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SPORTS



Northville senior Alvin Storrs shoots for two of his gamehigh 33 points in the final game of the Dexter Holiday Tournament against Willow Run. Northville capped off an amazing run with just one loss in the 2006 calendar year after winning the Dexter Invitational tournament.

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Our favorite stories of the year By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

ewsmen - like parents aren't supposed to play favorites.

So, as another year draws to a close and the media turns reflective, how is a hometown newspaper --- dedicated to focusing on the people of the community - supposed to weigh all the stories of 2006 to determine the most remarkable? The most poignant? The most newsworthy?

Professional standards suggest Northville Record coverage can be ranked by criteria like timeliness, investigative integrity and relevancy to the greatest audience numbers.

Bah, humbug! We're wrapping up 2006 by briefly shedding the cloak of objectivity.

In February, community residents cast votes in a Northville Public Schools bond election, producing a screaming "No-ville" headline when the proposals were rejected.

Picked by: Maureen Johnston

Date: April 6

Heider

Story: "Northville's state of growing concern"

Writer/photographer: Maureen Johnston/John

Inside the story: Starting with the premise to pre-

view the state of the community luncheon the fol-

lowing week, I talked to people about the larger topic

of growth in terms we all deal with on a daily basis

- more traffic, more commerce, just plain more

bodies. I could relate to people's comments about

running downtown for essentials, being backed up

appeared in the blink of an eye. It perpetuated the

on Beck Road and the sea of subdivisions that

In August, "Voters approve ... told readers they had endorsed millages and selected two hometown candidates, Marc Corriveau and Mark Abbo, to face off for a state representative's seat.

In November, more than 65 percent of registered voters picked a governor, selected Democratic underdog candi-"On your Marc" date. Corriveau and took a stand on proposals, including opposition to affirmative action and mandatory school funding.

To follow that theme of democracy, the Northville Record staff opted out of the standard year-in-review format. We're serving up instead our choices for stories and photos we found the most meaningful throughout the year - for a variety of rea-- and laced them with sons a little behind-the-scenes flavor.

So, Happy New Year! And here's our Picks of 2006:

CROWDED HOUSE

Northville's state of **ROWING CONC**

On the verge of annual State of the Community luncheon, some Northville residents are already feeling plenty full

By Maureen Johnston CORD STAFF WRITER

R obert Trubert wakes up two hours earlier than he used to just so he can beat morning traffic Beck Road backups on the way

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Teubert, 32, remembers living Northylle 20 years ago and etting a livick run to downtown

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fast. comes at a cost lost time. The city, the township, the Northvalle's populati Northville's population has grown by a third, to 31,119, since

into the quiet metro-Detroit sub-

amunity, it just doesn't seem

TOP: Nearly 2,100 students fill Northville High School hallways every day. Enrollment is expected to top 2,500 students by 2010. ABOVE: Evening rush hour along northbound Beck Road, south of Eight Mile Road.

Story: "Mom's Reflection: 'I've become my mom" Date: May 11 Writer/photographer: Maureen Johnston/John Heider Picked by: Maureen Johnston Inside the story: John's photo nailed what I was attempting to convey in words. Growing up as 'Little Nancy,' I've always shared a close bond with my mom --- how we

look, our mannenisms and our values. I laugh when women exclaim, "I'm becoming my mom!" because I can relate. As we learned in the case with Juliet Culp, who aspires to follow in the footsteps of Carole Jean Stockhausen, that can be a very good thing.

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"You can't really do anything to Ĭ990 During the past decade, Northville Township's southern and western edges became ongo-ing construction zones as SUVs stop it." More, more, more In barber shops and salons and heavy cars wound their way

Effectively managing the com-Energy managing the com-munity's growth will be a recurring theme when local leaders speak during Northvale s annual State of the Community function next Wednesday Wednesday The Northville Chamber of

Story: "Reserving Childhood Memories: Summer at 6" Date: June 15 Writer/photographer: John Heider

Picked by: Maureen Johnston

Inside the story: We can't always time photo assignments and interviews concurrently, but in this case I was able to watch John shoot mom Melissa Reinert and her 5-year-old daughter Erinn on their way to the back yard for a tea party. Their play exemplified the point I was striving for in the story - and to remember as a busy mom - to take time to enjoy the simple summer pleasures before the window has passed.



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Story: "They're Ready to Play." Preview of upcoming Northville Mustang football season, Date: August 10

Photographer: John Heider

Picked by: John Heider

Inside the story: Coaches and kids get intense in the trenches of a hot August morning. I was drawn by the rtensity of the coach, John Kloosterman, and his fierce look as he taught his kids. It wasn't a difficult moment to miss photographically. It practically screamed to be shot.



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Marc Corriveau ·

usiastically pumping his fist, Northville attorney Marc Corriveau celebrates his Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record nusiasticany pumping the list, normanic anothey mate contracat celebrates the nigan House of Representatives (20th District) victory with his wife, Wendy, and

Corriveau wins 20th seat by 911 votes

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

You can call it a victory for the believers.

Democratic candidate and Northville attorney Marc Corriveau stole the 20th District state representative victory - a traditionally Republican held seat. There was always a part of

me that believed I could win," Corriveau said. "And even when I was told over and over I couldn't win ... I knew if I could spread my message about what it is I would be about and what it is I will do. I had a chance.

"I always believed, and that kept me going.

Corriveau, 35, said a door-todoor campaign reaching out to residents in the communities of Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne played a significant role.

"We spent the last six months letting everyone know what I was about." he said. According to unofficial

Michigan Secretary of State voting results, Corriveau defeated Northville Township supervisor Mark Abbo by 911 votes,

Michigan voting results show Corriveau won the race with 20,051 votes.

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Upset stun Republican candidate Ab

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mark Abbo made the cal after 11 p.m.

When polling results cont he lost the 20th District state sentative race Tuesday, Northville Township supe conceded the race by phone Democratic opponent Corriveau Abbo made the cal



Mark Abbo

tory with friends and family Quality Inn in Livonia. "I just told him congratula Abbo said. "I called to wis

majority

'I will help him in any way can to represent the district." Corriveau's victory Nonhville on the state legi map. He will replace term-l John Stewart, a Plymouth rewho served three two-year Corriveau and Abbo emerged field of eight 20th District dates in the Aug. 8 primary. Mark Mandell, who c

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Photographer: John Heider Picked by: John Heider Inside the story: It's often quite difficult to get a good group photo. Often some are smiling, some are hidden behind others, and still others have their eyes closed. What I love about this photo, is that ALL the ladies are smiling and having fun and interacting with each





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Story: "Baseline Baffled: The battle for the Baseline Jug between Northville and Novi" Date: October 26 Writer/Pholographer: Jeff Theisen/John Heider Picked by: Jeff Theisen Inside the story: I'm watching the game from the small room next to the announcer's room, sitting next to a speaker that's blaring the particulars of the game. To make things better, I have no lights and my pen is starting to freeze because it's so cold. The game was a good one though, with Novi edging out Northville in a game that wasn't decided until late in the fourth quarter. I strolled out to my car and brought in the Jug for the winners, not really knowing what to do with it. That didn't matter --- once I handed the Jug to Novi's coach, the players sure knew what to do with it. That let me know how important the Northville/Novi rivalry game is to the players.

PICKS

Northville falls 27-17 after holding fourthquarter lead against Novi

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

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Proto by ADMIRE DELUCE busts through the line on the way to a first-hall TD run in Northville's annual Baseline

atchup with Novi.



Story: "Sudden Impact." A feature story on Northville cross country runner Lindsay Hagan.

Date: September 21 Writer/photographer: Jeff Theisen/John Heider Picked by: Jeff Theisen

Inside the story: What set this story apart was that it almost didn't happen, because Hagan didn't want it to. After the interview with her coach and photo had been taken, Hagan called me after a weekend meet and said she didn't feel comfortable doing the story and wanted



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it to be done on her senior teammate. It was too late to make any changes at this point, but I thought that was one of the nicest gestures by a high schooler that I had heard of in a long time. She was willing to give up a story about herself because she thought her senior teammate deserved it more. She did agree to do the story after some serious selling, but I thought that was incredibly humble for her to do.

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of Northville Code of Ordinances to clearly define the historic district boundaries by eliminating the following text from the historic district

boundary description: The Northville Historic District shall also include all properties and premises adjacent to and within 200 leet of any intersection, which shall be immediately adjacent to any property included within the boundaries of the district."

