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The tree lot is staffed entirely by volunteers, and all profits are used to help support various local youth programs. The Optimist Club of Northville Novi annually funds two college scholarships and several community service awards for deserving students.

Please see **SPRAYSCAPE**, A10



Above, Chris VanDam gives Santa Claus some help with his wardrobe on Friday, Nov. 19. VanDam said that she was dressed as a Snow Princess. At left, members of the Uptown Ladies Parasol Brigade march in the Holiday Lighted Parade. For more, see Page A7

BY PAN FLENG  
STAFF WRITER

Civic Concern serves just under 200 needy clients, according to director Marlene Kunz.

"We were very fortunate to have a couple of sponsors who provided turkeys this week," Dyer said. These included Key Plastics, the Moose Lodge, VFW Post, PKSA Karate, Our Lady of Victory and RCO Electric as well as several individuals. One box put together by a company included a turkey dinner with side dishes plus other dinners, breakfast and a gift card. Some clients get their choice of turkey or ham.

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**BY PAM FLEWING**  
**STAFF WRITER**

On Nov. 3 the Wayne County Commission approved a proposal for a \$300-million bond for a new Wayne County jail.

The proposal was presented to the commission at an Oct. 20 meeting.

**"We're pleased the commission has moved forward with the new jail proposal, as this project demonstrates cost savings in the sheriff's depart-**

ment," said Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano. "The project will create efficiencies and save taxpayers money. We applaud the commissioners for their action."

The savings generated by the new complex would offset the cost of having the current

Please see JAIL, A10



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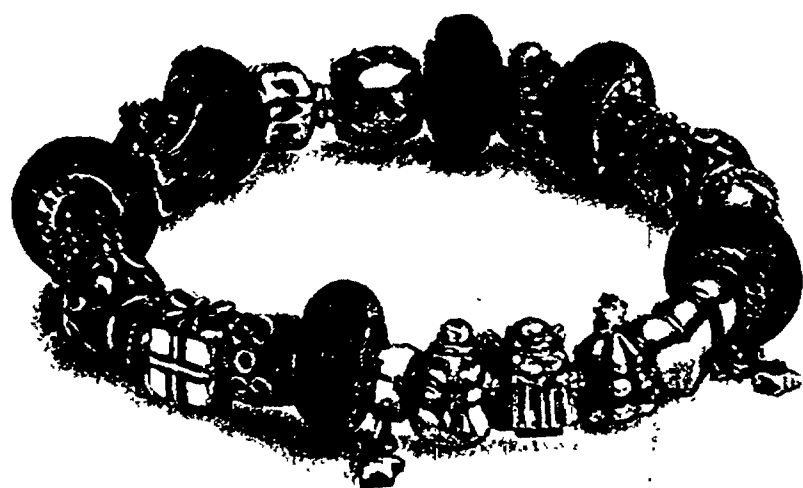
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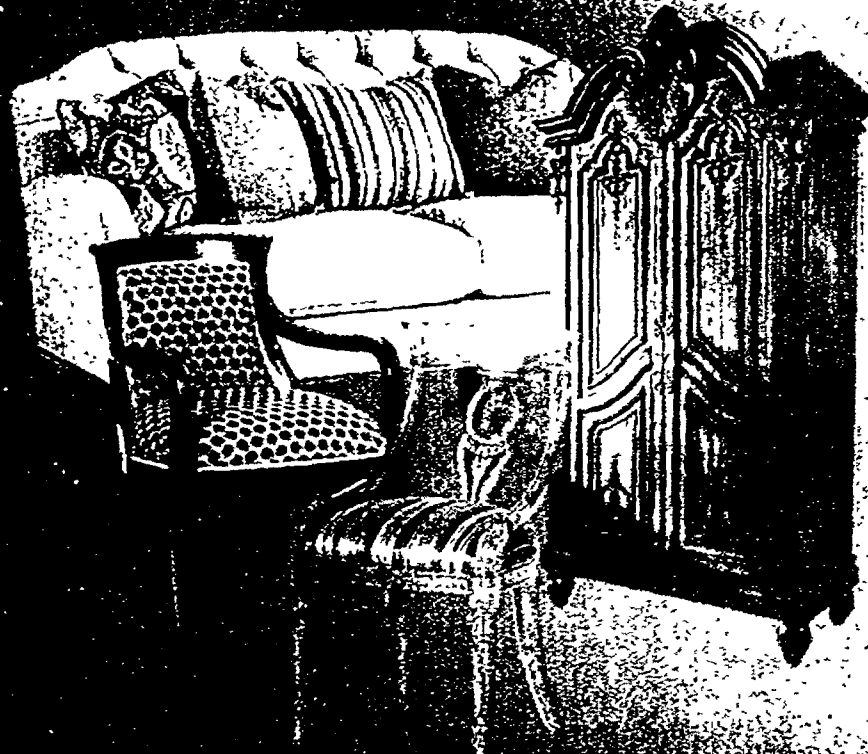
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- Christmas Open House**  
Thursday, Dec. 2 • 5:45-6:15 pm  
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- Candle, Can & Carol • Thursday, Dec. 2**  
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- Saturday, December 4, 1-3 pm, Decorated Delights, FREE**  
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- Tuesday, December 7, 7-8:30 pm, Cooking Tasting & Exchange, FREE**  
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- Tuesday, December 14, 7-9 pm, Extraordinary Hors D'oeuvres, FREE**  
Chef Steven Gossick will show us tricks, tips and ideas to make holiday entertaining less stressful and a lot more fun and sophisticated!
- Wednesday, December 15, 6-9 pm, Men's Night Out**  
Men will enjoy a delicious beef brisket dinner followed by a night of shopping for their significant others. Ladies are asked to stop by the store prior to the event to fill out a Wish List. Free Gift Wrapping.
- Thursday, December 16, 7-9 pm, A Cup of Christmas Tea, FREE**  
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## Start the Holidays in Downtown Plymouth

### Day after Thanksgiving

- Free Family Friendly Entertainment throughout Downtown starting at 1:00pm.
- Justine Blazer's Holiday Showcase - Penniman Ave.
- Trio Organic - Forest Ave. PCEP Choir - Ann Arbor Tr.
- Gordon the Magician for the holiday magic show

### Santa's Arrival



- 5:15pm - Plymouth Canton Educational Park Choir takes the Kellogg Park stage
- 5:30pm - Gordon Russ presents his Holiday Magic Show on the Kellogg Park stage
- 6:00pm - Santa arrives by Fire Truck and lighting of the Holiday Tree
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- 6:30pm - Santa's House officially opens for the season

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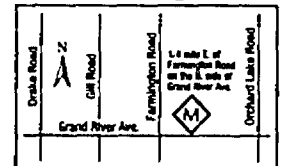
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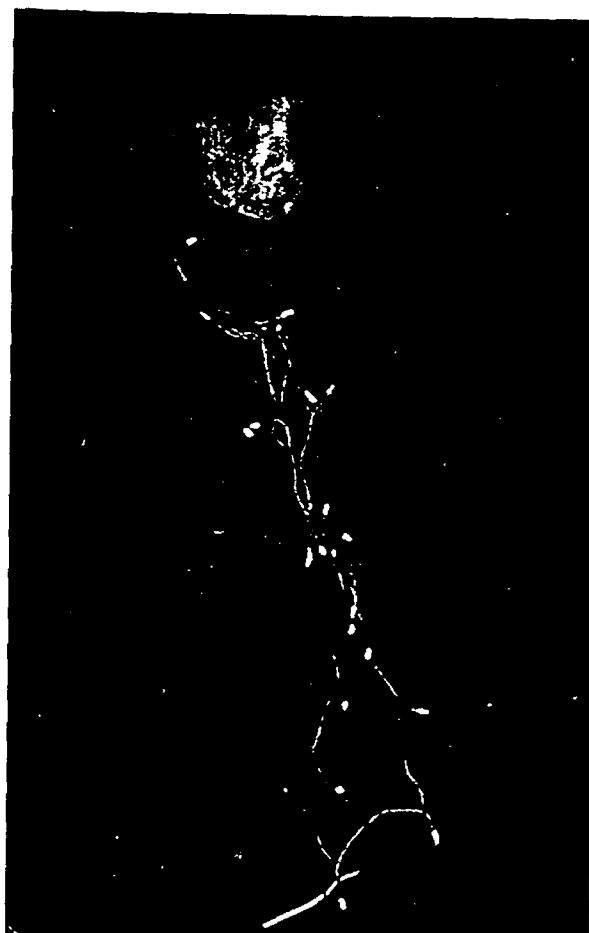
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Fiamma Happy Hour Monday-Thursday 5pm-7pm Go to [fiammagrille.com](http://fiammagrille.com) for upcoming events, specials and discounts



With some festive colored lights around his jacket, Jack Riordan, 5, watches the parade go past.

Kids in costumes and with lights march in the parade.

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# Holiday lighted parade



A near-full moon rises over Main Street during the Friday, Nov. 19 Holiday Lighted Parade. Main Street was occupied with outdoor merchants and food vendors before the parade.

Sarah Prechesky and Melissa Levan, both 12, enjoy a merry-go-round ride along Main Street before Friday's parade.



Bundled up against the chill, before the start of the Holiday Lighted Parade, are Tom Pardo and his daughter Colette, 11 months.

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### NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Make your holiday shopping a gift to the Northville Educational Foundation

The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro in downtown Northville is lending its support to the Northville Educational Foundation with a special holiday shopping day on Friday, Dec. 3, from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. The bookstore will donate 10 percent of all book sales that day to the Foundation to support academic and enrichment programs to benefit Northville Public Schools students.

The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro is located at 141 East Main Street, across from the clock in downtown Northville.

The Meads Mill Middle School Ladies Choir will entertain Next Chapter shoppers with some holiday favorites beginning at 7 p.m. There also will be other live entertainment at Next Chapter throughout the evening as part of the popular downtown Northville First Friday Art Walk.

Members of the Northville Educational Foundation Board of Directors will be on hand from 6-9 p.m. to gift wrap purchases, answer questions about the Foundation, and thank buyers for their generous support.

Established in 2000, the Northville Educational Foundation is a Michigan non-profit organization committed to providing support for programs that enhance educational excellence and strengthen learning experi-

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For more information about how you can support the Northville Educational Foundation on this special day and throughout the year, please contact Jan Purtell at (248) 344-8458 or NEF@northvilleschools.org. For more information about the Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro visit www.thenextchapterbooks.com.

#### Looking for a few good parents

The Northville High School Administrative team is inviting you to partner through volunteerism. Standard IV of the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs is Volunteering. Research shows when families, schools, and communities work together, student achievement improves, teacher morale rises, communication increases, and family, school, and community connections multiply.

Please contact Monty Shambleau at the high school for more information or stop by the main office during Parent-Teacher Conferences for a Parent Partnership Program Volunteer Application.

### ON CAMPUS

#### Hope College

Jenna Sutton, a freshman from Novi, participated in the Pull, one of the nation's oldest college traditions, on Sept. 25. She was a moraler for the class of 2014 team.

The Pull, first held in 1898, is an annual fall highlight at Hope. It started as a tug-of-war between the freshman and sophomore classes for the freshmen to earn their place on campus. Over the years, it has evolved into a grueling three-hour match during which freshman and sophomore teams, entrenched in shallow pits

on opposite sides of the Black River, attempt to gain the most rope through their strength and stamina.

Sutton, a Northville High School graduate, is the daughter of Richard and Tamara Sutton.

#### Northwood University

Three seniors from Northville -- Grant Baidas, Ian O'Gieblyn and Alena Vancleave -- recently received bachelor of business administration degrees.



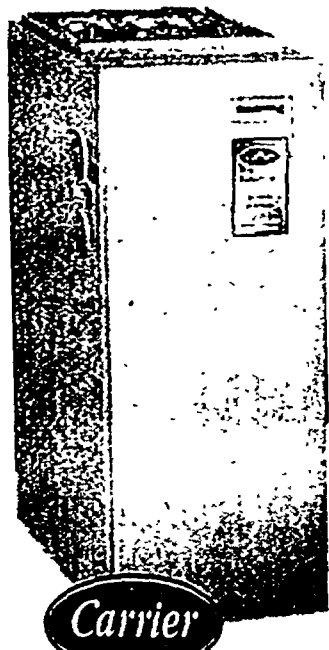
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#### Monster parade

Above, Winchester Elementary School staff member Donnie Durant gets her kids going as she imitates Frankenstein at the start of the school's Halloween parade on Oct. 29. At left, Even though she's dressed like a fairy princess, Winchester Elementary School student Sophia Ehlers goes all monster-like in her manners as she prepares for the school's Oct. 29 Halloween parade.

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## LOCAL

**"Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs"**  
**Time/Dates:** 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 27; Dec. 4, 11 and 18; Jan. 18, 15 and 22; Sundays, Nov. 28; Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26; Jan. 2, 9, 16 and 23; Mondays-Thursdays, Dec. 27-30.  
**Location:** Marquis Theatre, 135 East Main, Northville  
**Details:** Snow White befriends seven lovable and comical dwarfs, survives the Evil Queen, and meets her Prince Charming. Come see this fun, musical with lots of singing and dancing. Tickets for all public performances are \$8.50. Group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more. Please, no children under the age of 3.  
**Contact:** (248) 349-8110 or visit [northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://northvillemarquistheatre.com).

