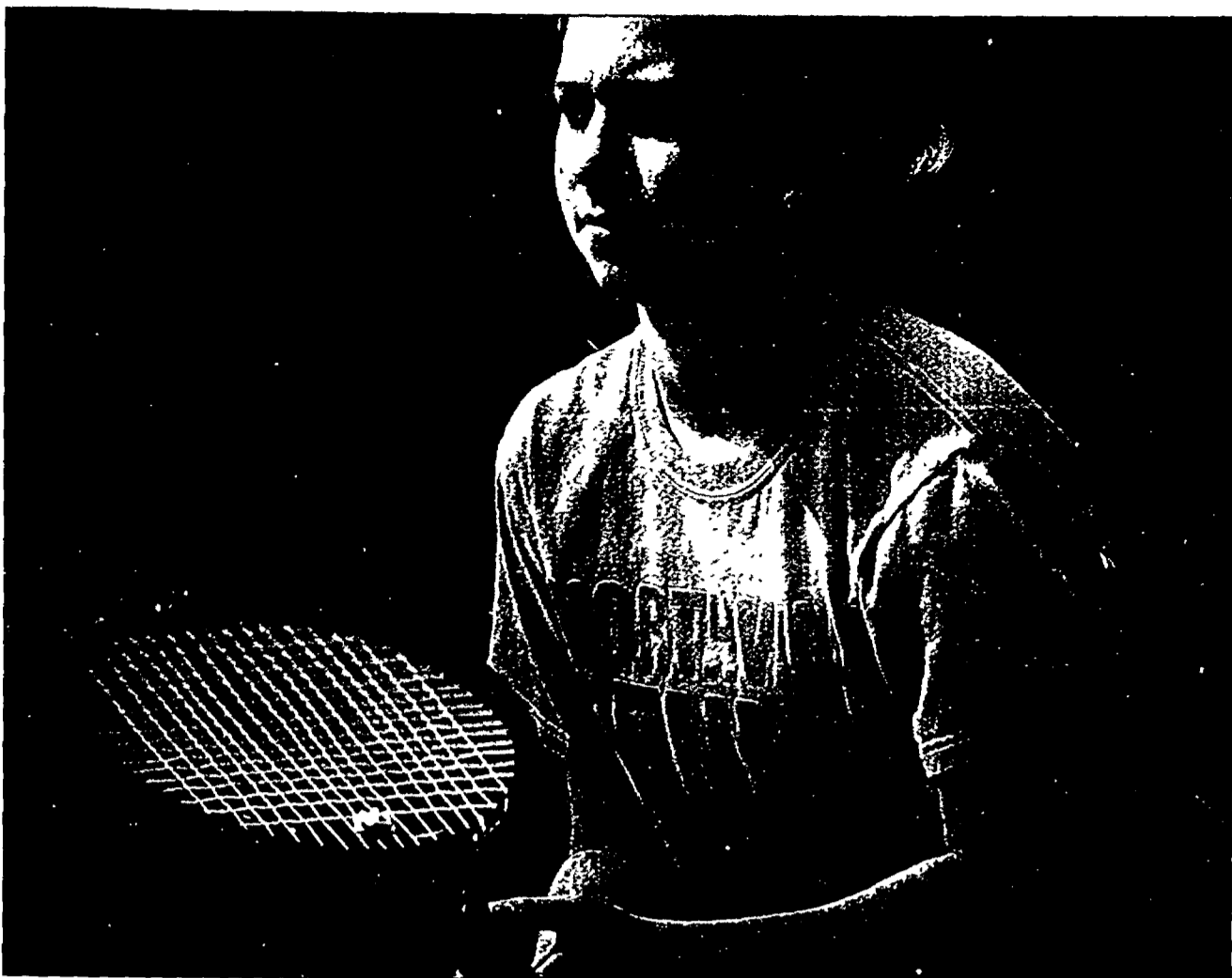
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Northville No. 1 doubles team player last year, Ursula Cauffiel.

# Mustangs have a slew of new faces

## Tennis team lost seven of top 12 players from last season

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

There will be plenty of new faces on Northville's girls tennis team this year. With seven of the team's top 12 players from last year's team having left via graduation, it's practically a whole new team.

But one face is still the same. Sandy Woolfall has been coaching Northville's varsity tennis team since 1998. She's still there.

"It's hard to believe," joked Woolfall.

The Mustangs lost their first two singles players, half of first doubles as well as their two

doubles team—big shoes to fill for the remaining Mustangs, especially since last year's squad finished fourth at the state finals.

Stepping up to lead the singles will be junior Joanne Weber and Erin Doud.

"They're battling out this week to see who will get the number one spot," said Woolfall. "They've both been working hard all year, so I know they'll do a great job for us at one and two singles."

Laura Taylor, an All-State player from last season and a captain this year, will be back at first doubles this year. Her fellow captain is Caiti Darish.

Filling in the gaps will be some very strong players.

"We have some very good doubles players moving up from junior varsity, so I expect that we'll again have great depth to the team," said Woolfall.

Northville's goals this year include competing at all levels in the KLAA as well as a return to the state finals and a top-10 finish.

So far this year the Mustangs have been able to get outside much more than they've been able to in the early weeks during seasons past.

"It's been great to be out-

side," Woolfall said. "It's given me a lot more time on the courts than if we had been indoors. However, I expect that it will take a couple of weeks to set the line-up."

Northville will get a chance to see everyone in action in their first play of the year come Saturday when they participate in a tournament in Canton. There, said Woolfall, all 16 Mustangs will play and she'll have a better idea of where the lineup will stand.

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# Girls lacrosse squad has sights set on progression

## Team has new coach, new style

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Jamie Francek may be a first-year head coach at Northville High School, but that doesn't mean there's going to be any diminished goals for the team.

Francek, who spent the past five years as girls lacrosse coach at Brighton and the four years before that at Bloomfield Hills Marian, didn't put one single goal on the table. Instead, there are five progressive goals.

First, the Mustangs will be looking to improve both individually and as a team; second, the squad will seek a winning record; third, the Mustangs are hunting for the KLAA championship; fourth, a regional title; and, fifth, a state championship.

But there are obstacles in the way. First and foremost is a new coach with a new style. Secondly, said the coach, it's having high expectations and having players reach and surpass their own personal goals.

Expected to lead the way for Northville is senior attack Kathleen Terrian, who has been courted by Grand Rapids-based Aquinas College to play in the fall—officially making her the first Northville girls lacrosse player to receive a scholarship to play at that level.

Terrian will have plenty of help from three returning seniors and two returning juniors this year. Kayley

Dahring, a senior attack, had 19 goals last year and 26 total points. Last year's most-valuable-player award recipient Eryn Smith, a senior defender, is back this year along with senior defender Morgan Brow. Combined they had 21 blocks, eight interceptions and 27 forced turnovers last season.

Kelsey DeRidder will be patrolling the midfield again this year, hoping to improve on her 17 checks, 26 ground balls and eight forced turnovers from last year, while junior goalie Rachel Jurczynsyzyn will be back in net after putting together 170 saves and 63-percent shots stopped average last year.

Northville will be aching a bit on the offensive side of things, however, and looking for goal scorers. The team's top three scorers—Hannah Deacon, Sarah Bielskis and Genna Guibord—all graduated.

The Mustangs, who finished last year with a 6-10-1 record and bowed out in the second round of the playoffs, will be keeping an eye on last year's KLAA champs South Lyon as well as second-place Brighton.

But, the coach noted, there's always one way to meet goals and beat teams and it's exactly what the Mustangs plan to use this year: Hard work and effort.

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finding more offensive production," Brucker said. "We started two freshmen last year at forwards and put a lot of pressure on those kids. They have gained a ton of experience over the last year from both high school soccer and from their clubs teams. They have more confidence and I think that will translate to more goal

production. In addition, we lost two of our three central midfielders. We will be trying a lot of different players in the middle to see which pieces fit best."

The Mustangs have played three scrimmage games to date. They tied Utica Eisenhower, 0-0, and beat both Stoney Creek and Grand Blanc, 1-0.

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# Rugby Knights have tough year ahead of them

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Last year, the Knights shocked the Michigan High School rugby world by climbing out of Division II competition as a fifth-seeded team and pounded out a third-place finish in the state.

This year, they're not going to be able to surprise anyone.

The Knights Rugby Football Club will have a bull's eye painted on the backs of their blue and orange ugly jerseys when they take to the season in 2010. Not only are they starting out in Division I, but every team wants to beat them to prove their worth.

"Since we are in Division I this year, we have some tough opponents on our hands,"

said Lucian Boar, an assistant coach for the Knights this year. "Teams like Birmingham, Grand Blanc and Brighton will prove to be challenging."

Those types of teams are underlined several times on the rugby schedule this season. There's no doubt the higher level of competition is going to prove a challenge to the Knights.

"We lost some pretty good leaders from last year's team that would drive and push the team forward," said Boar. "So, hopefully, this year there will be new ones who step up and take that responsibility."

The Knights have plenty of leadership to draw from, however. In the coaching ranks, the Knights have long-time experience to lead the way.

Ron Cornell, the head coach, is back for another year as are his assistants Mark Moebus and Noel Novarra. Richard Mackie is also back this year. Boar is the team's newest coach, signing on this year to patrol the sidelines after four years of playing for the Knights.

The Knights have plenty of experience on the pitch as well. Seniors Dan Jouppi, Dave Rogers, Wes Baber, Akshar Patel, Lucas Ronk and Christian Werther are expected to have an impact immediately this year. Senior scrum half Mark Pokrandt is currently injured, but is expected to return by the end of April.

Last year, the Knights finished third in the state after

bowing out of the playoffs against Grandville, who went on to lose in overtime to West Ottawa.

This year, the Knights will be focused on simply competing to the best of their abilities against some very tough opposition.

"Our team's goal is to have a successful season no matter what Division we are in, or who our opponents are," said Boar. "We try to teach the players to be leaders on the field, no matter what position they play. We don't try to create a championship team, but championship players that can take something with them."

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# Northville looking at KLAA lacrosse title

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Greg Durham knows a good boys lacrosse team when he sees one—and this year, he sees one at Northville.

The head coach, who is in his seventh year holding the reins to the Mustangs, has some top returning players from a team that finished 8-10 last year and advanced to the second-round of the regional tournament in post-season play.

"Our team goals are to win the KLAA," noted Durham. "Even though the league is

young, we have a great chance to win our league. After that, we have goals to beat certain teams, and to make it to our regional final game. We intend to achieve them by playing hard every game, every quarter. I have outstanding leadership this season, and we will depend on our senior heavy team to lead the way to a winning season."

