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## ON THE RECORD

### Send us your photos moms, daughters

Hometown Life Woman a monthly special section inside your Northville Record will celebrate "Mothers and Daughters" in the May edition.

E-mail a favorite photo of you and your mom, you and your daughter or the aunt, grandmom, step-mom or woman who was/is that special mom-like person in your life. Remember — favorite means old or new! E-mail your photo (jpg format please) to woman@hometownlife.com and make sure you identify everyone in the photo. Tell us about the photo in a sentence or two and be sure to include a phone number or e-mail address where we can contact you for more information. Then look for your photo in the Thursday, May 6 edition of Hometown Life Woman.

### Relay for Life meetings

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Northville team captain meetings will be held at Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street from 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/northvillemi](http://www.relayforlife.org/northvillemi).

### 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.

## Walk-through: More info needed

### Design firm to examine building's walls

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Using the theory, "We don't want any surprises," members of the Northville City Council said Monday night they want more information on the building's walls before approving the East Main Street walk-through.

After Gary Cooper of Cooper Design Inc. Ann Arbor reviewed the four options for a walk-through or cut-through the empty form Girly Daze store at 124 E. Main St. next to Comerica Bank, council members were hesitant to offer final approval.

Since the historic buildings were constructed in the 18th century, they want

Cooper Design to examine the structural walls to make sure there are no major cracks or other issues before proceeding.

Cooper said they would be able to knock what small holes in the walls to see what lies behind them and should be able to have an answer for council in a few weeks. The next council meeting is April 19.

#### FUNDING ALREADY COMMITTED

Lori Ward, executive director of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, reminded council members that money has already been committed.

Please see **WALK-THROUGH, A9**



This is the front of the building at 125 E. Main St. where the walk-through or cut-through would be constructed. Comerica Bank is to the east of the vacant space.



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New Hope Center for Grief Support Executive Director Cathy Clough is joined in front of their Griswold Ave., office by Dir. of Fundraising Development John O'Shaughnessy and KidzGroup coordinator Elaine Dzwonkowski. New Hope Center is planning a gala benefit dinner on April 16 in Livonia.

## New Hope Center for Grief Support to mark decade of helping

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

When someone suffers a loss, it's often helpful to have someone from outside the family supply a kind word or shoulder to cry on.

That's when the New Hope Center for Grief Support comes into play.

What started as a small venture in Cathy Clough's home in Plymouth in 2000 is now a thriving nonprofit organization that has helped people deal with personal loss for a decade.

The center will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an April 16 gala benefit at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman in Livonia.

The event will begin with appetizers at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person, with a portion of the cost tax-deductible.

Local celebrity Chuck Gaidica of Northville, WDIV Channel 4 weathercaster, will serve as the master of ceremonies.

#### ENTERTAINMENT, RAFFLE SET

Entertainment will include a slide show of New Hope's past 10 years of activities, live and silent auctions, a raffle for a cruise, and live music by the Shawn Riley Band for dancing or just listening.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by 4 p.m. Friday, April 9. Area residents are encouraged to purchase a table for 10. Register online at [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net) or call (248) 348-0115.



New Hope Center Executive Director Cathy Clough.

All proceeds from the benefit will be used to continue the free grief support services. The main sponsor for the event is Thompson Platte P.C., Attorneys and Counselors at Law in Northville.

#### HISTORY OF CENTER

New Hope is a 501(c)(3) bereavement outreach organization. Clough is the executive director of New Hope and along with John and Betty Baird started New Hope. By April 2000 she moved New Hope from her house to 113 Dunlap St. in Northville.

In April 2009, New Hope moved again to its current location at 315 Griswold in Mill Race Village.

New Hope offers free to the public grief support. Programs include

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## Northville leaders seek more input on platform dining for downtown

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Although most seem to like the concept, city council members aren't ready to pull the trigger on approving what's referred to as platform dining in Northville.

A packed city council heard a lengthy discussion Monday night on the subject, as downtown merchants were asked to come to city hall.

If approved, platform dining would be added as an amendment to the current outdoor dining ordinance.

It involves restaurants that don't have enough sidewalk space for outdoor dining to be able to place a wooden platform

in a parking space close to their restaurant during the outdoor-dining season.

Council did agree to accept a "first reading" on the amendment ordinance, and planning commissioners reviewed the concept at their Tuesday night meeting.

#### PART OF STRATEGIC PLAN

Lori Ward, executive director of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, said at the meeting that outdoor dining was listed as a priority with residents in the 2006 Downtown Strategic Plan. Anyone who's strolled through downtown Northville in nice weather can

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# Girl Scouts' latest charity project has 'gone to the dogs'



Catie Pratt, left, and Emmy Pratt with their dog, Toby, who is the inspiration for the Trinkets for Toby campaign in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. The program benefits the Dallas/Fort Worth Metro Golden Retriever Rescue to help other dogs like Toby, a stray who suffered from mange and heartworms. Northville Girl Scouts recently made trinkets that will be sold to fund the organization.



Girl Scouts from Troop 89 made bracelets and "angel" necklaces at a community workshop March 25 to send to Texas to benefit the Trinkets for Toby campaign for a Golden Retriever rescue program. Back row, from left: Joanna Colovas, Christina Valentini, Troop Leader Teri Kuehn, Troop Leader Jeanne Jankowski. Front row, from left: Grace Jankowski, Jenna Jagst, Kaleigh Crabb and Sydney Kuehn. Scouts not pictured: Natalie Brotherton, Marin Armstrong and Rachel O'Farrell.

## Long-distance friendship inspires effort

**BY PAM FLEMING**  
STAFF WRITER

With a little help from her friend in Texas, Emmy Pratty, local Girl Scout Joanna Colovas saw a "golden" opportunity. Colovas, 10, a fourth-grader in the gifted student program at Amerman Elementary School in Northville, convinced her fellow Girl Scouts to help Golden Retriever Rescue in Texas. It all began because Joanna's friend Pratt, a childhood friend when they both lived in Chicago who moved to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, had a sick dog. Her golden retriever, Toby, suffered from two bad dog diseases. One is mange, when little

bugs get in their fur. "It makes the dog scratch so much they bleed," Pratt said. Therefore, the dog has to be shaved and take medicine so the bugs will evacuate. The other disease is heartworms, that, of course, is when worms get in a dog's heart. "It's sad," Pratt said. In April 2009, Toby was a stray wandering the streets. On April 15, Toby was rescued from the Tri-Counties Animal Shelter by the Dallas/Fort Worth Metro Golden Retriever Rescue. It took four months to get him ready to be adopted. On Aug. 29, the Pratt family adopted Toby. "It was one of the happiest days of my life," Pratt said. "Now, I want to help other

dogs like Toby."

**TRINKETS FOR TOBY**

That's why Pratt started "Trinkets for Toby," a charity where volunteers make small items to sell, with the proceeds going to the DFW Metro Golden Retriever Rescue. Several Northville Girl Scout Troops gathered the evening of March 25 at Ridge Wood Elementary School to make some of these trinkets in a community workshop. These

included bracelets and "angel" necklaces made out of paper clips. They will be shipping the trinkets to Texas. "Joanna has known Emily almost since birth," said her mother, Angie. "They talk on the phone all the time, and they're both Girl Scouts. They were talking about what they were doing in their troops for charity work when Joanna learned about the golden rescue group." Colovas is a member of Troop 80. The troop members vote on

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**CORRECTION**

In a recent article about area women who operate a Web site on where to find and compare health care, wheretofindcare.com, the last name of the firm's IT person, Joey Granz, was misspelled. The business contact phone number also had the wrong area code. The correct number is (313) 231-5399.

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# Zoup! franchise in Northville has new owner with newfound career

Trenton resident creates new life

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Dave Mauro's definitely one of those people who operates on the philosophy "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."

Mauro, 55, of Trenton, was laid off in March of last year after working for the same company, PTX-Pentronix, for 31 years.

So, he decided to purchase the formerly company-owned Zoup! franchise at 20065, Haggerty south of Eight Mile Road in Northville Township.

The restaurant, which serves a dozen different kinds of soup daily, salads, sandwiches and more, is next door to Starbucks Coffee and near the Kohl's and Toys R Us stores.

The business has been a boost to Mauro, especially since his wife, Judy, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis three or four years ago and has had to cut back her work week in the virology department at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor to four days a week. Their 16-year-old son, Vincent, also works Sundays at the restaurant.

"It's become a blessing in disguise," Mauro said.

## OPENED LAST DECEMBER

Mauro opened the franchise on Dec. 14 last year. He believes in the value of customer service and providing the best possible dining experience while in his location. He learned this philosophy from his late father, Sam, who owned a local Dairy Queen



JOHN HEIDER | NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dave Mauro, owner/operator of the Northville Township Zoup! restaurant on Haggerty Road south of Eight Mile Road, serves up some soup at his franchise. Mauro, 55, took on the new career when he was laid off last year after 31 years with the same company.

and stressed the same values. He was close to purchasing a Dairy Queen franchise, but the owner changed his mind and decided to sell the business to his daughter.

He decided to operate a business in Northville because he likes the area so much.

"The Downriver area has been hit harder by the economy," Mauro said. "This area (Northville) is terrific. I love it out here."

He does his own bookkeeping and works 50-60 hours a week and has 11 employees.

Hours are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday.

## VARIETY IS THE SPICE

Except for the Chicken Pot Pie Soup and Lobster Bisque,

that are served daily, the other 10 varieties vary from day to day at Zoup! Diners can order soup as a side dish, a cup, a regular bowl or an extra large bowl. Soup can also be served in a sourdough bread bowl if desired.

Zoup! also carries dairy-free, gluten-free, low-fat and vegetarian dishes. The restaurant also has children's meals and does catering.

Sandwiches include Grilled Cheese, Tuscan Chicken, Tuna Salad, Turkey Club, Chicken Greek and Southwest Turkey.

Salads feature Sonoma, Asian, Greek, Chicken Caesar, American Farm and Barbecued Chicken. Patrons can also custom craft their own sandwich or salad.

"People even mix a couple of

different soups," Mauro said. "The Lobster Bisque with the Seafood Bisque is extremely good."

## SOUP SAMPLING

Diners can always sample any of the soup before ordering. On a recent Wednesday, the soup selections included Broccoli with Monterey Jack; Vegetarian Split Pea; Old-fashioned Chicken Noodle; Spicy Black Bean Chili; Italian Pasta and Vegetables; Tomato Spinach and Brown Rice; Zesty Three Pepper with Chicken; Shrimp and Crawfish Etouffee (over rice); Tomato Basil; and Vegetable Bounty.

Mauro said he's lost 20 pounds since he took over the franchise.

"I feel better than I've felt in years," he said.

He grew up in Hazel Park and studied chemistry at Michigan State University and business at Central Michigan University before deciding to enter the workforce fulltime.

## FOUNDER'S COMMENTS

Eric Ersher, founder and managing partner of Zoup!, a Michigan company, said Mauro is a pleasure to work with and a great fit for the Zoup! culture and has done a great job as the owner/operator of the Northville Township location.

"I think that any time one starts or purchases a business it is to some extent a leap of faith," Ersher said.

"We can only get to the 80 percentile of certainty, and that's when it becomes an art. That's when listening to your gut and your instincts becomes very valuable."

Ersher started out in the wholesale spice business.

"That got us into the back door of a lot of restaurants, and we saw what kind of soup they were making and serving," Ersher said. "It seemed almost like an afterthought for many of those chefs, managers and restaurateurs. It really got our attention. The consensus was that good soup was really hard to find. That was part of the beginning of the Zoup! brand."

The company was founded in September 1998 with the first store in Southfield. There are five company stores, with the rest owned by individuals.

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# Bill Phillips pens inspiring autobiography

Northville resident, prominent businessman's "An American Entrepreneur" available

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"It's always been about the chocolate milk," explains Bill Phillips in an early chapter of "An American Entrepreneur." "That's what I tell people who want to know how I managed to come from next to nothing and go on to build several multimillion-dollar corporations."

As an eight-year-old growing up in Detroit, Phillips was challenged to a fight by a neighborhood bully. The object of desire for this fight was a pint of chocolate milk that young Phillips received for his stellar report card. The result of this seemingly nonessential event, however, taught Phillips a valuable life lesson that he still lives by to this day: always fight for what is rightfully yours.

"One of the great things about America is the entrepreneurial spirit of our country. And Mr. Phillips is an entrepreneur," said George W. Bush, former President of the United States. "And one of the things we've got to do in America is keep that entrepreneurial spirit alive and well."

"An American Entrepreneur" is a veritable how-to for anyone wanting to realize their own dreams of business ownership. It's not a get rich quick tell-all. Instead, it's a thoughtful, enter-

taining look back on a life of taking risks, while never losing one's moral center.

"Bill Phillips is one of the greatest entrepreneurs I have ever met," said Ralph C. Wilson, Jr., owner and chairman of Ralph Wilson Enterprises and owner of the Buffalo Bills of the National Football League. "I always considered myself an entrepreneur, not afraid to take risks, but Bill passed me headed for the end zone. Anyone who is interested in reading about an entrepreneur and business should buy this book."

From his humble beginnings as a sharecropper's son in rural Arkansas, to his meetings with Senators, Presidents and Popes, Phillips has made lasting contributions to his country, his family and his community.



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"Bill Phillips reminds us all of what it is that makes America," said David Brandon, athletics director (AD) at the University of Michigan and former chairman and CEO of Domino's Pizza, Inc. "He is a classic entrepreneur who has used his talent, perseverance, willingness to take risks, and strong work ethic to create something bigger than himself – and, thankfully, reminds us all that it is 'all about the chocolate milk!'"

"An American Entrepreneur" is available for purchase

Submitted by Jay Hollingsworth

**Helping troops help others**

Northville Girl Scout Cadette Troop 438, along with Rangel Orthodontics of Northville, collected over 1,000 stuffed plush toys in a donation drive held at Rangel Orthodontics that assisted our U.S. military troops with humanitarian relief efforts. The plush toys will be sorted and shipped to the following organizations. Hugs for Haiti ([www.lovinghugs.org](http://www.lovinghugs.org)) will receive small stuffed animals, Operation Gratitude ([www.operationgratitude.com](http://www.operationgratitude.com)) will receive Webkinz and Beanie Babies, and Northville Civic Concern will receive plush toys larger than 12 inches. Pictured (l to r, back) are Emma Yakima, Catherine LoSchiavo, Erica Halverson and Dr. Rangel Orthodontics and (front) Emma Yakima.

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# EDUCATION

## NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Math awards

Each year, thousands of high school students across the state participate in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematics Association of America. This was the 53rd year, and the event was held Feb. 27 at Saginaw Valley State University. Scholarships from \$250 to \$2,600 were awarded.

The following local students were awarded an honorable mention: Northville High School's Chanukya Malla; Novi's Sherwin Wu, attending Detroit Country Day; Novi High School's Chaitanya Kanitkar; Spencer Kim; Akhil Nistala; Sachin Padmanabhan; Gavin Patient; Apurva Shrivastava; Eshwar Sundararaju and Raj Raina.