**Northville Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party**  
**Time/Date:** 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8  
**Location:** Carlton Model home in Steeplechase, 17205 Crestbrook Drive (off Six Mile between Ridge and Napier roads)  
**Details:** Enjoy festive hors d'oeuvres and libations. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to Northville Civic Concern. RSGP by Dec. 3.  
**Contact:** [jerijohnson@northville.org](mailto:jerijohnson@northville.org) or (248) 349-7640

**Christmas Tea**  
**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Dec. 20  
**Location:** Greenmead, Alexander Blue House, Livonia  
**Details:** Bring one dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies with several copies of the recipe to share. Bring one of your treasured Christmas Ornaments and be ready to tell what it means to you.  
**Committee:** Nancy Couch Nowak, Sue Daniel, Grace Colter.  
**Contact:** (248) 477-7375

**Northville Events**  
**First Friday Art Walk**  
**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m. Dec. 3  
**Details:** The first Friday of every month downtown Northville comes alive and celebrates the arts during their popular First Friday Art Walk. As guests stroll along the streets of downtown Northville's growing art district, they will enjoy a night filled with art exhibits (highlighting featured artists each month), art demonstrations and related events. Downtown Northville's participating First Friday Art galleries and stores are open 6:00 - 9:00pm with many of the businesses along the walk offering complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages for their guests as they browse or shop. The First Friday Art Walk is not just for gallery lovers; it's a great way to relax on a Friday evening. In addition to our galleries, we have many restaurants and business that support the Art Walk and are open until at least 8:00pm. You will find special events at some and others simply invite you to come in and eat or shop.  
**Tinsel & Treasures**  
**Times/Dates:** 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; 9-5; and 11-4 Dec 10-12  
**Location:** Northville Community Senior Center  
**Details:** Admission is \$3 for adults; free for children 12 and under. No strollers. Come and indulge yourself in the unique shopping experience offered by the Handcrafters Shows. Better described as an artisan market, Handcrafters offers an environment filled with 75 artists and craftspeople from around the country. From the personable faces to the one-of-a-kind items, one is sure to find something for themselves and others. So throw on your most comfortable pair of "shopping shoes" and come explore greatness of Handcrafters Shows and its artists and craftspeople.  
**Christmas in the Village**  
**Time/Date:** noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12  
**Location:** Mill Race Village  
**Details:** Traditional sing-along, tea room. Buildings open with docent tours.

**Northville Nite - Family New Year's Eve Party**  
**Time/Date:** 4:30-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31  
**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside  
**Details:** Happy New Year! Join us for our Luau theme and hula into 2011. Spend your New Year's Eve celebrating with the community and your friends. Enjoy activities like crafts, face-painting, huge inflatable games, and much more. Northville Rotary Club will be selling hot dogs. Make sure you stay until 8:00pm because you can't miss the New Year's Eve countdown! Early registration (on or before Dec. 23) is \$2 for 1-2 year olds; \$10 for 3-17 year olds; \$5 for 18 and older.

**Guys On Ice**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31  
**Location:** Tipping Point Theatre  
**Details:** Life, love and the one that got away highlight this bold, fresh and unique musical comedy about ice-fishing buddies from Wisconsin who share a love of good bait, cold beer and the Green Bay Packers. Afterglow party with appetizers provided by Rocky's of Northville; beer, wine and a toast close to midnight. After-show entertainment with guitarist Jarrett Cogswell. Tickets are \$75 and include the chance to win something shiny from Orin Jewelers; \$45 for season pass holders; \$30 of ticket price is tax-deductible.  
**Contact:** (248) 347-0003 or email [tix@tippingpointtheatre.com](mailto:tix@tippingpointtheatre.com) for your reservation.



## Farm lady

Novi's "Farm Lady" Margaret Schmidt brings her turkey "Roy" to the Northville District Library on Nov. 9. Kids learned about the turkey's waddle, beard, and gobble a few other facts like that males are called "toms" and females "hens."

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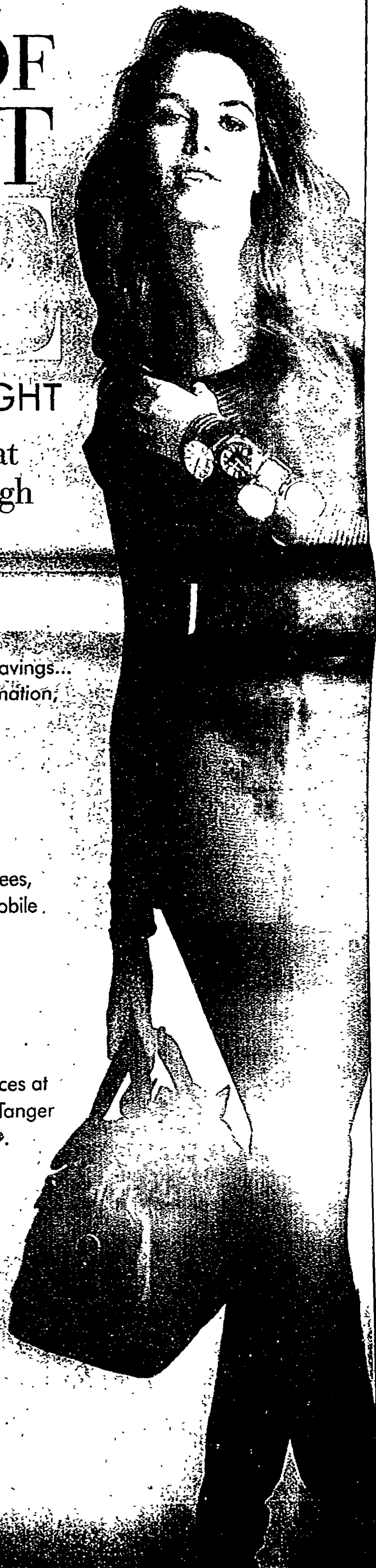
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## SPRAYSCAPE

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would be nice to have features which represent Northville, such as fish (Fish Hatchery Park), horses (Northville Downs race track) and bells (the former American Bell and Foundry Company) in the sprayscape.

Water for the structure would come from the park's field irrigation system.

Marv Gans, representing the Friends group, said at the commission meeting that there is no construction budget yet but promised that there would be no budgetary impact on the township or the city.

Northville Parks and Recreation is a shared service between the city and the township, with the city paying about 20 percent of the budget and the township paying about 80 percent.

### ONE COMMISSIONER OPPOSES

Commissioner Ken Roth, representing the Northville Board of Education, cast the only "no" vote on the sprayscape. He doesn't see a need for a new water recreation facility when Northville residents can go to the one in Plymouth Township.

Traci Sincok, director, Parks and Recreation, said such a need is difficult to quantify. Roth wonders if there are other passive recreation uses for the Community Park property. He was also concerned that such a facility was not part of the original Community Park master plan.

Sincok said it was not part of the original

plan but that it was added to the plan in 2004.

Gans said if the township and city do not approve the sprayscape that the Friends do have other projects in mind but that he was not at liberty to discuss them at this time.

"We are committed to recreation in the community," Gans said, with a focus on facility development.

The Friends have donated approximately \$850,000 to Northville since the group's inception in 1992, Gans said, such as concession buildings at Community Park and Millennium Park.

### NOT A NEW IDEA

Commissioner Nancy Darga said this plan was brought up five years ago by the Friends.

She said the Development Committee has discussed adding games like bocci ball or shuffleboard, but these require equipment that has to be monitored.

"This (the sprayscape) could be something special for Northville Township," Darga said.

Sue Hillebrand has concerns about the location.

"I don't see support for water activities in other communities, but I'm comfortable with a decision either way," she said.

Commissioner Mark Abbo said he's concerned that the city and township will have to pay for the operating costs in the future.

"I'm not interested in increasing the deficit," Abbo said.

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ACADEMY OF THE AMERICAS

These are some of the middle school girls from the Academy of the Americas in Detroit that will be going on the Dec. 1 Girls Travel Club trip to Ann Arbor sponsored by the Bridgepointe organization. The club is run by Northville resident Terri O'Brien of Street Marketing, with help from her account executive Lisa Burnia.

## Northville women to broaden Detroit girls' horizons

First trip to Ann Arbor on Dec. 1

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Some local women are broadening young girls' horizons through a new travel club, with this year's first of three trips taking place on Dec. 1.

It all started in 1998, when Sue Simcox of Novi and Diane Powers of Northville and their children spent the afternoon with third-graders in a southwest Detroit school. The experience was eye-opening and the result was the start of Bridgepointe (www.bridgepointenon-profit.org).

The original goal of bringing schoolchildren together from different backgrounds to learn and work has guided them for more than a decade.

Today, about 30 suburban schools and many community organizations share relationships with Bridgepointe's eight schools in southwest Detroit and one school in Hamtramck. Children and adults come together for celebrations, tutoring, learning activities, and service projects. "Every time we're together, children develop friendships, learn, have fun and make a difference in their community," Simcox said.

"As we build bridges between city and suburban communities, we look forward to a time when such divisions no longer exist. Helping children to build the bridges may be the best investment in that future," Powers said.

Bridgepointe is a 501(c)(3) organization. One hundred percent of funds received support the organization's effort.

**GIRLS TRAVEL CLUB STARTS**  
This fall Bridgepointe and Street Marketing have started a Girls Travel Club with 10-15 middle school girls from the Academy of the Americas.

The travel club came to be after hearing a story on NPR about the Merze Tate Travel Club in Kalamazoo. The club is being organized by Northville resident Terri O'Brien, president of Street Marketing in Northville, with the help of her employee Lisa Burnia.

"Studies have shown it's one thing to learn of a person or place from a book," O'Brien said. "However, to experience a place opens a whole new world. Our goal is to take the girls to local communities to learn and experience life outside of their world in the inner city of Detroit."

The girls will be responsible to research and learn about the destination. Each girl will be assigned a role to share what she knows about the town they will be heading to, whether it be about a local musician or artist or where they should eat for lunch.

### HOW GIRLS ARE SELECTED

Members of the travel club will be selected based on their grades and an essay on why they should be a part of the Academy of the Americas Girls Travel Club.

"Our goal is to take the girls on three trips during the school year," O'Brien said. "Many of these girls have never left Detroit's boundaries. We hope to open up these young girls' minds and hearts to new places and people." The destinations for the girls this year include Ann Arbor, Lansing and Frankenmuth.

They are working on travel plans through Amtrak and local bus rental companies.

On Nov. 30, O'Brien and Burnia will drive to Detroit to provide each girl with a travel T-shirt, sweatshirt and journal in which to record their experiences. The girls will also be provided entrance into local



ACADEMY OF THE AMERICAS

This club logo was created and donated by Octane Design of Royal Oak.

exhibits or museums, a snack and lunch for the day. The girls will then board an Amtrak train the next day and head to Ann Arbor. "The girls will tour the campus of the University of Michigan and see what Ann Arbor has to offer," O'Brien said.

### LOCAL BUSINESSES HELP

The travel club has received help from local businesses. The Identity Source in Novi printed the girls' T-shirts and sweatshirts at no charge, and Octane Design in Royal Oak created the club logo for the club for free. Blaine Fowler from WDVD 96.3 Radio had Diane Powers on a few weeks ago to talk about the club and Bridgepointe.

Pamela Iacobelli from Huntington National Bank's Regional Marketing & Communications office in Troy has also committed to financially supporting the Girls Travel Club.

Anyone else interested in supporting the travel club can contact O'Brien at terri@streetmktg.com or (248) 347-4350.

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### CRAIG A. ACHENBACH

Age 53, passed November 14, 2010. Craig grew up in Milford, Michigan. His deceased parents are Kurt and Bernadette Achenbach. Surviving siblings include his sisters and brother-in-laws Mary Gail and Ken Kohler, Candy and Rick Ruprecht and Deb and Tom Harris, sisters Karen Warren and twin Linda Achenbach; brother and sister-in-law Kurt and Nancy Achenbach. Additionally, there was a special place in Craig's heart for Jenny Achenbach and Krystal Gibson. No memorial service is being planned at this time. Donations in Craig's name may be given to St. Johns Hospice. Phone: 1-800-248-2298



**TERRI M. (TANNER) KLEBAN**

Age 54 passed away November 17, 2010 at home in the care of her family. Born November 15, 1956, she was a lifelong resident of the Milford area. Devoted, loving wife of nearly 30 years to Jim; fun-loving mom of Lori (Larry, Jr.) Henson & Emily (fiancé Andy Skinner) Kleban; also devoted grandma of Alyssa & Olivia Henson; sister of Ann Webb, Bill Tanner, & Norm Tanner. Also survived by extended family & dear friends. The Kleban family extends a heartfelt "Thank You" for the exceptional care given to Terri by the special nurses & staff of the Woodland Cancer Center. Memorial service took place at Lynch & Sons Funeral, Milford, Saturday, November 20th. Rev. James Vander Schuur officiated. For further information, call 248 684 6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

### LUELLA A. ROOT

Age 99, a longtime resident of Royal Oak, passed away peacefully 11/18/10. A service will be held Sat 11/27/10 at 12:30pm at White Chapel Cemetery, Chapel of Flowers, 621 Long Lake, Troy, MI 48068. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc

### GERALD T. TREMPER

Age 74, of Milford, died November 17, 2010. Beloved husband of 51 years to Carol J. (nee: Wooden) Tremper. Loving father of: Jean (Robert) Ozbanski, Donna (Michael) Ryan, Karen Kilgore, and the late Thomas Tremper. Grandfather of Matthew, Thomas, Tiffany, James, Robert, Christian, and Jena. Great grandfather of Rylie. Brother of Kathryn (the late Orville) Merschman and the late Richard (Pauline) Tremper. Funeral from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 340 Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake (3 Bkls. S. of Maple Rd.) Monday 11 AM. Interment Walled Lake Cemetery. Friends may visit Sunday 3-9 PM. Memorials to St. Joseph Livingston Hospice appreciated. Condolences at: [www.LynchFAMILYFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFAMILYFuneralDirectors.com)

### In Memory Of



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## JAIL

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jails and four courts. The facility would save the County \$26 million annually.

"It makes sense to erect a new facility that can be maintained with fewer personnel," said Northville Chief of Police Gary Goss. "The initial cost will be helped with federal dollars and that will maximize local funds. With the current deficit within Wayne County, leaders need to focus on reducing operating costs."