One of those leaders is senior captain and first-team All-State selection Ian Meador, known for his outstanding ability during face-offs.

Joining him as a returning

player are two senior defenders, Dan Stern—an All-Region player last year—and Ashok Selby. Junior All-Regional attack Dylan Gelven is also back this year, as is junior goalie David Kettlehut.

The team will have plenty of obstacles this year on their way to trying to reach their goals. The biggest? Beating good teams, said Durham.

"We need to beat the well established teams to earn the respect," he said. "I believe that this team can beat anyone on any given day, they just lack that experience to do so."

Joining the other players this

year are seniors Kyle Galdes, Chris Wolin, Bobby Kruse, Makis Eatmon, Steve Ciranna, Jake Elker, Adam Bentley, Jake Johnson, Myles Baker, Brett Smith and Caleb Page. Juniors include Paul Soyster, Andrew Accardo, Michael Comben, Dan Cooke, Nick Denhoff, Dillon Good and Richard Cortopassi. Sophomores are Nick Meucci, Matt Sopha, Max Grezlik, Max Stuart, Andrew Bumbaugh, Garrett Glowacki and Jake Kippola.

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# Mustang linksters expected to be strong

## Team sets high conference, postseason goals again this year

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Matt Stetson isn't complaining about the team that returns this season, and who can blame him?

From last year's fifth-place state finals team, Stetson returns four players. In addition, two letter winners and two freshmen join the team in hopes of earning playing time.

In his fifth year at the helm of the program, Stetson and his teams have made quite the name for themselves. In the past three years, they've finished seventh, third and fifth at the state and earned three conference championships.

"Our team has been fortunate enough to achieve a lot of success in the past few, so we have set our goals fairly high," said Stetson. "We would like to first take care of Western Division through our dual matches, which will be tough with Stevenson, Novi and Salem. Secondly, we hope to repeat at the KLAAs Kensington Conference

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MATT STETSON, Northville boys golf coach

Tournament which would be a nice achievement with all of the depth in the league this year."

The team will then focus on qualifying for the state tournament, said Stetson, and make another solid two-day run at the finals.

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To help aide in that goal, the Mustangs will play during the regular season some of the best teams in the state.

Returning to this year's squad is a slew of talented players, led by Trevor Grigg, a senior who was first-team

All-State, All-Area and All-Conference and a sophomore and a junior and All-Area Player of the Year as a sophomore. He finished in the top-10 individually in the state tournament and last year he averaged 74.8 in 18-hole tournaments.

Joining him is Eric Goebel, a senior who was All-Conference and All-Area last year, as well as senior Alex Bernstein, who averaged a 78 in 18-hole regular season tournaments last year. Brandon Cameron, a senior, is also back from the state team.

Looking to contribute this year will be Blake Bonatz and Mike Walton, both returning letter winners, and freshmen Kevin Collareno and Todd Goebel.

Northville did lose last

year's Division I state champion and member of last year's Super Team for gold in Wes Gates, who now plays for Bowling Green. Also graduated is Steve Brown, an All-Area and All-Conference player.

The team finished 10-1 in dual matches and was Division, Conference and District champion.

Stetson said that since his team is experienced that the focus will be on peaking at the right time.

"Boys golf is set up to reward those teams that are playing their best golf at the end of the season," he noted. "The regular season matches and tournaments are all a dress rehearsal for the conference, district, regional, and state tournament. A team can play flawless all season, struggle a little at the end, and they are done. Our obstacle will be to avoid this letdown and deliver on the big stage."

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



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mustang Tim Kelly golfs at the Links of Novi during the '09 campaign.



SUSAN ALAMEDDINE

## JV finishes 19-1

The Northville High School JV basketball team ended the season with an impressive 19-1 record, capturing the KLAAs Central Division Title. Pictured (l to r, back) are Mitch Alameddine, Andrew Wright, Ryan O'Callaghan, Andrew Schanne, Brandon Patrone; (middle) Team assistant Jack Gertley, Kyle Keech, Nick Raad; (bottom) Paul Cherry, Andrew Poterala, Tom Charara, Jeffrey Hewlett. Not pictured Team assistants Matt Trumbore and Brad Stegmeyer Coaches Joe Rohrhoft, Aaron Redden and Brandon Langston.

## Whalers and Greyhounds tied at one game apiece

The Plymouth Whalers exploded for three unanswered goals in the second period to overcome a 1-0 deficit and the Whalers went on to defeat the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, 5-2, in an Ontario Hockey League playoff game played Saturday before 2,743 at Compuware Arena.

The best-four-of-seven OHL Western Conference quarterfinal series is tied at one game apiece, with games 3 and 4 set for next Tuesday and Wednesday at the Essar Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

Plymouth received excellent offensive balance in the game, with first star Phil McRae, second star AJ Jenks and third star Tyler Seguin all scoring a goal and an assist. James Livingston and Joe Gaynor scored the other Plymouth goals.

Whalers goaltender Scott Wedgewood replaced starter Matt Hackett at the start of the second period and was also instrumental in the victory in stopping 11-of-12 shots over the final forty minutes.

Jake Carrick and Vern Cooper scored for Sault Ste. Marie.

Carrick scored the only goal of the first period for the Soo, converting Brandon Archibald's shot from the right point in batting home the rebound past Hackett at 16:24.

Plymouth took the game over in the decisive second period, outshooting the 'Hounds, 21-5.

"We started to get a lot of shots and it was a matter of time before they started to go in," said McRae. "Finally, we were able to break them down and get a couple of goals."

McRae set up Livingston at 9:31 of second period to tie the game at 1-1. On the play, Livingston skated to the left circle in the Soo zone and roofed a back hand shot over the shoulder of Greyhounds goaltender Robin Lehner.

"It was a great play by Livvy," McRae explained. "I just gave him the puck in the neutral zone and he beat two or three guys and was able to score."

Jenks gave the Whalers their first lead at 12:44 of the period when he skated into the Soo

slot, cut to the left hash mark, faked forehand and stuffed a back hand past Lehner.

McRae scored top shelf from the severe angle at the right goal line at 19:00 of the period to give Plymouth a 3-1 lead - the first lead of more than one goal for either team in the series so far.

"We're just trying to get a lot of shots on him (Lehner) and get pucks to the net," McRae said. "We were just shooting for the openings and tonight they just happened to be high on him."

Plymouth won many of the battles for pucks in the second period in building the 3-1 lead after forty minutes.

"We wanted to work extra hard for 'Wedge' (Scott Wedgewood)," McRae said. "He sat on the bench over the entire period and came in cold. So we wanted to help him out."

The only goal Wedgewood gave up was a strange one and cut the Plymouth lead to 3-2 in the third period, coming on a delayed call to Sault Ste. Marie defenseman Michael Quesnele when the puck was mishandled by the Whalers and the puck went over the goal line. The goal was credited to Vern Cooper at 12:44.

But Plymouth came right back to lead 4-2 twenty seconds later on the power play when Seguin rifled a low shot from the left circle that deflected off a Soo stick and past Lehner at 13:04.

Lehner was pulled for an extra attacker in the final minute of regulation, but Seguin blocked a shot in the Plymouth slot and the puck pinballed to Gaynor, who scored on the empty net at 19:05.

Plymouth outshot the Soo, 48-26.

The rest of the series shapes up like this:

- Game 3 - Tuesday, March 23, 7 p.m. at Sault Ste. Marie;
  - Game 4 - Wednesday, March 24, 7 p.m. at Sault Ste. Marie;
  - Game 5 - Friday, March 26, 7 p.m. at Plymouth;
  - Game 6 - Sunday, March 28, 7 p.m. at Sault Ste. Marie (\*);
  - Game 7 - Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m. at Plymouth (\*).
- (\* if necessary)

**Charter Township of Northville  
CODE OF ORDINANCES  
Revisions to Chapter 58 Building Construction  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

Notice is hereby given that the Adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code will take place on April 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, at the Township Municipal Offices located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168

An ordinance of the Charter Township of Northville adopting the 2006 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures in the Charter of Township Northville, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; repealing all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

Revisions to the following:  
58.17 - International Property Maintenance Code, 58.18 - Changes, 101.1 - Title, 102.3 - Application of other codes, 103.5 - Fees, 106.4 - Violation penalties, 111 Means of Appeal, 302.4 - Weeds, 304.12 - Insect Screens, 602.3 Heat supply, 602.4 - Occupiable work spaces and some revising of some section numbers.

A copy of the complete text of the proposed ordinance is available at the Township Clerk's Department, 44405 Six Mile Road, during regular business hours, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and on the township's website at [www.twp.northville.mi.us](http://www.twp.northville.mi.us)

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk  
Charter Township of Northville

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**City of Northville  
Proposed Ordinance Amendment**

At its regular meeting on March 15, 2010, the Northville City Council introduced for first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 70 Special Assessments. The proposed amendments are described as:

- Section 70-18 Contract Authorized in Lieu of Special Assessment Procedure
- Section 70-19 Lien- Created

Second reading and possible adoption is scheduled for the regular City Council meeting on April 5, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Public comments will be received during this meeting. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE  
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS  
OFFICE CLOSING**

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, April 02, 2010 in observance of Good Friday. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 05, 2010.

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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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CC's Michael Sullivan tries to get a shot off from his back as the Shamrocks take on Brother Rice last year.

# CC lacrosse has hands full in CHSL

## Shamrocks looking to learn quickly this season

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Trust will be the theme this season when the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks lacrosse team takes the field. It's a key issue for Dave Wilson's team, which will be looking to somehow fill the shoes of Chris Nemes, an All-American who is now at UD-Mercy.

It isn't so much the playoffs that Wilson is eyeing with concern this year, but rather the league that produces the top teams in the playoffs.

"I am concerned with surviving the Catholic League," admitted Wilson. "There's no way to focus on just one team."

The Shamrocks know that well. After going 11-11 last year in the regular season, they marched all the way to the state semifinals only to face familiar Catholic High School League foe and school rival Brother Rice. The Shamrocks bowed in that game, 11-5.

There are plenty of players back this season who can clearly recall that biting loss. Senior defender Alex Moore, a second-team All-State selection last year, is one of them. Joining him is third-team All-State selection senior Kevin Lerg, the team's goalie.

Senior Jeff Janer will again be patrolling the midfield for the Shamrocks.

Junior attack Mitch Burgin

is back as well and hoping to repeat on his second-team All-State selection from last year. Fellow junior Mike Birney will be again playing midfield for the Catholic Central squad.

The key this year, said Wilson, who is in his fifth year as head coach for the Shamrocks, isn't defense or offense or goalie play. It's teamwork and it has to be found right away.

"Our squad needs to trust each other and become a family," Wilson said. "We will continue our teambuilding with events and unities."