### Northville teachers receive national recognition

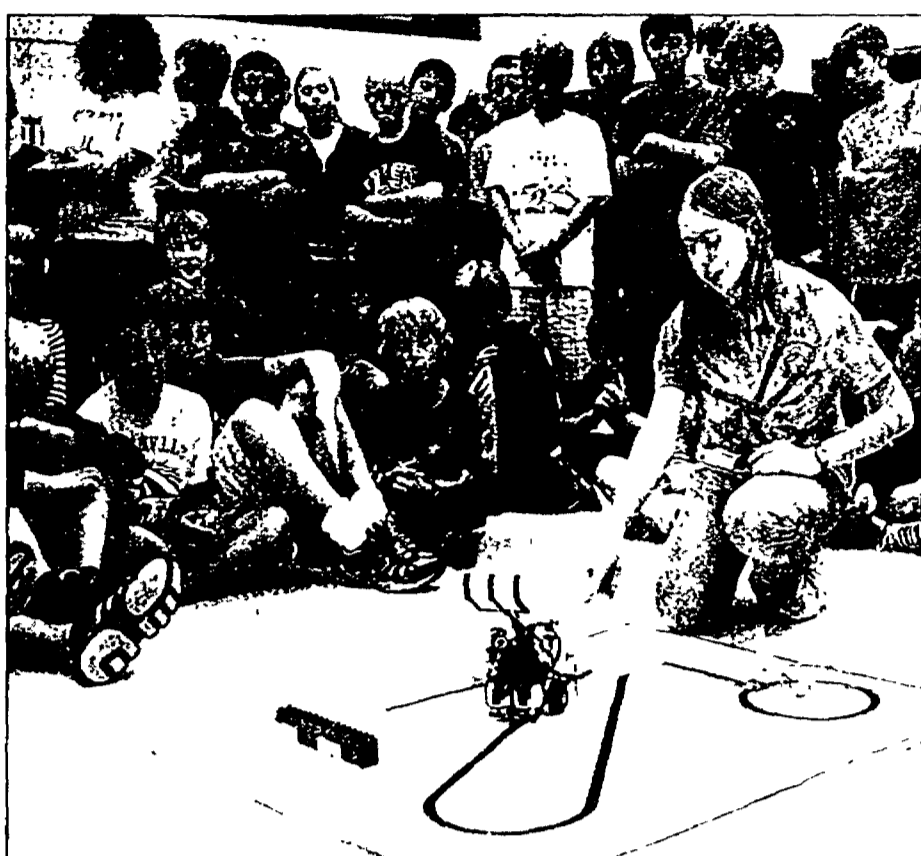
Jennifer Hart, Erin O'Leary and Joe Cislo social studies teachers from Northville High School, have been selected as NEH Summer Scholars from a national applicant pool to attend one of 22 summer study opportunities supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. They were selected from a near record number of applicants. The Endowment is a federal agency that each summer supports Landmarks of American History and Culture workshops so that teachers can study with experts in humanities disciplines. The teachers will participate in a workshop entitled "America's Industrial Revolution." The one-week program will be held at The Henry Ford Greenfield Village.

### Senior All Night Party

The Senior All Night Party takes place on Sunday, June 6, from 9 p.m.-3 a.m. at Northville High School. The hallways are transformed into a magical setting, created by our very own parents, who have been working very hard for several months at making their vision become a reality. Tickets are \$75 and include a T-shirt, entertainment, food, casino, and many other activities. Turn in ticket form along with the SANP liability form and cash or check payable to SANP into the office or mail to SANP, PO Box 470, Novi, MI 48376.

Only 30 more security volunteers are needed. Please consider even just a few hours, as a gift to the kids for their last hurrah. Contact Karen Harris at ks.harris@yahoo.com for more information.

In 25 words or less, send your senior off with a special message and it will be displayed and given to them at the Senior All Night Party. Parents, siblings, grandparents, etc. are asked to participate in this long-lasting



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### Dean's List

The Robostangs competed this past weekend at Eastern Michigan University for the FIRST Michigan Regional State Championship. While the Northville team's robot did not make it into the finals, they were awarded the Motorola Quality award for design/build and serviceability aspects of their robot. Northville competed with seven other teams for the three State level Chairman's Awards slots to go on to Atlanta. This was the team's first year with a district title allowing the Robostangs to participate at the state level, where they found stiff competition. Team member Beth Hadley was named a semifinalist for the first-ever Dean's List Award. She will now be considered with other state/regional winners at the Nationals in Atlanta on April 14.

tradition. Turn the attached form into the SANP box in the school office, or mail to SANP, PO Box 470, Novi, MI 48376 along with \$5 cash or check made payable to "SANP".

It is not too late to order the commemorative wooden mustang, which is decorated by you and is put on display at the SANP, and can then be used at your graduation celebration! You have until March 31 to order for \$45, cash or check made payable to "SANP". Turn form into SANP box located in school office or mail to SANP, PO Box 470, Novi, MI 48376. Volunteers are needed to pop in and help paint and create at Rite Aid, located at 42261 Seven Mile Rd. Hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 9-11 a.m. Contact Betsy Basoukeas at vbetsyb@wow-way.com.

The Prizes and Gifts Committee is accepting donations from parents. Donations can be monetary, gift cards, tickets for events etc. If you

would like to donate please contact Carol Grimmer (248) 380-7244 or 345-5536.

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

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

### 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



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### Mayor promotes reading

Northville Mayor Chris Johnson reads "Arnie the Doughnut" to a Thornton Creek Elementary School class on March 8. The Mayor and Mayor pro-tem Jim Allen visited the school and read to the kids for March is Reading Month activities.

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 Web site 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.

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**NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

**Individual insurance market reform unveiled**

State Representative Marc Coriveau (D-Northville) and State Senator Tom George, M.D. (R-Kalamazoo) announced a bipartisan, bicameral reform plan to make health insurance more affordable and accessible for Michigan residents. The plan will prohibit insurance companies from increasing rates on the sick and rein in the skyrocketing cost of health care by creating a catastrophic health care fund to protect the sickest individuals.

"After working with Senator George for many months to help find solutions for our broken health care system

and skyrocketing costs, I am confident MI-Health will bring fairness, affordability, and strong consumer protections to the citizens of Michigan," said Coriveau, Chair of the House Health Policy Committee. "This bipartisan plan is as a great example of what is possible when we recognize a problem, put politics aside and work together to find a solution."

- The bipartisan plan:
- Ends the practice of cherry picking by requiring all carriers to offer guaranteed issue health plans regardless of ones health.
  - Prohibits insurers from raising rates on individuals who become sick.
  - Creates the Michigan Catastrophic Protection Plan

(MICAPP) Fund to rein in the soaring cost of health care and protect the sickest individuals.

- Establishes the MI Healthcare Affordability Fund which will assist Michigan families afford healthcare coverage.

**Fallen and Wounded Soldiers fund-raiser**

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund (FWSF) will be holding their Fourth Annual Dinner and Auction on April 24 at 5:30 p.m., at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. All proceeds go directly to helping wounded Michigan soldiers and the families of Michigan's fallen. This year's keynote speaker is Judge Anthony Napolitano, FOX

News Channel (FNC) senior judicial analyst and the author of four books, including his latest, "Dred Scott's Revenge." The Master of Ceremonies for the evening is Detroit's own television and radio personality, Chuck Gaidica.

Last year's event raised over \$200,000 for our troops—money that went directly to helping our returning soldiers deal with medical issues, financial hardship caused by their deployments, as well as setting up scholarships for the children of our fallen heroes.

Both a silent and live auction will be held, and a book-signing by Judge Napolitano will round out the evening.

If you have any questions, please call Bob Phillips, FWSF president, at (734) 853-5490.

**Celebrate National Library Week April 11-17**

It's National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide.

The Northville District Library is celebrating National Library Week with a special program called "Going Beyond Google," a class to learn better ways to search for reliable and authoritative information. The class is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. and registration is required.

Plan to attend the monthly Adult Book Discussion group "Between the Lines" on Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m. Malcolm Gladwell's "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" will be discussed. The book takes a look at the theory of why major trends and changes occur suddenly and unexpectedly in our society. No registration is needed.

All ages are invited to drop by for our Family Evening Storytime on Wednesday, April 14 from 7-7:30 p.m. for "Down on the Farm" stories. Pajamas are optional for kids! Or drop in for the Morning Storytime on Thursday, April 15 at 10:15 a.m. for toddlers and preschoolers. Due to space limitations, please no daycare or preschool groups.

For more information, visit the library's website: [www.northvillelibrary.org](http://www.northvillelibrary.org) or call (248) 349-3020. Library hours are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

**Antiques, fine arts appraisal clinic**

The Northville Arts Commission will host its second annual Appraisal Clinic on Saturday, May 1. Proceeds of the event will benefit the cultural and educational programs of the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady.

Renowned appraiser Robert DuMouchelle and other members of the DuMouchelle staff will be available to verbally appraise your antiques, art and collectibles.

Registration is strongly advised as it is anticipated that

the 15-minutes appraisal time slots will fill quickly. The registration fee is \$10 per item with a limit of three items per guest. Walk-ins without prior registration will be admitted on the day of the event as time allows. Registration can be in-person at the Northville Art House, Thursday to Saturday, from 1-5 p.m. starting April 1, or by phone. Call (248) 344-0497 for additional information or to register.

Guests may bring items such as antiques, collectibles, family memorabilia, furniture and artwork. Large or fragile items should be submitted by photograph. Coins, stamps, and jewelry will not be appraised at this event. Any history one has on an item is important, especially when bringing in artwork. Typically, the appraiser will want to know the history or provenance of the piece. The appraisers can only give out insurance values and fair market values verbally due to the time constraints.

**Blood drive**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Red Cross are partnering in a blood drive campaign. The first blood drive is from 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, April 8, in the Auditorium. The American Red Cross encourages area residents to join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers to donate blood.

The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

**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. E-mail to [ArtHouseExhibits@northvillearts.org](mailto:ArtHouseExhibits@northvillearts.org) with questions.

**Looking for Great Homes**

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

Typically homes featured are widely different in architecture and interior design, span three centuries of construction and reflect how families have adapted to 21st century living in a community with a Victorian village at its heart. Joe Gagnon,

the Appliance Doctor, will be answering questions at one home this year.

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

If you would like to discuss having your home on the AAUW Home Tour 2010 or would like to be a Home Tour volunteer, please contact event Chair Dianne McCulloch at [dimecul@comcast.net](mailto:dimecul@comcast.net).

**Toddle Time**

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

Toddle Time is an opportunity for toddlers to learn socialization skills through unstructured, free play. Tots can run, jump, play ball, laugh and giggle with other tots in a big, safe gym atmosphere.

Children must be accompanied by an adult for the entire time. Cost is \$3 per child. Contact Pat Brown, recreation superintendent with Northville Parks & Recreation, at (248) 449-9949 or [pbrown@ci.northville.mi.us](mailto:pbrown@ci.northville.mi.us).

**Race for the Cure**

Over the past 18 years, millions of people have gathered in metropolitan Detroit to celebrate progress, honor the memory of a loved one, and raise awareness and support for those affected by breast cancer. The 19th Annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, will take place Saturday, May 22, at Comerica Park. Sponsors, teams and participants are already signing up for this year's race.

The Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® awards 75 percent of the current year's net proceeds to a diverse group of organizations serving Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Funds support breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for the medically underserved. The remaining 25 percent funds breast cancer research and project grants awarded through Komen for the Cure. Since 1992, the Detroit Race has raised \$17.5 million in the fight against breast cancer. Thanks to the generosity of Komen Detroit supporters, in 2009, \$1.5 million was awarded to local breast cancer programs and more than \$320,600 to breast cancer research.

For more information go to [www.karmanos.org](http://www.karmanos.org) and click the Race icon or call 1-800-KARMANOS and ask for the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.



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**GERALD "JERRY" ALLEN ATKINSON**

Age 28, passed away unexpectedly on April 1, 2010. He was born on June 26, 1981, in New Orleans, LA, to Larry and Denise (Fennelly) Atkinson. Jerry graduated from South Lyon High School in 1999, and enjoyed playing baseball for nine years. He played the guitar for over 18 years, during which he played professionally all across the country. He also worked as a plumber. Friends and family were Jerry's life and he always put others before himself. Jerry was well loved by many and will be greatly missed. Jerry is survived by his father: Larry Atkinson; grandmother: Thelma Atkinson; half brother: Justin Green, his aunt Karen Walter; uncle: Tom Fennelly and Don Tipton; three cousins: Robert, Faith, and Brianna; his goddaughter Marielle Cottongim; his dog Waylon, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Denise Atkinson and uncle Kenneth Atkinson. Visitation was held on April 5, Monday, from 4 to 9 p.m. A Funeral Service was held on April 6, Tuesday, at Phillips Funeral Home Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Gerald Atkinson, c/o Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**VIRGINIA RUTH AUDESSE**

Age 86, passed away March 30, 2010. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**WILLIAM HENRY BRAUND**

Age 89, of Sun City Center, FL. Passed away January 16, 2010. Formerly of Northville, Michigan. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Kathleen; daughter, Carol Lutze (Matthew); step-children, John O'Rourke (Kathy), Chris O'Rourke (Glenda), Steve O'Rourke (Julie) & Maureen Rowles (Tom); grandchildren Mateo, Julia, Logan, Marly, Jenny, Aly, Kevin, Ryan, Niky, Shawn, Ashley, Chad and Bridget; great-grandchildren Nikolas, Jacob, Harley Jr., and Nevaeh; sisters-in-law, Judi (George) and Canan and several nieces and nephews. Visitation was held on January 27, 2010 at Florida Mortuary 4601 N. Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, followed by a service at the Florida National VA Cemetery in Bushnell "Uncle Bill" as he was affectionately known throughout Northville was always involved with youth, whether coaching, cheering, or timekeeping at games. Words of comfort may be expressed at [floridamortuary.net](http://floridamortuary.net) or sent directly to the family at 1401 N. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City Center, FL 33573. Memories may also be added to the facebook page in memory of William H. Braund.

