

Voices, NCF meeting 'productive'

Five Northville Community Foundation board members attended

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Susan Greenlee, president of Voices for Maybury Farm, told a group Sunday the organization had a productive meeting last Friday with boardmembers of the Northville Community Foundation, which oversees Maybury Farm.

"It's been an exciting week for the farm," Greenlee said.

Greenlee told about 15 people who gathered at the Northville District Library that five boardmembers attended the two-hour meeting - Paul Olexa, secretary; Tom Denomme; Audrey Mistor, treasurer; Andrea Marlow; and Nickie Bateson.

Not present were Chris Beicher, chairman of the NCF Board; boardmember Eric Colthurst; and Shari Peters, president,

Greenlee said Bateson served as the spokesperson for the NCF during the meeting.

Those present from Voices included Greenlee, Nancy Czanko, an outside certified public accountant to help review financial statements and tax documents and Ken Brock, who attended as a concerned citizen. Brock was responsible for organizing the moving of the two barns from Toll Brothers' Island Lake subdivision to the farm.

Tension was high when we first went in, but we quickly cleared the air and had a productive meeting."

Greenlee said.

"We not only got through two pages of questions but had a substantive conversation."

The Northville Community Foundation felt that the review of the financial information with the Voices for Maybury evolved into a productive discussion," said the NCF board of directors in an e-mail to the Record.

"We look forward to future constructive meetings. We value their input and, like many other organizations, strive for continuous improvement."

Voices members learned the NCF filed timely tax returns, was audited in 2004, 2005 and 2006 by a reputable firm, and had financial state-

ments that matched their tax returns.

"There were no problems mentioned or advice given in the auditor's report." Greenlee said. However, the claim made by the NCF in the Detroit News in 2005 that it had raised \$3 million for the farm is not substantiated by its financial statements.

"The books looked clean, but the money looks shy," Greenlee said, adding that out of about \$890,000 taken in by the NCF, about \$870,000 has been spent.

NCF boardmembers asked several questions be put in writing and said the board would get answers back to Greenlee by Dec. 14.

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Photo by PAM FLEMING/Northville Record

Selena Browne, left, of Northville chats with Susan Greenlee, center, president, Voices for Maybury Farm, and Nancy Czanko, Voices boardmember, at Sunday's meeting at the Northville District Library.



TONIGHT: It's Girls Night Out

Giveaways to include jewelry, spa package

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

thville's women are getting

friends.

Presented by Tom Holzer Ford, the Northville Central Business Association, power-shopping is the first activity on the evening's agenda.

Ladies should save their receipts when they make purchases this evening at the many shops in the downtown area because the lucky lady who spends the most on gift-giving - yes, gifts to your self count, too - will be chosen as the evening's big winner. She will win a gift from Orin Jewelers. The winner will be announced at the Chase Bar & Grill - one of downtown Northville's newest dining estab-

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville firefighters Dan Curmi, left, and Jerome Helton, join Mary Starring at her Main St. gallery and display some of the mistletoe they'll be selling on Dec. 6 to benefit the Children's Burn Center at Detroit Children's Hospital.

ready to kick up their heels, or maybe kick off their heels, in the downtown area tonight.

The Northville Central Business Association will sponsor Girls Night Out from 6-11 p m.

With busy schedules and the holiday season in full swing. everyone should enjoy a welldeserved night out with good

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First Riace eneral Excellence North-south connector opened at Mile roads noon last Friday CULTURE AND AND AND AND AND AND By Pam Fleming 19264-0162 STAFF WRITER Jim Gallogly, director of public works for the city of Northville, HORN & SUNG BY BIND says the roundabout is not a new around the circle. design. 000000

City officials say roundabout will calm traffic on Taft Road

Even so, some area residents are skeptical about the one that opened Friday on Taft Road between Eight Mile and Nine

But Gallogly and Northville Chief of Police Gary Goss say the design will be an effective traffic calming device for this major north-south connector.

"Traffic calming was the primary reason for the roundabout," Gallogly said. A motorist has to slow down to about 15 mph to get

Goss believes the roundabout

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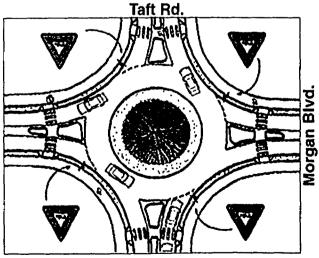
design is better than a stop sign.

"You don't calm traffic by making motorists stop," Goss said. "And Taft Road is typically a speed problem for us because it's a residential area with a school. The goal is not to stop traffic but to control it."

Goss believes the roundabout will help residents in Lexington Commons get out onto Taft Road during rush hour traffic, as well.

The reconstruction project for the roadway is substantially com-

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North-south Taft Road no longer has the right-of-way at east-west Morgan Boulevard. Drivers approacing the roundabout must yield to those already in the circle.

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YOUR COMMUNITY

ROTARY: Buy a paper, help a neighbor in need

By Aleea Hibbeln SPECIAL WRITER

Members of the Northville Rotary Club, along with business and community volunteers, will hit the streets of Northville for the annual Goodfellows Newspaper Drive on from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday.

In a single day, thousands of special Goodfellows newspapers will be handed out and thousands of dollars will be raised to benefit Northville Civic Concern, a charity that sets up a local food bank program and ensures that No Child is Without a Christmas.

There is a misconception that there is no need in Northville, that everyone has money," said Traci Sincock, director of Parks and Recreation and a member of the local Rotary Club. "That isn't true. The need is as big now as it's ever been."

Civic Concern's largest annual fund-raiser is the Goodfellows newspaper drive, which last year brought in \$7,500.

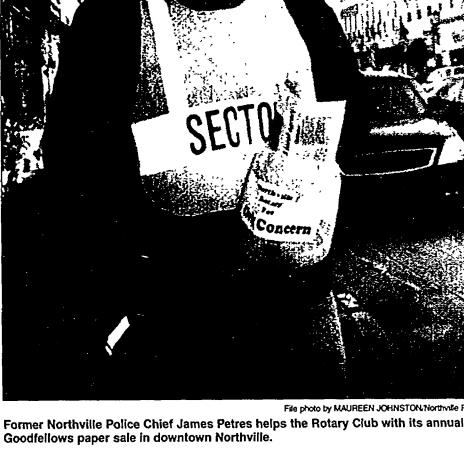
"That's a pretty good number," said Rotary President Steve Hoppins. "Giving is down, the economy is down. Collecting \$7,500 [this year] will be tough."

But still, people are generous. Last year, a man from Plymouth wrote a check for \$500. Hoppins is hoping for another meaty check this year.

. On this one significant day in. December, happy volunteers will brave the cold to "sell" newspapers thro Northville throughout downtown Northville and Northville Township. Look for them on the corners of:

- Main and Center
- Center and Dunlap
- Center and Eight Mile
- Main and Griswold
- · Griswold and Eight Mile Seven Mile and Northville

Road



ents. The charity also hosts adopt-

a-family and is involved in

Marlene Kunz, director of Civic Concern, credits the community,

which has generously donated

items such as a crib for a baby to

steep in during a cold winter.

churches and schools.

Office and Goodtime Party Store month during November and will also have volunteers passing out Goodfellows newspapers and taking donations.

One hundred percent of all donated money goes directly to Northville Civic Concern, which uses it to provide help to Northville families in need and to Focus: HOPE recipients. Civic Concern is supporting more than 100 families who heed help for 4; variety of reasons: divorce, death of a spouse, job loss, illness, lowpaying jobs, etc.

The charity has a volunteer food bank located at 42951 Seven Mile Road, in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza, where donations of canned and boxed food items; paper products; hygiene, cleaning, baby products; and gift cards are accepted. All donations are tax-deductible. Phone (248) 231-0614 for more information.

The goods are distributed on the second and fourth Friday of

in your own life," said Kunz. December, to Northville and Northville Township families in need and to Focus: HOPE recipi-

quivering voice, "how much joy 1 feel?

Concern, who wished to remain anonymous, is grateful to the organization and especially to Kunz.

"It's not just the difference you're making in the client's life; it's the difference you're making helps, it's all of Northville"

She said clients may walk into the food bank crying, but they

leave smiling. "Do you know," she said with a

A two-year recipient of Civic

Marlene should be Woman of the Year," she said "She is Johnny on the spot. It's not just me she

Foundation. Voices meeting 'productive'

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We wanted to know such things as how much money the farm has brought in and how much it has now," Greenlee said.

NCF boardmembers would not discuss the firing of Maybury Farm employee John Beemer.

One aspect of the NCF Board Voices members are concerned about is the fact that none of the members have credentials that lend theniselves to overseeing an agricultural operation such as Maybury Farm

They are looking to obtain some experts, however, and want to make improvements to the farm." Greenlee said.

Need to produce written plan

Another item discussed was the plan for the farm that was required to be submitted to the state as part of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' lease with Maybury Farm.

They promised to send us a copy of the written plan for the farm and seemed surprised that the DNR does not seem to have a copy of it," Greenlee said.

NCF boardmembers promised they would get a copy of the plan to Greenlee.

Greenlee said NCF boardmembers seemed agreeable to resuming Maybury Farm advisory committee meetings.

Boardmembers also told Voices members a veterinary student is checking on animals at the farm twice daily.

Greenlee plans to write letters to the three boardmembers not present at last Friday's meeting to see if they can provide responses to any of the unanswered questions.

State park funding proposal

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Susan Greenlee of Voices for Maybury Farm said George Cameron, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, told her members of the Citizens Committee for Michigan State Parks, who met Nov. 28, are suggesting that a \$9 annual fee be added to vehicle license plate renewals that would go to the state park system. The fee would replace day or annual passes visitors to state parks.

Next meeting

The next Voices for Maybury Farm meeting is scheduled from 3:30-5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 13, at the Northville District Library, pending library approval.

She was pleased that Voices has been able to establish a rapport with at least five NCF boardmembers.

"I want to go on the record that we are very grateful that they let us talk to them." Greenlee said. "They were very attentive about what we had to say and never interrupted us once.

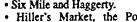
Greenlee said she spoke recently to George Cameron at the DNR. who said the department's staff is discussing issues related to Maybury Farm.

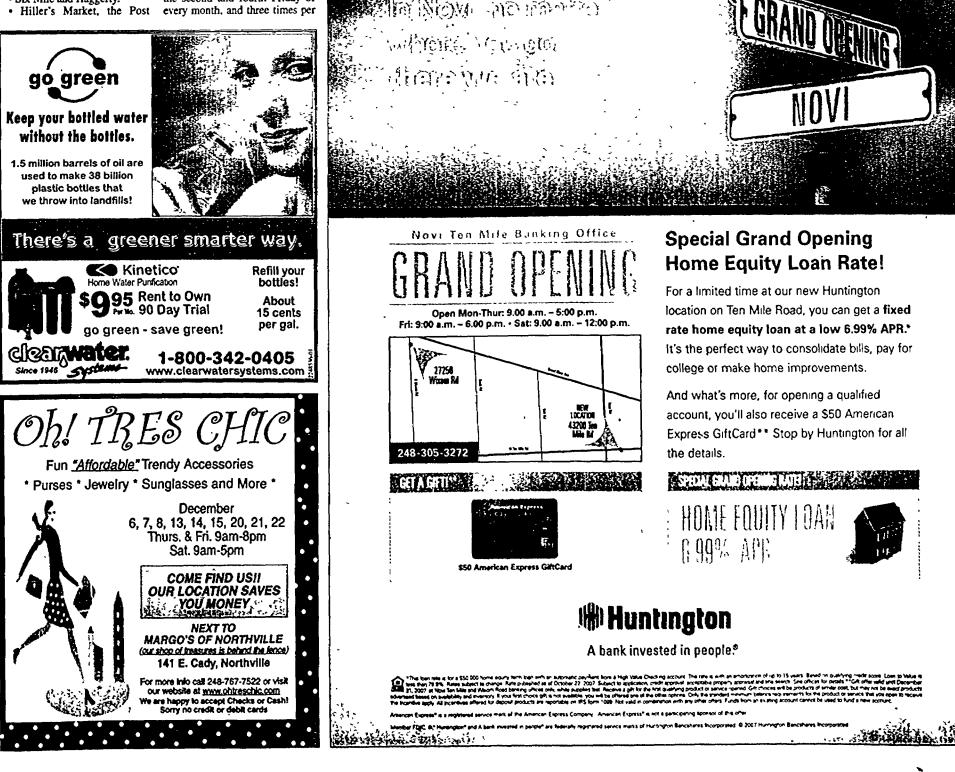
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City officials say roundabout will calm traffic on Taft Road

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plete, with a final asphalt wearing course, seeding and cleanup to be completed in the spring. City council has authorized deco-

rative lighting at the roundabout, but no landscaping yet.