However, Director of Public Safety in

Northville Township John Werth said that Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox voted no on the proposal and that he'd like more information about it.

"My question is 'What is the plan?'" Werth said. "We as police chiefs have not received any information on this. I applaud Commissioner Cox for her vote. She's asking the tough questions, and we need to get answers. It came through really quick, and I'm interested in seeing the details on it."

Werth said he has read in the newspaper that Sheriff Benny Napoleon wants more than 2,000 prisoners consolidated in one facility.

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## Potters Market

The 35th annual Potters Market will take place Dec. 3-5 in Madison Heights. Presented by the advanced ceramic students of Oakland Community College Royal Oak campus and guest potters, this annual event will take place at the UF & CW (United Food and Commercial Workers) Union Hall at 876 Horace Brown Drive, one block south of Thirteen Mile, between I-75 and John R. Admission is free and parking is free. Northville potters participating include Carmen Khoshnoud, Bill Beaver and Nancy Guido (pictured).



## Fall fun day

About 45 people attended the annual Fall Fun Day Oct. 23 at Thayer's Corner Nature Area, according to Marv Gans of the Friends of Thayer's Corner nonprofit organization. Attendees could make their own scarecrow, paint a pumpkin, enjoy cider and doughnuts and go on a hayride. The public area, located at 8250 Napier Road, has picnic tables, a Critter Trail for preschoolers and a pond with a beautiful fountain.

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## Hob Nobble Gobble all the way home

BY JULIE YOLLES  
SOCIAL SCENE COLUMNIST

The Parade Company went into overtime this year to host the 21st Annual Hob Nobble Gobble (HNG) four days earlier than the traditional night before Thanksgiving. In previous years, the HNG had been held at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, but when it closed down, a new site was needed.

Touchdown for the Ford family who stepped in and offered up Ford Field for one of the largest fundraisers of the year, which boasted a sold-out crowd of 1,800 in the new venue on Saturday. Ford Field was turned into a veritable carnival, with rides that included an enormous Ferris wheel and giant swinging ship, games, prize giveaways, food galore along the 50-yard line and spectacular entertainment including dancing and a performance by R&B singer Shontelle.

"Ticket sales were as strong as ever and we've had a wonderful reaction to the switch to Saturday night," said Parade Company President and CEO Tony Michaels. "Many people said that it was an easier, more enjoyable night because they wouldn't have the hustle and bustle of the holiday the next day."

Watching people go down the giant slide in ball gowns was worth the tax-deductible ticket price alone.

The Hob Nobble Gobble, along with the Distinguished Clown Corps and Big Heads Corps, help raise the funds to produce America's Thanksgiving Parade which celebrates its 84th year. Saturday's Hob Nobble Gobble brought in over \$100,000 for



The Sarmeds -- Resse, 3; Kara, Sinawi and Ella Sarmed, 5 -- of Northville scored a touchdown at Ford Field at the Hob Nobble Gobble.

the Parade Company.

"We have to thank the Ford family for their generous support. They did everything they could to make it a successful night," said Hob Nobble Gobble Chair Elaine McMahon of Birmingham. They, along with title sponsor PVS Chemicals, made a fantastic contribution to the state.

Adults and kids left Ford Field Saturday night, tummies satiated and arms overflowing with stuffed animals, hats and balloons. Exhausted

by incredibly happy, party-goers had five days to gear up for America's Thanksgiving Parade. The two-hour Parade will be featured on WDIV-TV Local 4 including a one-hour national broadcast reaching nearly 65 million households nationwide. NewsTalk 760 WJR will also broadcast live from the Parade.

As the last patron filed out, McMahon joked, "Well, by throwing this great bash on a Saturday night, it will give people a little recovery time 'til Thanksgiving."

## NORTHVILLE WEDDING

### Spinale & Bezzina

Katie Spinale of Northville and Lance Bezzina of Dearborn Heights were married April 24, 2010, at Deluca's Place in the Park in Lorain, Ohio.

The bride's parents are Dr. and Mrs. Richard Spinale of Northville.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bezzina of Dearborn Heights.

Katie is a 2008 graduate of Michigan State University. Lance graduated from the University of Michigan in 2001 and Pikeville, Kentucky College of Medicine in 2005. This past summer, Dr. Bezzina

completed his residency in general surgery at Garden City Hospital.

The newlyweds honeymooned for 21 days cruising the Mediterranean.

The bride's maid of honor was her best friend and sister, Elizabeth Spinale.

The groom's best man was his brother, Brad Bezzina.

The couple now reside in Houston, Texas where Lance will complete his subspecialty training in cardiovascular surgery at the Texas Heart Institute. Katie is an administrative assistant at the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center, Baylor College of Medicine.



## On A Mission: St. Mary Mercy doctor goes to Africa

Zvi Levran, MD, had never traveled on a mission like the one he embarked on in August.

As a world traveler, Levran had visited many places all over the globe. But this time, as a St. Mary Mercy Hospital urologist, he took his skills to the small nation of Swaziland in southern Africa. The landlocked country has the highest prevalence of HIV/AIDS in the world and is plagued by extreme poverty.

As a member of the American Urological Association (AUA), he learned that circumcision reduces HIV transmission by 60 percent.

"Our expertise is needed so badly there," he said. "Swaziland has very little resources and only one urologist in the whole country."

After attending circumcision courses with representatives from Africa and Jhpiego, an international non-profit health organization affiliated with Johns Hopkins University, Levran set out on his journey to help 13- to 19-year-old boys in Swaziland and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.

After four flights, carrying a large duffel bag packed with supplies donated from the St. Mary Mercy Operating Room,



Zvi Levran, MD (center) traveled to Swaziland in southern Africa this summer.

he was placed at the Litsembe Letfu men's clinic in Manzini where a "back-to-school" circumcision campaign was kicking off.

With limited supplies, one clinic manager and the local urologist, he began to perform the procedure on the 70 to 80 boys lined up every day. For 12 hours each day, 11 days straight, Levran performed the procedures, one after another.

"The procedure was the same

as what I'm used to but ten times quicker," he said.

He moved from cubicle to cubicle, with a nurse following to finish the stitches. Each patient received a school bag filled with a hat, T-shirt, pen and ruler.

Despite the conditions and distance, he said he would do it again in an instant. "The trip wasn't about me," he said. "They couldn't thank us more when I was there. I loved the mission."

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# Season of Sharing food drive kicks off at Busch's

BY STACY JENKINS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Catherine Luty is only in third grade, but she already gets it.

"It's a bad economy, so we should help the poor to try to survive," she said Monday, during the kickoff of Busch's Market's annual Season of Sharing Food Drive at the Farmington Hills store on Drake and Grand River.

Her Woodcreek Elementary classmate Neha Subrahmanyam also understands what it means to help others.

"We should help people in our community, to make our community a better place," she said.

Students at Woodcreek decorated the "Ready to Go" grocery bags for the food drive.

The third-graders joined a large group of North Farmington High School students in supporting the kickoff of the food drive to benefit Forgotten Harvest, which goes through Nov. 24 at all 15 Busch's Markets. Locally, there are Busch's

stores in Novi at 41840 W. Ten Mile road and in Northville/Plymouth at 15185 Sheldon Road.

It's a partnership that's valuable in many ways, said Russ Russell, the chief development officer of Forgotten Harvest, a nonprofit organization that "rescues" surplus prepared and perishable food from 455 sources and delivers it to 158 emergency food providers in the metro Detroit area.

Russell said Forgotten Harvest steps up the pace around the holidays.

"Hunger knows no season," he said. "But the holidays are the most important season of giving for us. Busch's has been a tremendous supporter of Forgotten Harvest and this drive also helps others realize that Forgotten Harvest is legitimate and is meeting a tremendous need."

Russell said one in five people are facing hunger this year, compared to one in seven last year.

"One in five people don't know where their next meal will come from," he said. "Hunger has found new addresses in every community,

even Farmington Hills. If you support Busch's effort, you're probably helping someone in your own community."

There are three ways to give.

Customers can purchase pre-made "Ready to Go" bags for \$10 that are filled with food items for a family in need. Russell notes that \$10 creates 80 meals during the holidays, thanks to a matching grant from the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan.

Busch's customers can make cash donations in any amount, at the checkout registers. The money goes directly to Forgotten Harvest.

Or, customers can buy \$5 gift cards for produce and \$10 gift cards for meats — the gift card purchases will be converted into produce and meat donations to Forgotten Harvest at the value of the total amount of gift card purchases.

The goal is collect at least \$100,000 this year, said Doug Busch, owner of Busch's Markets. They raised \$106,000 last year.

He said everyone can get involved in helping to

feed the hungry, even young children.

Christina Sobolak, a senior at North Farmington High School, said it's important to give.

"Especially with this economy, there are a lot of people struggling. This brings food to families and brings them closer together during the holidays without having to worry," she said.

Russell said if everyone collected 10 dimes, 20 nickels and four quarters, eight people would be fed from that spare change that's often found in the couch cushions. He notes that one billion pounds of fresh food is thrown away throughout the year.

"We're very wasteful, unfortunately," he said.

"But, this is a great way to give back. Busch's continues to be an incredible supporter in our community."

For more information about Forgotten Harvest, visit [www.forgottenharvest.org](http://www.forgottenharvest.org).

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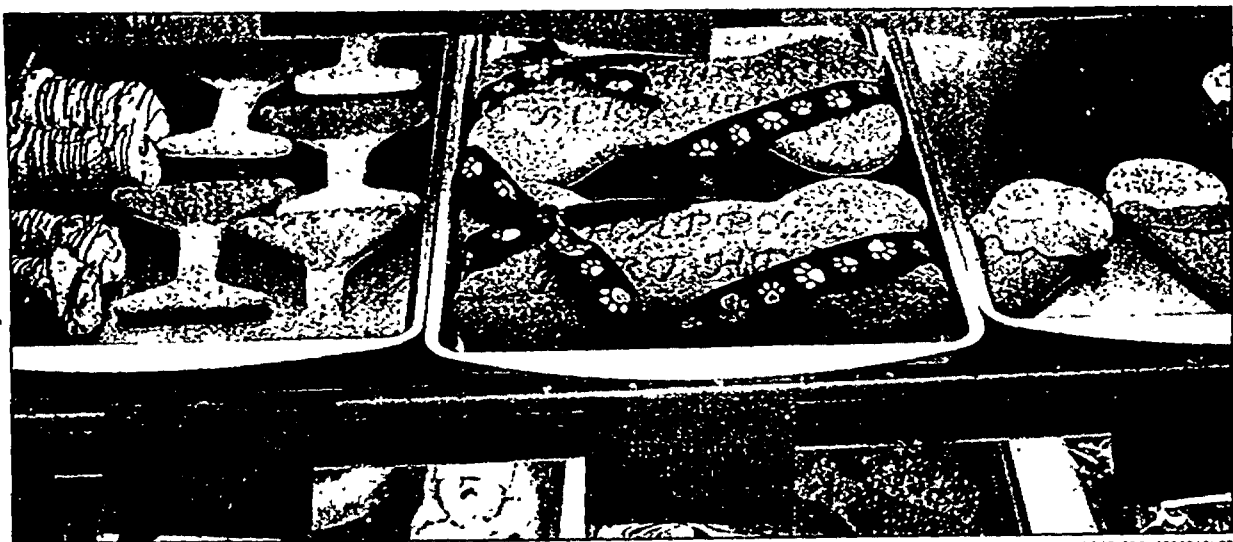
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Some of the baked treats for dogs at Northville's new Celebrity Pets Co.

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# Celebrity Pets Co. has soft opening in Northville

## Will occupy full store in January

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Rosemarie Misiolek said her customers kept telling her she should open a Celebrity Pets store in Northville. Now with a store in Laurel Park Place in Livonia and at Northville Candle & Gifts, she's working 12-hour days seven days a week.

But, she loves it.

She created the business, Celebrity Pets Co., herself, and is doing well at both locations. She sells the latest in pet couture and more.

Right now, she is having a soft opening in a section of Northville Candle & Gifts at 124 N. Center. She will acquire the entire store on Jan. 1, after current owner Beverlee Lindeen retires.

She said the Nov. 12 Girls Night Out in downtown Northville was a success — at least in her store.

"There were a lot of people out milling around, so that was a good thing," Misiolek said.



Rosemarie Misiolek, owner of downtown Northville's Celebrity Pets Co., at 124 N. Center Street, with her dog, Ciara, in her recently-opened pet gift shop. Celebrity Pets, besides dog beds, toys and "bling" has a wide selection of baked dog treats.

**BEST OF THE BEST AWARD**

Misiolek said her Laurel Park Place store won WDIV-TV Channel 4's Best of the Best Award for pet couture.

She sells upscale clothing for dogs and cats. "Cats can wear the same clothes we have for dogs — if they will tolerate it," she said.

She said pet couture always follows the fashion trends of people. Popular items include licensed apparel from Detroit sports teams, as well as leopard and sherpa (a fluffy wool product).

"We also sell toys, harnesses, leashes, treats, carry bags, jewelry, accessories and baked goods," Misiolek said.

The Northville store sports a 6-foot bakery case, which is one of the things clients asked her to provide locally. "We bake cakes and cupcakes for dogs to order."

She also carries select four- and five-star pet food. "We will also special order for people," Misiolek said.

**BUSINESS HAS BEEN BRISK**

Misiolek said the traffic has been good in her new specialty pet store.

"The response has been much faster than at Laurel Park Place," she said. "Quite a bit of my clientele is from Northville, and they encouraged me to look into opening a store in Northville."

She even learned Lindeen was retiring from a client.

**STORE LOCATION, HOURS**

The new Celebrity Pets store in Northville is located at 124 N. Center, just north of Main Street in Northville Candle & Gifts. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call the Laurel Park Place store at (248) 924-5888 or go to [www.celebritypetscompany.com](http://www.celebritypetscompany.com).