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

# Shamrocks baseball team sporting new faces

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central baseball team will have a lot of faces and names fans of the varsity team may not recognize this season. That's because last year's senior-heavy squad graduated most of the team's starters.

That doesn't mean the Shamrocks will be any less competitive than they have been in years past. Head coach Kevin Walters, who is entering his fifth season at the varsity helm, will make sure of that.

Last year's squad took plenty of knocks, finishing 18-17 on the year. Out of the season schedule, however, 28 games were played against teams that finished in the final 32 in the state playoffs. One of those losses was to eventual state champion DeLaSalle.

The team does have a few big names returning—some who are readily recognizable

from their contributions to other Catholic Central Sports. Senior leaders this season are expected to be John Jakubik, Jon Savakus, Matt Schaeffer, Blake Smith, Corey Smith and Marc Zughaib.

Other seniors include Cole Borland and Sam Landry, while juniors are Bobby Dulzo, Joe Panfil, John Lawless, Greg Voutsos, Rob Golematas, PJ Nowak, Nathan Beck, Ryan Keller, Colin Talbot, Michael Tibbits, Mitchell Gatt and Bob Green. Underclassmen this year include sophomore Nolan Gluchowski and freshman Liam Teevens.

"The guys have been working hard, even though the majority of our players are multi-sport athletes," said Walters. "I hope that their success and leadership carries over to the baseball diamond."

That success could mean big things for the Shamrocks. Nearly half of this year's team includes players who won

a state championship with another sport in the fall or winter.

Walters will be looking to his seniors to step up and lead his team against some of the stiffest competition in the state—including league play in the always-competitive Catholic High School League.

"The great senior leadership, and a phenomenal work ethic, should pay some big dividends this year," he said.

The biggest obstacle the Shamrocks will have this season is getting untested players experience, and fast. When the CHSL play opens up, the Shamrocks will have their hands full—three state championship teams have emerged from the league in the past two years.

"There is no such thing as a 'gimme' in the CHSL Central Division," noted Walters.

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

# Novi's Johnson finishes with second POY award

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

A senior captain and forward for Novi's Wildcats, Caroline Johnson was Ms. Big Shot for the KLA Central Division champions all year.

She was second on the team in both points (13.1) and rebounds (5.0), but was Novi's clutch player regardless of where she was on the floor. Capable of playing all five positions, she earned 3.5 assists on offense and 2.0 steals and 1.6 blocks on defense.

"Caroline has always been a gifted basketball player, but I feel her biggest jump this year came with her leadership skills. I feel she was our leader on and off the court," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "She is a multi-talented player and she will truly be missed."

Taking most of her shots from distance or on the run, Johnson shot 41.1 percent from the field and 39.1 percent from three-point land, from which she hit 50 long-range shots this season. She also secured victories with 81.5-percent shooting from the free throw line, one of several reasons she was recruited to play at Indiana University next year. She also earned KLA Kensington All-Conference honors.

Johnson was also the Player of the Year as a sophomore.

### FIRST-TEAM

**Kelsey Masserant (Novi Sr. F)**

Leading the All-Area candidates with 15.3 points per game, Masserant teamed with Johnson to create a two-way, inside-out threat that very few teams could solve throughout the season. Dominating underneath the basket, she got 3.5 of her 7.8 rebounds per game on the offensive end and shot 56.3 percent from the field. She also made 1.8 steals per game and shot 65 percent from the charity stripe while earning KLA Kensington All-Conference honors.

"Kelsey is the epitome of hard work. To go from being a role player as a sophomore to averaging over 15 points and 8 rebounds a game her senior year says everything you need to know about her," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "I couldn't be more proud of her because she deserves all the recognition she earns."

**Stephanie Lock (Lakeland Jr. F)**

One of the area's most versatile players, Lock averaged 13.9 points, 9.8 rebounds, 2.2 assists, 2.3 steals and 1.8 blocks per game. She had six double-doubles on the season.

"Stephanie can impact a game in so many ways, especially on offense. She's a difficult matchup on defense because she can score inside and outside, plus she knows how to set up her teammates for scoring looks. Plus, she still has room to get better," Lakeland coach Mike Head said.

**Kate Grunewald (South Lyon East Sr. G)**

### ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Player of Year**  
Caroline Johnson, Novi
- First Team**  
Kelsey Masserant, Novi  
Kristen Short, South Lyon  
Kate Grunewald, South Lyon East  
Stephanie Lock, Lakeland  
Amy Carlton, Lakeland
- Second Team**  
Alyssa Armiak, Novi  
Katie Giacomini, Northville  
Lindsey Bandyk, Milford  
Rachel Crawford, Milford  
Courtney Harrison, South Lyon
- Honorable Mention**  
Lakeland - Ciara Schultz, Jillian Parsons  
Milford - Patience Santini, Lauren Smith, Claire Fuelling  
Northville - Tori Wright, Julia Ramey  
Novi - Jessica Cingel, Brittany Berekulka  
South Lyon - Gabrielle Williams, Jennifer Maslany  
South Lyon East - Courtney Emery

Leading a struggling Cougars squad, Grunewald averaged 13.2 points, 8.6 rebounds, 1.1 assists, 2.2 steals and shot 32 percent from three-point land. She had six double-doubles while earning KLA Kensington All-Conference honors and is now considering college options.

"Even though other teams knew she was a key threat, she was extremely consistent throughout the year. Kate is a very versatile player who was able to play all positions effectively," South Lyon East coach Rob Leadley said. "She had six double-doubles, including a 21 and 20 performance against Wayne. Kate is a tenacious competitor who works hard to make herself, and our team, better."

**Kristin Short (South Lyon Jr. G)**

Averaging 12.5 points per game, Short was the Lions' clutch player, shooting 31.3 percent from three-point land and 70.6 percent from the free throw line. She was also well rounded in averaging 4.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 4.4 steals while earning first-team All-KLA honors.

"She carried our team through a lot of adversity to a successful season. Between returning players coming back from injuries and the loss of experience to graduation, Kristin was the rock the team could depend on, whether that meant stepping up to play another position, scoring or getting a stop defensively," South Lyon coach Eric Short said.

**Amy Carlton (Lakeland Sr. G)**

A perimeter threat on the Eagles' squad, Carlton averaged 10.3 points, 4.4 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 2.0 steals on the season. She also came up big from three-point land, shooting 39 percent from distance and hitting 21 threes on the season while taking care of business as Lakeland's best defender.

"Probably the most valuable player on the court for us. Her impact on the defensive end cannot be measured in statistics alone; her intensity alone wears down whoever she is guarding," Lakeland coach Mike Head said. "On the offensive end, she affects the game in a way that also doesn't always show up in the box score. Whether she's handling pressure, leading our transition offense or hitting a clutch shot, Amy was critical to our success. Bottom line, she's one of the finest student-athletes I have coached and probably ever will."

### SECOND TEAM

- Lindsey Bandyk (Milford Jr. G)
- Leading the Mavericks in points (10.8) and steals (1.4) per game, Bandyk was one of Milford's most consistent players. She also averaged 2.8 rebounds per game and was named to the KLA Lakes' All-Conference team.
- Alyssa Armiak (Novi Jr. PG)

She was the best defender on a strong, 18-4 Novi squad. Armiak averaged 5.6 points per game with 42.7 percent shooting as perhaps Novi's best all-around full-court player. She also averaged 3.0 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.9 steals while earning KLA Kensington All-Conference honors.

**Katie Giacomini (Northville Jr. G)**

Averaging 7.4 points per game, Giacomini led the Mustangs in scoring. She also came up with big shots, shooting 40.7 percent from three-point range and 71.4 percent from the free throw line, good for All-Conference honors in the KLA Kensington Conference.

**Rachel Crawford (Milford Sr. G)**

Playing post and perimeter, Crawford was a leader both on and off the court for the Mavericks. She averaged 7.9 points and 4.0 rebounds to earn a Lakes All-Conference honorable mention.

**Courtney Harrison (South Lyon Jr. PG)**

As one of the better guards in the league, Harrison led her team onto the floor each night. She also averaged 6.1 points, 3.5 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 1.5 assists per game (with a 59:47 assists-to-turnover ratio) while earning All-KLA first-team honors.

### HONORABLE MENTION

- Lakeland - Ciara Schultz (So. G), Jillian Parsons (Jr. G)  
Milford - Patience Santini (Jr. C), Lauren Smith (Jr. C), Claire Fuelling (Jr. F)  
Northville - Tori Wright (Sr. G), Julia Ramey (Sr. F)  
Novi - Jessica Cingel (Sr. F), Brittany Berekulka (Fr. G)  
South Lyon - Gabrielle Williams (So. G), Jennifer Maslany (Sr. F)  
South Lyon East - Courtney Emery (Sr.)

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

# Record-breaking state meet for swim club

Spartan Aquatic Club, Novi had six swimmers compete at the Michigan Swimming 12 & Under State Meet March 12-14.

The Spartan swimmers all had a great weekend and the team finished 14th in the state with over 50 teams in attendance.

The top six finishers for Spartan swimmers were Morgan Jones, Camden Murphy, Matthew Lee, Larry Zhao, Luke Doyle and Rudy Aguilar.

Camden Murphy (10) Novi: He broke every state record and finished first in the six events he swam (50-yard Freestyle, 50-yard butterfly, 100-yard freestyle, 100-yard butterfly, 100 individual medley and 50-yard backstroke). He also broke the National Record for the boys 10 & under 50 yard butterfly with a time of 26.58. The record had been in place for 28 years. This record was recently set in January by a South Dakota swimmer, but was previously set in 1982. Camden was the first place high point winner at the meet and also swam on the boys relay team.

His additional records include from last year include boys 10 & under 50 LCM butterfly, 50 LCM freestyle and 100 LCM butterfly.

Morgan Jones (11) Novi: She swam in six individual girls 11-12-year-old events at the State Meet. She finished in the top 16 in the state in four out of six of her individual events (500-yard freestyle, ninth; 200-yard freestyle, 12th; 200 individual medley, 13th; and 50-yard breast, 16th).

Morgan also is the current record holder for the girls 10 & under 400 LCM freestyle, July 2009.

Larry Zhao (10) Northville: Larry swam in six individual events in the boys 10 & under at the meet and swam personal best times in all (50-yard backstroke, sixth; 100-yard butterfly, eighth; 100 individual medley, ninth; 200 individual medley, 10th; 500-yard freestyle, 12th).



BONNIE JONES

The Spartan Aquatic Club, Novi includes (l to r) Larry Zhao, Morgan Jones, Camden Murphy, Matt Lee (missing) and Luke Doyle and Rudy Aguilar.