Gallogly said Taft Road is a well-designed roadway, and that engineers and contractors have done an excellent job reconstructing the street on time and within budget.

He said local funds paid for 60 percent of the \$1-million project, with federal and state funds paying for the rest.

Northville's new roundabout is one of 17 in Southeast Michigan, and several more are in the planning stages. The key to navigating through one is knowing when to yield. Taft Road no longer has the right of way at this intersection at Morgan Boulevard, and all stop signs have been removed.

"Ours is a simple one in that people approaching it have to yield to those already in the circle." Gallogly said. "It's a yield-type operation."

Pedestrians can cross at four crosswalks.

Goss said some of the misconceptions about roundabouts stem from confusing them with traffic circles. which are different.

"In a traffic circle, you have to actually come to a stop and then proceed according to the traffic," he said.

Gallogly said the roundabout design should enhance the beauty of Taft Road, as well as reduce noise with the vegetation planned as part of the design.

"People also think it's more expensive than if you just repaved the road, but it's not," he said. "It's actually less than if you just put down asphalt."

Roundabout benefits

• Traffic calming. This was the primary reason for the roundabout. Motorists have to slow down to about 15 mph to get around the circle.

 Access Improvement. The design improves access onto Taft Road from Morgan Boulevard. Due to the wide boulevard islands for the boulevard, opposing left turns were difficult. The roundabout permits only right turns, eliminating conflicts with opposing traffic.

 Improved vehiclular salety. Accidents in a roundabout are generally less severe, causing less damage to vehicles and passengers.

 Improved pedestrian salety. Pedestrians can cross from a corner to a center island and then to the opposite corner. Thus, they only have to watch one direction of traffic at a time.

• Noise reduction. Curbs, boulevards and the roundabout will reduce noise on the new roadway. Landscaping could reduce noise even more.

• Reduced cost. The cost of the concrete and curb for a roundabout is less than asphalt alone.

Source. City of Northville

He said, contrary to some people's beliefs, school buses and trucks can travel through the roundabout.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record must The roundabout at the intersection of Taft Road and Morgan Boulevard finally opened last week after months of construction.

FIRST FRIDAY: Final event of 2007 to feature Candlelight Walk

Come meet author, artists

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

This year's final First Friday Art Walk will include a special event - a Candlelight Walk from 6-9 p.m. Friday night.

Presented by the Northville Central Business Association, two Downtown Northville traditions come together to make one spectacular holiday evening under the lights as luminaries line the streets for those making their way to boutiques, shops and restaurants downtown.

The monthly First Friday Art Walk will give residents the opportunity to experience a night out amidst small-town beauty and big city art with a night filled with art exhibits, art demonstrations and more.

Downtown Northville's participating First Friday Art galleries and stores will be open from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow, with many of the establishments along the walk offering complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages for shoppers as they browse.

Participating First Friday Art Walk galleries include:

• The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

• As The Page Turns Bookstore & Gallery, 149 N. Center St., Suite 102. Featured author Jann W. Martin will be on hand to dis-

■ FRIDAY: It's Girls Night Out

hshments at 133 W. Main St. on the lower level of Northville Square later in the evening.

While shopping, ladies should make out their wish lists at each store, so if their guys attend Guys' Night Out on Dec. 13, they will know what to buy.

Starting at 9 p.m. at the Chase Bar & Grill, ladies can take a break and enjoy some great food and conversation. WMGC-FM's Linda Lanci will join the fun at The

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Mistletoe sales to

aid children

And what would the holiday season be without a little mistletoe?

Ladies who purchase mistletoe from area firefighters - who will be located in various stores throughout downtown Northville - will help benefit charity as proceeds from mistletoe sales benefit the Children's Burn Center at Children's Hospital.

The lady whose mistletoe has the

being pampered with a spa package from Margo's Salon & Spa in Northville.

The winner of the mistletoe prize will also be announced at The Chase Bar & Grill later in the

evening. The Northville Art House will host a special function from 6-9 p.m. Ladies can shop the Holiday Art Market, enjoy some libations and creations and take a chance on several raffles for one-of-a-kind artwork.

As guys are shopping on Dec. 13, they may run in to Trudi Daniels from WRIF-FM, who will be in town getting some shopping done, while other celebrity bell ringers will be around town collecting money for The Salvation Army. When the guys are done with

their shopping, they can head to The Chase Bar & Grill from 9-11 p.m. to kick back with the boys. The WRIF Rocks Girl will be on site welcoming all the guys to the post-shopping hangout.

For more information about tonight's Girls Night Out'or next week's Guy's Night Out, call Mary Starring, president of the Northville Central Business Association at (248) 347-1642.

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Alissa Mellis is known for painting vibrant abstract landscapes like this plece.

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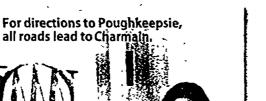
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their varied works, from abstract landscapes to refined still lifes can be seen.

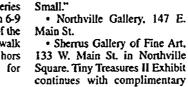
• The Tom James Gallery of Fine Art, 117 E. Main St.

For more information on participants, visit http://downtownnorthville.com/WhatsGoin gOn/FirstFridays.htm. or call Mary Starring at (248) 347-1642.

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sculptor Jyoti Thakore. Gallery guests attending the reception from 6-9 p.m. can meet the artists. • Starring "the Gallery," 118 W. Main St. In the featured wine and cheese. The exhibit and exhibit, "A Season of Beauty," sale features a collection of small works of art by acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastel, glass and artists Alissa Mellis and Justin

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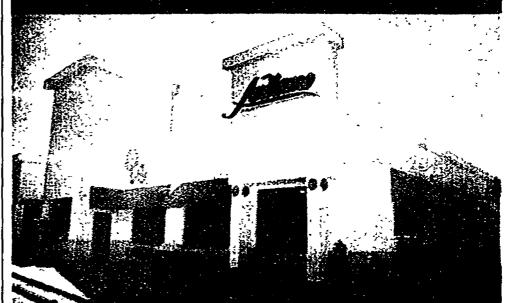
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Biking for the planet

Group aims to show benefits of bike riding

By Jason Carmel Davis STAFF WRITER

Dave Duffield has been a bicycle enthusiast for the last 35 years.

It was at that time, in Grosse Pointe, that two of his teachers made the conscious decision to offer youngsters an alternative to the run-of-the-mill sporting activities.

"Together, we formed the Neighborhood Club Nomads and the club still exists," said Duffield, a Northville resident. "One of us went to the Olympics for track riding."

Today, as an adult, bike riding remains an important part of Duffield's life, as he routinely opts for the two-wheel form of transportation as he travels to and from Harman/Becker work at Automotive Systems in Farmington Hills. Duffield takes the I-275 nonmotorized pathway to work as often as Mother Nature will allow

Grass-roots effort

As a way to promote usage of the path, Duffield, members of his group, the Friends of the 1-275 Bike Path group and members of the Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance (MTGA) hosted an informational session last night on the work under way by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to plan the renovation of the I-275 Bikeway and new connections to it.

MDOT, which owns the path, has hired a firm to gauge community interest - through meetings, research and surveys -- on the path. The firm will seek input on what types of improvements riders would like to see made to the path. Also, as part of the session, MTGA welcomed rider's perspectives, concerns, etc., that could help to shape the final renovation plans.

"Having ridden my bike for so many years and coming from a family that believes in giving back to the community, I felt (establishing the sound) was something Lynukl not an The 1-275 bike path was con-only believe in but something I structed by MDOT in the mid-used myself to commute to work 1970s when the expressway was on," Duffield said.

"It's so important today because the cost of gasoline is not going to go down any time soon and the benefits of, more and more people on bicycles for global warming is obvious, not to mention the health benefits from cycling. This might help Michigan get off the list of most overweight states in the nation."

Duffield, director-at-large of the

League of Michigan Bicyclists, said as a way to add members to his group, public meetings like the one last night will continue to take place. He also passes out handbills containing the group's info whenever he sees people on the path. A Web site, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/127 Sbikepath, has been established that contains information and links of the 1-275 bike path restoration efforts, too.

"I'm sure our partnership with MDOT will allow us many future chances to inform the public of this group and the path," Duffield said.

Path connects number of communities

Nancy Krupiarz, executive director of MTGA, said the I-275 nonmotorized pathway has unlimited potential. She said she would like to see the pathway extended south to Monroe because it "ends in the middle of nowhere.'

To the north, there's about 180 miles of bike path in Oakland County that could be connected if (the I-275 nonmotorized pathway) is restored," Krupiarz said. "The path traverses to so many areas from so many communities that it can be well-used and a vital resource."

MTGA fosters and facilitates the creation of an interconnected statewide system of trails and greenways for environmental/cultural preservation purposes. The group works at both the state and local levels by assisting public and private interest in trail and greenway planning, funding, development and maintenance. MTGA builds public support for trail and greenway development through events, membership, education, information and advocacy activities.

Krupiarz said MTGA is first a grass-roots citizen advocacy group and added that Duffield is the group's "local champion."

"A lot of causes wouldn't get off the ground it if weren't for people like (Duffield)," she said. "You have to have people willing to start groups to get things going."

Path put in more than 30 years ago

built. Duffield said.

"At that time, we were also experiencing a gas crunch," he said. The path lacked the construction

standards and maintenance schedules of today's trails, but it did link the communities in Wayne, Oakland, and Monroe counties across a 40-plus mile stretch.

Today, there are trail systems developing in several communities



Dave Duffield commutes along the I-275 bike path on a recent Tuesday night. As long as there's not too much snow or ice, Duffield blkes from his Northville Township home to his workplace on Haggerty north of Grand River year 'round.

along and at both ends of the path. In addition, the Hines Parkway, intersecting the middle, is a wellknown attraction for walkers and bicyclists. An improved I-275 bike-

way could connect the communities and their trails for an enhanced southeast Michigan regional trails network that would increase opportunities for recreation, conservation

and nonmotorized transportation. according to a report, titled "Reviving the 1-275 Bikeway" on the MTGA Web site www.michigantracls.org

MTGA received a grant from the GreenWays Initiative to engage the communities along the 1-275 Bikeway in preparation for the path restoration and improvement. The meetings, held in fall 2005, revealed all of the communities' hopes and concerns about the path. MTGA prepared a report to document what was learned during the community input sessions in Oakland and Wayne Counties.

MDOT's engineering team will analyze the corridor in terms of what can be done, in terms of crossings, realignments, special study areas, etc., and how much it will cost. From there, priorities can be assigned and the improvements can start to happen.

Duffield said the path was about 40 miles long when it was con-structed. He said the Friends of the 1-275 Bike Path has recommended that MDOT fix the path only south to Willow Metro Park in New Boston and connect to the extensive trail system through Willow, Lower Huron and Oakwoods Metroparks in Belleville and Lake Erie.

