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DROPS THREE  
GAMES, B1**

## ON THE RECORD "A Bug's Life"

Northville High School's SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) is hosting a Movie Night at 7 p.m. Friday, May 14, in the NHS cafeteria, showing "A Bug's Life". The Northville Fire Department will be there as well. Admission is free; children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. For any updates, please check SADD's website: [sites.google.com/site/nhsadd/home](http://sites.google.com/site/nhsadd/home).

## Public safety meeting

The eighth annual Public Safety Directors meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 17, at the Northville Township Hall. Arrive early and enjoy the table displays provided by the Special Operations Team, Fire Department, Northville Parks & Rec. and Northville Youth Assistance.

The displays will be ready for viewing at 6 p.m.

The main topics of the meeting will be 2009 Public Safety Recap; 2010 township services millage; Fire Department transition to Advanced Life Support.

Please RSVP to Officer Mike Burroughs at (248) 349-9400 or by e-mail at [mburroughs@northvillewpd.com](mailto:mburroughs@northvillewpd.com). Please indicate the total number of residents that will be attending.

For full details, go to <https://local.nide.com/alert/2062231/>.

## Mother's Club anniversary

Almost 75 years ago, a group of Northville women began meeting and discussing the popular psychology of raising children.

As the 75th anniversary approaches, a luncheon welcoming past and present members of the Mothers' Club will be held at Meadowbrook Country Club on May 15. For more information, contact Libby Smith at (248) 348-6697.

# Staff finds city budget solutions

Budget to be approved May 17

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

It's a delicate process, but city of Northville staff members have found solutions to budget woes this fiscal year.

Like most municipalities in Michigan, the city of Northville is facing a second year of unprecedented financial challenges. This stems from a poor national economy, with Michigan lagging even farther behind.

"Every significant category of revenue has declined while every significant category of expenditure has increased," said Nickie Bateson, assistant city manager and finance director.

City staff identified that the general fund budget shortfall will be approximately \$1,100,250. Compounded with the budget shortfall addressed for fiscal year 2010 of \$639,000, the city is facing a cumulative \$1,739,000 budget shortfall within two years, representing 26 percent of total fiscal year 2008 general fund revenue of \$6,606,000.

"With this level of budget shortfall, the city's leadership will continue to face even tougher decisions, the continued cooperation and creativity of employee groups will be essential, and having an informed constituency is critical," Bateson said.

### ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW

An independent organizational review pointed out about \$500,000 of opportunities for cost controls and revenue enhancement. This amount, however, was less than the \$669,000 shortfall needed to balance the 2010 budget. Several steps had to be taken to reduce costs in fiscal year 2010.

The fiscal year 2011 budget shortfall

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NICKIE BATESON, assistant city manager and finance director

is due to these key budget areas listed below.

### BREAKIN' IT DOWN

The fiscal year 2011 revenue shortfalls

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# NHS Chamber Choir to travel to Kalamazoo

Choir selected third time for annual festival

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

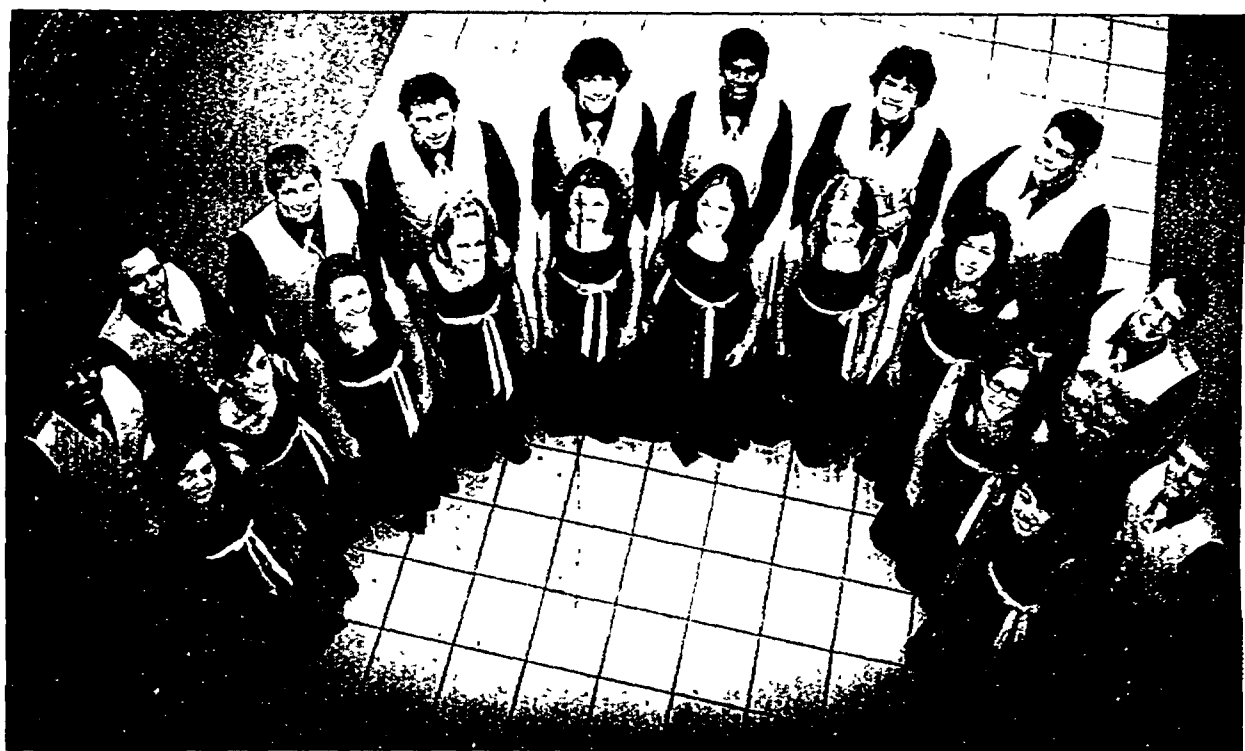
Northville High School Chamber Choir members are excited about participating in the Michigan Arts Youth Festival at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo tomorrow.

The Chamber Choir is one of 11 choirs at NHS. There are 20 members, selected from more than 560 choir students. They will perform at 9 a.m. at the festival.

Chamber Choir members were selected to perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in 2003, 2006 and were runners-up in 2008.

Chamber Choir members were also selected to perform at the prestigious Michigan Music Conference last year.

They have appeared on Detroit Public television and Channel 7 at noon. They have always received top scores at choral festivals and solo and ensemble festivals, including superior ratings the past two years.



COURTESY NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Members of the Northville High School Chamber Choir will perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo tomorrow. The school's Spring Choir Concert takes place at 7 p.m. May 18 and 19 at the school on Six Mile Road. This concert features all of the school's choirs. Tickets are \$7.

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# School district offers severance incentives

More budget meetings under way

BY NATHAN MEMOIAN  
CORRESPONDENT

A slate full of meetings to discuss budgets, cuts and concessions, and Severance Incentive Package decisions, are underway as the June 30 deadline for a balanced budget draws closer.

Still needing to be fixed is the 2009/10-budget deficit of \$2.1 million, as the district is hopeful that employees across the board will volunteer concessions to help reduce the deficit.

But if the current deficit isn't met, the district will be forced to dip into their fund balance

of \$4 million, something they hope to avoid. State law requires every district to have a balanced school budget by June 30 each year.

Dottie Garrity, school board treasurer, said the board is hopeful that all district employees will see the seriousness of the matter and volunteer some concessions.


She noted that some concessions have been made equaling \$800,000, but so far the Education Association, or the paraprofessionals have made

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**CORRECTION**

In a photo caption in the April 29 edition of Leah and Evan Sauber of Millbury, Ohio, who both have cystic fibrosis and are the niece and nephew of Bryan Johnson of ZF in Northville Township, Johnson's wife was incorrectly identified as Chris. Her name is Anna. The Johnsons support fund-raisers for cystic fibrosis research.

**Businessman charged with identity theft**

Bruno Val Novel, 42, with residences in Birmingham, Mich. and Bracketville, Texas, has been charged with two felony counts of identity theft.

A Northville Township resident and businessman filed a police complaint with the Northville Township Police Department alleging that his personal information had been compromised. Northville Township Police detectives investigated the circumstances leading to the execution of a search warrant at Novel's Birmingham home.

It is alleged that Novel, who



Bruno Val Novel

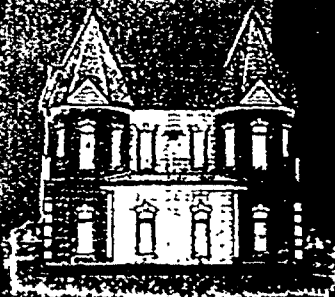
works as an independent sales agent for companies who provide credit card services and products, was able to access personal information and used that information to enter into lease agreements with additional companies using the victim's name and credit information. Continued investigation indicates that additional criminal acts may have

occurred and could extend from Michigan to Texas.

Novel was also ordered to surrender his United States and Mexican passports. A preliminary examination is set for Friday, May 14 in the 35th District Court. Novel faces up to five years in prison and up to a \$25,000 fine.

Novel was arraigned before the Honorable Judge Michael J. Gerou of the 35th District Court in Plymouth, Mich. Novel is being held on a \$200,000 10-percent bond in the Wayne County Jail.

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## OCTOBER WEDDING PLANNED

Ashleigh Doinidis of Northville and Brian Apostolovski of Novi announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Nicholas and Linda Doinidis of Northville, graduated from Northville High School in 2003 and the University of Michigan in 2007. She is completing her masters degree in Secondary Education from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, son of Menka and Blagunj Apostolovski of Farmington Hills, graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1997 and Michigan State University in 2001. He is a consultant for Accenture.

An October 2010 wedding is planned in Plymouth.



## ENGAGEMENT

## Brazen &amp; Cores

Ed and Cindi Brazen, of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley, to Christopher Cores, both of Phoenix.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School. The groom-elect is the owner of S&K Transmission in Phoenix.

An Oct. 16 wedding is being planned at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



## Williams

Chris and Jenny Williams, of Eau Claire, Wis., announce the birth of their daughter, Campbell Anne, born Dec. 24, 2009, in Luther Midelfort.

Grandparents are Carolyn Nieuwkoop, of Northville; Roger and Susan Nieuwkoop of Dunedin, Fla.; Rita and Richard Williams of Livonia.



## ENGAGEMENT

## Bennett &amp; Switzer

Alan and Barb Bennett, of Northville, announce the engagement of their son, Steven Bennett, to Abigail Switzer, daughter of Ken and Jenn Switzer, of Marion, Ohio.

A May 15 wedding date in Marion has been set.

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# EDUCATION



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## Vocabulary parade

Above, Ridge Wood Elementary student Maya Schuler parades around school during its "Vocabulary Parade" dressed as a "feast". To celebrate the end of March is Reading Month, the kids paraded around the school dressed as some of the new words they've learned in their perusal of books in the last month. At right, student Jonathan Jackson came outfitted to describe in visual terms the word "transparent."



## NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS

### Siena Heights University

Brianna Chrenko of Northville was chosen by the administration at Siena Heights University to represent their



Chrenko

campus on the Van Andel Millennial Board. Michigan Colleges Foundation (MCF) recently hosted the kick-off meeting of the Van Andel Millennial Board that consists of 13 other college students from across the state, one from each MCF member institution, on April 16 in Lansing. The Board was funded by the David and Carol Van Andel Foundation to facilitate input and engage college students and their respective campuses in MCF initiatives to attract and retain students and other economic transformation efforts for Michigan.

Chrenko was selected based on her community involvement and leadership skills and will represent her campus for a one-year term.

Brianna will be a senior in the fall, majoring in special education. In addition to the Millennial Board honor, her other activities include: Student Senate representative, member of Sigma Tau Delta, and member of Siena Heights women's

volleyball and basketball teams.

A first effort of the Van Andel Millennial Board will be to educate fellow students on the advantages of living and working in Michigan by creating a marketing campaign "designed by students for students". This will involve using proven techniques, including social media and web video, which are effective in reaching millennials to achieve greater awareness. Other activities Chrenko will participate in include planning the Millennial Conference to showcase specific projects from MCF's "Partnership for Michigan" engaged learning program, designing a web video and serving as a student ambassador at MCF events.

### Michigan State University

On April 23, Michigan State University student Leah Ritchie, of Northville, was inducted into the 2010-2011 class of Tower Guard, a sophomore honor and service-based organization at MSU. Tower Guard, which was started in 1933, is the oldest active student organization at MSU.

Students who are inducted into Tower Guard are selected from the top 5 percent of the freshman class.

After this academic criterion is established, they are evaluated on their embodiment of the four pillars of Tower Guard: leadership, service, scholarship,

and character.

As a member of Tower Guard, Leah will volunteer 120 hours of service next year to aid students with visual impairments through MSU's Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD). It is truly an honor that she has been inducted into Tower Guard and both the RCPD and Tower Guard extend their sincerest congratulations to this student during such an important milestone in her life.

Leah is the daughter of Lynda and Mark Ritchie from Northville. She is a 2009 graduate of Northville High School and is presently majoring in pre-dentistry microbiology at MSU's Lyman Briggs Residential Science College and Honors College.

### St. Olaf College

Katy Wagner from Novi is among more than 1,000 St. Olaf College students recognized for academic achievement at the college's annual Honors Day convocation on May 7.

Honors Day recognizes students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.60 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The convocation also recognizes students who have been awarded scholarships and fellowships, including Fulbright scholars, Goldwater scholars, and senior members of leadership and academic honor societies.

## NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Honor educators through NEF

The Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) is again offering a unique way to thank Northville Public Schools staff members for a great school year. By making a contribution to the Northville Educational Foundation in honor of a Northville Public Schools teacher(s) or staff member(s), you will be expressing to them that you recognize and appreciate their dedication to enhancing educational excellence.

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Certificates are available from the Northville Educational Foundation until June 3. Certificates will be delivered through school mail to the staff member(s) designated on the attached form. Please send the form with a check made payable to the Northville Educational Foundation.

Pricing for certificates is as follows: one certificate/\$10; three certificates/\$25; six certificates/\$50 or 10 certificates/\$75. Additional contributions toward the work of the Northville Educational Foundation are appreciated.

The Northville Educational Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible to the fullest

extent of the law. Donors will receive an acknowledgement of contributions for tax purposes.

### Senior All Night Party

The Northville High School Senior All Night Party takes place on Sunday, June 6 from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. at Northville High School. The hallways are transformed into a magical setting, created by parents who have been working 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.

Volunteers are needed to help paint and create Art Ride Aid, 42261 Seven Mile between 7 and 9 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays and 9-11 a.m. Fridays.

The Prizes and Gifts Committee is accepting donations from parents -- monetary, gift cards, tickets for events etc. Contact Carol Grimmer at (248) 380-7244 or (248) 345-5536. Donations can be mailed to 17490 Rolling Woods Cr., Northville, MI 48168. Please make checks payable to Senior All Night Party.

The Senior All Night Party Community Walk Through will take place on Sunday, June 6, from 3-6 p.m. Families, neighbors, and friends are invited to walk through the halls of Northville High School to get a sneak peak prior to the Class of 2010 graduation ceremony.

Decorative Mustang Signs are available for pick-up. Please call

Mary Jo Blasius to arrange a time at (248) 349-0101 or (248) 444-2771 at her home at 18101 Sheldon Road (1/4 mile north of Six Mile on the west side of Sheldon across the street from the Ravines of Northville subdivision).

### 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).

### 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:

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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 May.



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## Student blood drive

Northville High School senior Nick Mudar donates blood during the school's March 26 Red Cross blood drive. Organized and staffed by the school's Student Congress, the blood drive had about 100 commitments from students and staff during the day long event.



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Passages

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## CLIFFORD H. "BUD" AYERS

89, of Brighton and Wixom, formerly of Detroit, died peacefully on Wednesday, May 5, 2010. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marion L. (Darling) Ayers. Survived by his loving children, Thomas (Cynthia) Ayers, Deborah (Donald) Milner, Kevin (Carol) Ayers, Patricia (Ron) Esch; 7 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; several nieces & nephews and many dear friends. Mr. Ayers was a proud WWII Veteran of the U.S. Navy. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford on Tuesday, May 11th. Burial & Navy Honors followed at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi. For further information please phone:

248-684-6645 or visit:  
www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

## STANLEY WALTER BEDNARZ JR.

Age 60, died May 3, 2010. A Funeral Mass was held on May 7 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



## FRANKIE LEE ROY BISHOP

Age 77, of the Deadwood Community of Panola County, TX, passed away on Friday morning, April 30, 2010, at his home in Deadwood. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Jimerson-Lipsey Funeral Home. Frankie was born on Sept. 2, 1932, in Nimmons, AK to Donnie Morris and Nellie Mae Webster Bishop. He graduated from South Lyon, MI High School with the class of 1950. Mr. Bishop married Anna Mae Schuster on July 11, 1953, in South Lyon. He was a Mason and a Shriner. He was also a Scout Master of Troop 764 in Garden City, MI and Troop 314 in Rockwall, TX. Mr. Bishop moved to Panola County in 1998, from Rockwall. He attended Deadwood United Methodist Church. Mr. Bishop was preceded in death by his parents Mr. Bishop is survived by his wife or 56 years, Ann Bishop of Deadwood; three sons, Brian Bishop of Deadwood, Larry Bishop of Garland, TX and Ed Bishop and wife Stephanie of Deadwood; one daughter, Linda Newton and husband Todd of Rockwall; one sister, Nors Wilson of Crystal River, FL; and three grandchildren, Mary Bishop of Baton Rouge, Brandon Bishop of Phoenix, AR, and Priscilla Bishop of Deadwood. In 2007 Frank was inducted into South Lyon's High School Athletic Hall of Fame, honored for his football, basketball and baseball records

## BARBARA CHARGO

Age 95, of Walled Lake, passed away May 9, 2010. A funeral service was held Wed. May 12 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions appreciated to the Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170

## DOROTHY R. CLINARD

Age 90, a longtime resident of Milford, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2010. She was born on August 16, 1919 in Detroit to Henry and Gladys (Good) Knaupe. She was united in marriage to Ray F. Clinard on June 21, 1941; they spent many loving years together until his death on June 12, 2008. Dorothy was a credit manager with Numatics in Highland. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church of Waterford. She enjoyed making ceramics with her husband; they fired and painted all of their creations. Dorothy is survived by her children, Ray Clinard Jr., Randall (Mary Jane) Clinard, and Robert (Paula) Clinard; 9 grandchildren; and 7 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister Margaret Patton. Visitation will be held Friday, May 14, 2010 from 11am-1pm with the Funeral Service beginning at 1pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Pastor William Merrell with Peace Lutheran Church will officiate the service. She will be laid to rest at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Contributions would be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48076

## STEVEN JOHN DETLEFS

Age 48, passed away April 30, 2010 in Colorado. Steve was born in Detroit, son of Malcolm and Sandra (Girk) Detlefs. He is survived by his twin sons: Zach and Jack Detlefs; two stepchildren: Kami & Kyle Knowlton; parents, Jack and Sandy Detlefs; sisters: Pat (Kurt) Gow, Katie (Rick) Chase and Cheryl Bell. Three nieces: Sarah Gow, Becca and Abbey Chase, and two nephews: Nick Gow and John Chase. He was a 1980 graduate of South Lyon High School and obtained his Bachelor's degree in Sales & Marketing from Ferris State University. Upon graduation Steve moved to Colorado where he lived for the past 25 years. Steve was an avid downhill and water skier and enjoyed golf, hiking and spending time with his children. Steve will be missed by his family and many friends for his generous spirit and kind heart. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 15th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 6481 Faussett Rd. Howell, MI 48843. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

## RICHARD F. FELSTOW

Age 82, passed away May 4, 2010. A funeral service was held on May 7 at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

## WILLIAM M LOCKWOOD

Age 65, of Milford, passed away April 27, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Carol, and sons, Jake and Eric, of Milford, his step daughter, Stacey, of South Lyon and his sister, Gail, of Fowlerville. A memorial service will be held later this month.

## ARLENE SHOWERMAN

Age 86, of Howell, passed away May 6, 2010. She was born on December 6, 1923, in Ann Arbor, to the late William and Clara (Aldridge) Bailey. Arlene is survived by her loving children: William (Rosemary) Porath of Pinckney, Michael Porath of Pinckney, grandchild: Matthew (Christy) Porath, Amanda (Jeff) Burk, and Nicholas (Kathy) Porath. She was preceded in death by her husband Harold Showerman in 1984. A private family service was held. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

## ELIZABETH J. HULL

Age 86, of Redford Twp., passed away May 6, 2010 at Star Manor in Northville. Memorial service was held Tuesday 5/11 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions would be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Assoc.



## ROSEMARY E. KLIEN

Age 84 of Commerce Twp., and a former resident of Dearborn Heights, died on May 9, 2010. She is survived by Edward J. Klien, her beloved husband of over sixty-one years; sons, Jeffrey (Kathleen) Klien, Kevin (Deborah) Klien; daughter, Renee Klien; grandchildren, Christopher and Rachel Klien; brothers, Harvey (Loretta) Groesbeck, Charles (Irene) Groesbeck; sister, Alice (Joseph Schwartz) Groesbeck and many extended family members and dear friends including Haydee Mascunana and Rosalie (Victor) Hemler. She was preceded in death by brothers, Noah (Millie) Groesbeck, Clarence (Helen) Groesbeck and sisters, Irene (Ernest) Conley, Bernadine (Carl) Pallas and Eugenia Connolly. Rosemary was born in Warren, Michigan on December 4, 1925, and graduated as valedictorian from Lincoln High School in Vandyke, Michigan. Rosemary and Edward were married at St. Clement's Church in Centerline on August 27, 1949, and were long time members of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Dearborn Heights. In retirement they moved to Milford and St. Mary's Parish in 1998. They were both deeply devoted to their family and church. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Rd., Milford, on Saturday, May 15, at 10am with Father Ron Anderson officiating. Entombment will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Friday, May 14, 3-8pm, with a Rosary at 7pm. Memorials may be made in her name to the Penickton Center for Blind Children, 26530 Eureka Rd., Taylor, MI 48180. For further information please phone: 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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Deadline: Tuesday at 10am for Thursday

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

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## Art Dash

The Arbor Hospice Foundation invites art enthusiasts and community members to enjoy an evening of fabulous art, wine, food and fun to benefit Arbor Hospice's pediatric hospice care and grief support services. The ninth annual Art Dash event takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 20 at The Inn at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth. Patron tickets are \$350 (entitles two people to attend and one to "dash"), benefactor tickets are \$500 (entitles two people to attend and one to "dash" plus recognition at the event) and \$1,600 to reserve a table of eight (entitles eight people to attend and four to "dash"). Art Dash also provides a unique opportunity for local artists to showcase their talent to art enthusiasts, while supporting Arbor Hospice's community programs and services. Northville's Mary Poole is the local artist behind this year's featured Art Dash event poster, showcasing her pastel painting of a Tuscan landscape, unofficially called The Sunset of Life. Arbor Hospice is accepting donations of original pieces of art for the event. To purchase tickets or donate art, please contact Arbor Hospice at (734) 794-5122 or visit www.arborhospice.org.

