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## ON THE RECORD

### Mothers' Club directory

The 2011-2013 edition of the Mothers' Club of Northville Community Phone Directory is now being assembled. The directory is distributed to over 18,000 households within the Northville Public School district (including Northville, North Township and parts of Novi and Plymouth). This edition is scheduled to be circulated through the area in June, 2011.

The Directory contains residential listings, contact information for community organizations, and advertisements from local businesses. The Directory has been produced biennially by the Mothers' Club since the early 1970s.

New for the Directory this year is a contest: entrants who correctly identify a number of specified ads have a chance to win valuable prizes. Further information regarding the contest will be distributed with the directories.

The Mothers' Club of Northville is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educational enrichment for Northville school children. The group has been in existence for more than 75 years. Since the inception of the Mothers' Club, more than \$500,000 has been donated for enhancement of the learning experiences of all of students within the Northville district. If you are a business and are interested in placing an ad in the upcoming Directory, please contact Janeen Crittenden (248-380-7222) or Lori Schaefer (734-453-0977). Advertising will be accepted through March 11.

### Men's Health Fair

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting its annual Prostate Screening and Men's Health Fair from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 5 for men ages 40-70. Prostate cancer is the second most prevalent cancer among men; early screening and early detection can save lives.

PSA results and other forms of screening allow men to access prostate cancer treatment during the early stages of their disease. Whether immediate treatment is required or not, symptoms can be monitored by your doctor if the condition worsens.

This event and screenings are free, but registration is required; call (734) 655-8940. Appointments fill quickly. St. Mary Mercy is a member of the Mercy Cancer Network. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

## Seven Mile property topic of session

REIS shares some of site's preliminary design concepts

PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township is getting closer to seeing bulldozers on the Seven Mile and Haggerty roads property. However, it will probably be at least a year before any dirt flies.

A special study session between the developer and the township took place on Feb. 3 at township hall.

Township trustees and other

interested citizens met with Grant Trigger, P.E., representing developer REIS, a partnership between Real Estates Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company.

Trigger brought a green-and-blue poster board drawing of the land REIS owns and talked about a few things they've decided to do so far.

They envision a traffic signal on Haggerty Road that would correspond with Schoolcraft College's entrance to

facilitate traffic in that area.

They can't share what tenants might go in just yet. "I can't give specifics on users yet because of ongoing negotiations," Trigger said.

REIS wants to coordinate a walking path with the water feature planned at the entrance to the shopping center. "We want people to walk by the water feature," Trigger said.

Trigger said REIS sees this as a phased construction project, with the

'... we'll have some serious progress on the site in a year. We're working as hard as we can to make something happen.'

GRANT TRIGGER, REIS

first phase starting at the southwest corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads and then expanding westward. Trigger also can't give specifics on a

Please see **SEVEN MILE, A3**

## Critter Club teaches students about animals



Samantha Lavacek, an Amerman fifth-grader, has a Latino cockatiel perched on her hand during a Wednesday afternoon Critter Club meeting in teacher Jeff Lightfoot's room.

### Meets each Wednesday

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Jeff Lightfoot, a fifth grade teacher at Amerman Elementary School in Northville, has come up with the perfect way to teach students about animals — the Critter Club.

In this exclusive club at the school, fifth-graders can come to feed and play with the animals each Wednesday on their lunch hour from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Lightfoot's classroom.

"We can pet them and learn more about them," said Nick Mazzara. "It's kind of like sitting in a zoo."

Some of the different types of animals include a chukwalla, a lizard native to the U.S. Southwest; two cockatiels; several guinea pigs; chinchillas; gerbils; several other lizards, including a bearded dragon and a gecko; an albino corn snake, a python and other snakes; a scorpion; and some cockroaches.

### CLEANLINESS ENCOURAGED

Lightfoot encourages his students to wash their hands between holding each animal, at the end of their classroom safari, and before consuming food in the classroom.

"We also have a no-second rule if people drop

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Critter Club member Patrick Long holds on to chinchilla "Nibbles" during a Wednesday afternoon Critter Club meeting in Jeff Lightfoot's classroom.

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## Northville resident named CFO at Detroit's Wayne State University

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R. Nork

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Rick Nork, a resident of Northville, took a big step in his career recently as he has been appointed CFO of Wayne State University. This global executive brings with him

more than 30 years of experience to the new position.

Nork's full title is vice president for finance and business operations, treasurer, and chief financial officer. The new job was effective Jan. 3.

### HIS NEW DUTIES

Nork, 55, who has more than 30 years

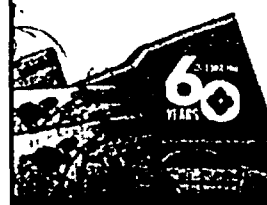
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# Library recognizes endowment donors

Donors to the Northville District Library Endowment Fund enjoyed an evening of music and art appreciation at the Library on Jan. 30 at the Library's Donor Recognition Reception, "A Night of Wonder."

Library Board of Trustees President Joe Corriveau welcomed Endowment Donors and thanked them for their contributions, especially this year as the library celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Endowment Fund.

"This Fund was established ten years ago as a way to provide a permanent source of income to ensure continued excellence in library programs

and services, and has grown to over \$300,000 today," said Corriveau. "The success of the Fund is due in large part to the efforts of Barbara Glover, chairperson of the Endowment Fund and former library trustee."

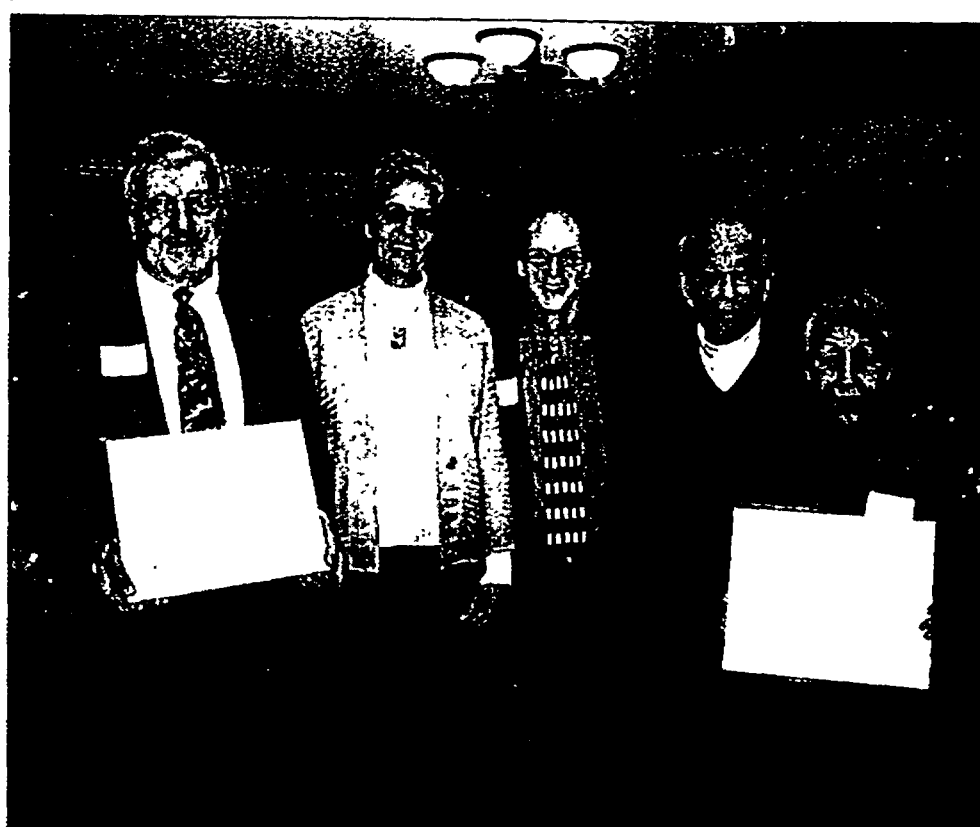
Donors enjoyed refreshments and the music of Harpist Christa Grix, who graciously donated her time to the library. Northville Artist and Creative Director Mike Mullen discussed the printmaking process he used to create the linocut prints he donated to the library to help with fundraising efforts.

Donors giving \$100 or more

qualified to receive a signed, limited edition print, titled "The Roots of Wonder", which features a beautiful carving of a child reading a book under a large tree. Prints are still available for any donors who wish to contribute during this 10th anniversary year, through Dec. 31.

Donors also had a chance to view the newly installed Giving Tree, which features engraved leaves and rocks acknowledging individuals or groups who have made large gifts to the library. The tree was made possible in part by a large donation by the Friends of the Library.

The Fund is a separate fund within the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, thereby qualifying donors for the Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit for up to 50 percent of the gift, subject to certain limits. Endowment Fund brochures and donor forms are available at the library, or visit the library's website: [www.northvillelibrary.org](http://www.northvillelibrary.org). Contact Library Director Julie Herrin with any questions about the Fund at (248) 349-3020.



Library Endowment Fund Donors Ward R. Malisch (left) and Dr. Henry Liu (second from right) and Theresa Liu (right), receive their art print from Northville Artist and Creative Director Mike Mullen (center) and Barbara Glover, Endowment Fund Chairperson (second from left) at "A Night of Wonder".

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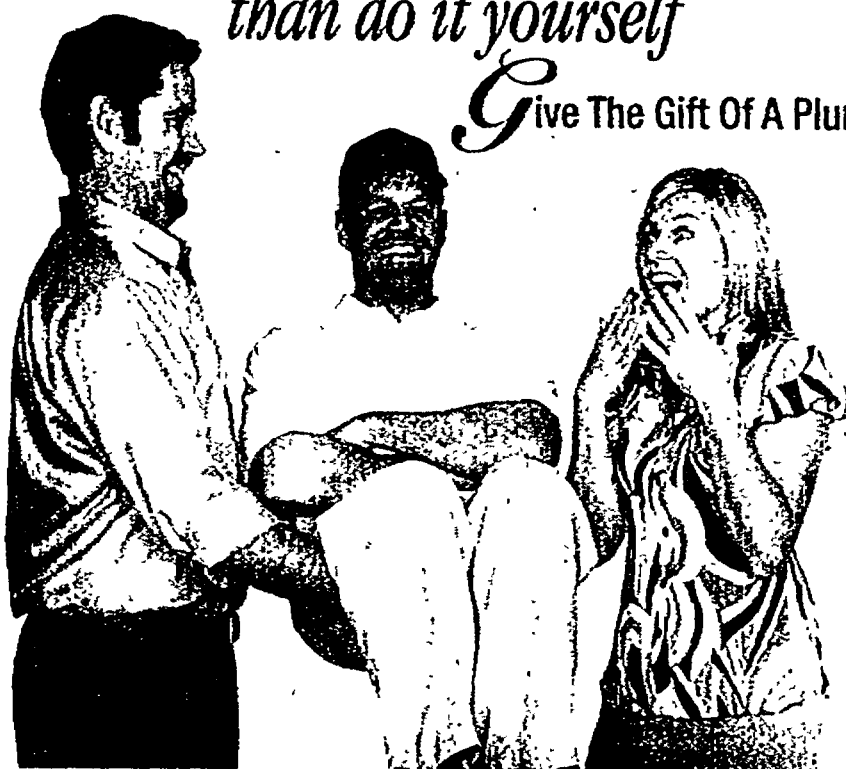
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First Presbyterian Church of Northville members (l to r) Tom Lahiff, Ron Austin, Jim Clarkson, Earl Eiben and Matt Frick invite area men to a retreat Feb. 25.

## Presbyterian church invites men to retreat

The First Presbyterian Church in Northville is hosting a men's retreat from 6:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, and men from the Northville area and Presbyterian churches in the metro-Detroit area are invited.

Guest speaker Stu Ritter, the interim pastor who replaced Kent Clise when he retired last year, will focus on Effective Leadership in the Light of Christ.

"Leadership is born at the intersection of faith and life, where values are formed and tested," said Ritter. "Starting with this premise, I will help us discover how our church experience -- Bible study, Sunday school, fellowship groups, Sunday morning worship -- builds leaders, and how our personal and professional experience contributes to our faith."

Before coming to the ministry, Ritter

had a successful career in non-profits, small business and government. He hails from New Jersey, graduated from Cornell University and completed studies at the University of North Carolina and San Francisco Theological Seminary.

"If you haven't thought of yourself as a leader, you may come away from our time together with a different perspective," said Ritter. "Bring an open mind and a prayerful heart, and we can all broaden our horizons while enjoying good company, good food, and the presence of God's Spirit."

The schedule will start with a chicken dinner and an introduction of the topic Friday evening. Saturday morning will begin with continental breakfast and fellowship followed by small group discussions, lunch, summary session and communion service.

The price is \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. Phone (248) 349-0911 to register.

The church is located at 200 E. Main Street, downtown Northville.



Stu Ritter

## SEVEN MILE

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construction schedule.

"I can say, however, that we'll have some serious progress on the site in a year," he said. "We're working as hard as we can to make something happen."

Trigger said this site remains the top retail location in Southeast Michigan for the moment. "We expect to see more activity here than anywhere else," he said.

One of the problems engineers will have is the wide variety of gradings on the property and the severity. "It's almost 40 feet higher in some spots," Trigger said.

### MASTER PLAN COMING

Margie Banner, trustee, said

she believes the property needs a site plan that the community can be proud of, and that the steering committee has worked hard on a vision since the property was purchased.

"But does the public want soccer at the activities building?" Banner asked. "We don't know. We can't do it piecemeal and do a good job."

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said money is available for the township to do a master plan. "We would view it as an investment," he said.

The township has already collected about \$160,000 from the salvage operation and is trying to get a \$200,000 grant from the EPA to clean up the property.

"I'm really glad we're getting a comprehensive plan," said Marv Gans, trustee. "It could be a jewel."

Jennifer Frey, director of community development, said they are looking at a working proposal. "We're looking at doing a lot of things with families, but nothing's set in stone at this time," Frey said.

"This community deserves the best plan we can give it," Banner said.

"I think it's a fabulous opportunity for this community," Abbo said. "It's going to be a flexible, changing plan."

The steering committee interviewed five candidates to do the master plan and is recommending that Stantec do the work.

Trustees will vote at their Feb. 17 meeting whether to select this firm or one of the other four.

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## New newspaper website has less clutter, fewer distractions

Our website, Hometownlife.com, rolled out a new design last week.

The site hosts content for print editions of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and *Hometown Weeklies*.

You'll notice right away that the new design has less clutter and fewer distractions.

The new Hometownlife.com is focused on presenting content that is easy to navigate so readers will see more headlines, photos and videos right on our homepage. Our Top News category features the biggest stories of the day and right below that is a Community News section that displays content according to your reading habits. If you live in Northville, select it from the list of communities and stories about Northville will appear in the Community News section every day.

That means there is no longer a need to navigate through various communities to find coverage of the people and places that matter most to you -- content from the *Northville Record* will display right on the homepage of Hometownlife.com.


We've also improved our



photo galleries, social media components and the functionality of our reader comments.

We believe you'll like the new and improved Hometownlife.com, but even with the best of design intentions, we might have missed something. So if you are having any issues,

have a suggestion or have something to say about the new site, please tell us. You can comment here on this article, send an e-mail Web Editor Larry Ruehlen at [lruehlen@hometownlife.com](mailto:lruehlen@hometownlife.com) or talk to us on our Facebook page at [Hometownlife.com/facebook](http://Hometownlife.com/facebook).