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**SHIRLEY M. COLE**

Age 82, of South Lyon, passed away, April 4, 2010. She was born in Detroit, to the late John and Marie (Abbey) Crawford. Shirley was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and a devoted member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Upon her retirement from Kowalski Meats in Southfield as store manager, Shirley and Don moved to Colonial acres in South Lyon. Shirley became a member of the Altar Society, assisting with and serving funeral luncheons for many years. She donated her time to Active Faith, where she volunteered for over 10 years. She was a faithful member of Kiwanis where she was an executive board member this last year. Shirley loved to play cards, was an avid bowler and enjoyed her time with the Colonial Acres Women's Golf League. Helping others and volunteering with area organizations was a large part of Shirley's life, but what was most important to her was being with her loving family that she cherished. She is survived by her loving husband Don of 63 years, her beloved daughters: Donna Griffin and Cathy Cole. She is also survived by her 3 grandchildren: Sara, Kevyn (Danielle) and Brian and her 2 great-grandchildren, Robert and Riley. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law Robert in 2005 and 3 brothers. Visitation was held on Wednesday, April 7th from 12 p.m. - 9 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, April 8th at 12:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Interment will take place in Great Lakes National Cemetery. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**DOROTHY J. DOTSON**

Age 89 and a long time resident of Milford, died on March 30, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion "Dale" in 1979. She is survived by her children, Deloy Dotson of Milford, Diane (Larry) West of South Carolina, Donna (Tom) Chesnell of Fenton, Debbie (Tom) Richards of Cadillac, Denise (Bub) Nails of Highland, Damon (Yvonne) Dotson of Whitmore Lake, nineteen grandchildren, forty three great-grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and many dear friends. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Saturday, April 3, 2010 with burial in Milford Memorial Cemetery. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

**JEROME A. ESPER**

Age 86, April 4, 2010. Funeral is April 8 at Our Lady of Victory in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Relief Services, % Archdiocese of Detroit 1234 Washington Blvd C-4 Detroit, MI. 48226. Condolences [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**CATHERINE MARY MOGADINO**

March 31, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Mother of Lori (Brian) Burke; grandmother of 5. Funeral was Sat., April 3, O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Online condolences: [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**SHANE MICHAEL POWELL**

Age 40, passed away April 1, 2010. He was born on August 17, 1969 in Ann Arbor, to Earl and Lynda (Morrell) Powell. Shane is survived by his father Earl "Buster" Powell; son Tony Powell; brother Justin Powell and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Preceded in death by his mother Lynda Powell. Visitation was held on April 6, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**MINNIE ESTHER REINWAND**

Age 94 of South Lyon MI died of natural causes on April 3, 2010. She was born on December 28th 1915 in Kansas to Malcolm and Olive (Hunter) McEachern and she was the oldest of 15 children. Minnie grew up on her family farm in Kansas. She graduated from South Haven High School in 1933 and then nursing school in 1938 from Kansas City. She worked as a registered nurse in Michigan until retiring in 1979. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband William Richard Reinwand; daughter Judith Reinwand and nine siblings. Surviving to honor her memory are her son, William (Earlene) Reinwand, her granddaughters: Manlyn (Greg) Danowski, Shawn (Todd) McGeachy, her great-grandchildren: Danielle, Brandon, Jennifer, Jessica Danowski, Derek Reinwand, Justin Jones, Megan, Lucas, Chloe, Noah McGeachy, and her Great-Great Grandson Evan Reinwand, sisters: Ethel Sparks, Elsie Joan Wilder, Jean Reeves, brothers: Roger and John McEachern and numerous nieces and nephews. Minnie brought great joy to all who knew and loved her and she will be greatly missed. Visitation is on Friday, April 9, 2010 from 3 P.M. to 9 P.M. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake St.(10 Mile), South Lyon, MI 48178 (248) 437-1616. Funeral is on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Cross of Christ Church, at 11 am with final visitation at 10 A.M. at Phillips Funeral Home. Interment at Glen Eden Cemetery Livonia MI. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**KAREN S. SCHULTZ**

Age 60, of South Lyon, passed away suddenly March 30, 2010. Loving daughter of Irene and the late Robert Schultz. Dear sister of three and aunt of one. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

**ELLEN JANE STRUBLE**

Age 83, of Highland, April 4, 2010. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons, Milford, on April 7th, with burial in Highland Cemetery. For more information, 248-684-6645 or [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

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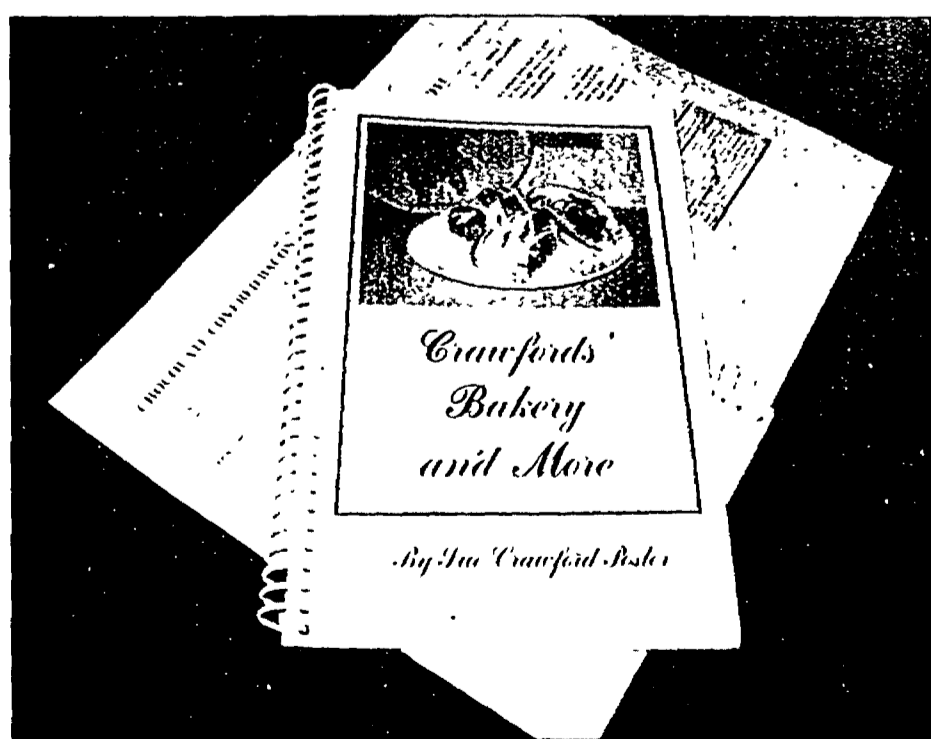
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**From "the baker"**

Crawford's Bakery and More recipe booklet has been revamped and is now available. Crawford's was a restaurant and Bakery on Main street in Northville for many years. This book brings back some of that history and recipes for the many popular dishes that were served at Crawford's. Included in the book, written by Sue Crawford Poster, "the baker", are recipes for Chicken Almond Bake, Chocolate Fudge Cake, Turkey Deluxe Salad, Quiche and even those infamous dinner rolls. Copies are available for \$17.95 at Crawford's Kitchen on Starkweather in Plymouth's Old Village or by contacting Sue at [Crawford'sBakeryandMore@gmail.com](mailto:Crawford'sBakeryandMore@gmail.com).



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A library also is the cornerstone of the community. In person and online, it connects people to a whole world of ideas and information.

The Northville District Library reflects the diversity and character and the needs and expectations of the Northville community. Those needs and expectations are extensive, and the services the library provides are invaluable.

Society is changing and the Northville District Library is keeping pace. It is no longer a place for people to find a book to read and students to find information for term papers. Sure, it has computers and even Internet access available for visitors, but there's much more.

Storytimes and the summer reading program for youngsters and foreclosure information, displaced worker assistance and training opportunities guidebooks, recession resources and State of Michigan job opportunities for adults.

The Northville District Library has become the heart of the community.

Next week, April 11-17, is National Library Week. Sponsored by the American Library Association, it's a celebration of the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers. The theme this year is "Communities thrive @ your library," and we believe that describes your local library to a "T."

We offer our heartfelt thanks to library Director Julie Herrin and the rest of the library staff for all they have done to make the library an integral part of the community.

And while we're at it, we'd like to give a shout-out to the librarians and library workers in the Northville Public Schools district. April also is School Library Month. They, too, do an awesome job encouraging kindergartners through high schoolers to use the books and services available in the school media centers.

Whether it's the school library or the public library, take some time to stop by and experience what they have to offer. Who knows, you may find a good book, a video or CD and make a few new friends along the way.

## 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.

### ■ Commentary by Tom Watkins: For a change, Michigan needs to 'Switch'

How about we stop looking to change everything. We all can see what Obama did with his mantra of change. We'll be paying for that the next 100 years. Let's hope Michigan doesn't follow suit with the 'change' mentality. How about we get back to basics? How about all legislative and congressional positions become voluntary - no pay - except maybe for expenses (i.e. cost of gas to travel from home to Lansing twice a month, and a food allowance while said legislator is away from home one week each month). That savings in annual pay for each politician would be a great way to help the state save a bundle of money. Also, maybe the state shouldn't be so generous with prisons. Just for starters, how about striking a deal with businesses who outsource work overseas. Our prisoners could learn a skill set by helping manufacture whatever is being outsourced overseas. That could help the prisons pay for its own expenses and lower the cost to consumers.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What is your favorite book?

(Asked of Northville High School students volunteering at the recent Battle of the Books at their school.)



"'East of Eden' by John Steinbeck. I just really like the main characters, the way the author portrayed the two brothers."

George McClymont  
Northville High School student



"'Catcher in the Rye.' I really like Holden. I liked his personality; he was funny."

Megan Donohue  
Northville High School student



"I like 'It's Kind of a Funny Story' by Ned Vizzini. It's a really well-done book. It relates well to high school students."

Emma Boylan  
Northville High School student



"'Lord of the Rings.' They're very well written, with in-depth plots. I've read them dozens of times."

Zach Fuller  
Northville High School student

## Primary system needs reform

Want to reduce the hyper-partisanship gripping our politics? Interested in getting rid of as many of the shrill, toxic ads as possible? Want less blatant pandering to party extremists?

Sure. Who doesn't? So how is this for a remedy: Abolish partisan primary elections.

This year, Michigan will hold primaries on Tuesday, Aug. 3. They will narrow down the field to one candidate from each major party for the Nov. 2 general election.

That's the way we've been choosing nominees for governor, senator, Congress and the state Legislature since 1912, when the Legislature passed an election law calling for primary elections.

We've also had an off-again, on-again presidential primary, the first of which was held in April, 1916, when Henry Ford, who wasn't even a candidate, finished first on the Republican side with 83,057 votes. (The GOP sensibly nominated someone else instead.)

This was at the height of the Bull Moose/Progressive era, and primaries then were regarded as a part of political reform, a remedy designed to end the practice of the political bosses gathering in smoke-filled backrooms to pick their chums to run for office.

But now, nearly a century later, this reform has outgrown its usefulness. In fact, the results of primary elections are nearly all bad:

- Most districts, both congressional and legislative, are gerrymandered to assure one party wins the general election in November.

- U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Dearborn, the longest-serving member of the House in history, estimates there are no more 40 truly competitive congressional districts out of 435 total. Most experts think about the same ratio holds for the Michigan Legislature.

- Turnout is abysmally low in primary elections.

A quick review of statistics from the Michigan Secretary of State shows that in years in which we elect a president, only about one in every five voters shows up to vote in the primary. In non-presidential years like this one, that turnout is even lower.

- What this means is that a very small minority of voters nominate candidates who will run (and mostly automatically win) in the general election. The result is often to disenfranchise voters in the minority. Say you're a Republican who lives in U.S. Rep. John Conyers' overwhelmingly Democratic district. Your vote won't count in either the primary or general election. Same thing if you're a Democrat in Congressman Dave Camp's district.

- What makes matters worse is that the voters who do turn out in primary elections are almost always the extreme, ideological partisans on either side. What this means is that in Republican-leaning districts, the nominee is likely to be a hard right-winger, and in Democratic districts, it is probably going to be an extreme liberal.

- So thanks to partisan primary elections, our system assures that the folks who win elections in November are at the extremes of the political spectrum. No wonder they can't get along when they're in office. Many voters who show up to choose them in these primaries are not interested in political cooperation once they're in office.

They are more likely to be interested in ideological litmus tests or, worse, moved by harsh rhetoric or silly campaign ads. This makes sensible compromise for the common good that much more difficult.

So what's to be done? Scrap this outdated system and replace it with a fully open primary that selects the top two candidates, regardless of party, to run head to head in November. Call this a "qualifying election."

That would help weed out the extremists

and reward candidates who appeal to the broadest group of voters.

In Conyers' district, for example, the two top candidates are almost certain to be Democrats. But to be nominated, candidates in the qualifying election would have to appeal to (those few) Republicans in the district, to independents, and to ranges of opinion among Democratic voters. The net effect would be to drive candidates to the center of the political spectrum.

Additionally, it would give both independent and minority party voters a chance to make their votes count in the qualifying election.

Making this change would require no federal legislation or changes to our state Constitution. A simple legislative majority could make the change, as voters did in Washington state in 2006.

All this sounds too good to be true. Would such a system completely cure our dysfunctional politics? Probably not, if only because lobbies and rich people have seized control of so much of the system, leaving special interest-driven candidates the likely winners, regardless of whatever election system we have.

Still, it might be an improvement. Call me anti-democratic, but I preferred the old fashioned "smoke-filled room." There, bosses who actually knew the candidates and their weaknesses and their strengths did the picking. Most of them knew that their continued influence depended on picking candidates who were electable, effective and reasonably honest.

Instead, we now have a dysfunctional system. Why should we be surprised that we get dysfunctional government as a result?

Former newspaper publisher and University of Michigan Regent Phil Power is the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a bipartisan centrist think-and-do tank. He welcomes your comments at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.

## Fill out Census form, be sure you're counted

Once every 10 years, each one of us living in the United States has a unique opportunity to make a direct and positive impact on our neighborhoods



Dwight Dean

and communities. How? Well, in 2010, it's as easy as answering and mailing back our Census forms. Doing so is simple, fast and safe. Doing so makes it far more likely that our neighborhoods achieve the fullest count possible; and, in the process, greatly increase our community's fair share of the \$400 billion annually distributed to local programs and services for the next 10 years. That's a lot of money that improves our quality of life and that of our children.

Returning your Census form is one of the best ways to get the most significant return of your tax dollars through programs which enhance local education and pre-school programs, health care clinics, job training classes, road and bridge construction, among many others that are often easy

to take for granted, especially as we rush back and forth taking care of our personal priorities. When speaking to neighborhood and community organizations, folks often share their concerns about our hectic lives, concerns about privacy and questions about just what the government should know, or not know.

Our mission at the United States Census Bureau is to meet our constitutional requirements every 10 years in ways which ultimately meet the needs of the American people. That's why we conduct the Census, to simply count people and note information that helps us better understand a community's expectations and wishes. So, let's review why and how the 2010 Census form is simple, fast, and safe:

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### IT'S CONFIDENTIAL

Protecting the safety and security of your Census data is more than a goal — it is our prized duty and it's the law. Census data cannot be shared by the Census Bureau with anyone at the local, state or federal government levels. All Census Bureau employees take the oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data and face strict penalties if there would be a violation.

So, now as we find ourselves in the midst of the Census 2010 campaign, let's pull together, complete our Census forms, mail them back, and do what's right for ourselves, our families and our communities. Let's stand up and be counted ... it matters for now and for the next 10 years!

Dwight Dean is director of the Detroit Regional Census Office.

# DDA board likes two-story option on E. Main cut-through project

## Corporation to donate \$125,000

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

On March 30, members of the Northville Downtown Development Authority Board selected the option in which the second floor is eliminated but having the walkway covered in the proposed East Main Street cut-through.

Chuck Lapham, principal of the Northville Area Development Corporation, has also agreed to donate \$125,000 to the project.

The two-story option is one of four options originally presented by Cooper Design of Ann Arbor.

The other three options were a one-story walk-through, leaving the second floor intact; a hybrid option which provided offices in the front and the rear with a large two-story light well in the center space; and a totally open walk-through in which the building would be removed, leaving the space as an open alley.

### PROJECT COST UNDER

\$800,000

Preliminary budget estimations are around \$600,000-\$720,000 for the two-story option.

After several meetings, two of the concepts were knocked out — the open alley concept and the hybrid concept. Comerica Bank officials said they would be willing to work with either of the other two concepts — either the one-story project or the two-story project with a covering over the walk-through.

The bank is agreeable to a lease arrangement rather than a building sale arrangement for

the walk-through space.

Cooper said this is important from a building code perspective, because if the walk-through was owned separately from the bank, there would be firewall issues between the adjoining bank and the cut-through.

"This (a lease arrangement) will make construction simpler and less costly as well as provide greater design flexibility," Cooper said.

The front and rear facades will be redone in the project. Comerica Bank officials have also agreed to have the blue awnings on the front of the Comerica Bank replaced with more traditional sloped awnings.

The cut-through will be built through the former Girly Daze space just west of the bank.

Comerica Bank has expressed no interest in leasing or improving the second floor space over the former Girly Daze store.

### INTERPRETIVE PANELS PLANNED

Interpretive panels outlining the history of Northville or art are planned for the walls of the walk-through.

Members of the project steering committee liked the two-story design best.

"They liked the idea of natural light to illuminate the space," said Lori Ward, executive director of the DDA.

Savings can be gained from the full two-story concept because natural sunlight will mean that artificial lighting will only have to be used in the evenings.

Lapham said he also liked the two-story concept.

"I feel that it will be longer lasting and give our generations a better perspective of what many of us saw as the future of the downtown," Lapham said. "I do like the idea

of just one door on the north end of the walk-through."