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By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF INRITER

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Voters reject two school bond proposals; district officials regroup

Proposal I: <u>'NO'</u> Seventh Elementary School

Proposal I loses decisively; parents, kids face possible redistricting

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STUFF WRITER

With two small children an tow, torthville resident Any Story braved cold acts-YES: 2,875 peratures on election day to (41.4%) (41.4%) tarport 100: 4,063 North-life (58.6%) Public Schools. Tim a prod-TOTAL: 6,938 uct of North-life Public Schools. Public Schools and I thought a vote," she said. "I

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By Jeff Theisen

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RECORD STAFF WRITER

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Fourth quarter letdown Plymouth tops offenses that were Mustangs 43-32 Titing points at a

tine. Hockman didn't want to go for the field goal because of the weather. rapid pace-right "We're right head coach there," Northville head we've got a Ryan Hockman said. "We've got a control to out that said in the cont. rapid pace. Ryan Hockman said. "We've got a chance to put that nail in the cof-fin. Unfortunately the penalty hun

We still have a chance to score We still have a chance to score touchdown again. Our defense kept giving us the ball in a posi-tion to win that Same, to take con-tion to win that Same, to take con-tion of that game. We're just not there to be able to do those kind of there to be able to do those. things yet. We're so close: Everything was finally going Everything was finally during Northville's way Friday during Homecoming against Plymouth. Homecoming against Plymouth Then the wheels came off in the fourth monter

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we re not surprised a pit. We knew he was going to perform. He's done nothing but that since he've had him. He's a player.

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Story: "Fourth quarter letdown: Northville's homecoming football game"

Story: "No-Ville" Date: March 2, 2006 Writer/photographer: Victoria Mitchel/John Heider Picked by: Victoria Mitchell Inside the story: This story covered the Northville Public Schools \$70.7 million bond election. It was the pinnacle of an emotional bond proposal, deeply felt by the district and members of the community. Writing these stories late Tuesday to meet an early morning press run was an overwhelming feeling, considering the time invested covering the proposals, poring over district documents and meeting with concerned residents. That night it felt like it had been months since I had a good night sleep or a good snuggle with my daughter. I also love this photo. I think John Heider did a phenomenal job showing what a personal election this was.

- OBITUARIES -



ARLINE BIERY COCOA BEACH

Myra Arline Biery, 92, born in Northville, Michigan on November 11, 1914 died peacefully on December 19,2006 surrounded in fove by her family. Arline lived most of her life in Northville. She and her late husband, Elden, retired to Cocoa Beach in 1980. Arline was a member of the Eastern Star and a volunteer for the American Red Cross for many years. In her later years, after Elden passed away, she spent many hours as a Hospice volunteer. She is a former member of Northville Presbyterian Church and more recently of Riverside Presbyterian Church in Cocca Beach where she served as a deacon, was a member of Ruth Circle and assisted in several of the church's activities. She also served on the Board of Directors for the Four Seasons Condominium Association. Arline will be missed by all her friends at the Creative Care Center, by her special caregiver, Kim Wright and special family member, Wright and special family member, Jay Dow. Arline is survived by three sons; David (Mary) of Staunton, VA, Richard (Suzie) of Cocoa Beach, and Don Biery of Denver, CO. She has six grandchildren; Kathryn (Steve) Paulette, and David Biery of Staunton, Mike (Anna) Biery of Palau, Sardinia, Italy, Janet Biery, and Rick Biery of Cocoa Beach, and Steven (Tracy) Biery of Staunton. There are seventeen oreal-orandchil-There are seventeen great-grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren. Services were held at Riverside Presbyterian Church on Friday, December 22nd. Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home in Cocoa Beach is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her memory to Wuesthoff Brevard Hospice, PO Box 565002, Rockledge, FL 32956 or Riverside Presbyterian Church, 3400 N. Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

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Date: September 28 Writer/photographer: Jeff Theisen/John Heider Picked by: Jeff Theisen

Inside the story: It wasn't the story that made this one special, it was all the things that didn't happen that set this one apart. Early in the game, the public address system started having troubles. Eventually, it just quit altogether, and right before halftime. That left the crowning of the Royal Court in the silence. But most impressively, the pom-pon routine at halftime went off without music. The panic behind the scenes to get something done was chaotic to say the least, but everyone pulled together and appeared to have a good time. It was definitely something I had never witnessed before at a sporting event.



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Story: "The WIRE" Date: May 11

Writer/photographer: Northville High School students/cartoonist Geof Brooks Picked by: Victoria Mitchell

Inside the story: The WIRE started from the desire to create a page completely for young readers. I love this page. And it took a lot of work by a lot of great people to get it up and running. So many people contributed to making this work including David Aguilar, Geof Brooks, Leigh Stearns, Dennis Colligan, Rob Watson and so many great Northville High School students. Elliot Njus started the process by doing research on everything ranging from the title to what should be on the page. And then it took an army of great students including Elisabeth Pernicone, Erin Kennedy, Kim Mahlmeister, Ron Ketelhut and Julie Foucher to make it truly an effort for the students by the students. Another great thanks also goes out to all the students posing for photos, students and graduates submitting columns and Northville High School teachers allowing their students to take surveys during class and for granting interview requests. Making this page a reality will always be one of the top highlights of my career at the Northville Record.

Story: "Leaving Home" Date: June 29 Writer/photographer: John Heider Picked by: Victoria Mitchell

Inside the story: This story came about after Northville High School Principal Dennis Colligan announced he was returing. I love the front page photo John Heider took of retired principal Dennis Colligan. When I look at it, I feel the history of his tenure at the campus. The perceptive shot and faded out Northville High School sign behind him, make this one of my favorite photos of the year.



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As people continue modern technology, we are no doubt going to encounter some physical problems that we never before faced. One such malady is called "Blackberry Thumb." This increasingly "Blackberry Thumb." This increasingly common repetitive-stress injury stems from the use of popular electronic devices known as PDA9(personal digital assistants). No longer limited to use dur-ing the eight-hour workday, people are increasingly using PDAs such as the Blackberry to communicate with friends and family before and after work as well as on weeknote. Blackberr, Drumb hand, which is used to type on a small keyboard. At the very least, users of PDAs should use their fingers to type instead of their thumbs.

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Story: "Survivor" Date: September 27 Writer/photographer: Victoria Mitchel/John Heider Picked by: Victoria Mitchell Inside the story: This story resulted from months of preplanning what our back-to-school story would be. I love the photos John Heider took for our back-toschool "Survival Guide." Northville High School senior Alex Kendra was an awesome sport. As part of the survival guide theme, he volunteered to help, knowing we would want to paint his face and get some outside pics. But what he didn't know was the face painting would fall apart at the last minute, and I would run to Target, buy some (thankfully washable) markers and color his face myself. He sat in our office while I nervously scribbled, never complaining. The three of us then went to Maybury State park where he climbed a tree, walked some trails and crouched in bushes - all so we could get our art for the package. Thanks to Alex for being a phenomenal young adult.

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Picked by: Victoria Mitchell Behind the story: John was assigned to visit different Northville elementary schools for March is Reading Month. I love this photo for three reasons: One, it is a cute photo; two, I always get excited when Northville students make the front page; and three, I love

Inside the story: How do you say "no" to covering the 20-0 Cinderella Northville Mustangs, whose upstart race to the state playoffs was the talk of the town all season? I (gladly) fell into this assignment when our sports writer couldn't make the game. It gave me a chance to revisit my sports writing passion and my





the photos John takes at the schools. He always has the knack for getting the cutest shots of Northville kids.



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favorite sport: basketball. But a tight editing schedule, heavy local traffic and gym capacity nearly caused me to miss the game hosted at Novi High School. Thankfully, that didn't happen and I was able to witness a memorable game. As Northville Record editor, I'd read plenty about the Mustangs all season long. But I never realized how classy the team was — players and coach-es. Following the tough loss, every Northville player and coach with whom I made contact stood up and took responsibility. Nowadays, that's a rare find. It was refreshing

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The first of an ongoing series profiling the Northville business community: Who drives it? What irends and issues affect it? What untold shores remain behind the deals you read about? And who's behind the counte?

By David Aguilar ECORD EDITOR

P at Heath three everything she had into her new business — even a kitchen sink. Now the bubbly 54-year-old owner of Entrie Vous, who got her Northville Township franchise up and running rwo moeths ago by dipping usto ber returement account, selling a vacance home and uhumately scraying togeth-er \$165,000, is hoping people just give her chance

chance And a by a soulda't they? she said. At Entrie Yous, time-strapped patrons co-nungle while putting together family meals they'd dare not try at home. Why not? Because, Heath said, for many people it's sim-ply too much fuss to bend down secret recipes, they for hard-to find angredients and clean up a narried buchen mess.

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mends and family Meanwhile, their home katchen stays clean. It's a cozy atmosphere" Heath said



Rebecca Stamplen, owner of the Moon & Me baby and toddler bou-tique st 115 E. Main St., started her own business following college.

Story: "Then came the dreamers" Date: April 27 Writer/photographer. David Aguilar/John Heider Picked by: David Aquilar Inside the story: Who are the real people behind Northville's business facades? What challenges did they face prior to



rs Nicole Jaskulka, left, and Alexandra Papasifakis relax Inside

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siled the owner "Hey, have you ever had a weman ulesperson" "Well, it's really hard," he told her "I'd like to get a chance at it." "All right, there's your desk. Go sell a car." And so she did, knowing the profession would hold her interest for only 10 years before she went kolking for another challenge On Aug 4, a decade later, she signed the Entre't Yous franchise agreement, traded in her company car and bought a used car — her first ever car purchase — and swallowed hard as she walled away from a six figure annual income.