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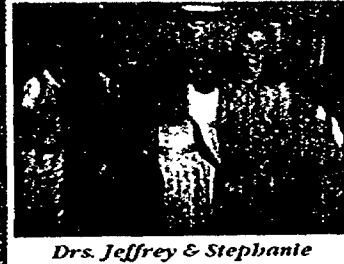
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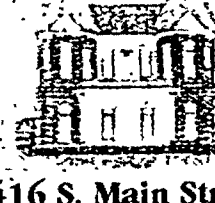
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Clown Angel Deb Foy gets Manor of Farmington Hills resident Debbie Honeysette up and dancing to Little Richard's "Tutti Frutti" during a Feb. 3 visit.



Clown Angels Deb Foy, left, and Angie Wilson entertain Manor of Farmington Hills resident Arlene Pollard during a Feb. 3 visit.

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# Send in the clowns

## Clown Angels bring joy to nursing homes, hospital

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Arlene Pollard may be confined to a wheelchair, but that doesn't stop her from dancing. And when the Clown Angels make their regular visit to the Manor of Farmington Hills, Pollard and the many residents who come to the cafeteria to see their show cannot help but bounce to the music.

"They make it cheerful and we all dance," she said. "I always look forward to them coming, they are just happy people."

A group of Caring Clowns, led by Novi resident Deb Foy, make up the Clown Angels, and they visit nursing homes and hospitals in the area with the hope of brightening someone's day.

Foy, a clown 20 years ago, dusted off the outfit about five years ago and decided she would use her talents to help others. Her clown attire includes tags that read "Giggle Therapist" and "Clowns are angels with red noses," and an iPod attached to her coat blares music that gets the room



A couple of buttons on Deb Foy's clown costume.

grooving.

"When we walk in, just the visual brings a smile to their faces," she said. "In the nursing homes I try to keep them moving and make some sort of connection."

"The sillier the better."

Foy was joined in Farmington Hills by fellow clown and friend Angie Wilson.

acting like adults," she said. "It brings a lot of smiles to their faces."

Something as simple as a smile goes a long way, Foy said, especially when she visits the Children's Hospital of Michigan.

During her three hour trips she meets with children who have various degrees of ailments, and her goal is to take their mind off their problems, at least for a little while.

"The family, staff and child need that escape," she said.

And for all the joy the Clown Angels hope to bring others, they take a lot from every experience as well.

"It really keeps you grounded and appreciative for what you have," Foy said.

Foy hopes to add more facilities in the near future and is looking for more Caring Clowns and a sponsor to help with some of the costs.

For more information, visit [www.clownangels.com](http://www.clownangels.com) or e-mail Foy at [debfoyl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debfoyl@sbcglobal.net).

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## Northville and Detroit students join forces to feed the hungry here and around the world

School children from suburban Northville and inner-city Detroit are joining forces to learn about world hunger and, most importantly, do something about it through the Kids Against Hunger Michigan Coalition "Michigan Project."

The nine food packaging events which are taking place through March 21 will bring together young people from different experiences and cultures to work and learn at Detroit area landmarks including the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn, Gleaners Community Food Bank in Detroit, Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit, and Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit.

Kids Against Hunger is an international, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to providing food to malnourished and starving children throughout the world, including right here in Metro Detroit. The organization partners with local schools, churches and other community groups to organize food packaging events where as many as 20,000 meals can be assembled in a three-hour period. Through the Kids Against Hunger "Michigan Project," which specially tailors food-packaging events to the school setting, Michigan school children have assembled more than three million meals.

This marks the sixth year Northville and Detroit students will come together to package food for Kids Against Hunger as part of a partnership with local non-profit organizations such as Bridgepointe, the Plymouth Kiwanis, the Conrad Charitable Foundation, Mothers' Club of Northville, and other local school and community groups. Since the partnership was formed, more than 28,000 school-aged volunteers in Michigan have participated in Kids Against Hunger.

During the food packaging events, students work together on an assembly line to measure, weigh and seal 13.8-ounce bags of nutritious rice-soy casserole mix that can each feed six adults or 12 children. One-third of the food from each packaging event goes to local food banks to help those in need in the community, one-third goes to feed the starving in Third World countries, and one-third goes to help those in the U.S. and worldwide struck by natural disaster.

"Through Kids Against Hunger, students learn that hunger is a world problem and that we have a responsibility to contribute to its solution," said Kids Against Hunger Michigan Coalition President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Donald Burwell. "Building relationships between students and their community helps



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children understand that working together for a common purpose is an important way to make a difference. Ultimately, these children experience the joy of hands-on giving — a lesson we believe will influence a lifetime of thinking and behavior."

A key partner in the Kids Against Hunger packaging events, Bridgepointe was co-founded in 1998 by two Northville parents with the goal of bringing together school children from different backgrounds to learn and work together.

"Through experiences like Kids Against Hunger, students are empowered to make a difference in their communities and the world," said Bridgepointe Co-Founder and Kids Against Hunger "Michigan Project" Coordinator Sue Simcox. "Over the years, staff and students from these suburban and inner-city schools form friendships of sharing and learning as pen pals, through Kids Against Hunger, and by visiting each other's schools. They discover that although their experiences and cultures may be different, they still have a lot in common."

Each year when Northville's Thornton Creek Elementary School Principal Sharon Irvine asks her fifth graders which community service project they have valued most during their elementary career, Kids Against Hunger is always near the top of the list. On March 2, Thornton Creek fifth graders will partner with students from Neinas Elementary School in Detroit at Fort Street Presbyterian Church to package food for Kids Against Hunger.

"Through the Kids Against Hunger experience, our students feel personally connected to something larger and more significant — helping feed the hungry," Irvine said. "They work in a true partnership with students, many of whom come from a very different life experience than their own. They marvel at the similarities they share and how their differences don't prevent them from working together to accomplish something very worthwhile."

For additional details about the Kids Against Hunger Michigan Coalition visit [www.kids-againsthungercoalition.com](http://www.kids-againsthungercoalition.com) or [www.bridgepointenonprofit.org](http://www.bridgepointenonprofit.org).

**Kids Against Hunger Packaging Events Schedule**  
(The general schedule for packaging events is 10 a.m.-1 p.m.)

**Feb. 14**

**Schools:** Amerman Elementary School, Northville  
Roberto Clemente Elementary School, Detroit  
(Kids Helping Kids Snack Packing)  
**Location:** Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit

**Feb. 15**

**Schools:** Amerman Elementary School, Northville  
Roberto Clemente Elementary School, Detroit  
**Location:** Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit

**Feb. 16**

**Schools:** Meads Mill Middle School, Northville  
Academy of the Americas, Detroit  
**Location:** Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Avenue, Detroit

**March 2**

**Schools:** Thornton Creek Elementary School, Northville  
Neinas Elementary School, Detroit  
**Location:** Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 West Fort Street, Detroit

**March 11**

**Schools:** Hillside Middle School, Northville  
Maybury Elementary School, Detroit  
**Location:** Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Avenue, Detroit

**March 14**

**Schools:** Ridge Wood Elementary School, Northville  
Logan Elementary School, Detroit  
**Location:** Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit

**March 21**

**Schools:** Silver Springs Elementary School, Northville  
Bennett Elementary School, Detroit  
**Location:** Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit

### NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Musician kudos

Congratulations to the following Hillside Middle School Instrumental students for their participation in the District 12 Solo & Ensemble Festival at Livonia Franklin High School on Jan. 29. Twenty-three events received a superior rating of I, and three events received an excellent rating of II.

**Seventh grade students:** Richard Chen; Max DeDonna; Jeremiah Dunne; Matthew Fuller; Julian Ginsberg; Veronica Glaser; Becky Henning; Emma Herrmann; Robert Hong; Emily Katynski; Mary Catherine McLaughlin; Paul Moore; Carmen Orlich; Katherine Robertson; and Carol Zhang.

**Eighth grade students:** Dillon Gorton; Jason Ferrante; Kelci Hensen-Forslund; Deborah Johnson; Tiffany Loh; Jake Luikart; Allison Pasek; Brian Qian; Matthew Schafer; Brent Schin; Nirek Sharma; Joseph Styers; Anna Thorson; Tommy Tsuchiya; and Gabriel Yamine

#### Alternative Learning Program for Students (ALPS)

The following information is for parents of students in grades second through fourth who are interested in advanced programming options for grades third through fifth during the 2011-2012 school year.

The Alternative Learning Program for Students (ALPS) is designed to meet the unique educational needs of academically talented students.

At the elementary level, third-fifth grade students are

transported from their home school to attend Amerman Elementary School where they receive full day academic instruction.

ALPS offers a differentiated curriculum and interaction with similar learning peers. Approximately 5 percent of Northville students in grades third-fifth qualify for this differentiated programming in order to have an optimal educational experience.

Placement consideration is based on several data points as well as available space. Data points include: available MEAP and Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test scores, classroom performance (e.g. report card marks, homework completion), Developmental Reading Assessment, (DRA) scores and any additional data that is available.

No nomination form is necessary, as all second through fourth grade students are tested and scores considered.

A committee will meet in spring to determine those students who have qualifying scores and letters of invitation will be sent to parents in mid-April. Students who enroll in NPS later in the school year should check the website for additional information at [www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us) under "Instruction".

Northville Public Schools will send parents a written communication regarding NWEA MAP growth scores (fall through spring results) when they are available and prior to the end of the school year. More information about NWEA MAP can be found at [www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org).

## Diva Nights

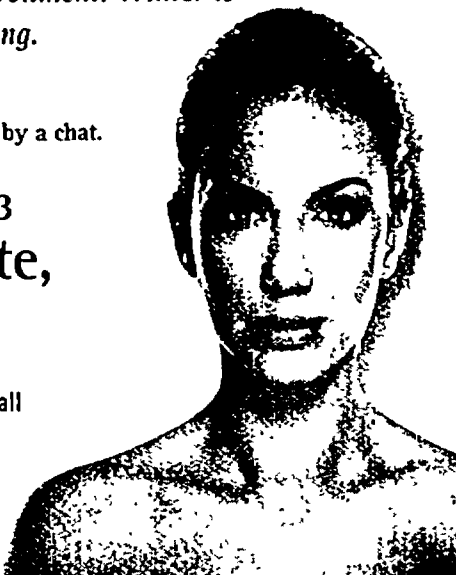
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Pamper your inner diva as Vita Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital and Henry Ford Plastic Surgeon Dr. Donna Tepper will present two evenings to rejuvenate yourself in a healthy, healing environment. Winter is the perfect time to refresh for Spring.

Seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by a chat.

Wednesday, Feb. 23  
**Don't Hibernate, Rejuvenate**

Reservations required, please call  
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248-325-3870



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[henryfordwestbloomfield.com](http://henryfordwestbloomfield.com)

The cost for the evening is \$49, which includes a personal appointment for your choice of one service:

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- 2 25 min Age-Defying Body Treatment
- 3 25 min Neck-Back-Shoulders Massage
- 4 Manicure, plus Chocolate Mask for hands

Vita Wellness Center is located inside Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital

Attendees will receive:

- Certificates for a FREE consultation with Dr. Tepper
- 20% off physician services with fillers and Botox® or
- One FREE spider vein removal treatment with the purchase of a package
- \$20 off a \$100 future select service purchased at Vita Wellness Center
- Gift bags will be provided and refreshments will be served.





JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Future Cities

Students of Northville Christian Academy explain their model of the city of Detroit in 150 years. From left are pupils Nathan Forsythe, Rachel Garfield, and Emily Clark - all 8th graders. The students were competing in the DTE Future Cities competition at Novi's Suburban Collection Showcase on Jan. 31. The name of the academy's city is "Caram Deo" which means "in the presence of God". Their city featured solar and wind powered energy, collections of individual homes, apartment buildings and used Belle Isle as a children's hospital for kids to have a natural world to recuperate in.



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### THOMAS WILLIAM ANTHONY

Age 63, Jan. 31, 2011. Memorial service Sat., 2/14/2011, 10am from Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power Rd., Farmington, MI. Donations: Charity of your choice. Online condolences: [www.obrienfuneralhome.com](http://www.obrienfuneralhome.com)

### IDA ATKINSON

Age 80, January 31, 2011. Funeral was February 5th at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Donations: American Heart, American Diabetes or Alzheimer's Associations. Online condolences: [www.obrienfuneralhome.com](http://www.obrienfuneralhome.com)

### PAULA K. CARTER

Age 67, of New Hudson, Feb. 5, 2011. Beloved wife of George. Visitation Thurs. Feb. 10 from 3-5 p.m. with a funeral service at 5pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 59255 10 Mile Rd., South Lyon (248)446-1171.



### CLARIS M. HARMS

Age 91 of Fowlerville, passed away Thursday, February 3, 2011. Born January 17, 1920 in Wixom, MI, he was the son of Lewis M. and Maude M. (Duncan) Harms. Claris had formerly attended the Lakeland Trails Baptist Church in Pinckney and was a former member of the Mason Road Baptist Church. He was a WWII Naval veteran serving in the Pacific Theater. Claris has been a resident of the area since the early 50's and worked as a dairy farmer on his farm on Lange Road followed by his Norton Road farm from 1960 to 1983. Beloved husband of Donna Jean (Dial) Harms whom he married in Milford on August 12, 1950. Loving father of Douglas L. Harms and Becky (Mack) McCrary. Also survived by his sister, Evelyn Burke; several nieces, nephews and very dear friends. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at MacDonald's Funeral Home - Howell (517-546-2800). Interment followed at Greenwood Cemetery in Fowlerville. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Please visit the family's online guestbook at: [www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com](http://www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com)

### KATHLEEN E. HAY

Age 79, passed away February 3, 2011 at her home in the care of her loving family. She was born on December 18, 1931, in Inkster, daughter of the late Everett and Margaret Zimmerman. Kathleen was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Red Hat Society. She is survived by her beloved husband Jack her loving children: Kathy (John) Marine, Pam (Kim Herbert) McDonnell, Randy (Cathy) McDonnell and Lisa (Charles) Willis. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Rob, Marcy, Roy, Kim, Corey, Amanda, Kallan, Shay and Brandon and her great grandchildren: Michael, Chelsy, Ben, Brook and Shaun. She was preceded in death by her first husband, her parents and her siblings. Visitation was held on Saturday and Sunday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, February 7 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### ROBERT O. MORAN

Age 86, of South Lyon, Feb. 3, 2011. A funeral mass was held Feb. 8, 2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 248-446-1171

### RAY ROSE

Age 84, passed away February 6, 2011. He was born on June 30, 1926 in Kentucky. Ray is survived by his loving children: Patricia (James) Deaton, Dannie (Gretchen) Rose, Kathryn Rose and Kenneth (Debby) Rose; grandchildren: Lisa (Dennis) Lynch, Susan (Victor) Arnett, Melony (Tim) Blow, Jason, Evan and Morgan Rose and one great grandchild, Debra Arnett. Ray is also survived by his siblings: Mavis Burton, Thomas Rose, L.G. Rose, and Carrie Lee Rose. He was preceded in death by his wife Jewell Rose; two sons: Albert E. Rose and Phillip D. Rose. Visitation was held on Wednesday, February 9, from 2-9 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 10, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St. (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### DOROTHY (VANVALKENBURG) SARVIS

Was born on June 28, 1924. Her parents were Harvey and Theresa (Heintz) VanValkenburg. She lived in Northville most of her life. She was preceded in death by her husband Norman. She passed away on January 20, 2011, in Mesa, AZ. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

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The first seven "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$3 per line. You may place a photo of your loved one for an additional cost of \$25. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American flag, religious symbols, etc.)  
Deadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday  
Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

### HANA STRANG

Was 87 years old and living in New Hudson, MI, when she passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 2, 2011, marking the end of a long and courageous struggle. She was born and raised in Windsor, Ontario of Russian and Ukrainian lineage, and was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Lena Sonik, her brother, Boris Sonik and lastly by her husband of 48 years, Joe Strang. A 13-year resident of the South Lyon area after moving from Fowlerville, she was a celebrated hairdresser and instructor, traveled extensively, enjoyed the society of her friends, and deeply admired elephants. Hana is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Rita Stuart, her grand daughter Wendy Stuart and husband Rick Dapprich, and her cat, Tabby. She met the world on her terms, and will be remembered for her strength, determination, elegance and distinctiveness. A memorial tribute will be held at Abbey Park apartments, located at 28413. Abbey Lane, New Hudson, MI on February 27, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm., with remembrances starting at 3:00. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Salvation Army.