Lapham said the Northville Area Development Corporation was formed in 1962. The corporation was privately funded by six or seven people in the community to aid the downtown area.

### COST CONCERNS EXPRESSED

Bob Buckhave said the DDA has a track record of going over budget.

"Does it have to be an experience to get from the Marquis Parking Lot to Main Street?" he asked. "I think not. I'm afraid this is going to send a very bad message, especially in these economic times. I'm more in favor of a concept that holds the cost down. It needs to be carefully thought out how my money's being spent, and I speak for every taxpayer who contributes to the DDA."

Jim Long also questioned the cost of the project.

"Bob (Buckhave) raises some real good points about the cost overruns," Long said. "I hate the cost, but I like the overall advantages of the two-story option."

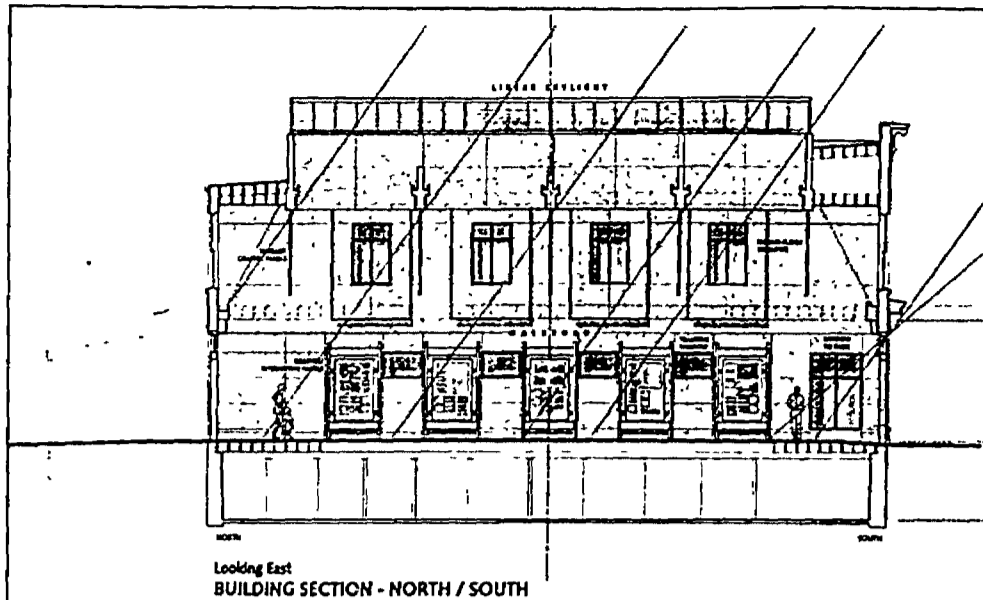
DDA board member John Casey said he likes the two-story option.

"Initially, I was leaning toward the one-story option because of the cost factor, but with Chuck's gift from his corporation we're looking at a difference of only \$90,000," Casey said. "I like the fact that we could put banners up and the operating expenses are lower."

Carolann Ayers also favors the two-story concept. "This is a one-time chance to do it right," she said.

Greg Presley, DDA chair, likes the two-story concept as well. "The benefit of day lighting means passive solar gain," he said.

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COURTESY COOPER DESIGN

This conceptual drawing by Cooper Design of Ann Arbor shows what the interior of the proposed walk-through at 125 E. Main Street might look like looking at the east wall of the space next to Comerica Bank.

## WALK-THROUGH

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ted to the project in the DDA budget. And, Comerica Bank officials have agreed to basically donate the space, setting up something like a 100-year, one-dollar lease.

"The main goal now is to pick a direction," Cooper said. The designed could be refined later.

On March 30, members of the DDA Board voted 6-1, with Margene Buckhave casting the "no" vote, to go with option two — a two-story walk-through with the second floor open and a skylight covering most of the roof.

Chuck Lapham, who controls money in the Northville Area Development Corporation, has also said that \$125,000 could be donated to this particular project through the corporation.

### TOO MANY QUESTIONS

Nancy Darga was the council member who brought up the question of structural issues with the historic building.

"I would like more information on the structural costs and maintenance savings," Darga said. She is afraid the skylight might leak, even though Cooper has said that the one-story option would cost more to operate because artificial

lighting would have to be provided more hours of the day.

"The era of the building is a concern," Darga said. And, "What I'm hearing is a lot of 'We don't know.' I don't think we have enough on the table (to make a decision)."

Doug Bingham, council member, agreed with Darga.

"If there is something seriously wrong with the wall, it could be costly," he said.

Cooper said he would have the building's walls examined and get back to council on the findings.

"Nothing in this building concerns me, but you never know," he said.

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#### Church of the Holy Family

**Location:** 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-8847 or visit [holymfamilynovi.org](http://holymfamilynovi.org)

#### Mass Schedule

**TIME/DAY:** 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday  
**Holy Days:** 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

**Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

#### Crosspointe Meadows Church

**Location:** 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

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

**Sunday Worship:** 11:15 a.m.

**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for

all ages

**Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

#### Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

**Location:** 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 348-7600 or visit [d1cnazarene.org](http://d1cnazarene.org)

**Sunday Schedule:** 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service  
**Tuesday Schedule:** Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study  
**Wednesday Schedule:** 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

**Thursday Schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do  
**Women of the Word**  
**Time/Date:** 9:25-11:15 a.m.  
**Details:** The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia  
**Contact:** (248) 442-8822 or [www.newhopecenter.org](http://www.newhopecenter.org)

#### From Grief to New Hope

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m.; eight-week workshop beginning April 14  
**Details:** Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses.

#### Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

**Location:** 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 427-1175 or

[churchoftheholycross.com](http://churchoftheholycross.com)  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.  
**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. Worship Service  
**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

#### Faith Community Presbyterian

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

#### First Baptist Church of Northville

**Location:** 217 N. Wing  
**Contact:** (248) 348-1020  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month  
**First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church**

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

**Family Bible Hour:** 9:45 a.m.

**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 afterwards.

**Contact:** Sue (734) 459-0016

**Single Place Ministries**

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

**Details:** Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details [singleplace.org](http://singleplace.org).

**PROJECT FUNDway - A Fashion Show to benefit Village Banking**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6

**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Northville 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville (Beck and Taft) in Fellowship Hall.

**Details:** The women of Bizarre Bazaar & Radical Joy present Project FUNDway. Fashion show and dessert buffet. Door prizes and store discounts. Fashions by Dress Barn. Hair styling and make-up by Pamela's Salon. Advance ticket sales only through April 25; \$15. All proceeds to benefit Village Banking.

**Contact:** Norma at (248) 207-3731. All proceeds to benefit Village Banking.

#### 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.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org)

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

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

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

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

**Logo Youth Club:** 5 p.m.

**Wednesday for fourth-12th grades.**

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

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

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

#### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

**Contact:** (248) 349-0565

#### Sundays

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

**Livonia Church of Christ**

**Location:** 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

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

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

**Contact:** Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit [mbccc.org](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

**Northville Christian Assembly**

**Location:** 41355 Six Mile Road

**Contact:** (248) 348-9030

**Sundays**

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

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

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

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**

**8:45-10:30 a.m.** (café)

**Wednesday Family Night**

**7 p.m.:** Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club)

**Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays**

**Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031**

**Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life**

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

**Contact:** Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or [rabbino@novijewishcenter.com](mailto:rabbino@novijewishcenter.com); [www.novijewishcenter.com](http://www.novijewishcenter.com)

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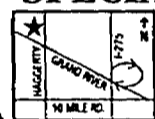
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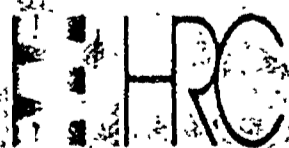
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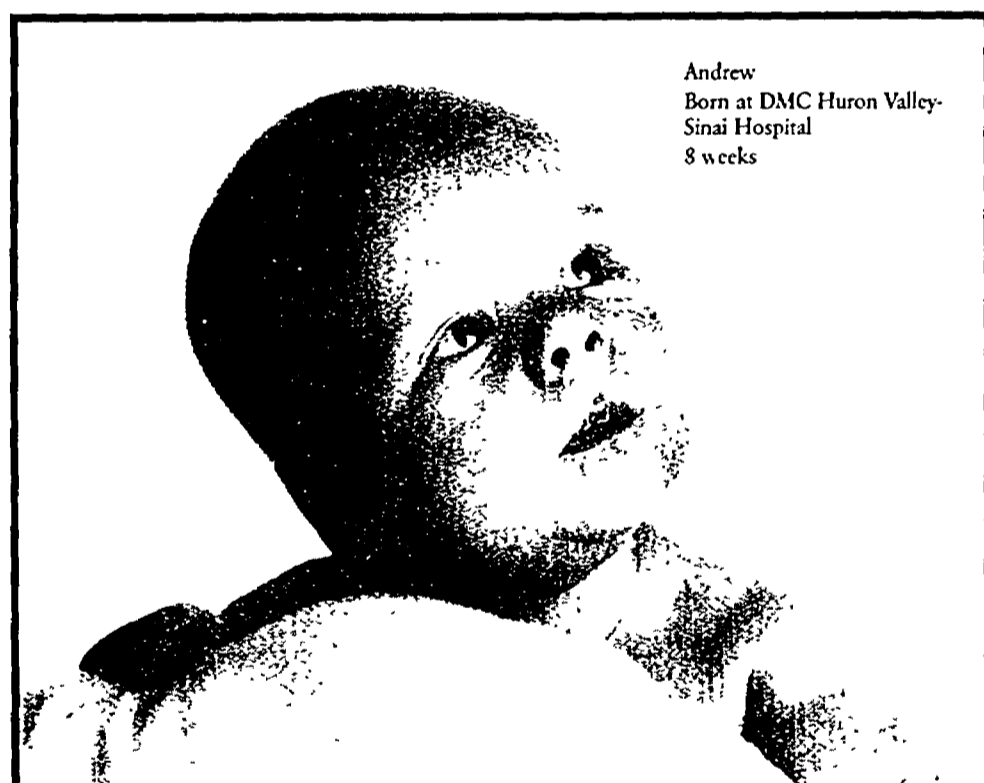
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## DINING

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attest to the popularity of Poole's Tavern's, Edward's Cafe and Table 5's outdoor dining areas on E. Main Street as well as seating outside Rebecca's and the Tuscan Café on N. Center Street.

The platforms would only be available to restaurants with less than 16 feet of sidewalk outside their building.

The platforms would also be ramped for handicapped accessibility.

Currently, the only restaurants that would meet this criteria are Table 5, Edward's Café, le George (opening soon) and Red Pepper Deli.

The Historic District Commission has reviewed the amendment and approved three railing designs around the platforms. Any other design would have to be approved by the commission.

### WOULD SUBMIT PERMIT

A business owner would have to submit a platform dining permit to the city for a nominal fee. The owner would also be responsible for

the construction and storage of the platform, which would only be up during the outdoor dining season. This would leave parking spaces open during the holiday shopping season in the fall.

"We believe this would add charm, character and appeal to downtown Northville," Ward said.

The concept has been well-received in downtown Birmingham. So far, Table 5 and le George owners have both expressed interest in the idea.

The platforms would accommodate six-eight tables and would have umbrellas that would have to match or complement the building façade.

Mayor Chris Johnson thought it would be a good idea to keep the platforms open for the public to use during parades.

### UNFAIR TO OTHERS?

Council member Nancy Darga was concerned that using parking spaces for the platforms might take business away from nearby merchants that weren't restaurants. She wants more input from other



COURTESY NORTHVILLE DOA

Patrons enjoy themselves on a platform dining structure outside Dick O'Dow's Irish Pub in Birmingham. The concept is currently being reviewed as an amendment to Northville's outdoor dining ordinance.

merchants before approving the ordinance amendment.

Many discussed the issue of the platforms eliminating the already too-few parking spaces downtown.

"I don't want to give a business an advantage over another," she said. "I don't think

there's a clear understanding by the merchants of this (concept.) I think there are a lot of things that aren't resolved yet before we jump into this shallow pool."

But Mary Starring of Starring "The Gallery" on W. Main Street said when

the former NOMI restaurant across the street from her was open, its outdoor dining area attracted customers to her store.

Three planning commissioners attended the council meeting Monday night. Although they had some

positive comments about the concept, they said they, too, didn't have enough facts to make a decision yet.

One commissioner had safety concerns about children playing around the platforms, and another thought public space for private use was inappropriate.

"We want to review it (the amendment) before it comes to council," said Jay Wendt, planning commission chair.

"We need to have merchant buy-in, and I don't have a sense of that," Darga said. "We don't want a lawsuit (initiated by merchants near the platforms)."

Johnson said the city's never going to get 100 percent buy-in from the merchants.

Some of the issues to be reviewed concerning platform dining include: communication with downtown merchants on the idea, standard railings, a dedicated bus parking area, fee structure, insurance, limits (how many will be allowed in the city), parking and accessibility to the public of the platforms when they're not in use.

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## NEW HOPE

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the eight week "From Grief to New Hope" workshops at various churches throughout Southeast Michigan, including Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.

New Hope also offers many ongoing support groups for both adults and children, many here in Northville at Ward Church. The Circles of Hope and New Hope for KIDZ and Teens group meet at the First Church of the Nazarene in Northville.

Visit New Hope's Web site for more details and information about monthly tours or volunteer opportunities.

### THE UPCOMING GALA

"We're very excited, because a lot of people will be coming to the gala that we helped early on," Clough said. "They're

coming back to celebrate with us."

"This is a wonderful way for the community to celebrate 10 years of New Hope and all the work that Cathy and the volunteers have done to help bring hope to thousands of grieving individuals," said John O'Shaughnessy, fund development director. Patti Bingham serves as special events and outreach coordinator, and Arlene Kurcawa, administrative assistant, has been with Clough since the beginning.

"Grief support is something people don't want to think about until it (death) happens, and then they're glad we're here," Clough said. "Because we provide age- and loss-specific support, we can help people even more because they can be with people who have had a similar loss."

"They realize they're not alone," O'Shaughnessy said.

### KIDZ GROUP EVENTS SLATED

Elaine Dzwonkowski is a volunteer and the center's KIDZ group coordinator. Some grant money from Hitachi will help provide a children's camp this summer, according to Clough. The camp will tentatively take place at the New Hope center on Griswold Street and Mill Race Village.

"It will be a two-day, day camp," Clough said. The Bee's Knees ceramic shop on East Main Street in downtown Northville also wants to sponsor a children's event for the center where children can make items.

### ENJOYING NEW LOCATION

After being at the tiny office on East Dunlap Street for so many years, the staff is enjoying its new Victorian-style house on Griswold Street. Many improvements have been done on the new office,

and the center welcomes area residents who would like to volunteer to weed or plant items in the area around the home.

"We actually have a landscape designer, Dana Mulder, who drew up a plan for us," Clough said. "We have a gardening crew of volunteers that has come together and will get started in a couple of weeks. We'd also love to have some plants donated."

Clough said if anyone wants to plant a certain area in memory of a loved one that the center is planning to accommodate that around the center.

"We're trying to get the outside in shape," she said.

### FUTURE GROUP PLANNED

Clough said the center is considering starting a group for those who have lost a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth or other cause. "There's a real need for this," she said. "We've

had a lot of calls requesting this. This type of loss may not fit into our group that deals with the loss of a child because this other group doesn't have the memories of the child to share. A lot of what they're dealing with is

the hopes, plans and dreams they had for that child. It's a disenfranchised experience because people don't recognize it."