## BUDGET

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are as follows: \$414,000 from property tax revenue loss, \$12,000 in decreased property tax administrative fee revenue, \$99,000 in decreased state shared revenue and \$6,000 in decreased revenue in other categories of fees, for a total of \$531,000.

Expenditure increases include the following: \$58,000 from increased mandatory pension contribution; \$29,000 from the 2 percent wage adjustment in labor contracts, \$23,000 in unemployment compensation, \$10,000 to improve support and service for the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Historic District Commission, \$81,250 in other cost fluctuations and \$368,000 to fund retiree benefits.

The city is saving \$37,250 by moving the leaf pickup to another budget area.

## LEAF PICK-UP PROGRAM

The city has performed curb side leaf pickup services with two visits through each residential neighborhood each year. For fiscal year 2010, this was cut back to one pickup. Although one would think that one visit would be half the cost of two visits, this was not the case. Instead, the one visit took longer because of more leaves.

As a result, there are two changes proposed for the program this year. One is that the program

will return to a two-visit-per-neighborhood program. Second is that it is funded as part of the Residential Refuse & Recycling Program since it is consistent with the overall objectives of this program.

The last time the residential refuse rate was changed was almost eight years ago in June 2002. At that time, the rate was increased from \$24 per bi-monthly billing period to \$25.44 per bi-monthly billing period. The residential rate structure proposed would be: Effective July 1, 2010: \$27.24 per bi-monthly billing period (increase of \$1.80); effective July 1, 2011: \$29.04 per bi-monthly billing period (increase of \$1.80).

## OTHER REDUCTIONS

The city will reduce one patrol officer because of retirement and reduce coverage at Northville Downs race track.

Shared service funding, that includes Parks and Recreation, Senior Services and Northville Youth Assistance will be reduced by 10 percent.

There will also be a nonunion wage freeze, and labor union wage adjustments are going to try to be held to a 2 percent wage increase for July 2010.

These are just a few of the ways the city's staff is trying to contain costs in yet another challenging budget.

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## CHOIR

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## THEIR DIRECTOR

Mark Krempski, director of the Chamber Choir, is in his 11th year of teaching at NHS. He is a graduate of the College of DuPage, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Florida State University. He currently serves the executive board as director of Honors Choir for the Michigan School Vocal Music Association.

Krempski also teaches Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Bel Canto, Girls' Ensemble, and Freshmen Select with his NHS music colleagues Mary Kay Pryce, Beth Richert and accompanist Margaret Holden.

"One of my favorite quotes about music and music education comes from the American poet, critic, and editor T.S. Eliot: 'You are the music while it lasts,'" Krempski said. "Choral music is a living performance art — it truly only exists in the moment, through the voices of those who bring it to life. NHS Choir students are absolutely amazing at 'being the music' everyday. It is my joy to guide them daily in developing able voices, attentive ears, artistic minds and affectionate hearts through song."

## MICHIGAN YOUTH ARTS

Michigan Youth Arts is a statewide arts education association that serves as a collaborative of discipline-specific arts education organizations. Programming consists of the Michigan Youth Arts Festival,

statewide arts education awards, advocacy, leadership roundtables, and funding programs for youth, schools and arts education professionals throughout Michigan.

The Michigan Youth Arts Festival is a comprehensive nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools. More than 250,000 students across the state are involved in the process that results in nearly 1,000 being invited to participate in the annual three-day event, held in May. It is here that these exceptional students in the arts gather together to explore, celebrate and showcase their talent in multiple disciplines.

## SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

The Spring Choir Concert will feature all of the NHS singers at 7 p.m. on May 18 and 19 at the school.

Tickets are \$7 and can be reserved by calling (248) 344-8420 ext. 50711. They can also be purchased at the door the nights of the concert. The concert will feature a wide variety of pieces from classic choral literature to contemporary arrangements.

The Chorale, conducted by Pryce, is an advanced choir of 70 singers. They received the highest rating of superior at the MSVMA State Choral Festival in April. This group will open the concert with a performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria." This extended piece will be performed with a small orchestra.

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# In Loving Memory This Special Mother's Day!

**Geraldine "Gennie" Minnelli**  
May 30, 1927 - Feb. 12, 2010  
You will always be our shining star. We love you and miss you every minute of every day. Your unconditional love, hugs, kisses, laughter, beautiful smile, loving spirit and gentleness will be in our hearts and lives forever. Love, Hugs and Kisses, Your Loving Family XXIX  
CE06499038

**Jeanne Christine Sandell**  
June 6, 1933 - November 18, 2009  
Your family misses you greatly. This Mother's Day along with each and every day that passes.  
- Diane, Dennis, Ed, Joni and your loving husband, Bill  
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**Kay "Marceau" Dowd**  
Oct. 26, 1948 - Mar. 15, 2005  
We can't believe it has been 5 yrs since our Mom, Gram Gram and friend has been gone. We are forever saddened by the milestones she has missed & will continue to be absent from in this life. It hasn't been the same without you! We love & miss you MOM!!! Love, Brenda, Jack, Angie, Stacy, Mike, Danielle, Nate, Caden & Abby  
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**Betty Sobkowiak**  
Aug. 25, 1933 - Aug. 31, 1995  
You are in our hearts and memories everyday.  
We Love and Miss You.  
Your Loving husband John and children Deborah, Susan, Nancy, Judith, Robert, Patricia and Catherine  
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**GWYNETH PLETZKE**  
Aug. 8th, 2009  
Happy Mother's Day Mom!  
We miss you everyday!  
Love Always,  
Your Family  
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## NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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

## Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org  
Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7 p.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
Saturday  
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

## Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.  
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.  
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages  
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

## Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

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

## Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com  
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.  
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m.  
Worship Service  
Alzheimer's Support Group  
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month  
Faith Community Presbyterian  
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Festival of Faith and the Arts  
Time/Date: 4-8 p.m. May 14; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 15 (concert at 4 p.m.)  
Vacation Bible School

Date: June 21-25

## First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing  
Contact: (248) 348-1020  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month  
Faith and the Arts Show  
Date: May 14-16  
First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church  
Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchof-novi.org  
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.  
Family Worship: 11 a.m.

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## Worship

## Brighton

**LORD of LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5051 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114  
810-227-3113  
9:30 a.m. Communion Worship  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
Rev. Dale Hedblad, Pastor  
www.lordoflifechurch.com

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

## Farmington Hills

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA**  
Farmington Hills • 2225 Gail Rd. • 248-474-0584  
Between Grand River & Freedom  
Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Worship & Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Traditional/Choral  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary  
Sunday School - all ages 10:15 a.m.

## Highland

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

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

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680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
248-887-1311 • www.myhmc.com  
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Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.  
Youth Night - Wed. 8:45 - 8:00 p.m.  
Plus Young Adults, Recovery, Divorce & Kids, Grief & more

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland (248) 887-5364  
Rev. Leo T. Lutko, Pastor  
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; 10:15 a.m. Holy Day, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; First Saturday 9 a.m.  
Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 6:15 p.m. or by appointment

## Livonia

**FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Services held at:  
Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia  
South of Six Mile Road  
Adult Sunday School 10:30-12:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Children Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided

## White Lake

**WHITE LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
4305 Highland Rd. between Boyce Ln & Ormond Rd.  
(248) 887-4654 • Deborah V. Kerr, Pastor  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Children Church School 10:00 a.m.  
Child Care Provided  
"The Friendly Church" Established 1835

## Milford

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
PRESCHOOL & KIDS - M-F, Synod  
620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
Church office: (248) 684-0895  
Regular Sunday Services 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Jun-Aug - Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.  
Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
The Rev. Richard E. Pape, Pastor  
215-1291

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133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5695  
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Young Adults & Small Groups-Sunday Evening  
Wednesdays 6:45 - 8:15 p.m.  
Amen for 3 yrs. old - 6th grade  
Middle School Group

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

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

**MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery care available @ 10:00 a.m.  
R. John Harris, Pastor  
A heritage of area worship since 1836

## New Hudson

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Phone 248-474-9108  
Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister  
Website: http://www.newhopeuu.org

## Northville

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN**  
Experience Life Each Week  
Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday School and Children's Programs  
www.ncallife.org  
41355 Six Mile Road  
248-348-9030

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

**WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville  
248-374-7400  
Sunday Worship:  
Traditional: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Contemporary: 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Nursery & Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. services  
www.wardchurch.org  
Service Broadcast Sunday 11 a.m.  
WFOE-TV 560, THE WMAZ Word Station

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

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Worship & Church School - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Childcare Available at All Services  
Youth Lagoon Prog. Wed. 4:15 P-5:30 M.S./Sr. M.  
Singles Bible Ministry - Thurs. 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Dr. Karl Oles, Senior Pastor  
Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor  
www.fpcnorthville.org

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

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

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345  
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.  
www.faithcommunity-novi.org  
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM  
"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

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Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

## South Lyon

**CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
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## SCHOOLS

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none. All of the administrators made concessions and gave back any salary increases they were expecting this year.

"Last year food service, transportation, and custodial employees took pay cuts to avoid privatization, and the school board isn't expecting them to give up more this year," Garrity said.

"The school board has always been able to keep the cuts far away from the classroom. But that is no longer possible. We're so lean in all other areas of the budget that now the classroom will be affected. That is so very unfortunate, especially with the success Northville schools have had."

School meetings, all open to the public, will be held, May 18, June 1, June 8, and the last scheduled board meeting is set for June 22nd. Each meeting will provide opportunity for community members to share comments. Discussions will focus heavily on upcoming budget issues for 2010/11.

John Street, director of business and finance knows that the current budget discussions will be somewhat based on incomplete information.

"What we're doing is estimating our budget for next year. The State too is offering an incentive retirement program for school employees, which would have an effect on the retirement rate for our district next year, and will also effect how much Lansing reduces our per pupil allowance, he said.

Street added that discussions with all district employee groups would be held over the next five weeks, seeking ways to further reduce the deficit with volunteered cuts in wages and benefits.

For 2009/10, the Northville school budget was \$64 million. The district expects an additional \$7 million will have to be taken out of that, resulting in more cuts, concessions, and layoffs.

To help deal with that deficit, the district is offering their own Severance Incentive Package (SIP) to Northville teachers already at the highest pay step.

According to Don Thomas, director of human resources, SIP came about as a result of looking for ways to save money.

"The dollar amount we would save is unknown because we're not sure how

many will accept our SIP," he said. "They have until June 7th to inform us of their decisions. And it's the number we don't replace is where the largest savings will be realized."

Thomas added that however many positions are vacated, most wouldn't be rehired, knowing that in coming years they too would be moving up in pay steps, nullifying any savings from the SIP.

The ultimate goal is to save money by offering severance packages to those ready to retire, but to also prevent staff layoffs for remaining teachers.

A minimum of 35 would need to accept SIP, with a cap of 60 teachers for the district to go ahead with the plan. But there would be a bit of leeway for the school board, Thomas said, if more than 60 or just a few less than 35 do sign the agreement.

Marilyn Price, school board president, said the district reached an agreement on the SIP with the Northville Education Association representing the teachers, and the board approved it. The plan is in place.

"It will impact teachers at the highest seniority level in the district. They will be eligible for \$25,000 over three years, but in exchange for that the district has the ability to make changes in the high school and middle school schedules with the allowance to layoff teachers," she said.

Teachers are teaching five out of seven time periods daily, but next year may be teaching an additional hour in the day - and with larger class sizes, depending on the number of teachers accepting the SIP.

There are approximately 430 teachers in the district. So far 69 teachers have picked up the material for the SIP, and will have until June 7th to sign the plan and turn it in to the district. They will have seven days after that to rescind their decision, according to state law.

"We're trying to protect education quality, but we're facing monumental budget deficits," Price said. The SIP will assist us with next year's budget. Depending on how many actually retire, the savings could be \$2.4 million, but it's not \$7 million. So we'll have to talk to all the unions in the district."

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

## DETAILS

The Board has addressed approximately \$800,000 of the \$2.1 million shortfall for this school year with the following concessions and reductions:

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

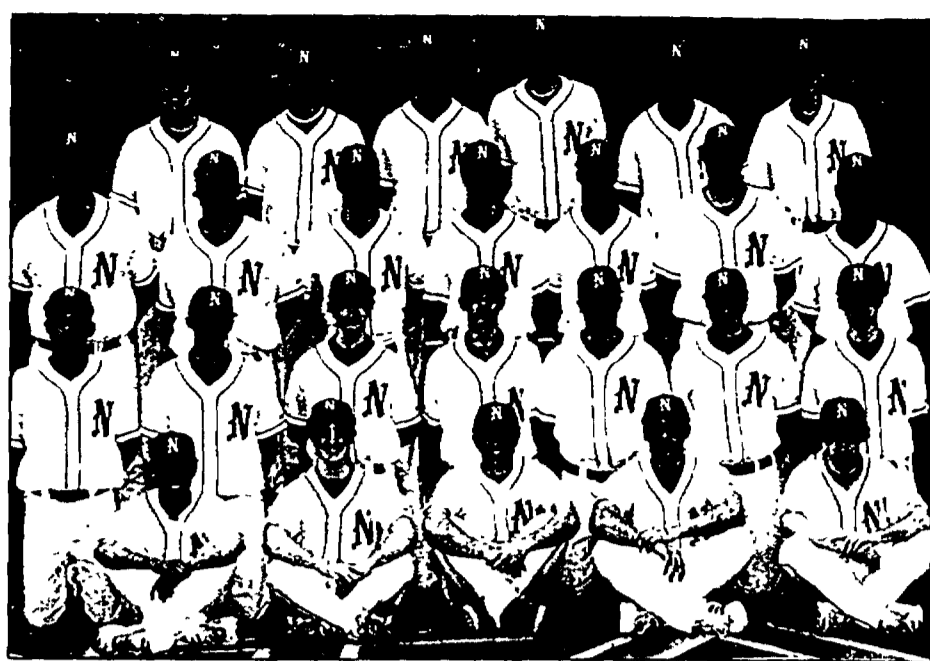
District Administrators (Coordinators, Directors, Non-affiliated): In addition to the 2-percent wage cut for 2009-10, these employees agreed at the beginning of the school year to not take a one percent salary increase. In total, this groups concessions for this year represents three percent of salary (11 employees - \$31,134).

Northville Association of School Administrators (Building Principals, Assistant Principals and Program Supervisors): In addition to the two percent wage cut for 2009-10, in October these employees agreed to give back a one percent wage increase to the district to help offset health care costs. In total, this group's concessions for this year represents three percent of salary (18 employees - \$46,712).

Central Office Administrators (Assistant Superintendents and District-wide Directors): In addition to a two percent wage cut for 2009-10, these employees agreed at the beginning of the school year to not take a salary step increase or the scheduled one percent salary increase (three employees - \$32,601).

Salary steps increase an employee's wages based on his or her years of service to the district. Superintendent: In addition to a two percent wage cut for 2009-10, the Superintendent agreed at the beginning of the school year to not take a salary step increase or the scheduled one percent salary increase, as well to eliminate his car allowance (one employee - \$18,190).

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



Members of the Northville High School Varsity Baseball Team: top row, from left, Brian Gotberg, Dylan Breaud, Brett MacDonald, Colin Gerish, Greg Cheslik, Trey Slominski. Row 2: Assistant Coach Bill Flohr, Assistant Coach Jason McDonald, Anthony Perrino, Eric Zwierchowski, Levi Perry II, Assistant Coach Brian Gasidio, Head Coach John Kostrzewa. Row 3: Bobby Nayh, Davin Montgomery, Bobby Sable, Jeffrey Gertley, Connor Smith, Steven Townsend, Jack Oosten. Bottom row: Matt Satterfield, Greg Lorrain, Dan Mills, Matt Stojkov, Joey Close.

## Armed Forces Day is Saturday

As American as baseball, the flag and helping a neighbor.

Enjoy all three on Saturday, May 15 as Northville High School's baseball teams and families join forces with Northville VFW Post 4012 and the National Guard to celebrate Armed Forces Day, observed nationally on the third Saturday of May annually since 1949, at Northville High School.

The varsity baseball double-header starts at 10 a.m. this Saturday at NHS when the Mustangs take on Riverview Gabriel Richard High School. Northville residents Adam Coe (Iraq war veteran and Meads Mill Middle School teacher) and Dan Miller (FOX 2 Sports Director) will throw out the first pitches. A color guard presentation will kick off the second game when Northville hosts White Lake Lakeland at 1 p.m. Steve Frazer (past Post Commander of Northville VFW Post 4012) and Al Kief (World War II veteran) will toss the ceremonial first pitches.

Service men and women (current and veteran) and their families are heartily encouraged to attend. Throughout the day, they will be recognized and honored.

Organizers are anxious to send a taste of home to our overseas troops, urging attendees to bring donations to this free celebration. They'll be collecting individually packed items including hard candy, peanuts, licorice, Slim Jims, Pringles, powdered drink mix (for water) and hygiene products. New or slightly used DVDs, cell phones and monetary donations will also be accepted.

"The National Guard, VFW, VFW Ladies' Auxiliary and

## DETAILS

**What:** Armed Forces Day Celebration, observed nationally on third Saturday of May, annually since 1949

**Activities:** baseball double-header; collection of items to be shipped overseas to military personnel; free haircuts for military families; donations accepted for food, refreshments, activities; military vehicle display; color guard; recognition of service men & women (current & veteran)

**Who:** Northville High School varsity baseball team; Northville VFW Post 4012; National Guard; Northville baseball families

**When:** Saturday, May 15  
**Where:** Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road (between Beck and Sheldon roads); baseball field (northeast corner of school) and surrounding grounds

**Why:** To honor members of armed forces (current & veteran); to collect items to be shipped overseas to military personnel (hard candy, peanuts, licorice, Slim Jims, Pringles, powdered drink mix (for water); hygiene products; new or slightly used DVDs, cell phones; monetary donations).

**Contacts:** Bill Flohr (event organizer/assistant baseball coach) at (248) 761-9694

volunteers will pack and ship everything we collect," said Frazer, who served as a Green

Beret in Vietnam. "These donations will be such treats for our troops who are so far from home. They can't get enough of things like this."

Free haircuts will be available to military families. Military vehicles will be on display. Donations will be accepted for face-painting, food, refreshments and other activities.

"Two years ago, our coaching staff was in San Diego for a baseball conference," recalled NHS Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach Bill Flohr, who is also the event organizer. "We were impressed with the support the San Diego Padres gave the region's significant military community. We were inspired to see what we could do with our baseball program."

"As a coaching staff," Flohr continued, "we believe we're not only teaching our young men about baseball, but about life and being active members in the community. This day should teach them that there is so much in their own lives that they should never take for granted. We want them to be grateful for what they have because of the sacrifices of so many. It is a privilege to play ball, go to a great school, drive a car and to live free. These are life lessons they should never, ever forget."

With Head Varsity Baseball Coach John Kostrzewa and NHS baseball parents, Flohr is anxious to see this dream come to life. "We are proud of our ball players from every level who have been involved. Combined with the great support of parents, the Northville community and local businesses, we're ready to show our gratitude to America's armed forces."

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Northville will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments from interested residents on the proposed sanitary sewer system improvements project located in Section 4. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2010 at the following location: Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, in the Community Room.

The proposed project service area encompasses properties located along Clement, Norton, Neeson, Sunset, and Fredrick Streets. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce the environmental risks associated with septic system failures by extending sewer services to this area. Improvements to one pump station "North Beacon Woods" located in Section 4 are also proposed to improve the reliability and redundancy of the sewer system.

The proposed project is anticipated to improve the water quality downstream of the project service area where there has been documented levels of Human waste elevating E coli in the Johnson Creek. Impacts of the proposed project include those experienced by typical construction projects including, dust, noise, and some disruptions in local road usage. The impacts are expected to be temporary in nature and, after construction, the affected areas will be restored to normal conditions.

User costs were developed for the proposed improvements using the Engineer's opinion of probable project costs. The costs were developed using an interest loan rate of 2.5% over a 20-year period. The Township will assist the residents in funding the project cost. The remainder of the cost will be distributed among benefited property owners. The estimated cost to the project beneficiaries as related to construction (loan repayment) is equivalent to approximately \$820 annually over 20 years. Additional out-of-pocket expenses per beneficiary are expected to include costs to abandon their existing septic system and construct a sanitary service lead on their property. Typical bimonthly sewer service charges of (\$103) will also apply once sanitary sewer service becomes available.

The costs for the North Beacon Woods pump station improvements will be distributed among all the sewer system users in the Township and are equivalent to \$0.17 per month per average residential user account.

The project plan will be available for viewing on the Township's website at [www.twnorthville.mi.us](http://www.twnorthville.mi.us). Copies of the project plan detailing the proposed improvements will be available for public review at the Township Hall between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday, beginning on Monday, May 17, 2010 until Thursday, June 17, 2010. The project plan can also be viewed on Friday, May 28, 2010 and Friday, June 11, 2010. 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on Thursday, June 17, 2010 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to the Township Clerk, Sue A. Hillebrand at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

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# Cancer survivor's motto: 'Believe'

## His wife stricken shortly after him

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Tim Horvath, a 31-year-old sales professional who lives in Allen Park, was getting frustrated with the back pain he started having in 2003.

He'd go to the chiropractor, and the pain would go away. But, then it would return before he knew it.

"Sometimes the pain was so bad it would make me physically sick," he recalled.

After a trip to the doctor for a routine physical, the doctor felt a mass in one of his testicles.

He soon learned after blood work, an ultrasound and a CT (computerized tomography) scan that he had testicular cancer that had spread, leaving a Nerf-football-sized tumor between his kidneys. It was actually this tumor that was causing his back pain.

He had surgery at IUPUI Hospital (Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis) to remove the testicle and the tumor between his kidneys followed by three months of chemotherapy.

### RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

Now, six years later, he is cancer-free and will be participating in this weekend's Relay for Life event to combat cancer in Northville. He was also the keynote speaker at the Northville Relay for Life kickoff event earlier this year.