Did the "devastating" divorce Heath Did the "devasiating" divorce Heath went through 17 years ago tragger her releatess ambition? (She got "dumped", the said.) Maybe Then again, Heath has always searched for a challenge Either way, she's open for business, gleefai-by wring the ks she can afford to have recip-toris cash.

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Story: "Who's up there?" Date: April 13 Writer/photoorapher: David Aguilar/David Aguilar Picked by: **David Aguilar** Inside the story: For years, I'd been wanting to take an . unconventional look at religion beyond scripture and rote rituals. As Easter approached, the notion of taking a look at three nonmainstream churches big and small - and searching for "faith" in unfamiliar places was terribly intriquing. Was faith truly the common denominator between all religions? Should the size and style of a church really matter, if faith is what

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Non-denominational churches renew a traditional belief: you gotta have faith

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HEAVEN'S GATE: Many local residents will renew their religious fath this weekend during Easter cele-brations, some discovering God while others continue the search.

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ABOVE: Karen Simmons sits with Avary Evans, 3, during a Mill Creek Church Sunday service. BOTTOM-LEFT: Northridge

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New beginnings

Church Pastor Brad Pow BELOW: Lighthouse International Church mer





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plenty of people who divine faith and drink

deep from the holy water they provide.

ents cash. "I have to do thus," Heath said. "I will sell my soul to make it work."

opening their doors? What have they learned? What are their dreams? What sacrifices are they making? How are they just like me? What does it take to survive in today's fickle economy, when all the odds seem stacked against them? Luckily, I found four Northville business owners - Nicole Jaskulka and Alexandra Papasifakis (Dueto), Rebecca Stempien (Moon and Me) and Pati Heath (Entrée Vous) — who embodied the guts, tenacity and creative thinking all successful business owners must cultivate and refine. None of these women were "established Northville" business owners, which to me added to their story because they did not — and could not — simply rely on pedigree and local name recognition. They were forced to make a name for themselves. Anyone can dream about starting their own business; few have the requisite guts to put their money where their mouth is. Behind some of Northville's simplest facades are many of its greatest stories --- and most interesting people. (In truth, I knew that. But revisiting those places was quite refreshing.)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding changes to various sec-tions. The proposed changes are described as follows:

- Lots of Record Nonconforming Lots Section 18.11.5 Section 22.01.2
 - Section 22.01.4 Nonconforming Structures

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hear-ing conducted by the Planning Commission at the January 16, 2007 meeting at 7:30 p.m., at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Meeting Room A (lower level), 215 W Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amend-ments can be reviewed at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of Monday through Fnday, 8 00 a m. to 4:30 p m Written comments will also be received at the above address.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 12-4-06Z for the purpose of amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Northville, to comply with Public Act 110 of 2006, as follows:

ZONING ORDINANCE #12-4-06Z

Article 1 thru 29	Reference to PA 110 of 2006
Section 16.01c	Notification and procedural changes
Section 25 02	Procedural changes to Board of Zoning Appeals
Section 25 03	Procedural changes to Board of Zoning Appeals
Section 25.04	Changes to the powers and duties of Board of Zoning Appeals
Section 25 06	Changes to Standards and Granting of variances
Section 26.02	Changes to Definitions (Building Official)
Other minor misc	veitaneous changes involving text and formattion

modifications.

The City Council adopted said Ordinance on December 18, 2006, with an effective date of January 5, 2007. The complete text of the ordi-nance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 00 a m to 4 30 p m.

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Thursday December 28, 2006 NORTHVILLE RECORD 114

Story: "The Usual," May 11 Writer/pholographer: David Aguilar/David Aguilar Picked by: David Aquilar Inside the story: Every community has a signature. Small towns are marked by footprints, the



delicate distance between home and the heart. Often those footprints are marked by routine, familiarity and nostalgia: "The Usual." Northville is no different. Every day, Northville residents routinely scoop a favorite cup of coffee, a traditional breakfast or take a particular path to work. Alone, these are mundane acts; predictable moments we share with those who give us comfort. I wanted to find out what some of Northville's everyday habits looked like up close — from the Coney Island lunch to the monthly haircut. Northville is not a place where everyone knows your name. But if given the chance, it's a place like many others, where people take time to remember it.







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

Make the right call at "last call"

It's three days before New Year's Eve.

Americans are in the midst of one of the most joyful times of the year — but it's also one of the most danger-ous.

Drunk driving fatalities peak during the holidays. The celebrations are seemingly non-stop, and office and family parties and simple get-togethers with friends almost always feature alcohol.

The results are a definite buzz-kill. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said 45.2 percent of accidents were alcohol-related on New Year's Eve in 2004, the most recent figure available.

In other words, almost half of the accidents on New Year's are the direct result of someone having an extra few drinks.

So what does this mean?

It's simple. Be more careful. If you've had a few too many, call a cab. Catch a ride with a sober friend. If necessary, crash on someone's couch. It's definitely more comfortable than a jail cell.

It's the holidays. It's unrealistic to think people aren't going to drink.

But by using common sense, that gaudy NHTSA accident total could shrink considerably.

The term accident is a bit of a misnomer. Accident implies that something just happened, almost beyond control. Driving drunk is most definitely a choice.

Don't make "last call" a fatal decision.

Schools: A new year

January will mark an interesting time for Northville Public Schools. Trying to resolve teacher-contract negotiations and cautiously watching speculated mid-year state funding cuts, will leave district administrators beginning the new year without time for nostalgia.

Are the two issues related? More than likely so. After all, many would argue it is hard to arrive at an equitable contract when you don't have a reliable revenue source. But does that mean issues can stay in flux? Probably not, especially when teachers are threatening "Crisis mode." We hope the new year resolution of both sides is to keep children's best interests in mind.



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Ready ... set ... go!

Students in teacher Katie Pinkleman's fourth grade class at Moraine Elementary School take off in a relay race the day before Christmas break. The kids were racing outside in what they called the "snow gear relay race" to see who could put on their outdoor clothes the quickest — a nice break from indoor activities.



School boards make a difference

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month, a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. The theme of this year's celebration, "School Boards Make a World of Difference," reflects our combined commitment to leadership and accountability assuring that all children succeed.

In the Northville Public School District, school board members must develop policies and make tough decisions on complex education and social issues which impact the entire community. They bear the responsibility for an operating budget of \$63 million, over seventhousand students, one-thousand employees and thirteen buildings. They carry out the truest form of representative governments in our democracy, volunteer public service; and preserve the core of our democratic land, public education.

I invite you to recognize and celebrate the work of your school trustees. Invite them over for coffee. Ask how you might support your local neighborhood schools. Drop off cookies at January's board meetings. Write you school board members a thank-you note. Let them know you appreciate what they do for kids in the Northville Public Schools.

The men and women serving Northville Public School District and their years of service are: Mr. Kenneth A. Roth, President, 4.5 years; Dr. Marilyn Price, Vice President, 3.5 years; Ms. Libby Smith, Treasurer, 3.5 years; Ms. Joan Wadsworth, Secretary, 13.5 years; Ms. Judy Handley, 9.5 years; Trustee, Dr. Karen M. Paciorek, Trustee, 4.5 years; Ms. Judith Wollack, Trustee, 6.5 years.

Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski, Superintendent Northville Public Schools

Hunting within city limits

In response to Dan and Nancy Lorigan's letter, "Hunting in the, City?" in the Dec. 14 issue, I agree that it is shameful that a couple would even think of hunting deer in Rural Hill Cemetery or anywhere near these sacred grounds. This shows absolutely no respect for the deceased or the families that have loved ones laid to rest there. With that said regarding respect, it appalls me to think of weapons being' utilized within the city and township limits of Northville. This is a serious concern for the residents' safety, surrounding the cemetery. This is definitely a violation of laws as well as a respect issue. I sincerely hope the authorities of Northville and the Department of Natural Resources will address this violation and assure the community that it will not happen again.

> Judy Brock Northville

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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.

Mail: Letters to the Editor, Cal Stone, Northville Record, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Fax: (248) 349-9832. E-mail: cstone@gannett.com. Deadline: Letters must be received by noon on Tuesday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Making "green" off of China's dirt

Quick, name three things that Michigan has that China does not? No, the correct answer is not the "trinity" of Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson, Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano and the larger than life Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

It is clean air, clean water and a pristine environment.

Certainly, we have yet to reach any "environmental nirvana" as any Michigan environmental group will be quick to point out. However, by nearly any measure, we have come a long way.

If you have traveled in China recently, your burning eyes will testify that, along with their economic boom over the past quarter of a century and double digit economic increases on an annual basis, economic development has come with a stiff environmental price — polluted air, rivers, streams and lakes.