"I invite and encourage all kinds of uses for the path. It's ideal for all nonmotorized sports that involve straight-line travel," Duffield said. "It's commuting that I really get excited about and the advantages of having the path help everyone in the community.

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Little Me Storytime for Babies & Little Ones

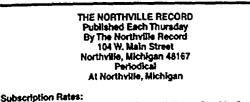
Little ones, from 10 month to 2 years, along with parents and carenivers can enjoy music, simple stories and playtime with Miss Dorie. This special 45-minute activity geared to the very young is offered each month, and no registration is required. Infants and older children are also welcome to attend; 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

Evening Family Storytime

Children, wear your pajamas and enjoy gingerbread stories with Miss Kelly. Best suited for children 3 and older, but all ages welcome. No registration required; 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

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OBITUARIES

PATRICIA A. BINGHAM

Age 75, of Farmington Hills formerly of Northville and Novi, passed away Nov. 29, 2007. Memorial Service held last Wed. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions to Angela Hospice appreciated.

FRANK A. RITCHIE **AGE 88**

Of Northville/Farmington Hills passed on peacefully December 3. He retured in 1979 as the Livonia Plant Manager after 40 years with Ford. He is survived by his wife Betty, their three children: John, Elizabeth and Mark, and 6 grandchildren: John, Kathryn, Andrew, Leah, Katelynn and Maggie.

JEAN B. JUNE

Age 80, of Northville, passed away November 28, 2007. She was born on August 22, 1927 in Kingsville, Ontario, Canada to Archibald and Jeannie (McHallam) Brown. She was united in marriage to Peter R. June on April 3, 1948; they shared 30 loving years together until his death in 1978. Jean was an Assistant Branch Manager with Detroit Bank and Trust; which later became Comerica Bank. She was an active member and an ordained elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Jean was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and also a member of PEO. She was a worldwide traveler visiting places like Israel, Scotland, and Mexico; she also loved visiting family members all over the United States. Jean enjoyed needlework, sewing, playing the plano or organ, and starring in theatrical productions. She was active with the Northville Players Club. Jean was eternally grateful to the many people who helped her through her ordeals with cancer and surgery. She felt blessed to have such wonderful friends, neighbors, and kind samaritans supporting her. She is survived by her loving children Leslie (Dean Whitaker) June, Denise (Bill) Randall, Robert (Catharine) June, Andrea (Bob Hunckler) June and Peter (Kathy) June; her cherished grandchildren Bill (Tracey) Randall, Kristin (Neil) Lobron, Scott Randall, Robert Randall, Jenn Randall, Julie Randall, Samuel June, Katie Hunckler, Keisey June, Tyler June, and Taylor Jefferson; and her adoring great grandchildren Diana, Billy, and John. She was preceded in death by her husband Peter and her parents. A funeral service was held last Monday at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Rev. Kent Clise and Rev. James Russell officiated the service. Mrs. June was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville, Contributions appre to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076.

WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brugeman

Stacey Nield and Daniel Brugeman were married Sept. 22 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Petoskey. Father Dennis-Stilwell officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Martha Nield of Northville. She graduated from Northville High School in 1993, from the University of Virginia in 1997 with a bachelor of arts degree in history and English and from New York University in 2007 with a master of arts degree in food studies. She has been employed as a food, wine, beer and spirits writer and editor.

The groom is the son of John and Mary Jane Brugeman of Northville. He graduated from Northville High School in 1990, earned an AAS from Schoolcraft College in 1993, a bachelor of science degree in geological engineering from Michigan Technological University in 1998 and a master of engineering degree in geological engineering from the same university in 2000. He is currently employed as a geological engineer for Noble Energy in Colorado.

A reception was held at Walloon Lake Country Club in Petoskey. The matron of honor was Sunshine Gola of New York. N.Y., a friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kristen Graybill, friend of the bride, of Lewisville, Texes and Beth Graff, sister of the groom, of East Grand Rapids, Mich. Both bridesmaids grew up in Northville. Flower girls were Emma Graff and Isabel Graff, both nieces of the groom from East Grand Rapids.

The best man was Michael Axford, from Grand Rapids, a friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Joshua Brugeman, of Ann Arbor, brother of the groom, and Jeffrey Nield, of Detroit, brother of the bride. Both groomsmen



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nurse and aspiring artist.

grandchildren.

Janice became the mother of six. She is a retired licensed practical

Their children are Jeffrey

Matteucci of Plymouth, James Matteucci of Northville, Joan

Langell of Canton, Jill Jarvela of

Canton, Jackie Bates of Northville and Jason Matteucci of

Travelers Rest, S.C. They have 11

Mr. and Mrs. James Matteucci

James and Janice Matteucci celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 26 with family and friends and have planned a trip to Costa Rica in 2008.

The couple met through mutual friends while James was on leave from the United States Air Force. They were married in Kenosha, Wis, Nov. 30, 1957, at St. Mark's Church. Both were born in Kenosha. They have lived in

IN THE SERIVCE

Marine Corps Pvt. Damon George, son of B. J. Morris of St. Francisville, La., and Milan George of Northville, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot. Parris Island, S.C.

The training is designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally by including a physical conditioning program, classroom and field assignments, combat and weapons training and Marine Corps values instruction. Training culminates in an emotional ceremony where recruits are presented with the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time.

Kyle P. Kryka has joined the

SPORTS

United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay reporting for basic military training for up to 270 days. An enlistment in the reserve gives many new soldiers the option to learn a new skill, serve their country, and become eligible to receive more than \$7,000 toward a college education, \$20,000 for repayment of college loans and a maximum \$5,000 cash bonus. Kryka, a 2007 graduate of

South Lyon High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, 7 C., for active duty in January. He is the son of Gulya and

Anton Kryka of Northville

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of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn DeLee Terakedis of Kennesaw, Ga., to Jeremy Reuben Perry, son of Larry and Irene



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The bride-elect is a 1999 grad-uate of Northville High School and a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree. She is currently working toward a master's degree in education, focus in administration from Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Ariz., expecting to finish March 2008. Currently she teaches seventh-grade math at Mount Paran Christian School.

The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Olivet High School and a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor degree in computer information systems. He is currently employed as a senior support technician at TNT Educational Consulting.

A July 19, 2008, wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

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Perty of Olivet.

Timothy Sessoms of Charlotte, N.C., and Sheila McCathrin of Dallas, announce the engagement of their daughter. Katelynn Sessoms of Walled Lake, to Miles Olson, son of Doug and Leah Olson of Novi.

The bride-elect is a full-time student in her junior year at Eastern Michigan University.

The groom-elect is a junior at Madonna University, and currently employed at AT&T.

A wedding is planned for May 2009.

OBITUARY POLICY

The first seven lines of an obituary are published free of charge. After that, there is a fee of \$3 a line. Pictures may be published for \$25

Deadline for obituaries is Tuesday at 10 a.m. for publication in Thursday's newspaper.

For more information, call 888-999-1288 or contact your funeral home

* Holiday deadlines are subject to change. also grew up in Northville. Ushers were Andrew Clark, friend of the groom, from Denver; Patrick Flanagan, also from Denver, cousin-in-law of the bride; Thomas Niedergerke, cousin of the bride from Cherry Hills Village, Colo.; and Daniel Wrona, friend of the groom from Houston. The two greeters were Suzanne Kleeblatt, a friend of the bride from Boston and Ramey Watkins, friend of the bride from New York, N.Y.

The bride wore an ivory silk gazar gown with white satin chiffon embroidery by Oscar de la Renta. She carried a bouquet of white tea roses, stargazer lilies and hydrangeas that was accented with tiny cedar pinecones and tied with antique lace.

The couple honeymooned in French Polynesia They now reside in Denver

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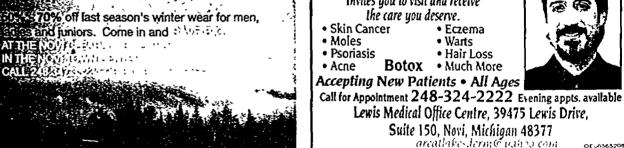
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Newsmakers

Former Northville councilmembers Tom Swigart and Carolann



Ayers were honored for their many years of service at Monday night's council meeting. Mayor Chris Johnson presented proclamations

to both.

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declaring Dec. 9 as Tom Swigart Day and Dec. 23 (her birthday) as Carolann Ayers Day.



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Ayers for her more than 20 years of service, saying she taught him many important things on council, such as how to agree to disagree.

He thanked

Northville Attorney Michelle D. Kelly has been elected to the Board of Directors for the



Criminal Defense Attomeys of Michigan (CDAM). Kelly is an attorney at Kelly & Kelly. P.C., 422 East Main St., and also at 404

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Point, Elk Rapids. Kelly specializes in family law and criminal law with a focus on the legal rights of young adults. She is also a frequent speaker addressing personal responsibility at area high schools and colleges.

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St. Mary Mercy Hospital of Livonia announces several new medical staff members.

Adelbert Evangelista. M.D., Family Physician, received his degree from the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines.

Evangelista He completed his residence at North Oakland Medical Centers, Pontiac,

Michigan.

Practice. Dr. Evangelista is a member of the Michigan State Medical Society, American Medical Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, Philippine Medical Association of Michigan Medical Alumni Association of Michigan.

Diagnostic Center, is located at 10475 Farmington Road, Livonia, (734) 427-9445.

Surgeon, received his medical degree from the University of



Dr. Hares is Board Certified in General Surgery. He is a member of the American Society of Bariatric Surgeons.

Dr. Hares' practice is located at 3100 Cross Creek Parkway, Suite



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Kids in the audience of Jon Park's recent show at the Northville Public Library. Park's show was titled "How a Book Changed My Life" and the comedian/juggler showed how the book "The Juggling Book" inspired him to learn his craft.



He is Board Certified in Family

and the University of Santo Tomas

Dr. Evangelista's office. Livonia

Mustafa Hares, M.D., FACS Damascus, Syria. He completed

his residence



School of Medicine, Detroit. Dr. Khanchandani

160, Auburn Hills, (248) 371-

Geeta Khanchandani, M.D.,

Internal Medicine, received her

Medical College, Mumbai, India.

Wayne State

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She completed her residency at

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is Board Certified in Internal Medicine. She Khanchandani is a member

of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Khanchandani's office is

located at Livonia Professional Plaza, Build E, 20000 Farmington Road, Livonia, (248) 474-1144. Wayne Scott has been hired as director of Patient Support Services for SL Mary Mercy Hospital. He will have operational responsibilities for an integrated Support Services program that includes Housekeeping, Dietary, Central Transportation, Linen and Tele-communication departments.

Scott has been with ARAMARK since 1999 and has more than 15 years of healthcare experience.

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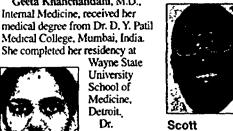
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and most recently at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe.

Lisa Wright has been hired as director of Planning. She comes to St. Mary Mercy Hospital from St. John Health System where she was senior planner of Strategic Planning. In her new position,



Planning Committee. Wright will also be responsible for the ongoing development of

service line plans and business plans, particularly those related to capital resource allocation and the implementation of the hospital's strategic plan. She will also serve as the Advocacy Liaison for St Mary Mercy Hospital.

Jan Palmer comes to St. Mary Mercy Hospital from the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, where she served as



director of Diversity. She has more than 20 years of experience as an educator and program manager and has served as external consultant to many organi-

Palmer

zations including St. John Health, Henry Ford Health System, the DMC, Crittenton Hospital and Wayne State University Medical School.

Palmer will focus on development of education programs to support employee development and ongoing diversity initiatives at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. She will serve as an internal consultant to leadership on development of staff, employee engagement and strategic workforce planning.