### MARGARET H. TEGGE

Age 98, of Arlington Heights, IL, passed away on January 31, 2011. She was born in Detroit on June 19, 1912, daughter of John and Mary (Gardner) Glick. She was united in marriage to George Tegge in 1934 and they spent 53 loving years together until his death in 1987. Margaret lived in Northville for over 63 years; it was just recently she moved to Illinois to be with her daughter. She was the Deputy Clerk for Northville Township for 30 years. She enjoyed playing bridge, loved animals, and was a very devoted grandmother. She is survived by her loving children, Douglas Cameron and Constance Cameron; her niece Joan Burgin, her grandchildren Michael Tegge, Maureen (Daniel) Madio, and Alexander Cameron; and her great grandchildren Langdon Tegge, Benjamin Madio and Daniel Madio. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, 2 brothers, and 1 sister. A Memorial Service was held last Saturday at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Memorial contributions suggested to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

### IRENE TROST

Age 80 of Garden City, died peacefully with her husband and children by her side on February 3, 2011. Beloved wife of Charles W. Loving mother of Bonita (Dave) Pilars, Timothy (Sandra) Trost, Janet Trost, Ann (Mark) Mills, Allen (Katrina) Trost, Karen (Roberto) Teran. Grandmother of 11 and great grandmother of four. Daughter of the late Glen and Hazel Ellsworth, sister of the late Alvin and George Ellsworth. She is survived by her sister Marie Ayms. A memorial service was held on Sunday February 6, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Dearborn. In lieu of flowers the family is asking donations be made to In-House Hospice Foundation 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 334 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or The Village of Westland Senior Community 32001 Cherry Hill Road Westland Michigan.

# Northville council makes minor amendments to 3 ordinances

## CLG status is coming

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

City council made some minor amendments to ordinances at Monday's meeting, and one will mean a new status for the city.

In the city's longtime quest to become a Certified Local Government, the state has been requesting certain changes in the city's ordinances in order to make the city comply with all the rules and regulations of being a CLG.

Becoming a CLG allows a city to apply for certain grants for which other municipalities aren't eligible.

The only change requested by the state was in the city's Historic Preservation ordinance for the city to not agree to regulate ordinary maintenance.

Since that change was unanimously approved Monday night, all of the steps have been taken for the CLG status, which should be coming soon.

"I'm just so happy it's hap-

pening," said council member Nancy Darga.

### OTHER ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Two other city ordinance amendments were approved Monday night -- one on Planned Unit Developments and one on signs.

It used to be that after the Planning Commission approved a PUD that the applicant had only six months for that approval to be effective. Now the city has extended that time frame so the applicant doesn't have to submit another application.

In the sign ordinance, all signs in the Historic District have to be approved by the Historic District Commission. And that still holds true.

However, it used to be that non-Historic District signs had to be approved by the planning commission.

Now not every proposed new sign will have to be approved by the commissions. A new

### NEXT MEETING

Due to President's Day on Feb. 21, the next city council meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.

sign committee will approve non-Historic District signs. The committee will be comprised of the city manager, building official and planning commission chair.

### OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

In other council business, members approved an agreement with Hydro Designs, Inc., of Troy, to inspect the city for cross-connection water contamination at a lower cost.

Jim Gallogly, director of public works, said Hydro Design can provide inspectors at about 27 percent less cost. It used to cost \$8,7060 a year; now it will cost only \$6,420 a year under the three-year contract.

"Hydro Design has done this job well for us in the past," Gallogly said.

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## NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Chuck Gaidica Signing at Barnes & Noble

Northville's Award-winning meteorologist Chuck Gaidica will sign copies of his new book, *Cuddling is Like Chocolate*, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville.

The author will speak briefly about how his award-winning *Cuddle Alerts* have inspired him to take on the new role of writer, after which the signing will take place.

*Cuddling is Like Chocolate* was released in December 2010 and is Gaidica's first book. He will also sign copies of *Tommy Starts Something Big*, his new children's picture book. The books will be available for purchase at Barnes & Noble before and during the event.

### Donate pieces to benefit Art House

The Northville Art House announces Art from the Attic, an exciting opportunity for metro Detroiters to donate, sell, or buy art for a great cause.

Donate used or new art to the Art House on Feb. 20-21. These donations can include two-dimensional fine art, quality prints and photographs as well as three-dimensional sculptural work. Then, purchase donated art at a ticketed special preview opening sale and reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 or during the public sale Feb. 26-27. The special preview sale on Friday night is being sponsored by Table 5 restaurant and Ameriprise Financial.

Donors must price the art themselves and can choose to receive 50 percent of that price if the item sells or donate all proceeds to the Northville Art House. These gifts to the Art House are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

For more information about donating art, or to purchase a ticket for the special preview opening sale and reception, contact the Northville Art House (215 W. Cady Street) at (248) 344-0497 during office hours of 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

### Tipping Point's latest

Tipping Point Theatre announced the third show of its All America Season - PROOF, by David Auburn.

Set in Chicago, this winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for drama and Tony Award for best play, tells the story of Catherine, the daughter of mentally-ill Robert, a recently deceased mathematical genius. She has put her life on hold to take care of him and finds herself lost and questioning her own sanity.

It is directed by Suzi Regan and stars Hugh Maguire, Kate

Peckham, Chris Korte and Kelly Komlen.

The show runs through March 5 at the theater, 361 E. Cady Street, in Northville.

The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets, from \$26 to \$30, are on sale now and available by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003.

### Food assistance

Plymouth and Northville will be participating in "The Emergency Food Assistance Program" (TEFAP), which is a supplemental food program for all income-eligible Wayne County residents.

Distributions will be the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m.-noon at St. Kenneth Catholic Church (14951 North Haggerty Road), with the first distribution scheduled for March 17. All recipients must be pre-registered to become certified for eligibility (meeting both income and residency requirements) before being able to receive food on distribution days.

Recipients who are not currently on any governmental program (Food Stamps, ADC and General Assistance) will need to provide documentation such as birth certificates or social security cards, proof of income and residence and proof of the number of household members. Bridge Card holders will automatically be qualified to participate but must still register.

For more information and registration, please contact the Plymouth Community United Way office at (734) 453-6879 ext. 2.

### A murder mystery tea

Northville Historical Society presents a murder mystery tea, *The Decadent Housewives of Hysteria Lane*, from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at Mill Race Village, Cady Inn.

Elaine, one of the girls on Hysteria Lane, has been found dead. All of the decadent housewives are under suspicion, but what could drive a person to murder? Hear the neighbors as they share the troubles they've had with Elaine, all the while claiming their innocence. Can we believe them? Who dunnit? Solve the mystery and win a prize!

Enjoy an afternoon of laughter and ponder the mystery at hand while enjoying a assortment of tea sandwiches, scones and desserts along with tea served on fine china.

Tickets are \$30 (\$25 for NHS members); deadline is Feb. 21. Contact the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845.

### Shop for a Cause

State of the Mind Gallery (120 E. Main Street, down-

town Northville) will hold a Shop for a Cause from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25. Ten percent of all purchases made throughout the evening will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, whose mission is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications.

For more information about the gallery and other upcoming events visit [www.facebook.com/stateofmindartgallery](http://www.facebook.com/stateofmindartgallery).

### Blood drives scheduled; supplies low

The treacherous winter weather throughout much of the United States over the last few weeks has caused horrific driving conditions and power outages. But these winter storms have had another consequence that was more subtle, though no less important: their impact on our nation's blood supply.

In many communities around the country, with blood supplies already low, the American Red Cross has seen its efforts hindered, halted or re-routed by the storms.

Some 300 blood drives have been cancelled so far, causing a shortfall of more than 14,000 pints of blood since January 1. To this week's cancer patients and accident victims, who will require anywhere from one to 40 pints in their treatment, that loss could be significant.

The shortfall of blood will have to be made up somehow so that those in need will not have to go without. If you are a regular donor and enough time has passed since your last donation, please make an appointment to give again soon.

Additionally, the supply of type O-negative blood at the American Red Cross has dropped to critical levels. Currently the local Red Cross is not able to fully fill requests from hospitals for type O-negative, and is moving blood among hospitals to where it is needed most while supplies are critically low.

A number of local blood drives are scheduled:

• Friday, Feb. 11 1:30-7:15 p.m.; Orchard Hills Elementary, 41900 Quincy, Novi

• Sunday, Feb. 13 7:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.; First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

• Wednesday, Feb. 23 2-7:45 p.m.; Hillside Middle School, 775 W. Eight Mile, Northville

• Monday, Feb. 28 2:15-8 p.m.; Novi Middle School, 49000 Eleven Mile, Novi

Now 16-year-olds can donate blood with a signed parental consent form. Call Diane Rusko, DRD, American Red Cross, to obtain a form and to schedule an appointment at (313) 549-7052. Walk-ins will be taken when possible.

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Your  
Loved One

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

### Church of the Holy Family

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

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday  
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

### Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile

### Road

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

### Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville  
Contact: [DestinyW3C@gmail.com](mailto:DestinyW3C@gmail.com) or visit [www.DW3C.org](http://www.DW3C.org).

### Destiny Worship Center

#### Grand opening/launch

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Jan. 8 All services will be held on Saturdays. First service is Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. Come be a part of a new, cutting edge, creative and innovative worship experience! This new ministry is preparing to have performing arts, dance, youth, women/men min-

istries, missions, community service, single/married ministry and much more. Come get in on the ground floor of a diverse ministry that is destined to do a great work.

### Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit [dfcnazarene.org](http://dfcnazarene.org)  
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study  
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer

Group: 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

### Women of the Word

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.

Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

### Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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

### Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or [churchoftheholycross.com](http://churchoftheholycross.com)

Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.  
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service

### Alzheimer's Support Group

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• Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
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## Livonia

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Contemporary: 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
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Regular Sunday Service: 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
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Wednesday, Sept. 15, 8:45-10:15 p.m.  
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(248) 685-3560 • [www.aboutsouthhill.com](http://www.aboutsouthhill.com)  
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Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday All Ages 7:00 p.m.

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238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805  
Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
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Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
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Contemporary: 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
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Bible Study: Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Dr. Peter Senior Pastor  
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(248) 349-1144  
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## Novi

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Weekend Hours  
Saturday: 8:30 p.m. (English) & 8:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.  
Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor  
Fr. Michael Zuelch, Associate  
Parish Office: 348-8847 • [www.holyfamilynovi.org](http://www.holyfamilynovi.org)

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL**  
40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175  
Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am  
Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am  
Rev. Ann Webber, Rector  
[holycrossnovi@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossnovi@gmail.com)

**OAK POINTE CHURCH**  
50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.,  
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
Casual, contemporary service  
Phone (248) 912-0043  
[www.oakpointe.org](http://www.oakpointe.org)

## South Lyon

**CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
(Missouri Synod)  
Pastor Terry Nelson  
437-8810 • 486-4335  
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Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.;  
Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

**Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon (south of 10 Mile Road)  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
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Youth at 6:30 p.m.  
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**The Church of Christ**  
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School,  
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship  
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Rob Callcott, Pastor

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10774 Nine Mile Road  
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
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Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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All Classes 9:00  
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Phone: 248-437-2983  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:30 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
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Website: [www.fbcsouthlyon.com](http://www.fbcsouthlyon.com)  
Email: [fbcouthlyon@baptistglobal.net](mailto:fbcouthlyon@baptistglobal.net)

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640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760  
Sunday Worship: 8:15, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
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Office 248-486-4400  
[www.solidrocksouthlyon.org](http://www.solidrocksouthlyon.org)

**BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH**  
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Sunday 10:30 and 1:30  
Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
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Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
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## Plymouth

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Services on Sunday mornings at:  
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8:30 AM - Eucharist with Contemporary Music  
11:00 AM - Eucharist with Traditional Music

## Wixom

**CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28930 Wixom Rd.  
Wixom, MI 48393  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship  
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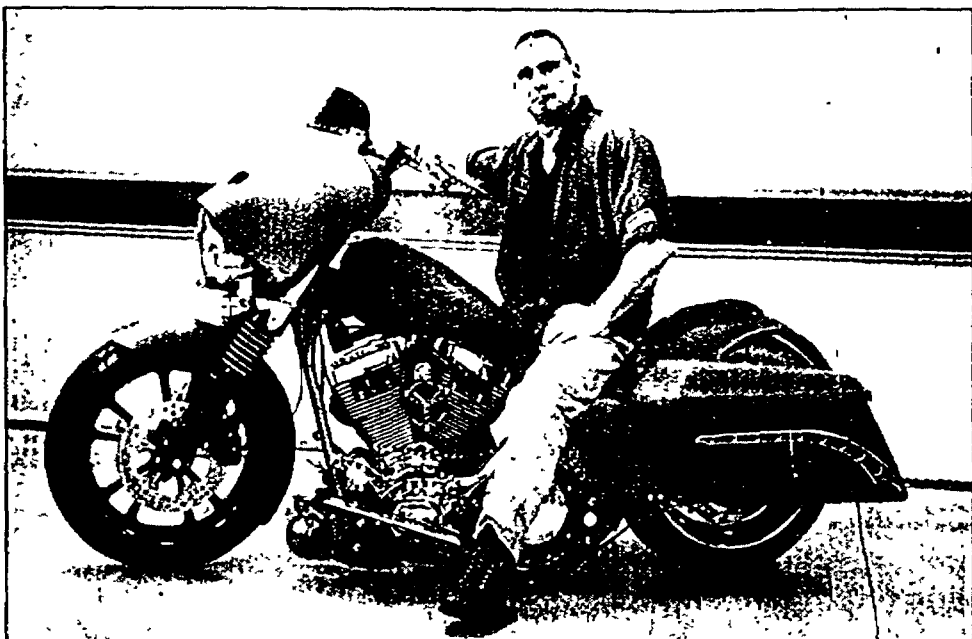
# Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet rolls into Novi on Sunday

**DETAILS**  
Thousands of motorcycle buyers are expected to pack the 95,000-plus square foot exhibition area from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for ages 6-12. Car parking is \$5. People who want to skip the lines and get in 30 minutes earlier can buy them in advance online at [www.motorcycleswap.com](http://www.motorcycleswap.com). The Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Ave in Novi and can be accessed using three convenient exits off I-96 - exits 159, 160 or 162. For more information on the swap meet call 800-968-4242 or visit [www.motorcycleswap.com](http://www.motorcycleswap.com).