"February 1 of 2006 I was declared cancer-free," Horvath said.

His wife, Kim, who grew up in Northville, is also a breast cancer survivor, after being diagnosed in December 2008.

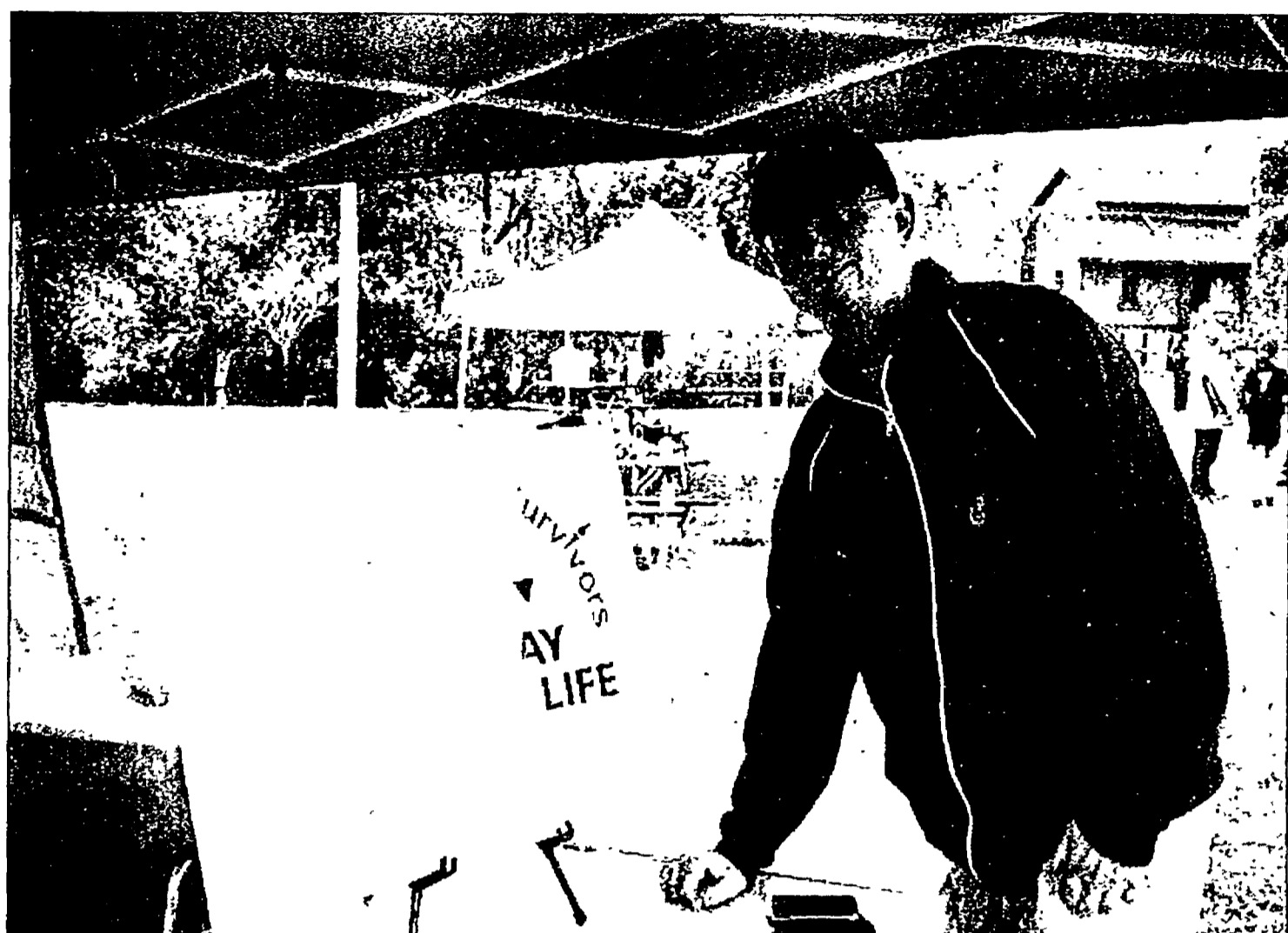
She learned she was pregnant only three days after Tim was diagnosed with cancer. Their son, Trevor, is now 4.

"We've each played the role of patient and then caretaker," he said. "Our motto is 'Believe.'"

### AFFECTS YOUNG MEN

Horvath said testicular cancer strikes men in the prime of life.

"Testicular cancer usually affects young men between ages 20 and 34," Horvath said. "I was



Cancer survivor Tim Horvath at last year's Relay for Life event in Northville.

diagnosed nine days after my 27th birthday. It's definitely a younger male type of cancer. You rarely see elderly gentlemen getting diagnosed with testicular cancer."

He's still checked every four months and has a CT scan every six months. So far, so good.

The University of Michigan communications graduate has been an account executive in advertising with Grace & Wild in Southfield for almost a decade.

Relay for Life is an important event for the Horvaths.

"I really got into Relay for Life when I

became a survivor," Horvath said. "That day is just so empowering. You know you're raising money and doing something to help a cause." He said fighting cancer is a cause that's near and dear to everybody.

"Everyone's been affected, whether it's themselves, a relative or friend," Horvath said. "If you can get together with other survivors, it's great."

### HOW TO DONATE

Participants raise money by getting people to donate to their team on the Relay for Life web-

site. There are various activities, such as chair massage, that raise money at the event as well. For more info, go to [www.RelayForLife.org/NorthvilleMI](http://www.RelayForLife.org/NorthvilleMI). To donate to Horvath's team, type in his name or his team's name, Sinners, Saints & Survivors. His brother, Scott, is serving as the team's captain.

"Our story is unique — a husband and wife who both had cancer before the age of 30," Horvath said. "We don't want people to feel sorry for us. We want to help people."

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## Northville Relay for Life slated this weekend

### Join annual event at Ford Field

More than 20 teams and about 200 people are slated to walk around the track at Ford Field this weekend during the annual Relay for Life anti-cancer event.

Using the slogan, "Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back," Northville-area residents will participate in this fund-raiser that brings in money for cancer research and more.

Participants will spend 24 hours at the field on Griswold Street north of Main Street walking, singing, talking, eating and sharing stories about

cancer experiences with family members and friends.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Northville offers communities a way to celebrate cancer survivorship, to remember loved ones who have died due to cancer and to fight back against a disease that takes too much from too many.

### DAY'S EVENTS

Opening Ceremonies will take place on Saturday from 10-10:30 a.m., with a Cancer Survivor Victory Lap imme-

diately following the ceremonies.

A Fight Back Ceremony is scheduled from 2-2:30 p.m., with one of the most popular parts of the 24-hour event, the Luminaria Ceremony, slated from 9:30-10 p.m. Saturday.

Closing ceremonies will be from 9:30-10 a.m. Sunday.

As always, everyone in the community is invited to participate in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Northville. Join this meaningful event by lighting a luminaria, pledging to save

one life from cancer this year or simply walking laps with friends.

The event will go on rain or shine.

### WHY IT'S IMPORTANT?

Why participate in Relay for Life? Because one out of every two men and one out of every three women will face a cancer diagnosis in his or her lifetime. Dollars raised at this Relay For Life event support the American Cancer Society's efforts to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back.

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## NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Telemann's cantatas performed

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (201 Elm Street, Northville) will be performing various parts of two separate cantatas and incorporating it into their church services this Sunday at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. Join them for a morning of Telemann's music performed by St. Paul's Joyful Messengers and invited instrumentalists. T

## ODA hosts Tour the Town

For those in the market for an ideal location to set up their business or office, the opportunity to tour a variety of properties available in the centrally-located setting of downtown Northville is taking place.

Tour the Town - hosted by the Northville Downtown Development Authority - will be held on Tuesday, June 8 from 3-8 p.m.

During the self-guided property tour entrepreneurs and potential business owners can view available office and retail properties available in downtown Northville. Attendees at will be provided a business recruitment package, including a Downtown Northville Business Investment Guide, property locator map, and a list of available properties and property descriptions upon check-in at Northville Square (located at 133 W. Main Street, corner of Main and Wing Street).

Throughout the tour, property owners/landlords will be on-hand at each individual location to answer questions. Representatives of the Northville Downtown Development Authority will also be on-site to answer inquiries about doing business in downtown Northville from attendees or to make additional appointments with those interested in certain properties.

For information on "Tour the Town," visit [www.downtown-northville.com](http://www.downtown-northville.com) or call (248) 49-0315.

## Wayne County recognized for Going Green

These days, going green has become part of business. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has been recognized for his incorporation of his initiative into his business strategy at the newly Wayne County occupied Guardian Building, and throughout the community. This past Tuesday, Ficano received the Municipal Leadership Award at the DTE-SD Energy Conference held at Rock Financial Showcase in Novi citing the green features of the building.

We are proud of the green features of our new home at the Guardian Building, and we hope to make capital investments in other County buildings to make them greener as well," said Wayne County CEO Ficano. "But what's more important is our effort to expand the green economy here in Wayne County. With companies like GE and A123 Systems locating here, we are well on our way to becoming the international capitol of energy excellence."

Wayne County was recognized not only for its green makeover of its new central offices at the Guardian Building, but also for the efforts of the Wayne County Economic Development Growth Engine (EDGE) in attracting green businesses to the region. Wayne County was also recognized for the establishment of its Energy Office as well as scheduled energy upgrades to the Medical Examiner's Office that will save the County \$363,440 per year at the facility.

## Buy Michigan, Northville partnering

Buy Michigan Now has announced they will again partner with Downtown Northville to host an upbeat celebration of Michigan, Aug. 6-8. The family-friendly Buy Michigan Now Festival will showcase various Michigan entertainers, businesses, products, and educational opportunities.

Launched in 2007 by Lisa Diggs, Buy Michigan Now is a statewide initiative to inform, educate and encourage Michiganders, organizations and consumers alike, to support the local economy by purchasing products and services made in Michigan and from Michigan-based companies.

"The Buy Michigan Now campaign is dedicated to heightening awareness and revitalizing our state's economy one product, one purchase, and one person at a time. I am delighted to be returning to Northville once again to celebrate Buy Michigan Week. It is a charming town, filled with locally-owned businesses, and has great proximity to the Detroit area, Ann Arbor, and even Lansing. That makes it an ideal place to showcase businesses, products, art and entertainment from around the state," said Lisa Diggs.

The weekend celebration is designed to coincide with "Buy Michigan Week," which focuses extra attention on Michigan-based businesses and locally-produced merchandise to help stimulate the economy. This is also the second year for Buy Michigan Week, which will run Monday, Aug. 2-Sunday, Aug. 8.

The Buy Michigan Now Festival will run from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on Aug. 6 and 7 and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday Aug. 8. More than 100 vendors and merchants are expected to participate and the festival is free to the public.

For information on vendor or sponsorship opportunities, contact Buy Michigan Now 248-390-0974 or [info@buy-michigan.com](mailto:info@buy-michigan.com)

BuyMichiganNow.com. A full list of events for the weekend of August 6-August 8 will be announced soon.

## Got talent?

Spring forward and reach for the stars in the 2nd annual music performance competition: Talent for the Title hosted by Broughton Music & Art Center, and Starring, The Gallery.

Last year's Talent for the Title event proved to be an exciting new addition to the Northville experience. This year's Talent for the Title aims to exceed last year's expectations and to wow the crowd with our local talent! Applications are available now for vocalists, singer/songwriters, instrumentalists, solo, duo/trio and bands. All interested competitors will need to submit an application and audition tape April 30. Judges will select finalists to compete in a series of public performances throughout the historic city of Northville. The final showcase will take place on the first Friday of June (June 4) to help kick off the Friday Night Concert Series in Town Square, located on Main Street in downtown Northville (between Center Street and Griswold).

Laurie Jarski of Broughton Music & Art Center, and Mary Starring of Starring, The Gallery will serve as the co-chairs of this event.

On Thursday, May 27 and Friday, May 28 there will be elimination rounds at Genetti's Hole-In-The-Wall Theatre in Northville.

Details (including rules) will be available at the participating sponsors or by contacting the Talent for the Title hotline at Broughton Music & Art Center at (248) 374-5596 or visiting the website [talentforthetitle.com](http://talentforthetitle.com).

## 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-Novis 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.



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## Season's final concert

St. John's Episcopal Church's final concert of their Resounding Art in a Sacred Space series will be held on Sunday, May 16, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. The concert will feature the Franz Schubert Mass in G. The conductor for this performance will be Julie M. Ford. Along with serving as the Minister of Music and organist for St. John's, Ford is also the artistic director for the Resounding Art concert series. Accompaniment will be provided by a string quartet composed of Hektor Oyteli, violin; Myra Drean, violin; Michael McGillvray, viola; and Derek Theleman, cello; also joining the ensemble will be Johnny Kash at the church's Gabriel Kney pipe organ. Soloists Jackie King Miller, David Klipp and Kurt Frank will be backed by members of St. John's Parish Choir. St. John's church is located at 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. The concert is free, although a free will offering will be collected. For more information on this concert or the concert series, inquiries may be made by phone to (734) 453-0190, or on the web at [www.stjohnsplymouth.org](http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org).

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).

## 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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# Annexation legislation would prevent 2008 scenario repeat

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Marc Corriveau

good roads and a business environment that will be necessary for us to excel in the 21st century. However, even with so much time and energy devoted to this endeavor, there are additional problems facing our state and communities that need to be addressed through legislation. Efforts to address these issues should not be abandoned even as we work to resolve the challenging economic situation in Michigan.

As many in our community may recall, during the summer of 2008, Northville Township was faced with the unfortunate possibility of losing the 414 acres of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital land to the City of Livonia through the process of annexation. Annexation, in which a parcel of land from one jurisdiction is transferred to another, has traditionally been used as a tool to promote economic development

## GUEST COLUMN

in areas that lack the infrastructure and services necessary to sustain that growth. However, this was not the case in Northville Township.

As negotiations began on how to best use the former Psychiatric Hospital land, I was encouraged by the positive impact that development would have toward creating jobs for local residents. Unfortunately, due to an outdated state annexation law, the property could have been lost to Livonia where many of the development issues that are important to the character of Northville Township may have been ignored. The resulting annexation dispute not only put two communities at odds with one another, but also delayed the development of the land and the economic benefits associated with that development.

Fortunately, through a well organized grassroots effort from residents in the city and township, the attempted annexation was ultimately defeated. During this time, Senator Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) and I worked together on a bipartisan plan that would prevent this sort of annexation from occurring. The bill, which passed the House by a large majority, would protect townships that provide certain services and have a population of over 20,000

residents from having their land annexed by a neighboring municipality. Unfortunately, though the bill was crafted in a bipartisan, bicameral fashion, and received the endorsement of many local leaders, it did not receive the same support in the Senate as it did in the House. Despite a valiant effort from Senator Patterson, which put his political career on the line, the bill ultimately died in the Senate Government Operations Committee.

Though the original motivation for this legislation was in direct response to the annexation dispute in Northville Township, this reform is still necessary in order to ensure that Northville and other full-service townships throughout the state have the last word on how their land is developed. Therefore, I have reintroduced this legislation, and was pleased that on Tuesday the bill was voted out of the House Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs Committee with broad bipartisan support. I am hopeful that now that there is no pending annexation situation, the House and Senate will do the right thing and take action on this bill to protect the interests of our residents and integrity of our communities.

State Representative Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) can be reached toll-free at (877) 208-4737 or send an e-mail to [MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov](mailto:MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov).

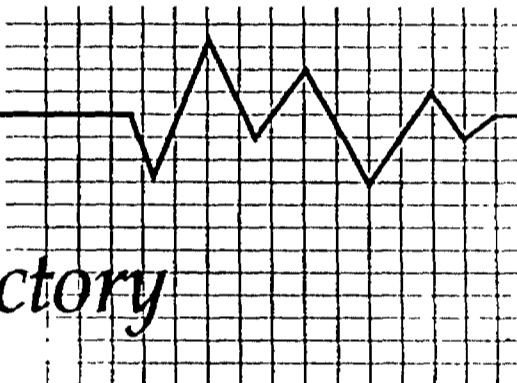


## Monster Concert

The Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum will present a Monster Concert of multiple pianos and piano players at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at the William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 11-Mile Road in Farmington Hills. The concert will feature piano duet and ensemble music performed on 11 Steinway grand pianos at one time. Over 160 students from beginning to advanced levels of musicianship will participate. These students represent the studios of 17 teachers from communities in the surrounding area. Concert proceeds will be used to support scholarship opportunities provided by the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum. Teachers Nancy Whitecar, of Northville Township, and Ann Chen, of Novi both have students participating in the Monster Concert.

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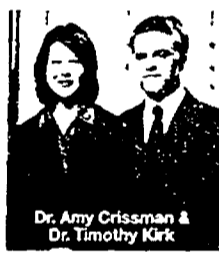
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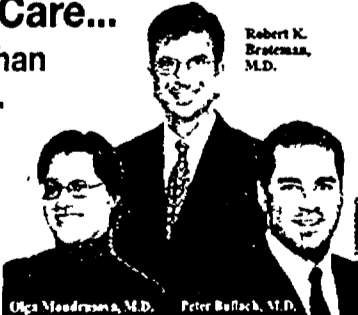


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## CHURCH

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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 firstpresnville.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.

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Times: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Sept.-May; 8:30

and 10 a.m. Memorial Day-Labor Day

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Senior

Pastor; Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, Associate Pastor

Coffee Hour: 10:15 a.m. Sunday Sept.-May;

9:30 a.m. Memorial Day-Labor Day

Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Mondays of every month

Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday for

fourth-12th grade Oct.-April

Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays

Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third

Mondays

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

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

Contact: For further information, please contact

NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

Meadowbrook Congregational

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

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister

(248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Sermon: Having a Plan

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon

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

month

Pilgrim Fellowship

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

Asking Questions adult education class

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030

Sundays

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

Children

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

10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship

center; children's super church on the second

level (208/210)

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

Wednesday Family Night

7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high

student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact

Girls Club &amp; Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery

and Preschool Program on Sundays and

Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School

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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

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

www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

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

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion

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

month

Peace Vigil

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church

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

Advent Service

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

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

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

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

ReNew Life Group Ministries

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

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

Women's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

every Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life

Groups Ministries, please contact the church

office.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir

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

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

Our Lady of Good

Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

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

Our Lady of Victory

Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

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

Saturday Worship

Time: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship

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

Our Shepherd

Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

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

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and

food after service

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 347-7778

Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m.

Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m.

Saturday

Mothers Group

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

Location: St. James Parish Hall A

Details: We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith in order to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as article discussion, crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. Free childcare is available but children are also welcome to join their mothers during meetings.

Contact: Kris Endreszi (248) 946-4080

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Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. May 16

Details: Appointments are necessary and can be made by contacting Frank at (248) 890-3801.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

St. John Lutheran

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

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

Saturday Worship

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship

Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School

Time: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville

Contact: (248) 349-3140

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

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Single's Bible Study

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# LOCAL OPINION

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

## OUR VIEWS

### Cooperation, vision, giving make walkway a reality

Last week, the Northville City Council took a big step in approving a major improvement that will not only aid businesses but will also make the area much more accessible to those coming downtown.

The walkway project will allow pedestrians to go from the parking lot behind the Marquis Theater to Main Street without having to go all the way around the block at either end.

The Downtown Development Authority had budgeted money, and the cost is expected to be under \$800,000. But a local businessman, Chuck Lapham, agreed to donate \$125,000 via his Northville Area Development Corporation. This is just one more contribution by the NADC, created 48 years ago, to help downtown.

With a donation that large, Lapham wanted a say in the design. Fortunately, it was the same as what council wanted.

Also stepping up to help make this happen was Comerica Bank, which has a branch just east of the walkway. It owns the space, formerly Girly Daze store, where the walkway will be built, and donated it to the city via a long-term lease agreement.

This project has been tossed around since the 1990s, and it's been studied extensively. Thanks to the hard work of the DDA, executive director Lori Ward, Lapham and Comerica, downtown Northville is going to be even more beautiful and user-friendly.

### Give your input on city budget

They're a little late for this year's budget, but kudos to the City Council for deciding to get the community involved in future budgets.

A special public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. May 24 at city hall, and we encourage residents to come and voice their opinions on how their tax dollars should be spent.

True, the 2010-11 budget will be adopted a week prior, and council members didn't decide until April 22 to hold the public meeting. But, that's a step in the right direction to get a jump on the 2011-12 budget.

Northville, like every other municipality in this state, realizes that budget woes (like the current \$1.1 million shortfall) are going to be long-term and may possibly get worse before getting better. Ideas for where to cut and save are needed. Let yours be heard.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum, *In Your Voices*, on the Web at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

■ COMMENTARY by TOM WATKINS: Catholic Church child abuse scandal - never again

Tom writes: "Could the Roman Catholic Church, built on the revelation of truth and faith, fall apart due to lies and deceit?"

Anyone who was paying attention when they went to Catholic school would know the Church has survived far worse problems than this, and will come out of this issue a better, more honest Church as a result of these issues being raised and acted upon to the fullest extent of civil and canon law.

Tom later writes: "How can the institution of the church stand for anything when they did not stand up for the rights of children?"

Let's be clear about the millions of children fed and given health care by the Church around the world before we condemn them as the moral authority.

What is the real purpose of this commentary? To let the world know that yet again, we have another fallen Catholic who needs to be heard?

Sounds like someone needs a hug then needs to learn, get over it, increase his faith, and grow the hell up.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite class or subject at Thornton Creek Elementary?



"Gym because you get to do fun activities and you get to play 'Mission Impossible.'"

Travis Nitkiewicz, 8



"I really like art class. You really express what you want, and art is supposed to be what you feel."

Lindsey Brenton, 9



"My favorite class is gym, because gym is really fun and helps you get fit."

Nolan Scott, 9



"Library because I love to read, and at the end of the year we get ice cream and see a movie."

Kristina Roberts, 9

## LETTERS

### Mothers' Club thanks

On behalf of the Mothers' Club of Northville, we would like to extend heartfelt thanks for helping us achieve our goal of raising more than \$11,000 for Northville Public School students through our very first community garage sale. Your efforts, donations and willingness to shop the event will help ensure that we will be able to continue to provide educational enrichment and outreach opportunities to Northville Public Schools students.

Special recognition and thanks go to Robert and Margene Buckhave for generously donating the space at Northville Square for our event; Estate Storage for providing special pricing for our storage needs; the *Northville Record* for providing a wonderful story about the garage sale; Macaroni Grill, Rocky's, Chili's and Deadwood Bar & Grill for their willingness to display yard signs; Fun Services for providing the aprons; and the very generous outpouring of donations from many community members.