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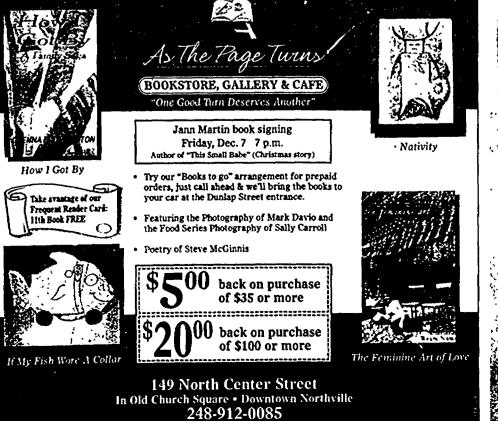
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'New Hope for the New Year' event set at Tuscany Reserve

Downtown Northville's New Hope Center for Grief Support will have a fundraiser at the Tuscany Reserve gated community in Novi tomorrow.

The center, located at 113 E. Dunlap St., will present "New Home for the New Year" from 7-10 p m. tomorrow.

New Hope Center for Grief Support in cooperation with Eric Guidobono and Guidobono Building Company will host the a Holiday Open House at Tuscany Reserve.

Area residents are invited to tour the Bella Casa model with its European-inspired architecture and design detail. The evening also includes a chocolate fountain, hors d'oeuvres provided by Tirami Su, Brann's Steakhouse, Cassel's Catering. Genitti's Holein-the-Wall Restaurant and Dinner Theatre and more; musical entertainment will be provided along with complimentary valet parking, raffle and prizes. The cost is \$35 for adults --- 21 and over only; \$20 of the ticket price is tax deductible.

The event will take place in the model home in the new gated community on the north side of Eight Mile Road west of Beck Road at 20966 Barola Drive.

For tickets, call the New Hope Center for Grief Support at (248) 348-0115.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a nonprofit organization that reaches out to those in the community and throughout Southeast Michigan who are grieving the death of a loved one.

New Hope's mission, centered in Christian principles, is to help people work through their grief and offer hope and healing to all.

This event is one the larger fundraisers that New Hope relies upon to provide the funds, support and means by which the center

KIDZ donations needed

Those who plan to attend the tomorrow night's "New Hope for the New Year" fundraiser are encouraged to bring a donation to the New Center for Grief Support's KIDZ Program, which is in need of the following: boxed snacks, gift certificates from Michael's JoAnn Fabrics, Office' Depot, Costco of Sam's Club; supplies of craft kits, stencils, sponges, modeling clay, tissues, stickers and fabric paint.

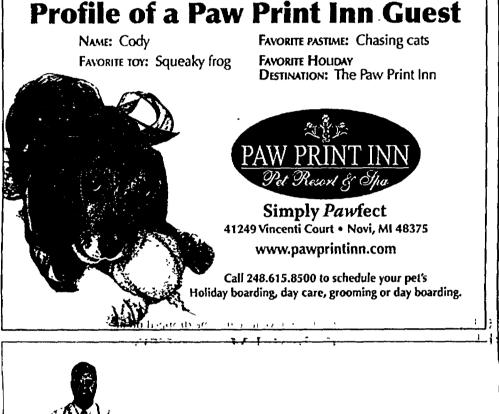
can continue to offer support groups, seminars, workshops and other grief services free-ofcharge.



Photo courtesy New Hope Center for Gnef Support

Pauline Smart of Commerce Township and Gary May of Brighton at last year's "New Hope for the New Year" benefit for the New Hope Center for Grief Support. This year's fundraiser will take place from 7-10 p.m. Friday at Tuscany Reserve's Bella Casa Guidobono model home, 20966 Barola Drive, on the north side of Elght Mile Road west of Beck Road in Novi.







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B & W Variety details

8 & W Variety in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center off of Seven Mile Road in Northville Township is similar to a dollar store or old-fashioned five and dime store. Some of their products include greeting cards, party supplies, candy, school and office supplies, essential oils, Christmas items, cleaning supplies, sportswear, slippers, costume attire, jewelry, candles, frames, yoga mats, linens, wind chimes, calendars, toys, pet toys, DVDs, men's ties, travel mugs, playing cards, health and beauty items, food, stickers, craft items, wallets, watches, hinged boxes and more.

"I find my items from all over," said owner Wendy Simrod, including some that are imported.

Store hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sundays in December only. For more information, call (248) 847-1840.

Children touch strangers' hearts one box at a time

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Who knew that so much love could come in one little box? We're not talking about a diamond ring for a special lady, but an international project aimed at sending love to children all over

the world at Christmas time. On Nov. 28, about 60 children om Ward Evangelical Evangelical from Presbyterian Church in Northville Township gathered at B & W Variety in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center on Seven Mile Road to participate in a special - Operation Christmas project Child.

were welcomed by They Wendy and Bruce Simrod, owners of the variety store in Northville Township since 1981.

The Simrods operated the store in Redford for about five years, then moved it to Warren for five years before coming to Northville Township.

The children's mission that night was to fill small, plastic boxes with various gifts to send to children across the world through Operation Christmas Child.

The faith-based operation, which began in Boone, N.C., in 2003, encourages people to pack a shoe box or small plastic container with items for children during the holidays.

The box and lid can be wrapped separately, but wrapping is not required.

Participants must first deter-mine whether their gift will be for a boy or a girl and the child's age category - 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 category years old.

Shoe box labels, which should be attached to the top of the box, are available from www.samaritanspurse.org.

The operation also asks for donations of \$7 or more for each box to help cover shipping and other project costs.

The Simrods took 10 percent of the sales at B & W Variety on Nov. 28 and presented a check to the church to help with the shipping costs.

A rubber band should be placed around each gift box, which should then be dropped off at a nearby collection center or mailed it to the North Carolina headquarters.

Deeann Feick, a member of



Photo by PAM FLEMING/Northville Record

Lauren Baker, 9, of Wixom, gets help from her mother, Patty Baker, in picking out toys for her Operation Christmas Child gift box.

dren who participated in the project at B & W Variety earned the money they used to purchase the gifts rather than their parents giv-

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HELPING HANDS: Northville Twp. resident starts new concierge business

Percentage of earnings go to Northville **Civic Concern**

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Laura O'Brien wants to make life easier.

Whether it's cleaning, shopping, pet sitting, party planning or just picking up your dry cleaning. she can help.

The Northville Township resident recently opened a new home-based business, Personal Home Concierge Services.

A native of Fanwood, N.J., O'Brien and her husband, Ed, who works for Compuware, have lived in the township for 11 years.

After earning an associate's degree in business and computer science from Union Community College in New Jersey, she worked in the information technology field for more than 30 years and was formerly employed by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Ford Motor Company.

"I went from programmer to business analyst to project manager," she said.

She left the corporate world in 1999, joined the Northville Women's Club, did a lot of volunteer work at her church. Ward Evangelical Presbyterian, and involved herself in various activities.

O'Brien said she's actually been doing a lot of services offered in her new business for years for free. Now, she's getting paid for it.

"I'm taking advantage of something I have a passion for --- helping people," she said.

The idea for the business was born when she helped a friend coordinate a home renovation.

"That's how I got started," she said. 'The more research 1 did, the more I realized that there's actually a need out there for this. Everybody needs an extra set of hands from time to time."

Giving back to the community

O'Brien first goal is to provide efficient and effective lifestyle management support for busy people on the go.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville resident Laura O'Brien is operating her business, Personal Home Concierge Services, with experienced gleaned from years in the IT field and from assisting friends and family in coordinating their busy lives.

suaded her church to contribute to monthly.

O'Brien does party planning, errands, holiday shopping and wrapping, product research and corporate services, such as arranging for entertainment and local hotel accommodations.

Her services also include providing transportation, such as trips to and from the airport. O'Brien is insured and bonded. can provide references and is a member of the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the International Concierge & Errand Association.

She noted that the word concierge" means "caretaker" in French.

"It just depends on what clients I have and what they need," O'Brien said. "I hope to keep the business pretty diverse. I'm excited about it?

Some past tasks have included coordinating subdivision picnics with more than 150 people and office parties. She also helps peok and unpack

Examples of provided services

Laura O'Brien of Personal Home Concierge Services can provide such services as:

- · Personal assistant,
- · Home improvement project coordination,
- Relocation facilitator,
- Party planner,
- Merchandise returns,
- Errands,
- Holiday shopping, wrapping and mailing,
- Product research and
- · Corporate services.

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membership, O'Brien shop for them for a fee. She can also offer translators

for Cantonese, Japanese and Spanish, and provides services on a per-hour, per-job or contractual basis.

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In other words, if she can't provide a particular service herself, she'll find someone who can.

"I'm hoping to leave my mark. to make a difference in someone's life --- not just help them, but help them feel good," she said.

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Oakland County to get wired up

By Alison Bergsieker STAFF WRITER

Communities waiting to get hooked up to Wireless Oakland in the near future won't have to wait in line or argue who came first -because they're all going to get it at once.

Deputy County Executive Phil Bertolini said an exact date hasn't yet been set for Phase 2 of the project, but there should be a plan of action announced by the end of the year.

We're actually going to roll out a plan to build the whole county," Bertolini said, "My belief is the Internet is no longer nice to have; it's a have to have. Technology changes almost every week."

Phase 1 was implemented in July 2005 in seven communities -Birmingham, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Troy and Wixom. The service currently has 15,370 subscribers, covers 18.5 square miles and reaches 78,172 people in 35,277 households, Benolini said. Those figures are much higher, he said, than what was projected so far.

Pontiac-based MichTel Communications is the Internet service provider and contractor for the project and is working under an agreement that expires in 2020.

When Phase 2 is complete, all 910 miles of the county will have wireless Internet service and will provide low- or no-cost computers and training to low-income residents. The county currently houses 42,000 low-income families, Bertolini said.

Right now, in many parts of Oakland County, we don't have broadband, and we saw this as a problem," Bertolini said.

Bertolini said the wireless service is four times faster than dial-up service. The county does not own or operate the wireless network, but has instead created private and public partnerships by providing businesses access to assets county taxpayers have already funded, which in turn allows the partners to provide free wireless access

Some of the partners include Cisco, Microsoft, Johnson Controls and other consulting engineering firms, law firms and advertising

Both Milford and Highland were among the 31 townships and cities that applied to be get hooked up during Phase 1 but were turned down. The seven communities were chosen based on their expressed interest, landscape, available assets and technical feasibility.

"We were excited about this and applied for Phase 1, but we were turned down," said Highland Supervisor Triscia Palchowski. "We haven't heard any updates, but this will be good for everybody when it happens.

Milford Township Supervisor Don Greene said he was disappointed to be turned down but was hopeful that the program would soon blanket the entire county.

Bertolini said communities like Milford and Highland will likely receive access to the new system sooner, because of their expressed interest from the get-go. Plans to blanket the entire county should be implemented in 2008, Bertolini said.

Contact Alison Bergsieker at (248) 685-1507, ext. 260, or at abergsieker@gannett.com.

Another goal is to give back to the community. A percentage of her earnings will go to local charities, such as Northville Civic Concern, that she has even per-

after a move. .

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE DECEMBER 2007 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne/Oakland County, Michigan will convene on December 11th 2007 at 4:00 P.M. at the Northville City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48176. This meeting will be held in accordance with MCL 211,53b for the purpose of

Changes in Taxable Value due to a newly recognized Ownership Transfer as provided for under MCL 211 27a (3) as amended by PA 415 of 1994, which are treated as clerical errors.