China's environmental problems are not just limited to their political borders. Air and water pollution do not stop at the artificial political boundaries marked on world maps. When we talk about "China's rise" it is more than just their economic mass, it is also pollution that is rising as well.

Clearly China's economic rise has come with a heavy and choking toll on the environment. The factories that are producing much of what will under your Christmas tree this year are fueled by dirty coal spewing out soot and fouling the air and water. Further complicating the problem

Further complicating the problem is growing auto pollution. It is predicted that the Chinese auto market is expected to surpass the US market in ten years and there will be seven times the number of cars on China roadways in 2020 than there were in 2004.

China's energy needs are as great or greater than their environmental needs as they continue to emerge from the horrors of the Cultural Revolution and other ill-gotten national policies that held the sleeping dragon

back for much of the 20th century. The Chinese will need to invest in energy production in an environmentally sensible way. According to the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, the Chinese will need to invest nearly \$2 trillion in new power plants and transmission by 2030. Will the energy be clean? Can Michigan clean up by helping the Chinese meet these two mounting demands?

Many reports coming out of China point to the fact that Chinese leaders are recognizing the huge problem of pollution and encouraging new green technology to address these issues lest they choke off the economic dragon that is lifting many Chinese out of poverty and providing the stability the Chinese Communist Party will pay any price to maintain.

America remains number one in two categories today: economic output and the world's leading emitter of greenhouse gases. However, according to the international Monetary Fund, by 2040 or sooner, China could surpass us in both categories.

There is an economic doom and gloom hanging in the Michigan air like a smoggy day in Beijing. With the daily barrage of bad news from the auto industry and the continued loss of manufacturing jobs polluting our minds, it is easy to lose the forest for the trees.

Yet, China's problems could and should been seen by Michigan's leaders and entrepreneurs as our opportunities. China is sitting on an escalating energy and environmental crisis in addition to as much as one trillion dollars of foreign currency, much of US currency, seeking investment opportunities. Can Michigan help build environmentally friendly power plants, clean the air, help purify the water and put our people to work cleaning China's environment?

Michigan has a recent rich history of protecting our drinking water, reclaiming our rivers, streams and lakes while fueling our industrial needs. Through our creativity, innovation and can-do spirit we have the ability to take Michigan off economic life support and export our knowledge and products to the global stage

Michigan must set the goal of becoming the brain bank of the world when it comes to auto technology, alternative energy and environmental entrepreneurship. The state that protects our streams, air and stands tall as the protector of the Great Lakes needs to seek ways to export this knowledge, technology and products to China.

How is that for clearing the air with China?

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-05 and as president and CEO of the Economic Council of Paim Beach County, Fla., 1996-2001. He has a long standing interest in China and has traveled their many times. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

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NORTHVILLE **EVENTS**

Northville Civic Concern Donations

DETAILS: Century 21 Town & Country is collecting food items, paper products, cleaning supplies, baby products, and personal hygiene items at their office between the hours of 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m-6 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 30.

CONTACT: Amy Zubor, (248) 736-0443 or Marlene Kunz, (248) 344-1033

Art Walk

DATE: First Friday of every month

TIME: 5-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Downtown Northville

DETAILS: Art gatteries, arts and crafts stores and restaurants will be open; art demonstrations and

exhibits available in shops. CONTACT: Tom James, Gallery of Fine Arts, (248) 349-0105

Northville Nite - New Year's Eve

DATE: Sunday, Dec. 31 TIME: 4:30-8 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside Recreation

Center

DETAILS: Celebrate New Year's Eve with your entire family with a full line up of activities for all ages. There will be giant inflatable games, putt-putt, face painting, Home Depot crafts, and much more. Tickets are \$5 for adults (13 and up), \$10 forchildren three to 12, and \$2 for one-two year olds. Tickets are on sale at the Parks and Recreation Department, 700 W. Baseline Road.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Northville Arts Commission Exhibit Opening

DATE: Friday, Jan. 5 TIME: 5:30-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Art House

DETAILS: This exhibit will showcase local talent and will run through Jan. 21. CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

Sherrus Gallery "Painters' Play-Act II" DATE: Friday, Jan. 5

TIME: 6-9 p.m. LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art

DETAILS: This will be a night performance of three unique artists demonstrating the creation of their work. Guests will be able to converse with the artists and participate in a silent auction to obtain the original art. The exhibit and sale of the featured artists' work will run through Jan. 31. CONTACT: (248) 380-0470

American Association of University Women Luncheon DATE: Saturday, Jan. 13

TIME: 11:30 a.m. LOCATION: VisTa Tech Center, Schoolcraft College, Livonia DETAILS: The Northville/Novi chapter of the AAUW will hold their New Year Luncheon with a presentation by Dr. Craig Roney on the art of family storytelling. The deadline for reservations is Jan. 8, and the cost is \$23 per person.

CONTACT: Beth Ann, (248) 305-8992

Marguis Theatre

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or www.northvillemarquistheatre.com Snow White and The Seven **Dwarfs**

TIME/DATES: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays through Jan. 20. No shows on New Year's Eve, continuing Sundays from Jan. 7-21. Special matinees at 2:30 p.m. today and Friday, Dec. 29.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 per person, and please no children under the age of three.

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com "Holiday Health Spa" DATE: December DETAILS: Genitti's will be open for lunch and dinner theater everyday, and evening, in December. Please call for details. Genitti's Acting Workshops DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.

DETAILS: Enjoy our famous family style lunch or dinner, then practice voice and body movement with one of our actors on stage. Play theater games. Take a backstage tour. \$16.95 per person. Everyone gets a Genitti's fun patch.

Maybury State Park & Farm

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road, between Beck and Napier roads CONTACT: (248) 349-8390 NOTE: The Maybury Farm will be closed through Feb. 28, 2007 energe in the second for the

LIBRARY LINES

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., 4 near Northville City Hall; parking off Cady Street

TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m.



Making a difference!

Civic Concern's Roxanne Barrick, right and Joyce Blue begin to organize all the Christmas gifts assembled for the charity's families last week at the Northville Township Finance Building on Six Mile Road. Schools, churches and families "adopted" more than 127 needy families this year and brought them a little cheer for the holidays.

Divorce Recovery Workshop TIME/DAY: 7:30-9 p m. Thursday

LOCATION Emeritus Room DETAILS' This seven week workshop will cover a range of topics presented by a variety of speakers. The cost is \$35 per person including the book, "Growing Through Divorce". Childcare will be available for toddlers through children in sixth grade with registration at least two weeks before the workshop begins. Upcoming topics are. Networking/Midlife Crisis, Jan. 11, presented by Pastor Jim Russel Stages of Grief, Jan. 18, presented by J. Harold Ellens, Ph D. Putting Your "Ex" in Focus,

TIME/DATES: 7 p.m. Jan. 17, 24, 31 DETAILS: This class will offer practical help to keep your family safe on the Internet. The class is free and open to all.

First United Methodist Church LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile

CONTACT: Mark Tarpinian,

DATE: Sunday

(248) 347-3525

TIME: 10.20 a.m.

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Center, 303 W. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Ongoing Card Games Bridge

TIME/DAY: 12:30 p.m., Monday Euchre

TIME/DAY: noon-3:30 p.m. Wednesday Pinochle (double deck) TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 p.m., Monday and Thursday

Pinochie (single deck) LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleybali TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-nocn,

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday LOCATION: Recreation Center and Hillside

DETAILS: All levels of play are welcome. Bring your friends. Cost is \$1.00

CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation, (248) 449-9947

Co-ed Adult 50+ Basketball TIME/DAY: 10 a m.-noon,

Thursdays

LOCATION: Senior Community Center

DETAILS: All levels of play are welcome. Bring your friends. Cost is \$1.00

CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation, (248) 449-9947

Health Walking

DATE: Monday-Friday TIME: 8-10 a.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center gym, 303 W. Main St.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field

DETAILS: Office Hours Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-1p.m.; Archives Open Thu-Fri 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 Thursday: Office & Archives Closed; 5 p.m. Rehearsal

Friday: Office & Archives Closed; 3 30-5:30 p.m. "Wedding Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek

Church Monday: New Year's Day-Closed

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang Wednesday: 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket Guild; 6:45 p.m.

Mindfulness Meditation Grounds closed to the public

Gardeners of Northville & Novi Meeting

DATE: Monday, Jan. 8 TIME: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Library, 212 W. Cady St. DETAILS: Ornithologist Tim

Nowicki of the Lyon Oaks Nature Center will present a program on 'Our Fine Feathered Friends". This is free, and all are welcome. CONTACT: (248) 348-1946

Country Garden Club of Northville

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 9 TIME: noon LOCATION: Mill Race Village DETAILS: The Garden Club will meet on the second Tuesday of the month due to the New Year's holiday. Speaker Margaret Converse will cover the four seasons of wildflowers. CONTACT: Sue Witek, (248)

349-7783

Novi Choralaires Auditions

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 9 TIME: 7:30-9:30 p.m. DETAILS: All voice parts are welcome to audition for this chorus that is made up of men and women from Novi, Northville, and the surrounding community. The group rehearses September through May on Tuesday evenings and holds a series of Christmas concerts as well as a Spring concert.