"After that, everything just fell into place," Misiolek said. "I took that as a sign that it was meant to be. Beverlee is just wonderful. I am going to miss her so much. She has been a great mentor since she really knows Northville."

**IT'S A DOG'S WORLD**

Misiolek said she thought her store would do well in Northville, because it's such a dog-friendly community, with many downtown dog-walkers.

"It's a fabulous place," she said. "I love it." Dogs are, of course, welcome in her stores.

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The entrepreneur also makes an effort to support the local and national economy. "We support Michigan-made products first, then those made in the U.S.," Misiolek said.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. "But, if we busier, then we will stay open longer," Misiolek said.

She goes back and forth between the two Celebrity Pets locations and has hired most of Lindeen's staff.

"People are used to seeing their faces, and I just thought it would be a nice thing to do," Misiolek said.

The store also carries gift baskets with treats and toys for small and large dogs for holiday gift giving.

"A really hot selling item is elk antlers," Misiolek said. "They are the longest-lasting chew."

**NO ANIMALS SOLD AT STORES**

Celebrity Pets does not sell animals. "We do a lot of work with rescues and shelters," Misiolek said. "They come in on a regular basis for adoptions. People can follow our Facebook page to find out who's coming and when." (Type Celebrity Pets Company on the Facebook website.)

Naturally, Misiolek is a pet lover herself, and has two female Yorkshire terriers, Ciara and Coco.

For more information, visit [www.celebritypetscompany.com](http://www.celebritypetscompany.com) or call the Laurel Park Place store at (248) 924-5888. Misiolek won't have a phone number for the Northville store until January.

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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 Tuesday 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; Oxygise  
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.: Oxygise  
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**  
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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.
- PILES 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.
- 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.  
Kids Time for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Graders  
Time/Date: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18  
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### Bell-ringers needed

The Plymouth Corps of the Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers during the holiday season. Ringing continues until Dec. 24.

To volunteer at Hiller's in downtown Northville or at the Northville post office, please contact Judy Kohl at (248) 348-2678 or by email at fakoh@aol.com.

### Toys for Tots drive

The Northville Township Department of Public Safety is again participating in the Toys for Tots drive.

Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which donates toys to underprivileged children for Christmas. The program was founded in 1947.

The collection dates this year are now through Dec. 17.

Organizers are asking you to think about the kids you are buying for. Please do not donate stuffed animals (they no longer can distribute them as they harbor germs) they are always in need of unwrapped gifts for 9- to 12-year olds, both boys and girls. Craft or hobby kits, makeup kits, electronics, CDs, are all great choices.

Collection boxes are available at two locations. The first is at the Northville Township Municipal Offices Building located at the corner of Six Mile and Sheldon roads during normal business hours (8 a.m.-4 p.m.).

The second collection box is located inside the main entrance at the Northville Twp. Police Department located at the corner of Six Mile Road and Winchester Drive; that entrance is open 24/7.

For full details, go to [https://local.nixle.com/alert/3963505/?sub\\_id=141274](https://local.nixle.com/alert/3963505/?sub_id=141274).

### Salvation Army accepting applications for families, senior assistance

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit is currently accepting applications for Christmas assistance from residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Applications will be accepted now through Dec. 10.

"It is important to get your application in as early as possible," said Major John Turner, general secretary for The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit. "We want to be able to accommodate everyone. Michigan's poverty rate is at approximately 14 percent this year, and because of that, we expect the demand for our holiday services to be immense."

In 2009, The Salvation Army provided 84,447 Christmas gifts to children and seniors.

Families in need of assistance should contact their local Salvation Army Corps Community Center to set up an appointment. To find the center closest to you, visit [www.salmich.org](http://www.salmich.org) or call (248) 443-5500.

This program is reserved for families with children; those with special needs; and senior citizens. Applicants must bring a picture ID for each household adult, birth certificates for household children, a current utility bill, as well as proof of household income and expenses.

### Celebrities help fight arthritis in Jingle Bell Run/Walk

Red Wings' starting goalie Jimmy Howard and Karen Drew are teaming up to support the Jingle Bell Run/Walk in Northville to help fight the number one disability in America—arthritis.

As part of his support, Howard is offering every team captain who brings a team of 35 people or more a signed Red Wings jersey. Other prizes include signed pucks, 8x10 photos and much more.

The Northville race, on Saturday, Dec. 4, will start on Cady Road and end at The Northville Downs Race Track. Both races are 5k and begin promptly at 9 a.m. with festivities and celebration afterward until noon.

The Snowman Shuffle, a 1/4 mile fun run for kids 12 and under, begins at 8:45 a.m., making this family-run event great for all ages.

Participants can enjoy holiday costume contests, awards for biggest team, first through third place finishers in 14 different age categories and a post-race chili party. First place winners in each category can even win a Dick's Sporting Goods gift card!

All funds raised during the Jingle Bell Run/Walk go to support the Arthritis Foundation. And \$92 of every dollar raised goes to support research initiatives at Michigan universities, create and sustain statewide exercise and self-help programs, and cover tuition costs for the week long intensive program, Camp Dakota, designed for Michigan children with arthritis and related diseases.

Current sponsors of this year's Jingle Bell Run/Walk include Fox2 Detroit, Busch's, Biggby Coffee, Great Harvest Bread Company, Breadsmith of Bloomfield, Qdoba, GNC, Brookdale Senior Living, Summit Sports, Dick's Sporting Goods, Cardinal Health, Abbott Immunology and Spinal Orthopedic

### Rehabilitation.

People interested in registering can go to [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org), keyword Jingle Bell Run/Walk. Registration is \$25 and includes a goody bag, t-shirt, race timing chip and post-race chili party. There is also day-of registration available, which is \$30. To register children for the Snowman Shuffle, also visit [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org) and the fee is \$10.

### Be part of the solution

The city of Northville will have several members of boards and commissions whose terms will expire soon.

Jay Wendt, chair of the Northville Planning Commission, encourages city of Northville residents to consider volunteering their time on one of these bodies.

Residents can visit the city's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us) to see when individual terms on the various boards and commissions will expire.

Those who might be interested can fill out an application and submit it to the city for possible appointment.

Questions? Call city hall at (248) 349-1300.



### Snow White & 7

The Marquis Theatre will present a live musical, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", through Jan. 23. Snow White befriends seven lovable and comical dwarfs, survives the Evil Queen, and meets her Prince Charming. Come see this fun, musical with lots of singing and dancing. Showtimes are 2:30 p.m. Saturdays Nov. 27; Dec. 4, 11 and 18; and Jan. 8, 15 and 22; 2:30 p.m. Sundays Nov. 28; Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26; and Jan. 2, 9, 16 and 23; and Monday-Thursday Dec. 27-30. Tickets for all public performances are \$8.50 with group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more; no children under the age of 3. The theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street, Northville. Phone (248) 349-8110 for more information, or visit [northvillamarquistheatre.com](http://northvillamarquistheatre.com).

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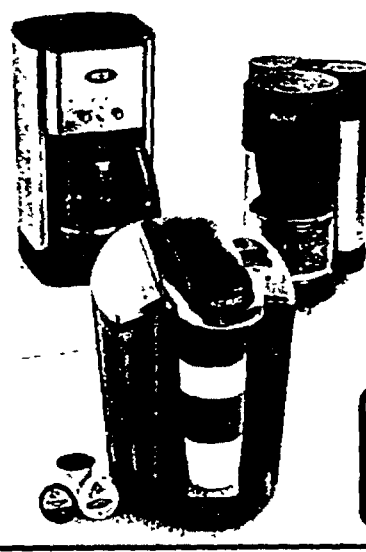
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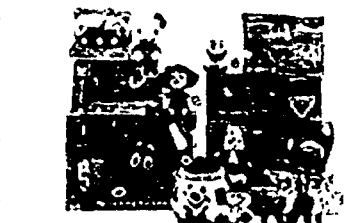
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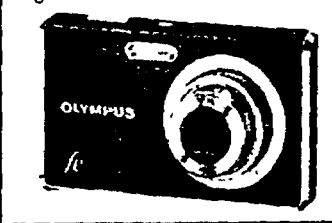
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The following ordinance amendment was adopted at the November 18, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE HISTORIC DISTRICT - CHAPTER 91-11 A - Membership

**91-11 A.** The Commission consists of seven nine members who are residents of the Township. The Commission shall be comprised of up to two members of the Township Board of Trustees and Planning Commission, and the remainder being citizens at large.

Complete copies of the proposed amendment are available in the Clerk's office at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and on the Township website, [www.twp.northville.mi.us](http://www.twp.northville.mi.us). The amendment will become effective upon publication.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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# OPINION

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## OUR VIEWS

### Give thanks Drive safely and be happy this holiday

Gas prices have crept up again, but that won't stop Michiganians from traveling this Thanksgiving holiday period (Wednesday, Nov. 24, to Sunday, Nov. 28). According to AAA, around 1.3 million of us will travel 50 miles or more from home — that's nearly 9 percent more than last year.

Even though travelers are still cautious with their discretionary spending, and unemployment is still high, AAA Michigan President Steve Wagner says many people are in better financial shape now than they were a year ago. That (combined with the need to spend time with loved ones) is what's bolstering Thanksgiving travel.

And when it comes to Michiganians, the mode of travel 94 percent of us prefer is vehicle. Actually, that's the same percentage nationally, which is the highest AAA has ever recorded for this particular holiday. Locally, expect to pay \$3 per gallon — up 42 cents from 2009.

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That's an increase we can live with; one we can't is the number of fatal crashes.

Eleven people lost their lives on Michigan roads last Thanksgiving. There are several steps that Michigan's State Police and AAA, through their Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) partnership, are urging all motorists to follow this holiday:

- avoid alcohol
- buckle up
- be well rested
- drive defensively

Make sure your vehicle is winter-ready, too, and carry a winter emergency kit: snow brush, shovel, ice scraper, flashlight, first aid kit and gloves, hats and blankets.

Following this simple advice will help save lives.

Even if you don't plan on traveling, here's something all of us can do — focus on making the "Happy Thanksgiving" greeting a true statement.

It's not easy in these economic times, especially with unemployment over 12 percent. But that's lower than a year ago. And with Ford showing profit and GM's stock sale, the automakers appear to be on the road to recovery. And the recent election has given many hope of recovery, too.

But will any of these truly define "happy"? Perhaps for some. We know it doesn't come from material possessions. Sure, they make it easier, but do they bring lasting and genuine joy? Probably not.

Doesn't true happiness come from being content with what we have — no matter how meager our possessions or how trying our circumstances?

As you sit down to celebrate Thanksgiving, look around. Find the blessings in your life — family, friends, children. Take stock of the things that mean the most to you.

And then put the happy in your Thanksgiving by being grateful for your many blessings.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

We asked the members of Moraine Elementary's chess club what they like about playing the game.



"It's fun because you get to capture the other team's pieces."  
Irmgard Pallas  
Second grade



"It's fun when you get to yell 'Checkmate!' — especially when you're going against someone of your skill type."  
Nick Maiz  
Fifth grade



"I really like that you can checkmate (your opponent) with any chess piece."  
Jason Brown  
Second grade



"I'm usually a calm person, so I like chess because you get to move the pieces around — and I like the competition."  
Seth Cain  
Fourth grade

## LETTERS

### Seniors slammed

I'm not a resident of Northville but visit occasionally and often buy a Northville Record. Being a senior citizen myself, I was offended by the condescending comments made by the president of the Northville Housing Commission in an article on page A5 (Oct. 28) of your newspaper, titled "Northville's senior complex adds computers to tech center."

The comment by Ms. Hooper — "Contrary to what some people think, seniors are very interested in computers, but they are also equally intimidated by them." — is an unsubstantiated statement given as fact but actually appears to demonstrate an underlying disdain for seniors held by Ms. Hooper.

Then to state — "Some residents are even doing Facebook." — seems as though Ms. Hooper is amazed that seniors are capable of doing more than basic daily functions.

It is an unfortunate circumstance for the residents of Northville's senior complex that the head administrator demonstrates such a condescending and disdainful attitude toward them. I certainly would not want my elderly parent to be a resident there.

Donald Urban  
Brighton

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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### Need transparency in birth practices

In an age when I frequently hear advertisements about transparency in health care, I am disappointed that information, such as birth practices, continues to be difficult to find.

With the Caesarean delivery rate up more than 50 percent since 1996, a report by the National Vital Statistics (August 2010) indicates that 31.8 percent of all births in the United States are by Caesarean section. Even a recent

article by The Grand Rapids Press (Nov. 7, 2010) reports that Caesarean birth rate depends on where mom lives.

Transparency of birth practices is gaining ground with its call to action by the March of Dimes and the Coalition for Improving Maternity Services (CIMS). Their goal is to promote transparency of birth practices by calling on hospitals and health care professionals to voluntarily assess Caesarean births and unnecessary inductions. Once this information has been made public, expectant parents can make an informed decision on where to give birth. This is especially important when problems persist in the care of childbearing women and mortality rates for mothers have nearly doubled in the United States since 1999 (Lamaze International).

Expectant parents have the right to a safe, healthy and natural birth. The Six Core Practices That Support Normal Birth (Lamaze International) is an evidence-based practice that has demonstrated cost effectiveness and continues to provide expectant parents with yet another tool for a safe, healthy and natural birth. Advocating for transparency of birth practices is a step in the right direction and will, hopefully, result in happier expectant parents whose birth experience is ultimately healthy and rewarding.

Karen Wezner, R.N.  
Northville

## GUEST COLUMN

### Can't we all just get along? Election rancor leaves voters weary

A new governor is elected. Let's oppose the governor. America and Michigan have lapsed into a perpetual election cycle that seemingly has no end.

Our democracy has been hijacked by a non-stop election cycle that never lets the majority rule and then move on actions based on their election ideas. If we do not stop this politically destructive behavior, it will be the death of our state and nation.