Larry also was a member of the boys relay team. Matthew Lee (10) Northville: Matthew swam in three individual events at this first state meet (100-yard breast, 50-yard breast, both personal bests; and 100 individual medley)

Matthew swam on the boys relay team. Luke Doyle (8) Northville: Luke swam at his very first State Meet and is only 8 years old. He swam in the 50-yard butterfly and also on the boys relay teams.

Rudy Aguilar (11) Commerce Township: Rudy is a new member of Spartan Aquatic Club and swam unattached at the State Meet, finishing in the top 16 in five of his six individual events and posting personal best times for every event. Rudy placed ninth in the 200-yard freestyle; 10th in the 100-yard freestyle; 13th in the 50 butterfly; 15th in the 100-yard butterfly; and 16th in the 50-yard freestyle.

Spartans also had a relay team -- Murphy, Zhao, Lee and Doyle -- that competed in both the 200-yard freestyle relay and 200-yard medley relay, finishing second in both events.

# Shamrocks look to repeat as CHSL track champs

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

There's no doubt the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks track boys are going to have a challenge awaiting them this year as they set their goal of repeating their fortunes from last year.

The squad, coached by experience with Tony Magni returning, lost several key athletes that scored for the Shamrocks at last year's state finals meet.

But, that's not likely going to slow down the Catholic Central squad if they have a say.

"We do have some athletes from last year that should step up," noted Magni.

And step up is exactly what they'll have to do if the Shamrocks want to repeat as Catholic High School League champions and then advance into the post-season and win their regional as they did in 2009.

The athletes Magni will be looking to score big points for the Shamrocks include senior Spencer Hall, who will

participate in the 400-meter dash, the 4x400 relay and the 4x800 relay. Jeff Sherman, a senior, will be expected to turn in strong performances in the shot put, while senior Ricardo

Galindo will likely be a leader in the 3,200-meter run.

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

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# Novi High School

## BASEBALL

All games 4 p.m. unless noted  
 4/10 TBA Country Day (DH 1)  
 4/10 TBA Country Day (DH 2)  
 4/12 Wayne Memorial  
 4/14 South Lyon (DH 1)  
 4/14 6 p.m. South Lyon (DH 2)  
 4/16 Milford (DH 1)  
 4/16 6 p.m. Milford (DH 2)  
 4/19 @ Canton  
 4/21 @ South Lyon East (DH 1)  
 4/21 6 p.m. @ South Lyon East (DH 2)  
 4/24 10 a.m. @ Saline (DH 1)  
 4/24 12 p.m. @ Saline (DH 2)  
 4/26 Plymouth  
 4/28 Northville (DH 1)  
 4/28 6 p.m. Northville (DH 2)  
 5/1 9 a.m. @ Berkley (DH 1)  
 5/1 11 a.m. @ Berkley (DH 2)  
 5/3 @ Livonia Franklin  
 5/5 Livonia Stevenson (DH 1)  
 5/5 6 p.m. Livonia Stevenson (DH 2)  
 5/6 West Bloomfield  
 5/6 6 p.m. @ Walled Lake Central  
 5/8 11 a.m. @ Lake Orion  
 5/10 Livonia Churchill  
 5/12 @ Plymouth Salem (DH 1)  
 5/12 6 p.m. @ Plymouth Salem (DH 2)  
 5/15 10 a.m. Lakeland  
 5/15 1 p.m. Gabriel Richard  
 5/17 @ Westland John Glenn  
 5/19 @ Conference Championship (South)  
 5/22 11 a.m. Marysville (DH 1)  
 5/22 1 p.m. Marysville (DH 2)  
 5/26 @ Association Championship

## SOFTBALL

All games 4 p.m. unless noted  
 4/12 Wayne Memorial  
 4/14 South Lyon (DH 1)  
 4/14 6 p.m. South Lyon (DH 2)  
 4/19 @ Canton  
 4/21 @ South Lyon East (DH 1)  
 4/21 6 p.m. @ South Lyon East (DH 2)  
 4/24 TBA @ Stacey Shaleb Tournament  
 4/26 Plymouth  
 4/28 Northville (DH 1)  
 4/28 6 p.m. Northville (DH 2)  
 5/3 @ Livonia Franklin  
 5/5 Livonia Stevenson (DH 1)  
 5/5 6 p.m. Livonia Stevenson (DH 2)  
 5/8 TBA @ Fred Pieper Tournament (Royal Oak)  
 5/10 Livonia Churchill  
 5/12 @ Plymouth Salem (DH 1)  
 5/12 6 p.m. @ Plymouth Salem (DH 2)  
 5/15 TBA @ Madonna Classic  
 5/17 @ Westland John Glenn  
 5/19 @ Conference Championship (South)  
 5/26 @ Association Championship

## GIRLS SOCCER

All games 7 p.m. unless noted  
 3/25 Ann Arbor Pioneer  
 3/26 Walled Lake Central  
 3/29 7:30 p.m. @ Canton  
 4/14 Walled Lake Western  
 4/19 @ Livonia Stevenson  
 4/22 @ South Lyon  
 4/27 @ South Lyon East  
 4/29 Northville  
 5/3 Plymouth Salem  
 5/6 Livonia Stevenson  
 5/8 11 a.m. @ Troy  
 5/11 South Lyon  
 5/13 South Lyon East  
 5/14 @ Walled Lake Northern  
 5/18 @ Northville  
 5/20 @ Plymouth Salem  
 5/24 @ Conference Championship (South)  
 5/26 @ Association Championship (South)

## GIRLS TENNIS

All meets 4 p.m. unless noted  
 3/27 9 a.m. @ Okemos Quad  
 3/30 Rochester  
 4/13 South Lyon East  
 4/14 West Bloomfield  
 4/15 @ South Lyon  
 4/17 9 a.m. @ Saline Invite  
 4/20 Plymouth Salem  
 4/22 @ Livonia Stevenson  
 4/24 8 a.m. @ Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite  
 4/27 @ Northville  
 5/4 KLA Association Crossover (North)  
 5/6 @ KLA Association Crossover (West)  
 5/8 8 a.m. @ Romeo Invite  
 5/11 @ KLA Association Crossover (South)  
 5/15 TBA KLA Association Conference Tournament  
 5/18 Post-KLA Association Crossover (Lakes)  
 5/21 8 a.m. MHSAA Regional Tournament

## BOYS LACROSSE

3/26 6:30 p.m. Grand Blanc  
 3/27 1 p.m. @ Forest Hills Eastern  
 3/31 7 p.m. @ Walled Lake Northern  
 4/19 6:30 p.m. @ South Lyon East  
 4/21 6:30 p.m. Canton  
 4/26 7 p.m. @ Walled Lake Western  
 4/28 7:30 p.m. @ Notre Dame Preparatory  
 5/3 6:30 p.m. Plymouth Salem

5/5 8 p.m. @ Plymouth  
 5/8 1 p.m. @ Warren De La Salle Collegiate  
 5/10 6:30 p.m. Northville  
 5/15 12:30 a.m. @ East Grand Rapids  
 5/19 6:30 p.m. Crossover

## BOYS/GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

All meets 4 p.m. unless noted  
 3/25 Walled Lake Central  
 4/13 @ South Lyon East  
 4/17 9:30 a.m. @ Oxford Relays  
 4/20 Plymouth Salem  
 4/23 @ North Farmington Raider Invite  
 4/24 9 a.m. @ Balawadger Relays  
 4/27 @ South Lyon  
 5/4 Livonia Stevenson  
 5/11 Northville  
 5/14 TBA Kensington Conference Championship  
 Meet  
 5/25 KLA Association Championships @ Milford  
 5/28 2 p.m. Oakland County @ Milford

## BOYS GOLF

All meets 3:30 p.m. unless noted  
 4/13 12 p.m. Hartland Early Bird Invite  
 4/15 8 a.m. Farmington Invite  
 4/17 TBA Pinckney Invite  
 4/19 9:30 a.m. @ Brighton Invite  
 4/19 @ Livonia Stevenson  
 4/20 9 a.m. @ HVS Invite (Milford)  
 4/21 @ South Lyon  
 4/26 12 p.m. @ West Bloomfield Invite  
 4/26 @ South Lyon East  
 4/28 Northville  
 4/30 8:30 a.m. @ Bryon Invite  
 5/3 12:30 p.m. @ Orchard Lake Country Club/  
 Seaholm Invite  
 5/3 @ Plymouth Salem  
 5/5 Livonia Stevenson  
 5/10 South Lyon  
 5/12 South Lyon East  
 5/17 3 p.m. @ Northville  
 5/19 9 a.m. @ Oakland County Championship  
 5/19 Plymouth Salem  
 5/25 9 a.m. @ Conference Championship  
 5/27 TBA @ MHSAA District Tournament  
 5/3 TBA @ MHSAA Regional Tournament  
 5/11-12 TBA @ MHSAA Final

# Detroit Catholic Central

## BASEBALL

All times 4 p.m. unless noted  
 3/26 @ Walled Lake Western  
 3/29 Detroit Western  
 3/30 Livonia Churchill  
 4/6 @ Ann Arbor Pioneer (DH)  
 4/9 11 a.m. @ U of D (DH)  
 4/10 1 p.m. @ Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (DH)  
 4/14 @ Brother Rice (DH)  
 4/16 @ Walled Lake Northern  
 4/17 11 a.m. DeLaSalle (DH)  
 4/21 @ Divine Child (DH)  
 4/24 11 a.m. O.L. St. Mary's (DH)  
 4/28 U of D (DH)  
 5/1 2 p.m. Brother Rice (DH)  
 5/5 @ DeLaSalle (DH)  
 5/6 @ Saline (DH)  
 5/7 Divine Child (DH)  
 5/12 @ O.L. St. Mary's (DH)  
 5/17 @ Lake Orion (DH)  
 5/18 CHSL Playoff  
 5/26 noon @ CHSL Championship  
 5/28 @ Grosse Pointe South  
 6/1 MHSAA Districts

## LACROSSE

All times are p.m.  
 3/26 7 Farmington  
 3/30 7 Okemos  
 4/6 7 @ U of D  
 4/10 4 Culver  
 4/11 3 @ Ann Arbor Pioneer  
 4/14 7 @ Northville  
 4/15 8 @ Canton  
 4/17 4 East Grand Rapids  
 4/23 7 @ Dublin Jerome  
 4/26 7:30 O.L. St. Mary's  
 4/28 12:30 DeLaSalle  
 5/1 7:30 Brighton  
 5/4 6 @ Brother Rice  
 5/6 7 Cranbrook  
 5/11 CHSL  
 5/15 CHSL Final  
 5/18 7 Troy Athens  
 5/21 8 Toledo St. John's