The Midwest's largest collection of motorcycle vendors under one roof will converge with thousands of bikers on Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Suburban Collection Showplace, formerly known as Rock Financial Showplace, to buy, sell and swap motorcycles, parts, accessories and experiences. Despite the massive snow fall there is hope that spring is around the corner. Bikers with cabin fever turning to spring fever will arrive in droves clad from head-to-toe in leather and sporting bandanas, vests cluttered with pins collected from rides or events from across the country, and T-shirts that make a statement or prove "I've been there and seen that," said event director Chad Dutmers.

Tony Lamantia of Tony Chrome Customs of Westland will be displaying his newest creation, called Fat Ass Bagger. "It's an amazing one-of-a-kind bike," said Dutmers. "It has an air bag system allowing the bike to kneel to the ground supporting itself without a kickstand."

Lamantia has had some fun with it even while parked. "I have a remote control with actuators in the saddle bags' lids and can make them open and close at the push of a button. People stop dead in their tracks when they see this bike move on its own," said Lamantia. "It originally was a 2003 Harley Davidson Electra



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FR/SAT LS 11:20

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11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

◊ 3D SANCTUM (R)  
\$2.50 PREMIUM PER 3D TICKET  
11:00, 1:35, 4:10, 6:40, 9:05  
FR/SAT LS 11:30

THE RITE (PG-13)  
FR/SUN WED 11:30, 4:30, 9:25  
FR/SAT LS 11:50 SAT 9:25 TH 11:30, 4:30

THE MECHANIC (R)  
FR/SUN WED 2:10, 7:10  
SAT 7:10 WED 2:10

THE KING'S SPEECH (R) 11:15, 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20 FR/SAT LS 11:50

NO STRINGS ATTACHED (R) 11:40 2:15 4:40, 7:05 9:30 FR/SAT LS 11:55

Glide Standard that we completely stripped down to the frame. We widened the frame and swing arm 6 inches to allow for a 260mm rear tire... hence the name Fat Ass Bagger.

The Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet, for the past 36 years, is famous for offering everything for rider or machine for men and women who love to ride motorcycles and the lifestyle -- whether it's street, dirt or touring. The hard-core biker or the casual rider will find what they need and at swap meet prices.

When riding season arrives bikers begin the process of replacing worn, damaged or obsolete chrome, paint, seats, parts, tires and apparel. You don't find these items at the mall, you find them at the Giant

Motocycle Swap Meet. "With nearly one out of every four bikers in the U.S. living in Michigan and its four border states, the nine swap meets we sponsor give bikers the chance to be around other bikers and to support the economic interests that are vital to keeping the industry strong," said Dutmers. "We love to showcase Michigan-made bike builders and suppliers as much as possible. Our bread and butter is the Michigan biker."

The swap meet will feature the largest collection of motorcycle vendors under one roof in the Midwest. Cyclists attending will see new '11 bikes as well as used bikes -- street, dirt, metric, touring, cruising, trikes, choppers, custom bikes, and trailers.

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Brighton Center for the Performing Arts

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**(810) 299-4130**

Jeff Daniels — actor, singer and songwriter — is a true Michigan treasure. After growing up in nearby Chelsea, he found success on stage and in the movies. But he didn't leave home preferring to raise his family in his solid Midwestern hometown where he created the popular Purple Rose Theatre Company.

Now thanks to the Brighton Rotary he's bringing his one-man show, "An Evening with Jeff Daniels," to Livingston County. He'll bring his guitar and his clever and often touching songs to the Brighton Center for the Performing Arts at Brighton High School on March 19.

Reserved tickets are only \$30, a great price for a show of this quality and can be purchased through the Brighton Community Education office at (810) 299-4130 ext. 0 Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Community Ed office in the Miller Intergenerational Center 850 Spencer Road, Brighton.

The Daily Press & Argus is the major media sponsor for this special performance.

— Rich Perlberg, Daily Press & Argus, January 23, 2011

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### NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

#### Home invasion reported

**1** A 63-year-old resident of W. Whipple Drive told police that someone tried to break into his home between 6 a.m. Jan. 16 and 3:20 p.m. on Feb. 1.

A patrol vehicle was dispatched due to a suspicious circumstance. Police spoke to the owner's son, who stopped to check on the location and retrieve his parents' snow thrower.

He saw a broken glass panel on one door and a shotgun case on the floor near the door with the shotgun inside.

The rest of the home remained in order. The son also found the main entry door unlocked. He has a brother in the area, and he was asked to discover if he had been at the residence since the parents were in Florida. The estimate to repair the broken glass in the wood and glass panel door was \$20.

#### Larceny of mail

**2** A 32-year-old resident of Springwater Drive told police that some mail was missing from her mailbox between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 1. Upon leaving her residence, she checked her mailbox and noticed that her W-2 forms as well as two additional letters were inside. She decided to go run some errands and pick up the mail upon returning home. However, when she returned a few hours later the mail was gone.

The woman spoke with a neighbor who told her that she has had problems with mail theft and now has a lock on her mailbox.

#### Drug possession

**3** A 22-year-old Northville Township man was arrested for possession of narcotics and drug paraphernalia at 12:55 a.m. on Feb. 3 at Haggerty and Five Mile roads.

An officer watched as a car exited a provide driveway on the west side of Lake Point Plaza and the Hidden Cove condominium complex without stopping before coming out onto Five Mile Road. He stopped the vehicle and could smell burning marijuana coming from inside the car. The driver, a 25-year-old Detroit woman, denied there was any in the car. The passenger said he had smoked some while at work earlier.

Police found a silver metal marijuana grinder in the console armrest, which the man admitted was his. He also had an outstanding warrant out of Redford Township for failure to appear. The driver was issued a violation for failing to stop exiting a private drive.

#### Driving without license

**4** A 34-year-old Romeo man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 12:14 p.m. on Feb. 4 at Oxford Court and Sherwood Lane.

The violation was found on patrol when officers noticed he had the old style blue/white Michigan plates on the vehicle.

#### Driving on suspended

**5** A 24-year-old woman who lives on Innsbrook Drive at Seven Mile was arrested for driving on a suspended drivers license at 12:56 a.m. on Feb. 5.

While on patrol, the officer noticed that the woman's license has been suspended and that the plate was expired.

#### Wallet stolen

**6** An 84-year-old Farmington Hills woman told police that she had her wallet stolen at Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 4.

The wallet contained a credit card, driver's license and about \$75 in cash. The woman thought the wallet might have been stolen in the bottle return area. The wallet was valued at about \$10.

#### Retail fraud at CVS

**7** Police were dispatched at 3:53 p.m. on Feb. 4 about a retail fraud incident at CVS Pharmacy at 44300 Five Mile Road.

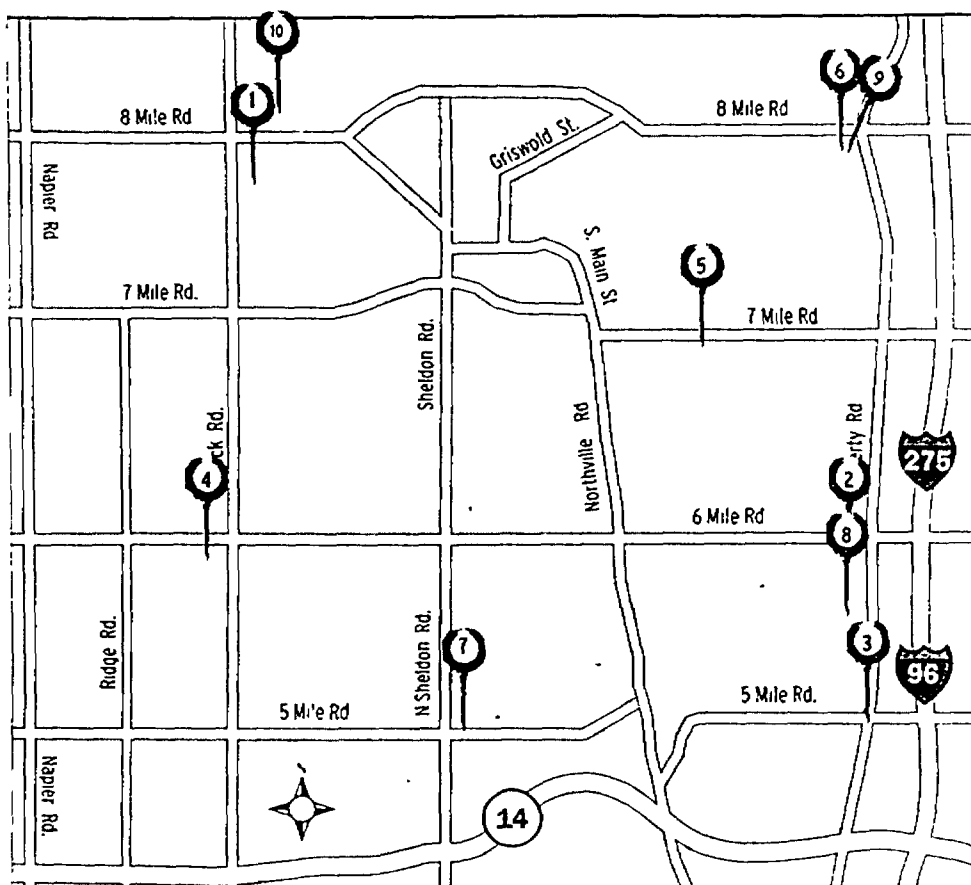
The store manager said a man had taken three TV/DVD sets and a pack of cigarettes before running out of the store without paying. The manager said the same person had just been in the night before and stole a DVD player, which had not been reported yet.

The Craig TV/DVD combos were valued at \$99.99 each. The pack of Newport cigarettes were valued at \$6.05, and the Craig DVD player was valued at \$30.

#### Operating under influence

**8** A 22-year-old Livonia woman was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol at 3:50 a.m. on Feb. 5 at Dun Rovin Drive and Forest Lake Drive.

Police were dispatched to the after a caller, who lives in the area, reported that a vehicle was parked and had its four-way hazard lamps on near



the intersection for at least 40 minutes.

The front half of the vehicle was off the roadway and trapped in the snow. A male passenger admitted that he had been drinking, but didn't know if the driver had been. Police then learned that she has just vomited out the window from drinking too much alcohol. She was also nude from the waist down.

When asked, she said she had consumed three drinks with Grey Goose Vodkas while at George's Senate Coney Island. Her speech was slurred, and her eyes were bloodshot and glossy.

Her blood alcohol was almost twice the illegal limit of .08 percent.

#### Retail fraud at Meijer

**9** An 18-year-old Northville man was arrested for retail fraud at 7:35 p.m. on Feb. 5 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road.

Loss prevention watched as the man selected three bottles of liquor. He then concealed them

into a blue shoulder bag he brought into the store. The liquor was valued at \$56.74—Evan Williams Whiskey; Captain Morgan Rum and Silver 1800 Tequila.

#### Home invasion

**10** A 55-year-old resident of Dunsany Road reported a home invasion that occurred on or between 6 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 21.

The woman's daughter arrived home first and noticed the front door was standing wide open.

Then she noticed that her mother's computer was missing, her jewelry box was open and compartment trays were pulled out and sitting on a dresser. Drawers were also ajar.

The computer was valued at \$700. A silver necklace belonging to the daughter was valued at \$95. Assorted coins were valued at \$200.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

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Did you know that roughly 1 in 10 people living in Michigan can suffer from depression in the winter months?

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PrimeCare of Novi is going to present a lecture on SAD and will have some tips that can help you or someone you know have a more pleasant winter!

**February 15th • 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm**  
**Providence Park Outpatient Medical Building**  
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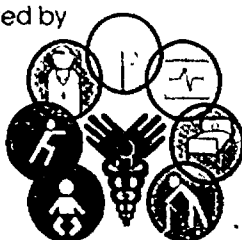
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## OUR VIEWS

### Winter woes? Get outside and enjoy the season's beauty

Regardless of what the groundhog predicts each year, winter isn't officially over for another five and a half weeks.

That seems like a long time from now, especially when we look around at all the snow on the ground.

What's a winter-weary Northville or Novi resident to do?

Get outside and enjoy the white stuff!

Winter seems to fly by fast for those who participate in cold weather recreational activities like downhill and cross country skiing, ice fishing, snowmobiling and ice skating.

If that's not your cup of tea, try putting on a pair of warm, sturdy boots and taking a walk around the block or building a snowman with your children or grandchildren in the front yard. That can be enough to cure a case of cabin fever.

Many people say they used to like winter when they were young, but they dislike it more and more the older they get. That may be because they used to play outside when they were children but hunker down inside now that they're adults. Of course, snow makes driving more difficult and dangerous, but there are more days than not when the roads are clear and dry and it's safe to venture out.

Michigan is blessed with four seasons, each one distinctly beautiful. This time of year, our state is a winter wonderland.

The scenery through a picture window — especially with a roaring fire in the room — is something to behold. But it's even more breathtakingly beautiful up close.

When was the last time you studied the intricacies of a single snowflake on your fingertip, watched an icicle take form as the sun melted and shaped it, or followed the tracks of a cottontail rabbit or other small woodland animal in the snow?

You don't have to rent a cabin Up North in the woods to enjoy what nature has to offer — these experiences can be as close as your back yard or the neighborhood park. And the Northville/Novi area has plenty of places — like Maybury, Community and Hines parks and Walled Lake — to go.

Rather than begrudge the rest of winter, enjoy it by going outside. The weeks will fly and spring will be here in no time.

### Don't say 'snow-way'

Some Northville/Novi residents may still be digging out after last week's blizzard that brought about a snow emergency. So what exactly does the declaration of a snow emergency mean to residents and business owners? (You'll want to know because chances are pretty good in this state that we'll have another.)

The basic premise of declaring a snow emergency is twofold. First, officials want residents to get their cars off the streets as soon as possible so workers can start plowing local roads. Second, they want to remind residents and business owners of their responsibility to clear sidewalks of snow.

Northville and Novi, to some extent, are walkable communities and should remain that way despite snowstorms. It does little good for half of the residents to clear their sidewalks if the other half don't make the effort. And no one wants to shop in a store if they have to trudge through heavy snow just to make it to the front door. So take proper precautions, but do your best to get the car off the street and into your driveway soon after a snowstorm. And clear the sidewalks so children can once again walk to school and your neighbor can get to the corner store, pharmacy or bakery with ease.

Whenever a major storm or blizzard, it is important to remember that the community has many seniors who are unable to shovel snow. That is where the true helping spirit of Northville/Novi comes in. If every able-bodied homeowner with a snowblower helped a senior or two clean up after a storm, the entire township would be back in business in short order.

Anyone who knows a shut-in should check on them after a major storm too. There is a good chance they may need basic necessities like milk and bread, so an offer to pick them up a few items would be greatly appreciated.

Being a responsible citizen and kind neighbor is especially important after a major storm. So take a minute to go outside and assess your neighborhood. Pay special attention to that neighbor who rarely gets out. If his or her property is still snowed in and there aren't any footprints leading to the front door, pay a visit and offer to help. After all, that type of kindness is exactly what sets the Northville/Novi area apart.