Michigan is in a deep economic hole and people are angry. When you lose your job, savings and home, people tend to get mad.

The only way to climb out of the ditch is to work together. Now is the time not to retreat to our

respective partisan corners, but to join together and develop a shared vision and common agenda. Sensible compromise is the canvas on which democracy and effective government is painted.

Rick Snyder won the election. Now is the time for him to lead — and do so boldly. Let's use him as an instrument of change to reinvent Michigan and get us working again.

The "loyal opposition" — Democrats and even members of his own party (many of whom are more partisan, ideological and further to the right than Snyder) — need to find ways to sail in the direction he is attempting to take to reinvent the state. And stick with him as opposed to tossing in the anchor to every solution he offers.

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It's time to end "gotcha" politics. Becoming the party or caucus of "No" or "Hell, no!", jamming a stick in the spokes of every proposal offered, is not legislating. It's obstructionist and does nothing to

move Michigan forward. Snyder is a pragmatist with disdain for nonsensical ideological debates that resemble a pogo stick convention — lots of jumping up and down but not getting anywhere.

Yet, there is no doubt that this partisan idiocy will not miraculously disappear from under the Capitol dome because of Snyder's appearance.

If Michigan has a chance to reinvent itself and get the state

working again we must all begin rowing in the same direction and stop drilling holes in the bottom of the boat! We have lost a decade and thousands of jobs by staying in a continuous election mode, remaining in our partisan political lanes.

Perhaps 2011 is a new beginning where progress and results trump pandering and partisan politics. Clearly, a working Michigan would lift all boats.

So, let the campaign end so the work to reinvent Michigan can begin.

Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant and former state superintendent of schools and president and CEO of the economic council of Palm Beach County, Fla. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.



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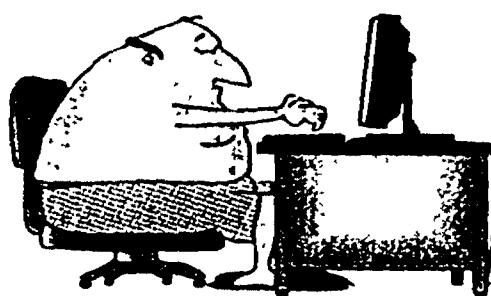


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# What the Dodgers can teach us about divorce



Wendy Alton

The most publicized divorce these days is the divorce between Dodgers' owner Frank McCourt and his wife, Jamie. They have gone through weeks of trial and are now waiting for the

## FOR THE RECORD

judge to make his ruling. What hangs in the balance? The fate and future of the Dodgers.

Both Frank and Jamie McCourt claim ownership of the Dodgers. Each relies on a prenuptial agreement that was signed by both of them. However, the testimony at trial revealed that there

were two versions of the prenuptial agreement -- one giving the Dodgers to Frank and one giving the Dodgers to Frank and Jamie. The judge has some time to rule -- and with anywhere from \$800 million to \$2 billion at stake, it will no doubt be a widely publicized ruling.

While Frank and Jamie McCourt are waiting for the judge's ruling, they have been meeting privately with

a mediator. If during mediation they can come up with their own settlement, then the judge will not rule, and the McCourt's own settlement will become final.

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Mediation in divorce is a confidential, private session between the couple, their lawyers and a neutral mediator (usually a lawyer trained in mediation) where they openly discuss settlement. The mediator encourages the couple to come to a mutual settlement, and sometimes makes some settlement suggestions. If a settlement is reached, the divorce ends without going to trial. Mediation is significantly cheaper than trial, and much less time-consuming.

Trial is when a judge decides everything in the divorce or just decides the issues that were not settled. In Michigan, divorces are only heard by judges, not juries, and trial is incredibly costly and time-consuming. Most divorces do not go to trial because of this. Judges will also often require that the parties try mediation or even arbitration before the

case proceeds to trial.

Arbitration is a combination of mediation and trial. It is a less-formal trial setting in front of an arbitrator, a lawyer trained in Arbitration. The arbitrator, much like a judge, hears testimony and reviews evidence. However, arbitration is much more relaxed than trial, and sessions with the arbitrator often occur without the other party present. Because of the informality and the privacy of the proceedings, arbitration is often much quicker and less expensive, and removes the publicity, emotion and animosity that would happen if the divorce went to trial.

As much as possible, it is always better for people divorcing to come to a mutual settlement. However, if that is not possible, in Michigan there are options of mediation, arbitration or trial -- even if the case involves something less than the fate and future of the Dodgers.

Wendy Alton is a Northville attorney and mediator with Fausone Bohn, LLP focusing on family law, which typically involves divorce, custody, support and probate. She is compassionate about her clients and dedicated to educating both her clients and the public about family law issues. She can be reached at wallton@fbfirm.com or (248) 380-9976.

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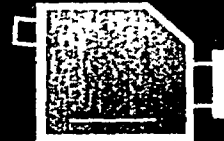
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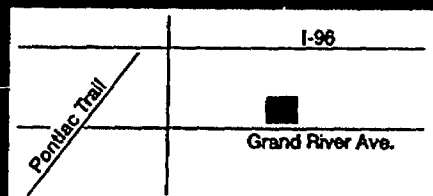
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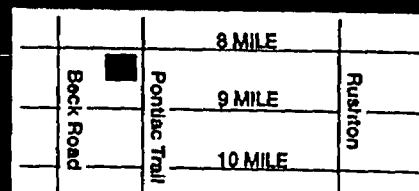
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# Thanksgiving luncheon



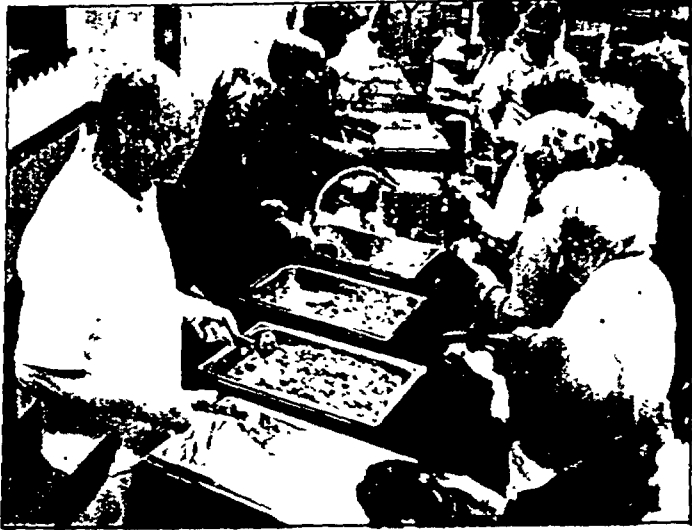
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The Nov. 17 Thanksgiving luncheon.



With a colorful, eye-catching Christmas tree hat, Sue Barnett, a volunteer with Northville's Sunrise Assisted Living Center, helps dish out the holiday luncheon at the Northville Community Senior Center on Nov. 17. Seniors from all over Northville were invited to the center for a free lunch, musical entertainment and door prizes. The event was made possible by Northville Rotary, Miller's, Hungry Howie's, Michelle Fecht, and Karen Dunn.

Volunteers help to dish out the Nov. 17 Thanksgiving Lunch at the Northville Community Senior Center.



Jerry Mittman, serving up the turkey, was one of the many people who helped out at the Nov. 17 luncheon.



Northville resident Charlotte Gallop smiles as she attends the Nov. 17 Thanksgiving luncheon at the Northville Community Senior Center.

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# Roadshow Comes to Livonia Next Week!

By Jason Delong  
Treasure Hunters Roadshow  
STAFF WRITER

Clean out your attics, closets and lock boxes, because the Roadshow is coming to Livonia. Roadshow experts will be in town examining antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins made before 1964, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices.

*"U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date."*

Expert buyers for the Roadshow have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of gold coming to the Roadshow and for good reason. Record gold prices have Roadshow guests cashing in on broken jewelry or jewelry they don't wear anymore with our "fair and honest" purchase offers.

*Got Gold? Next week, visitors can cash in on antiques, collectibles, gold, silver, coins or just about anything that is old.*

The Roadshow encourages anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that's gold. If a guest is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the Roadshow staff will test it for free.

Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items Roadshow experts hope to see include old toys and train sets.

Archie Davis, roadshow toy expert spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers. "Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now," said Davis, "Especially those that are character related. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Flintstones or any character toys are sought. Old Buddy L toys from the 1920's to 1960's

are in demand." Basically any toys made before 1965 are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch high prices. Davis also stressed, "Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational

prices. Most of the toys that come to the Roadshow are not in perfect shape but can still bring good prices from collectors."

When expert Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the Roadshow, he was quick to answer "Old

coins and paper currency. For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300.00. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable



Above • A Gentleman sits with Mike Delong with anticipation as the Roadshow Expert examines his collectibles.

*"If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for top dollar. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, next Tuesday through Saturday, in Livonia."*

because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date. "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the Roadshow from wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, which are valuable from one coin to an entire truckload. See you at the Roadshow," said Fuller.

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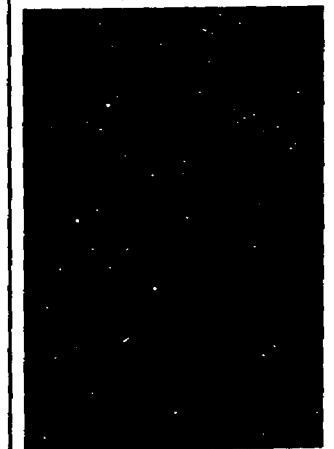
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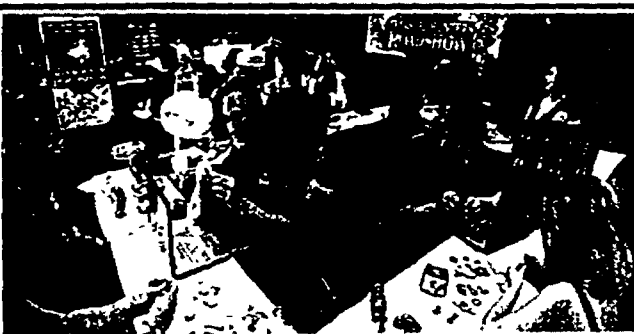
Most pre-1964 bisque, china, paper mâché, wood, and wax dolls are considered desirable by collectors. If your doll has original clothing, wigs, shoes and undergarments, that increases its value.

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# Regional Marketplace

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## Home for the holidays

Abbey Park senior community lights up this holiday season with Festival of Trees, friends and family

By ALISON ACCAVITTI  
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

Abbey Park's Lyon Township community will transform into a holiday haven filled with festive cheer this Friday, kicking off the annual Festival of Trees celebration that supports local charity and community giving.

"Various community groups will deck our halls with holiday trees trimmed to the 9's and 10's," said Tamra Ward, Abbey Park Administrator. "Our residents, their families and the local community are invited to vote through Dec. 12 for their favorite tree with a \$1 donation. The winning tree will be announced at our Holiday Party. All proceeds will go to the charities designated by the groups and organizations competing in this year's festival."

Located on Milford Road just south of Grand River Avenue in Lyon Township, Abbey Park has transformed into a popular attraction for seniors looking for affordable retirement living near friends and family. The community has welcomed 32 new residents since September and has leased 130 apartments since opening in January 2009.

"A lot of residents here are from the South Lyon area and further out," said Thomasine Blake, 82, who moved from Farmington Hills to Abbey Park in August 2009. "They just make me feel so welcome here. I haven't met one person who isn't nice."

Many residents share Thomasine's sentiments about their new home.

Helen Speltz, 83, said she moved to Abbey Park to be closer to her son, who visits almost daily.

"My son Bob saw this unit, and he loved it," Helen said. "I really like it here, and I'm really, really happy. I have friends who live here too."

### Something for everyone

The Festival of Trees is just one of many exciting activities scheduled at



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Festive holiday decorations, warm smiles, lots of cheer and an extensive schedule of visiting performances by local schools and community group make Abbey Park at Mill River a great place to spend the holidays.

Abbey Park. Residents recently enjoyed martinis and a little midnight madness at the community's first Pearls, Pumps and Pajamas Party. In celebration of the autumn season, residents were treated to an Oktoberfest event including serv-

Residents also enjoy monthly casino trips, trips to Kensington Metro Park and the apple orchard, attendance at local plays and concerts and visits to annual festivals, such as Milford Memories and Pumpkinfest.

Like a community all their own, residents operate a small Country Store with basic grocery and personal items, and participate on a council that weighs in on the daily menu and activities schedule.

"Anything our seniors are willing to do, we make available to them," Ward said. "We encourage residents to be as active as they can be for as long as possible so they can maintain their independence."

### Live, longer, happier and healthier

A full activity schedule, great food and a wealth of amenities are just the beginning at Abbey Park. The community features 24-hour staffing, a medical alert system, scheduled chauffeured transportation, a beautiful dining

room, delicious meals, in addition to a café, theater, chapel, library, fitness center, beauty shop and the reassurance of a full-facility generator.

Abbey Park residents are no strangers to the local community. Group trips are planned for events like the Milford Veterans Day Parade and Milford Memories Summer Festival, plays and performances at South Lyon East High

residents are proud to welcome visitors to their new home.

Life at Abbey Park includes a variety of complimentary conveniences that are often an added expense at other communities. On a daily basis, housekeepers make the beds and take out trash, and residents can enjoy a continental breakfast in the café, and a delicious lunch or dinner in the Grand Dining Room. Once a week, all residents are treated to full cleaning services, including laundering bed linens and towels. There are nine floor plans to choose from, ranging from one to two bedrooms, with walk-in closet options. All apartments include either a balcony or a patio and a medical monitoring system that is easily accessed from several areas within each unit. Heat, water, electricity and basic cable services are also included.