Clerical Errors or Mutual Mistakes of fact as provided under original

MCL 211.53b (1). Appeals of "Homestead" or "Qualified Agricultural Property", as pro-vided for under MCL section 211.7cc and 211.7ee as amended by PA 237

Appeals for Poverty Exemption for the <u>current year</u> (2007), as provid-ed for under MCL section 211.7u and amended by PA 74 of 1995

(12-6-07 NR 389808)

JENNIFER L. SHEPARDSON ASSESSOR/DEPUTY TREASURER

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008

TO THE Qualified Electors of the Charter Township of Northville,

Wayne County: Notice is hereby given that Monday, December 17, 2007 is the last Notice is nereby given that Monday, December 17, 2007 is the last day to register to vote, or change your address for the above stated elec-tion. Qualified electors may register to vote, or change their address, at the Township Clerk's office, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Electors may also register at any branch office of the Secretary of State or any County Clerk's office during normal busi-ness bove. ness hours.

Electors may register by mail by completing a Mail-In Voter Registration Application and forwarding the application to the election official as directed on the application by the close of the registration dead-line. Mai-In voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting: Northvite Township Clerk's Office (248-348-5800)

44405 Sox Mile Road Northville, Michigan 48168

Note: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

On Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 7:30 p.m , a Public Hearing will be held on the 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant Funds at the Township Civic Center located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The 2008-2009 CDBG allocation for Northville Township will be approximately \$105,000.00. Reallocation of 2006-2007 funds will also be discussed. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to fund eligible activities and projects that benefit low and moderate-income per-sons; aid in the prevention or elimination of blight and slums; and/or address an urgent community development need.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and provide views and proposals concerning the 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant Program. For additional information on the program or the proposed 2008-2009 allocations, please contact Ms. Delores Bowden, CDBG Coordinator, at 248-348-5800.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Northville, Counties of Wayne and Oakland, notice is hereby given that Monday, December 17, 2007 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 for the purpose of electing candidates for the following office:

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Republican Party Primary Candidates: Sam Brownback Rudy Giuliani Mike Huckabee Duncan Hunter John McCain Ron Paul Mitt Romney Tom Tancredo Fred Thompson Uncommitted

(12-6-07 NR 390036)

(11-29 & 12-6-07 NR 388991)

Democratic Party Primary Candidates: Hillary Clinton Chris Dodd Mike Gravel Dennis Kucinich Uncommitted

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The Cay Clerk's office is located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of registering to vole. You may also register to vole at any Secretary of State branch office or County Clerk's office during their normal business hours. Electors may also register to vole by mail by completing a Michigan Mail-In Voter Registration Application and forwarding the application to the Caty of Northville City Clerk at the above address by the close of reg-istration deadline. Mail-in voter registration applications are available at the Caty Clerk's office, or by conflacting the Electors Clerk's at 248-349. the City Clerk's office, or by contacting the Elections Clerk at 248-349-1300 Ext. 1962, or on the City's website at <u>www.ci.northville.mi.us</u>. Please note that a person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City of Northville, are at least 60 years of age, are overseas voters, or are handicapped.

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LIQUOR LICENSE: City may have more control over holders

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Northville City Council will have more oversight on liquor licenses if a new liquor management ordinance is adopted next month.

Gary Goss, Northville chief of police, introduced the new ordinance for a first reading Monday night. A second reading and possible adoption is scheduled for Dec. 17.

Goss explained that under state law, Class C liquor licenses are not supposed to be issued in excess of one for each 1,500 people.

This would mean that the city of Northville could have only five liquor licenses.

But changes to the law have made it legal for an escrowed license to be transferred into a city with the approval of the local governing body.

Other exceptions include special licenses for downtown development and resorts.

Currently, Northville has 10 on-premise liquor licenses, with an 11th license approved by city council and pending approval from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

The city also has two club licenses — the American Legion and the Eagles.

On-premise licenses include Genitti's, Little Italy, MacKinnon's, Poole's Tavern, Jasmine's, the Starting Gate Saloon, Tirami Su, the Wagon Wheel, NOMI, The Chase Bar & Grill and a pending license for Wine Sync.

Goss said the cities of Royal Oak and Plymouth have experienced the same influx of onpremise licensed establishments and found it necessary to pass an ordinance to provide city officials with greater oversight.

The ordinance establishes an oversight committee comprised of two city council members. It requires new licensees to

submit an operations plan to the city, which they must adhere to or come back to council for its approval of any change.

It also requires an annual review of each on-premise license and a due process procedure for the city if it wants to recommend that a liquor license be revoked or not renewed.

Goss said one liquor license was not renewed under the new ordinance in Plymouth or Royal Oak.

Because liquor licenses are

New bakery ownershares his spiritual messages

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Win a \$100 gift certificate

Steve Ciric, new owner of the Wildflours Bakery in **Highland Lakes Shopping** Center in Northville Township, enjoys tackling spiritual questions. He will donate a \$100 gift certificate to the first person who can correctly answer the following question:

'How do you get a chicken out of a bottle without breaking the bottle or killing the chicken?" Here's a clue: The disciples asked Jesus, "How will we know when the end is near?" He replied, When you find the beginning, you'll find the end." Ciric said he learned the answer from a 9-year-old boy. Call (248) 374-6244 or e-mail Ciric at stevecinic@hotmail.com with

your answer. Bakery hours are 9 a.m.-6

p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. The store is normally closed Sunday, but will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Dec. 23, the Sunday before Christmas.

Holiday cookie tray prices

Wildflours Bakery offers the following prices for holiday cookie trays. There are 25-30 cookies per pound:

• 12-inch tray — \$19.50 (about 2.5 pounds);

• 16-inch tray --- \$39.50 (about 4.5 pounds); • 18-Inch tray --- \$49.50

(about 7 pounds). A muffin or cookie basket

is \$19.50. Cookie selections include

sandwich; ginger; butter walnut; pecan; coconut raspberry; assorted butter and sugar; snowballs; Russia tea; chocolate chip; peanut butter; oatmeal raisin; oatmeal raisin with date; oatmeal raisin with raspberry; Kołaczki with apricot, raspberry or walnut

spread; and Pfeffernusse. Pies include pumpkin, cherry and apple. Muffins include poppy seed, lemon, banana, chocolate chip, oat bran and harvest. Cupcakes include chocolate or yellow. Breads include white, wheat, multigrain, Italian, rye and cinnamon raisin. Sheets of pumpkin pie and cream cheese, blonde or regular brownies are also available.

Online sales in December to aid food banks

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

A new baker hopes to raise a lot of dough for local charities.

Steve Ciric, new owner of the Wildflours Bakery in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center on Seven Mile Road in Nonhville Township along with his wife, Staci, believes in sharing spiritual messages with his customers.

In fact, he plans to enclose meaningful quotations with bakery items in the future.

Ciric's family has more than 30 years of experience in the bakery business as former owners of the Westwood Bakery near Evergreen Road and Warren Avenue in Detroit. He started working in the family bakery at age 13.

"We outgrew that facility, and moved the business in 2001 to Livonia, where Superior Bread sits now," Ciric said. The family sold their interest in that business in November 2001.

He'll carry Superior Bread at Wildflours, as well as his own bread recipes. All of Wildflours' products, which also include cookies, cakes, muffins, pie, cupcakes and brownies, are made with organic flour and organic, evaporated cane juice. Ciric said he wanted to take

over the bakery when the former owners decided to leave the business because he has a mission to help feed local people who are hungry.

He has trademarked the slogan, "End world hunger one bite at a time," and operates the business under One Bite at a Time, Inc. Ciric is also a financial advisor and stock broker, owning Aquarius Financial Services in downtown Northville.

But, when the bakery became available, he jumped at the opportunity.

"This idea has been in my head for two years," he said.

Native of Yugoslavia

A native of Yugoslavia, Ciric came to the United States when he was 7 and has been here for 37 years. His wife and four children now live in Northville. A member of an Orthodox Christian church in Troy, Ciric has studied different religions for 25 years.

"For me, the message is crystal clear," he said. No matter what

He will donate a portion of online sales from his new bakery to help alleviate hunger locally. During the month of December, 5 percent of gross sales from the bakery's Web site, www.wildfloursbakerycafe.com, will go to the local Gleaners Food Bank,

one's religion is, "We are one; we and 5 percent will go to are all interconnected." Northville Civic Concern. Although he knows it's a lofty goal, Ciric hopes to raise \$10,000 for the two charities.

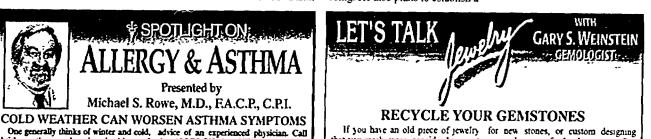
Eventually, Ciric wants to change the name of the bakery to One Bite at a Time but will keep the Wildflours name for the time being. He also plans to establish a

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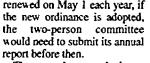
Steve and Staci Ciric display some of their holiday packaged cookies that they make at their Highland Lakes' bakery and cafe: Wildflours Bakery. The Cirics will donate 5 percent of all their online sales for the month of December to Northville Civic Concern and Gleaners Community Food Bank.

> link to the Gleaners Food Bank on his bakery Web site and have Gleaners supply a link to his bakery, as well.

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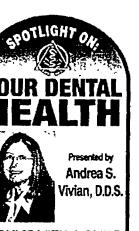
The annual report looks at things such as if the business has paid its taxes, water bills or had any liquor violations.

The committee would probably only meet once a year unless there were specific problems," Goss said.

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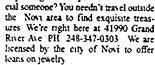


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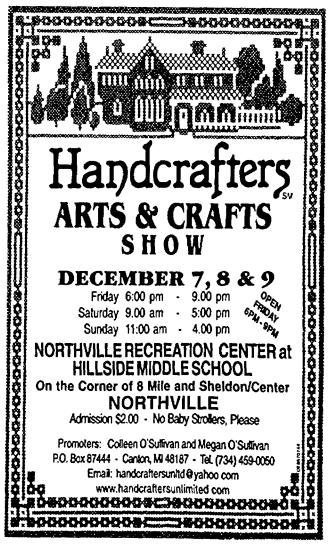
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Meeting another step in slow process

The barrage of letters criticizing the Northville Community Foundation (i.e., its board of directors, president/executive director Shari Peters, and the firing of Farmer John Beemer from Maybury Farm) has calmed down. For now.

The NCF could have viewed that as a sign that the heat was off, and everything was back to normal.

To its credit – or at least that of five of its eight boardmembers – the NCF agreed to meet with Voices of Maybury Farm last Friday. For Susan Greenlee, Voices president, to say the meeting was "productive" is encouraging. It shows that some of the NCF's board realizes there are many serious issues within their organization that need to be addressed.

Another positive sign came a few weeks ago when some of the boardmembers met with Jim Nield, and then prior with the editor of this newspaper.

We don't envy the position the Foundation's boardmembers have found themselves in – these are local business people volunteering their time to make a positive impact on this community – but when one agrees to join a board, there are serious responsibilities that come with that commitment.

Hopefully, some boardmembers are finally realizing that a few horses have been running wild, and it's time to pull back on the reins.

Correction

In an article in last week's paper concerning complaints made about city of Northville inspectors, some comments said to be made about Bill Myers, interim building inspector, were actually made about Lenny Czinski, the plumbing and heating inspector.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



30 years

Chris Van Dam will be celebrating her 30 years in the clothing business from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow at her Main St. Northville shop. She'll feature champagne and other treats. Van Dam has had a shop in Northville for the past seven years.

The human pain of the foreclosure crisis

As I looked at page after page, city after city, neighborhood after neighborhood, tears welled in my eyes. This is tragic, I thought: 18,000 homes.

No, it is more than houses and dreams lost, credit ruined. These are more than statistics. They are someone's mother, father, uncle, aunt, brother or sister who is feeling the pain.

The 122 pages of the 2008

• a school band will be without its trumpet player • the football team may

lose its starting halfback • a grade school child will attend their sixth school in their first three years of

 school
 learning will be disrupted as kids are forced to adjust

to a new school • families will be torn apart as they search for a place to star

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of Wrath," came to mind, The novel is about a family driven from their home by drought, economic hardship and the changing economic landscape. They were searching for shelter, jobs and their dignity.