Debbie Grant-Kelterborn & Janeen Crittenden

Mothers' Club of Northville co-chairs, Community Garage Sale

### Supporting Wadsworth

I am writing this letter to encourage the citizens of the 20th District to elect Joan Wadsworth to be their voice in the Michigan State House of Representatives.

The problems currently facing our state are daunting. We are all well aware of the troubled economy and lack of jobs. Additionally, we have important educational and environmental issues to address to ensure a promising future for our children.

I have known and worked with Joan Wadsworth for over 10 years, and I believe that she possesses both the personal qualities and experience we need to represent us in Lansing. Joan has been an active and involved citizen of Northville. She has served 16 years as a member of the Northville Board of Education, 14 of those as an officer. She has served on the board of the Friends of the Northville District Library, as well as the Northville Senior Citizens' Advisory Commission and the Northville Downtown Development Authority. In 2003, she was named Northville's Citizen of the Year and in 2007, she received the Exemplary Achievement Award from the Novi-Northville Optimist Club.

Joan is well educated and articulate. She possesses an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. As our representative in Lansing, she will seek the best possible solutions to the challenging problems of Michigan by building consensus. She is open to thoughts and ideas from all people and is hardworking. Joan recognizes that complex problems demand a variety of input and approaches to be solved.

When I heard that Joan was planning to run for state representative, I was thrilled. I am glad she is willing to take on such a difficult challenge and I am happy that, if elected, our state will benefit from her positive leadership.

I urge all of you to visit Joan's website [www.joanwadsworth.com](http://www.joanwadsworth.com) and decide for yourselves to support her candidacy. Follow her campaign by joining her groups on Facebook and Twitter. Become a part of helping solve the mess Michigan finds itself

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Submit letters via the following formats.

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Mail: Letters to the Editor, Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178.

Fax: (248) 437-3386.

E-mail: [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com)

Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

in by sending Joan Wadsworth to Lansing to represent us in this November's election.

Marnie Mertz  
Northville

### Water restrictions ridiculous

Northville Township cites a desire to keep usage down and therefore rate increases down in its government-imposed water restrictions. How does this position reconcile with the following quotes from a water department official in the Jan. 24, 2010, issue of the *Daily Tribune* where he specifically states that "less use and less flow drives costs up"? (quote: Factors affecting the increase include a 20-percent drop in water consumption in the past two years. Since 2002, consumption has dropped 60 percent as industrial plants close and residents leave the area.)

"It's no surprise," said John McCulloch, Oakland County Water Resources commissioner. "There was certainly an expectation of these prices." He acknowledges revenue is down. "Less use and less flow drives costs up," he said.

Restrictions include after midnight and before six watering times for all automatic sprinklers and even/odd watering days based on your address. The odd-numbered houses are allowed to water one more day three times in the summer — (May 31, July 31, Aug. 31) — which is not fair to the even-numbered houses. Programming your sprinkler has officially become a nightmare. And if you go out of town over that time frame wherein the dates stay odd two days in a row — watch out! The water police will be at your door!

There are also hand watering restrictions. Good luck planting new plants and trees and keeping them alive.

The fines are outrageous — \$300 for first offense, \$500 for repeat offenders.

Despite the best intentions of township officials, the truth is that the Detroit Water System is a monopoly. Our rates are going to go up no matter what we do — conserve or splurge. Let me make my own decision on how much money I want to spend on water this summer: the usurious rates are already making me voluntarily lower my usage. Let me decide what times are best to water my lawn and garden. The government edict is over-reaching.

Joseph M. Droshagen  
Northville

### Abuse not just a church problem

This is in response to the Guest Column ("Church child abuse scandal: never again") written by Tom Watkins that appeared in the May 6 *Northville Record*. Along with Mr. Watkins, I am frustrated, angered and deeply saddened by the widespread sexual abuse that has taken place in the church and would love nothing more than to have our children — in fact, all people — live in a world where they are respected and treated with the dignity God intended when we were created in the divine image.

Unfortunately, his article is short-sighted and makes it look like this issue is only related to the Catholic church, which is farthest from the truth. As indicated below, sexual abuse takes place more frequently among families and other places. He also wrongly makes the accusation that the cover-up included Pope Benedict XVI. This accusation was first written in *The New York Times*. Subsequent public records reveal that *The New York Times* made no effort to corroborate their story, and much of the information was false documentation.

First and foremost, I agree with Mr. Watkins that any act of sexual abuse is wrong and criminal and should be treated as such. Second, sexual abuse cases are found in all churches and places of worship. Most are not heard of since there is no lawsuit associated with them. Third, sexual abuse is very prevalent in public schools: since 2007, no fewer than 2,200 separate cases of sexual abuse have been filed against U.S. public school employees. Fourth, most sexual abuse cases (over 85 percent) take place in the family, with a baby-sitter, neighbors or friends, according to various studies. Many of these are covered due to family embarrassment.

Sexual abuse is not a religious, family or school problem. Sexual abuse is a cultural problem. We have destroyed our societal and religious values that hold the human person to the highest state of dignity and respect. We teach our children how to use the condom and fertility control tools assuming they have no capability of personal discipline in sexual matters. Our media holds up sex as the source of all happiness, our laws allow public and blatant pornography under the guise of freedom of speech, and we are told that we must be open to and accept every personal opinion as truth and every immoral behavior as good or we are accused of being bigoted and close-minded.

Mr. Watkins uses the analogy of the barn door being open too long. He is correct, but we must take it much farther. The Catholic church is doing something about it and we are much more aggressive than any other sector of society with "Safe Environment" education and more detailed scrutiny and reporting at all levels. The tragedy is that the barn door is still open in our education system, with our televisions and other media, courts of law, and in the rest of our culture. Let's wake up and fix the problem — the whole problem. Child Abuse: Never Again.

Rev. Timothy D. Hogan  
pastor, Holy Family Parish, Novi

## NORTHVILLE ETC.

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

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## MEETINGS

## Northville Public Schools

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Old Village School

## City of Northville

## CITY COUNCIL

Date: First and third Monday of the month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

## DOWNTOWN Development

## AUTHORITY MEETING

Date: Third Tuesday of each month  
Time: 8 a.m.

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

Contact: [downtownnorthville.com](http://downtownnorthville.com)

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: First and third Tuesday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall

## HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month  
Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: Third Wednesday of month  
Time: 7 p.m.

Location: City Hall

## ARTS COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: First Monday of every month  
Time: 8 a.m.

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

Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

## Northville Township

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Last Tuesday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Third Thursday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date: Third Wednesday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

## YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Date: Second Tuesday of every month  
Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

## SENIOR EVENTS

## Senior Community Center

Location: 303 W. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-4140

## THURSDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

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

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11 a.m.: Cribbage

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

## FRIDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie

## MONDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance;

Oxycise

11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

## TUESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

## WEDNESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxycise

11 a.m.: Strength Training

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Bridge; Walking Club

1 p.m.: Cribbage

7 p.m.: Bridge

## CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN

## VOLLEYBALL

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

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

## ADULT 50+ FUN CO-ED

## VOLLEYBALL

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

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

## CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN

## BASKETBALL

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

Location: Senior Community Center

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

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

## HEALTH WALKING

Date: Monday-Friday

Time: 8-10 a.m.

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

## PILATES CLASS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

## BUNCO

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

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

## FRIDAY FLICKS

Time: 1 p.m. every Friday

Details: Cost is \$1.



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## Student musical

Silver Springs Elementary students perform their musical "Follow the Drinking Gourd" recently for fellow students and friends and family.

1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Contact: (248) 349-3020 or [northvillelibrary.org](http://northvillelibrary.org) for information regarding programs and library materials.

## Rockin' Fun Family Music with The

## Mydols

Time/Date: 4:15 p.m. Thursday, May 13

Details: Celebrate National Children's

Book Week with rockin' fun mom band, The Mydols. Call them cool moms, soccer moms, rocker moms, their music is fun for the whole family. 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk 5 minutes prior to program. Due to space limitations, the library cannot accommodate

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## LIBRARY LINES

## Northville District Library

Location: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall

Time/Day: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday;

1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Contact: (248) 349-3020 or [northvillelibrary.org](http://northvillelibrary.org) for information regarding programs and library materials.

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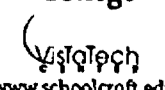
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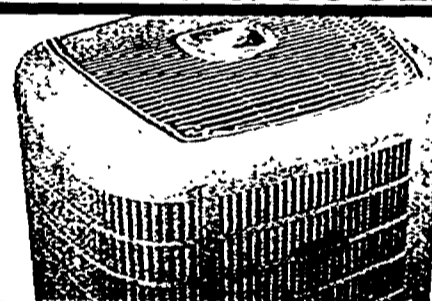
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daycare, preschool, or after school care groups.

**Junior Books, Chat & Chow for fourth, fifth and sixth graders**  
Time/Date: 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, May 28

**DETAILS:** Make friends, have treats and enjoy a lively book discussion of *Swindle* by Gordon Korman

## PARKS AND REC

**Northville Parks and Recreation**  
Office Location: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School)

**Contact:** (248) 349-0203 or visit website at northvilleparksandrec.org

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**Meeting Date/Time:** 6:30 p.m. fourth Wednesday every other month beginning in January  
Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road

**DROP IN FAMILY BASKETBALL**  
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Sept.-April

**Location:** Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street  
Details: \$2 per person

**DROP IN ADULT BASKETBALL**  
Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Sundays Sept.-April

**Location:** Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St  
Details: \$3 per person

**DROP IN ADULT VOLLEYBALL**  
Time/Date: 7:45-9 p.m. Thursday  
Location: Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main  
Sept.-noon every Saturday  
Sept.-April

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside  
Details: \$4 per person

**DROP IN BADMINTON**  
Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday  
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** \$9 per person, includes birds. Competitive style badminton.

## DROP IN PICKLEBALL

**Time/Date:** noon-3 p.m. Wednesday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 6-8 p.m. Saturday; 1-3 p.m. Sunday  
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** \$3 per person Wednesday and Sunday; \$4 per person Saturday; \$2 per person Friday  
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Monday; 1-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Wednesday/Thursday  
Location: Community Senior Center 303 West Main

**Details:** \$2 per person except \$3 Tuesday evenings

## DROP IN TABLE TENNIS

**Time/Date:** noon-4 p.m. every Saturday  
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** \$5 Per person, 8 tables available. All skill levels welcome

## DROP IN CO-ED 50+ VOLLEYBALL

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside  
Details: \$1 per person, all skill levels welcome. Bring your friends.

## GOLF OUTINGS

**Northville Mustang Boosters Club, Inc.**

**Date:** Saturday, Aug. 28  
**Location:** Links of Novi, Ten Mile Road  
**Details:** Golf scramble and dinner auction. Cost is \$100 per golfer for golf, lunch at the turn, dinner, open bar and auction; \$50 for dinner, open bar and auction; \$75 for student golfers. Deadline to register is June 17. Make checks payable to Northville Mustang Boosters Club, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) organization), and mail to Tricia Combe DuQuet, P.O. Box 312, Northville, MI 48167

**Northville Township Police Officers**  
Date: 8 a.m. (breakfast/registra-



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## State champs

The Northville High School Jazz Band I is shown last week at the state band festival. Both Jazz I and Jazz II received 1's at the festival, making them both state champions.

**tion) July 26: 10 a.m. shotgun start**  
**Location:** Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville  
**Details:** 10th annual outing with proceeds benefitting the Police Benevolent Fund.  
**Contact:** Jerome Jackman at (248) 349-9400

**St. Mary Mercy Hospital 15th Annual Tee It Up Golf Classic**  
Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, June 21

**Location:** Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville  
**Details:** Proceeds from the event will support a new initiative at St. Mary Mercy Hospital - a new Senior Emergency Center. This funding will assist in providing special equipment, staff training and create a healing environment to accommodate the multifaceted needs of our elderly patients. The event is presented by Phillips Services Industries, Inc. The 18-hole scramble features two shotgun starts,

one at 7:30 a.m. and an afternoon round at 1 p.m. Individual Par Golf Package is \$350 per person for 18 holes of golf and a cart. The package includes beverages and refreshments at the turn; breakfast and lunch for morning golfers and the afternoon golfers will receive lunch prior to golf, followed by cocktails and dinner after the turn around.

**Contact:** For more information or to register, call the St. Mary Hospital Foundation (734) 655-2980 or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

## VOLUNTEERING

## Arbor Hospice

**Details:** Seeking compassionate, caring individuals to join our Volunteer Team in support of patients and families by holding a hand, sharing a story, or creating a special moment. Take the first step in this life-affirming experience by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator.

**Contact:** (248) 348-4980 or [mgrysonko@arborhospice.org](mailto:mgrysonko@arborhospice.org).

[ko@arborhospice.org](mailto:ko@arborhospice.org).

## Friends of the Northville District Library

**Details:** There are openings for our Board of Directors. The Friends are volunteers who promote reading, support programs in the library and financially support projects not covered by the library's budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and serve on a committee. If interested, send a letter to Paul Snyder, president of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

## Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

**Time:** Day and evening training classes  
**Location:** 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield  
**Details:** Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area.

Office support is needed.

**Contact:** Mary, (800) 770-9859

## Meals-On-Wheels

**Date:** Ongoing  
**Time:** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
**Details:** Permanent and substitute drivers needed.  
**Contact:** Eileen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna (248) 348-1761

## Northville Arts Commission seeks Commissioners

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., second Wednesday of each month  
**Location:** Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady  
**Details:** Seeking volunteers and City Commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House. Candidates need only to have a passion for expanding the arts in Northville! Committees are formed to assist in the development and facilitation of Art House educational programs, events and exhibitions.

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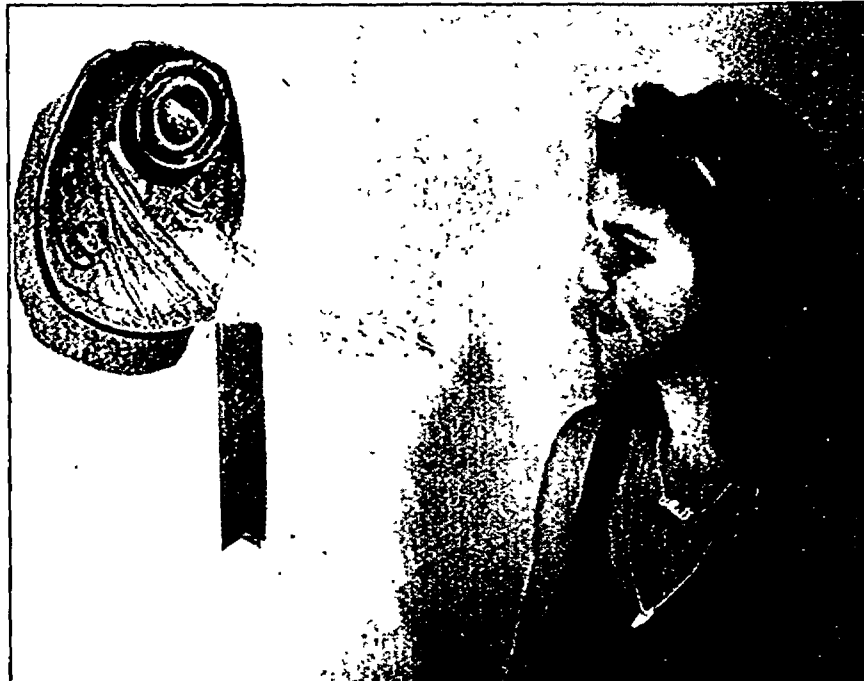
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Players from Trenton and Catholic Central met last weekend in a rematch for their 1999 prep hockey game. Page B4

## Mustangs send Salem packing

Girls track team gets rained out of weekend event

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It was a good week to be a member of the Northville Mustangs girls track team.

The squad, coached by Kerry Barnett, blasted Plymouth Salem with a 97-40 loss. Unfortunately, Northville's mascot is not the otters or the ducks, and they found one of their weekend events rained out before final scores could be posted. In the other, Northville had several strong finishes.

Against Salem, however, the track team brought their best and it showed. Michelle Steslicki took first in the pole vault, clearing 10-feet, while Amy O'Brien, who is also a standout gymnast, matched her career-best with a 9-6 vault for second place.

Gina McNamara's shoes were likely smoldering after posting a 2:28.12 in the 800 meter run, and she also turned in a blazing 60.7-second time for her 400-meter split of the 1,600 relay.

In the 200 dash, Courtney Minghine turned in a season best with a blurring time of 27.41 seconds for the win, while Chelsea Ciampa turned in her best time of the year in the 300 hurdles with a 46.47. Jackie Konopka posted a 15.78 finish in the 100 hurdles.

During their weekend events, the Mustangs found themselves rained out in the Saline Golden Triangle invitational just before the finals were finished, so no scores were posted. The team did, however, get a chance to participate in the Stevenson Invitational despite the cold and rainy conditions.

McNamara turned in a stellar 2:23 in the 800, while Alex Rodriguez and Erin Dunne posted personal bests in the 1,600-meter run. Steslicki and O'Brien continued their first and second place showings despite the difficult cross winds.

Another notable performance was Kristen Wines, who placed fifth overall in the discus but threw a lifetime best 95 feet.

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

### ON TAP

Northville is scheduled to be back on the track tomorrow when they participate in the conference meet at Novi High School.



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Mustang Connor Smith slides in to second base ahead of a tag during Northville's game against Westland John Glenn.

## Tough week as Northville drops three

Mustangs baseball team rebounds with wins over South Lyon East

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't the week the Northville Mustangs baseball team was hoping to have this late in the season, but it was a good lesson for the team to learn as they dropped three games out of five.

The team fell to Southgate Anderson--a perennially tough team--in both games of a doubleheader, 10-7 and 12-5, before taking a loss to a tough Plymouth squad, 10-1. Northville did rebound, however, earning a doubleheader victory over the Cougars of South Lyon East, 5-1 and 7-3.

"Overall, we struggled fundamentally against Southgate," noted coach John Kostrzewa. "Southgate swung the bats well and really took it to us offensively. We battled back in the fifth of the second game, taking a 5-4 lead into the sixth, but couldn't hold it."

Northville game up seven runs in the top of the sixth inning to watch their lead slip away in the second game.

In that game, Matt Stojkov went 2-for-3 with a double, a RBI and a run scored. Levi Perry was 2-for-2 with a double, two RBI and a run scored. Colin Gerish added two hits while Joe Close, Jeff Gertley and Greg Lorrain each had one hit.

In the first game, Conner Smith had three RBI, including a two-run home run to mark his second dinger of the season. Gerish went 3-for-4 with a solo homer and two runs scored in the losing effort.

Against Plymouth, Northville's luck was about the same as the Wildcats swung their bats well and Northville didn't. The Mustangs led 1-0 going into the bottom of the fourth inning but, once again, couldn't hold on as the lead slipped away.

Dan Mills had two hits while Davin Montgomery, Gertley, Dylan Breault,

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs are slated to be back in action when they play two games this weekend. The first is scheduled for a home game against Gabriel Richard at 10 a.m. Saturday with the second home game expected to start at 1 p.m. against Lakeland. The team will then visit Churchill on Monday at 4 p.m. and then play in the conference cross-over at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

and Brett Macdonald had one hit each. Against South Lyon East, Northville got their season back on track as they won both games of the doubleheader, 5-1 and 7-3.

"Overall, it was a good day," said Kostrzewa. "After a four-game losing streak, it was nice to get back on the winning track."

In the first game, Breault led the way, striking out eight batters while allowing just one run. He also added two walks, a stolen base and two runs scored on the offensive side. Dan Mills went 2-for-4 with a double, a RBI and two runs scored while Garish added a hit, two walks, an RBI and a run scored in the winning effort.

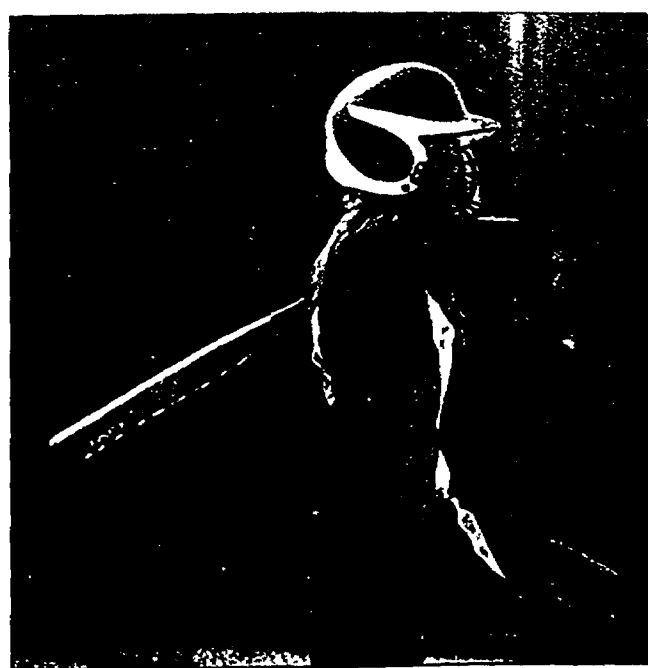
In the second game, it was Stojkov earning the win from the mound, throwing six innings to fan seven and allowing just two hits and two runs. Gerish led the offense with two doubles, a run scored and also took one for the team as he stood in the box and was hit by a pitch. Greg Cheslik had a double and two RBI while Gertley added a two RBI single in the win.

Northville is now 12-8 overall and 9-3 in KLAAs play.

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



Mustang Colin Gerish at the plate in April.



Mustang Karty Fisher at the plate.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Northville drops two, wins one

### Mustangs take loss to Plymouth, split with South Lyon East

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs softball team took two lumps with their victory last week.

The squad took a loss to Plymouth, 3-1, before splitting a doubleheader with South Lyon East, winning the first game, 5-1, but losing the nightcap, 8-6.

Against South Lyon, the Mustangs pounded out 13 hits in the opener to help secure the victory while sophomore Laura Pond earned the win on the mound. Pond allowed five hits,

but struck out 10 batters in her second-straight 10-strikeout performance.

The game was tied, 1-1, after the third inning, but Northville recaptured the lead in the fourth inning and didn't look back. Ellie Asher led Northville with three hits, and Jennifer Buckingham, Mary Rounsifer, Megan O'Malley and Pond each had two hits.