## TRACK & FIELD

All times p.m. unless noted  
 3/27 11 a.m. @ 53rd Kermit H. Ambrose Relays  
 4/9 noon @ Dakota  
 4/10 11 a.m. @ Ann Arbor Pioneer Indoor Invite  
 4/12 4 Divine Child  
 4/17 11 a.m. @ Dearborn Elk Relays  
 4/19 4 DeLaSalle  
 4/24 9 a.m. @ Ypsilanti Invite  
 4/26 4 @ Brother Rice 4/30 3 @ Jackson

Invite  
 4/30 3 @ Harrison 9th/10th Grade Relays  
 5/1 3 @ Observerland Relays  
 5/4 4 U of D  
 5/10 4 @ Orchard Lake St. Mary's  
 5/15 10 a.m. @ Ann Arbor Northville Invite  
 5/21 2 @ MHSAA Regional  
 5/23 10 a.m. Shamrock Freshmen Invite  
 5/25 2 @ CHSL Championship  
 5/28 3 @ Oakland County Championship  
 5/29 10 a.m. @ Oakland County Freshmen  
 6/5 10 a.m. @ MHSAA Finals

# Northville

## BASEBALL

All times 4 p.m. unless noted  
 4/12 John Glenn  
 4/14 @ Stevenson (DH)  
 4/15 @ Saline (DH)  
 4/17 9 a.m. @ Grosse Pointe North (Invite)  
 4/17 2 p.m. @ Milan (Invite)  
 4/19 @ Wayne Memorial  
 4/21 Salem (DH)  
 4/24 10 a.m. @ Brighton (DH)  
 4/26 Canton (DH)  
 4/28 @ Novi (DH)  
 5/01 noon Southq@e Anderson (DH)  
 5/03 @ Plymouth  
 5/05 @ South Lyon East (DH)  
 5/07 W L Northern (DH)  
 5/10 Franklin  
 5/12 South Lyon (DH)  
 5/15 10 a.m. Gabriel Richard (Riverview)  
 5/15 1 p.m. Lakeland  
 5/1 @ Churchill  
 5/19 @ Conference Cross-Over  
 5/24 @ Roosevelt (DH)  
 5/26 @ Association Cross-Over  
 6/01 MHSAA Districts  
 6/01 5:30 p.m. MHSAA Districts  
 6/05 MHSAA Districts

## SOFTBALL

All games 4 p.m. unless noted  
 3/31 W.L. Central (DH)  
 4/12 John Glenn  
 4/14 @ Stevenson (DH)  
 4/17 TBA @ Farmington Hills Mercy (Invite)  
 4/17 TBA @ Mercy (Invite)  
 4/19 @ Wayne Memorial  
 4/21 Salem (DH)  
 4/24 8 a.m. @ Saline (Invite)  
 4/26 Canton  
 4/28 @ Novi (DH)  
 5/03 @ Plymouth  
 5/05 @ South Lyon East (DH)  
 5/08 10 a.m. Allen Park (DH)  
 5/10 Franklin (DH)  
 5/12 South Lyon (DH)  
 5/15 9:30 a.m. @ Oxford (Invite)  
 5/17 @ Churchill  
 5/19 @ Conference Cross-Over  
 5/26 @ Association Cross-Over  
 6/01 MHSAA Districts  
 6/01 5:30 p.m. MHSAA Districts  
 6/05 TBA MHSAA Districts

## GIRLS TRACK

3/31 5 p.m. E.M.U. Invite @ Ypsilanti  
 4/13 3:45 p.m. @ South Lyon  
 4/17 10 a.m. @ Ypsilanti (Invite)  
 4/20 3:45 p.m. South Lyon East  
 4/24 10 a.m. @ Ypsilanti (Invite)  
 4/27 3:45 p.m. @ Stevenson  
 5/01 9:30 a.m. @ West Bloomfield (Invite)  
 5/04 3:45 p.m. Salem  
 5/07 noon @ Saline (Invite)  
 5/08 10 a.m. @ Stevenson (Invite)  
 5/11 3:45 p.m. @ Novi  
 5/14 TBA Conference Meet @ Novi  
 5/21 TBA @ MHSAA Regionals  
 5/25 TBA Association Championship @ Milford  
 6/05 TBA @ MHSAA State Finals

## BOYS TRACK

3/31 5 p.m. @ Ypsilanti (EMU Invite)  
 4/13 3:45 p.m. @ South Lyon  
 4/17 10 a.m. @ Ypsilanti (Invite)  
 4/20 3:45 p.m. South Lyon East  
 4/24 10 a.m. @ Ypsilanti (Invite)  
 4/27 3:45 p.m. @ Stevenson  
 4/30 3:45 p.m. @ Harrison (Frosh/Soph Invite)  
 5/01 3:30 p.m. Observerland Relays @ Farmington  
 5/04 3:45 p.m. Salem  
 5/07 noon @ Saline (Invite)  
 5/11 3:45 p.m. @ Novi  
 5/14 TBA Conference Meet @ Novi  
 5/21 TBA @ MHSAA Regionals  
 5/25 TBA Association Championship @ Milford  
 6/05 TBA @ MHSAA State Finals

## BOYS LACROSSE

All times 7 p.m. unless noted  
 3/26 Howell  
 3/31 @ Hartland  
 4/14 Catholic Central  
 4/16 South Lyon East  
 4/19 @ W.L. Western

4/21 Plymouth  
 4/24 2 p.m. Powers Catholic  
 4/26 @ Stoney Creek  
 4/30 @ Rockford  
 5/03 Canton  
 5/05 @ Salem  
 5/08 noon @ Cranbrook Kingswood School  
 5/10 6:30 p.m. @ Novi  
 5/12 @ North Farmington  
 5/13 @ W.L. Northern  
 5/19 @ Association Cross-Over  
 5/21 @ Notre Dame Preparatory  
 5/24 TBA @ MHSAA Regionals

## GIRLS LACROSSE

All game times p.m.  
 3/26 5:15 Grand Blanc  
 3/29 7 @ Troy Athens  
 3/31 7 @ Brighton  
 4/14 7 @ Hartland  
 4/16 7 @ Lahser  
 4/19 7 @ Milford  
 4/21 7:30 @ Plymouth  
 4/23 6:15 South Lyon  
 4/26 6:15 Harrison  
 4/28 7 @ Waterford Mott  
 5/01 TBA @ Ladywood (Invite)  
 5/05 6:15 Plymouth  
 5/07 7 @ South Lyon  
 5/10 6:15 Milford  
 5/12 6:15 Waterford Kettering  
 5/14 Saline  
 5/17 7 @ Farmington  
 5/19 6:15 Association Cross-Over  
 5/24 TBA @ MHSAA Regionals

## BOYS GOLF

All times are p.m. unless noted  
 4/18 noon @ University of Detroit Jesuit HS (Invite)  
 4/19 3 South Lyon East  
 4/21 3 Stevenson  
 4/26 9:30 a.m. @ East Lansing (Invite)  
 4/26 3 Salem  
 4/28 3:30 @ Novi  
 4/30 9 a.m. @ University Of Detroit Jesuit HS (Invite)  
 5/03 12:30 @ Seaholm (Invite)  
 5/04 3 South Lyon  
 5/05 3 @ South Lyon East  
 5/11 3 @ Stevenson  
 5/12 3 @ Salem  
 5/14 9 a.m. @ Wayne County Championship  
 5/18 3 @ South Lyon  
 5/20 3 Novi  
 5/21 7 a.m. @ East Lansing (Invite)  
 5/25 8 a.m. @ Conference Tournament  
 5/27 TBA @ MHSAA Districts  
 6/03 TBA @ MHSAA Regionals  
 6/11 TBA @ MHSAA State Finals  
 6/12 TBA @ MHSAA State Finals

## GIRLS TENNIS

All matches 4 p.m. unless noted  
 3/27 TBA @ Canton (Invite)  
 4/13 @ Salem  
 4/15 Stevenson  
 4/19 Marian  
 4/20 @ South Lyon  
 4/22 South Lyon East  
 4/24 TBA @ Saline (Invite)  
 4/27 Novi  
 4/28 North Farmington  
 5/01 8 a.m. @ Ann Arbor Pioneer (Invite)  
 5/04 Association X-O (North)  
 5/06 @ Association X-O (West)  
 5/08 TBA @ Okemos (Invite)  
 5/11 Association X-O (South)  
 5/15 TBA @ Conference Tournament  
 5/21 TBA @ MHSAA Regionals  
 6/04 TBA @ MHSAA State Finals  
 6/05 TBA @ MHSAA State Finals

## GIRLS SOCCER

All games 7 p.m. unless noted  
 3/29 @ Churchill  
 3/31 W.L. Western  
 4/13 Canton  
 4/15 @ W.L. Central  
 4/19 6 South Lyon East  
 4/22 Stevenson  
 4/23 Saline  
 4/27 Salem  
 4/29 @ Novi  
 5/03 South Lyon  
 5/06 6 @ South Lyon East  
 5/11 @ Stevenson  
 5/13 @ Salem  
 5/14 Ann Arbor Pioneer  
 5/18 Novi  
 5/20 @ South Lyon  
 5/24 @ Conference Cross-Over  
 5/26 @ Association Cross-Over  
 6/01 @ MHSAA Districts

## KNIGHTS RUGBY

3/27 8:30 a.m. Tradesmen Cup Clinic & Tournament  
 4/15 5:30 p.m. Birmingham  
 4/21 5:30 p.m. Grand Blanc  
 4/29 5:30 p.m. Brighton  
 5/05 5:30 p.m. @ Livonia  
 5/07 All day Midwest Elkhart Festival Tournament  
 5/13 5:30 p.m. @ Dexter  
 5/19 6 p.m. @ Findlay, Ohio  
 5/22 9 a.m. @ Quarter/Semi Finals Playoffs  
 5/29 9 a.m. Division 1, 2, and 3 Championship Finals



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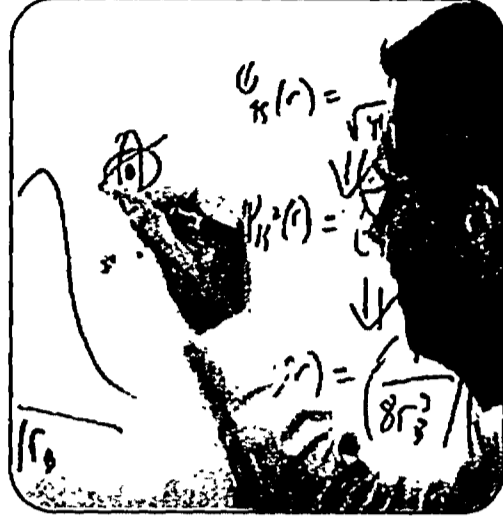
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- 5. Postsecondary chemistry teachers** education college and university students on chemistry and related subjects. Hourly pay: \$39.47
- 6. Animal scientists** study the life cycle and related biological matters of farm animals. Hourly pay: \$39.02