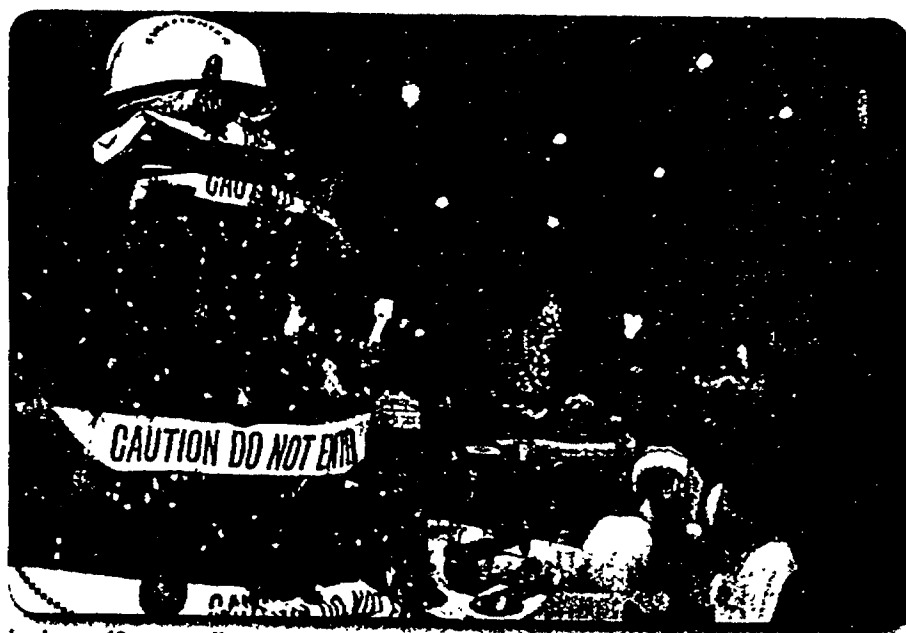
With an average of 45 weekly events and activities to choose from, days at Abbey Park are full of fun and friendship. Activity Director Cindy Kometh and Hospitality Director Charles Duty work full-time to provide opportunities for great food, socialization and entertainment.

The community stays connected on its facebook page. Visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search "Abbey Park" to check out photos from year-round events, offer feedback or keep up on scheduled events. The community also produces a monthly newsletter, weekly activity schedule and a daily posting of menus, schedules and photos from previous events on their in-house monitor system.

"Our friendly staff members arrive each day and work with one directive: to treat our residents as if they are our own parents," Ward said. "As a result, we all feel like part of one big family here; this is our home away from home."

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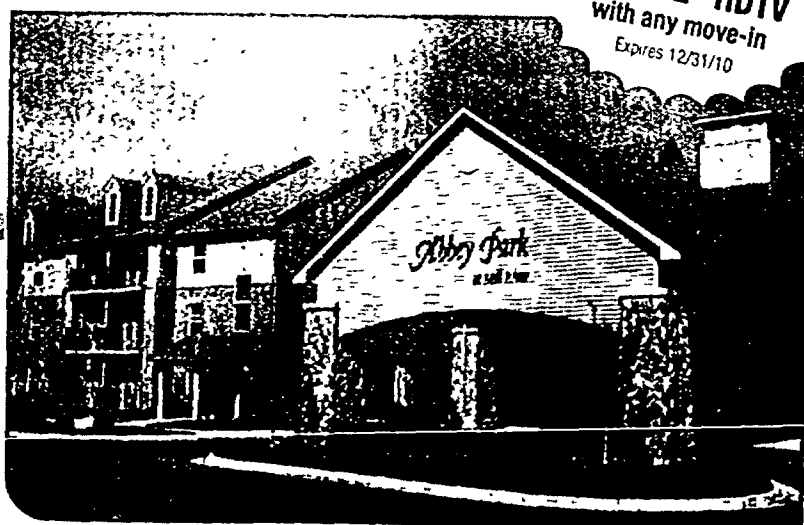
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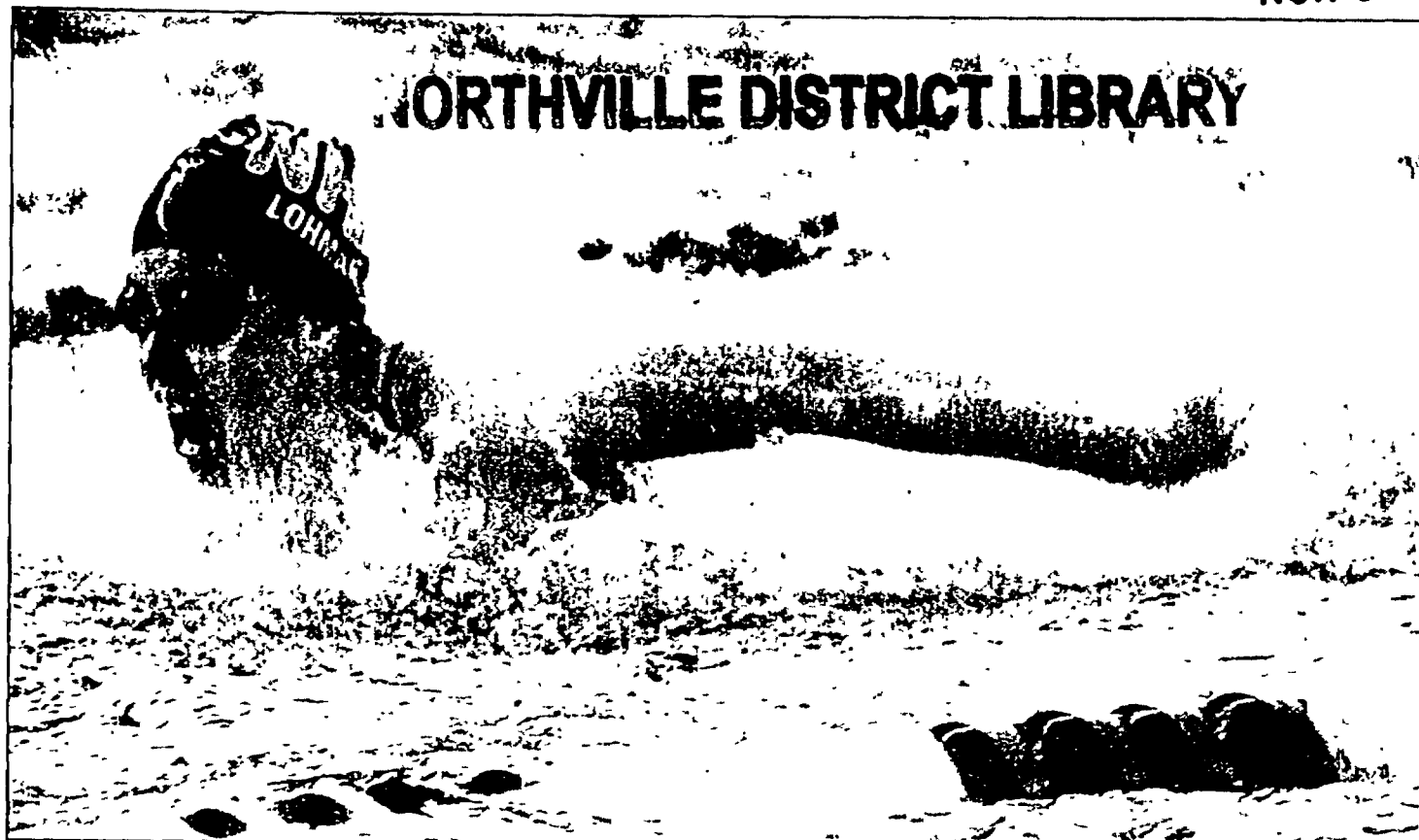
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Mustang Shannon Lohman swims part of the 200 meter relay at Friday's MHSAA state final preliminary round at Oakland University.

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## Northville wins season opener

Mustangs beat Grand Rapids CC, tie Lake Orion

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

When Jeff Hatley was chatting about his team before the start of the season, the one thing he stressed was that his team had a lot of potential.

The Northville boys hockey coach was right, as usual, and his team went out and proved it last week with their season-opening play at the Metro Invite.

Northville skated to a 3-1 victory over their first foe, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, before tying the always-tough Lake Orion Dragons, 1-1.

"It was a great win because it was a total team effort," said Hatley of the Grand Rapids Catholic Central victory.

It was a big difference over the final outcome of the same game last year when Grand Rapids walked away with a 5-1 victory over Northville. This year Grand Rapids returned two All-State forwards to their squad.

"We knew they would be a tough challenge to open the season," admitted Hatley.

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys hockey team will be back in action when they play in the Birmingham Thanksgiving Invitational tomorrow and Saturday at the Birmingham Ice Arena. Friday's game starts at 3 p.m. and no time was available for Saturday's contest.

He noted that it was a great game from every angle for the Mustangs. "I love seeing our forwards block shots and play good two-way hockey. Our back end played with a lot of confidence

and (goalie) David Kettelhut may have played his best game as a Mustang."

Northville opened the season on a goal by Brent Atkinson in the first period with assists going to Stephen Champagne and Richard Cortapasi on a power play. Northville scored again in the third period off the stick of Cole Brown to make it a 2-0 game with Robbie Thornburg and Brady Marotta getting credited with assists.

Grand Rapids fought back, however, scoring a goal of their own before pulling their goalie to add an extra player on the attack. The move proved fatal as Champagne snagged the puck and scored an easy empty-net goal to secure the 3-1 victory.

While the outcome wasn't as favorable when Northville skated to a 1-1 tie against Lake Orion, there were still bright spots in the game — especially the way the Mustangs refused to give up.

"It was like a playoff game that could have gone six overtimes if they let us," said Hatley.

The Mustangs found themselves trailing 1-0 early in the first period before coming back and tying it in the same stanza. Mike Comben made it a 1-1 game with a low shot from the blue line that found its way through traffic and into the back of the net. Logan Hill drew the assist.

Lake Orion is coached by former Northville coach Clint Robert.

"It was great to see Coach Robert," said Hatley. "He is a friend and a person who spent a lot of time and energy for the Northville hockey program."

Hatley said the opening tournament gave him a good idea of what Northville truly has — a solid foundation to build on.

"Four lines, plus solid defense and goaltending," he said. "There were a lot of positives in the two games and we are only starting to scratch the surface of our potential."

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## Mustangs finish ninth in Division 1

Sophomore Catherine Cui earns All-State along with two relay teams

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team headed into the state finals last weekend knowing full well they would have to turn in some impressive times in order to meet their goals.

The squad did just that, turning in All-State performances in three events to tie for ninth place. Brian McNeff, the team's coach, said the week before he was hoping for a top-10 finish.

"We had a good meet with a lot of good swims," he said. "It was an extremely fast meet and some of our swims that I felt would make it back (for the second day) did not despite some great times. But we put ourselves in a good enough position to scores some points on Saturday and finish ninth."

One very notable performance was that of Catherine Cui, a sophomore. Cui swam to eighth place in the 100 breaststroke in a time of 1:08.54 to earn her squad 11 points on the day. The swim also earned Cui an All-State nod.

But that wasn't the only event earning All-State status for the Mustangs. Both the 200 medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay earned the same honors.

In the 200 medley, a team of Maddy Kipke, Sarah Lohman, Shannon Lohman and Faith Miller swam to seventh place for 24 points. Their finals time was 1:50.89. In the 400 freestyle, the team of Briana Schoenek, Lia Nagata, Cui and Miller swam to seventh place for a total of 24 points and a time of 3:39.72.

The two All-State nods for Miller was a great way for Northville's lone state finals senior to end her career for the orange and black.

"This has been a great year and I can't wait to get back at it next year," said McNeff. "We will be losing Faith, which will be a huge loss for us, but I am expecting some for the juniors to step up and fill the role that she will leave."



Mustang Briana Schoenek swims part of the 200 meter relay at Friday's MHSAA state final preliminary round at Oakland University.

Miller also scored four points for Northville with a 13th-place finish in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:55.53. Kipke added three more points with a 14th-place finish in the 100 backstroke in 1:00.08, while Shannon Lohman finished 11th in the 100 butterfly in 59.10 seconds to add six more points to Northville's total.

"Other than Faith, everyone from the state team will be coming back, so hopefully next year we will continue to improve and finish even higher than ninth," said McNeff.

Also competing in the state finals were divers Jennifer Jones and Andrea Meister as well as swimmers Sarah Garrity and Leah Erlandson.

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Mustang Sarah Lohman swims at Friday's MHSAA state final preliminary round at Oakland University.

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# CC seniors run to second state title

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central senior Andrew Garcia-Garrison couldn't have ended his senior season under much better circumstances.

The Shamrocks repeated as State Champs, and he ran to a 10th-place individual finish to reach All-State status, also for the second straight year.

Garcia-Garrison's season highlights include a best time of 15:35, regional champion, Sturgis champion, a four-year run of Catholic League titles, a regional championship and a 16-0 dual meet record this season.

Garcia-Garrison will continue his career at Bucknell University.

## FIRST TEAM

To show how strong this field of All-Area runners are, even without Runner of the Year Garcia-Garrison, the First-Team nominees would walked away with the State Title. Three runners qualified for All-State and two more finished in the top-40.

Austin Zebrowski, CC

John-Paul Zebrowski, CC

The Zebrowski twins are a virtual mirror of each other. They also capped off a high school career with consecutive All-State performances. Austin finished eighth with a season-best time of 15:35 at the biggest meet of the year.

John-Paul was next in just four seconds back for his best time of the year. They are both National Merit semifinalists.