In the nightcap, Northville's hitting didn't diminish as they smacked out 13, but South Lyon East put together two big innings for the 8-6 victory. The Cougars

jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first and added three more in the fourth to make it 7-0. Northville came back in the fifth, scoring two runs, before the Cougars added their final tally in the top of the sixth for an 8-2 advantage. The Mustangs scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth to make it 8-4. Meredith Williams and O'Malley singled and a South Lyon throwing error and Rachel Deacon's sacrifice fly brought in the two Northville runs.

In the seventh inning,

Please see **SOFTBALL, B2**

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs softball team is scheduled to play again Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Oxford Invitational before visiting Churchill on Monday and playing in the conference cross-over game Wednesday with 4 p.m. starts for both.

## Mustangs stay undefeated

Northville girls soccer team upends South Lyon East

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't much of a match for the Northville Mustangs, but standing at this point in the season with an undefeated record means there are quite a few games on the schedule that feel that way.

The girls soccer squad, coached by Eric Brucker in his first year at the helm, is currently 10-0-1 after an 8-0 mercy drubbing of the South Lyon East Cougars last week.

The team took advantage of the balmy 70 degree weather and then heated it up a little more on the pitch as they jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first half.

Jessica Lyon started the scoring for Northville, taking a well-timed through ball from sophomore Jenni Borawski and putting it past the goalie for the 1-0 lead.

"Jessica fought off the pressure of the onrushing defender and found the back of the net," noted Brucker.

Five minutes later, junior Tara Cureton was awarded a goal after her cross deflected off a Cougar defender and into the goal. The final tally of the first half came when Andrea Stark teamed up with Mallory Weber for the 3-0 lead.

"Mallory's shot deflected off the goal post and

### ON TAP

The Mustangs are scheduled to play again today at Salem before hosting Ann Arbor tomorrow and Novi on Tuesday. The team will then visit South Lyon next Thursday. All games have a 7 p.m. start time.

Andrea secured the rebound and passed it in the back of the net," said Brucker.

Northville simply commanded the second half of play, scoring 10 minutes in when Stark played a corner kick to the foot of senior Heidi Haller, who scored for the 4-0 lead. Four minutes later, Weber registered her first of two goals, firing home a blast from 18 yards out to make it a 5-0 game. Weber struck again just a minute later on a pass from Cureton before Stark scored a goal three minutes after that for a 7-0 game. The final tally, which triggered the mercy rule, ended the game with 12 minutes left when senior Caroline Castelli notched a goal for her first of the season.

Senior goalie Katherine Jansen picked up the shut-out victory for Northville.

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



SCOTT GROSZ

## May Day

The Northville Broncos 12-year-olds travel baseball team returned from the Annual State of Ohio May Day Tournament, held in Sylvania, as the tournament runner-up. The championship game against the Perrysburg Yellow Jackets was a well played game on both sides, with the Broncos dropping it 5-4. Later this summer the Broncos will be one of two teams representing the Northville Community at the Dreams Park in Cooperstown, NY. The team is coached by Mike Putman, Dave Prystash, Jim Zabinski and Scott Grosz. Pictured are (front, l to r) Stevie Grosz, Kevin O'Connell, Redding Haines, Alex Putman, Zachary Prystash, Justin Zabinski; (back) Dominick Montone, Nicholas Wilds, Jack Salterfield, Charlie Bonser and Cameron Maxwell.

## SOFTBALL

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Northville closed the gap, but not far enough, as Buckingham led off with a single and scored on Katie Fenech's single to center field. O'Malley singled

to drive in Fenech, but Northville's offensive surge ended there, making it an 8-6 finale.

O'Malley led the Northville hit parade, going 4-for-4 (and 6-for-7 in the doubleheader). Fenech had three hits, and Fisher, Buckingham, Rounsifer, Williams, Asher and Deacon all had one hit.

Against Plymouth, Northville had another close game but fell, 3-1.

The game proved to be a battle between starting pitchers Pond and Plymouth's Lauren Smith as each recorded 10 strikeouts in the game.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning on a Northville error and a two-run home run by Wildcat Amanda Burnard. Northville fought back, cutting the lead to 2-1 in the fourth as Fenech cranked out her own dinger for a one-run performance.

Plymouth added an insur-

ance run in the bottom of the fourth to seal the scoring on the day and secure the win.

Pond allowed two hits and walked four batters as she took the loss.

Northville is now 14-7-1 overall, 5-3 in the Central Division and 7-5 in the KLA.

### JUNIOR VARSITY

The Mustang JV team won both games of their double header with South Lyon East, winning 12-2 and 8-0. In game one, Suzanne Hasse led the hitting attack with a double and bases loaded triple and Carly Oosten and Megan Callahan each added two hits. Megan Girvan scored three runs. Nicolette Thibodeau was the winning pitcher, with six strikeouts in four innings of work. Kayla Cannon and Casey Dancer made great running catches to key the defense. In Game two, Oosten pitched a two hit

shutout to lead the Mustangs. Lindsay Matych, Madison Merlanti, and Megan McCrohan had key hits and Kaitlyn Childers had a hit and threw out a runner at the plate to preserve the shutout.

### FRESHMEN

The Mustang freshman team split a double header with Plymouth Salem last week, winning the first game, 10-9, and losing the second game, 11-4. In the first game, shortstop Holly Holshouser ended a Salem rally with an unassisted double play to end the game. Pitcher Rachel Kalinovich struck out nine Salem hitters for the win. Outfielder Rachael Paslawski started the Northville rally in the third inning and scored the winning run in the fifth.

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# Mustangs win two more

## Tennis team blasts Lakeland, gets quality victory over Grand Blanc

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs worked their way through two division champions last week as they prepared to make a run at the KLAAs title this coming weekend.

The Northville tennis team, coached by Sandy Woolfall, beat Lakeland, 9-0, and earned a quality win over Grand Blanc, 7-2, as they remained undefeated in conference play.

"It was worth the hour drive to Grand Blanc," noted Woolfall of their day against the Bobcats. "They have a solid team with a lot of depth, and ... a lot of matches were very close. I was pleased with the win."

Northville started things off on the right foot with a 6-1, 6-0 victory in the first-singles flight as Joanne Weber defeated Sabrina Dass. At two singles, the tables were turned, however, and Mycki Kujacznski earned a tough win over Northville standout Erin Doud, 6-4, 7-6(1). Northville went on to win the final two singles flights as Jessica Yu beat Ruchi Ahluwalia in a tough match, 6-3, 7-6(3), and Mustang Mackenzie Powers managed to stay ahead of Bobcat Anjali Mannam, 7-5, 7-5, to secure the victory.

In the doubles flights, Grand Blanc took the win at the top spot as Northville's Laura Taylor and Caiti Darish fell to Kelsey Moran and Stacie Desousa, 6-3, 7-5. The Mustangs, again, relied

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs tennis team is slated to be back in action when they play in the conference tournament this weekend.

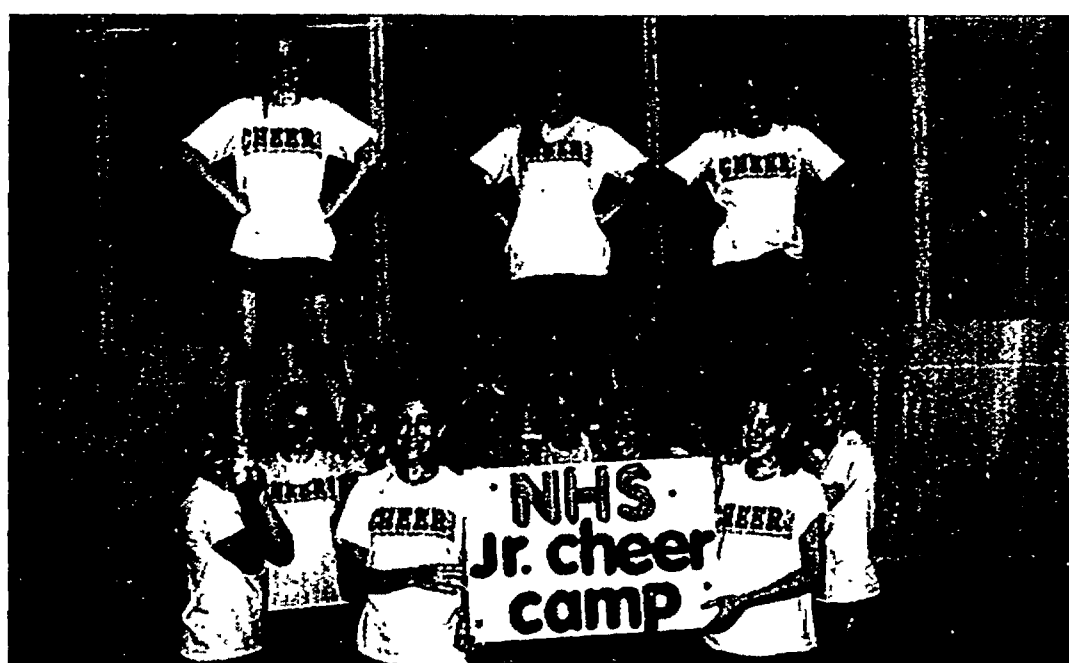
on the play of their other doubles teams as they pulled out the win, followed second doubles pair Amy Bernstein and Jenna Grezlik as they toppled Radhika Gutta and Morgan Garleff, 6-1, 6-2. At third doubles, Northville has to push it to three tries to earn the victory, but Ally Weaver and Jackie Kjolhede edged Ola Nowakowska in the final two games, 6-1, 6-4, but fell in the opener, 6-4.

At fourth doubles, Megan Foland and Christy Murphy did Northville proud, blasting out a 6-2, 6-1 victory, while Elizabeth Sakorafis and Ria Barad earned a fifth-doubles victory over Grand Blanc's Rachel Goyette and Hali Macmillan, 6-1, 6-3.

"Two, three and four singles all had close matches with three and four holding on for the win," noted Woolfall. "One doubles lost another very close match that could have gone either way. Three doubles, after losing the first set, came back strong to win the match."

Against Lakeland, Northville didn't have any trouble, sweeping each of the flights.

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



## Cheer camp

The Northville High School Cheer Teams will again offer their Junior Cheer Camp for girls entering first through eighth grades from Tuesday, June 22 through Thursday, June 24, 9 a.m.-noon at Northville High School. The cost for the three-day camp is \$75 and includes a T-shirt, daily crafts and snacks, and a chance to cheer with the high school cheer teams in the Northville Fourth of July parade. The deadline to register is Friday, May 28. For more information and a registration form, go to [www.northvillecheer.com](http://www.northvillecheer.com) or email Brenni Polanski at [brenbp@ameritech.net](mailto:brenbp@ameritech.net).

## SCHEDULES

### Novi High

**Baseball**  
All games 4 p.m. unless noted  
5/15 10 a.m. Lakeland  
5/15 1 p.m. Gabriel  
Richard  
5/17 @ Westland John Glenn  
5/19 @ Conference Championship (South)  
**Softball**  
All games 4 p.m. unless noted  
5/15 TBA @ Madonna Classic  
5/17 @ Westland Glenn  
5/19 @ Conference Championship (South)  
**Girls Soccer**  
All games 7 p.m. unless noted  
5/13 South Lyon East  
5/14 @ Walled Lake Northern  
5/18 @ Northville  
5/20 @ Plymouth Salem  
**Girls Tennis**  
All meets 4 p.m. unless noted  
5/15 TBA KLAAs  
Conference Tournament  
5/18 Post-KLAAs Crossover (Lakes)  
5/21 8 a.m. MHSAA Regional Tournament  
**Boys Lacrosse**  
5/15 12:30 a.m. @ East Grand Rapids  
5/19 6:30 p.m. Crossover  
**Boys/Girls Track & Field**  
All meets 4 p.m. unless noted  
5/14 TBA Kensington Conference Championship

### Boys Golf

All meets 3:30 p.m. unless noted  
5/17 3 p.m. @ Northville  
5/19 9 a.m. @ Oakland County Championship  
5/19 Plymouth Salem

### Catholic Central

**Baseball**  
All times 4 p.m. unless noted  
5/17 @ Lake Orion (DH)  
5/18 CHSL Playoff  
**Lacrosse**  
All times are p.m.  
5/15 CHSL Final  
5/18 7 Troy Athens  
5/21 8 Toledo St. John's

**Track & Field**  
All times p.m. unless noted  
5/15 10 a.m. @ Ann Arbor  
Huron Invite  
5/21 2 @ MHSAA Regional

### Northville High

**Baseball**  
All times 4 p.m. unless noted  
5/15 10 a.m. Gabriel Richard (Riverview)  
5/15 1 p.m. Lakeland  
5/17 @ Churchill  
5/19 @ Conference Crossover  
**Softball**  
All games 4 p.m. unless noted  
5/15 9:30 a.m. @ Oxford (Invite)  
5/17 @ Churchill  
5/19 @ Conference Crossover

### Girls Track

5/14 TBA Conference Meet @ Novi  
5/21 TBA @ MHSAA Regionals  
**Boys Track**  
5/14 TBA Conference Meet @ Novi  
5/21 TBA @ MHSAA Regionals  
**Boys Lacrosse**  
All times 7 p.m. unless noted  
5/13 @ W L Northern

5/19 @ Association Cross-Over  
5/21 @ Notre Dame Prep  
**Girls Lacrosse**  
All game times p.m.  
5/14 Saline  
5/17 7 @ Farmington  
5/19 6:15 Association Cross-Over  
**Boys Golf**

All times are p.m. unless noted

5/14 9 a.m. @ Wayne County Championship  
5/18 3 @ South Lyon  
5/20 3 Novi  
5/21 7 a.m. @ East Lansing (Invite)  
**Girls Tennis**  
All matches 4 p.m. unless noted  
5/15 TBA @ Conference Tournament  
5/21 TBA @ MHSAA Regionals  
**Girls Soccer**  
All games 7 p.m. unless noted  
5/13 @ Salem  
5/14 Ann Arbor Pioneer  
5/18 Novi  
5/20 @ South Lyon  
**Knights Rugby**  
5/13 5:30 p.m. @ Dexter  
5/19 6 p.m. @ Findlay, Ohio

## NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

### Cheer camp

The Northville High School cheerleaders will be hosting a three-day summer cheer camp for girls entering grades first through eighth. It will be held at Northville High School from 9 a.m.-noon daily June 22-24. Participants will cheer with the Northville High School Cheerleaders in the Northville 4th of July parade. The cost is \$75 and includes all three days of camp, a themed T-shirt and daily crafts and snacks. The deadline to register is Friday, May 28. Registration forms can be downloaded from the cheer website: [www.northvillecheer.com](http://www.northvillecheer.com).

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# Trenton tops CC in replay of '99 game

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In 1999, Trenton defenseman Kurt LaTarte turned blue and nearly died after a hockey skate slashed into his neck during a showdown with Detroit Catholic Central, then based out of Redford Township.

That game — between the defending state champion Trojans and soon-to-be crowned CC — had to be stopped with five minutes remaining in the third period and the score tied 4-4.

Both teams knelt in a circle that night to pray for LaTarte's recovery and amazingly, he pulled through.

On Sunday more than 11 years later, LaTarte and his Trenton teammates again faced the Shamrocks to settle things without any life-and-death drama.

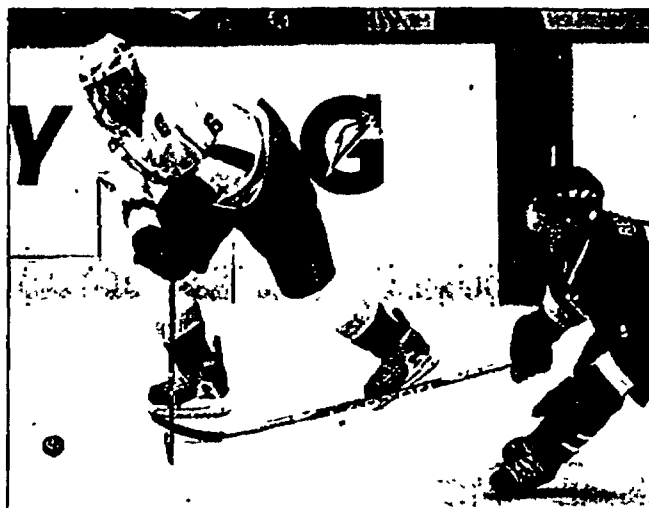
In a well-played game that capped two months of intense training by the players, Trenton rallied in the third period to earn a 4-2 win before a sold-out and enthusiastic crowd at Plymouth Township's Compuware Arena.

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**DAZZLING DISPLAY**  
"I was truly amazed at the effort and the stops these goalies made," said honorary CC coach Scotty Bowman. "...I just can't believe how goalies can get that proficient in such a short time."

Ben Rader started in net for Trenton and stopped 12 of 14 shots and Tony Damiani (16 saves) came in to close the door in the third — diving, sprawling and holding off a furious Shamrocks comeback try in the final minutes.

Modelski's efforts, along with goals from Jim Spiewak and Ryan Yost, gave CC a 2-1 edge entering the third.



Trenton defenseman Kurt LaTarte (No. 6) wards off the check of an unidentified Detroit Catholic Central player during Sunday's rematch of a 1999 game. A near-fatal on-ice injury to LaTarte in '99 prompted the Gatorade 'REPLAY' series to feature the Shamrocks and Trojans at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

The Trojans tied it up at 6:03 of the final stanza when Alec Lesko scored.

Exactly three minutes later, Trenton rallied in the third period to earn a 4-2 win before a sold-out and enthusiastic crowd at Plymouth Township's Compuware Arena.

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**FULL CIRCLE**  
When the final buzzer sounded, Trenton players threw their sticks into the air and mobbed each other in a show of cathartic happiness.

Then, as they did in 1999, both teams again knelt in a circle. But this time, smiles replaced tears. Trenton head coach Mike Turner thanked all the players for their strong efforts in making the Gatorade REPLAY game a winner for both sides.

"It was amazing just having everyone there, family and friends supporting us, it was great," said LaTarte, a Beverly Hills resident who still bears visible scars on the right side of his neck from the horrific experience in '99. "I've never played in an atmosphere like that before."

Gatorade chose LaTarte's remarkable story out of some 3,000 applications for the REPLAY series and there was no shortage of emotion on Sunday.

The teams were charged up from the opening puck drop. Meanwhile, fans from Catholic Central and Trenton mixed it up in the friendliest possible fashion as the hockey

game turned into an excuse for a reunion.

"It's hard to explain, it's like old friends or something," said Redford's Rory Alderton of the Catholic Central Dad's Club. "I don't even know how to put it into words."

Alderton, whose son Kevin went to CC, worked as a guard at a set of doors in the concourse at the end of the arena populated by Trenton faithful.

"Everybody is coming up to me, they're very friendly, shaking hands and wishing us well," Alderton said. "This thing is nothing but good will here."

## WORK PAYS OFF

He and others also said the on-ice action was good considering a number of the players hadn't skated since high school.

One of those was Catholic Central forward Jim Spiewak, who now lives in Florida.

His parents, former Livonians Jim and Sheron Spiewak (also of Florida) and other family members were there to cheer him on.

"Jimmy's been taking it very serious," the elder Jim Spiewak said. "He's been conditioning. Mentally, physically, it's been a real big part of his life the last couple months."

"They flew him up here a few times from Florida for the skates, the practices, and all the conditioning. He dropped about 30 pounds for the event."

Players came in from 16 states for the game. But they also returned to Michigan for several weekends for team practices and individual off-ice workouts at Velocity Sports Performance in Canton.

Because of that rigorous training, there was a surprisingly fast pace to the action along with plenty of hard hits and blocked shots.

Catholic Central head coach Todd Johnson alluded to both teams' passion and determination.

"Going through the handshake line, the first six Trenton guys I shook hands with had blood on their face," Johnson said. "And that tells you about this rivalry."

# Shamrocks earn CHSL playoff spot

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Catholic Central Shamrocks knew they had to bring their best games in order to secure a spot in the Catholic High School League playoffs.

In order to do that, they had to play some great baseball against a very tough DeLaSalle Pilots squad. Thankfully, they did just that, sweeping the Pilots in a doubleheader, 4-3 and 7-6.

"It was nice to sweep such a stingy and competitive team like DeLaSalle," said Catholic Central coach Kevin Walters. "It was nice to see the boys get out of the gate early both games."

In the opener of the twin bill, the Shamrocks jumped out to a lead against Western Michigan University-bound Steve Laducina, DeLaSalle's pitcher, by scoring three runs in the top of the first. The Pilots fought back, though, tying the game in the fourth before CC pulled ahead in the top of the seventh inning on a two-out RBI double by Bobby Dulzo, who slapped a hard hit that scored JC Savakus for the win.

Nathan Beck picked up the win on the mound for the Shamrocks, going the distance while yielding just one earned run, scattering six hits and striking out four batters.

"I was glad to see the boys

## ON TAP

The Catholic Central Shamrocks will play Monday in a double header at Lake Orion starting at 4 p.m. before participating in the Catholic High School League playoffs starting Tuesday.

show some moxie and hang in there and win the close ones," said Walters. "We had some pretty good pitching and some timely hitting."

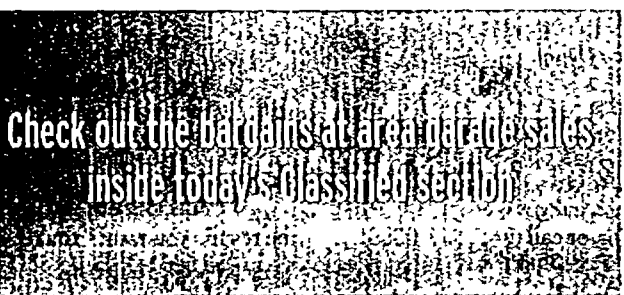
The Shamrocks earned another close victory in the nightcap, beating DeLaSalle, 7-6.

The Shamrocks held a 7-2 lead after four innings of play and then had to fend off a rally by the defending 2009 Division I state champions.

Dulzo, PJ Nowak and Savakus had two hits each while John Jakubik hit in three runs in the closing game.

Mitchell Gatt earned the victory, and was assisted by John Lawless in the sixth inning, who was relieved by sophomore Justin Williams for the save in the seventh. Williams was called up from junior varsity a week ago and tossed a four-hit shutout against Brother Rice last week in his varsity debut.

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



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## Oakland County offering business workshops

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

**Pre-Business Research** - Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research Department, and a Business Reference Librarian.