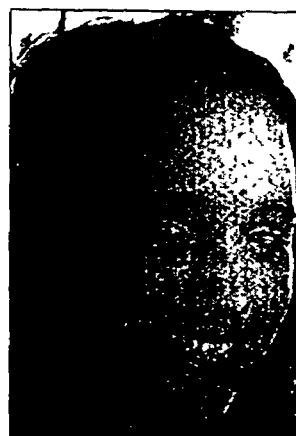
## COMMUNITY VOICE

We asked Hillside Middle Schoolers - What do you like best about winter?



"I like playing outside in the snow, doing snowball fights and going sledding."

Shae Bradley  
Seventh grade



"I like 'snow days, sledding and skiing. That's pretty much it."

Shannon Leary  
Seventh grade



"Sometimes the best part (of winter) is when there's no school. Snow and ice are good, but they can make travel by bus kind of dangerous."

Jason Wang  
Eighth grade



"I would definitely have to say 'snow days' and going skiing. Skiing's fun because you get to see things rush by."

Joey Youngman  
Eighth grade

## LETTERS

### Red Kettle kudos

The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps would like to thank the following groups and people for their help in reaching 95 percent of its goal in the Red Kettle Campaign: \$201,839 was collected in the kettles this season and an additional amount was mailed in to bringing the total to over \$295,000. Our goal is \$315,000 and the end of January marks the completion of the campaign. A donor thank you open house will be held at the Plymouth Corps on Sunday, Jan. 23, from 2-5 p.m. The Corps is located at 9451 S. Main St. at Ann Arbor Road. All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to come.

John Romanik; Jay Moore; Jim McMichael; Deborah Southworth; Dave Favro; Bridgit Dunn; Northville National Honor Society; First Presbyterian Church of Northville; First United Methodist Church of Northville; Our Lady of Victory; Dave McKillop; Meadowbrook Congregational Church; Dave Jerome and Bronco Softball; Northville Mothers' Club Life Members; Moraine Elementary School; Cooke School and Larry Friedlander; Cub Scout Pack 746 and Sue Tracz; Cub Scout Pack 721, Den 4; Carol Livermore; Ron Bush; Charlie Cox; Marge & Dave Longridge; Alan Somershoe; JoAnn Harris; Tom Watkins; Betty Kaiser; Joan Bahl and Susan Couzens; John Carter; Les Lindenmuth; John & Mary Jane Brugeman; Sue and Ken Coakley; Jerry Olsen; Bill and Pat Longley; Paul and Tamara Stiles; Mary Culik and Bob Sharrar; Fran Firek; Mary Champagne; Judy Kohl and Tracy Darrow; Paul Zimmerman; Morgan Hehrig; John and Jan Jameson; Carolyn Nieuwkoop and Amy Knox; Renee Sanker and Becky Winzenreid; Regina Mingela; Janice Seluk and Stephanie Iverson; Elise, Skye and Amber Hydet; Fran Oakland; Sandy Woolfall and Kathy Zimmerman; Jim Dehaan and Edie Paradowski; Mary Ware; Walter Saunders and Suzanne Dobozy; Pat Stringer; Henry and Liz Morelli; Marilyn Robison and Linda Clark; Andy and JoAnn Dalziel; Lisa and JoAnn Rennelt; Susie Rompet; Sarah Elssesser; Meg and Andrew Michalak; Barbara Howell; Lauren and Charlie Romeo; Barb VanderMass and Debbie Galloway; Dave and Chrys Kohl; Jeff

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

E-mail: cstone@gannett.com.

Read or comment online: [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)

Deadline: Letters must be received by 10 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

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and Jenda Mills; Mike Edgerton; Cheryl Mattingly; Joy Colizzi; Martha Nield; Chuck and Pam Burke; Frank and Lynn Balog; Linda Busse; Denise Taylor; Shawn Kruszewski; Dianne Hubbard and Madeline Crawford; Sara, Peyton, Aidan, Steve and Taylor Ryan; Michelle Ryan; Bob Anthony and Samantha Bayer; Mary Stapleton; Tom and Kathy Smith; Michelle Fecht and family; Bo Hall and Spencer and Jolie; Donna Lowrey; John Pitcher; Michelle Katynski and Jeff Lane.

Judy Kohl

Northville Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign coordinator

### Jet crash info wanted

Chatting with NHS classmates from the 1960s and memorable events in Northville. A jet fighter crashed in town in either the fire chief's or police chief's back yard. Amazingly, no one was injured. I actually saw the pilot bail out and the plane crash. I think the Northville Record's headline was "JET HITS NORTHVILLE".

Does anyone remember exactly when it happened and more details.

Al Spaeth (e-mail: [als@bosberg.co.za](mailto:als@bosberg.co.za))  
South Africa

### Outrageous! Illogical! Unfair!

Can anybody (i.e. government) explain or justify the inequity inherent in the prevailing system for levying charges for city water and sewage disposal?

Who is able or is willing to justify a flat sewer rate that is often higher than rates charged for water and sewer combined when all meaningful factors are equal?

It is incredible that my combined water and sewer bills are almost equal to the individual sewer bills of our neighbors who depend on well water and use no city water.

In 2010, one of our neighbors paid as much for sewer as we paid for water and sewer, and the house had been empty for the year!

Many of our neighbors, who have wells, paid \$420.00 for sewer in the last 12 months. In that period we paid \$140.32 for sewer. Our water bill for that period was \$270.23 for a total of \$412.33.

Either the water fairy is providing us with 48,000 gallons of water at no charge or my neighbors are being penalized for maintaining a well and not buying water from the city. Very often, financial circumstances determine one's choice to tap or not tap into city water. Do not infer that I am seeking an increase in my water bill. But I do insist that an injustice is being committed against my neighbors and anyone else who prefers the independence a well provides, or, perhaps, they can't afford the cost of a city water tap-in. Is this a not so subtle effort to coerce these homeowners to cap their wells and buy city water?

The irony of the situation is that but a few years ago we were pummeled with pleas to cut down on water usage. Our conservation backfired.

The ensuing drop in consumption now necessitates higher rates to compensate for lost revenues.

I'm mad as hell, and I'm but a minor casualty of the perennial water war. It's surprising that well water users throughout the county haven't taken to the streets with pitchforks in hand. Ahhh, another era, another place...

Patrick Downey  
Novi

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



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

### Letters to the Northville Record Editor

As a person, I think Mr. Nowka can be a very nice guy. It really is too bad that on here he sounds like a mega-phone that shouts over everyone else's point of view and would never listen to an opposing viewpoint. My Father told me that it was like that in Nazi Germany, too. As a government employee I find it offensive to listen to him blaming local, state and federal workers who take "Pride" in their jobs at wages that in most cases are not "livable" in today's economy. He has no idea how demanding and cruel people can be when dealing with us. In my case, I am the person that assists you when you need help with an aging parent or dealing with per-

sonal issues of their own aging. Most of the time having to deal with supervisors and local boards and taxpayers who love taking out their personal frustrations on you! For some reason the public feels it is OK to take out their aggressions on us because they feel "Entitled" to do so. I accept it all with a smile and a "You're welcome."

peterC203

Where did he bash workers? I saw him bash elected officials. I saw him bash unions. There's nothing wrong with that. So writing a letter that you disagree with makes someone akin to a Nazi? He's shouting over everyone else's point of view? How exactly does one do that while writing their own letter to the editor? Is he supposed to

intersperse opposing opinions within his 400-word limit? Do you want a Fairness Doctrine applied to people's letters? Should people not be allowed to express their opinion in a letter? Did someone say no one can write a letter opposing his opinions? By the by, the fact that you are expressing your opinion on here shows that he is not shouting over everyone else's opinion. Because he doesn't agree with you means he would never listen to an opposing opinion? I guess you believe listening to an opposing opinion means changing your own to agree with that opinion. There is nothing Naziesque in that letter, and you using that analogy is sickening. Shame on you.

DTspringo





Alan Reppke walks his beagle "Stitch" along the snow-covered sidewalks of Northville's Dunlap Street on Wednesday morning. By 11 a.m., the snow had temporarily stopped, but it picked up again a couple hours later.

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Novi resident Bigan Sedjhi clears his home's driveway on Wednesday afternoon. By that time, about eight inches had fallen on the area - with a bit more to come later in the day.



Northville resident Bob Sochacki uses a snow-thrower to clear his neighbor's sidewalk near Dunlap Street on Wednesday morning.

A car moves along a still-snow covered Dunlap Street in downtown Northville on Wednesday morning. By 11 a.m., plows had cleared most streets in Northville of the majority of the precipitation.



### Please join us for the PLYMOUTH BRIDAL SHOW

Sunday,  
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## LOCAL

### Northville High School's Rotary Interact Benefit Fashion Show

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11  
**Location:** Northville High School Auditorium  
**Details:** This event is a benefit to raise money for Northville Civic Concern and is sponsored by Northville High School's community service club, Rotary Interact. The Fashion Show includes Northville High School student models and live performances, including local band Good Luck Varsity. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

### Frog & Toad Survey Workshop

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 12  
**Location:** Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 North Haggerty Road  
**Details:** Friends of the Rouge volunteer training for the annual volunteer Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey begins with the first workshop of four identical workshops for volunteers willing to survey their Rouge neighborhood for frogs and toads this spring. Additional workshops are being held in March; volunteers need attend only ONE.

**Contact:** Sign up at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org) or call 313-792-9621.

### Northville & Novi Garden Club Meeting

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14  
**Location:** Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady  
**Details:** The topic will be "Bees-sweet-er than Honey" with Dave Zurek.  
**Contact:** Fran Gunderson (248) 349-6457

### DAR Good Citizen Award

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. Feb. 21  
**Location:** Plymouth District Library, Main Street, Plymouth (734)453-0750  
**Details:** "Today's DAR" A Video presentation promoting the valuable benefits of the DAR experience in local communities.  
**Contact:** (734)453-0750

### Northville Community Senior Center Winter Concert Series - Six Week Entertainment Series

**Time/Date:** 2 p.m. Sundays through Feb. 20  
**Location:** Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street, Northville  
**Contact:** Suzie Johnson (248) 349-4140 x.1943  
**Details:** The Senior Adult Services reserves the right to cancel due to inclement weather or circumstances beyond control; \$3 at the door. Feb. 13 - Impersonator Jerry Connelly is back by popular demand! "A Walk Down Memory Lane" is a tribute to a variety of artists from the 50's and 60's; \$3.  
**Feb. 20 - Girls' Night Out Valentine's Day Party**  
**Time/Date:** 2:30-4 p.m. Feb. 14

**Location:** Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street, Northville  
**Details:** Limited space; cake truffle demo; sampling; music; and give-aways; \$5.

### Northville/Novi Students Relay For Life

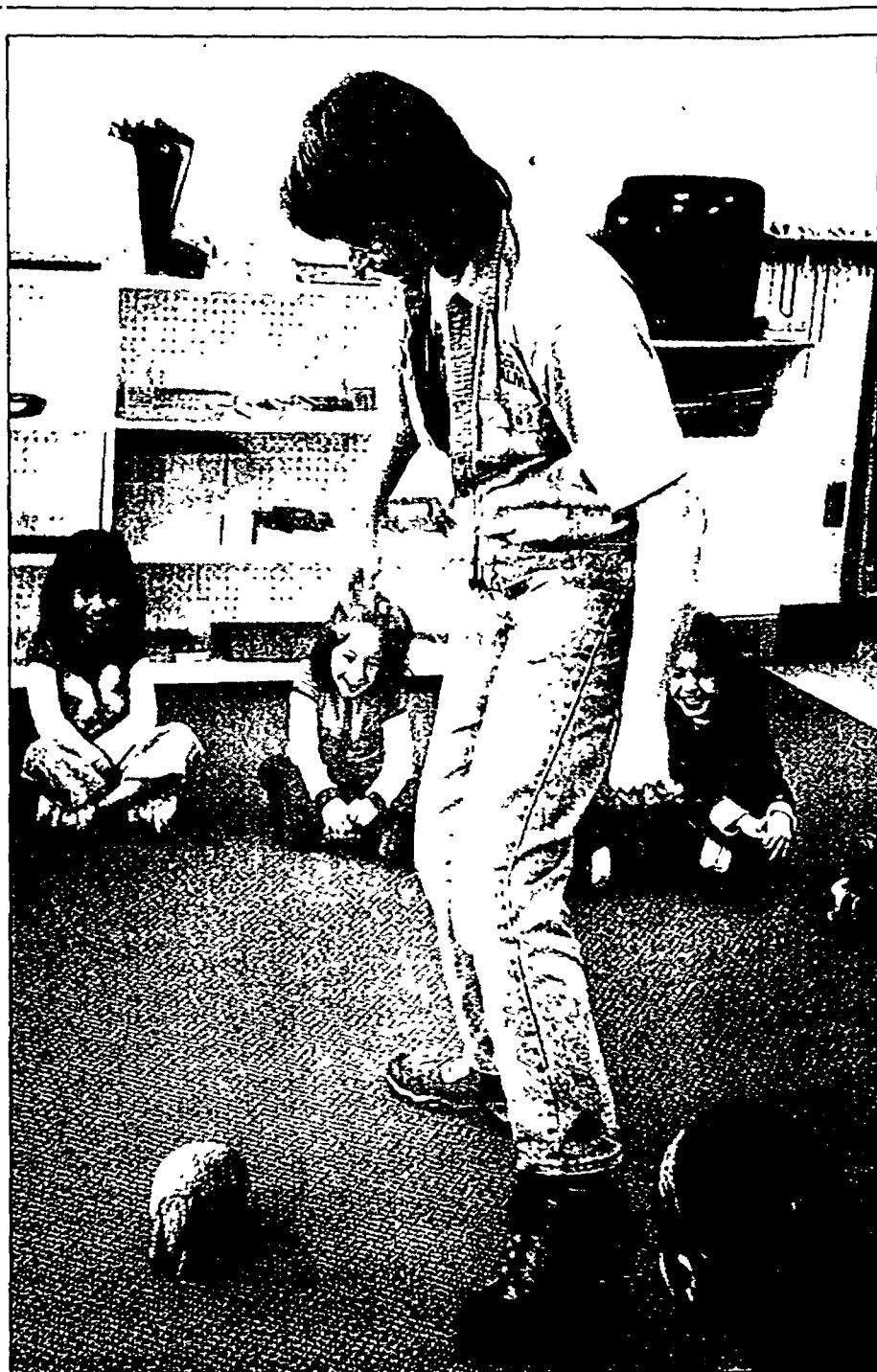
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-10 a.m. Saturday, March 12-Sunday March 13  
**Location:** Suburban Collections Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
**Details:** This 24-hour event is to raise money for The American Cancer Society. At Relay For Life, teams of people camp and take turns walking or running around a path. There will also be food, live entertainment, and family fun. Everyone is welcome. This Relay is special because it is the only high school run Relay For Life in the United States.  
**Contact:** (248) 663-3410 or visit [www.RelayForLife.org/nstudentsmi](http://www.RelayForLife.org/nstudentsmi) for more information.

### American Legion

**Location:** Northville American Legion Lloyd H. Green Post 147, 100 W. Dunlap  
**Contact:** [www.americanlegionpost147.org](http://www.americanlegionpost147.org).  
**Slider Nite**  
**Time/Date:** 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Details:** Open to the public (including children); \$1.50 each for a slide or fries.  
**Steak & Rib Nite**  
**Time/Date:** 5:30-8 p.m. every first and third Fridays of the month  
**Details:** public welcome  
**Contact:** Cris Doering, Auxiliary president, (734) 756-7043

### The Art House

**Location:** 215 W. Cady St., Northville  
**Contact:** Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org)  
for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering.  
**Hours:** 1-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-9 p.m.