- 7. Chemical engineers** are involved in the production of chemicals and in troubleshooting any problems that arise in their manufacturing. Hourly pay: \$38.88
- 8. Industrial production managers** oversee the planning and production of manufactured goods. Hourly pay: \$38.60
- 9. Physician assistants** work under a physician's guidance to provide health-care services to patients. Hourly pay: \$37.84
- 10. Medical and health services managers** oversee and manage the business needs of entire health care facilities or departments. Hourly pay: \$37.82
- 11. Postsecondary education administrators** are responsible for managing the everyday operations of educational facilities. Hourly pay: \$37.51
- 12. Operations research analysts** study issues relating to management and operations through engineering and other scientific methods. Hourly pay: \$36.57
- 13. Postsecondary art, drama, and music teachers** teach courses in educational institutions in their respective fields at universities and colleges. Hourly pay: \$36.50



- 14. Food scientists and technologists** analyze the composition and properties of food. Hourly pay: \$35.43
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- 18. Market research analysts** conduct research on different markets to estimate the business potential for an organization's marketing and promotional efforts. Hourly pay: \$33.79
- 19. Civil engineers** design and oversee the construction of large-scale public goods, such as bridges, dams and airports. Hourly pay: \$33.06
- 20. Nuclear medicine technologists** work with radioactive materials and equipment used in procedures related to nuclear medicine. Hourly pay: \$32.56
- 21. Architects (except naval)** design buildings, homes and other structures for various clients. Hourly pay: \$31.61

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- 23. Chemists** research and analyze different substances, often through different experiments. Hourly pay: \$31.35
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- 29. Ship engineers** supervise the operations of a ship, from the equipment maintenance to electrical issues. Hourly pay: \$30.04
- 30. Dental hygienists** perform some dental care on patients and instruct them on other preventative care habits. Hourly pay: \$30.01

\*Salary information based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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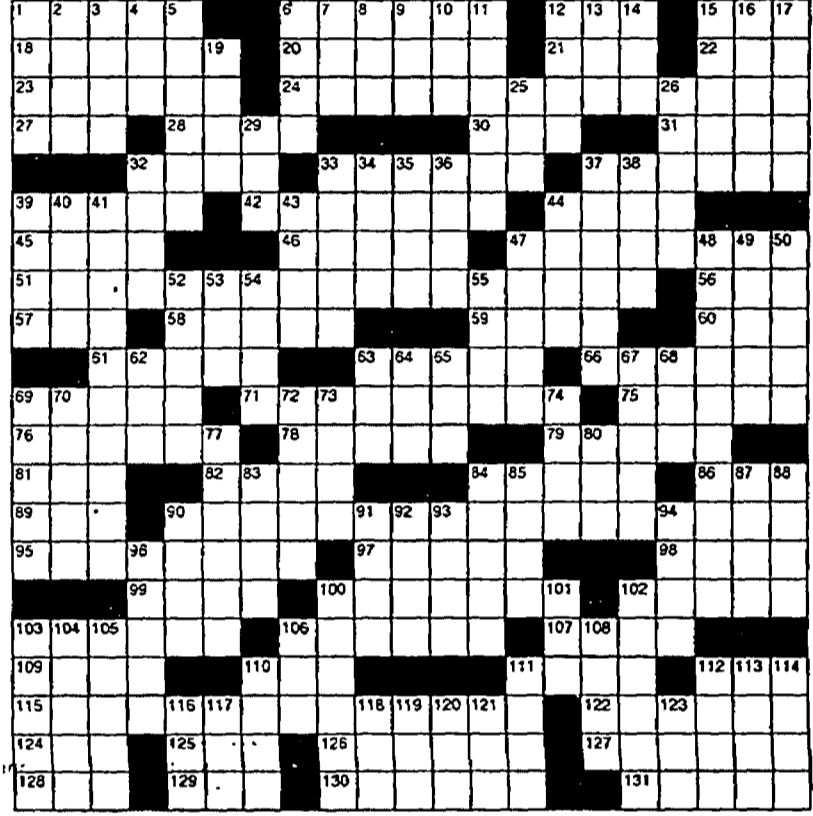
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Los —, CA
  - 6 Shake-speare heroine
  - 12 — "Balloo" (65 film)
  - 15 Bribe
  - 18 '01 Audrey Tautou film
  - 21 He gives a hoot
  - 22 "Tarzan" extra
  - 23 Let up
  - 24 Riddle
  - 27 Fashion monogram
  - 28 Beethoven's birthplace
  - 30 Highest card
  - 31 Japanese city
  - 32 Ashbrook or Carvey
  - 33 "Tad" star
  - 37 Savage
  - 39 Throbbled
  - 42 Jazzman
  - 44 Compote
  - 45 Word with dance or dunk
  - 46 Conflict site
  - 47 Generosity
  - 51 Riddle, Part 2
  - 56 Cornfield city
- DOWN**
- 57 Turkish title
  - 58 Indo-European
  - 59 Pro foe
  - 60 Cable channel
  - 61 "Love Story" author
  - 63 Bestow
  - 66 — of the North" (22 film)
  - 69 Bolch
  - 71 Ornamental material
  - 75 Sheds
  - 76 Cashew kin
  - 78 Alpha
  - 79 It multiples by dividing
  - 81 Runner
  - 82 Choir member
  - 84 Tenyson's "Enoch —"
  - 86 Houston or Huff
  - 89 — Arbor, MI
  - 90 Fiddle
  - 90 Fiddle, Part 3
  - 95 "74 Abba hit
  - 97 Moshe of Israel
  - 98 Annoy
  - 99 Journalist
  - 100 Part of FBI
  - 102 Sapphire surface
  - 103 Lysander's home
  - 106 Delight
  - 107 Obote's ouster
  - 109 European capital
  - 110 JFK abbr.
  - 111 Candid
  - 112 Burglarize
  - 115 Answer to riddle
  - 122 Where to find a fennec
  - 124 Delivery truck
  - 125 Help
  - 126 Rocco
  - 127 Dieter's portion
  - 128 Meadow mama
  - 129 Sneak a peek
  - 130 Shows one's feelings
  - 131 Author Zola
  - 1 Player or Puckett
  - 2 Leon of "Mister Ed"
  - 3 Reveal
  - 4 Barcelona bravo
  - 5 Seafaring storyteller
  - 6 Pestiferous person
  - 7 Mistaken
  - 8 "Treasure Island" monogram



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 PEROXIDE DEPENDENT RIP  
 STRIDE ISAAC HYDE  
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## Spring great time to fix up home, pros agree

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Nicki Wilson of Interiors by Decorating Den was eager to answer questions at the Canton Home Improvement Expo.

The Pittsfield Township resident has had the business, which serves Canton, for 23 years. She does furniture, including upholstery, as well as custom window treatments.

Stopping by at the Summit Saturday, March 6, was Dianne Wilder of Canton. "A bunch of my friends are coming," said Wilder, part of a handi-crafts group that does Salvation Army volunteer work at the Summit. "I need a lot of work done on my house. It's 40 years old."

Wilder wanted a couple chairs reupholstered and Wilson was able to answer her questions. "My husband's probably interested in the insulation and that kind of thing," Wilder said.

Wilson said, "Red is in. Purple is in. The primary colors are in." She was glad she came to the March 6-7 Expo, offered by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Wilson added bright colors are coming on strong for spring, and plum and brown remain popular. "More casual," she said of home interior looks. "Mixing old things and new things together."

Those "old" items can actually just look old, she said.

"It's a great opportunity to get your name out," she said of the Expo. Wilson finds business picks up in the spring when people want new looks. "They're tired of the winter, want to change things around."

Nearby was Will Cronkhite of Garden City, a staffer for Garden City's Town 'N' Country Hardware. He's been there almost six years.



"We're really busy with the paint in the spring," he said, adding lawn and garden is also busy. Barbecue season is coming right about now.

"Now it's starting to pick back up," he said of business at Town 'N' Country, in business nearly 53 years. "We don't blame anyone for watching their money."

He and colleague Aaron Bohns of Garden City were answering questions, including about the Weber grills they'd brought to the Summit. The aptly-named Summit line was represented by a stainless steel model, also available in other colors.

"That's just the four-burner," Cronkhite said. "They make a six-burner also."

They had fire pits, a kettle grill, and a wood

burning stove. The stove has up to 30 percent or up to \$1,500 back as a tax credit, Cronkhite said.

"We sold a lot last year at the end of the year," he said, adding that business is still going strong.

Also among vendors at the ninth annual Expo were Jason Benward of Canton and Sam Stukel of Plymouth representing Horton Plumbing & Remodeling of Plymouth.

The men had brought a toilet, a tub with shower enclosure and even a running faucet. They also had a sump pump to display.

"Remodeling is huge," Benward said. "They're staying home and improving their houses which is where we come in."

People are spending on bathrooms, kitchens and basements. Some replace water heaters or sump pumps. Low-flow toilets are popular, Benward added.

Interiors by Decorating Den can be reached at (734) 528-2657, [nicki@decoratingden.com](http://nicki@decoratingden.com), [www.decoratingden.com/nickiwilson](http://www.decoratingden.com/nickiwilson). It is an independently owned franchise.

Town 'N' Country Hardware, 27740 Ford Road, is on the north side of Ford between Middlebelt and Inkster in Garden City. It can be reached at (734) 422-2750, [www.townncountry.com](http://www.townncountry.com).

Horton Plumbing and Remodeling is at 1382 S. Main in Plymouth. It can be reached at (734) 455-3332, [www.hortonplumbing.com](http://www.hortonplumbing.com).

## Solar growth likely in future

Q: Our association is somewhat energy minded but hasn't got the money to deal with some of our plans concerning, for example, solar power. Do you have any information?

A: While you are always able to seek local financing, I have been advised that

at least one major bank in California will be kicking off a financing program specifically designed for community associations' solar energy

Robert Meisner

projects this coming spring. The bank has been cultivating relationships with their appropriate contractors in anticipation. You may wish to contact the following e-mail site for more information: <http://msquire.wordpress.com/2009/11/14/solar-energy-for-community-associations-or-contact-your-local-legislator>.

Q: I am a condominium developer and have heard about a recent change in VA requirements as well as Fannie Mae requirements regarding condominium projects. Do you have any information?