Tuesday, June 1, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

**Working for Yourself: The Ins and Outs of Becoming a Consultant, a Contractor, or other Service Provider** - Are you an experienced professional with valuable-defined skill sets, looking for a new career avenue? Think about taking your expertise and becoming an independent consultant, a contractor, or a service provider. Explore the steps to form your business (LLC or other), market yourself and your services, create an action-oriented business plan, and define your client engagement. Take away from your experience, a 1-2 page action-business plan to help you start, build and sustain a successful service-oriented business.

Speaker: Meri Dembrow

Thursday, June 3, from 9 a.m.-noon

The fee is \$40; no refunds. **Fiscal Fitness for the Growing Business - Fiscal Management Tools for the Non-financial Manager.** This workshop provides the business owner an in-depth look at the essentials of using financial information to make effective decisions about improving their business performance. Topics include ways to improve your company's cash

flow, How to use the balance sheet and income statement to diagnose business problems and opportunities, how break-even analysis helps you make better pricing and business decisions and How to insure you have enough working capital to support growth.

Wednesday, June 9, from 8 a.m.-noon

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**Fundamentals of Starting a Business** is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business.

Thursday, June 17, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The fee is \$30; no refunds.

**Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan** is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success.

Thursday, June 24, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The fee is \$40, which includes all materials; no refunds.

**Business Workshop Series #4: The TOOL Kit That Keeps On Working** - Obtain tools that every business owner SHOULD have from financing and grant information; business planning tools; market research; training; marketing materials; consultants and more. This presentation will enlighten you about the affordable resources right here in Oakland County. Presented by the Oxford Downtown Development Authority, Jim Filak, Filak CPA and Lola Aré, Oakland County Business Center Services. Breakfast and networking opportunities

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Wednesday, June 30, from 7:30 a.m.-10 a.m.

Oxford Public Library, 530 Pontiac Road, Oxford

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Wednesday, June 30

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15: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (AM)

20: Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business

22: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM)

28: Sales II: Is Following Up Your Best Sales Strategy?

29: Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business

August

3: Pre-Business Research Workshop (PM)

4: TEAM SBA Financing Roundtable

12: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM)

19: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (PM)

25: Small Business Loan Workshop

27: FastTrac Listening To Your Business

## Lessons learned from an attorney - my father

On April 8, 2010, my father passed away. He was a dear person to my siblings and me, and a great husband to my mother.

My father combined a blue-collar upbringing with his superior intellect. A Redford boy, with degrees from Michigan and Harvard, he was not ordinary and definitely could not fit into any stereotype. I consider myself fortunate to be the son of Frederick K. Hoops; he was my professor in law school and my mentor as a legal advisor.

I discovered early on that nothing was given to my dad. He was a tireless worker who considered an eight-hour day a half-day. His old-school way of thinking made him successful in today's world of shortcuts and shady dealing. He also considered a person's word to be an oath, but getting it in writing was the best practice.

One of the most important lessons I learned from practicing with my father was to conduct myself as a human being. Estate planning involves many sensitive topics and family issues; emotions can flow. My dad never had to say anything to me when we met with clients, but I learned to be compassionate and understanding with people. Never once were legal fees (or a big pay day) the reason why we met with any client; it was because our services were needed.

As business attorneys, we often found ourselves in many stressful and difficult situations, sometimes with our



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clients and several as a law firm. My father never panicked (he may have yelled), no matter how dire a situation appeared; perhaps it was his military training. But it was comforting to know he was in control of things, and I know that it relaxed every client as well as those of us under his wing. He knew that mistakes are made when stress or emotion blot the bigger picture.

The one lesson that I learned, long before I put on my first suit, was about honesty and integrity. I still try to conduct myself in life, the classroom and in practice according to this lesson. He would say, "If a person's name and character are ever called into question, they might as well change their name to Jones." My dad had absolutely no tolerance for anyone who lied. If you made a mistake, you never covered it up or denied it. There was no excuse for an attorney not to be completely prepared, thorough and ethical. Finally, there was no amount of money that could replace a tarnished name.

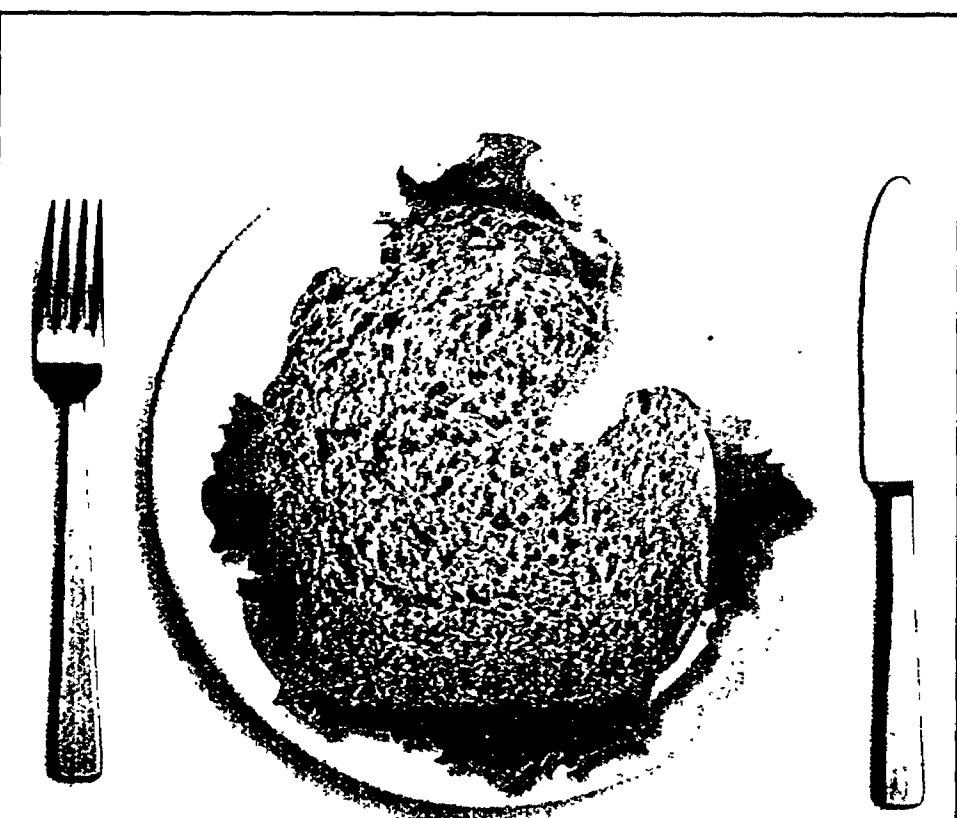
I know in my practice of law, many of my habits and mannerisms are a direct result of my time with him. In the classroom, Walsh might consider changing the name of the instructor in my classes from

me to my father. Not a single tax or business law class goes by where I do not make some reference to him. Writing these monthly columns, I have to admit that absolutely all of them have had some piece of my father; the ones that will be forthcoming will also have a piece of him.

For those who knew my dad as their lawyer, his sense of humor, compassion and tenaciousness with adversaries is unforgettable. His students at MSU Detroit College of Law will remember his intellect, wisdom and common sense approach to the law. His neighbors in the Village Oaks, Novi subdivision probably remember the mysterious guy in the suits that "lived there" for 38 years but was never home.

My mom and my siblings will carry on the many wonderful lessons we learned as children of Fred Hoops. And to his credit, all of us continue those lessons with the Hoops surname.

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(From left) Dee Steadman, Sirena Shaouni, Elizabeth, Barbara Roden,  
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## Barbara Herzog, physical therapist/owner



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Representing the 29 staff members that make up the HealthStyles Rehabilitation family of employees at both the South Lyon and Howell locations include (from left) Linda BeVier, O.T., C.H.T.; Laurel Knecht, exercise specialist; Dana Dunn, D.P.T.; Tami Valencia, P.T.; Tylene Costello, fitness director; Barbara Herzog, P.T./owner; Jill Sullivan, P.T.

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With a number of trained physical therapists on staff, patients can expect hands-on treatment, as well as individualized exercise programs. A therapeutic pool awaits those whose injuries or illness require aquatic therapy.

HealthStyles Rehabilitation also enjoys a healthy relationship with area schools that utilize their services through their athletic departments and sports teams. There's also an emphasis on athletic training, both individualized and as a team.

Owner Barbara Herzog, P.T., leads the way in her commitment to patient care. "The patients are our priority, and there is constant

communication throughout the course of treatment between health care personnel involved in the rehabilitation process," said Barbara.

Barbara spends many of her professional hours outside of HealthStyles Rehabilitation, working to bring attention to issues and causes related to physical therapy. As President of Great Lakes Physical Therapy Provider Network, she is an advocate on behalf of private practice therapy. She also serves as Vice President of the Michigan Physical Therapy Association.

She recently went to Capitol Hill to represent Michigan for the American Physical Therapy Association, speaking up on behalf of access to care and reimbursement issues.

The story of HealthStyles Rehabilitation has been one of continuous growth since Herzog opened the facility in 1992. The Fitness Center was added in 2002 and in 2009, an extension site was opened at 4379 Grand River, Ste. 12 in Howell to treat patients in Livingston County.

But there's more to HealthStyles Rehabilitation than patient recovery. There's also an emphasis on sports and wellness through the doors of HealthStyles Fitness & Wellness Center, open to the general public seven days a week, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Everything for a complete workout is located under one roof, from aerobics classes and a convenient indoor walking track to resistance training with dumbbells and Cybex machines. The Cardio Area is fully equipped with treadmills and exercise bikes, plus TV monitors to entertain you as you walk, pedal, or jog.

Call for a complete schedule of classes or visit HealthStyles in person.

Showers and lockers are available.

HealthStyles Physical Rehabilitation is located at 301 S. Lafayette in South Lyon.

— By Sally Rummel

## Laurie Jayne Toomajian, D.D.S. Piiamari Bowers, D.D.S.



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(From left) Drs. Laurie Jayne Toomajian and Piiamari Bowers are deeply invested in the health and well being of their patients.

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"We both have a desire to be involved in health care and chose dentistry as the field in which to do this," said Drs. Toomajian and Bowers, both graduates of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. "Dentistry involves both problem-solving and creativity, plus allows us to meet new people and provide care to them and their families."

Leading a successful practice for more than 20 years, Drs. Toomajian and Bowers are deeply invested in the health and well being of their patients. This

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"Our goal is to develop relationships with each of our patients so that they can have a smile to be proud of, while maintaining their oral health throughout their lifetime. That's what makes our work so rewarding," said Dr. Bowers, a native of the Upper Peninsula, who visits her parents there often. Dr. Toomajian and her husband have a college-age daughter, whom they visit frequently on weekends.

Toomajian & Bowers Cosmetic & Family Dentistry is located at 201 E. Main St., Ste. B in Northville. The office is now accepting new patients. Interested residents may call 248-348-6780 to make an appointment or for more information.

— By Sally Rummel

## Kathy Felix • Tamra Ward



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Dr. Benjamin Stein, co-owner of Abbey Park, shares a friendly hug with Tamra Ward, Administrator of the Lyon Township community.



Kathy Felix, Administrator of Abbey Park in Grand Blanc, enjoys a holiday event with resident Marge Hamina.

## Abbey Park

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Compassionate about seniors, eager to help and always smiling. For Kathy Felix and Tamra Ward, their work is a labor of love.

The two women run the show as administrators at Abbey Park's two independent senior living communities in Grand Blanc and Lyon Township, both thankful to work in a profession they love.

Kathy and Tamra handle a large variety of tasks on a daily basis, including marketing, advertising, budgeting, accounting, billing, maintenance, touring, leasing, staff and resident meetings, event planning, hiring and training, problem resolution and more. A "family" of seniors at each community keep them going with kind words and appreciation.

"I enjoy coming to work every single day," said Kathy, Administrator of the Grand Blanc community. "I am surrounded by people who are twice my age, many

of whom are WWII veterans. They have had great accomplishments through difficult times. I am honored to know them, value them and can learn from them."

According to Kathy, communicating with others honestly is paramount to good business.

"The families that place their loved ones here are trusting that we will help provide a comfortable and safe environment for them. Those who do business with me will quickly learn that I am honest, and that I deal with problems immediately. We treat all of our residents and their families respectfully at all times."

Tamra Ward, Administrator Lyon Township community, upholds a similar passion for giving, with a resume including more than 30 years of volunteer experience, more than 20 years of health care experience and 10 years in community development.

"I am a caregiver," Tamra said. "Serving as the Administrator at

Abbey Park allows me to use my experience in business and health care. I am committed to our community and to caring for our senior residents."

Tamra is a charter member and officer of the Lyon Area Rotary, a member of the Lyon Township Downtown Development Authority and former director of the South Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce. She's brought new events to the community, Downtown Saturday Night and the Festival of Trees.

Warm personalities and great family lives help drive both women to success.

Kathy said she's blessed to have four healthy sons and a husband to whom she's been married to for 23 years.

"From age 12 until I was married, I lived next door to my grandma," Kathy said. "I spent a lot of time with her, learning to play the piano and to sew among other things. When I was

married, I continued to visit her often and valued her knowledge especially in the areas of gardening and cooking. Little did I know that this close relationship with my grandma prepared me for what would be my future career."

Tamra and her husband John live locally in South Lyon. John is the general manager of Light Source, Inc., a theatrical lighting company in Milford. Her oldest son, Ryan, 27, is pursuing his Masters at Michigan State University. Her second son, Christian, 23, is a senior at Texas A&M.

"I care for my residents as if they are my own parents," Tamra said. "One of the things I often appreciate about my work is that when I get homesick for my family in California, I have 90 moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas that are willing to step in when I miss my mother."

Abbey Park of Grand Blanc is located at 3221 E. Baldwin Road

adjacent to Genesys Health Park Boulevard in Grand Blanc. Tours are available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Abbey Park of Lyon Township is located at 28413 Abbey Lane across from Coyote Golf Course in Lyon Township. Tours are available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Contact Kathy or Tamra for a personal tour today.

Advance reservations for tours at both communities are encouraged.

Both Abbey Park communities are now on Facebook! Visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), search: "Abbey Park" to become a fan. Check out photos from year-round events, offer feedback or keep on scheduled events.

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— By Alison Bergsiekler

# She Means Business

Women are proud of who they are, how much they accomplish and what they overcome to be successful. Women in our communities have become caring mothers and wives, specialized doctors and medical personnel, salon experts, sales consultants and business owners, providing young girls role models to look up to while sharing their skills with local residents.

Meet the 2010 women of She Means Business.

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The first Gold LEED-certified dealership in the nation, LaFontaine Automotive moved into its new state-of-the-art "green" building in Highland in June 2008.

LEED stands for "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design," and provides a basis for community education and support for a local commitment to environmental concerns through this dealership.

This new "green" dealership actually conserves energy, water and other natural resources, according to the LaFontaine family. It improves the quality both in the indoor and outdoor environments, reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills, as well as harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

"We have made LaFontaine Automotive in Highland a destination," said Maureen LaFontaine, the matriarch of this

proud automotive family. "We actually have tour buses stopping here on a regular basis to see the dealership and its amenities. There's nothing like it anywhere else."

In addition to state-of-the-art technology, architecture and design, these unique dealership amenities include Lady La's Boutique & Salon, Ooh La La's Bistro Cafe, a 450-gallon aquarium in the Kids' Zone play area, among many others. "We know how busy everyone is these days, so we have brought a number of services into our dealership to be helpful to our customers," explained Maureen. "Now when you're bringing your vehicle in for service, you can also pick up a gift for your mother's birthday, have a bite to eat in our cafe and enjoy a manicure yourself."

LaFontaine Automotive in Highland has also created a sense of community within its own walls by adding a conference room that groups and organizations can use at no charge. "We can seat up to 100 very comfortably," said Kelly (LaFontaine) Hinsberger, who handles community relations for her family's dealership.

LaFontaine Automotive is truly "the family deal," as their slogan

says. "My two sons are the general managers, my daughter, nephew, daughter-in-law and her mom work with Mike and I, too. We also think of our staff as family."

When the LaFontaine's are not inside their dealership alongside their 150 employees at the Highland store alone, they are out and about in the community helping to promote local events and charities.

"We involve ourselves in the Huron Valley area 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Maureen. "We are thrilled to be an active community participant in the lives of our schools, businesses, community organizations and charities. Especially close to our heart are two charities — Child Cancer Campaign and the National Kidney Foundation."

"Our motto at LaFontaine is to 'work hard, play hard and the customer is number one,'" said Maureen. "This new dealership provides an environment that allows all of us to do just that."

The former Highland location of LaFontaine Automotive now serves as the dealership's used car super store. It joins the other LaFontaine family of dealerships in Dearborn, Dexter and Saline.

— By Sally Rummel

## Jan Eldon • Kristine Rondeau



Jan Eldon, a Licensed Aesthetician, helps clients achieve their best complexion through a variety of spa treatments and professional make-up application at Jan's Skin Spa in downtown South Lyon.



Kristine Rondeau, R.N., B.S.N., owns and operates Youthology in the same building as Jan's Skin Spa, using her medical background to help clients create a more youthful appearance through cosmetic injectables and other non-invasive procedures.

## Jan's Skin Spa

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## Youthology

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Two South Lyon professional women are working together to ensure that area residents are very comfortable "in their own skin."

Jan Eldon founded Jan's Skin Spa in downtown South Lyon four years ago, creating a second career for herself after two decades as a corporate systems analyst. When mergers and acquisitions shook her industry, she decided to use her business management skills to run an upscale beauty salon in Novi eight years ago, learning more about herself and her life's passion than she ever thought possible.

"For the first time in years, I loved what I was doing!" said Jan, who then became a Licensed Aesthetician and opened her own business in 2006. "The community of South Lyon responded right away, learning how to take better care of their skin and opening the door for growth and expansion of my business."

Jan's Skin Spa offers facials, body wraps, waxing, glycolic peels, micro-current facial sculpting and professional make-up application. While the majority of her clients are women, she is noticing much more interest from local men who appreciate the positive results of good skin care.

It wasn't long before Jan's path crossed with another woman who was also making a career change. Kristine Rondeau, R.N., B.S.N., had worked as a nurse in emergency medicine, then stayed home while her children were young. When she decided to go back to work, she searched for a career in which she could use her medical background to do something more fulfilling on her own.

Kristine immediately added a new certification to her degree, allowing her to provide cosmetic injectables such as botox and other facial fillers. "My strong medical background

provides my clients with the confidence to use a variety of non-invasive methods to improve their complexion in a medically safe and supervised environment," said Kristine, who uses the services of Brian Young, D.O. as medical director.

Calling her business Youthology, Kristine has helped restore a natural, more youthful appearance to hundreds of clients, using botox treatments, juvederm, dysport and other facial fillers. "My goal is to make you look and feel your very best, and not as if you have had any sort of 'treatment,'" said Kristine. "People will likely compliment you on how rested and youthful you look, not ever imagining that you've undergone any kind of procedure."

Both of these women are passionate about the care and protection of a person's skin, feeling it is an honor and a privilege to help

people feel comfortable and self-confident about their appearance. Kristine likens the care of a person's skin as one ages to an historic home that needs maintenance in order to retain its splendor. "It would almost be a crime to 'let an older home go' without re-surfacing its floors, for example," said Kristine. "Yet we expect women to somehow magically progress through the decades of their life without offering some maintenance and rejuvenation."

Both Jan and Kristine see positive signs that people are beginning to take skin care more seriously. "People are living longer and taking better care of themselves," said Kristine. "This next generation has heeded the warnings about the sun and tanning and are being more careful with their skin, while we are working hard to undo the damage that the previous generation has done to their complexion by spending hours out

in the sun or on tanning beds."

Jan applauds the use of the newest sunless tanning products, especially from the St. Tropez bronzing line, which is the one used by dancers on "Dancing with the Stars." Other make-up products by Mirabella natural, mineral-based cosmetics and skin care by Bio-Elements create daily opportunities for clients to take the best possible care of their skin.

What makes the businesses of Jan's Skin Spa and Youthology unique is that their services work so well together. "We operate out of the same location in an historic building downtown South Lyon, at 105 N. Lafayette St.," said Jan. "It's really a 'perfect marriage' of our services. Together, we can accomplish a lot."

For more information about Jan's Skin Spa, call 248-515-8987. To contact Kristine Rondeau directly at Youthology, call 517-304-1971.

— By Sally Rummel

## Dawn Salvati



Dawn Salvati, owner of La Casa del Rio Grande, enjoys being served some her own authentic Mexican fare.

## La Casa Del Rio Grande

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

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

"I take great pride in our kitchen and our authentic recipes from the Chihuahua, Mexico area," said Dawn Salvati, owner. "My whole family is involved in making your experience here any enjoyable one. I serve the food in the restaurant as if I were serving my family."

In fact, Salvati is more at home in the restaurant than one might think. La Casa Del Rio Grande is located on the site of her childhood home, with the property owned by her family more than 40 years.

"I'm a true New Hudsonite, with close ties to the community," she said. "This place is very meaningful to me. My grandmother was the playground attendant at the local elementary for more than 25 years. I have a wonderful

husband and two daughters who are all part of the restaurant staff."

Salvati prides herself on being very customer accommodating. She can easily provide options for guests with food allergies and will customize any order to your liking. Everything served in the restaurant is made right in the building, except for tamales that come straight from Evies in southwest Detroit.

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

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

Fajitas are an absolute customer favorite at Rio Grande. The dish is served with refried beans, rice, tortillas, sour cream and lettuce. Fajitas come in three varieties — skirt steak, chicken breast or a combination of steak, chicken and shrimp. Guests can include sautéed vegetables such as green peppers, tomatoes, onion and mushrooms — in any combination, or leave them out all together. It is truly a culinary delight.

"You can order anything you want and we will make it for you if we can," said Salvati. "Our

chef loves to create things that customers want that aren't even on the menu."

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

All of the famous Rio Grande food is also available for take-out and catered events. Want something that's not on the menu? Rio Grande can cater just about any cuisine. The restaurant happily caters parties from 10 to 100 people.

Join Rio Grande's "Loyal Customer" e-mail club by visiting [www.riogrande-restaurant.com](http://www.riogrande-restaurant.com) to receive coupons and specials.

La Casa Del Rio Grande is located on Grand River Avenue in New Hudson, one-quarter mile west of Milford Road on the north side of the street.

Wireless Internet is also available.

Hours are Monday and Tuesday 4 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday noon to 9 p.m.

— By Alison Bergsieker

## Brandy Eberhardt, D.O.



Photo by Kate Phillips

Dr. Brandy Eberhardt enjoys practicing family medicine in a small community setting like South Lyon — while still being connected to a large health network such as Beaumont Hospitals.