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## Science Alive

Terri Neil, of Science Alive, dances around an engerctic three-banded armadillo during her Feb. 8 visit to the Novi Northville Montessori School. Neil brought along a wide variety of animals including a ball python, common chicken and the desert-dwelling armadillo.

on first Fridays of each month  
**Details:** Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.  
**"Art from the Attic" Fundraiser**  
**Date:** Feb. 25-27  
**Details:** Donated art accepted Feb.

20, 2-5 p.m.; Feb. 21, 3-5 p.m.; or by appointment. Preview Opening Sale and Reception Feb. 25, 6- 9 p.m.; \$10 advance tickets. Preview sale sponsored by Table 5 Restaurant and Ameriprise Financial. Public art sale Feb. 26, 9-4 p.m.; and Feb. 27,

12-4 p.m.  
**5th Annual Member Exhibition**  
**Time/Date:** opening reception 6-9 p.m. Feb. 4  
**Details:** Free exhibit continues through Feb. 19 during regular hours

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## MEETINGS

### Northville Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Old Village School

### City of Northville CITY COUNCIL

Date: First and third Monday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

### DOWNTOWN Development AUTHORITY MEETING

Date: Third Tuesday of each month

Time: 8 a.m.

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

Contact: downtownnorthville.com

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: First and third Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall

### HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

### HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: City Hall

### ARTS COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

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Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

### BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION



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## Tax help

AARP tax filer helper Michele Demers helps George Katros with his 2010 taxes on Feb. 3 at the Northville Community Senior Center. AARP is sponsoring free assistance aimed at, but not limited to, seniors at the center every Thursday until April 7. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the center at (248) 349-4140.

Date: First Monday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.

Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

### Northville Township PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Last Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Third Thursday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

### BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

### YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Date: Second Tuesday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

## SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center

Location: 303 W. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-4140

### THURSDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m. TOPS; Massage by appt.

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11 a.m.: Cribbage

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

### FRIDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie

### MONDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance;

Oxycise

11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

### TUESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

### WEDNESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxycise

11 a.m.: Strength Training

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Bridge; Walking Club

1 p.m.: Cribbage

7 p.m.: Bridge

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Amerman Elementary School student Mustafa Rao hangs out with a chukwalla during a Wednesday lunchtime Critter Club gathering in teacher Jeff Lightfoot's room. About a dozen kids gather on Wednesdays to help take care of the nearly 30 mammals, reptiles and insects that populate the cages in Lightfoot's room. The chukwalla is native to the southwest U.S.

## CRITTERS

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food on the floor or their desk," he said. Hand sanitizer is also nearby, and an air purifier is used.

The Critter Club is for fifth-graders at Amerman. But students in other grades can ask a teacher or the principal about joining, Lightfoot said. Lightfoot's classroom features 61 plants, too, including cactus, his favorite.

Even though he teaches science three times a day, "I do not consider this (his classroom) a science room," Lightfoot said. "I'm just teaching kids how to learn."

"I have believed in teaching with extrinsic methods instead of intrinsic ones since 1968," he said. This is his 43rd year teaching in Northville.

"I want an environment that kids want to be a part of," Lightfoot said. "I want a room that invites the kids."

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Jeff Lightfoot holds a bunch of African hissing cockroaches in his Amerman classroom.



As teacher Jeff Lightfoot holds a small ball python, a student hangs on to a squirming snake during a Wednesday afternoon's "Critter Club" meeting.



A guinea pig rests on a book in Jeff Lightfoot's room during their Critter Club meeting.



Ella Heimitz hangs out with a couple of bearded dragons during the Critter Club meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at Amerman Elementary.

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## WEDDING

### Ossola & Hughes

Margaret Allison Ossola of Northville and Thomas Michael Hughes, Jr. of Livonia were married Aug. 7, 2010, in St. Johns Chapel, Plymouth, with Father Daniel Murphy officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Mary Jane Ossola of Northville. She is a 2006 graduate of Indiana University and teaches first grade at All Saints Catholic School, Canton. Her attendants were maid of honor Ashley Simpson, sister of bride; and bridesmaids (all friends of bride) Emily Carbott, Kathleen Graham, Kristin Kolasa, Nicole Pawson and Kristin Roemer.

The groom is the son of Thomas and Yvonne Hughes of Northville. He is a 2009 graduate of Siena Heights University and is a fireman for Northville Township Fire Department. His attendants were best man Sean Hughes, brother of the groom; and groomsmen (all friends of the groom) Billy Adkins, Brandon Langston, Jesse Marcotte,



Margaret Ossola and Thomas Hughes, Jr.

Steve Shackelford and Brian Siriani.

A reception was held at The Inn at St. Johns, Plymouth. The couple honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii and reside in Livonia.

## NORK

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of corporate finance and administration experience, will oversee accounting and fiscal operations, facilities planning and management, human resources, purchasing, administrative policies and procedures, and investment, debt and risk for the university.

Nork replaces John L. Davis, who is retiring after more than 25 years' service to the university.

"Rick Nork's enthusiasm, experience and talents will make him an indispensable member of the university family," said WSU President Allan Gilmour. "I look forward to working with him to keep Wayne State a strong, efficient and progressive organization."

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Prior to his appointment, Nork was chief financial officer for Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC in Elyria, Ohio. Previously he held several executive management positions during his 10 years with Farmington Hills-based Robert Bosch Corp. and more than 16

years with General Electric Co.

"I'm honored by this opportunity to join the management team of such an outstanding university," Nork said. "Wayne State is committed to academic and operational standards that are a benchmark in the field of higher education. I look forward to contributing to the university's continued success."

A native of Pennsylvania, Nork grew up in Hazleton and went to school at Pennsylvania State University. He majored in accounting.

### ACTIVE AT HIS CHURCH

Nork has served as director of the Lifespan music ministry at Our Lady Of Good Counsel Catholic Church for more than eight years. He plays piano, and the group includes drums, bass, guitars, and trumpet with five female singers. "We do a Mass every Sunday at 5 p.m. that's geared more toward a high school audience," Nork said.

He also enjoys reading and travel. "We lived overseas (in Wales) for about three years before we moved to Northville," he said. His family has lived in Northville for nine years. They like the downtown

area, the school district and the library.

### FAMILY MATTERS

His wife, Martha, manages the Friends of the Northville Library Gift Shop and is on the Friends board. They have two children who graduated from Northville High School. Charlie, 24, graduated from Kalamazoo College and is now working on his master's degree in arts administration at Eastern Michigan University.

Their daughter, Libby, 20, attends Purdue University, has a double major in chemistry and education and wants to be a high school chemistry teacher. "I spent 30 years or so in corporate finance and administration roles," Nork said. "I wanted to do something different. Because of the scope of my job here I have an opportunity to have an impact on the overall educational experience of 30,000-plus students. I think that's powerful."

In addition, Wayne State University is involved in several initiatives to revitalize the Midtown area of Detroit, and he'll get to be involved in that as well.

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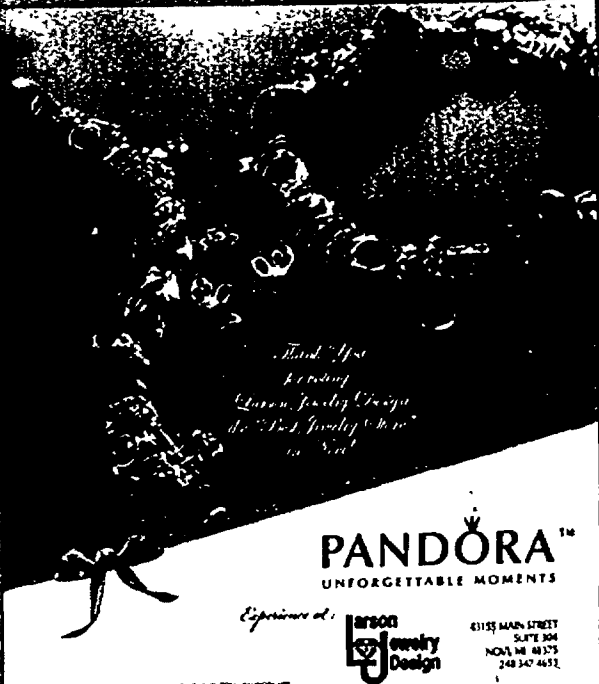
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# Mustangs fall to crosstown rivals

Novi playing at the top of its game

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

There is no doubt that the Novi Wildcats hockey team is playing phenomenal these days.

Unfortunately for the Northville Mustangs, that held true when the two teams met up last week, resulting in a loss for the Mustangs, 7-2.

"Novi is playing as well as any team in Michigan right now with recent eight goal mercy wins over Farmington and Livonia Churchill," noted Northville coach Jeff Hatley. "(Nolan) Valleau and (Joey) Ferris from Novi are two of the elite high school players in the state and they have a really good supporting cast around them. The team is well coached and we knew that it would be a huge challenge for us."

The Mustangs put up a fight, however, ending the first period trailing just 2-1 following a penalty that led to a power play goal by the Wildcats to end the first.

Novi scored first in the game on a shot by Zach Mohr, assisted by Valleau, before the Mustangs tied it up with a goal by Brady Marotta from Cole Brown and Robbie Thornburg.

But a mistake in execution and a penalty gave the

## ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys hockey team will be back in action when they play in the Showcase Invitational tomorrow at 2:15 p.m. and Saturday. The team will then visit South Lyon at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Wildcats a power play, which they took advantage of on a goal from Taylor Howell from Valleau and Brock Krygier.

"They had the momentum in the second period and pretty much put the game away," noted Hatley.

Novi scored three straight in the second, getting tallies from Jon Mencer, Michael Kruse and Ferris before the Mustangs were able to get their final score of the game to end the second. Thornburg found the back of the net with an assist from Matt Giordano on a power play to cut the lead to 6-2.

The Wildcats, however, tacked on a final goal in the third on a shot by Valleau. David Ketelhut and Sean Bretz split the game in net for Northville.

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



Mustang Riley Marotta, right.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Mustangs defeat Ladywood

Game showcases two of girls hockey league's top goalies

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It's always a good game when two stellar goalies face off.

That was evident last Friday when the Northville Mustangs girls hockey team took on the Ladywood Blazers at the Novi Ice Arena.

The leagues two best goalies, Northville's Avery Allman and Ladywood's Jessica Paverla, kept the game interesting as the Mustangs skated to a hard-fought 2-1 victory.

Along the way, Allman stopped 22 shots while Paverla turned back 38.

"We are having an excellent season and when we play aggressively we always win," said Northville coach Bill Holden. "We have a deep bench, four lines, and almost all of our opponents have two, a couple three. This has been an effective strategy for us these past few years."

Ladywood skated out fast and furious, scoring the first goal of the game as Virginia Matherly skated up the left side and cut across the front of the goal, her shot finding the top left corner of the goal for a 1-0 advantage.

It would be the last time any of the Blazers would get close to the Mustangs goal as defensemen Lindsey Kreichelt, Natalie Demuro and Kate Sell held them to only 15 shots on goal for the remaining two periods.

Northville tied the game with just 40 seconds remaining in the first as Lauren Grigg came in hard from the left side and slid the puck between Paverla's pads to knot it up, 1-1.

Northville controlled the tempo throughout the second period, including a six-minute stretch during which the Mustangs had 14 unanswered shots on goal. Krista Oldham, Cloe Page, Paige McGuirk and Morgan Malloy each hit the post, while Carly Morrell and Kristi Karcher were each robbed of goals on two surprising saves by Paverla.

Northville fought through a very physical third period that was choked full of roughing penalties before Katelyn Meek picked up a rebound off a Gabby Guibord shot and fired it home for the game winner. Allison Holden assisted on the play.

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

## ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will be back in action when they host Mercy Saturday at 5:30 p.m. All Northville girls attending middle or elementary school will receive free admission.



Swimming backstroke, Mustang Ryan Winkler swims the first part of Northville's 200 yard medley relay on Jan. 27.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Mustangs beat Novi, Stevenson

Tankers showcase their talent, depth with two victories

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It was a pretty good week for the Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team.

The squad, coached by Rich Bennetts, earned an always-thrilling victory over Novi, 100-86, before securing a 103-83 victory over rival Livonia Stevenson. Not all was perfect, however, with the team taking a tough 117-69 loss to one of the best programs in the

## ON TAP

Northville will be back in the pool today when they host Brighton at 6:30 p.m.

state, Saline.

"Saline is a great team who is just flat out better than we are," said Bennetts. "We swam awful today. Thankfully we had just enough to nip Stevenson, but we will have to put this one in the

rear-view mirror and move on."

One highlight from the meet, which was a "double dual" that also featured Stevenson along with Saline, was a first-place finish by Kevin Bain. Bain, the team's top diver, wowed the judges to earn a 279.4 and the victory.

Against Novi, however, the Mustangs swam much better, earning their ninth-straight win over the Wildcats and securing

Please see SWIMMING, B3

# Northville cheer team coming on strong

Squad preparing for postseason

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It's been a good year to be a Northville Mustang cheerleader.

The squad, coached by Mindy Gentz, has recorded a 4-0 record so far this season as they prepare themselves for the Michigan High School Athletic Association district tournament.

The squad's record helped them secure their second-straight KLAA Central Division title.

"Each week the team continues to improve," said Gentz. "Our sights are set on the MHSAA District now. The entire season ultimately comes down to this meet."

The team's most recent meet was the KLAA Kensington Conference final with the Mustangs finding themselves finishing in fourth place. The squad posted a final score of 717-516, qualifying them for the top pool for the KLAA Association championship tournament next week.

But Northville will be using the tournament as a good way to prepare for the district, which is their real goal in the next week.

"The top four teams (in the district) will advance to the MHSAA Regional," said Gentz. "We intend to be one of the teams that moves on."

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# Stirton secures 100th win through hard work, dedication

## Senior captain looking forward to postseason and beyond

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Ian Stirton isn't the type of athlete who was preoccupied with counting how many wins he had under his belt — his focus is typically the match on hand, not what has come before or is yet to be.

In fact, it wasn't until Stirton was getting ready to step onto the mat against a 119-pound wrestler from South Lyon on January 12 that his coaches even mentioned it to him.

"Before the match, my coaches told me that I was one win away from the big 100," said Stirton, who is a team captain in his fourth season as a varsity wrestler. "I tried to worry more about focusing on getting the pin for the team, rather than getting the victory for myself."

Team has always been something that has come first for Stirton. He not only worked his way up from a freshman grappler who weighed in at 103 pounds and earning just five wins, he worked his way into being a leader by example to each and every wrestler on the team.

"As impressive as his win-loss record is, his leadership on a very young team has been the best I have seen in all my years of coaching," said Northville head coach Bob Boshoven. "Ian has the ability to be an inspirational leader, a leader by example and a vocal leader. Not only does he have all three abilities, he has the knowledge and people skills to know when to use each. Our young, inexperienced team has made enormous strides for-



Stirton

ward this year. Ian has been a major factor in our growth."

And while Stirton's focus in that particular match was on his team and getting the pin to

help toward the overall victory, it was his 100th victory nonetheless.