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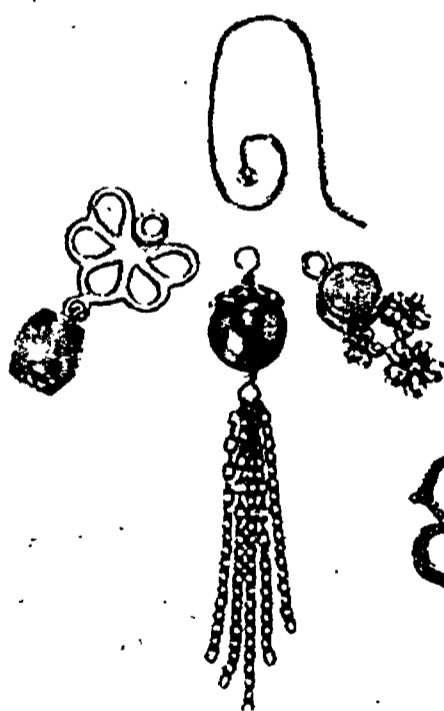
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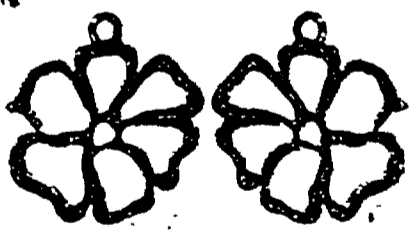
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## Motorcycle safety tips for riders and non-riders

The weather lately has been amazing. People are getting active, which is a great thing. People are also starting to dust off their boats, ATV's and motorcycles. Most of us don't even realize that motorcycles are now out on the road. I find it difficult not to -- the rumbling of an exhaust can be heard from a considerable distance. I take great pleasure and pride hearing the distinct sound of a Harley going down the road. That's because I'm an avid biker. This week I'm going to give tips on roadway safety to people who are and are not motorcyclists for the upcoming "riding season".

For all of the non-riders:

- Whether you like bikers or not, bikers have the same right as you on the roadway.
- Most motorcycle accidents occur at intersections.
- Expect to see motor-

### THE SAFETY ZONE

cycles on the road.

- Don't tailgate a biker, pass them at the appropriate time and speed.
- Bikers like to wear dark colors so you need to be extra vigilant in looking out for motorcyclists.

For all of us "bikers"

- People driving cars are not accustomed to seeing us on the roadway. We need to be aware of them.
- Ride defensively. There is no need to go speeding around everyone to show how cool you are. People will notice you just by going the speed limit because YOU ARE ON A BIKE!
- Always wear a DOT approved helmet. I know you may think that the helmet law is a violation of your rights, but I assure you that if you witness a motorcycle accident, you will see the

value of wearing one.

- Yes, most accidents occur at intersections, but many motorcycle accidents are because bikers drink and choose to ride, that's just dumb!
- Always wear the appropriate gear and dress in layers for the weather. You can easily become hypothermic if you are not prepared.

With the weather warming-up I encourage everyone to get outside and enjoy it. If you're going for a cruise, traveling to work, or going on vacation by using the roadway, lets all give each other respect. A little awareness and respect could prevent a tragedy during the warmer months on the roadway.

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



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## Relay at Rock

This group of Northville High School students participated in the Relay for Life held at the Rock Financial March 27-28. Their team -- The E.N.D. -- raised over \$4,000 and came in first place in their fundraising efforts. Shown are (l to r, back) Josh Hall, Tom Charara, Sarah Blackhurst, Max Grezlik, Dawson Laabs, Julia Hamilton, Ashley Warr, Matt Harmon; (front) Abby Bixler, Emily Hatcher and Carly Morrell. Missing from the photo is team member Mike Ferguson.



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Detroit law firm Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker, P.L.L.C. announced that one of its members, Rebecca Simkins, gave a presentation for the State Bar of Michigan's Practice Management Resource Center at Cooley Law School in Lansing on March 19. Her topic was "The Top Ten Mistakes to Avoid When Hiring Support Staff."

Simkins is an employment lawyer

who represents businesses in civil litigation and drafts employment policies and contracts. She grew up in Livonia and is very active in the Northville community. Rebecca served on the Board of the Northville Chamber of Commerce from 2004-2008. Simkins is 1988 graduate of Detroit College of Law, now Michigan State University College of Law.

## IN THE SERVICE

Justin Schlanser

Major Justin Schlanser (DVM), of Northville, graduated from the demanding U.S. Army Ranger school on April 1, 2010. Of the 310 soldiers who started the class, only 67 graduated.

Schlanser is a 1996 graduate of Northville High School and a 2003

graduate of Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine where he earned his doctor of veterinary medicine degree. Schlanser also holds the Army Airborne, Combat Diver and Expert Medical badges.

He is currently stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. where he is the veterinary surgeon for the 75th Ranger regiment.



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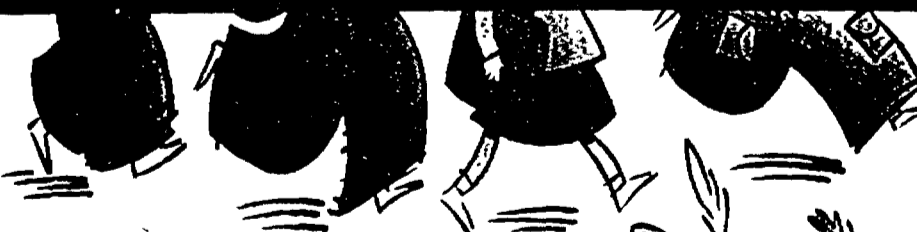
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## LOCAL EVENTS

## M.O.M.S. Baby, Kid and Me Resale

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, April 23; 9-noon Saturday, April 24  
**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 Eight Mile Road  
**Details:** Wonderful selection of gently-used items for sale: baby, kid and maternity clothing; including coats, shoes and costumes, baby equipment, kid's furniture, décor, strollers toys, books and games. Profits support mothers in our area including Civic Concern and First Step Women's Shelter; \$1 admission. Donations accepted at the church or call Sandra for a pickup. Tax donation slips available. **Contact:** (734) 420-1750

## Gardeners Of Northville &amp; 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](http://gardenersnorthville-novi.org) or Renee (248) 231-2334

## Northville Genealogical Society Meeting

**Time/Date:** 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on April 11  
**Location:** Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street, Northville



Members of the Northville Historical Society work on completing the general store at Mill Race on March 30. From left are Keith Paterson and his son Scott, and Mark Chester and Larry Last. The store is set to open on June 13.

**Details:** There will be a round-table on "Naturalization and Immigration" at 1:15 p.m. and the Michigan Oral History Society will be giving a program on "Conducting Oral Histories" at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to both and the event is free. **Contact:** Grace Wilfong at (248) 349-9079 or visit [www.rootsweb.com/~mings](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mings)

## PROJECT FUNDway - A Fashion Show to benefit Village Banking

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6  
**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville (Beck and Taft) in Fellowship Hall.  
**Details:** The women of Bizarre Bazaar & Radical Joy present Project FUNDway. Fashion show and dessert buffet. Door prizes and store discounts. Fashions by Dress Barn. Hair styling and make-up by Pamela's Salon. Advance ticket sales only through April 25; \$15. All proceeds to benefit Village Banking. **Contact:** Norma at (248) 207-3731. All proceeds to benefit Village Banking.

## NHS Mustangs' Baseball Celebrates Armed Forces Day

**Time/Date:** Saturday, May 15; double-header and festivities begin at 10 a.m.  
**Location:** Northville High School Varsity Baseball Field, 45700 Six Mile Road Northville  
**Details:** All armed forces branches will be honored. Varsity doubleheader. **Festivities include:** color guard presentation; recognition of veterans & current service men and women; military vehicle display; baseball double-header -- NHS vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard High School and NHS vs. White Lake Lakeland High School. Bring donations of new/slightly used DVDs, cell phones, individually packed items such as hard candy, peanuts, licorice, Slim Jims, Pringles, powdered drink mix (for water) and hygiene products. Northville VFW and National Guard will ship donations to our troops. Monetary donations also accepted. Make checks payable to NHS Baseball. Include Armed Forces Day donation in memo. Mail to NHS Baseball Coach John Koszewska, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. **Contact:** NHS Assistant Varsity

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## Relay for Life

**Time:** 10 a.m.-10 a.m. May 15-16  
**Location:** Ford Field, 150 Hutton Street, Northville  
**Details:** Join the American Cancer Society's vision to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays by participating in Relay for Life of Northville. This inspiring overnight event unites the entire community in celebrating those who have had cancer, remembering loved ones lost, and providing an opportunity to fight back against the disease. Relay for Life supports the Society's mission to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back. Activities will include a cancer survivor celebration and victory lap, a luminaria ceremony

to honor and remember everyone touched by the disease and a light 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).

## 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 e-mail [griethelp@newhopecenter.net](mailto:griethelp@newhopecenter.net).

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## The Art House

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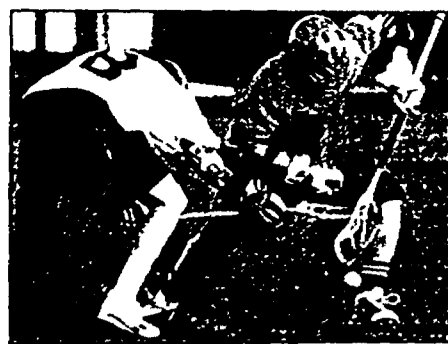
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Northville  
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Mustang Kelsey Fiscus gets a little pass off while in mid-air.

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## Northville gets second win

Girls soccer beats  
Walled Lake Western

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

When it comes to the early weeks of the spring sports season in Michigan, there is no telling what kind of elements a team is going to have to face when taking to the pitch.

The Northville girls soccer team, coached by Eric Brucker, got one of the unexpectedly perfect ones last week. Sunny, a cool breeze and a steady 65-degree temperature were just the icing on the cake thanks to a 3-0 shutout victory over Walled Lake Western.

"Overall I was pleased with the performance from my girls," Brucker said. "They are just starting to translate what we have been working on practice to game situations."

The team, however, will have to prove that without practice and game situations, they can still come back ready to play. Spring break will find the girls off of the pitch until April 13, when they play the always-tough Canton Chiefs.

"Let's hope that can retain some of the information over the next two weeks," Brucker said. "Canton will be our toughest challenge to this point in the season. They have both size and quickness."

Northville will be looking to jump to an early lead against Canton, much like they did against the Warriors of Walled Lake Western. In that contest, Northville scored at the 13 minute mark of the first half when sophomore Jenni Borawski rang a shot off the crossbar that rebounded and landed at the feet of sophomore Claire McHugh, who blasted the half volley in to the net for an early Mustang lead, 1-0.

Northville tallied their second score to take a 2-0 lead into halftime thanks to a free kick on the left flank that was



Mustang Caroline Castelli heads the ball near midfield.

placed by senior Kelsey Fiscus into the 18-yard box. After a deflection off Tori Wright, junior Tara Cureton cleaned up and netted the second goal of the game.

In the second half, Northville continued their

push, scoring with 13:35 left in the game. Cureton notched her second goal of the game off a back pass from Borawski to make it a 3-0 final.

Earning her second win of the season in net was Katherine Jansen, who now

gets to add a shutout to her statistics.

Northville is now 2-0 on the season.

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

## Mustangs start season off with 2 quick victories

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs softball team made a statement early this year, opening up the season with two big wins in a double-header against a typically-competitive foe.

Northville, coached by Kelly Couchman, slapped two losses on the Vikings from Walled Lake Central last week. In the opener, Northville collected a 3-0 victory. In the closing game of the twinbill, the Mustangs didn't disappoint anyone as they put on a show with a 12-2 victory.

"It was a great overall team effort," said Couchman.

The Mustangs will be at home again after spring break, playing April 12.

Earning both wins on the mound was Laura Pond, who collected 10 strikeouts over the course of the two games. The victories were the first

of Pond's varsity career. She was relieved by Mary Rounsifer.

On the offensive side of the ball, Meredith Williams was a standout performer for the Northville sluggers. She collected a double and a triple in the victorious efforts. Not to be outdone, Karly Fisher slapped four singles throughout the two games and Megan O'Malley notched a double and three singles.

Ellie Asher showed that her bat will be one to fear this year, clubbing two doubles and a single in the two wins while Katie Fenech swatted two doubles and two singles. Rounsifer proved she's more than just a strong pitching arm, too, putting Northville's base runners across home plate with four runs batted in.

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



COURTESY PHOTO

Michael and Madison VanAntwerp both attended Thornton Creek Elementary and Hillside Middle School, and are now at Detroit Country Day.

## Brother and sister have stellar hockey careers

VanAntwerp siblings shine for DCD

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

There's no sibling rivalry here—frankly, there's no need for one.

Northville's Michael and Madison VanAntwerp began their hockey careers on the same teams sharing the same coaches and teammates. Now, they share the same honors. The two standout hockey players both attend Detroit Country Day in Beverly Hills, Mich. Both of them are also team captains.

They follow in the footsteps of their father -- who was a team captain in 1979 -- and uncles, who were all players for the Country Day hockey program.

Both siblings have proven to be standout players. Michael, a senior, earned Second-Team All-State honors this year. He

was also awarded the Hobey Baker High School Character Award for his "character, commitment, teamwork, persistence, selflessness, academic excellence and sportsmanship," according to the Hobey Baker Foundation's criteria for the award.

Madison, a junior, collected Honorable-Mention All-State recognition and finished her junior year in the top 10 of all Michigan girls high school hockey players in total points and was second in the stick handling portion of the state's skills competition this year.

"Having Michael on our team has been a pleasure," said Country Day boys coach Chuck Carvey. "He has been a contributor since his arrival his freshman year. Having a player whose father and uncles

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## NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

### Mustangs lacrosse boys add second win

The Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team added its second win of the season with a 10-4 domination of the Hartland Eagles last week.

The Mustangs, coached by Greg Durham, jumped out to a 4-2 lead in the first quarter and didn't let the Eagles even see the back of the net until the third as they romped to the win.

"The season is progressing nicely, and we are getting better every game," said Durham. "We still are not to the point that the coaching staff would like to be, but we are very optimistic about the season."

Leading the way for the Mustangs was none other than standout junior Dylan Gelven, who had four goals and two assists in the contest. Sophomore Jake Kippola wasn't about to be outdone, however, and tallied three goals and an assist of his own. Makis Eatmon, Ian Meador and Nick Melucci each had one goal in the win.

"Our offense looks very good," said Durham. "Though we played one of the better games that we will see this season, we need to bury some of the one-on-one shots."

Durham pointed out that Gelven and Kippola "had a great game together" and that they're both coming into their



COURTESY PHOTO

Ian Meador helped lead Northville to its second win of the season last week.

own as lacrosse players.

Earning the win in the goal was Paul Soyster, who made 10 saves on 14 shots in his first game as a varsity goalie.

Meador did well on face-offs, going 8-for-11 on the day to bring his season average to 78-percent wins. Jake Johnson stood out on defense, snagging four ground balls and three takeaways in the game.

Hartland's goalie, Adam Holka, stopped 26 shots out of the 36 Mustangs put on goal.

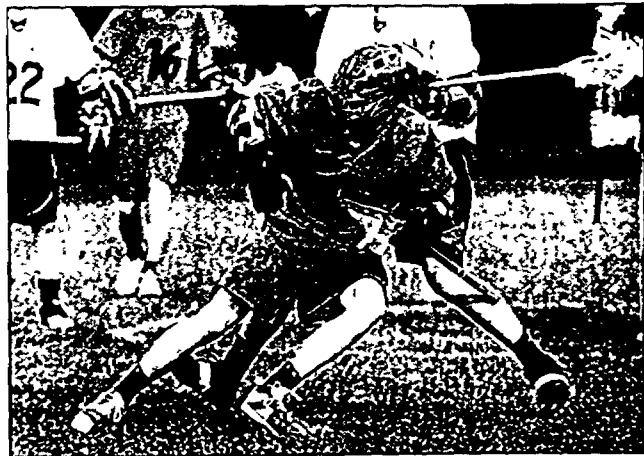
"We still need to develop our team defensive concepts," Durham said. "I thought Paul (Soyster) cleared the ball extremely well, and the guys did a great job on the little things."