CONTACT: Dick Bayerl, (248) 349-3267

Sunua Note: The Library will be closed Dec. 31, Jan. 1, and Jan.

CONTACT: For information or to register for programs and request or renew library materials, (248) 349-3020

Friends Store

DETAILS: The Friends Store. located inside the library, offers a variety of gifts for all ages. All proceeds benefit the library.

Book Donations

DETAILS: Used books and materials are needed by the Friends of the Library. The library contributes to the collection and donates the rest to the Friends for sale, with proceeds benefiting the library. Donations are tax deductible. If you need assistance unloading books from your car, call (248) 349-3020 in advance to make arrangements. Library Board of Trustee

Meetings

DATE: Fourth Thursday of every month TIME: 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Open to the public.

CHURCH **EVENTS**

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Single Place Events CONTACT: www.singleplace.org **Dinner-Light & Lively Concert-**Games

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tonight DETAILS: A casual dinner will be followed with a concert by Julie Firth. Reservations for the dinner must be made by noon on Dec 28 by calling the church office. Donations for the dinner and concert are suggested at \$10, or just \$5 if only attending the concert. Card and game playing will also be held in the Gathering area by

the Christian Life Center.

Jan. 25, presented by Dell Deaton. Walking Group TIME: 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington; Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington

DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited.

First Baptist Church of Northville

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing Sunday Worship: 11 00 a m. & 6 p.m.

Sunday School. 9 30 a m. Ladies Bible Study 9 30 a m. &

7 p.m. Tuesdays Mens Bible Study: 9 a m., first Saturday of every month

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Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Rd.

- CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 Sunday School: 9.30 a m. Sunday Worship: 10.50 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Youth & Children Ministries: 7 p.m.
- **Organizing Your Life** TIME/DATE: 7 p m. Wednesday, Jan. 10
- DETAILS: The class is free and all are welcome to attend. Internet Safety

Ward Evangelical **Presbyterian Church**

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 374-5966

MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers)

DATE: First and third Thursday of the month; Resumes Jan. 4. TIME: 7-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Room C307-309 DETAILS: MOPs is an international organization that provides support and encouragement for mothers of young children. Meet other moms like you and share experiences. Speakers present topics relevant to you and your role as a mom. MOPs is about celebrating motherhood, meeting needs, making connections, experiencing God's love. Leave feeling valued, pampered and recharged.

CONTACT: Keli Plansinis, atplayintennis@comcast.net or Women's Ministries (248) 374-5978

WOW Tuesdays

DATE: Tuesdays; Resumes Jan. 9 TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Chapel, NE corner of church

DETAILS: WOW Tuesdays offer seven different classes, four new. Something for everyone, bible veterans or wanting to learn more. Small groups enable richer, deeper understanding of God's Word, and how we can apply it to our every day lives.

20s and 30s Women's Bible Study

DATE: Tuesday evenings; Starts Jan. 16 TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Room C317-319 DETAILS: Study Scriptures in this twelve week program through "Breaking Free," a video series by Beth Moore. Reserve workbook. CONTACT: Women's Ministries (248) 374-5978 **Single Adults** DATE: Sunday

TIME: 11:30 a.m. CONTACT: (248) 374-5920 **College Age**

Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 Sunday Worship

DETAILS: 8, 9.15, 11 a m , and 5 p.m.

Healing Service DATE: First Monday of every

month TIME: 4 p m.

Suicide Loss Support Group

DATE: Second Thursday and Fourth Monday of every month TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.

DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Registration is not required.

CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net



Thursday

9 a m.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly 9:30 a m.: Yoga 12 30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p m : Tai Chi; Computer II By appointment: Chair Massage Friday 10 a m.: Strength Training 11 a m.: Poker 11 a m.: Computer II 1 p.m.: Movie-Pirates of the Caribbean II Monday New Year's Day-Closed Tuesday 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Computer I Wednesday 9.45 a m.: Öxycise New Enrollees 10 a.m.: Oxycise noon: Bridge 1 p.m.: Computer I 7 p.m.: Bridge

Board Games

DATE: Tuesday, ongoing TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community

LOOKING FOR YOU

Susan B. Galli Angel Fund

DETAILS: Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic has created a fund to assist families in need with medical expenses for their pets. The fund is in memory of one of their long time clients and friends, Sue Galli, that passed away in November. Hidden Springs welcomes all donations from the community to help build this fund, and help as many pets as possible. Please make checks payable to Hidden Spring Vet Clinic SGA Fund, and mail to: 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. CONTACT: (248) 349-2598

Northville Colts Football

DETAILS: The Colts are expanding their teams in 2007 and are looking for good people with a willingness to serve as coaches and Board of Directors. The organization is currently made up of teams in the brackets as follows: Freshman, ages eight to 10; Junior Varsity, ages 11-12; and Varsity, ages 13-14, also cheerleaders in these age groups.

CONTACT: www.northvillecolts.com and click on "Contact Us."

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

DETAILS: This group is for residents of Northville and surrounding communities. Activities include monthly coffees, various interest groups and special programs. New and potential members are welcome. CONTACT: Nancy Murphy, (248) 305-5460

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Concert featuring Randy & TIME/DATE: 7 p m. Sunday,



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Business Networking

TIME/DAY: 7-8:30 a.m. every

LOCATION: Eastern Michigan

CONTACT: Jim Green, (248)

Great Books Discussion

Thursday of every month.

TIME/DAY: First and Third

LOCATION: Livonia Civic

DETAILS: Discuss novels,

plays, poetry, and non-fiction, CONTACT: (248) 349-3121

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DETAILS: Meet at the

Environmental Interpretive

the University of Michigan-

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University, Livonia Campus, 38777 W. Six Mile, Suite 400 DETAILS: Visitors are wel-

come to all meetings.

Reservations required.

International

Thursday

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Mentor Volunteers

DETAILS: The Oakland County Youth Assistance is looking for volunteers for their Mentor Plus program. Training and orientation sessions will be held at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac.

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 13

CONTACT: (248) 858-0041

Anxlety Disorder Support Group

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, weekly

LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia

DETAILS: A.I.M. (Aim for Recovery) is an organization that will be holding meetings to offer support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders, and their families. The meetings consist of planned behavioral lessons and discussions. Educational material will be available. Donations for the program and materials are accepted.

CONTACT: Robert Diedrich at robtddrich@msn.com

New Hope Center for Grief Support

DETAILS: The Center offers age and loss groups specific to men, women, and children. Groups are offered on an ongoing basis, and at no cost toparticipants.

CONTACT: (248)-348-0115, or vist www.newhopecenter.net

YWCA of Western Wayne County

DETAILS: The YWCA is looking for volunteers to assist with office help, after-school programs, building projects, communications, and marketing in its various locations throughout western Wayne County. They are also offering internships for

CONTACT: Tabatha Manuel,

TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **DETAILS:** Permanent and substitute drivers are needed. CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Terrace, (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna, (248) 348-1761

Northville Downtown Development Authority Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 16 TIME: 8 a.m. LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 215 West Main St. DETAILS: All are welcome to attend the monthy meeting of the DDA. CONTACT: (249) 349-0345 or

go to Downtownnorthville.com

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month **CONTACT:** Tom James of Northville Camera at northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net, or Northville Arts Commission, (248) 449-9950

Arts Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

Beautification Commission

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting Room B

Housing Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 3 p.m. LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

Youth Assistance

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month TIME: 8 a.m. office, 775 N. Center St.

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Senior

<u>PARKS AND</u> RECREATION ACTIVITIES

LOCATION: 775 N. Center St., back entrance of Hillside Middle School **CONTACT:** For registration and information on camps, classes and activities, (248)

349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Winter Youth Basketball

DATE: Saturday, January 20-March 10 **DETAILS: Registration until**

leagues are full. A \$10 late fee will be assessed on all registrations after Nov. 17. There will be leagues for girls in grades sixth-eighth, and grades ninth-12. The leagues for boys will be grades eight and nine,10-12. CONTACT: (248) 349-0203, extension #1405

Adult Coaches Needed

DETAILS: Coaches are needed for Northville Parks and Recreation's winter youth basketball leagues. **CONTACT:** Dave DeMattos, (248) 349-0203, extension #1405

Open Basketball

DATE: Every Sunday TIME: 6-9 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per person.

Open Volleyball

TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m., Thursdays; 10 a.m-2 p.m., Saturdays, Sept.-April LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside DETAILS: There is a fee of \$3 per person for Thursday, and \$4 per person for

DATE: Every Tuesday and Friday TIME: 7-9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

Table Tennis TIME/DAY: 6-10 p.m.,

Monday and noon-4 p.m., Saturday LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. **Baseline Road**

DETAILS: Eight tables are available. All skill levels are welcome. The cost is \$4 per day.