As I recall my high school literature class, we debated the meaning of the book. Many seemed to conclude that it symbolized the need for neighbors and government to pull together and help address the human need brought about by the rapidly changing climate changes of drought and the industrialization and mechanization of agriculture. Clearly, there are parallels with what is taking place in Michigan today. Yet, where is the help? Where is today's Franklin Delano Roosevelt at the local, state or national level who is stepping up with humane solutions to address the human tragedy that is unfolding right beneath our eyes? Where is the sense of a common good, recognizing that we are all in this mess un together and we must take action to help our neighbors? No, government is not

No, government is not THE answer, but it needs to be part of the solution. No one can sit back and

No one can sit back and feel snug that this problem is not close to knocking at their door. Michigan has lost hundreds of thousands of manufacturing and other highpaying jobs due to technolo-

About Tom Watkins

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It has often been said that homes?

Back in the 1980s who

Tax Foreclosure list for Wayne County in the Sunday Detroit News/Free Press I was holding in my hand represented the lives of perhaps as many as 40,000 of our neighbors.

The pain, stress and embarrassment not only impacts adults; they leave emotional welts on children, as well.

The loss of a home will mean:

• kids will go from their bedroom and their bed to a homeless shelter

• a teen's high school years are disrupted

 embarrassment and loss of pride and dignity

Michigan, for far too many of our families, is in a deep and prolonged depression. I know, the economists may argue differently, but tell the thousands of families across the state that have lost their jobs, homes and, in many cases, their hope. It is both a depression and depressing.

The Grapes of Wrath

As I thumbed through page after page of homes being taken away, images of the classic John Steinbeck novel, "The Grapes gy and globalization over the last few years. The University of Michigan economic forecasters are not predicting a rosy 2008, with a loss of more than an additional 50,000 jobs expected. This problem does not rec-

ognize political boundaries.Oakland County, often immune from economic downturns, for the first time in two decades is seeing its property values decline. This is not simply a loss of value on paper; this will result in less revenue for cities, schools and community colleges in the months ahead. ing is problem identification. Anyone who picked up the Detroit News/Free Press felt the weight of the problem in their hands and could identify it.

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I wonder if our sitting president or those who wish to replace him are taking note of what is taking place in Michigan? Our Congressional delegation rallied recently across party lines and stood up to protect our Great Lakes water. Do you think we could see the same call to arms to protect our neighbors, our families and their the economy was in decline, . there were bumper stickers that read "Will the last one out of Michigan please turn off the lights."

If you lose your home, there are no lights to turn off.

Michigan needs an FDR leader, not the folksy voice of Tom Bodett, with the famous tagline from the Motel 6 ads: "We'll leave the light on for ya"." The lights are being turned off for far too many Michigan families.

It is sad, and it demands attention and action.

Here's some people who, thankfully, give us hope

The skies are mostly gray in Michigan these days — in more ways than one, even during our few late fall moments of sunshine.

Our unemployment rate, easily the highest in the nation at 7.7 percent, keeps rising, as does the number of homes in foreclosure.

Michigan's legislature continues to endlessly dither over the state's tax and budget system. And all 10 million of our state's citizens continue to have their best interests hijacked and held hostage by the narrow agendas of both political parties.

Nevertheless, even after celebrating Thanksgiving, we still have much to be thankful for as we head into the holiday season.

First is a fellow named Lloyd Carr, who announced last week his retirement as the University of Michigan's football coach after 28 highly successful years in the saddle.

This isn't a sports column, so if you want informed commentary about his tenure as coach or speculation on whom his successor might be, I suggest you look elsewhere. But I came to know Coach Carr, the man and public citizen, for many years during the time I was both a regerit of the University of Michigan and a newspaper publisher. During those years, every single time I talked with him he rang clear as a bell: Solid, sensible, ethical, passionate, decent.

Once, a few years ago, he spoke at an annual banquet for my newspapers' sales staff. He came into the hall at the old St. John's Seminary in Plymouth, quietly worked the crowd, and made a fine speech about dedication, hard work and having values. They mobbed him with

They mobbed him with delight afterward. And he donated his fee to the United Way — quietly, without fuss. He certainly didn't have to. He just did it. Lloyd Carr was one of the few people whose personality both incorporated and communicated the values that make the U-M a great place.

Nothing became him more than the classy manner of his leaving. We are all lucky to have had him as a fixture in our time.

While we're giving thanks, let's raise a glass at long last to the forward-looking political leadership of nine Midwestern states, including Michigan. Last week, they all signed a historic accord on greenhouse gases that helps America move a little closer to a much-needed national policy on global warming.

The idea is to reduce greenhouse gases through a regional carbon "cap and trade program" designed to set targets for carbon dioxide reductions in each state. Companies that successfully reduced emissions could sell the carbon credits they gain.

Also last week, Gov, Jennifer Granholm gave a speech that was described as "hair-raising" by Andy Buchsbaum, head of the regional office of the National Wikdlife Federation.

Among other things, she said, "We in the Mixtwest are prepared to lead an industrial revolution," by transforming the region's rust belt economic base into a hub for alternative

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About Phil Power

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"The Midwest can be a pilot for reducing greenhouse gases, and Michigan can develop and produce the technology that makes it happen," Granholm added.

Now she's trying to make that suggestion reality. Others are doing the same elsewhere: A regional group of Western states and another Northeastern states have also initiated similar agreements.

Their approach is piecemeal, but makes sense. Sadly, at the present time, regional alliances like these are the only way to get around Washington's unwillingness to move toward a national policy on global warming and climate change.

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Finally, here's something else to be thankful for. I had the pleasure of listening to General Motors Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner earlier this week. He talked about how the company is preparing for the long term, working to transform labor-management relations with the United Auto Workers and setzing opportunities to compete effectively with the Japanese auto mak-

He also made it quite clear that the domestic auto industry is at last serious about developing a diverse strategy to reduce dependence on petroleum and increase use of alternative energy-based power trains. We have, he indicated, a joint responsibility to be good stewards of the earth.

I was impressed by his approach. Wagoner came across as a very capable, highly focused, perfectly sensible and straightforward corporate leader. He seemed to embody the personal values of a Lloyd Carr, our shared Midwestern preference for practicality in dealing with climate change and the kind of capable business leadership that is so important for Michigan in these times.

We've got a long way to go. But this year, having people like these in key positions are very good reasons to offer thanks.

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Fixing Michigan's not a priority

Here we go again. Back in September and early October, I urged our state representative, Marc Corriveau, to stand up and be a leader for our state and identify long-term solutions that would fix the crisis here in Michigan. Instead of identifying long-term solutions to fix our structural problems, he and our short-sighted governor chose to increase taxes for both residents and employers of Michigan.

Shortly after the tax was announced, it became clear to people who understand business that the tax would place an enormous financial burden on our Michigan companies (that is, the companies that decide to stay in Michigan).

A broad coalition of manufacturers and business organizations have been working for the repeal of this service tax, proposing that it be replaced with a surcharge on the Michigan Business Tax (MBT). The surcharge would raise revenue and be less damaging to the business environment.

The problem is Corriveau and his fellow "leaders" cannot play nice in the sandbox and agree on a reasonable solution. They are more content with embarrassing the state. Here is a simple question: Is fixing Michigan a top priority?

I don't think so.

The proof came yesterday as I opened a piece of mail from Corriveau's office.

Expecting to see his thoughts on the tax and what is being done to replace it, I was shocked to see a helpful hints brochure on how to winterize our homes. Nice. Doesn't he realize many of the homes in his district are vacant? The owners left some time ago. Many more residents and companies will follow unless the 6-percent state tax on service is repealed.

> Mark A. Oswald Northville Township

Roundabout ruined Taft

We sympathize with Dave Stewart of Northville Gourmet & Cicero's Pizza and the Mobil station concerning the outrageous, ugly and wasteful reconstruction of Taft Road. We who live on/off Taft only thought about our own

everywhere, and a nonfunctional, mind-boggling roundabout that is preceded by no less than 19 signs! Talk about sign sign about pollution. Lady Bird Johnson is surely rolling over in her grave.

We now hate driving Taft, as it makes your stomach roil. The authorities responsible for this abunorities responsible for this abomination of an eyesore should lose their positions. They should be made to endure the jarring bumps and ride daily in the school buses that must crash over curbs to negotiate the tiny roundabout. And they should be held personally responsible for the costly wheel and undercarriage repairs these buses, as well as our cars, will certainly incur.

After 20 years of living on Taft Road, we now look forward to leaving and escaping this superugly roadway.

> Dennis Horwatt Northville

Inspectors just doing their jobs

I would like to respond to last week's article, "Inspectors Take Hits at Council Meeting."

First, I would like to establish that I have restored multiple properties within the Historic District in Northville over the years, so I have a great deal of experience in dealing with many code and historic issues. Many years ago, one of these projects involved converting a residential property into a commercial property, and I was amazed at how many different issues arose during this process. Through the help of Rick Starling and Bill Myers (who I hired as a consultant), I was able to navigate through the process. I learned some valuable lessons. One, the local inspectors do not write the code; they are, however, required to enforce it. Two, even though the codes at times seem over the top, they are there to protect patrons and the owners of the particular properties.

Many different issues may arise in dealing with older properties; Lord knows I have experienced most of them. At the end of the day, it is still a choice of the individual buyer to go forward with these buildings. It is simply more expensive and time consuming than dealing with new properties. I find the older historic buildings make this small town special. I commend Bob Buckhave for tackling the biggest eyesore in this town and making it look great. Jim Long has done a tremendous job of adding two new structures to town and making them look like they have been here for many years.

an arrogant bone in his body.

On a good day, city inspector is a tough job; everyone hates to see you come, and they live in fear of what you might find. But, most importantly, this job exists for all of our protection. Do you really want someone who is not going to enforce the safety of our community?

Thanks for spot-

lighting teachers

I had meant to write a letter to

the editor regarding the excellent

edition of the Nov. 22, 2007

Northville Record, but neglected

to do so. It was one of the best

Records in several years, and I

I was pleasantly surprised to

see the issue the week of the 29th

even more enjoyable. I think the

recognition of two outstanding music teachers at Northville H.S.

was well done and very much deserved. Thanks especially to Sue Nichols for calling your attention to the outstanding teach-

ing of Mary Kay Pryce and Mike

Rumbell - truly great assets to a

I remember in the spring of

Superintendent Ray Spear to go to

Wayne State University and inter-

view graduating vocal music

teachers for an elementary posi-

tion at Amerman School. What a

gem I recommended in Mary Kay

Pryce, truly one of my better deci-

There are many other super

teachers in Northville, and one I

would also call your attention to is

Jeff Lightfoot, another Amerman

teacher who has top seniority in

our district with almost 40 years

PS - My wife and I have not

missed a concert of Mary Kays',

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enjoyed it greatly.

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will represent our best interests, not those of a developer who cares only about his profits and nothing about our community. Thankfully, our board is doing a good job in this respect and I urge them to continue to stand a firm ground.

> William Sivy Northyile

Section hit the right note

The section of last week's Northville Record on the NHS Music program is probably the finest story ever done by the paper. This music program is one of the gems of our community.

> Mark Ritchie Northville

Perfect timing

Record for the fabulous section on the Northville High School music program that you published last week. It was fabulous! We are so proud of our music students and we sincerely appreciate the recognition that you provided. Your timing was perfect. On Friday, many concert goers were seen reading their papers during the set-up times between bands. Mr. Rumbell spoke from the stage about how excited they were to receive your generous publicity.

long hours in order to provide top notch performances to the community. The students learn great lessons from the experince that we know will be with them for life.

Thank you again for your support!