Northville is now 2-0 on the season.

### Girls varsity lacrosse bows to Troy Athens

It wasn't the game the Northville Mustangs were hoping to have heading into Spring Break, but it was the game they ended up with despite their best efforts.

The Mustangs put up a good fight but couldn't come out on top as they fell to Troy



COURTESY PHOTO

Dylan Gelven and the Mustangs beat Hartland 10-4.

Athens, 11-7.

Leading the way for Northville was Kayley Dahring, who scored the first four goals for the Mustangs. Kathleen Terrian added the fifth goal of the game for Northville while Shaylyn Brady collected the final two.

Tori Hilmer had six ground balls in the losing effort, while Terrian and Stephanie Rinaldi had three each.

Stopping the loss in goal was Rachel Jurczynski, who stopped 12 shots on goal. Northville is now 1-1.

### Junior varsity girls lacrosse earns win

The junior varsity girls lacrosse team scored a hard-fought 5-4 victory over Troy Athens last week.

Leading the way for

the Mustangs was Allie Hartnagle, who collected four of the team's goals—including the game winner. Northville's fourth goal of the game was scored by Rachel Shafer. Earning an assist on Hartnagle's second goal was Alivia Duquet.

"Everyone on the team contributed to our first win," said coach Stacey Tardich. "The (girls) improved from last game in terms of team concepts. We hope to continue developing individual skills along with team concepts as we progress through the season."

Earning the win in goal was Kali Maisano, who stopped 12-of-16 shots on goal.

The junior varsity squad is now 1-1 on the season.

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

# Erica Zazo earns Henrik Zetterberg Scholarship

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It wouldn't have been much surprise to anyone when Northville senior Erica Zazo skated onto the ice this year to hear a fan in the stands ask, "Hey, who's the new girl?"

You wouldn't believe it to have watched her play this year, but Zazo barely saw the ice last year on the varsity level. She did skate with the junior varsity squad, but she had to avoid physical contact.

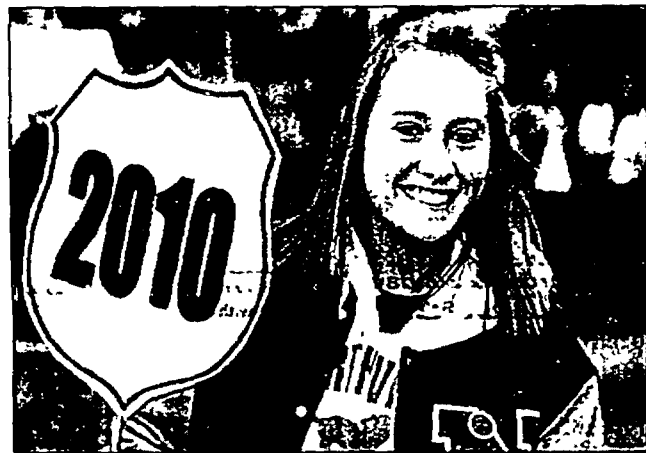
It was a strange sensation, no doubt, for a hockey player whose first instinct is to mix it up when going after the puck.

Zazo had her reason. Actually, her doctors and her coaches had the reason.

You see, Zazo suffered a devastating knee injury as her sophomore year came to a close. She found herself tangled with two opponents and a quick twist sent her sprawling to the ice, her ACL torn.

"It was a career-ending injury," said her father, Steve Zazo. "I remember that Erica cried not so much about the discomfort, but the realization that she may be out of sports for good."

Zazo was a gamer. She had played soccer most of her life, opting to stop during her sophomore year to focus on hockey, which had quickly consumed



COURTESY PHOTO

Northville's Erica Zazo came back from a torn ACL, Detroit Red Wing Henrik Zetterberg chose her as the female hockey player to receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

her as her favorite sport. The idea of not being able to play, said her father, was unbearable for her.

So Zazo pushed forward, having surgery and attending physical therapy and getting clearance to play again, though on a limited basis. Mobility hadn't returned fully by the time the season rolled around her junior year, a setback that landed her only real playing time on the junior varsity team and away from physical interactions.

But Zazo responded well to a second surgery and come her senior year was back on the ice

in a varsity role. She earned a starting spot and, eventually, become one of the team's leading scorers and assists leaders. She was named a team captain this year as well.

"I don't know the exact stats, but I contributed a lot of goals and assists for the team and definitely had the most penalties," joked Zazo.

Her comeback was noted around the league as she was key in each and every game the Mustangs played. Her tenacity and driving desire earned recognition from a source other than those she played against and with, too. Detroit Red Wings star Henrik Zetterberg chose Zazo as the female hockey player to receive a \$1,500



COURTESY PHOTO

Erica Zazo, who holds a 3.5 GPA and has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years, will be applying the scholarship to Michigan State University, where she will study digital marketing or journalism.

scholarship.

"I was very surprised to hear I was the recipient," she said. "I was totally shocked and thrilled. I thought my chances felt like one in a million."

Bill Holden, the coach for

the girls squad, said in a prepared letter that Zazo was an inspiration to everyone who coached her and played at her side.

"Over the years, I have observed players who suf-

fered injuries less severe and because of what others say or their own lack of confidence either stop playing or were happy just to make the team," he wrote. "Erica not only had to regain what she had originally accomplished but continued to improve to the next level."

Zazo, who holds a 3.5 GPA and has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years, will be applying the scholarship to Michigan State University, where she will study digital marketing or journalism, she said.

"This scholarship is definitely going to help out my family and I," she said. "Also, I am proud of myself and what I have accomplished."

Zazo will get a chance to attend a Red Wings game later this year and will meet Zetterberg in person as part of winning the scholarship. She said he is one of her favorite players.

The Mustangs standout said that while the scholarship is nice and the recognition was wonderful, none of it will match what this season meant to her.

"My favorite memories were ... all the friendships I made and the laughs we all had in the locker room and on the ice," she said.

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

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider variance requests for Bordine Nursery to establish a temporary greenhouse and temporary signs at Benton's Crossing, 5 Mile & Sheldon Roads. Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

Paul Slatin, Chair  
Zoning Board of Appeals

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# Lunn's freestyle swims generate Player of the Year honor

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs had a successful season, finishing third at the Division I state meet in Holland. One of their most dangerous swimmers was freestyle specialist, senior Nate Lunn. Earning All-State (top eight) honors in all four events he swam at the state meet, Lunn was also part of the All-American 400-yard free relay team that finished fourth in 3:10.97.

"Nate was a joy to coach. He worked at making himself and his teammates better everyday," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said.

Lunn also earned fourth in the 200 free (1:43.29), sixth in 100 free (47.88 seconds) and fourth in the 200 free relay (1:27.50).

## FIRST TEAM

Adam Oxner (South Lyon Sr.)

Taking first place in a strong pool of Division I contestants in the 100-yard breaststroke (58.12 seconds), Oxner also claimed 22nd in the 200 individual medley in 2:01.67. He also helped the South Lyon unified squad take eighth in the 200-yard medley relay (1:38.65) and 15th in the 200 free relay (1:29.87).

"Adam had one goal all season and that was to win the state championship. Adam did not just make that his goal, he did everything he could to achieve that goal. He was focused on this goal throughout the entire off-season and this season," South Lyon coach John Burch said. "I would encourage anyone who wants to win a state title to follow his example."

Joon Chung (Novi Jr.)

The heart of a young Wildcats squad for the second straight year, Chung earned third in the 100-yard breaststroke (58.55 seconds) and ninth in the 200 IM (1:56.50) at the Division I state meet. He also helped Novi to a 20th-place finish in the 400 free relay (3:19.68) and 21st-place finish in the 200 medley relay (1:41.37).

"Joon is one of the hardest workers I have ever met. He is a team leader in both leadership and setting a positive example, which is why he is one of the co-captains for next years season," Novi coach Eric Lynn said. "He really understands the benefit of trying your hardest every day."

Andy Stone (South Lyon Sr.)

Taking sixth in the 100 breast at the Division I state meet in 59.45 seconds, Stone teamed with Oxner to create a dual threat in the event all season long. He also finished 11th in the 100 fly (53.19 seconds), eighth in

## ALL-AREA BOYS SWIM AND DIVE

the 200 medley relay (1:38.65) and 15th in the 200 free relay (1:29.87).

"Andy is one of the most versatile swimmers I have ever coached. His ability to swim all four strokes well really helped our team this season," South Lyon coach John Burch said. "He not only was a good swimmer, but he was a great leader of the team this season. Andy is a natural leader."

Evan Bischoff (South Lyon Jr.)

A key member of the unified squad, Bischoff tied for 12th in the 100 free (48.35 seconds) and took 15th in the 200 free (1:46.53) while also playing an integral role in eighth-place 200 medley relay (1:38.65) and 15th-place 200 free relay (1:29.87) finishes.

"Evan is one of the hardest workers that I have ever coached. He saw all that hard work pay off tremendously this season," South Lyon coach John Burch said. "To switch from the 500 and learn to swim the 100 freestyle is very tough to do. Evan did it with ease."

John Lubisco (Northville Sr.)

Taking sixth in the 50 free (21.87 seconds) and 16th in the 100 back (55.27 seconds), Lubisco was a two-time All-State honoree. He also helped the Mustangs take 14th in the 200 medley relay (1:40.13) and fourth in an All-American 400 free relay (3:10.97).

"John was a lot of fun to coach. He begged me to swim the 50 free for three years and I told him if he went 22-flat I would put him in it at states. So, sure enough, he goes 22-flat at conference meet and then winds up All-State in that event," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said.

Ben Schoenek (Northville Sr.)

On of the Mustangs' most versatile swimmers, Schoenek took 12th in 100 fly (53.24 seconds) and 25th in the 200 IM (2:01.91) while helping Northville to an All-American fourth-place finish in the 400 free relay (3:10.97) and 14th-place finish in the 200 medley relay (1:40.13).

"Ben has been about as steady as they come for the four years he has been here," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "I could put Ben anywhere in a meet line-up and know that he would get the job done. His split on our 400 free relay was awesome."

William Greenlee (Northville Jr.)

Yet another piece to the strong puzzle of Mustang tankers, Greenlee took ninth in the 100 fly (53.03 seconds) and 34th in

the 50 free (22.59 seconds) while working with his teammates to earn an All-American fourth-place finish in the 200 free relay (1:27.50) and 14th-place finish in the 200 medley relay (1:40.13).

"Will really worked at making himself a better swimmer this season. He listen to the coaching staff and bought into what we were trying to accomplish as a team," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said.

John Blickle (Northville Sr.)

The final piece of the Mustangs' All-American 400 free relay team (fourth in 3:10.97), Blickle also tied for 12th in the 100 free (48.35 seconds), got 17th in the 200 free (1:46.53) and fourth in the 200 free relay (1:27.50).

"John was a great captain and really held our guys accountable each and every practice," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We gambled and waited until state meet this year to rest him and it paid off."

Kevin Bain (Northville Jr.) and William Price (Northville So.)

The top area diver, Bain took fourth in 1-meter dive with 415.20 points at the Division I state meet.

The area's next best diver, Price teamed with Bain to form a tough tandem for opposing dive teams. Price finished sixth in 1-meter dive with 371.75 points.

"These guys are so steady on the boards and they keep improving every year thanks to Dayna Azzopardi, our diving coach," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "These two are two of the best in the state and I am glad they will both be coming back."

Scott Jessup (Milford So.)

Setting a school record in 11 dives (364.65 points) and six dives (232.65 points), Jessup was a force in a portion of meets that several teams lacked in. He was 12th at the Division I state meet with a 1-meter dive score of 327.25 points.

"Scott finished his sophomore season with his best performance of the year at state meet. All 11 dives were very consistent and he was able to finish ahead of many of the divers he had competed with head-to-head all season," Milford coach Erik Koppin said. "As Scott matures as an athlete, we look forward to him leading our team to future success."

Dan Gironza (South Lyon So.)

One of the few area divers with consistently dominant scores, Gironza took 15th in the 1-meter dive at the Division I state meet with 320.60 points.

"Dan is the leader of our diving team even though he is only a sophomore. This season we had

a new diving coach and the transition did not phase him at all. Dan is a very good diver who will only get better in the upcoming seasons," South Lyon coach John Burch said.

## SECOND TEAM

Evan Faletti (South Lyon Fr.)

In his freshman year, Faletti was impressive in helping his team to an eighth-place finish in the 200 medley relay (1:38.65) while also taking 43rd in the 100 backstroke in 58.96 seconds.

Tony Cipponeri (Lakeland Jr.)

A leader for the Eagles, Cipponeri used his freestyle speed to take 16th in the 50 free (22.90 seconds) and 17th in the 100 free (49.38 seconds) at the Division II state meet. He also helped Lakeland to a 15th-place finish in the 400 free relay (3:21.90) and 20th-place finish in the 200 free relay (1:32.38). The 400 free relay team was the program's first relay team ever sent to the state finals.

Nathan Wagner (South Lyon Jr.)

Filling a variety of roles with South Lyon's squad, Wagner helped his team to a 15th-place finish in the 200 free relay (1:29.87) while finishing 31st in the 100 breaststroke (56.60 seconds) on his own.

Jongmin Kim (Novi So.)

Sure to be a future force in a very competitive group of are breaststrokers, Kim took 16th in the 100 breast (1:02.20) while also helping the Wildcats to a

21st-place finish in the 200 medley relay (1:41.37).

Ryan Johnson (Lakeland Fr.)

Although his 35th-place finish in the 200 IM (2:06.96) at the Division II state meet was impressive for a freshman, Johnson was even more impressive in earning 16th in the 100 back (56.65 seconds) and helping with a 15th-place finish in the 400 free relay (3:21.90).

AJ Aquinto (Northville Sr.)

Individually, Aquinto took 25th in the 100 fly (54.66 seconds) and 28th in the 200 IM (2:02.23) while helping the Mustangs take fourth in the 200 free relay in 1:27.50.

Joe Brinkman (CC Jr.)

With his best finish a 13th-place tie in the 200 IM (1:59.77) at the Division I state meet, Brinkman also qualified and finished 38th in the 100 fly (56.14 seconds) and 22nd as part of the 400 free relay team in 3:20.76.

BoFang Zhang (Northville Jr.)

Taking 14th as part of the Mustangs' 200 medley relay squad in 1:40.13, Zhang also earned 26th in the 100 breast (1:02.83) and 29th in the 200 IM (2:02.26).

Leighton Christie (Lakeland Jr.)

Christie was the Eagles' go-to guy for all three relay events at the Division II state meet, helping Lakeland to earn 15th in the 400 free relay (3:21.90), 20th in the 200 free relay (1:32.38) and 27th in the 200 medley relay (1:46.41).

Chris LaFayette (Northville Sr.)

In the most grueling of high school swims, LaFayette earned All-State honors with an eighth-place finish in the 500 free in 4:51.27 seconds.

Todd Truran (Northville Sr.)

Truran went out on a high note, taking 16th in a very competitive 100 free in 49.58 seconds.

Brandon Hartley (Lakeland Sr.)

Another key member of the Eagles' relay squads, Hartley helped Lakeland take 15th in the 400 free relay (3:21.90) and 20th in the 200 free relay (1:32.38) at the Division II state meet. He also took 34th in the 200 free in 1:51.88.