Stirton, having pushed himself to the limit yet again to earn victory, sat on the bench and listened as someone working the head table announced that he had reached the century mark.

"I was glad to finally reach 100 wins," Stirton admitted. "It really felt like that hard work was starting to pay off."

Hard work is what has defined Stirton's career.

Even when other grapplers are enjoying the off-season, he's busy trying to improve himself. His pre-match ritual finds Stirton remembering the intensity of the 14-day wrestling camp he attended over the summer. He uses it to pump himself up, to tentatively remind himself that he is prepared and ready to win.

"I like to remind myself of the hard work I put in during the off-season to prepare myself for the upcoming match," he said. "I find this helps me focus."

The wrestling team is entering the Michigan High School Athletic Association post-season and Stirton has his eye on the individual districts and his goal of reaching the top eight in his weight class in the state



Mustang wrestler Ian Stirton, left, spars with teammate Travis Compo.

finals.

"In order to prepare for individual districts, I have been putting a lot more work into keeping myself in shape," said the senior. "I have also gone to other schools in order to get used to wrestling people with different styles. My coaches have also played a big role in preparation. They have really

pushed me in practice, and helped me analyze some of my previous matches to help me improve."

What Stirton's fate is beyond his 100th win is anyone's guess. The individual districts and states are uncertain, as is Stirton about his choice of college as he ponders attending Michigan State University

or trying to walk on as a wrestler at Grand Valley State University.

There is one thing that is absolutely for certain: No matter who Stirton ends up wrestling, if he wins or loses,

or what college he attends, he'll give 100 percent along the way.

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

## SWIMMING

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Bennett's 100th dual meet victory as a head coach in Northville. Bennett's current record stands at 100-18-1 with a 9-2-1 mark against Novi.

"It is pretty special," noted Bennetts of the 100th win. "Novi is a much-improved team this year and they will be in the mix at the conference meet, that is for sure. But it is always nice to continue to beat your rival, especially at their place. The boys will enjoy this one."

Northville took first place in the 200 medley relay with a team of Ryan Winkler, Bofang Zhang, Will Greenlee and Spencer Miller.

The first places kept coming with Northville snagging the top spot in the 50 free thanks

to a 22.5-second swim by Greenlee, who also took first in the 100 butterfly in 55.12 seconds. Bath was once again the top diver, earning 284.7 points from the judges, while Tim Shea captured first in the grueling 500 freestyle in 5:04.04. Northville's other first came in the 100 free with Winkler finishing in 50.34.

"Once again, our divers and sprint freestylers have been important to us this year and they were again today, but our 500 freestylers really answered the call tonight and those three things contributed greatly to the win tonight," said Bennetts.

Northville is currently 9-2-0 overall with a 4-0 record in the Central Division and an 8-0 mark in the KLA.

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Adoption of the 2009 International Fire Code and 2009 Michigan Building Residential, Rehabilitation and Energy Code

Notice is hereby given that the First Reading of the 2009 International Fire Code and Michigan Building, Residential, Rehabilitation and Energy Codes will take place on February 17, 2011 at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, at the Township Municipal Building located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Michigan, 48168.

The Second Reading and Adoption of the updated 2009 Fire Code and 2009 Michigan Building, Residential, Rehabilitation and Energy Codes will take place on March 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, at the Township Municipal Building located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.  
A copy of the updated text is available at the Township Clerk's Department, 44405 Six Mile Road.

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### Redken Exchange

Svetlana Yrzovskii, Cathie Wiedenbeck, Gabriella Duhn, Serena Bilotto and Teresa Kupstas recently sharpened their professional edge and took their hair styling talent to the next level at the award-winning Redken Exchange in New York City. They join a group of dedicated salon professionals who have attended classes at The Redken Exchange and will now bring fresh and exciting salon services to Northville. Along with stylists from around the globe, the group from Envy has learned advanced techniques in hair design from leading experts in the industry. For more information, contact Envy at (734) 420-0052.

## NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

### DDA approves winter cycle of Business Assistance Program

Northville's Downtown Development Authority Board has approved \$45,000 for the current cycle of the Business Assistance Program for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

The program was created in 2007 to assist property owners and their tenants interested in making physical improvements to their commercial building and/or for technical assistance.

Since its inception in December 2007, more than \$131,000 has been approved for Commercial Improvement Grants and \$5,000 for Technical Assistance Grants.

The Northville DDA believes that by providing incentives to spur revitalization and reinvestment in structures within the DDA district, a more attractive downtown will be created.

Two programs are available:

**Technical Assistance Grant - A Technical Assistance Grant provides a 50-50 matching grant (not to exceed \$500) for businesses interested in developing a marketing plan, utilizing new window display techniques, or making architectural design changes to their building.** This grant is intended to assist a business owner in identifying a professional resource and with the cost of the initial consultation.

**Commercial Improvement Grant - The Commercial Improvement Grant provides a 50-**

**50 matching grant up to \$5,000 for front and side facades and up to \$2,500 for rear facades.** Examples of physical improvements include, but are not limited to, redesign of storefront, window replacement or repair, door replacement or repair, masonry cleaning and repair, façade repair, paint, awning, signage, lighting, roof repair/replacement, and hardscapes.

These competitive grant programs are set up as matching grants, where the business or building owner will spend \$1 and the DDA will match it with \$1 up to one half of the project expenditure or the limit of the program. Both programs reimburse the applicants after the project or consultation is successfully completed. Either the property owner or business owner may apply. But if the business owner is the applicant, the property owner's signature is required on the application.

Applications for winter cycle of the Business Assistance Program are now available, and complete applications will be due Feb. 4. If you have additional questions about the program, please contact the DDA office for assistance at 248-349-0345.

### WINTER 2011 SCHEDULE

Feb. 15 - DDA Board review of BAP Advisory Committee recommendations

Feb. 21 - City Council review of DDA Board recommendations

## How to fix 'morale problem' at work

**W**e have a serious morale problem in this department and I want it to stop, now!"

As those words go ringing around the tomb-like atmosphere of a quiet office where the only sounds of life come from the clacking of the keyboards and the clicking



Lee Meadows

of a mouse, it brings little reaction from the cubed denizens of department Z on the 13th floor of the refurbished corporate headquarters. The nice, peaceful offices are seen

as places where the overtasked, employed, working dead search for meaning in the midst of higher levels of productivity and sinking levels of passion.

"Just trying to make it through the day" — the therapeutic platitude often uttered to explain the reason behind the humdrum. Someone dialed down the energy flow from fear of its operational costs, not its unintended outcomes. The convergence of Attitude, Behavior and Consequences (another ABC's euphemism) is directly connected to the larger elements that exist outside the boundaries of individual control. The end result being we aren't 'Living the Dream', but we're 'Doing the Job' and saving the reward for another lifetime.

There is a lot that goes on between the start of the commute and the clacking in the cube. These consistent bouts of employee withdrawal have little to do with their talents and

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skills and everything to do with their mental adjustments to the unpredictable nature of forced change. It becomes an 'Attitude' problem that spreads throughout the department encountering little resistance except for the over-stretched manager who is "Just trying to make it through the day without the higher ups pouring water down a chimney and wondering why the fire won't burn."

Attached to the 'Attitude' problem is our inability to shake it loose and leave it somewhere for unsuspecting carnivores to chew on until their jaws lock shut. The short days and long winter nights add little sunshine to a mind that has already gone dark. What remains is a cavernous echo of silence in search of an ear that will listen and a mind that is open. Attitudes are not created in a vacuum, and can only be evaluated in a larger context. We pursue careers as one spoke on our life wheel, yet so much of who we are is welded to hub or core of our being that when the career spoke isn't functioning it tends to affect the other 35.

The wheel wobbles as we roll down hill forcing us to hit the tree to avoid the wall. Thus, we fear movement. The reigning hill-toppers look down that jaded slope into that valley and wonder why there is a morale problem. Demanding that it has to stop only strengthens the resolve and prolongs the duration.

What is needed is demonstrated evidence that the

rough patches are becoming smoother and the seemingly dark road has an emerging, brighter future. Inspirational words, whether to up lift or push down, have no meaning when factual truths are needed. The workplace has transcended the boundaries that once separated the in-basket from the picket fence. We take what we are, attitude and all, across these blurred boundaries such that a reduction in the market share of water hoses causes a firestorm of activity at home. We need evidence that the toxic downpour from an open faucet can be turned off, cleaned out and shined up to catch the reflective light of a visible future.

Attitudes change toward the positive when prevailing evidence leads away from the negative. Consequently, morale improves, behavior is more focused and productivity is a passionate choice. There is much that has contributed to the commonly understood 'morale' problem. So, rather than fuel the fire by insisting that the 'morale' problem has got to stop, fan the flame by focusing on positive evidence that supports attitudinal change.

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## Oakland County offers business workshops

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

Workshops are held at Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford unless otherwise indicated.

For pre-registration and location specifics, visit our website at oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783.

### FUTURE WORKSHOPS

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(PM) Evening Class 6 p.m. to 9 or 9:30 p.m.

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16 SBA Forum on Small Business Lending (AM)  
16 Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM)  
18 FastTrac Listening to Your Business (AM)  
23 WBE Certification Orientation (AM)  
23 Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (PM)

**March**  
2 Social Media Marketing Part I (AM)  
3 Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)  
4 FastTrac Growth Venture (Venture Forward)  
9 CEED Microloan Orientation (Southfield Library)  
10 Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM)  
16 5 Keys to Achieving Fiscal Fitness (AM)  
17 Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM)  
24 Essentials Part I  
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## NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKER



Rob Spellman

### Rob Spellman

Rob Spellman of Northville recently joined Flagstar Bank in Troy as senior vice president and national production manager in its Wholesale Mortgage Lending Division. A native of Michigan, Spellman is a

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## Realtor survey gives nod to home ownership

A substantial majority of both homeowners and current renters agree that owning a home is a smart decision over the long term. That's according to the results of a National Association of Realtors survey of 3,793 adults conducted online by Harris Interactive.

The American Attitudes About Homeownership survey found that in today's challenging economy, 95 percent of owners and 72 percent of renters believe that over a period of several years, it makes more sense to own a home. In addition, an overwhelming majority of homeowners are happy with their decision to own a home — 93 percent of owners surveyed would buy again.

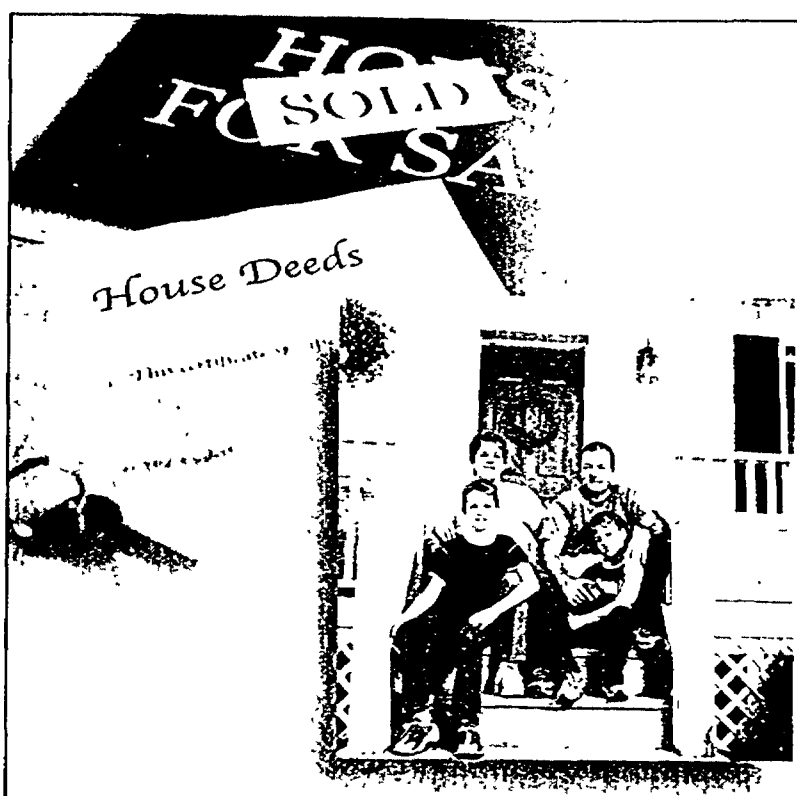
"Of course it's true locally. Nothing takes the place of home ownership," said Gary J. Reggish, broker/owner of Remerica United Realty of Novi and immediate past president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. Interest rates are low, said Livonia resident Reggish, and many renters want to buy.

"You can buy houses today, nice houses, and have your payments lower than renters are paying in rent," Reggish said. Homeowners also enjoy the mortgage interest deduction, and can deduct property taxes as well.

"There are incredible bargains," he said of current housing inventory in the metro area, "in all price ranges." "Interest rates have dropped dramatically." A loan can be obtained for 30-year fixed in the 4 percent range, with significant savings over the life of the loan, he said.

Both professionally and personally, Reggish sees less tangible benefits to owning.

"Once thing that renting can never take the place of is the sense of community," he said. You don't get that in an apartment complex, he said, where residents are more transient. "You just don't have the sense of camaraderie."



There's less community input, he said, without homeowners associations and involvement even at the state level.

"There's nothing better than being able to go home and say 'This is mine. You have choices,' Reggish said.

"Homeowners and renters agree that home ownership benefits individuals and families, strengthens our communities, and is integral to our nation's economy," said National Association of Realtors President Ron Phipps, broker-president of The Phipps in Warwick, R.I. "The results of this survey illustrate just how important issues related to home ownership are to people in this country."

The survey uncovered some differences between homeowners and renters, as well. While more than half of owners are "very" or "extremely" satisfied with the overall quality of their family life, only one-third of renters report the same levels of satisfaction. Similarly, 43 percent of homeowners are very/extremely satisfied with their community life, compared with 30 percent of renters.

A majority of renters — 63 percent — said that it was at least somewhat likely that they would purchase a home at some point in the future. Among this group, young adults (18-29 years old) have the strongest aspirations for home ownership; only 8 percent of

young adults said that it was "not at all likely" that they would purchase a home at some point in the future.

In today's market, many aspiring homeowners are faced with worries about job security and creditworthiness. Among renters who are very or extremely likely to buy a home in the future, three out of five consider confidence in job security and creditworthiness to be an obstacle.

One point of agreement between renters and homeowners was support of the mortgage interest deduction (MID). Seventy-four percent of owners and 62 percent of renters say it's "extremely" or "very" important that the MID remain in place.

"At a time when the middle class is under increasing economic pressures, both homeowners and renters agree that the mortgage interest deduction should not be targeted for change," said Phipps. "Given strong public support of and aspirations toward owning a home, we need to keep policies in place that support and encourage responsible, sustainable home ownership for our future."

This survey was conducted online within the U.S. and fielded Oct. 6-20, 2010. A total of 3,793 adults, 18 and older were surveyed, including 1,880 homeowners, 1,115 renters, and 798 young adults. All samples came from the Harris Poll online database and were weighted for age, sex, race/ethnicity, education, region and household income to be representative of the U.S. general population of adults 18 and older.

Propensity score weighting was also used to adjust for respondents' propensity to be online. Results are available online at [www.realtor.org/statsanddata/homeownership/attitudes\\_homeown](http://www.realtor.org/statsanddata/homeownership/attitudes_homeown).

—Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

## Good to update documents regularly

Q: Our documents are 27 years old and our board refuses to fix them. Can I force my association's board to take action?