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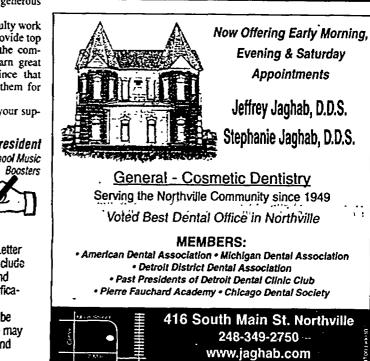
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inconvenience and troubles with this months-long mess, not the considerable loss of revenue these stores had to endure. We can only hope our Northville and Novi neighbors increase patronage of these retailers to help ease their months of pain.

What's even more depressing about the idiocy of Taft's makeover is that this once-attractive, semi-rural road with pleasant grass curtains, attractive trees and shrubs now has hideous curbs.

One of the many great things about this small town is the ability to know many people and deal with them regularly. Bill Myers is one of the people I have dealt with many times. I have found him to be one of the kinder, more gentle souls that I have ever met. His honesty and integrity have never come in question, and there is not

complete support for the Township Board's handling of the hospital property development. Further, every township resident with whom I have spoken fully agrees with the board's position.

I am writing, as a Northville

Township resident, to express my

A Mr. Hawthorne, in last week's letters, suggested that we urge board members to give the developers what they want. I can't imagine why anyone would want their elected officials to just rubber stamp all developer requests. Most of us vote, to elect those officials, with the hope that they

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by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

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Cassis restores early intervention to K-12 budget, helping ensure early learning success

In the recent budget process, I was able to amend the School Aid budget to include a provision that will help ensure early learning success for Michigan students.

Under Section 82 of the budget, intermediate school districts (ISDs) are allowed to use funds to create model early intervention programs for constituent districts. ISDs can work with other intermediate districts and their local districts to develop these programs.

The programs will focus on kindergarten through third-grade learners. They will enable schools to identify problems early, intervene before children begin to struggle and fail, involve parents, and give students the skills they need to succeed both in school and in life.

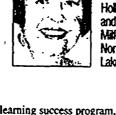
As a former school psycholo-

gist, I am well aware that early education success fosters confidence and self-esteem. It prepares youngsters to become competent learners able to compete and achieve economically. This provision will allow schools to adopt a program that has proven successful in Northville and other districts around Michigan. I am grateful we could reinstate it, for the benefit of Michigan's children.

In 2005, I sponsored a law creating the SAVE the Children grant program administered by the Department of Education... Unfortunately, last spring, the governor repealed the measureafter signing it into law in 2006. In September, the Senate adopted an amendment placing the early intervention program back into the School Aid budget.

The supportive data is impressive. The program is based on one put in place in Northville. The number of students statewide identified for special education has increased from 10.5 percent in the 1990-91 school year to 14.2 percent in 2003-04.

Since implementing an early



About Nancy Cassis State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom.

learning success program, however, the Northville Public School District special education rate has decreased from 10.2 percent in 1992-93 to 5.38 percent in 2004-05, saving the school more than \$7.3 million in the 06-07 school year.

Michigan Supreme Court rules in favor of Michigan's early presidential primary.

The Michigan Supreme Court's recent ruling allowing a Jan. 15 presidential primary to proceed is a victory for Michigan voters. This will open the process by giving citizens the opportunity to participate in the primary and

have their voices be heard in the selection process of presidential nominees.

This gives Michigan standing by ensuring candidates come to our state and address issues important to Michigan.

This measure has enjoyed strong bipartisan support with both the Republican and Democrat state parties endorsing the legislation.

As always, I look forward to your comments. You can contact me by e-mail at senncassis@senate.michigan.gov, or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Two-time loser

City of Northville police found out more than they bargained for after a traffic stop at 1:05 a.m. Nov. 16 at Griswold Street and Pennel Avenue.

As a Northville police officer was completing a check of Ford Field, the officer noticed two vehicles had turned from eastbound Main Street onto northbound Gnswold. As the vehicles approached the lot the officer was in, the officer noticed the first vehicle, a Lincoln Mark LT. accelerated rapidly.

As the vehicle passed the officer, it accelerated at about 40–45 mph and broke sharply, slowing down to about 30-35 mph. The

officer pulled out of the lot and caught up to the vehicle as it rounded a curve near Butler Avenue. The officer noticed the Lincoln crossed the white lines as it rounded. The driver of the vehicle continued to weave in and out of its lane.

The officer followed the vehicle as it turned eastbound on Northville Place Drive, where he initiated a traffic stop.

As the officer approached the vehicle, he noticed a distinct slur in the man's speech and detected a strong odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle. The driver said he had been at Poole's Tavern and that he had left the bar just prior to the stop. The officer had the man step out of the vehicle to conduct sobriety tests, but the tests had to be stopped due to the man's unsteadmess and his

increasing desire not to continue. A sample Breathalyzer test showed the man had a bloodalcohol level of .23, nearly three times the legal limit of .08.

After placing the man under arrest, dispatch alerted the arresting officer that the man had a prior Operating While Intoxicated offense and a previous Driving With a Suspended License offense. The man's license is not valid until a reinstatement fee is paid

Since it is a Wayne County case, forfeiture was applied and the vehicle was towed to the Northville DPW. The man had to pay \$900 to retrieve the truck The officer then transported the man to the Northville Township Police Department, where two more breath samples were taken, showing the man with a blood-alcohol level of .25 and .26 percent, respectively. The officer said he would submit paperwork to the Wayne County prosecutor for enhanced charges.

Mischlef at Mobil

A patron at the Mobil gas station at 710 Eight Mile Road decided to stick it to the system last week while he was filling up his gas tank.

At about 9:20 p.m. on Nov. 29, two City of Northville police officers were dispatched to the filling station at Eight Mile and Taft roads on a report of a driveoff. The officers were advised by the female attendant that the suspect had come into the station and prepaid for \$20 worth of gas on pump two using a credit card. The suspect then went to pump three, pumped \$44 worth of gas and left the station.

The attendant said she had seen the suspect at the station before and that she doesn't believe the larceny was intentional. She added she thought the male suspect was a firefighter, as she thought he may have been wearing a fire department shirt. One of the responding officers checked with Northville Fire Department personnel, who stated the description given did not match any employees.

The suspect has been described as a white male, about 6-feet talt in his mid-to-late 30s with brown hair, sideburns, a goatee and no mustache. He was driving a darkcolored Chevy S-10 extended cab. There were no emergency lights observed on the vehicle that would indicate that it was a firefighter's personal vehicle.

On Nov. 30, the officer returned to the gas station and found that the manager had been able to charge the rest of the purchase to the man's credit card, closing the case.

Jason Carmel Davis

Northville Township firemen plan their 6th Fireman's Ball

Feb. 9 benefit at Sheraton Novi

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Those who want to support local charities should mark Feb. 9, 2008, on their calendars.

That's the date for the 6th annual Fireman's Ball Dinner Dance in the Sheraton Detroit Novi Grand Ballroom.

The fundraiser is \$150 per couple and will include dinner, dancing, open bar, auctions and raffles.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Northville Township Professional Fire Fighters Local 3961 Charities Fund, which helps local communities as well as fire department members nationwide. In 2007, members of NTPFF:

donated \$5,500 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association;
sent two Make-A-Wish chil-

dren on the trip of a lifetime, with a value of more than \$10,000; • supported Northville Civic

Concern in their efforts to help feed and cloth those in need with a \$2,500 contribution; and

• supported the cause of the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center with a \$2,500 donation.

Members also donate funds on a monthly basis to firefighters nationwide suffering from lifethreatening diseases such as cancer. Research has shown that firefighters are at a much higher risk for developing multiple types of cancer, including lung and brain cancer.

There are many other devastating injuries and illnesses that affect firefighters and their families.

"NTPFF wants to assist those firefighters and their families, in our own communities and nationwide, in every way possible," said Rob McAllister, union spokesperson.

"Support of the NTPFF will give us the opportunity to assist those in need," he said.

Goal set at \$50,000 for 2008

The 2007 dinner dance raised \$26,000. The goal for the 2008 fundraiser is \$50,000.

NTPFF Local 3961 is asking for area residents' support through a cash donation, and/or merchandise and gift certificates to include in the event's auction and raffles. Ticket sales only cover the cost of the event.

The union is also seeking table sponsorships. A \$200 donation will cover the cost of a table centerpiece and contribute to the proceeds of the event. Sponsors' name or business name will be represented at the table of sponsorship. In addition to serving as a marketing tool, table sponsorship is a donation toward a national cause.

"Whether you are willing to provide our event with a monetary donation or itcms for our auction, any support you could give would be greatly appreciated," McAllister said.

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How to purchase tickets

Tickets to the Feb. 9, . 2008, Northville Township Fireman's Ball at the Sheraton Detroit Novi can be purchased by calling (248) 348-5807. Cost is \$150 per couple. The event will include dinner, dancing, open bar, auctions and raffles. For more information, go to www.iaff3961.org.



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December 10-Jazz Band and Synthesizer Ensemble

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

DiPonio Room inside the VisTaTech Center

Schoolcraft College main campus

18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia

The Jazz Band performs holiday favorites by Chick Corea, Dave Brubeck, and Stevie Wonder. The Synthesizer Ensemble's selections range from the traditional to the modern, including *Lacrymosa* from Mozart's *Requiem Mass*, a dramatic rendition of the 1980s hit *Africa* by the pop group Toto, and a special arrangement featuring vocalist Josh Marois, whose voice is electronically transformed to sound like a full choir.

> December 16—Choral Union Sunday, 3 p.m. Recital Hall inside the Forum Building

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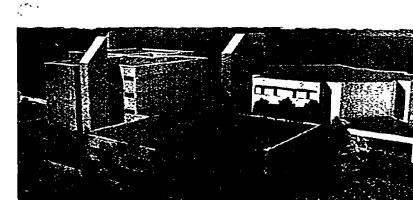
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A choral concert entitled A Winter's Tale featuring choral music and poetry readings that capture the spirit of the holiday season. A suggested, but not required, admission donation of one canned or boxed nonperishable food item, which will be donated to the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, would be appreciated.

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Vintage dashboard latest showcase for craftsman

By Nathan Mueller STAFF WRITER

It was fitting that Silvano Salvador was surrounded by trees when he came up with his latest project.

When Salvador sees wood, he sees art. It could be bark, a broken stick or a solid block, but in the end it becomes a masterpiece.

And a masterpiece is what

South Lyon

Salvador carved for the owner of northeast Michigan's Tawas RV Park, a frequent getaway destination for the artist. The man and Salvador were talking about a 1928 Ford Model A that the owner was restoring, and Salvador suggested he install a wooden dashboard. It was the first time the man thought about it, and after seeing Salvador's work, he immediately signed him up for the job.

The dashboard is made out of cherry wood and the carving depicts a very American feel with stars on each side.

Moments like meeting the owner and making a piece of art just for him is what the artist cherishes the most. He loves meeting people, getting to know them and then putting their character into the wood.

"When I carve, I carve a person's life into it," Salvador said.

Since dedicating many of his retirement hours into his art and craft, Salvador personalizes each piece he creates -- commissioned exclusively through word of mouth. He does not have a Web site and does not market his product: He just carves, and lets the carving speak for itself.

The majority of his customers come because someone saw one of his canes or other pieces of work and they ask that person where they got it from. That person then gets in touch with Salvador, and he gets to work.

"Wherever these people go it follows them; it's a wonderful feeling to hear people say the things they do about my work," he said.

Shiny marble floors and white walls greet visitors as they enter Salvador's home in Colonial Acres. Once inside, it is hard for one's eyes to not be drawn to an immaculate portrait-like wood carving. The carving was handmade by Salvador, and depicts Christ carrying a man who is a sinner. The man is holding a nail and hammer in his hand to signify the Christian belief that Christ died for the sins of all people.