## HONORABLE MENTION

Detroit Catholic Central - Nick Baldus (Jr.), Sean Ryan (Jr.), Tony Thibodeau (Sr.), Brady Small (Sr.), Daniel Burton (Jr.), Ryan Newman (Fr.)

Lakeland - Gary Essenmacher (Jr.), Matt Follick (So.), Taylor Crawford (Sr.), John Falvey (Jr.)

Milford - Nathan Beane (Sr.), Chris Groce (Sr.)

Northville - Tim Shea (Jr.), Spencer Miller (So.), Alex Miller (Jr.), Ryan Winkler (Jr.)

Novi - John Lu (So.), Travis Vincent (Jr.), Andrew Ao (Fr.), Tiger Bourque (Jr.), Eugene Song (So.)

South Lyon unified - John Dunnuck (So.)

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were a part of our hockey history is unique because there are many options for education and hockey in our area. But to have a player who is a captain of our team and his sister is the captain of our (girl's) team is very special and something the VanAntwerp family should be proud of."

Madison has been a captain on her squad for the past two years. She earned her first nod four games into her sophomore year.


"This year she continues to

lead in her ability on the ice," said her coach, Di Pasquo. "She is not a loud boisterous type captain but rather one that leads though example on the ice. Usually the right of captain is reserved for a junior or senior in high school sports but her teammates knew she would wear the 'C' proudly and do the position justice."

In addition to being top-tier players, the siblings are also involved in hockey outside of the uniform and sticks. Both are level two USA Hockey Officials and have even called games together as a team. The duo are also certified student hockey coaches and volunteer for the Novi Ice Cats.

"Michael and Madison VanAntwerp represent the best of Detroit Country Day School scholar-athletes," said headmaster Glen Shilling. "Both are not only exceptional hockey players for their respective teams, they lead by example and spirit on the ice, in the locker room and as students in the classroom. Michael and Madison were elected captains of their teams because they are highly respected by their teammates and coaches for their qualities of character and sportsmanship."

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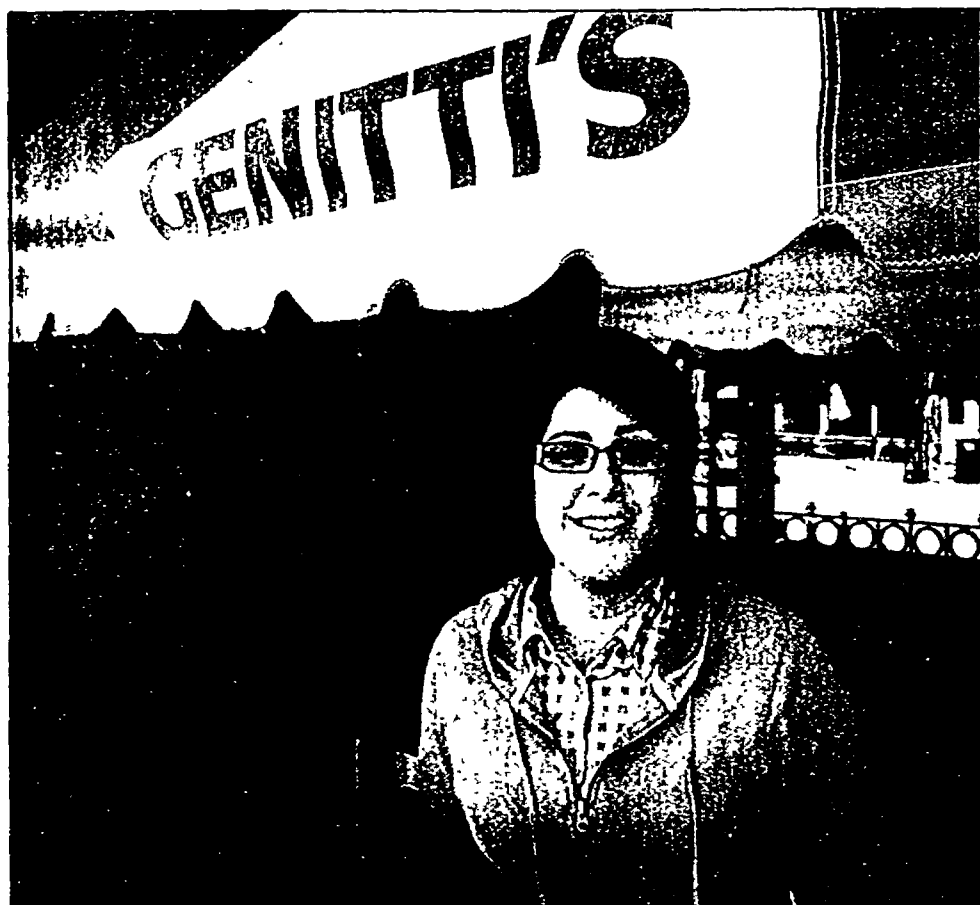
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## NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Laura Genitti is very involved in the planning of dinners and theatre and engagement parties at the downtown Northville staple Genitti's.

## Genitti's hosts special events, dinner theater

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

We do everything from full service weddings to dinner theater and catering to baby showers.

How did you first decide to open your business?

My dad, just out of the service, came to Northville and in 1970 bought the established EMB meat market. In 1978, Northville went through some changes, and Genitti's needed to do something more, so they opened for lunch. From there, dinner, catering, dinner theater and much more.

Why do you choose this area?

Mary Ware (Aunt Mary), John's aunt, lived in Northville. John came for a visit and the rest is history.

What makes your business unique?

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**Your Hometown:** Northville  
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**Your Business Specialty:** special events and dinner theater  
**Phone:** (248) 349-0522  
**Website:** www.genittis.com

customers are here, we make them feel like a part of that.

How has it changed since you opened?

We know change is good, so in that respect we have made changes to the menus and decor, but the foundation and main focus is still on making people happy.

Do you have a funny tidbit or

story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?

As you can imagine, we have many stories. The thing I think amazes me the most is how much you can learn from your customers. They will come in and "break the rules", change things around -- and the next thing you know, it's on the menu!

How has the recent economy affected your business?

Don't make me answer that!

Any advice for business owners?

Work hard, play hard and remember: Right now, service is all we have left, so give them what they want, when they want it.

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

We are very excited for all the 2010 events we have coming up. As far as our dinner theater, we turn our shows in June and we can't wait!

## Lessons from a three-legged dog

Almost every morning on my drive to work I see one of my neighbors walking his dog. Rain or shine these two are out every morning touring the subdivision. The dog looks like any other dog taking their morning walk except that this dog only has three legs. At first this dog and his(?) owner caught my eye but then I got used to their morning walks and they blended in to the scenery. I didn't give the three legged dog a second thought until one day it hit me that we could all learn some valuable business lessons from this dog.



Takin' Care of Business  
 Jeffrey Livermore

The three legged dog did not need constant rewards to get out and go for a walk. So many of us have been conditioned to expect constant praise and rewards for everything that we do that we are disappointed when we don't receive them. Between helicopter parents and video games that hook players by constantly rewarding them with virtual prizes and elevations of game rank we have raised a generation of young people that expect their employers to constantly praise

and reward. Some workers expect a constant stream of promotions and rewards or they will jump to an employer that they feel will properly recognize their contributions. This is not realistic in most work environments. We need to be like the three legged dog and walk because it is good for us and beats laying around on the floor waiting for someone to pet us.

The dog seems to love walking through the snow and slush that we have received so much of in the last month. The dog does not appear to complain or balk at walking early in the morning. He maintains a good pace and walks for the sheer enjoyment of it. Many workers only see the dark side of their job and complain constantly. Rather than complain, we should all be more like the three legged dog and just be happy in our jobs. In today's economy, people with jobs should be grateful that they simply have a job.

I have a dog of my own that has four feet that I have often compared her to the three legged dog. With four healthy legs my dog does not like to go outside in the snow. The three legged dog does not stop doing what she enjoys. Rather than make excuses not to do something, this dog finds a way to make it hap-

pen. The husky has learned to use the tools he has to get the job done. Many of us ignore opportunities because we feel that we need more resources to attempt to grab the brass ring. Instead of jumping in and chasing it, we turn ourselves into spectators.

Please do not conclude that I am asking a three legged dog to be my life coach. I am simply turning to learn from others and find inspiration to improve my life. Inspiration is all around us. There are people succeeding in business and their chosen professions all around us. We need to learn from others and see what they are doing to achieve their success. If we learn good habits, skills, and attitudes from others while losing the things that are holding us back, we can all achieve great things. The trying economy means that new and different opportunities are out there. If we maintain a positive attitude and do not let anything hold us back, we might all be in a better position.

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### Pendleton fund-raiser

Pendleton on North Center Street in downtown Northville is partnering with the Michigan State University Alumni Club of Western Wayne County in a fundraising charity event.

Each year, the MSU Alumni Club of Western Wayne county awards several scholarships to several Schoolcraft College students who plan on continuing their education at Michigan State. This event will help fund these scholarships.

On Saturday, April 17, Pendleton will be donating 10 percent of all sales designated to MSU to this scholarship fund. As a special incentive for this event, Pendleton will be offering 20 percent off all apparel and blankets.

### 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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## 55 Jobs with High Growth in 2010

Rachel Zupek, CareerBuilder.com writer

Although 2009 saw some of the most desolate unemployment numbers in history, there is reason to believe that things are starting to look up.

Both the unemployment rate and the number of jobless persons decreased in November to 10 percent and 15.4 million, respectively, according to the most recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That was down from October, when the unemployment was at an all-time-high of 10.2 percent and there were 15.7 million unemployed persons.

In addition, although employment fell in several industries, several groups saw little change or added jobs in November. Employment in professional and business services rose by 86,000, with temporary help services adding 52,000 jobs, the majority of the increase. Since July, temporary help services employment has risen by 117,000. Health-care employment rose to 21,000 in November, with gains in home health-care services (7,000) and hospitals (7,000). The health-care industry has added 613,000 jobs since the recession began in December 2007. While there was little change in wholesale and retail trade, department stores added 8,000 jobs over the month. Finally, the number of jobs in transportation and warehousing, financial activities, and leisure and hospitality showed little change over the month.

As these numbers continue to trend upward, there should be hope for the millions of people still looking for a job in 2010. The labor force is projected to increase by 12.6 million people during the 2008-18 period, according to the BLS. Total employment is expected to increase by 10.1 percent, adding about 15.3 million workers over the decade -- including in 2010.

It should be noted, however, that the jobs that will be added won't be evenly distributed across industries and occupational groups. It goes without saying that changes in consumer demand, technology and the like will continue to affect the economic structure.

If you're looking for a job this year, here are 55 (of many) jobs to look for in 2010, defined as jobs that saw growth in the second half of 2009 in every industry.\*

**Industry: Management, business and financial operations**

**Jobs that saw growth in management:**

1. Marketing and sales managers
2. Purchasing managers
3. Property, real estate and community association managers

**Jobs that saw growth in business and financial operations:**

4. Wholesale and retail buyers, except farm products
5. Cost estimators
6. Meeting and convention planners

**Industry: Professional and related occupations**

**Jobs that saw growth in computer and mathematics:**

7. Computer programmers
8. Network systems and data communications analysts
9. Statisticians

**Jobs that saw growth in architecture and engineering:**

10. Electrical and electronics engineers
11. Materials engineers
12. Engineering technicians, except drafters

**Jobs that saw growth in life, physical and social sciences:**

13. Market and survey researchers
14. Psychologists
15. Urban and regional planners

**Jobs that saw growth in community and social services:**

16. Counselors
17. Social workers
18. Religious activities and education director

**Jobs that saw growth in legal:**

19. Judges, magistrates and other judicial workers
20. Paralegals and legal assistants

**Jobs that saw growth in education, training and library:**

21. Archivists, curators and museum technicians
22. Librarians

**Jobs that saw growth in arts, design, entertainment, sports and media:**

23. Designers
24. Athletes, coaches, umpires and related workers
25. Editors

**Jobs that saw growth in health-care practitioner and technical:**

26. Chiropractors
27. Occupational therapists
28. Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians

**Industry: Service occupations**

**Jobs that saw growth in health-care support:**

29. Nursing, psychiatric and home-health aides
30. Massage therapists
31. Dental assistants

**Jobs that saw growth in protective services:**

32. Firefighters
33. Bailiffs, correctional officers and jailers

**Jobs that saw growth in food preparation and serving related occupations:**

34. Chefs and head cooks
35. Bartenders

**Jobs that saw growth in building and**

**grounds cleaning and maintenance:**

36. Pest control workers
37. Grounds maintenance workers

**Jobs that saw growth in personal care and service:**

38. Tour and travel guides
39. Child-care workers
40. Recreation and fitness workers

**Industry: Sales and office occupations**

**Jobs that saw growth in sales and related:**

41. Cashiers
42. Advertising sales agents
43. Travel agents
44. Customer service representatives
45. Human resources assistants, except payroll and timekeeping

**Industry: Natural resources, construction and maintenance**

**Jobs that saw growth in construction and extraction:**

47. Carpenters
48. Cement masons, concrete finishers and terrazzo workers
49. Electricians

**Industry: Installation, maintenance and repair**

**Jobs that saw growth:**

50. Automotive body and related repairers
51. Electrical and electronics installers and repairers, transportation

**Industry: Production, transportation and material moving**

**Jobs that saw growth in production:**

52. Bakers
53. Inspector, testers, sorters, sampler and weighers

**Jobs that saw growth in transportation and material moving:**

54. Refuse and recyclable material collectors
55. Industrial truck and tractor operators

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**ACROSS**

1 Monty Python's Michael  
6 Def choice  
9 Gear choice  
13 Film pterodactyl  
18 Porphy's pal  
20 Team scream  
21 Well-ventilated  
22 Felony  
23 Start of a remark  
24 Funnyman Phillips  
25 Deep purple  
26 Confused  
27 Fours  
28 Venus of  
"Ben Casey"  
31 Small shots  
33 PC key  
34 "Rosanna" rockers  
36 Couple  
38 Part of HOMES  
41 Part 2 of remark  
46 Minnesota city  
47 Alas invals  
48 Heavy metal instrument?  
49 Child welfare org  
50 Mt. unit  
51 Say it isn't so

**DOWN**

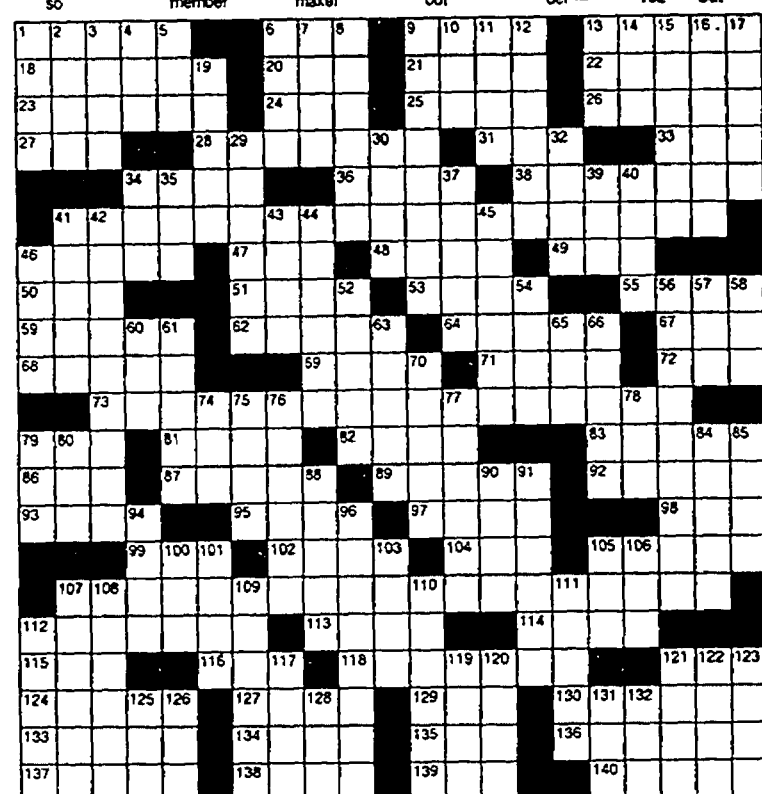
53 Labynth  
55 Relax  
59 Gentle  
62 Abhorrence  
64 A Barbary State  
66 "Norma" (79 film)  
68 Buccaneers' head-quarters  
69 Actress  
71 Football's Swann  
72 Woodsman's tool  
73 Part 3 of remark  
79 "Mahal"  
81 Alley Oop's love  
82 Out-of-the-world org  
83 Invasions  
86 President Bush was one  
87 Overture  
89 Macho host  
92 Roast hosiery  
93 Circus  
95 Terri of "Tootsie"  
97 — majesty  
98 Canterbury quail  
99 Hoagy  
102 Wordsworth work  
104 ABA member