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Diamond Center New Year's Eve Gala

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m., Dec. 31 LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, Novi

DETAILS: Persons 21 and older are invited to celebrate New Year's Eve with this evening complete with hors d'oreuvres, four-course dinner, dessert, open bar, champagne at midnight, pizza and snack bar, and entertainment by Steve King and the Dittlies. Tickets are \$90 per person. Tables of 10 are available for \$850. Reservations are required. CONTACT: (248) 348-5600, ext. 200

Grief Support for Widows DATE: Sunday, Jan. 7 TIME: 2-3:30 p.m. LOCATION: Prince of Peace Parish, 4300 Walnut Lake Road. West Bloomfield **DETAILS:** The Archiocese of **Detroit group Widowed Friends** is offering a six week program covering the phases of grief, dealing with loneliness and coping with the loss of a spouse. A \$20 fee payable at the first meeting covers all materials. Register before Jan.

CONTACT: Mary Ann, (248) 681-9424





Swing City Big Band CONTACT: Joan Lee, (734) 953-6012

Concerts TIME/DATES: 8 p.m. Jan. 5; 8 p.m. Feb. 10; 8 p.m. Mar. 31

LOCATION: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton

DETAILS: A 19 piece band brings back the music of the 1940's big band era for listening and dancing enjoyment. There will be door prizes and an open dance floor. Tickets are \$12 per person.

CONTACT: (734) 394-5460 or www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater/index.asp for tickets: swingcity_bigband@yahoo.com or www.swingcitybigband.org for more information on the band.

Italian Language Class Registration

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 16 LOCATION: Italian American Club, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia

DETAILS: The Italian American Cultural Committee will offer Italian language classes for 10 weeks beginning Jan. 30 and 31 for adults, and Feb. 3 for children. Beginning and Intermediate classes will be offered depending on the number and type of students registered. The cost is \$75, plus books, for adults and \$50, plus books, for children. CONTACT: Gianna Prokop,

(734) 953-1137 - press 2 twice with the automated answering system.

Angela Hospice Groups

DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief, heartstrings: parents who have lost a child and a grief support quilter's group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers. LOCATION: Angela Hospice

Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia

Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue. Park Pass DETAILS: Metroparks and

every month

TIME: 7 p.m.

Oakland County Parks are offering a dual park pass. The annual cost is \$43 and can be purchased at any park office. CONTACT: (800) 477-3178 or

www.metroparks.com

Mail Community Calendar submissions to Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; fax to 9248) 349-9832; e-mail to bhinman@gannett.com.





Thursday December 28, 2006 NORTHVILLE RECORD 17Å



www.northvillerecord.com

By Jeff Theisen

PECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville capped off an amazing run with just one loss in the 2006 calendar year after winning the Dexter Invitational tourna-

ment. Mustangs (4-0) beat The Haslett 64-45 Dec. 19 and capped the tournament with a 73-51 win against Willow Run on Dec. 21.

"It's one of the goals that we set every year is to win the Christmas tournament." said Darrel Schumacher. Northville head coach. "We were very happy. Both teams were tough competition.

The Willow Run Flyers pushed the Mustangs in the title game. trailing Northville just 35-32 at the half.

The Mustang defense took over in the third quarter, as the Flyers managed just two baskets and six points for a 42-34 lead heading into the fourth.

One of the defensive adjustments came during halftime.

Willow Run had a player that was consistently hitting threes until the coaches decided to move Steve Anderson from one side of the floor to the other. The shooter had trouble getting off his shots, and the Mustangs went on to win the title in a blowout.

"I was real pleased with the defensive efforts in the second half," Schumacher said. "At this time of the year you're still trying to figure out who is going to do what.

Fouls, fouls and more fouls paced the fourth quarter. The Mustangs sank 17 of 21 free throws to pull away to earn the second consecutive Dexter tournament trophy.

Senior guard Alvin Storrs finished the final game with 33 points, Junior forward Dan Kirkpatrick scored 14 points, and Greg Hasse added a career-high 12 points.

Having three players score in double digits was a nice luxury for Schumacher, Storrs is the leading scorer on the team, but he's looking for other kids to step up and take advantage of defenses focusing on him.

The key is that we can't stand



Photo submitted by Mike Kolbow

around and let one person carry it," Schumacher said. "That really is the part that we have to work the hardest on."

Looking forward to '07

Northville gets a small break. getting back on the floor Jan 5 at Churchill.

We've got a lot of work ahead of us. We start league in January." Schumacher said. "It's going to be a whole new ball game

"I think we're gaining confidence. I'm really excited. They're a great bunch to work with.

The team has been overhauled after graduated most of a seniordominated team, but the regular season winning streak continues under a mostly new regime that features 11 juniors

Schumacher said a lot of skill combined with luck and timing make up such a streak

"Everything has to go right and lucky," he said. "Those are the goals every year. We don't dwell on the past, we look to he future

We only lost one game in 2006. It probably won't happen like that ever again. I'm just honored to be a part of it."

Jeff Theisen can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at jtheisen@gannett com.



Photo submitted by Mike Ko

Photo submitted by Dave Kirkpatrick The Dexter Holiday Tournament champion Northville Mustangs show off their trophy.

Northville junior Dan Kirkpatrick convert a layup during the final game of the Dexter Holiday Tournament.

Submitted photo

Big Kickers! Two Northville girls helped propel their U8 girls soccer team to a regional tournament title Dec. 3. The team is now qualified for the National Indoor Tournament in Wixom and Fraser the last week-

end in February. Front row (left to right) Danielle Kluz (Sterling Heights), Mariah Smythe (Novi), Julianna Ulla (Northville), Emily McGuire (Livonia), Elena Lippert (Northville), Jennifer Richmond (Plymouth), Haylee Renick (Bellville). Back row: Karen Roggenkamp (Farmington Hills), Katarina Santavy (Bellville), Tara Arlin (Farmington Hills), Emily Debolski (Livonia), Madeleine Lucus (Plymouth), Natalie Nowicki (Plymouth), Mollie Barnard (Wixom).



Mustangs 2nd at relays

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville went into the WLAA Conference Relays down a couple of swimmers but still pulled out a second-place finish Dec. 22 at Salem.

Livonia Stevenson won the meet with 276 points followed by the Mustangs (246), Walled Lake North (185) and Salem (176).

Northville's lone swimming win came in the 200 freestyle relay. Kyle Adams, Jim Mammano, Jake Lane and Colin Smith finished in

1:37.59.

Divers Steven Kruse and Will Fankell combined to beat the field by more than 75 points.

Northville head coach Rich Bennetts wanted to thank the efforts of three freshmen Nathan Lunn, Ben Schonek and Anthony Adamowicz - for filling in and competing well at the meet.

"Overall I was pretty pleased," Bennetts said of his team. "We realize early on that it's not going to be easy.

The Mustangs are off until Jan. S when they host Brother Rice.

REGIONAL MARKETPLACE hursday, December 28, 2006

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Total Sports Complex

Wixom facility now offering drop-in art and art classes, inflatables — in addition to standard athletic fare

By Kate Phillips SPECIAL WRITER

Total Sports Complex in Wixom has long been known as the best place for sports. There's something for the entire family, with sports leagues. lessons and field rentals.

Now that a new drop-in art studio and art classes are starting up, Total Sports is the place for total family fun.

"We are now more just sports," said Laura Hicks, event coordinator.

Creative Arts Studio, formerly located in Novi, has opened up a fine art studio inside Total Sports. There will be all sorts of drop-in art classes available.

Sports capital

Recreational and competitive sports leagues and classes abound at Total Sports Complex. There are both adult and children's leagues in nearly every sport, including - soc-cer, lacrosse, softball, baseball. flag football and roller hockey.

With professional staff and experienced instructors, kids can get a good start on the sport they love. Classes and leagues are offered during the day and evening seven days a week and to fit every schedule and every skill level.

To take the workout one step further, professional training is available at the Total



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Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Gannett News Service Kyle Dowd, 3, paints a ceramic soccer ball at the Total Sports Complex in Wixom, located at 30990 Wixom Rd.

are colorful works of art right out of an art gallery. Even toddlers will enjoy create-a-bear workshops. Special holiday workshops will allow kids the chance to make beaded necklaces for mother's day, and spe-cial creations for Valentine's Day, Easter and Father's Day.

Birthday parties

Total sports is the perfect place for birthday parties. Kids can get their energy out on the field - instead of cooped up inside a house, and mom doesn't have to worry about anything.

Kids can choose a birthday party with either art, science, soccer, inflatables or baseball. The sky is the limit.

The party assistants will keep the kids busy and make sure that everyone has a super time. Everything is taken care of, and when the party is over, there's no mess to clean up.

Prices are actually lower at Total Sports than other nearby venues. Planners can help fit an awesome party into any budget.