A: Yes, effective Dec. 30, 2009, Fannie Mae will no longer accept FHA-approved condominium projects for conventional mortgage loans. Fannie Mae will continue to purchase FHA secured loans secured by condominium units located in an FHA approved project that are delivered with the project type code UFHA-Approved Project. Fannie Mae will require that all conventional mortgages secured by units in condominium projects meet Fannie Mae's project eligibility requirements.

Also, the VA has announced its rescission of the VA policy regarding acceptance of HUD/FHA approvals of condominium projects. In addition, effective Dec. 7, 2009, the VA will no longer accept HUD/FHA condominium project appraisals in lieu of VA project review. However, condominiums previously accepted by VA, based upon HUD/FHA acceptance, will continue to be acceptable to VA. You are best advised to consult with your lawyer in terms of how it affects your project.

Robert M. Meisner 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 [meisner@meisner-associates.com](mailto:meisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of December 7-11, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price
Azburn Hills	786 Amberwood St	\$139,000
Azburn Hills	3016 Carly Ct	\$47,000
Azburn Hills	3545 Lexington Dr	\$165,000
Azburn Hills	208 Raleigh Ave	\$90,000
Azburn Hills	2447 Snelbroke Rd	\$50,000
Beverly Hills	18258 Beverly Rd	\$305,000
Beverly Hills	32840 Robinhood Dr	\$248,000
Birmingham	1440 Birmingham Blvd	\$264,000
Birmingham	1424 Chapin Ave	\$133,000
Birmingham	1952 Oak Ave	\$275,000
Birmingham	1806 Pierce St	\$457,000
Birmingham	1309 Stapman Blvd	\$205,000
Birmingham	1897 Stanley Blvd	\$270,000
Bloomfield Township	1800 E. Tahquamenon Ct	\$205,000
Bloomfield Township	520 Hubbard Dr	\$254,000
Bloomfield Township	2464 Mulberry Sq	\$62,000
Bloomfield Township	213 N Berkshire Rd	\$308,000
Bloomfield Township	7475 Old Mill Rd	\$177,000
Bloomfield Township	4222 Orchard Way	\$287,000
Bloomfield Township	2625 Rouse Rd	\$68,000
Bloomfield Township	2285 Rutherford Rd	\$215,000
Bloomfield Township	177 S Berkshire Rd	\$140,000
Bloomfield Township	6872 Spruce Dr	\$181,000
Bloomfield Township	6821 White Pine Dr	\$207,000
Bloomfield Township	1813 Wingate Rd	\$280,000
Bloomfield Township	3015 Woodcreek Way	\$465,000
Bloomfield Township	5104 Woodlands Ln	\$170,000

City	Address	Sale Price
Clarkston	6623 Andersonville Rd	\$90,000
Clarkston	5464 Boulderwood Rd	\$450,000
Clarkston	5344 Gayette St	\$170,000
Clarkston	10660 Hadley Rd	\$205,000
Clarkston	6456 Heron Park Way	\$152,000
Clarkston	4870 Lakewood Blvd	\$412,000
Clarkston	5958 N Bay	\$50,000
Clarkston	34 N Holcomb Rd	\$140,000
Commerce Township	8016 Flaggstaff St	\$500,000
Commerce Township	130 High Back Ct	\$270,000
Commerce Township	3094 Ravenwood Dr	\$271,000
Commerce Township	585 Sherbrooke St	\$150,000
Commerce Township	5517 Starwood Dr	\$135,000
Dearborn	2645 Woodcreek Ln	\$183,000
Farmington Hills	29763 Autumn Ln	\$197,000
Farmington Hills	37674 Blossom Rd	\$275,000
Farmington Hills	33645 Cadillac St	\$154,000
Farmington Hills	21313 Collingham Ave	\$59,000
Farmington Hills	20906 Country Ridge Cir	\$195,000
Farmington Hills	28705 Eton Glen	\$225,000
Farmington Hills	30707 Evergreen Ct	\$223,000
Farmington Hills	26789 Holly Hill Dr	\$273,000
Farmington Hills	37171 N Markham St	\$120,000
Farmington Hills	31018 Pine Cone Dr	\$278,000
Farmington Hills	30797 Ramblewood Club Dr	\$163,000
Farmington Hills	20570 Skye Dr	\$271,000
Farmington Hills	33643 Vista Dr	\$156,000
Farmington Hills	36600 W 13 Mile Rd	\$65,000
Farmington Hills	30475 W 14 Mile Rd	\$53,000
Farmington Hills	21430 Waldron St	\$14,000
Farmington Hills	37880 Wendy Lee St	\$104,000
Farmington Hills	2229 Willow Beach St	\$165,000
Lake Orion	1075 Cottonwood St	\$208,000
Lake Orion	3027 Maplewood Ct	\$33,000
Lake Orion	3786 Rolling Hills Rd	\$155,000

City	Address	Sale Price
Lathrup Village	18778 Roseland Blvd	\$115,000
Milford	960 Adams Rd	\$225,000
Milford	851 Bard Song Dr	\$80,000
Milford	1367 Timber Ridge Ct	\$279,000
Milford	1892 Wilson Trl	\$170,000
Northville	203 Debra Ln	\$145,000
Northville	2110 Rosewood Ct	\$785,000
Novi	45059 Bartlett Dr	\$82,000
Novi	28507 Carlton Way Dr	\$133,000
Novi	22427 Cranbrook Dr	\$90,000
Novi	41863 Mitchell Rd	\$212,000
Novi	223 Wainwright St	\$131,000
Oakland Township	5864 Warfield Dr	\$633,000
Oxford	3511 Tremonte Cir N	\$85,000
Oxford	3560 Estale Dr	\$180,000
Oxford	2118 Fernalock Dr	\$200,000
Oxford	1840 Manatee Ln	\$165,000
Oxford	680 Phillips Dr	\$165,000
Oxford	1455 Roy Rd	\$95,000
Oxford	1605 Royal Berkshire Dr	\$275,000
Rochester	632 Seventh St	\$113,000
Rochester	521 E University Dr	\$55,000
Rochester	930 Great Oaks Blvd	\$220,000
Rochester	143 Woodward Ave	\$75,000
Rochester Hills	180 Byches Rd	\$155,000
Rochester Hills	607 Oakhurst Ct	\$111,000
Rochester Hills	1912 Clear Point Ct	\$183,000
Rochester Hills	1430 Crescent Ln	\$102,000
Rochester Hills	398 Cross Creek Blvd	\$332,000
Rochester Hills	3625 Dunthorn Dr	\$240,000
Rochester Hills	1351 Galena	\$455,000
Rochester Hills	3228 Harrison Ave	\$140,000
Rochester Hills	373 Huntington Ct	\$155,000

City	Address	Sale Price
South Lyon	54817 Greenleaf Cir W	\$350,000
South Lyon	1209 Hackney Ct	\$232,000
South Lyon	229 Harvard Ave	\$107,000
South Lyon	849 Westhills Dr	\$240,000
Southfield	25883 Greenfield Rd	\$139,000
Southfield	20989 Main Ave	\$73,000
Southfield	21314 Mada Ave	\$20,000
Southfield	15539 Stratford Dr	\$108,000
Southfield	19609 Villa Dr N	\$45,000
Southfield	30065 Wildbrook Dr	\$63,000
Troy	409 Ashlawn Ct	\$430,000
Troy	4234 Carlson Dr	\$382,000
Troy	3422 Colwell Dr	\$165,000
Troy	2048 Connolly Dr	\$205,000
Troy	1638 Crestliss Dr	\$182,000
Troy	6068 Glynedebourne Dr	\$152,000
Troy	967 Kirls Blvd	\$25,000
Troy	2122 Kentwood Dr	\$60,000
Troy	3212 Leebury Pl	\$160,000
Troy	1974 Rolling Woods Dr	\$340,000
Troy	887 Wesley Dr	\$245,000
Troy	1559 Wilberbee Dr	\$76,000
Walled Lake	2135 Park Place Dr	\$57,000
Walled Lake	2167 Park Place Dr	\$55,000
Walled Lake	1167 S Edin St	\$80,000
Walled Lake	1041 Superior St	\$155,000
Waterford	3730 Baybrook Dr	\$120,000
Waterford	3615 Brockdale Ln	\$106,000
Waterford	3880 Covert Rd	\$275,000

City	Address	Sale Price
West Bloomfield	4908 Crestbrook Dr	\$96,000
West Bloomfield	5245 Eason	\$93,000
West Bloomfield	6490 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$43,000
West Bloomfield	6421 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$35,000
West Bloomfield	2731 Elmwood Dr	\$90,000
West Bloomfield	6925 Hatcher Rd	\$75,000
West Bloomfield	1365 Hillcrest Dr	\$65,000
West Bloomfield	4051 Lake Front St	\$143,000
West Bloomfield	333 Lake Meadow Dr	\$105,000
West Bloomfield	335 Lake Meadow Dr	\$130,000
West Bloomfield	160 Lakewood St	\$40,000
West Bloomfield	35 Lochaven Rd	\$30,000
West Bloomfield	5179 Lochleven Dr	\$69,000
West Bloomfield	300 Marion Ave	\$75,000
West Bloomfield	20 Pine Tree Ridge Dr	\$67,000
West Bloomfield	170 Pontiac Lake Rd	\$137,000
West Bloomfield	3928 Reseda Rd	\$100,000
West Bloomfield	5845 Rowley Dr	\$185,000
West Bloomfield	5943 Southward Ave	\$174,000
West Bloomfield	5776 Williamsburg Ct	\$89,000
West Bloomfield	6885 Aeroview St	\$185,000
West Bloomfield	6201 Celeste Rd	\$150,000
West Bloomfield	2582 Empire Dr	\$86,000
West Bloomfield	6660 Fieldstone Ct	\$120,000
West Bloomfield	4550 Northridge Ct	\$139,000
West Bloomfield	5381 Pembroke Crossing Ct	\$284,000
West Bloomfield	6280 Pepper Hill St	\$57,000
West Bloomfield	5447 Potomac Dr	\$169,000
West Bloomfield	5327 Potomac Run N	\$82,000
West Bloomfield	2249 W Square Lake Rd	\$150,000
West Bloomfield	5143 Watergate Rd	\$234,000
White Lake	9547 Buckingham St	\$145,000
White Lake	8889 El Dorado Dr	\$185,000
White Lake	8750 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$127,000
White Lake	8909 Glasgow Dr	\$170,000
White Lake	602 Rumson Ct	\$132,000
White Lake	11633 Suggen Rd	\$135,000
Wolverine Lake	707 Los Arboles Dr	\$20,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Real Estate Sales and Appraising

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#### Homebuyers

A free Homebuyers Educational Seminar will be held on Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Provided. Register online at [www.MiHomeBuyer.info](http://www.MiHomeBuyer.info) or call (248) 747-8653.