**ACROSS**

105 Teach on the side  
107 Part 4 of remark  
112 Deprive (of)  
113 Wooden ship  
114 Olympic event  
115 Flight  
116 Tasty tuber  
118 Proposition  
121 Carol  
124 Inventable opener  
125 Inevitable activity  
127 Hungarian sheepdog  
129 Snag's pack  
130 End of remark  
131 Daybreak  
133 Partman or Pallo  
134 Toast topper  
135 Partman or Pallo  
136 Bostonian, for one  
137 The Brandon — Story (98 film)  
138 So, state  
139 End of remark  
140 Self-confidence

**DOWN**

1 Theatrical Joseph  
2 District  
3 Neighbor of Thaddeus  
4 Mischievous



## Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

DAMP APES FOLIC REESE  
EMIR SAYER IRISH EAGER  
EMFORSTER XAVIER CUGAT  
MOFFO INFO SEE ALIE  
ISLE STOP RETIRE  
ANTHONYWAYNE IDOL  
PRO STONYA RONDO WISC  
AMISS DIVORCE HEERAW  
SYRUP LATINE ELMER OVA  
LAME ESE OAR LAIC  
PAULREVERE DONNOVILLO  
ALLY REIN MAT ODIN  
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# REAL ESTATE

## Gardeners eager to tackle the great outdoors

BY JULIE BROWN  
OGE STAFF WRITER

Cold winds can still blow in April, but thinking about gardens, and doing gardening, can start.

"Now's the time to put down crabgrass preventer," said Tim Parker, general manager of Plymouth Nursery. You can rake and then fertilize your lawn with a pre-emergent product that stops weeds from germinating.

Pinckney resident Parker also recommends raking debris. "Generally it's better to do that in the fall," he said, although not all people do and additional debris can accumulate. You can also prune shrubs in April.

He recommends fertilizing then mulching with a bark product. If mulch is 3-4 inches thick, it's not only nice to look at but also limits weed growth.

People are flocking to Plymouth Nursery to buy pansies. "Pansies are hardy even with a frost," he said. Pansies look good in porch pots or window boxes now, and you can add your annuals in May when temperatures reside.

"You've got to have stuff that's tough," he said of pansies and others. There's a Spring Magic trademark product including plants like pansies, columbine and more that stand up to chilly spring weather.

"Sometimes people do get anxious on sunny days" now, he said, and want to plant



annuals too early. "People are so starved for them."

The light pruning now, mulching and fertilizing are a good start, he said. "It definitely gives you a great start to get into Mother's Day."

Nurseries now have a good selection of trees and shrubs, Parker said, and it's a good time of year to plant them. If you want to do a major landscaping project, you can start drawing designs and getting estimates as early as January or February.

It's tough when landscapers at Plymouth Nursery

get a call in late May about an approaching party and landscaping wanted, he said. Things are well booked up by then.

Plymouth Nursery, 9900 Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road, west of Plymouth, will hold an open house Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25, during business hours. At 1 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Master Gardener Janet Macunovich will speak. Master Gardener Nancy Szerlag will speak 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25. At 1 and 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, Monrovia Growers

Nicholas Staddon will participate. For details, call (734) 453-5500.

Mark Baldwin of Baldwin Landscape Group in Plymouth agreed light raking's good for lawns now. "It just helps start it growing, gets some air in it," the Plymouth Township resident said.

It's still too early for annuals, Baldwin said, which can go in in mid- to late May. "Warm, sunny days, they get cabin fever," he said of those who itch to plant annuals too early. Nurseries are opening

now and it's a good time to look to see what you'd like.

"By the time Mother's Day hits it's in full swing," Baldwin said.

He recommends those hiring a landscaper check for insurance coverage and references. He agreed gardening is a great stress-reliever.

"Oh, sure, it's therapeutic," Baldwin said. "They love to get out and work in the soil. It's a time of renewal after the wintertime. It's all starting all over again. You're in a better mood when the weather's nice."

## Pick your lawyer with care

Q: Our management company is impressed with a lawyer who gives her free legal advice and is encouraging us to hire that lawyer. I am a practicing attorney and have some questions about it, but I am just wondering what your experience has been in the case of community associations.

A: As I am sure you can appreciate as an experienced attorney, you generally get what you pay for from an attorney in the form of legal advice. Too often,



Robert Meisner

boards rely on attorneys who happen to be on their board or who live in their community for legal advice and while it may be offered in good spirit, generally it is a bad idea because if the

advice is not good or well thought out, the association is left with a potential claim against an attorney who resides in or who is otherwise involved in the operation of the association. As with any other professional, you should retain someone who is not affiliated with the community if you can possibly avoid it and retain an attorney to give you a legal opinion for which he or she is prepared to do the necessary research and analysis as a chargeable event. In the last analysis, it is the board who will be deemed responsible for getting poor or no legal advice and it isn't worth the risk as your insurance adviser will tell you.

Q: Regarding the term "condotels" or "condo-hotels" I have seen. Can you give me what is generally meant by it?

A: The general idea is that the individual hotel rooms are all separate condominium units sold to investors who place them into a rental pool (potentially raising SEC issues) for a significant portion of the year. You own your own condominium unit-hotel room and can occupy it for a limited number of days each year, but for the most part, it is rented out as a hotel room by the hotel operator. Obviously, the economics of the cost and profit sharing will vary from project to project. In one case that I am aware of, the developer leased back each of the rooms at a fixed return and took the occupancy risk. You are best advised to consult with an experienced condominium lawyer before making any type of investment in a hotel condo which, at best, is risky business.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operator: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$99.95 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 [rbmeisner@meisner-associates.com](mailto:rbmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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9370 Lake Ridge Dr 8747 Thendara Blvd		\$385 000 \$150 000	23801 Hickory Grove Ln 22174 Powdermill		\$235 000 \$50 000	3605 Fernleigh Dr 2646 Locksley Ct		\$181 000 \$230 000
	Commerce Township	\$150 000	41649 Sleepy Hollow Dr 23515 Stonehenge Blvd		\$125 000 \$50 000	399 Starr Dr 5500 Whitfield Dr	Warren	\$177 000 \$320 000
8715 Aquanew St 166 E Beechdale St		\$99 000 \$115 000		Oakland Township		1100 Andover Cir 115 Arvida St	Warren	\$158 000 \$258 000
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### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Housing Market

Century 21 Hartford will host a free workshop on "Today's Housing Market" 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 10, at the Farmington Hills Library Branch on 12 Mile. This is for those thinking of buying or selling a home. The instructor is Debbie Horner, who has 20 years experience in real estate and housing. Please RSVP to (248) 320-5744. Walk-ins will also be taken.

#### Investors

"Flipping Is Back in Style" (flipping is buying a house, fixing it up and reselling it in a short time).

Learn about "flipping" from local investors, sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland, on Thursday, April 8, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. ([www.REIAofOakland.com](http://www.REIAofOakland.com)). This is a new location for association meetings.

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#### Career Seminar

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

#### RE/MAX kudos

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan held a celebration at the Detroit Marriott Troy on Feb. 16 to celebrate the achievements of its top 10 individuals and top 10 teams from across the Detroit metro area for 2009.

The top three individual agents were Jeahad "Joe" Kadaf of RE/MAX Leading Edge in Dearborn Heights, Mohamed "Mike" Ayoub from RE/MAX Team 2000 in Dearborn and Paul Endres of RE/MAX Properties in Allen Park. The top agents completed over 3,000 transactions.

The top performing teams were led by Marshall Mandell of RE/MAX Classic in Farmington Hills, Anthony Raffin of RE/MAX Associates in St Clair Shores and Mary A. Gladchun of RE/MAX On The Trail in Plymouth. Their teams completed over 1,300 transactions in 2009.

Jeanette Schneider, Regional director and VP of RE/MAX Detroit Metro, said: "We could not

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Top 10 individuals are: 1. Jeahad "Joe" Kadaf, RE/MAX Leading Edge; 2. Mohamed "Mike" Ayoub, RE/MAX Team 2000;

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Associates; 3. Mary A. Gladchun, RE/MAX On The Trail; 4. Noel Bittinger, RE/MAX Classic; 5. Peter Mirk, RE/MAX in The Hills; 6. Chuck Cacchione, RE/MAX Metropolitan; 7. Lee Wilbanks, RE/MAX Alliance; 8. Cheryl Harris, RE/MAX Leading Edge; 9. Anthony Dabaldo, RE/MAX Eagle Realty; 10. Raymond Zemens, RE/MAX Acclaim.

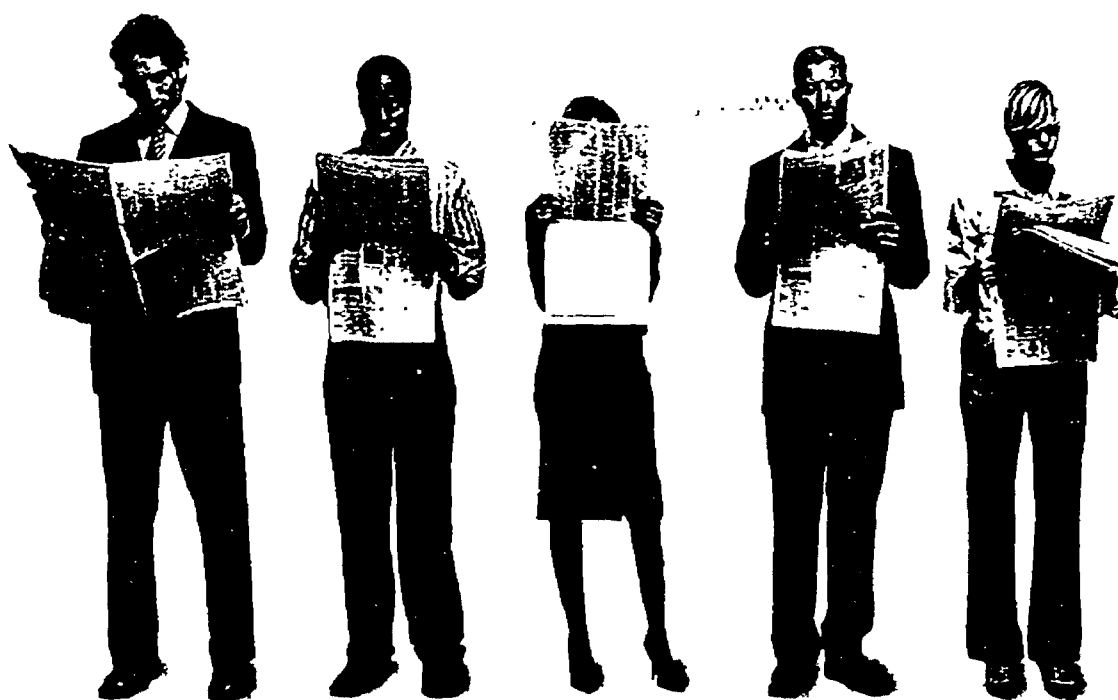
#### BIA

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a seminar for leasing professionals, "Leasing 101: The 2010 Tour" on Friday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success On Site will provide guidelines to increase occupancy immediately. Topics to be presented include Competitive Analysis, Closing from Start to Finish, Secure Contacts when they call, hit Web sites, or send e-mail, Meet and Greet Interface, Follow-up and more. The entire leasing process will be covered.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

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# SPRING SURGE LIFTS AUTO DEALS, SALES ACROSS THE BOARD

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## CAReport



By Dale Buss



The RAV4 compact SUV has become a hot seller again for Toyota.

American consumers returned to showrooms in force during March, driving overall sales to their best levels since last summer's peak around Cash for Clunkers. Automakers sold a total of 1.07 million vehicles in the United States last month, the highest absolute number of sales since the federal government's massive buyback of late-model used cars sent sales skyrocketing last August. Last month's number also was 25 percent ahead of March, 2009.

Even Toyota sales recovered strongly with an attractive incentive program after two long months during which the brand's reputation was badly battered. Sales for General Motors and Ford brands also increased smartly in March compared with a year ago, and so did results for most foreign-owned brands.

Of course, Toyota greased the skids tremendously as March began by offering the most extensive program of sales incentives ever promoted to American consumers by the company. Publicity surrounding its safety recalls in January and February had robbed Toyota's brands of tens of thousands of sales, and company executives launched the aggressive incentive program to attempt to precipitate an immediate

reversal of that trend.

It worked. Toyota's US sales increased by 41 percent compared with a year earlier and by 87 percent over sales in February. "Consumers responded to the industry offers in March and came out in droves," said Don Esmond, senior vice president of Toyota Motor Sales USA. "Our incentives clearly had an impact."

Jessica Caldwell, senior industry analyst for Edmunds.com, agreed. "People were lured by the money thrown out on the hood," she said. "It shows that [incentives] remain a big driver and also that people were waiting for a reason to buy Toyota. They saw the opportunity and thought they might be once-in-a-lifetime kinds of deals, and jumped on them."

And overall, Caldwell said, March results "showed that people were not as unwilling to buy a Toyota now as we'd heard in the media. Some people thought it might be years before Toyota could recover" from the recall mess, "but these sales numbers are encouraging, so maybe it won't be years. Recovery for Toyota may be faster than we had thought."

Yet while Toyota executives clearly were relieved that their big gambit had worked to bring

Camry is Toyota's stalwart sedan model, and the new incentive program has helped bring buyers back to it.

customers back into their showrooms in March, the company's ambitious program did little to change the industry's overall level of incentive spending.

"The industry didn't spike wildly" in incentive spending "as many people had thought it would," Caldwell said. The main reason was that, while General Motors, Ford and other automakers did more marketing and advertising around incentives in March in order to keep up with Toyota, the actual levels of incentive spending by Toyota's rivals didn't markedly increase.

"The major incentive programs by GM and Ford already had been in place for months prior" to March, Caldwell explained. "It was interesting what was happening in marketing communications versus what was happening in reality."

In fact, GM discounted any impact that Toyota's incentives

may have had on increasing showroom traffic across the industry. And its executives boasted that GM's average incentive spending dipped below the industry average for the first time on record. Other databases on incentive spending called that conclusion into question, but it was clear that the company has kept as much of a lid as possible on incentive spending.

That in itself was remarkable for the industry leader that more than once over the last several years had managed to jump-start America's automotive market with major new, and expensive, incentive programs.

"We did not give in to market pressure to pile on incentives" that tend to degrade brands, said Susan Docherty, GM's vice president of North American marketing. "It's important to manage our supply-and-demand and to keep improving the overall value for customers."

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