## Beaumont Family Medicine of South Lyon

248-437-5613

Dr. Brandy Eberhardt loves to help families stay in top health. She is a family doctor with experience in treating babies, children, adults and seniors.

"Getting to know the whole family lets us see the better care," said Dr. Eberhardt. "I do my best to prevent disease before it occurs and educate patients on taking control of their own health care."

As a family doctor, Eberhardt is trained to handle testing, diagnoses and treatment of many illnesses in her office, with state of the art medical equipment, only referring patients out to specialists when truly needed. She handles pediatric care, immunizations,

women's health, dermatologic procedures, sports medicine and management of chronic conditions.

Eberhardt gained valuable experience while serving on medical care teams in Guatemala, Malawi and Kenya, where there were few medical resources or technologies.

"This taught me to listen to patients and to really tune into a patient's physical exam," she said.

Dr. Brandy Eberhardt enjoys practicing family medicine in a small community setting like South Lyon — while still being connected to a large health network such as Beaumont Hospitals.

"We pride ourselves on being

able to offer personalized medical care to each patient, while still having access to a larger health system," said Dr. Eberhardt, whose practice includes Dr. Micah Scherer, also a board certified family practitioner.

The office offers same-day sick visits, to address concerns as soon as they arise. Extended hours make it more convenient for busy families to get the care they need.

Beaumont Family Medicine is open for appointments Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday from 8 to 11 a.m. The office is located at 26006 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon.

— By Kate Phillips

## Michelle Conforti, D.D.S.



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Dr. Michelle Conforti of Gateway Dental Care treats her patients to the best care and latest technologies.

## Gateway Dental Care

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"I love seeing people smile."

It's been more than 10 years since Dr. Michelle Conforti realized her dream of becoming a dentist.

Starting out 30 years ago as a dental assistant, Dr. Conforti is now an example of a woman succeeding due to her passion and hard work.

"I fell in love with dentistry and I wanted to continue," Dr. Conforti explained.

So finally, at the age of 30, Michelle Conforti was able to go to medical school to become a dentist. It was a long process, but worth every effort.

She now lives in South Lyon with her husband and nine-year-old son, Zachary.

Several years ago Dr. Conforti opened a beautiful, state-of-the-art office, near South Lyon High School. The relaxing atmosphere at Gateway Dental Care makes patients forget that they are at a dentist's office.

"We want to make people feel comfortable as soon as they walk in the door," Dr. Conforti said. "They shouldn't have to feel stressed out about visiting the dentist."

At Gateway Dental Care, patients are treated to the best care and latest technologies. Dr. Conforti provides general dentistry for the entire family, plus she offers the newest cosmetic dentistry options.

"My staff is knowledgeable, professional

and caring," she said.

All procedures done at Gateway Dental Care are mercury free. She offers digital x-rays, intraoral photos, diagenodent laser cavity detection, nitrous oxide, neck pillows and blankets, arestin, vizilite (oral cancer screening), soft tissue laser procedures and Laser Whitening.

It all adds up to healthy and beautiful smiles.

Gateway Dental Care is located at 25660 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon and can be reached at 248-446-2700. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit [www.gatewaydentalcare-southlyon.com](http://www.gatewaydentalcare-southlyon.com).

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## Dr. Rhonda Bifano has vision for your future



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Dr. Rhonda Bifano offers premium eyeglass frames and state-of-the-art technology at Bifano Eyecare of South Lyon.

## Bifano Eyecare

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Dr. Rhonda Bifano, optometrist, of Bifano Eyecare in South Lyon understands the importance of time.

She also has experienced first-hand the use of glasses and contact lenses to correct her vision at a young age — eventually undergoing Lasik surgery herself to correct her own vision.

That's why she makes sure to spend an ample amount of time with each patient so that a thorough assessment of a person's visual skills takes place during each exam.

"We take our time to meet your individual needs," said Dr. Bifano, whose practice also includes the skills of Dr. Chris Bifano. "We listen to you and we care about you."

The services at Bifano Eyecare include eye exams, glasses, contact lenses, co-management laser refractive surgery and the treatment of

some diseases. The office also handles low vision care for people who need special magnifying pieces to allow them to perform everyday pleasures such as reading and watching television.

For children and adults who have problems processing visual information, Bifano Eyecare is able to help them with vision therapy, resulting in improved hand-eye coordination.

"We evaluate your visual skills very carefully," said Dr. Bifano. "We take great pride in the accuracy of our eyeglass prescriptions."

This thorough eye exam includes retinal photos. On the same day of a patient's exam, he or she is able to view a digital image of the inside of the eye.

"We utilize the highest level of technology available," said Dr. Bifano.

"That way, we are able to more accurately diagnose problems such as glaucoma, cataracts and other eye diseases, as well as high blood pressure and diabetes, which can both affect one's vision."

In addition to owning and operating two successful practices for the past 14 years, including another office in Dearborn Heights, Dr. Bifano is proud of her two children, Michael, 13, and Lauren, 12.

When she's not at work doing what she knows and loves, she's likely found out on the golf course, on a bike, exercising or traveling.

Bifano Eyecare is located at 317 N. Lafayette St. in South Lyon. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — *By Sally Rummel*

## Renee E. Geran, D.D.S., M.S.



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Dr. Renee Geran offers various treatment options for straighter teeth and a more beautiful smile.

## South Lyon Orthodontics

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Dr. Renee Geran creates many happy smiles at South Lyon Orthodontics.

It all starts when a person first enters the office and meets the friendly staff. The modern, open office puts visitors at ease — both youngsters and more mature patients.

"I have the most amazing staff that try to make patients feel very comfortable here," explained Dr. Geran. "We care about each patient."

People are pleasantly surprised when they hear about various treatment options for straighter teeth and a more beautiful smile.

A popular new Invisalign technology straightens teeth through a series of custom made removable aligners. The

clear devices are nearly invisible. Patients can take out the small aligners to brush and floss.

"Tooth decay and gum disease can be a problem with traditional braces, because it is hard to clean your teeth," said Dr. Geran. "Invisalign solves that problem."

The clear aligners are changed every two weeks so that teeth continue to move in the right direction. But patients don't have to visit the office for frequent check-ups and adjustments — aligners can be made up ahead of time and taken home.

"This makes treatment much more convenient for people who are too busy to come into the office, or for those who travel or are going away to college,"

said Dr. Geran.

Dr. Geran has an Invisalign special event Monday, June 7, from 4-7 p.m. She is offering up to \$500 off Invisalign treatment for patients who are seen that day. The event is by appointment only.

The best part of working with patients is seeing a huge smile when the treatment is completed.

"It's fabulous," Dr. Geran said. "This makes a huge impact on their lives."

South Lyon Orthodontics is located at 22900 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. For more information call 248-437-1620 or go to [www.southlyonorthodontics.net](http://www.southlyonorthodontics.net).

— *By Kate Phillips*

## Kathy Tosoian, MA, LLPC, NCC



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While Kathy Tosoian, Director of Educational Services & Youth Development, enjoys teaching the Dale Carnegie Course to people of all ages, she is especially passionate about working with teens and young adults, coaching them to be more of the person they're capable of being.

## Dale Carnegie® Training for Teens

248-437-7897 • [kathy\\_tosoian@dalecarnegie.com](mailto:kathy_tosoian@dalecarnegie.com)

When former elementary school teacher, realtor, and stay-at-home mom, Kathy Tosoian, became certified to teach the Dale Carnegie® Course in 1993, she thought she had the best possible career on the planet as she began training professional men and women how to win friends and influence people. That belief lasted only a few years — until she began teaching the course to teenagers and discovered that she had truly found her passion.

Kathy, Director of Educational Services & Youth Development for Dale Carnegie® Training in southeast Michigan, began her career 17 years ago by taking the Dale Carnegie® Course, seeking a way to boost her own confidence while attempting to get back into the work force after staying home to raise her two children.

"I enrolled in the course to improve myself and in just a few weeks I was amazed at how much I was gaining from the experience. I felt like a new person: more confident, enthusiastic, positive, focused," she said. "I believe the skills I learned helped me become a better parent. With Dale Carnegie principles as a foundation, my children grew up with stronger leadership abilities, greater self-confidence, positive attitudes, people skills, enthusiasm, and more."

Kathy also has a master's

degree in counseling. Her role as an instructor for Dale Carnegie® Training is a natural connection, and her passion for teaching and helping others is evident as she enthusiastically speaks about what she does. "I really love working with teenagers," Kathy noted. "Watching these teens come into the class with all their issues about school, relationships, fears, peer pressure, and life in general, is a real concern. Then, to see them graduate 12 weeks later with a positive attitude, self-acceptance and confidence, and a tool kit of skills to deal with life, is most rewarding. I love my job!"

Each class session is designed to build the student's self-confidence, improve their communication skills, develop leadership skills, strengthen their relationships, help them manage stress and worry, improve their attitude, and help them to reach more of their potential. This is especially critical for teenagers because they are so vulnerable.

"Parents see this as an opportunity to help their teens create a successful future," Kathy said. "The world is more competitive than ever before. The skills we teach are life skills that everyone needs to get ahead. If they can be learned at a younger age, they begin to develop better habits that will help them succeed in life."

Not only does Dale Carnegie help prepare students for their

future, it helps them cope with the problems they are faced with today. The skills they learn in class can be immediately applied in their life. Relationships start to get better. They start to cope with stress and worry. They become motivated to accomplish more. They procrastinate less. In many cases, their grades improve.

Kathy encourages parents and teens to attend a free orientation so they can see how this course will benefit them. She also likes to meet with parents and teens ahead of time to assure teens, who are often resistant to participating, that this is not an academic course — no tests, grades, or papers — and they will actually have fun being in the class. This also allows the teens to ask questions they might be afraid to ask in a group (the course also helps them to overcome fears).

Dale Carnegie® Training is offered by Ralph Nichols Group, Inc. whose corporate office is located in Novi. Free Orientation sessions for the summer classes are May 18, 19 and 24. Classes will be offered in Novi, Ann Arbor, Lansing and Troy. Students may be able to earn three college credits for participating in the course.

For more information, call Kathy at 248-437-7897 or e-mail at [kathy\\_tosoian@dalecarnegie.com](mailto:kathy_tosoian@dalecarnegie.com).

## Kathy Duncan, R.N., D.C.



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Dr. Kathy Duncan uses a soft touch to adjust a patient at her Novi office.

## Soft Touch Chiropractic

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Life sometimes needs a healthy adjustment.

More people are choosing chiropractic care to relieve back, neck and joint pain, improve their general well being and to relieve pains caused by stress.

Dr. Kathy Duncan, a registered nurse and Doctor of Chiropractic, operates two family friendly offices in Novi and Allen Park.

After 20 years in Novi, she is starting to see three generations of patients — children, parents and grandchildren — with clients in northern Wayne and west Oakland counties.

"More people are realizing they need to take increased responsibility for their health, and they are looking for alternative ways to stay healthy amid all the stresses and challenges in their lives," Dr. Duncan said.

Dr. Duncan's need for chiropractic care herself led her to a career change

alongside her father, who also studied chiropractic as his second career choice.

"I had migraine headaches, and I resolved them with the help of a chiropractor when no one else was able to help me," she said. "Then I made a career decision."

She and her father became interested in the soft touch method, which involves using constant static pressure on specific points along the spine, allowing the spine to realign and balance the nervous system.

"Patients are surprised by how gentle and non-invasive the method is," she said. "Yet despite it's gentle nature, the method produces dramatic results."

Her patients think so much of her methods and her friendly personality that 98 percent of them have to come to Soft Touch Chiropractic through referrals and word of mouth. Despite the many familiar faces among her

patients, there are also many new ones as well.

Dr. Duncan has noticed an increase in patients dealing with stress pains.

"Stress manifests itself in many different physical pains," she said. "I'm seeing a lot of patients whose pains are a result of tight muscles and spasms from stress."

Chiropractic care is an excellent method for pain relief, promotes general well being and can improve sleeping and provide more energy.

"It helps with pains that affect people's daily lives, that prevent them from doing things like golfing or washing the floor," Dr. Duncan said. "People often think of chiropractors for their pains purely in the spines and backs, but we can address many other types of pain. We try to treat each patient as though they are a member of our family."

— *By Alison Bergsieker*

## Barbara Roden



Submitted photos  
(From left) Dee Steadman, Client Service Manager; Sirena Shaouni, Human Resources Manager; Elizabeth, Administrative Assistant; Barbara Roden, Owner and Director of Client Relations; Sandy Connor, Administrative Assistant; and Kathy, Scheduling Coordinator make up the team at Senior Helpers in Farmington Hills. Not pictured: Laura, Event and Conference Coordinator.

## Senior Helpers helps adults 'age in place'

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For many aging adults, there's no place like home.

More seniors are considering home care, allowing them to stay in their comfort zone and near their loved ones.

Barbara Roden, Owner and Director of Client Relations of Senior Helpers in Farmington Hills, is passionate about seniors and committed to helping families. After transitioning out of a marketing career for many years, Roden has finally fulfilled her dream of owning her own business - and doing something she loves.

"I love seniors, and I love doing something where my reward is helping families," Roden said. "I also have personal family experiences with dementia and the need for caregivers. My father and great aunt were affected by the debilitating affects of Alzheimer's. My father's struggle with the disease was one of the motivating factors in opening my Senior Helpers office."

Senior Helpers is a leader of professional in-home assistance services, specializing in companionship, personal care and social interaction to assist them in maintaining their independence, reduce isolation and improve the

quality of their life. Roden and her staff can provide care from one hour to 24 hours, including live-in caregivers.

"As the population begins to age, there are more and more people every day that can benefit from our services," Roden said. "Some of our services include companionship, light housekeeping, laundry, meal planning and preparation, incidental transportation, errand running and personal bathing and grooming assistance."

### Personal and Companion Care

Many people are unaware there is an alternative to moving out of their home but would like to remain at home for as long as possible.

More adults are having hip and shoulder replacement surgeries, requiring temporary assistance when they return home. Some parents are moving in with their children and need assistance while their adult children are working. Families may also want a companion for their loved one by their bedside during a nursing home stay. With more than

100 caregivers serving Northern Wayne and Oakland counties, Senior Helpers provides various levels of personal and companion care tailored to the needs of every family.

"Some seniors just need us to take them grocery shopping once a week and a little help with laundry," Roden said. "We have other clients that just need us in the morning and the evening. We visit them for three hours in the morning to get them going with breakfast and lunch and come back for three hours at night to fix dinner and help them get to bed. We can provide our caregivers to attend to your loved-one in hospitals, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, long-term rehabilitation facilities and other places."

### Community and family oriented

On-going training is provided to a talented staff of caregivers. Caregivers are personally introduced to their clients and discuss their caregiving needs together.

"When I talk to our clients and our referral sources, the one thing I hear repeatedly is what a fantastic staff I have," Roden said. "They

are second to none. We always focus on the needs of our clients and quickly bring in the right caregivers for them."

Roden actively stays connected with the community and maintains memberships in several organizations, including the Greater Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Michigan Home Health Association, Case Management Society of America, Junior League of Ann Arbor and the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

"We are deeply involved in the caring of seniors and participate in many events and seminars in our community," Roden said. "If you see us, stop by and introduce yourself. Through all of this community involvement, we have developed relationships with all kinds of groups and businesses that support the senior population. All of that knowledge helps us with assessing, developing and managing an overall care plan for our clients."

Senior Helpers is located at 28200 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 111 in Farmington Hills. Visit [www.seniorshelpersmi.com](http://www.seniorshelpersmi.com) or call 248-865-1000 for a complimentary assessment.

— By Alison Bergsieker

## People are living longer

Some 39 million Americans, or 13 percent of the U.S. population, are ages 65 and older, up from 4 percent in 1900. The century-long expansion in the shares of the world's population that is 65 and older is the product of dramatic advances in medical science and public health as well as steep declines in fertility rates. In this country, the increase has leveled off since 1990, but it will start rising again when the first wave of the nation's 76 million baby boomers turn 65 in 2011. By 2050, according to Pew Research projections, about one-in-five Americans will be over age 65, and about 5 percent will be ages 85 and older, up from 2 percent. These ratios will put the U.S. mid-century roughly where Japan Italy and Germany - the three "oldest" large countries in the world - are today.

Source: The Pew Research Center, <http://pewresearch.org>



(From left) Caregiver Ebony Branch shares a smile with Human Resources Manager Sirena Shaouni during a training session.

Barbara Roden, Owner and Director of Client Relations, is passionate about seniors and committed to helping families.

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## 5 Ways to Turn Off Employers

Anthony Balderrama,  
CareerBuilder.com writer

Don't do this in your job hunt. Job searches, much like first dates, are about giving the other party -- in this case the employer -- a once-over and presenting yourself in the best possible way. Also similar to first dates, job searches give you several opportunities to make a single mistake that is a real turnoff.

You're on your own when it comes to finding true love, but for staying in an employer's good graces, we've got you covered. So put on your best clothes, style your hair and make sure you don't make one of these job interview gaffes that are certain to turn off an employer: **Turnoff No. 1: Arriving too early for an interview**

The reason: Interviews are scheduled at specific times for a reason. Hiring managers have other meetings and responsibilities to deal with throughout the day, so they can't interrupt their schedule just to meet with you. Also, interviews often have multiple components. If you're scheduled to meet the hiring manager first, then have a conversation with some potential colleagues, followed by a tour of the company and finally a drug test, an early (or late) arrival disrupts everyone's schedule.

The solution: By all means, arriving early is better than arriving late. However, from an interviewer's perspective, arriving 45 minutes early and letting the receptionist know you've arrived is just as bothersome as showing up 45 minutes late. If you get to the interview location too early, go to a nearby coffee shop, take a walk around the block or sit in your car to pass the time. Checking in with the front desk five or even 15 minutes early is acceptable and shows the employer you're punctual.

**Turnoff No. 2: Letting your desperation show**

The reason: Although you have been looking for a job for several months or even longer, don't let your frustration become the interviewer's problem.

A negative attitude that causes you to vent about the hardships of being unemployed can leave you reeking of bitterness and repel employers.

The solution: Don't get us wrong -- being unemployed can be one of the worst experiences a person goes through, and anyone who has been there understands that eventually you reach a point where you want to scream. Nevertheless, do your screaming before you get to the interview.

When you're preparing for the interview, think like an employer. Do you want to hire the person with amazing qualification, a great personality and the potential to grow with the company? Or do you want to hire the person whose primary concern is getting a paycheck, who sounds angry and who might quit the moment a better job comes along? Enthusiasm impresses an employer; desperation does not.

**Turnoff No. 3: Being too aggressive with your follow-up**

The reason: Employers want to see enthusiasm from job seekers, but they don't want to be inconvenienced by said enthusiasm. Two e-mails, a handwritten note, a few phone calls and a quick visit to the office just to see how things are going will not impress a

hiring manager. That approach will scare them.

The solution: Again, enthusiasm wins over desperation every time. You need to send a thank-you note, and you can

send both an e-mail and a postal letter to cover your bases. Pestering employers doesn't just make you look desperate, it also annoys them. They don't have time for so many distractions and eventually the first thing they'll think of when they see your name is, "Oh, that's the one who wouldn't leave me alone."



Prove you have common sense, which includes knowing when to stop.

**Turnoff No. 4: Talking trash about anyone**

The reason: You probably have plenty to say about your incompetent former boss and inept co-workers, but you know better than to say it. You've been told that employers hear you talk negatively about a past boss and think, "One day you'll be talking that way about me." You might forget that the same thoughts run through their mind when you talk about other organizations, too. If you're interviewing with the No. 2 company in a specific industry, you shouldn't take cheap shots at the No. 1 company every chance you get. Employers know you're job hunting and that you've probably been just as unkind about them in other interviews.

The solution: Stay positive. Explain why you want to work for the company. Point out how your experience has prepared you for this move. You don't

need to pretend that your former employer is a personal hero, but you should demonstrate that you are bringing something from the company other than your 401(k). Rather than belittle the competition, promote this company. Say, "I know your competitor is doing this, and they've had some success, but you have the ability to do this and that to beat them." The focus remains on this company and also on your ideas.

**Turnoff No. 5: Lacking direction**

The reason: Whether or not they are micromanagers, employers like to have some trust in their employees. If your résumé, cover letter or interview suggests that you have no goals, you are not an attractive candidate. If you don't even know where you want your career to go, how can you know this job is for you? A cover letter looking for a job instead of this job implies that you're floating from gig to gig until you're bored.

The solution: If you're not positive what your future looks like, at least create a narrative that satisfies you. This job might not be your ideal one, but do you see yourself learning from it and putting you on a path to something better? What could you do after you spend some time working here? Figure out what that path is so you can show an employer you know where you're going. You don't need to promise that you'll stay at this position forever, but you can suggest that you are eager to learn and want to move forward.

Employers like ambition because these workers tend to care about their jobs and ultimately improve the business in some capacity.