#### Top seller

Jeff Duneske, an associate broker with Remerica United Realty, was awarded with 2009 Top

Selling Agent at his office. This month, Duneske also celebrates his 10th anniversary in the profession. He was a Novi firefighter for 10 years and also completed the Eagle Scout Award.

Duneske lives in Novi where he has been a lifelong resident, with wife Joy and two daughters, Kayla and Khloe.

#### Career Seminar

Keller-Williams will hold a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a free seat.

Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning.

Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, available training, company profit share, commission structures.

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 30 to Dec. 4, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price
Canton	4959 Brandywine Rd	\$140,000
Canton	3291 Brighton Ln	\$127,000
Canton	48265 Chesterfield Dr S	\$270,000
Canton	50290 Colonial St	\$260,000
Canton	4418 Cranberry Dr	\$160,000
Canton	8790 Elmhurst St	\$184,000
Canton	14830 Gyse Rd	\$210,000
Canton	6432 Hampshire Dr	\$320,000
Canton	4434 Palomar Rd	\$169,000
Canton	6548 Ramblewood Ct	\$275,000
Canton	44433 Ridgefield Rd	\$137,000
Canton	353 S Village Way	\$136,000
Canton	2995 Stanton St	\$255,000
Canton	45308 Thornhill Rd	\$285,000
Canton	6409 Trafalgar Rd	\$305,000
Garden City	33280 Alvin St	\$100,000
Garden City	31620 Brown St	\$80,000
Garden City	1757 Deering St	\$80,000
Garden City	154 Harrison St	\$55,000
Garden City	33200 Pennepe St	\$64,000

### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

City	Address	Sale Price
Dearborn	28988 James St	\$90,000
Dearborn	32556 James St	\$102,000
Dearborn	28541 Kathryn St	\$41,000
Dearborn		





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<b>PINCKNEY AREA. 2 br. duplex. Lk. access, no dogs \$480-\$560. 734-662-8669.</b>	<b>WHITMORE LK. 3 Br., 2 bath, appliances, lk access. \$950 248-214-5889, 248-396-4030</b>	<b>SOUTH LYON - 3 brsm ranch. 1.5 baths, att. gar, on 1 acre, A/C, W/D, dishwasher, no pets. \$995/mo + sec. 313-218-7744</b>	<b>Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)</b>	<b>Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)</b>	<b>Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)</b>	<b>Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)</b>	<b>Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)</b>

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<b>G.J. Kelly Coast. Inc Roofing, Siding, Gutters, Additions, Decks Lic/Ins. 248-685-0366</b>	<b>HANG 20 SHEETS (\$150)</b>	<b>Ceramic tile, electrical plumbing, complete bsmts, bathrooms, kitchens, insurance work, etc. Call 248-691-7072</b>	<b>HANDYMAN Experienced, dependable, reasonable. Small Jobs Welcomed.</b>	<b>PINES &amp; SPRUCES. Large selection. All sizes - Delivery and installation available. Low prices. 248-349-5480</b>	<b>AI A+ Movers + Service Lic. &amp; Insured - Efficient for only \$65/hr 866-633-7953</b>	<b>Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)</b>	<b>ALL ROOFING - Licensed - Free estimates.</b>	<b>* PHIL'S TREE SERVICES *</b>

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<b>6000-6980 Announcements</b>	<b>Auction Sales (7060)</b>	<b>Garage Sales (7110)</b>	<b>Household Goods (7160)</b>	<b>Tree Sales (7635)</b>	<b>Wanted to Buy (7540)</b>	<b>Dogs (7840)</b>	<b>Dogs (7840)</b>	<b>Dogs (7840)</b>
<b>Announcements &amp; Notices (6200)</b>	<b>MILFORD Huge Sale!</b>	<b>SOUTH LYON - Liquidation Sale!</b>	<b>FURNITURE - Oak drop leaf table w/3 additional leaves</b>	<b>GINES &amp; SPRUCES. Large selection. All sizes. Delivery and installation available.</b>	<b>SCRAP METAL Highest Prices Paid</b>	<b>ADORABLE PUPPIES Pure Bred &amp; Designer Toy Breeds.</b>	<b>MASTIFF PUPS - NEAPOLITAN 7 wks old.</b>	<b>"We Work For You!"</b>
<b>BEST SELF STORAGE OF NEW HUDSON</b>	<b>MILFORD Huge Sale!</b>	<b>SOUTH LYON - Liquidation Sale!</b>	<b>HUTCH, Maple. Beautifully detailed. Exc. cond. \$225.</b>	<b>Miscellaneous For Sale (7500)</b>	<b>WE NOW BUY GOLD, SILVER &amp; JEWELRY</b>	<b>GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPS AKC registered.</b>	<b>LABRADOODLES Mix and multi generation.</b>	<b>hometownlife.com</b>
<b>7000-7780 Merchandise</b>	<b>MILFORD MOVING SALE.</b>	<b>WEST BLOOMFIELD Hope Garage Sale!</b>	<b>MISC ITEMS: Dining room set, round oak formal table, light wood, w/4 chairs &amp; leaf.</b>	<b>Musical Instruments (7511)</b>	<b>IT'S ALL FOR YOUR FINGER TIPS!</b>	<b>LAB AKC PUPS Choco &amp; Black 1st shots, wormed, dewas. Parents on site.</b>	<b>Wanted to Buy (7540)</b>	<b>TOP PRICES PAID FOR GOLD Silver and Jewelry</b>
<b>Absolutely Free (7004)</b>	<b>MILFORD MOVING SALE.</b>	<b>WEST BLOOMFIELD Hope Garage Sale!</b>	<b>DRUM SET - Gemeinhardt Flute, Sony 17" TV, Home install electric dog fence. Call: (248) 889-5087</b>	<b>Musical Instruments (7511)</b>	<b>WELL BUY IT NOW!</b>	<b>LAB PUPPIES, AKC Call for details 810-632-7308</b>	<b>2-Rings AUCTION</b>	<b>10k, 14k, 18k, 24k Sterling, Platinum, Diamonds</b>
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## DOESN'T ROLL OFF THE TONGUE, BUT SUZUKI KIZASHI IS REAL DEAL

Advertising Feature



By Dale Buss

O.K., say it five times real fast: "Suzuki Kizashi, Suzuki Kizashi, Suzuki Kizashi, Suzuki Kizashi, Suzuki Kizashi." Doesn't come off very easily, does it?

No matter. A tongue-twister of a name is about the worst thing I can think of to say about the new Suzuki Kizashi, the brand's most serious effort to produce and market an affordable sports sedan that American consumers have ever seen.

I loved this car when I was privileged enough to drive one — a manual-transmission model, at that — for more than a week. It demonstrated robust power and responsive handling, for one thing. And it was a pleasure even to sit in and just look at.

Suzuki has really upped its game in the U.S. market with Kizashi. Who knows? Maybe its brand stewards saw the recent success that the comparable Korean marquee, Hyundai, has had lately in grabbing the imaginations and the wallets of American consumers and decided it, too, could play that game.

Even Suzuki's advertising strategy for Kizashi demonstrates the brand's new seriousness about a U.S. market that is probably more up for grabs than in many a year, what with the fundamental difficulties being faced by Toyota, General Motors and Chrysler

brands, and the rise of newer players including Hyundai and Audi.

Suzuki positions Kizashi as a sports sedan for on the road or in snow, with one set of creative elements in the advertising pitching the car's all-wheel version as the perfect snow-state vehicle and another set touting the Kizashi as the sports sedan for the rest of us.

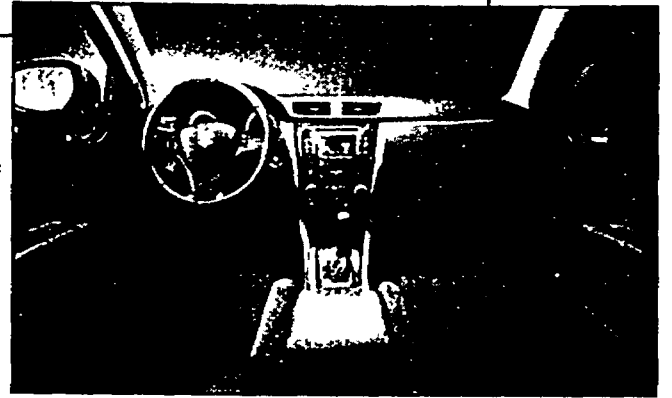
It's doubtful that even the Kizashi can quickly make a huge dent in the family-sedan market now dominated by Toyota's Camry and Honda's Accord, in part because Suzuki is just a much smaller company with a much smaller dealership network in the U.S. But with Kizashi, Suzuki at least has invested in a vehicle that gives its dealers a credible way to battle with those much bigger and better known nameplates if Suzuki can get consumers into its showrooms.

And so back to the car. The 2010 Suzuki Kizashi "is the real deal, a family sedan unlike anything the brand has ever produced, and one that could easily be mistaken for something from Europe," enthused Edmunds.com's reviewer.

And I agree. Certainly Kizashi has a vibe worthy at least of mention in the same breath as Volkswagen, and clearly it has been influenced by VW. The front looks like a Jetta and the



The 2010 Suzuki Kizashi has a style and stance evocative of the best of Volkswagen's small sedans.



The interior of the Kizashi is well detailed and competes with the best in the segment.

dashboard design looks inspired by the Passat, Edmunds.com noted.

But moreover, much like recent VWs, the Kizashi interior materials also are top-shelf, with supple textures and eye-pleasing surfaces. The solidity of the ride and of the frame itself is more reminiscent of a German ride than a Japanese one, and so too for the handling of the car.

For now, Kizashi comes with only one engine: a 2.4-liter four-cylinder that produces 185 horsepower and 170 pound-feet of torque. A V6 is likely to arrive in the future, but the volume sellers in this segment are four-cylinder models, and the Kizashi's four is certainly competitive. In its performance testing, Edmunds.com says, Kizashi accelerated from zero to 60 mph in 9.1 seconds, which is on par for the class.

Fuel economy is competitive at 23 mpg city/30 mpg highway and 26 mpg combined.

Despite being smaller on the outside than its competitors, the Kizashi actually offers similar interior space. Headroom is ample all around, and only supersized rivals like the Honda Accord and Subaru Legacy offer noticeably better rear legroom. Even Kizashi's expertly designed rear-seat cushion is a pleasant surprise.

The 2010 Suzuki Kizashi comes standard with items not normally found on a base-model family sedan: keyless ignition/entry, dual-zone automatic climate control and an iPod interface. The GTS trim level adds a sunroof, steering wheel shift paddles, Bluetooth and a 10-speaker Rockford Fosgate stereo while still costing less than \$24,000.

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