Garret Zuk, Lakeland

The Eagle junior ran a 15:56 to finish 35th at the State Finals. His season highlights include a PR time of 15:55, a third-place finish at regionals and an eighth-place finish

## ALL-AREA CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR

Andrew Garcia-Garrison, CC

### FIRST TEAM

Austin Zebrowski, CC

John-Paul Zebrowski, CC

Garret Zuk, Lakeland

Evan Smallman, Milford

Cody Snively, Milford

Joe Schubring, Novi

Chad Cini, Northville

### SECOND TEAM

Blake Yard, South Lyon

Erik Heathcock, South Lyon East

Mackenzie Boyd, CC

Ryan Boyd, CC

Nate Benton, Milford

Shawn Shove, Milford

Dylan Danowski, Milford

### HONORABLE MENTION

Northville: Christin Guenther, Ed Clifton,

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Mike Benkarski, Travis Trainor, Garrett

Murphy

Milford: Paul Ausum, Ryan Hofsess, Chris

Housel, Brian Kettle, Shawn Welch

Lakeland: Ryan Carrigan

South Lyon: Mike Brodowicz, Mark Cogo,

Zachary Weidman, Connor Weidman,

Billy Cooney, Andrew Janos, Spencer

Ruggiero, Justin Pearson

South Lyon East: Alex Kuligowski, Matt

Darr, Ian Juntunen, Alex Hoorn, Riley

McKenzie, Blake Powell, Andrew DeMoss,

Jonah Boyd

at the Jackson Invite. He is Academic All-State.

"Garret is an extremely smart and tough competitor," said coach Joe Verellen. "He led the team in every

race he competed in and set personal best times at the end of the season with a stress fracture in his foot.

Garret's pain tolerance has no ceiling."

Evan Smallman, Milford

The Milford senior earned All-State with a 12th-place finish at the State Finals with a PR at 15:42 for the fourth-place Mayericks. His time puts him fifth all-time at Milford. Smallman was a regional and county medalist along with First Team All-Conference.

"Evan was a great lead runner for us all season," said coach Brian Salyers. "He ran remarkably well in dual meets and gave us a low ticket in the big meets. He is a man of few words — he works hard and isn't afraid to race. It has been a pleasure to work with him on a daily basis."

Cody Snively, Milford

The Maverick sophomore just missed earning All-State honors, finishing in 32nd (15:54) at the State Finals. But he will have a couple of more cracks at it. His season highlights include medaling at regionals and county, Second Team All-Conference and Academic All-State.

"Cody was our rock of emotional and competitive consistency all season long," said Salyers. "Cody is knowledgeable, motivated and always prepared. It is easy to forget he is just a sophomore. Our guys always knew they could count on Cody, and that trust was essential to our success."

Joe Schubring, Novi

The Wildcat senior finished his career at the State Finals, finishing 43rd in 16:01. That time would be close to All-State most any other season. He ran a season-best 15:59 at the KLAAs meet and 16:00 at regionals for 11th overall.

"It is a pleasure that to know that he is always able to be in the front in

all the races that he is in," said coach Rob Smith. "Joe can lead a race — not all athletes can do that. Joe knows pace better than most athletes, so he can actually run fast under almost any circumstance. For me, winning the KLAAs Kensington Conference was a real treat."

Chad Cini, Northville

The Mustang leader put up a monster season-best time of 15:48 at Huron Meadows for a ninth-place finish at regionals. His season-highlights include a fourth-place finish at the KLAAs meet and finished off the season in 61st at the State Finals.

"Chad was our No. 1 runner all season," said coach Ed Clifton. "He stepped up to become one of the elites in this area with his 15:48 time at Huron Meadows. Chad plans to run next year in college, and this year showed what he is capable of on the next level."

## SECOND TEAM

Another compliment to the strength of the cross country runners from the area is the nominees for the Second Team would be in the running for a top-five finish at the State Finals.

Blake Yard, South Lyon

The South Lyon senior led the team in every race this year. His PR of 16:06 came at the State Finals where he finished 52nd. Highlights included first-place finishes at the Ypsilanti End of the Summer Classic and the Larry Steeb Invite; a second-place finish at the Petoskey Invite; a third-place finish at the KLAAs Conference meet; All-County with a 12th-place finish; and All-Region with a 13th-place finish.

Erik Heathcock, South Lyon East

The senior led the Cougars to its first-ever trip to the Division 2 State

Finals as a team. He led the Cougars in six races and finished second on the team in four others. His best time of 16:57 came at the Larry Steeb Invite. He finished 10th at regionals and finished 161st at states.

Mackenzie Boyd, CC

The fourth senior came across the line in 39th at the State Finals in 15:59, the fourth finisher for the State Champs. His highlights include a sixth-place finish at Oakland County, sixth at the league race and 15th at regionals.

Ryan Boyd, CC

The Shamrock junior capped off the scoring at the State Finals by finishing 49th in a personal-best 16:13. He finished ninth at the league race and 24th at regionals. He is also Academic All-State.

Nate Benton, Milford

The Maverick senior capped off his career with a season-best time of 15:57 at the State Finals for 36th overall. It was his fourth trip to the State Finals. Other highlights include medaling at regionals and county along with All-Conference Third Team honors.

Shawn Shove, Milford

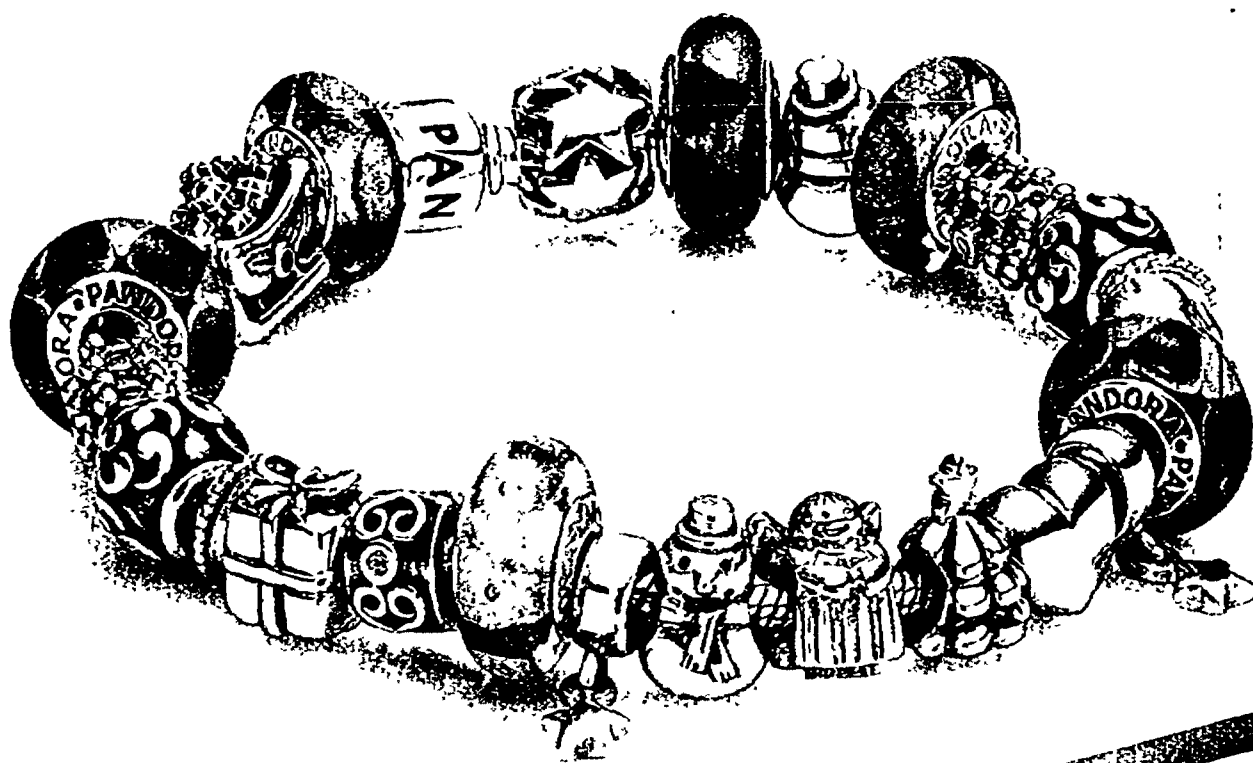
The Maverick senior ran a season-best time of 16:11 at the State Finals for 63rd overall. He medaled at both regional and county meets. He is also Academic All-League.

Dylan Danowski, Milford

The Milford senior finished right with teammate Shove in 64th at the State Finals (16:12). The Milford Homecoming King earned Third Team All-Conference, medaled at the county meet and earned Academic All-State honors.

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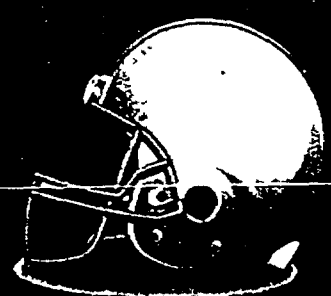
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## Catholic Central bows in season opener

Orchard Lake St. Mary's gets edge against defending state champion

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Detroit Catholic Central hockey coach Todd Johnson isn't kidding himself or his team: They knew heading into the season that they weren't going to be undefeated.

To be the best, you have to play the best, and the Shamrocks hockey team found out in their season-opening game against Orchard Lake St. Mary's that sometimes that means taking a loss or two. The Shamrocks, the two-time

## ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team will be back on the ice Wednesday when they take on Grosse Pointe North on the road at 8:30 p.m.

defending Division I state champions, fell, 3-2, against the Catholic High School League foes to start the year off.

"(The) schedule is tough," said Johnson. "We're not going to win every game."

Despite the tough schedule, Johnson admits that his team has a lot of work to do in order to maintain the level of excellence that has come to be expected from them.

"It was a high intensity game that was very even, but we made a couple of big mistakes that ended up in our net," he said.

Scoring for Orchard Lake St. Mary's was Cody Milan, a freshman who tallied two goals. His first game in the first period on an unassisted, short-handed

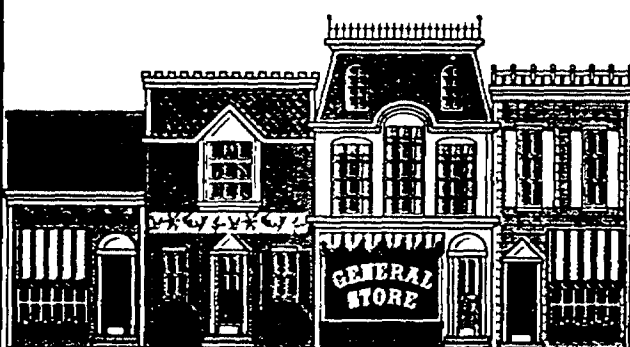
breakaway goal. He added a second score on a power play in the second period with assists from Shane Bednard and Conner Lyons. Trevor Bardalis scored the final tally for the Eaglets with Alex Fasan getting the assist.

Stats for Detroit Catholic Central were not available at press time but can be seen on the team's website at [www.mihl.org](http://www.mihl.org).

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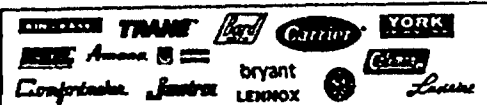
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# Northville's Holdaway becomes first Michigander to complete the Grand Slam of Ultrarunning



Northville resident Dale Holdaway completed The Grand Slam of Ultrarunning this summer.

Dale L. Holdaway of Northville crossed the finish line of the Wasatch Front 100 Mile Endurance Run in Midway, Utah on Sept. 11 to become the first Michigander to complete The Grand Slam of Ultrarunning.

Unlike most road races like 5Ks, 10Ks, and even longer distances where most runners manage to at least finish the run, finishing an ultramarathon and especially a 100-mile race is far from guaranteed. In fact, finishing rates average about 50% in 100-mile races where dehydration, muscle fatigue, sleep deprivation, altitude sickness, nausea, and blisters are but a few of the countless obstacles that stop many ultrarunners short of finishing a race. In addition, runners must complete the races within specified "cut-off" times (30 hours for most 100-mile events) in order to be considered official finishers.

Why would anyone want to endure all of that and run for so long? Holdaway says that ever since his days as a high school wrestler in Arizona (where he was state champion in the 132-pound weight class) he has enjoyed competitive sports and pushing himself to the limits.

Holdaway explained that each of the events in The Grand Slam of Ultrarunning presents its own unique challenges. For example, the Western States 100 Mile Endurance Run traverses the Sierra Nevada Mountains from Squaw Valley to Auburn, California and climbs about 18,000 feet while descending approximately 22,000 feet. Both snow and temperatures well above 100 degrees are often encountered during the same race. High temperatures and humidity combined with relentless rolling hills and mountains in Vermont make the Vermont 100 Mile Endurance Run quite challenging as well.

## WHAT IS IT?

Most of you are probably wondering, what is "The Grand Slam of Ultrarunning"? Some of you might even be wondering, what is "ultrarunning"? The term "ultrarunning" commonly refers to running very long distances and is used to describe participation in events known as "ultramarathons" or races longer than the marathon distance of 26.2 miles. The most common ultramarathon distances are 50K (31 miles), 50 miles, 100K (62 miles), and 100 miles. Most ultramarathon races are contested on trails, dirt roads, or a combination of trails and roads. Ultramarathon courses often cover extreme changes in elevation and very technical terrain (steep, twisty, narrow, rocky, rooty, etc.).

The Grand Slam of Ultrarunning is an award recognizing those who complete four of the oldest and most difficult and prestigious 100 mile races during the same year. The Slam consists of officially finishing the Western States 100 Mile Endurance Run in California (in June), the Vermont 100 Mile Endurance Run in Vermont (in July), the Leadville Trail 100 Mile Run in Colorado (in August), and the Wasatch Front 100 Mile Endurance Run in Utah (in September). During the 25-year history of The Grand Slam of Ultrarunning, only about 200 individuals have managed this feat, most of them athletes who live and train in the mountainous regions of California, Colorado, Utah and Washington.