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5 Swamp sound  
9 Montana city  
14 Monterey Mrs.  
17 '59 Pulitzer winner  
18 Piece of fencing?  
19 He was "The Thing"  
21 Pipe part  
22 WREN  
25 Brooding-nagan  
26 For — (cheapy)  
27 Comic Costello  
28 — Na Na  
29 Mascara opera  
30 Post Wilcox  
33 Lohengrin's bird  
37 African antelope  
39 LARK  
44 "The Optimist's Daughter" author  
45 Bonanza maternal  
46 Coveleski or Musial  
47 Vichyssoise veggie  
49 Tip one's topper

51 Long-tailed parrot  
54 Sanford of "The Jeffersons"  
56 Scandinavian city  
59 Griffin greening  
61 Foot  
63 Missouri airport abbr.  
64 Valuable instrument  
66 Stowe sight  
67 Screen-writer Nora  
70 Eli  
72 Dash  
73 Sarah — Jewett  
74 Inland sea  
75 QUAIL  
78 Depravity  
79 Easy stride  
80 Bat of gossip  
81 Paraphrase shape  
82 Physiologist  
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90 Tulsa commodity  
91 Cheat at hide-and-seek

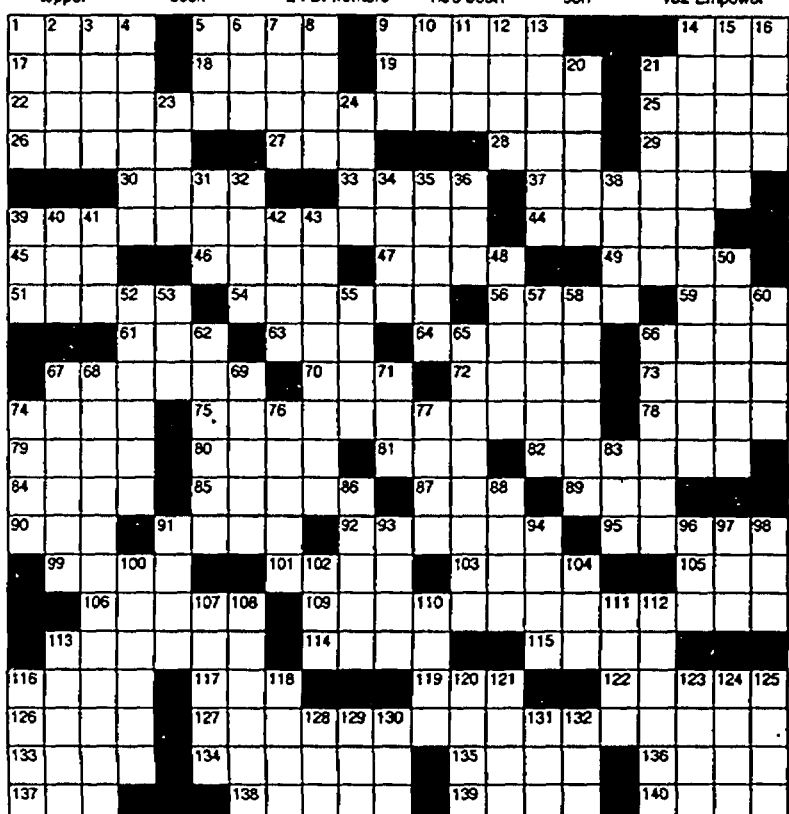
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95 Sweetheart  
99 Turn over  
101 Daffodil dress  
103 Invasion  
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114 Oriental staple  
115 Big rig  
116 Channel  
117 Actress  
118 Hagen  
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122 Tole  
126 Be  
127 PAR-TRIDGE  
133 Actor  
134 Kindie  
135 Time for a sandwich  
137 According to  
138 German port  
139 Racing legend  
140 Guy Fri.

1 — Grande, AZ  
2 FBI workers

3 "— Man" (84 film)  
4 Not as fatty  
5 Neighbor of Ger.  
6 Prosperous times  
7 Non-non-chalance?  
8 Na  
9 Crank's comment  
10 Swiss carlon  
11 Explosive ground?  
12 Götter's gadgets  
13 Avoid  
14 DUCK  
15 Toomey or Phibbin  
16 Iowa city  
20 Musty  
21 Japanese religion  
23 Hard on the eyes  
24 Astrology term  
31 Brown or Sander  
32 Veto center  
34 Corduroy ridge  
35 Writer Rogers St. Johns  
36 Formerly known as  
38 Moro of Italy  
39 One who no's best?

40 Distinctive period  
41 — room  
42 Singer Elliot  
43 Belle noire  
48 Adorable  
50 Tenor  
52 One of the Judds  
53 Tolstoy title  
55 Coalition  
57 Play  
58 Bedding  
60 AI large  
62 Word with dog or state  
65 "Never on Sunday" star  
66 Good-humored  
67 Amatory  
68 CARDINAL  
69 — Dame  
71 Anaconda, for one  
74 As well  
76 Pursues  
77 Coffee pots  
83 Ring counter  
86 Andreotti or Cuomo  
88 Fiber source  
91 Swamp stuff  
93 "Death of a Salesman" son

94 Pad  
96 Ryan's "Love Story" co-star  
97 Bud  
98 Fluffy female  
100 Crime writer  
102 PC key  
104 SHAEF commander  
107 "The March King"  
108 Whole  
110 Stamping ground  
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112 Strauss city  
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OVER RIOT DEANS PHOTO  
GAZA ANNA RANGE AIKEN  
CONTINUED TO ECLIPSE  
SPENT NAY RAVEL  
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# REAL ESTATE

## Consumers, contractors: Heed new lead paint rule

If you own or lease a home that was built before 1978, or are in a business that involves making repairs to these residences, it is important to be aware of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule which took effect on April 22, 2010. This regulation

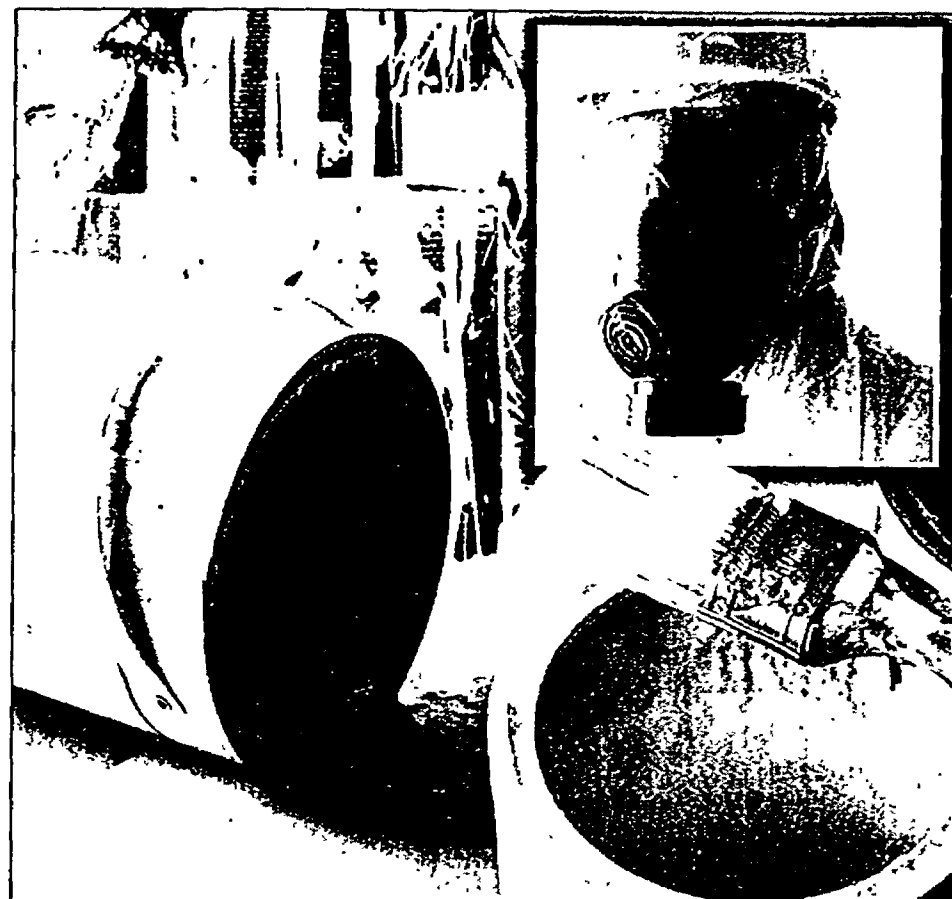


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creates new educational requirements and procedures for containing construction debris for contractors that could potentially impact the

amount of work and cost involved with completing a home improvement project. It could also improve the health and safety of a household from the threat of lead paint and dust during and after renovations.

Lead is a toxic metal that was used for many years as a pigment and drying agent in "alkyd" oil based paint until it was banned from residential use in 1978. Lead exposure, especially for children under 6 years old, may cause a range of health effects ranging from behavioral problems and learning disabilities to seizures and death. Remodeling or renovations in older buildings containing lead-based paint can often generate lead contaminated dust that can settle on floors, walls, and furniture. Under these conditions, children can ingest lead dust from hand-to-mouth contact or in contaminated food. Settled lead dust



can re-enter the air through cleaning, such as sweeping or vacuuming, or by movement of people throughout the house. The primary goal of this new federal rule is to protect children from lead tainted dust contamination resulting from home renovations and repairs.

The Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule now requires special certification and procedures for any person or business that performs renovations for compensation to any residential property constructed before 1978. This includes home

improvement contractors, window replacement companies, as well as plumbers, electricians, painters, maintenance workers and landlords who perform repairs and renovations themselves.

In addition to residential homes, this rule also applies to any public building or commercial building built before 1978 where children under the age of 6 are present on a regular basis. This includes, but is not limited to, child care centers, schools, and hospitals. Specifically, these requirements apply to maintenance,

renovation, or repair activities where six square feet (about the size of a poster) or more of a painted surface is disturbed inside or where 20 square feet (about the size of a door) or more is disturbed on the exterior.

Consumers should ask for proof of certification from their contractors before work begins on these types of projects and be aware that these new regulations may create some additional inconveniences and costs as more stringent efforts are now required to contain work areas, minimize

dust, and clean up debris for projects that have the potential for lead contamination. Businesses affected by the new regulation should also be aware that failure to comply with the new rule could result in fines of up to \$37,500 per violation and the potential loss of a good reputation in the community for ignoring the law.

Businesses in compliance with the EPA will have been approved as a Certified Renovation Firm; received the necessary training and certification from an EPA-accredited training provider for Lead Safe Work Practices; assign a Certified Renovator to be present at each project; provide consumers or tenants with the EPA pamphlet "Renovate Right" prior to the start of any qualifying project; ensure that lead safe work practices are used throughout the project; and maintain records documenting that the required information has been provided as subject to the rule.

For more information on the Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule, consumers and businesses can visit [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) or call the National Lead Information Center at (800) 424-5323.

Tim Burns is the Public Affairs director for the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan. BBB is a nonprofit organization that fights fraud and promotes ethical business practices in the local marketplace through its business accreditation, consumer education, and dispute resolution programs. Contact your local BBB by calling (248) 223-9400 or visiting [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

## Pick condo attorney with care

Q: I am on the board of a condominium and I am looking for a new attorney for our association. Our management company says that they have a "good working relationship with this one attorney," and seems to be really pressing for that attorney. I am wondering why she is doing that since she has not even suggested that we consult with other attorneys. What do you think as a practicing attorney in this field?

A: I would first like to direct your attention to an article which appeared in *Common*



Robert M. Melsner

*Ground*, the magazine of the Community Association Institute which I authored, which also appears on my Web site. It speaks to the "unholy alliance"

between certain management companies and attorneys. A good working relationship may mean that they work together or it may mean that they have an agreement that notwithstanding how each of them conducts themselves, they will not blow the whistle on the other. I have also heard of situations where management companies have received kickbacks or other gratuities from contractors and, in some instances, attorneys in order to engage their business. You should inquire further as to the relationship between the management company and this attorney and, perhaps, go in a different direction if you feel uncomfortable.

Q: I have heard about something called an FHA 203(k) loan. What is that?

A: An FHA 203(k) loan is designed to help neighborhood revitalization by helping individuals finance or repair and upgrade their home. To qualify, the structure must be a single family home, more than one year old, and with one to four bedrooms. An energy audit must be completed by a qualified professional who has been approved by the lender. Based upon the audit report, the home buyer can choose which improvements to make. However, installation of smoke detectors and upgrading the heating and cooling system to a more efficient level may also be required. You should contact an FHA approved lender for additional information and qualifications.

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

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 26-29, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds Office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Auburn Hills</b>	8791 Maplewood Ave \$78,000	29447 Weston Pl \$175,000	<b>Troy</b>
3731 Eaton Gate Ln \$225,000	6474 Ridgewood Rd \$163,000	24779 White Plains Dr \$223,000	7776 Hillman Dr \$165,000
3894 Forester Blvd \$78,000	2778 Augusta Dr \$185,000	2454 Pebble Beach Dr \$540,000	702 Jamaica Dr \$133,000
<b>Beverly Hills</b>	4908 Greenview Ct \$186,000	<b>Oxford</b>	4617 Tipton Dr \$270,000
18122 Buckingham Ave \$110,000	2191 Ryel Blvd \$204,000	50 First St \$21,000	<b>Waterford</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	2535 Trillium Hills Dr \$225,000	318 Franklin Lake Cir \$225,000	30209 Chesapeake Cir \$123,000
1440 Bird Ave \$290,000	<b>Farmington Hills</b>	<b>Rochester Hills</b>	1665 Nottingham Ct \$170,000
1785 Bradford Rd \$194,000	21610 Albion Ave \$80,000	1938 Burning Bush Ct \$135,000	226 Rosebud Ct \$29,000
1244 Holland St \$40,000	22050 Boulder Dr \$303,000	3523 Hogan Cir \$317,000	<b>West Bloomfield</b>
752 Randall Ct \$320,000	23551 E Newell Cir \$135,000	3189 Kenwood Dr \$260,000	614 Belmonte Dr Unit C \$45,000
951 Smith Ave \$488,000	29360 Morningview \$202,000	392 Rolling Green Cir S \$197,000	3821 Harbours Blvd \$280,000
750 Wallace St \$830,000	30561 Sunderland Dr \$196,000	873 Snowmass Cir \$200,000	5324 Fox Ridge Ln \$107,000
<b>Bloomfield Township</b>	<b>Lake Orion</b>	3141 Tamarron Dr \$222,000	4430 S Shore St \$270,000
2331 Brenthaven Dr \$145,000	1088 Ridgeview Cir \$228,000	2829 Walsh Dr \$58,000	5731 Strathdon Way \$120,000
750 Hipp Cross Rd \$340,000	766 W Ridge Ct \$265,000	640 Windsong Dr \$305,000	<b>White Lake</b>
85 S Berkshire Rd \$375,000	<b>Milford</b>	6191 Saddlecreek Dr \$270,000	8690 Elizabeth Lake Rd \$118,000
6528 Spruce Dr \$137,000	2922 Hampkian Dr \$175,000	118 Woodland Dr \$45,000	
4380 Stony River Dr \$400,000	158 Ravinest Dr \$275,000	<b>Southfield</b>	
<b>Clarkston</b>	<b>Novi</b>	27840 Berkshire Dr \$120,000	
4890 E Princeton Ave \$75,000	23744 Argyle St \$450,000	30210 Canterbury Dr \$90,000	
	22719 Cranbrooke Dr \$88,000	25540 Saint James \$62,000	
	22735 Cranbrooke Dr \$67,000	30113 Sparkleberry Dr \$230,000	
	24405 Olde Orchard St \$80,000		

### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

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<b>Canton</b>	32623 Ohio St \$120,000
6527 Ashton Ct \$796,000	17717 Parklane St \$135,000
659 Ashton Woods Dr \$250,000	33869 Pondview Cir Unit 172 \$50,000
747 Ashton Woods Dr \$217,000	30878 Richland St \$128,000
43417 Barclay Way \$180,000	<b>Northville</b>
41699 Bedford Dr \$47,000	42432 Corlina Dr \$143,000
42560 Beechwood Dr \$107,000	19559 Meadowbrook Rd \$280,000
45789 Bryn Mawr Rd \$260,000	17319 Oak Hill Ct \$430,000
6672 Devonshire Dr \$152,000	39674 Southwind Ln \$245,000
4369 Forest Bridge Dr \$200,000	18830 Valencia St \$210,000
45843 Fountain View Dr \$300,000	42272 Westmeath Rd \$210,000
841 Harrison St \$231,000	<b>Plymouth</b>
47270 Maben Rd \$180,000	39573 Birchwood Dr \$170,000
45312 Pembury Rd \$165,000	11459 Eastside Dr \$50,000
2260 S Lilley Rd \$59,000	11383 Maple Ridge Dr \$380,000
45149 Seabrook Dr \$276,000	9285 Mayflower Dr \$180,000
41094 Southwind Dr \$60,000	40829 Newport Dr \$73,000
39794 Wales St \$131,000	9461 Winterset Cir \$249,000
2529 Woodmont Dr E \$110,000	<b>Redford</b>
<b>Garden City</b>	10054 Brady \$51,000
29533 Brown Ct \$88,000	15894 Indian \$78,000
28665 Dawson St \$75,000	9235 Louis \$75,000
32749 Donnelly St \$106,000	9470 Louis \$71,000
33613 Marquette St \$65,000	17184 Macarthur \$95,000
1436 Ralph St \$60,000	11400 Mercedes \$69,000
<b>Livonia</b>	24986 Midland \$28,000
36770 Ann Arbor Trl \$75,000	10057 San Jose \$74,000
11019 Brookfield St \$125,000	26432 Student \$55,000
9100 E Bassett Ct \$151,000	<b>Westland</b>
9255 Frederick St \$125,000	32454 Anita Dr \$95,000
11716 Jarvis St \$155,000	35455 Booth St \$45,000
19957 Lathers St \$106,000	7739 Cherrywood Dr \$124,000
19184 Meadowridge Dr \$98,000	409 Daniel Ave \$78,000
30460 Nye Ct \$130,000	6266 Ferraina Dr \$110,000
	38452 Lorus Ave \$37,000
	7364 N Venoy Rd \$81,000
	28958 Powers St \$17,000
	382 Randolph St N U \$100,000
	2500 S Brandon St \$18,000
	1737 S Carlson St \$49,000
	35712 Schley St \$60,000
	1366 Shoemaker Dr \$46,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### New CFO

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel announced that Tina Eick has joined CBWM as chief financial officer. She comes to CBWM from Peter A. Basile Sons Inc. in Livonia, where she was employed for 14 years.

"Tina brings with her a strong background, including more than 20 years' experience as an accountant and controller," said Kelly Sweeney, CBWM CEO. "Her expertise will be invaluable to CBWM and will help us execute our growth strategy going forward."

Founded in 1950, Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel is a Birmingham-based real estate broker with 11 offices and more than 400 real estate agents in southeastern Michigan. For information, visit [www.cbweirmanuel.com](http://www.cbweirmanuel.com).

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#### Investors

Learn new strategies for selling properties from Lou Brown, who has been buying, selling and renting real estate for 30 years. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, May 13; 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R Road, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call 800-747 6742. ([www.REIAofOakland.com](http://www.REIAofOakland.com))

#### Career Seminar

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#### Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

#### Foreclosures

Foreclosure Tours are held 1 p.m. Saturday, conducted by Home Smart Realty, 23290 Farmington Road at Orchard Street. Located in Law Office Building. Parking lot is in rear. You must pre-register. Call Home Smart Realty at (248) 426-5754.

#### Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail [Georgia@addvaluerealty.com](mailto:Georgia@addvaluerealty.com) or visit [FreeForeclosureTour.com](http://FreeForeclosureTour.com).

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**CANTON CARRIAGE HILLS SUB SALE** Thurs-Sat, May 13-15, N of Thurs Dr, S of Warren, btwn Canton Center & Lilley Rds.

**CANTON Cherry Grove Condos Sub Wide Garage Sale** Fri & Sat, May 14 & 15, 9am-4pm. Located off Cherry Hill Rd., btwn Lilley & Sheldon Rd. Too much to list!

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**CANTON-Embassy Square Garage Sales**



# APRIL SALES POINTED TO A SLOW BUT STEADY AUTO-SALES RECOVERY

Advertising Feature

## CAR Report



By Dale Buss

In a sign of modest progress for the American car market, sales in April were up 20 percent from a year ago, though they declined by 8 percent from March. Still, auto company executives and outside analysts pronounced the industry's modest recovery remains on track - and, in fact, is expected to strengthen - as the year goes on.

Industrywide sales of 981,659 vehicles compared with 817,096 sold last April. But last spring marked the depths of the Great Recession, and so a better comparison for the current market actually was March 2010. Sales in April eased to a Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate of about 11.2 million from 11.8 million in March, but higher than last April's 9.2 million.

But players and observers alike characterized April's performance as a bit of a placeholder in a gradual rebound that still looks to bring overall sales in at about 11.5 million to 12 million for the entire year. Yet April traditionally represents a seasonal lull in the business in advance of the summer selling season, and so there was reassurance even in the apparent reassertion of a pattern from the "pre-crash" days.

"Everyone had been quick to say

that the results in March marked a recovery in full swing, but April provided a reality check," said Jessica Caldwell, senior U.S. industry analyst for Edmunds.com. "The road will be a long one, and it will take some time to get there."

Among the industry's overall relative bright spots were sales of full-size pickup trucks, compact SUVs and crossovers, the luxury segment, and certain regions of the country.

"Some big markets, such as California and Florida, seem to be moving past (economic) stabilization and we're starting to see improvement above overall averages," said Bob Carter, head of the Toyota brand in the U.S. "The Midwest and East Coast recovered earlier, but now growth is coming back in every area."

Surveys, in fact, showed that consumers were at a five-year high during April on the question of whether now is a good time to buy a car, said Emily Kolinski Morris, Ford's chief economist.

And a General Motors economist told reporters yesterday, in fact, that he believes the industry's consensus forecast of 11.5 million to 12 million units for the year is "somewhat conservative" given that "pent-up"

demand is building among consumers and that "replacement demand isn't being met right now". Plus, the "employment picture is improving gradually."

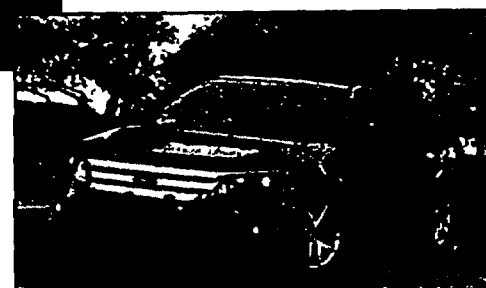
In response, some OEMs, including Toyota and GM, announced modest bump-ups in production plans, for models including the Toyota Corolla.

However, major question marks remain over a market that still hasn't demonstrated the long-term momentum to guarantee fulfillment of forecasts of even a modest recovery by the end of the year.

For one thing, fleet sales once again represented outsized proportions of the sales of some major automakers, including Ford and Chrysler. While this is a sign that business spending has been coming back, which is good for the economy, it leaves questions about the underlying strength of retail sales and whether spending by American consumers will be robust enough to carry the market to overall sales improvements should fleet sales ease off.

Another factor got little mention yesterday but is looming just off-stage, with the possibility of moving center stage and causing big complications for the industry: the prospect of much

Corolla sales are back on track for Toyota, so the company is boosting production.



Ford's Fusion is one of the hot sellers that is helping the company get more of the U.S. market.

higher gasoline prices this summer.

Weeks ago, some analysts already were predicting the return of \$4-a-gallon gasoline, thanks to factors including the strength of the economic recovery. The nation's first dose of gasoline prices at that level helped bring about the financial collapse of 2008 and jumbled the entire U.S. auto market.

Collapse of 2008 and jumbled the entire U.S. auto market.

Gasoline markets were apparently just beginning to respond early this week to the uncontrolled leak from the British Petroleum well at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico, and the near-and long-term implications for oil production. The return of \$3-a-gallon gasoline could be just a precursor to \$4 a gallon.

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