"This is the best place for a birthday party," said Laura Hicks. "We have everything you can imagine - and stuff you would never think of."

Many companies come every summer for a softball game with beer and burgers afterwards.

Or gala affairs can be held under a tent, with a scrumptious buffet and inflatable bouncers for the kids.

And it's the perfect place for adult birthday parties, anniversaries and other special occasions. A sporting event makes a retirement or 40th birthday party more fun. And ladies are in heaven at an artsy bachelorette party, where they can paint pottery while they celebrate over wine and appetizers.

Start with Lil' kickers

Even toddlers and preschoolers can get active with Lil' Kickers classes. They're the perfect chance for little ones to get exercise while learning soccer basics in a fun, non-competitive environment.

The class was actually developed by a child psychologist so that is nurtures the young children and provides skills in movement. And mascot Hoppy the Bunny gets kids really excited about playing.

"It's a child development program that teaches kids life skills through soccer," said Lil' Kickers Coordinator Jen D'Annunzio. "It helps with coordination, social skills, learning how to take turns and wait in lines, plus showing respect for the other players and coaches. "And the kids love it. They walk off the field with huge smiles on their faces."

they love - instead of feeling like they are in daycare.

What child doesn't want to go to sports camp? Even parents that don't work send kids to the skills camps.

Kids can choose one sport for morning, one sport for afternoon, or they can also try art, science, music and dance. It's perfect for a child that wants to improve their game in a favorite sport, like soccer, but also learn something new, like lacrosse. And with all the selections, each sibling will find something they like so parents can bring all their children to one camp. The large grounds mean that kids can spend time indoors and outdoors in the sunshine, without leaving the facility.

The camps are half-day or full-day, with lunch. Latchkey programs are available before and afterwards to fit the schedules of busy parents. Kids can come for a fun-packed week or can spend the entire summer learning and playing at Total Sports.

Awesome facility

Total Sports Complex in Wixom is the largest sports complex in the country, and has been leading the industry since it opened in 1997. The 220,000 square feet indoor facility includes four soccer fields, a roller hockey rink, in-line skating track and three batting cages. The facility also includes instructional space, a training center, party space and a full restaurant. The outdoor area includes softball and baseball fields, soccer field and large picnic space. With new turf installed earlier this year, the indoor fields are covered with a softer surface that wards off injuries and knee problems. And it works well with all types of cleats and athletic shoes. Owners continue to invest heavily in the facility, keeping it constantly updated so that it is a safe, state-ofthe-art play area and work-out facility.

Location: 30990 Wixom Road, north of 1-96 in Wixom Phone: (248) 669-9817 Web: www.totalsportscomplex.com

Performance Training Center. Trainers can work with everyone in the family to increase core strength and enhance performance by gearing the workout specifically to a particular sport.

Art for everyone

Now kids can spend time creating art when they come to Total Sports. The drop-in studio is open seven days a week for an projects. It's perfect for siblings that come to watch a game every week. Now they'll have a couple hours of enrichment as well.

A variety of art projects are available to suit every age level - from toddlers to teenagers, and even adults. And the types of art offered are meaningful creations that parents will want to keep forever, or kids can make as gifts for grandparents and other family members.

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Samantha Pomponio, 4, kicks a ball inside the Total Sports Complex in Wixom, under the watchful eye of coach Kati Stolz.

Memorable corporate events

Those planning a company picnic or corporate team building event will be surprised by the possibilities at Total Sports Complex.

"Our planners can come up with an event that suits your corporate needs," said Hicks.

Event planners have creative minds that can turn an ordinary event into something unforgettable.

The Total Sports Bar and Grill offers delicious food, from steaks and burgers to fruit and sandwiches. The grill can customize a menu to fit each event. And adults can enjoy beer, wine and full bar services.

Once spring arrives, picnics will abound at Total Sports. Company parties can be held in the beautiful park-like setting. Plus, if there is a thunderstorm. the whole party can be moved inside without changing any of the planned activities.

Families can try out the first Lil' Kickers class at no charge. and can start the ongoing class at any time. Kids as young as one and a half can play with help from a parent, or youngsters through age eight can play independently. Classes are available during the day on both weekdays and weekends.

Big kids love day camp

During spring break and summer vacation, there's nothing kids would like better than to go to sports camp. Parents can have the peace of mind that their children are being well cared for while they work, and kids can spend time somewhere

To get started call Total Sports Complex at (248) 669-9817 or go to www.totalsportscomplex com.





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Q. I am concerned about one of our pets in our condominium being somewhat vicious and the board not willing to do anything about it. What can we do to insure our protection?

A. Write the board and insist that it enforce its condominium documents including insuring that the co-owner who has the pet has adequate homeowners insurance and is otherwise taking adequate measures to protect the residents and guests from the animal. Point out to the board that if the bylaws allow the board to seek the removal of the animal, if it is in fact dangerous, that it has an obligation to do so and may be vulnerable not only to persons damaged or hurt by the pet, but from the co-owners who have a right to pursue the board for failing to enforce reasonable condominium restrictions.

Q. I have recently read about the problems with the "big dig" in Boston and the traffic problems it has created. I am Interested in renting an office space in the downtown area for my business which is moving to Boston but I am wondering what your thoughts are in regard to that type of investment

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A. Having just visited Boston, I can tell you that the traffic problems created by the closure of one of the big dig tunnels is horrible and I believe it will no doubt have a substantial effect on the retail and commercial areas surrounding the downtown district when word gets out about the traffic jams which now occur, particularly to and from the airport. The market in general in Boston is softening in terms of residential and commercial and if you are going to be conducting a retail or com-



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mercial business, be mindful of the potential difficulty you may have in attracting customers in that area. You are best advised to consult with a local real estate agent before making any investment and/or perhaps consider an alternative location.

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Back in the 1960s. there was a TV show called Lawman. The star



had a bit part in Clint John Russell as the Lawman

Eastwood's Pale Rider. Do you know who he was? -Elaine Gibbs, Springtown, Texas

John Russell played marshal Dan Troop in Laurnan from 1958 to 1962 and appeared in Pale Rider in 1985. He had roles as well in two other Eastwood movies, Honkytonk Man and The

Outlaw Josey Wales. Russell was 70 when he died of emphysema in 1991.

> I loved the show Karen Sisco and the actress who played her. She looks familiar. Has she been in any other TV shows or movies? -Joan Murphee. Middleburg. Fla.

Florida-born Carla Gugino, who played sexy, brainy U.S. marshal Karen Sisco in the shortlived 2003 TV series of the same name, made her performance debut as a teenager in a TV episode of Who's the Boss. A niece of the Let's Make a Deal

prize model" Carrol Merrill, Gugino, 35, also has appeared in the movies Spy Kids, Sin City and Michael, and the TV shows Spin City, Chicago Hope and Threshold. You can see her in the new Ben Stiller movie comedy Night at the Museum.

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The prolific and likeable actor, 78, has not written an autobiography, but perhaps he should-it would be a good read! He sold men's clothing, modeled bathing suits, worked at a gas station and received a Purple Heart for his military service in Korea-all before finding stardom in the TV shows Manerick and The Rockford Files. Earlier this year, Garner returned for a



Actor James Garner triumphant homecoming to Norman, Okla., where he was honored with a bronze statue, a street named in his honor and an honorary high school diploma.



What happened to Rick Springfield? -Barbara Schofield. Brookings, Ore.

The "Jessie's Girl" singer and actor took time off from show business in the 1990s to raise his two sons. But now that they're grown, he's back touring with his band and appearing occasionally on General Hospital, reprising his '80s TV role of Dr. Noah Drake. If you can't catch him in concert, check out his new DVD, Rick Springfield Live in Rockfield, recorded at the Coronado Theater in Rockford, Ill.

What is your favorite Easter memory?

Colorful tulips and warm spring rains, bright sunshine and Easter egg hunts, a brand new outfit and Sunday church services. Easter is a holiday filled with fond memories and family traditions. If you have a favorite Easter memory that you'd like to share for an upcoming story, mail a 100-word or less description-and a photograph if you have one-along with your name, address and phone number to: Easter Memories, American Profile, 341 Cool Springs Blvd., Suite 400, Franklin, TN, 37067, by Jan. 15. Submissions will not be returned and will become the property of Publishing Group of America.



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Each year, American Profile publishes a collection of stories about ordinary people doing remarkable deeds for others without expecting recognition or acknowledgement in return. Here are a few favorites sent in by readers this year:

Saint Santa

Donnie Cain says he is shy by nature, but you'd never know it when he dons a red suit, grows a full white beard and becomes Santa Claus' No. 1 helper in Seneca, S.C., (pop. 7,652) each Christmas season.

Cain, 55, and his Santa suit stay busy on nights, weekends and even his lunch break—visiting schools, churches, nursing homes, hospitals and businesses—to bring the spirit of Christmas to people ages 1 to 92. He does not accept payment and sometimes uses his vacation time to accommodate all the requests.

"He's so popular that we have to take appointments to get everyone in," says his wife, Jean.