Then there is the Leadville Trail 100 Mile Run, also known as "The Race Across the Sky", where the race course altitude averages about 10,000 feet and climbs well above the tree line as high as 12,500 feet where breathing can become pretty difficult for athletes from relatively low-lying areas like Michigan.

The granddaddy of them all is the Wasatch Front 100 Mile Endurance Run where the course ascends about 27,000 feet and descends about 26,000 feet - pretty much the same elevation change as beginning at sea level and scaling and descending Mount Everest. Needless to say, not too many runners are willing to undertake one, let alone all of these punishing events, especially in the same summer. And each year only about half of those who begin The Grand Slam of Ultrarunning manage to complete successfully all four 100 mile events.

Holdaway completed The Grand Slam of Ultrarunning in the sixth fastest time (104 hours) of all 2010 participants (28 individuals embarked on

The Grand Slam and 13 finished). Although relatively new to the sport of ultrarunning (he began in 2008 by running the Grand Canyon rim-to-rim with his brother Michael), Holdaway is an experienced marathoner with a personal best of 3:08, and last year he won the Central United States 50 Mile Trail Running Championship and finished first overall at Michigan's first 100-mile race, the Hallucination 100 Mile Run.

Holdaway balances running with a busy life as a husband and father of four children along with a career at Ford Motor Company and volunteer work at various community organizations.

When asked how he trained for The Grand Slam of Ultrarunning, Holdaway responded that he ran lots of miles on the beautiful trails found within Michigan's state parks, ran up and down the biggest hills that he could find, and worked out on a StairMaster machine to simulate the mountain climbs that he would face in The Grand Slam races.




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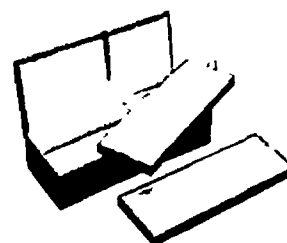
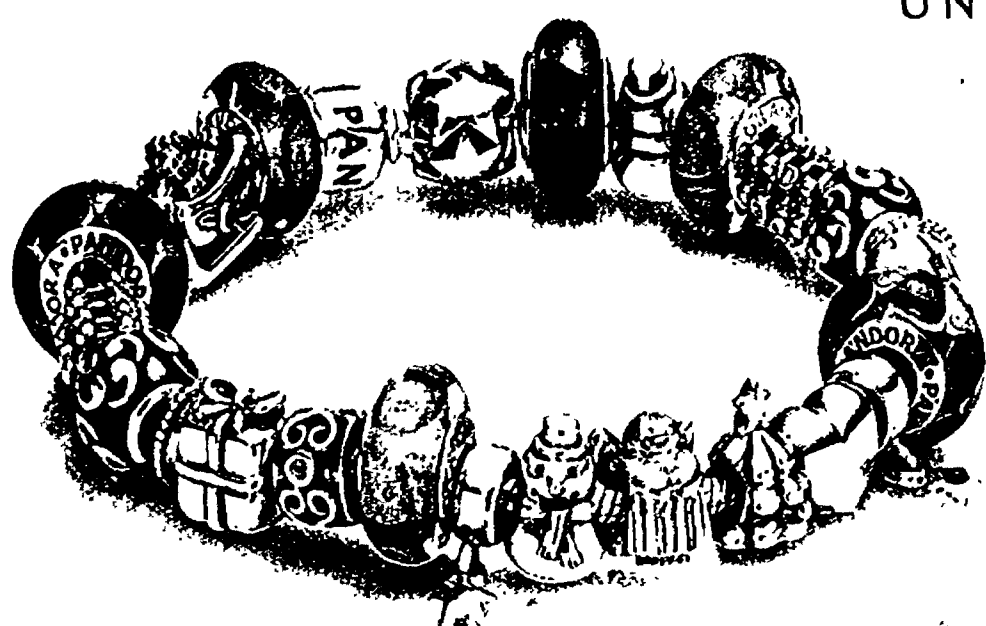
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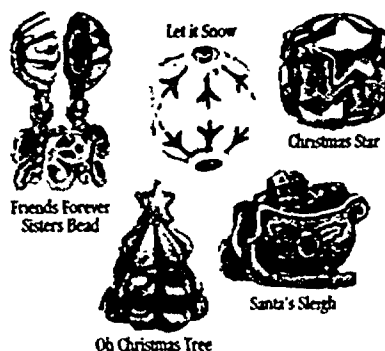
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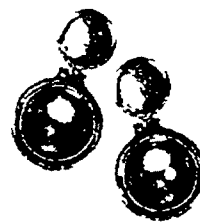
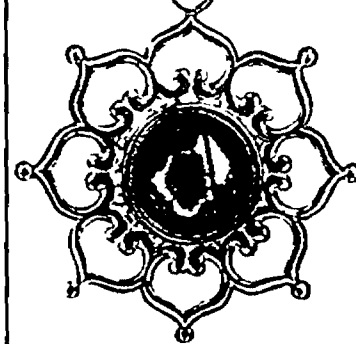
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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

### Bailey & Shamoun: Connecting with people, fulfilling design dreams

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

Bailey & Shamoun Interiors offers the most unique home furnishings and accent shopping experience in the area. From the moment shoppers step into our store on Doheny Drive, the 'wow' factor takes over. Our product selection is unique as we offer many items and designs that are not found in other area stores. Our store is a destination for many in the metro area as we focus on delivering inspirational ideas for the most important space you occupy -- your home. At this time of year we feature many unique Christmas items, going beyond the ornaments and garland to true keepsakes such as our new Mr and Mrs GingerBread statues -- darling items that will become instant family holiday treasures. Our store is full of gift giving ideas, including great selections of hostess gifts for holiday entertaining. At this time of year one of our bigger sellers is our Bailey & Shamoun Gift Certificate; many husbands delight their wives with these on Christmas morning.

How did you first decide to open your business?

The home is generally the biggest asset that people own. It's where we spend the majority of our times as we go through our lives. It's the spot where memories are made, and it's a base for all of us. We have a true passion to help people design

#### DETAILS

**Business Name:** Bailey & Shamoun Interiors  
**Address:** 767 Doheny Drive, Northville, MI 48167  
**Your Name/Title:** Kathryn Bailey and Basma Shamoun-Miscovich -- owners/interior designers  
**Your Hometown:** Northville  
**Business Opened When:** 2001  
**Number of Employees:** five  
**Hours of Operation:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; other days by appointment  
**Your Business Specialty:** Floor to ceiling interior design/remodel/construction. Home furnishing store featuring furniture and unique accents  
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their own private spaces -- something that will be beautiful and also functional and comfortable. Most importantly, our mission goes beyond just designing a beautiful room. It really is about putting together a special space that drives connection of family and friends. We want to make a difference in people's lives.

Why did you choose this area?

Northville is home. It's great working with people and having the opportunity to run into them at the grocery store, church, restaurant, or Northville High

School sporting event. The Northville area also allows us to create a floor to ceiling design for a 12,000 square foot home while at the same time finding the right sofa for an empty nesters' two bedroom condo. This area is a designer's dream!

What makes your business unique?

We aren't the only store in the area selling furniture and home accents. We aren't the only firm in town that provides full-services interior design. Others also do kitchen remodels, granite, tile and painting. There are other places to go to find carpeting, tile and hardwood. Certainly others can design a full basement remodel. You see there are choices for all of these things. What makes Bailey & Shamoun Interiors unique is our passion to connect with people by helping them fulfill their home design dreams. We are a small business owner, we are part of the community, we are accountable. Those things make us unique!

How has it changed since you opened?

We are entering into our 10th year of business in our Doheny Drive location. We've expanded our retail store size three different times -- and we've evolved with our clients' tastes as they continue to change. Interior design is all about understanding trends and helping people connect those ideas at home. We continue to source the best home furnishing ideas from our visits to High Pointe along



Bailey & Shamoun Interiors owners Kathryn Bailey (left) and Basma Shamoun-Miscovich display many of the unique holiday items from their Northville store on Doheny Drive. One of the hot holiday sellers for this year is the Mr and Mrs GingerBread statues, destined to become a holiday décor treasure.

with our trips to home accessory shows over the course of the year. Interestingly, we launched Bailey & Shamoun Interiors during the Northville building boom 10 years ago. Many of our clients are now getting that '10-year itch' in terms of desiring to change the look of their homes--remodel a bathroom, change the granite in the kitchen, replace the carpet, resurface the hardwood floors. There are life spans on everything associated with the home. We stand ready to help as people think about replacement ideas.

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

As many in Northville know, our store is off the beaten path in terms of location. Occasionally we put up banners on the exterior of our building to highlight sales or events. Last year after the holidays we displayed a banner that read 'Going on with Business Sale.' Quite a few people read this as 'Going Out of Business.' We had so many people call us as the word started spreading

(falsely) that we were closing! We had quite a few laughs over this mix-up, but it was very heartwarming to hear from so many people as they shared their desire to see our business continue. It made us realize how blessed we truly are in terms of the lasting friendships we've made with so many of our clients!

How has the recent economy affected your business?

Frankly, we believe the best is yet to come! We've noticed that everyone (including us!) is looking for value -- and value doesn't always equate to price. Our business is a service business. We take the headaches away from homeowners as we assume the 'project manager' role for their home project. Knowing you have someone juggling all the balls that are involved in an interior design project -- from handling painters, carpenters, tile installers to drapery seamstress and furniture delivery -- it's a load off the mind to know these things can be handled by professionals. And that's a real value when you weigh the cost of

your own personal time.

Any advice for business owners?

If you fail to plan, plan to fail. The economy of the past two years has clearly shown us the importance of planning. As many small business owners can confirm, we've had to make many adjustments from the inventory we carry to our own personal salaries. You must plan for not only the seen but the unseen. We've learned a lot about ourselves, our customers, and our business over these past few years -- and we are smarter owners because of it.

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

Continue doing what we are known for: helping people turn their houses into homes, and we will continue to provide that 'wow' factor as people go out of their way to see us at our Doheny Drive store. We've ramped up on our furniture offerings and are driving better value in terms of pricing as a result. Most importantly, unlike many other furniture and home stores in the metro area, we plan to keep 'Going On With Business'!

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### County offers December workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in December, 2010 offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, seminars are held at 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, or call (248) 858-0783.

**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. The fee is \$30. No refunds. Thursday, Dec. 2, from

6-9 p.m.

**Sales I: Effective Networking** - You're up and running, right? And still busting your butt, but not getting the results you want? You're asking yourself, "Is this it? What am I missing? Learn the secrets and skills that will give you a tremendous competitive edge and dramatically improve your income! Learn how to give an effective 60 second elevator pitch, learn valuable networking tips and how to network effectively and get Invited In! Presented by Denise Roberts, Sales Partners-Troy. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds. Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m.-noon

**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. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Thursday, Dec. 9, from 6-9:30 p.m.

**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. Workshop participants will learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and will work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources will be provided. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds. Thursday, Dec. 16, from 6-9 p.m.

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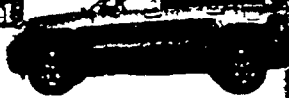


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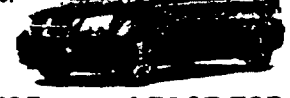


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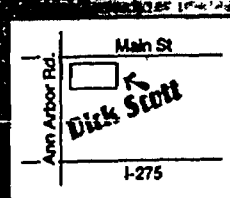
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## What is the next sought after designer jewelry?

It's Metalsmiths Sterling™ – newly launched at Rottermond Jewelers.

By SALLY RUMMEL  
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

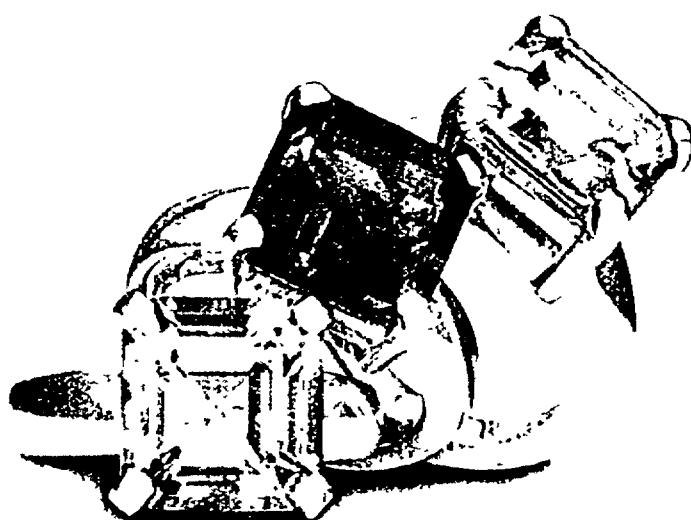
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"We feel this is going to be one of the most sought after designers lines that we have added to our store this year," said Cindi Rottermond, Vice President of Rottermond Jewelers in Milford and Brighton. "When Metalsmiths Sterling™ was introduced at a jewelry show earlier this year, it was the most sought after line by jewelers. We are proud to be one of only three jewelers in Michigan to carry this fine line."

The quality of the Metalsmiths Sterling™ line speaks for itself, yet has been rewarded with the most prestigious of honors, named as a member of the American Gemologist Society (only 5 percent of designers are awarded this honor) and won the prestigious award by jewelers as "Best of Show". "You can watch for the Metalsmiths Sterling™ line as an official jewelry supplier to Fox Studios and in upcoming episodes of "Lie to Me," said Cindi. "One of its edgier collections, 'Ink,' has already been spotted on celebrities like Richie Sambora and Lionel Richie."



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The beauty of the Metalsmiths Sterling™ line is in the unique fashion statement of each of its collections, offering a number of style possibilities that all work together under the fas-

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ionable, quality Metalsmiths Sterling™ name. With all fashions this year, it is about layering and with Metalsmiths Sterling™ various collections you can stack bracelets, wear multiple necklaces and flash a major gemstone ring at an affordable price.

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