A: Point out that there are a number of reasons why the documents should be revisited by the association members including the need to get FHA certification, major changes in the Condominium Act over the



Robert M. Weisner

last 10 to 15 years, as well as the change in societal attitudes as they relate to parking recreational vehicles and the like. Also point out to the extent possible, that when the Documents are outdated, it minimizes the marketability of the condominium project as a whole, and, that the board may well have a fiduciary responsibility to seek competent legal counsel to correct and update the condominium documents to keep in the sale of homes.

Q: Our attorney brags about the hundreds of condominium associations that he represents and when I call him on the telephone, I cannot get an answer. Is there a minimum number of attorneys that should be available to assist condominium associations when the attorney represents in the hundreds?

A: That is a difficult question because some associations may require more work than others. Generally speaking, an attorney who brags about the number of community associations he or she represents should also be willing to advise the client that his firm has adequate personnel to assist in the representation, competently and efficiently, of those associations. If you are not getting the service from your attorney that you deserve, look for someone else.

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

### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 1-5, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds Office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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46689 Aarons Way	\$165,000
1405 Ann Dr	\$240,000
40477 Bay Harbor Dr	\$60,000
6046 Beaufort Ln	\$133,000
47925 Candace Ln	\$282,000
47933 Cardiff Ave	\$80,000
48902 Castleford Dr	\$60,000
49158 Castleford Dr	\$131,000
8532 Chatham Dr	\$465,000
39775 Cherry Rd	\$123,000
42783 Fairview Dr	\$114,000
39961 Finley Dr	\$180,000
1029 Foothill Rd	\$182,000
4760 Ford Rd	\$100,000
3092 Greenwich Ct	\$242,000
48492 Ivybridge Ct	\$370,000
49335 Lincolnshire Ct	\$340,000

Garden City	
6007 Loveland Ct	\$397,000
2211 Maplewood Dr	\$183,000
20430 Maplewood St	\$210,000
16515 Maplewood St	\$210,000
35640 Marston St	\$157,000
28437 N Clements Cir	\$170,000
37516 Newburgh Park Cir	\$446,000
9200 Newburgh Park Cir	\$250,000
19205 Osborn St	\$250,000
30863 Roycroft St	\$285,000
20695 Sarah Rd	\$125,000
33019 W Chicago St	\$156,000
14392 Yale St	\$156,000

Livonia	
31445 Donnelly St	\$75,000
28430 Ford Rd	\$258,000
7044 Helen St	\$46,000
28596 Krauter St	\$23,000
32253 Marquette St	\$107,000
30945 Pardo St	\$50,000
14223 Barbara St	\$133,000
28690 Bayberry Ct E	\$145,000
19579 Brentwood Dr	\$171,000
29218 Clarita St	\$27,000
16336 Golfview St	\$73,000
9056 Harrel St	\$50,000

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16515 Maplewood St	\$149,000
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9200 Newburgh Park Cir	\$188,000
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45314 Stoneledge Dr	\$215,000
16844 Garfield	\$21,000
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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 1-5, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds Office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	
15526 Kirtshire Ave	\$126,000
32240 Robinhood Dr	\$360,000

Birmingham	
262 Bird Ave	\$405,000
1938 Bradford Rd	\$105,000
6200 Denny St	\$450,000
1625 Graefield Rd	\$63,000
1120 Hillside Dr	\$642,000
1810 Holland St	\$125,000
5918 Park St	\$260,000
4115 Old Woodward Ave	\$150,000

Bloomfield Hills	
4293 Ramsgate Ln	\$300,000

Commerce Township	
4688 Driftwood Dr	\$430,000
3980 Turnberry Dr	\$415,000

Farmington Hills	
24401 Broadway St	\$103,000
24461 Broadway St	\$185,000
28997 Forest Hill Dr	\$215,000
21550 Hamilton Ave	\$65,000
30658 Kensington Dr	\$240,000
21305 Oxford Ave	\$90,000
21400 Parker St	\$80,000
30342 Patricia St	\$184,000
25170 Rutledge Xing	\$235,000
25631 Springbrook Dr	\$175,000

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#### Tax appeals

Kelly Sweeney, CEO of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, will be conducting a property tax appeal seminar Wednesday, Feb. 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

Sweeney will educate homeowners on the ins and outs of the property tax appeal process.

Topics will include:  
•Differentiating between State Equalized Value, Capped Value and Taxable Value  
•Explanation of the uncapping process

•Breaking down the appeal process at local and state levels

•How to read and interpret property assessment notices for 2011

This is the third year the seminar has been held. R.S.V.P. to [events@cbweirmanuel.com](mailto:events@cbweirmanuel.com).

#### Career Seminar

There will be a Real Estate Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Learn about a free prelicensing course. For more

information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or [laiello@kw.com](mailto:laiello@kw.com).

#### Tax law changes

A 2011 panel of SIX CPAs will answer tax questions 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile in Madison Heights. There have been changes in the tax laws, especially for businesses.

The seminar is presented by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747 6742. ([www.reiawoakland.com](http://www.reiawoakland.com))

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# How To Avoid Job Scams

Rachel Zupek, CareerBuilder.com Editor

If nothing else, this age-old adage might be the most important piece of advice to remember in your job search, especially in today's market.

Though job scams are prevalent at any time, today's tough economic times have increased the amount of scammers looking to take advantage of people desperate to make money and find a job.

"With the economy sliding, people who might otherwise be skeptical want to find a silver lining and too often mistake the glitz-and-glamour promises of a scammer's ad for their path to financial security," says Christine Durst, co-founder and CEO of Staffcentrix, a training and development company that focuses on home-based work.

Durst says Staffcentrix researchers screen about 5,000 home job leads every week, and there is a "56-1 scam ratio" among work-at-home <<http://msn.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/work-at-home>> job ads. Any opportunity where you can "make money fast," "no experience is necessary," or "work in your pajamas" is appealing to people, so they get thrown into the scam mix.

Mindy A. Bockstein, chairwoman and executive director <<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/director>> of the New York State Consumer Protection Board, agrees that people are trying to capitalize on the strong desire for work and income in different populations and communities.

"Don't fall for get-rich-quick schemes, work-at-home scams, pyramid schemes and numerous other approaches promising employment and wealth but being used to separate job seekers from their money," she says.

#### Who's the target of job scams?

Anyone seeking a better job opportunity or looking to earn some money -- even smart people -- can get sucked into scams, says Robin Giroir, regional vice president of Spherion Staffing Services. With the wide scope of the

Internet, every bogus "job" can reach hundreds of thousands of people, she says.

Durst says victims of work-at-home scams are typically -- and unfortunately -- those who can least afford to part with their money. One particular scam reviewed by Staffcentrix targeted women who were between the ages of 18-49, had children, were less affluent and did not have a college education.

"We are also seeing a rise in the number of seniors and retirees falling prey to these cons, as many of them are now looking for ways to supplement their income due to the declining stock market," Durst says.

#### Spotting a scam

While identifying a scam seems like as if would be easy, you must remember that the people who create them are practiced con artists. Many scams are linked to what seem like legitimate Web sites that have professional photos, testimonials, audio and video -- all the things that can convince someone that it must be real, Durst says.

Here are some things to keep in mind when spotting a job scam:

#### 1. Hold tight to your cash

"No legitimate employer asks you for money. This is a foolproof tip off that something's not right," Giroir says. "There are a number of scams that work this way. You deposit your money in an offshore account and wait for your investment to make you wealthy, or you purchase a list of high-paying jobs you can do from home. Whatever the scam is, don't fall for it."

#### 2. Make money while you sleep

"Beware of ads that make outrageous claims,

don't specify job duties and don't require that you send a résumé. Legitimate employers are seeking candidates with specific skills, knowledge and education. Watch for ads, even for entry-level <<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/entry-level>> jobs, that use the phrase 'no experience necessary,' especially when there is a promise of big money," Giroir says.

#### 3. 'Work at home' appears in the header

"Work from home" is not a job title," Durst warns. "If it appears in the ad header, there's a good chance it's a come-on. Scammers can rarely resist including it in the header -- it's the bait of their 'hook' as they fish for desperate people to reel in."

#### 4. Miracles arrive in your inbox

"How could this man from Romania have known you were looking for home-based work? Miracles do happen, but not via spam," Durst says. "Move [the e-mail] to your trash file without

using the 'remove me from this list' link you're likely to find at the bottom of the page. These links are often used to confirm that your e-mail address is active, and using them can result in even more spam."

#### 5. Palm trees, mansions, beaches and bikinis

"Successful scammers often bag their prey by dangling enticing things in front of them -- much like kidnappers do," Durst says. "If you get into my car I'll give you this candy bar..."

#### 6. Put on your detective hat

There are essentially two ways to get listed with the Better Business Bureau: Buy a membership or get reported for bad business practices, Durst says.

"While the absence of a company's name in their listings is not unusual -- not every business is a paying member of the BBB -- a C, D or F rating and multiple complaints are a flashing warning signal."

Durst adds that you must be careful about ads that look legitimate and that contain the name and Web site of well-known companies but carry a "free" e-mail address for a reply.

"Reputable companies have been victimized by scammers using their company names and reputations to scam unwitting job seekers. Always take the time to stop by the company Web site before responding to a job ad," she suggests. "You may find a notice warning you of the scam. What you won't find, is a job listing for someone to accept checks and wire funds to someone."

#### Too little, too late

Unfortunately, many job seekers still fall victim to job scams. So what happens when you realize that you're involved in something you probably shouldn't be?

Consequences include identity theft, loss of savings, unauthorized charges to your credit card and, at worst, a run-in with the law. At minimum, you lose some money and a little pride, but consider it a lesson learned, Durst says.

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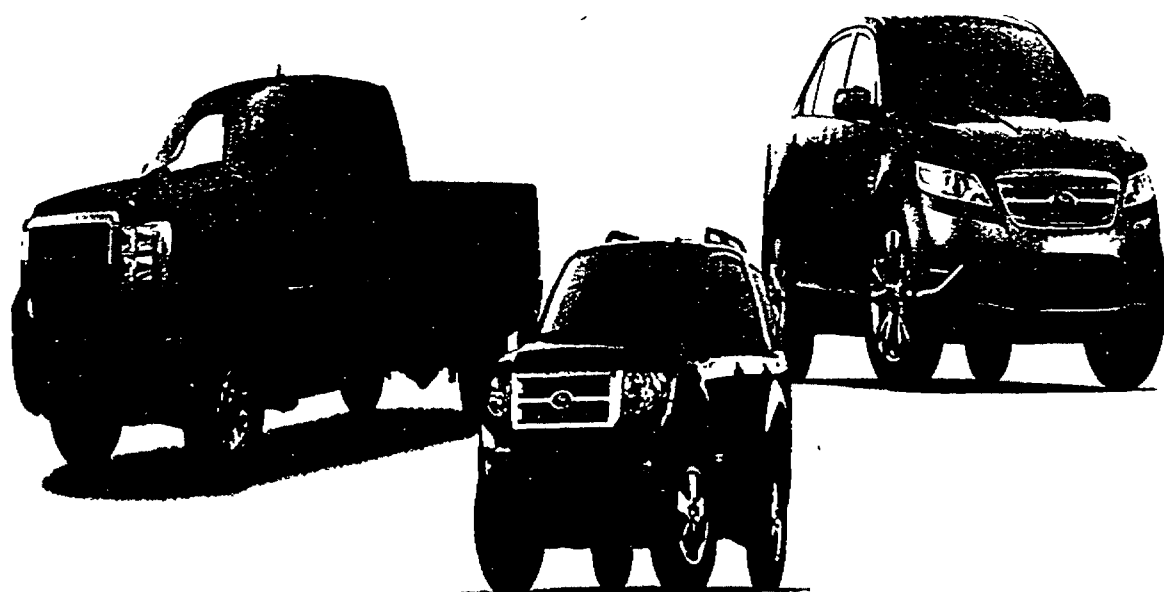
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# Welcome Boys and Girls!

This month's contest features:

**My pet is SPECIAL!**

Share with us how special your pet is.

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# Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights!

## Hey kids!

Send us a picture or a story of why your pet is **SPECIAL to YOU!**

You have 2 weeks to mail in a letter or a photo of your pet is special. Scoop will pick lucky winners from entries received:

Share how special your pet is with Scoop!

Youth Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's information to contact winning entry:  
(Phone, email, home address)

Selected winners will have their name, age, hometown, photo and entry published in the next Scoop Hound Dog Highlights.

Send your entries for the My Special Pet Contest to:

**Scoop the Newshound**  
**c/o: Michele Austin**  
**41304 Concept Drive**  
**Plymouth, MI 48170**

**Deadline for submissions: 02/28/11**

Everyone who enters will receive a letter from Scoop and a small gift!



My Pet is Special

# Valentine Contest

## Lucky winners from last month's contest



**Tejas Maire**  
Age: 7 1/2  
Farmington Hills  
1. Practice math everyday  
2. Eat healthy  
3. Collect box tops for school



**Hanna Shurtz**  
Age: 10  
Ferndale  
1. Play my violin for senior citizens  
2. Grow a big fruit and flower garden  
3. Get a fish tank for puppies



**Christian Charette**  
Age: 7  
Livonia  
1. Encourage kids to like school  
2. Give clothes and shoes to the poor  
3. Work with an animal shelter

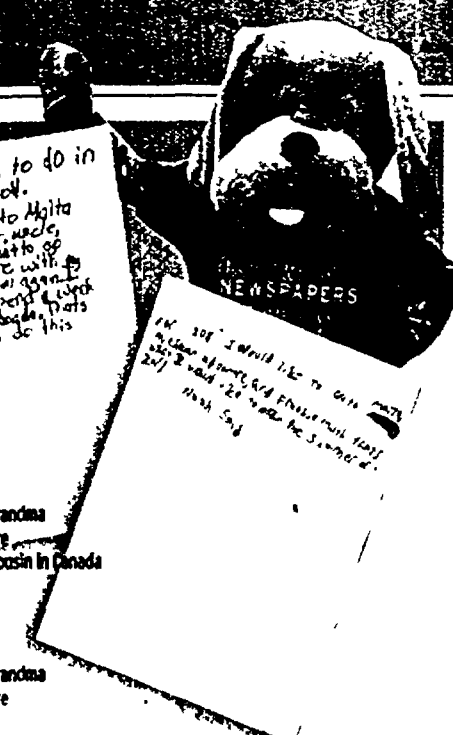


**Caroline Loder**  
Age: 8  
Livonia  
1. Ride a unicycle without help  
2. Play the guitar better on Guitar Hero  
3. Walk more than 8 miles in the summer

what I plan to do in 2011.  
For 2011 I want to go to Malta to see my grandma and uncle, and I want to go to Michigan Adventure with my friends and my cousin. I will hope I can spend a week with my cousin in Canada. What I hope I can do this year.

**Adigall Said**  
Age: 9 1/2  
Westland  
1. Go to Malta to see my Grandma  
2. Go to Michigan Adventure  
3. Spend a week with my cousin in Canada

**Neah Said**  
Age: 12  
Westland  
1. Go to Malta to see my Grandma  
2. Go to Michigan Adventure  
3. Go to Frankenmuth



Send in your letter and photo, you may win a spot on Scoop's Hound Dog Highlight page!

Scoop, the newshound, will be offering contests on a monthly basis. Look for Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page monthly in this newspaper!