Can first portrayed the jolly fellow in 1990 for elderly residents at Seneca Health & Rehab Center, where he is maintenance director, and was hooked by the smiles and laughter that his holiday antics elicited. He says he is equally at ease with children, who "just seem to take to me." Betty Jo Moore, of Walhalla, S.C., says Cain is one of the few people who could get her mother to smile when she lived at the Seneca nursing home before her death last year at age 98. "He looks more like the real Santa than the real Santa," she gushes. "He gets his picture made with everyone, gives them a big hug and a kiss, interacts with both the residents and their families. He truly reflects the spirit of Christmas."

Guardian angel

Maria Griego doesn't know his name or where he lives—only that a short, dark-haired, middleaged stranger with a soothing voice held her hand through her cracked car window while they waited together for an ambulance after a near-fatal crash on a rural road outside of Santa Fe, N.M.

The 23-year-old sales associate was driving home from work in November 2005 when an oncoming

car pulled in front of her. "I remember my car spinning across the highway and I was injured pretty bad," she says. "My head hit the windshield and shattered it, and my legs were trapped under the steering column. I was bleeding, and I had glass in my mouth."

The other car's driver checked on her, but it was an anonymous passerby who came to her rescue. He called the ambulance and police and, at Maria's request, used her cell phone to call her parents, who were vacationing in Albuquerque. "I asked this voice if he was a police officer," recalls Maria's mom, Martha Griego. "He said, 'No, but I stopped to help your daughter and I won't leave 'til I know she's OK.""

The stranger was true to his word, and left only as Maria was being put in an ambulance. She suffered severe whiplash, cuts and bruises, but thanks to her seatbelt and months of physical therapy, is OK today.

The whole Griego family still wonders about the stranger's identity. "We never got to personally thank him, but we consider him our daughter's guardian angel," says Martha Griego. "We keep him and his family in our prayers." Susan Cook delivers donated flowers. Our annual tribute to ordinary Americans doing good deeds for one another

Nature's medicine

Around Thurston Woods retirement center in Sturgis, Mich. (pop. 11,285), Susan Cook is known as the "flower lady."

The former elementary school teacher motors around in her electric wheelchair placing vases of fresh flowers in the rooms of fellow residents, at the nurses' stations, on dining room tables—anyplace that could use a little bit of nature's beauty.

"You go in with a big smile and leave fresh

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flowers. It's better than medicine," says Cook, 65, who doesn't let her multiple sclerosis overcome her desire to brighten someone's day.

She gets flower donations from friends, grocery stores and, last year, teamed up with retirement center resident Phil Cary, 88, whose family operates a gladiola farm and brought in bucket loads of freshly cut flowers.

"The residents love it," says nurse Carol Eagan. "These flowers go to a lot of people who are alone. Sometimes it's the only thing they ever receive."

Rescued trophies

At 86, Frances Foster was throwing away her garbage when she noticed a pile of trophies in the dumpster of her apartment complex in Washington, III. (pop. 10,841). Determined to recycle them, the great-grandmother used the crook of her cane to fish out the trophies one by one, rescuing more than two dozen of the shiny statues.

With the salvaged trophies in her back seat, Foster drove to Central Illinois Riding Therapy, a nonprofit horse riding camp for people of all ages with disabilities. For their shows, the East Peoria group awards its riders refurbished trophies as a cost-cutting measure. She was greeted by a barrage of teenagers and children who unloaded the boxes of trophies. "They were so excited, saying, 'Look at this one!' and 'It's beautiful!' I just bawled," Foster recalls.



Dumpster diva Frances Foster found a home for recycled trophies.

Camp director Judith Kruse says trophies are one of the best items people can recycle. "Getting a trophy means a lot to these kids—some of whom can't ride a bike or do other sports. It means a lot to their parents, too."

Foster jokingly refers to her November 2005 dumpster encounter as the day she became a "bag lady," but is proud of the outcome. "I grew up in the Depression in a southern Illinois town, the oldest of six children," she says. "We learned the hard way about saving and using old things."

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When Mabel White Holmes saw the

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Mabel White Holmes. liffy's mastermind

"Grandma thought, 'Wouldn't it be neat to invent a product that would taste great and be so easy that a man could make it?" says Howdy S. Holmes, 58,

company president. "The whole idea was to provide a service to homemakers." Initially, Mabel puzzled over what to call her new product. Inspiration struck while she was behind the wheel of a car on a trip with her husband, Howard. She nearly wrecked in her excitement, Howdy says.

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The Holmes family has been selling baking ingredients to homemakers for nine generations. The family began milling flour in 1802, bought the Chelsea flour mill in 1887 and introduced its popular Jiffy mix in 1930.

Six years after launching America's baking mix industry, Mabel assumed the role of company president when her husband died in a grain silo accident. The couple's 23-year-old twin sons, Howard and Dudley Sr., ran the company and the Jiffy line continued to grow with a pie-crust mix in 1940 and a corn muffin mix in 1950.

Today, Chelsea Milling Co. fills 1.6 million Jiffy boxes daily with biscuit, cake, frosting, fudge brownie, muffin, pizza crust and pancake mixes. From the start, the company has been a do-it-all manufacturer-from milling its own flour to making its own cheery, blue boxes. With its glearning white silos, the Chelsea plant-nicknamed Jiffyville-is a downtown landmark and favorite destination for tour groups. Visitors end tours with free samples of hot fluffy biscuits or muffins.

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"Quality and Value since 1930," Chelsea Milling Co. has endured by changing with the times. When Howdy retired as a racecar driver and returned to the

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family business in 1988, he modernized the plant, built a \$4.5 million warehouse in 1996 and introduced commercial-sized mixes to cater to restaurants and hospitals.

Still, he admires the perseverance of his flour-milling forefathers and cherishes the ingenuity of his grandmother. "Grandma had a simple idea and followed through," Howdy says. "She wanted to save people time and money in the kitchen."

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A soldier's autograph

The Wilson family was vacationing at Disney World when, on a bus ride around the park, 8-year-old twins Drew and Adam found themselves sitting beside a man with a walking cane. As they spoke, the children learned he was wounded as a soldier during the Vietnam War.

"One of my boys asked us for a pen and paper, and then asked the man for his autograph," says Timothy Wilson of Georgetown, Ohio (pop. 3,691). "We had spent the day surrounded by Disney cartoon characters with hundreds of kids standing in line for their autographs, but this was the autograph that Drew wanted... because this man fought in the war. The man, along with my wife and me, were in tears as he proudly signed his name and rank for my boys. One of those proud parent moments!"



The Wilson twins at Disney World



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A good deed landed Jackie Morris (left) a job at McDonald's from Mike Bold, the restaurant's general manager in Alton, III.

A job for Jackie

While munching on his lunch at a McDonald's restaurant one day in Alton, Ill. (pop. 30,496), Jackie Morris noticed an elderly couple nearby and offered to take their trash to the waste can. "My parents and grandmother taught me to be polite to people," explains Morris, who suffers from a mental illness and has cared for himself since his parents died in 2001. He didn't realize anyone noticed his act of kindness until the restaurant's general manager, Mike Bold, approached to ask if he worked for him. "I said, 'No, but I'm looking for a job," Morris recalls.

Bold told him to come back to the restaurant on Friday and they'd fill out the paperwork and, as Morris says, "the rest is history." The 47-year-old has worked at McDonald's for three years, sweeping floors, wiping down tables and making sure napkins, straws and lids are stocked on the condiment table.

"When Jackie called to tell me he'd gotten a job offer himself, I was surprised," says Kelly Schillinger, his job coach at Challenge Unlimited, a nonprofit organization that helps people with disabilities find work. "But when he told me what he did that led to the job, it didn't surprise me at all, because that's just Jackie. That's how he is. He's a person with a good heart."

The effects of Morris' simple goodwill gesture didn't stop there. Four McDonald's operated by Bold's family have since hired 15 other people served by Challenge Unlimited, and Bold has received regional and state awards for his willingness to hire people with disabilities. "It's been a huge ripple effect," Schillinger says. "It just shows how a simple act of kindness can affect other people's lives. Because of Jackie and his kindness, a lot of other people have found jobs, too."

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Tillie's Cheese Potatoes

- 6 large russet potatoes
- ¹/₂ cup butter or margarine
- 2 large onions, chopped
- ¹/₂ cup all-purpose flour
- 4 cups cold milk
- I pound processed cheese, cubed
- Salt and pepper

I. Place potatoes in a large saucepan, cover with water and bring to a boil. Cook until tender. Cool and peel. Cut into bite-size chunks.

2. Preheat oven to 350F. Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onions; cook until translucent. Sprinkle flour over onions and stir until butter is absorbed; do not brown. Add milk, stirring briskly with a whisk. Add cheese and cook, stirring until cheese melts and sauce thickens. Add potatoes and stir well. 3. Spoon into a 13-by-9-inch casserole dish. Bake 30 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.



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