Salvador calls this piece, "Forgiven," and it is his prized possession out of the hundreds of wood carvings he has done. It will never be sold because its meaning is so true in his life.

"I love doing spiritual carvings because I was healed after having cancer and it touches my heart,"

he said. "I feel I owe that." Talking about his struggle with

cancer is emotional, but all of it comes out through a knife and onto a piece of wood. He was diagnosed with throat cancer 10 years ago, and during his battle, his daughter's boyfriend took him to a healing mass at church. A priest visiting from India was the guest, and when he placed his hands on Salvador's head to say a prayer for him, Salvador broke down and cried.

The priest asked him what was wrong, but nothing was wrong at all.

"At that time, I saw Christ," he said. "He told me I was going to be OK."

It was during his battle with cancer that Salvador first started to carve. He had no voice and was unable to communicate, so he communicated through his knife. And "Forgiven" was the piece

he focused on the most when he was healed. "I owed something to the

Lord," he said.

When it comes to carvings, there is nothing Salvador cannot do. He carves little hummingbirds, canes, images into bark and anything that has to do with wood.

As much as he loves carving, he equally loves teaching people how to carve.

Jo Ann Nelson lives in Bay City but met Salvador while camping. and immediately was drawn to more than his art work; she was drawn to his character.

"I got involved because of his personality and the way he could teach," she said. "I did not know a thing about this but he kept saying that if I set my mind to it I can learn it."

Nelson has set her mind to it and is working on a "really beautiful" cane. She corresponds with Salvador regularly and gets advice from him when they get together.

He also teaches a class at the South Lyon Center for Active

Adults, and in other areas across the state.

"People always think you have to have patience to do this, but you don't," he said. "You have to have desire.

"If you have that, I'll teach you how to carve." Most of Salvador's carving takes

place in a small room in the basement of his home. Wood shavings are scattered all over the ground and blocks of wood are stacked in the corner. Parts of unfinished projects sit on countertops.

Amidst it all is art, and one

man's passion to express himself in a way only the truly unique can.

Photo by HAL GOULD

Sitting on the table is his next masterpiece, this one called "Reunion." It is the mate to the "Forgiven" piece, and it, too, carries a deep meaning.

Because it was carving that brought him peace, he hopes to bring peace and happiness to all those he reaches through his work.

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Art Institute of Michigan now open in Novi

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

Novi has a new higher educational haven as The Art Institute of-Michigan opened its doors Nov. 9 off 12 Mile Road, west of Haggerty Road

Novi

With a concept comparable to Detroit's College of Creative Studies (CCS), the new 38,000square-foot institute will offer certificates, bachelors or associates degrees in 11 subjects, including

and commercial arts. We have dual accreditation," said Ted Blashak, president of The Art Institute of Michigan. "People want to touch things. It's a combination of academic preparation (and hands-on experience). It helps to cultivate the commercial and creative arts, as well as culinary."

"It's a special brand of culinary

The school is prepared to take in 1,200 students, although Blashak expects it to take a few years to reach that level. The Art Institute of Michigan already has more than 20 students enrolled for the 11-week Jan. 8 term and a handful who started a five-week, mid-quarter term "It's been real interesting. The

had over 4,000 people contact us," Blashak said. "The type of student we're looking for is recent high school graduates and career transitioners

The Novi location helps out students who, Blashak said, had to travel to Chicago or Pittsburgh to find the nearest Art Institute.

We have a very large footprint. We see some national blend with local flavor. We've gotten bigger in the United States by staying local," Blashak said. "(Novi) is a beautiful place. It provides access from the west in Lansing and from the east in Detroit. We're just really happy to be in Michigan. People have been another option to those awaiting admission into the nationally-recognized culinary program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The biggest piece is dual accreditation. That's unique," Blashak said of The Art Institute of Michigan. The comparison piece is more apt for students. It's important that the students go and feel engaged. Those other schools have phenomenal programs and we have phenomenal programs."

Courses at The Art Institute of Michigan cost \$433 per credit hour, according to Blashak. The programs at Schoolcraft cost \$70 per credit hour for Livonia residents and \$103

Blashak said the institute's career services program is a highlight of the school.

"Ninety percent of our graduates find a job within six months in the field they were studying." he said. The average rate of pay (among graduates) is just under \$30,000." The Novi location is a branch of

The Illinois Institute of Art -Chicago, which has more than 35 branches nationwide.

We are thrilled to bring an Art Institute school to the Detroit area." said John Mazzoni, president of The Art Institutes. 'The Art Institute of Michigan's design, fashion and culinary programs, led by skilled facul-

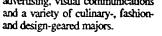
The school is located at 28125 Cabot Drive in Novi. Visit artinstitutes.edu/detroit or call (800) 479-0087.

munities in which they will live and work."

Blashak said the Novi university already has expansion plans in the making.

"Next year, we'll be looking at some long-term lease facilities for dorms," he said, adding that programs such as digital photography may also be added to the curricu-

Silvano Salvador has created hundreds of works of art through carving, a passion he pursued while battling cancer. His most recent piece is this dashboard for a 1928 Model A Ford, created for a man he met while camping.



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District still mulling election date issue

Board has until Dec. 31 to decide on dates

By Jason Carmel Davis STAFF WRITER

If a proposed change in school board election dates takes effect, members of the Northville Public School District Board of Education could keep their seats longer than they would if the policy remains the same.

Northville currently holds its board of education election in May

each year. A proposal is being discussed at the state level that would cause Michigan school districts to move to an annual November date, as it is thought that such a move would save school districts money and bring more voters to the polls - since, usually, November is when most municipalities have city council elections, etc., according to Leonard Rezmierski, Northville Public School District superintendent.

The topic was up for discussion during the board's Nov. 27 regular meeting. Rezmierski said, in order to make the Dec. 31 deadline for 2008, the board should decide on the measure at its Dec. 11 session

the board's last meeting for 2007.

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If that amendment is adopted, boardmembers terms would be extended by six months. There is, however, pending legislation from the Michigan Association of School Boards - that would eliminate the annual November option and, instead, have odd May, odd November, annual August and even August election dates.

That would extend current Northville board of education members' terms by 18 months. If this statute is approved, districts could still make a change for 2008, but subsequent election

dates would not conform to the new choices.

By the language of the bill, it appears the annual May election date would be omitted, according to Northville Director of Business and Finance John Street. To play out an odd year November change, those members who have terms expiring in even years would have their terms extended 18 months, while board members who have odd-year term expirations would keep their seat an additional six months, Street said. There would also be three or four terms up in each biennial election.

Board Trustee Ken Roth questioned the cost-savings portion of

the plan. He said when legislators previously passed laws on school elections, in January 2005, district's costs were doubled. Since the change nearly three years ago. running an election has cost the district between \$25,000-\$27,000 each time, whereas, prior to the ruling, elections cost Northville schools about \$15,000, according to Street.

"Townships do not generally hold elections in odd years, but if the city (of Northville) holds an election, then no cost is tacked on to the district," Street said. "(Schoolcraft Community College) has opted to share the

cost if it's just the college and the

school district on the ballot."

Joan Wadsworth, board presi cost implications and research dis2 tricts that have made the change and how it has affected them.

Board Trustee Judy Handley said she isn't sold on the idea of having three-four seats up each election. That would give the board nearly a 50-percent turnover rate at each vote, which, Handley said, would devastate the rhythm and cohesion of the board.

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ON CAMPUS

Albion College

Northville students Lynne Darga, daughter of Leon and Sharon Darga; and Susan Snyder, daughter of Jeffrey and Theresa Snyder, have been accepted this fall into the Albion College Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute for Professional Management.

Students are chosen annually for the Gerstacker Institute through a highly selective process based on academic and demonstrated leadership abilities. Gerstacker members must complete degree requirements in economics and management, also courses in ethics, writing, speaking and management, and fulfill at least two internships in a wide range of business settings.

Lynne Darga has also been accepted into the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Institute, where students are required to enroll in

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the following four "Great Issues" seminars: Humanities, Science, Social Science and Fine Arts. In addition, a 3.5 cumulative gradepoint average and honors thesis are required.

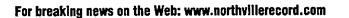
Northville student Stephen Russell, son of Michael Russell of Pleasant Hill, Calif., has been accepted into the Albion College Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service.

The Ford Institute is designed to give exceptional students a chance to broaden their education through concentrated study in areas of government and public service. Institute members come from all academic majors and complete internships and specialized coursework in their areas of interest. The institute sponsors a number of public events each year and encourages students to participate in campus leadership roles and community service.

Submitted photo

Band-O-Rama

A number of Northville High School music troops took the stage last Friday night at the school for the Mustang instrumental music department's banner event - Band-O-Rama. The show was subtitled, "A Langfield Salute," and served as a tribute to Conrad Langfield, the Northville man for whom the Conrad Langfield Memorial Fund is named. Langfield, who once served as mayor of Northville, arranged in his will a bequest to the Northville High School Band. After his passing in 1969, the bequest of \$15,000 was set aside in a trust fund for the benefit of the band. Through wise investments, the band has benefited by receiving annual contributions totaling more than \$239,000 from the dividends and interest earned by the fund. The value of the fund, through growth of the stocks held, has grown from \$15,000 to its current value of \$150,000. Band Director Michael Rumbell, left, instructs members of Northville High's Jazz Ensemble I while they prepare to play for those who took in Friday night's performance.







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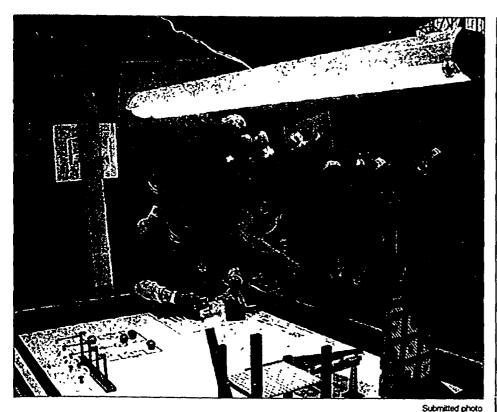
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Members of the Amerman Elementary School Robotics team marvel at one of their creations during a recent competition.

BLOCK BOSSES

Northville Lego, robotics teams shine at state shows

By Jason Carmel Davis STAFF WRITER

The Eagles, one of Hillside Middle School's Robotics teams, achieved a perfect 400-point score at the Downriver Robot Rescue in Allen Park on Nov. 20.

The team's robot was able to complete all 13 missions without any mistakes. That feat earned them the first-place trophy for Robot Performance.

The Eagles team, consisting of Max Paul, Simone Young and Andrea Meister, also won first place for Research Quality for their ideas to reduce energy use at Hillside. They created a mathematical model of where heat is escaping at the school. In the short term, they recommended replacing all of the uninsulated doors at Hillside, among other things. Based on their model, each uninsulated door costs the school district almost \$3,000 per year in wasted energy. Looking farther out, they suggested the school district use geothermal heat pumps to heat the school buildings. With some technology improvements they propose, this could drastically reduce the district's natural gas bills.

The students are also working with Stacey Eyler, Doriana DeSanto and Nancy Kelly, sixthgrade science teachers at Hillside, to obtain a grant to

Dave Bolitho, Northville Public School District assistant superintendent for administrative services.'

Hillside Principal Jim Cracraft said school officials have never been able to analyze heating costs this way. "I know these kids put a

tremendous amount of effort into this project," Cracraft said. "It's amazing what a group of sixthgraders can do if they set their minds to it."

Amerman squad shines, too

A team of five 10-year-old students from Northville's Amerman Elementary School won the "Rising Star Award" from the Regional First Lego League Competition.

Helen Garby, Aliya Khan, Sima Sohi, John Park and Nabiha Biviji competed directly with teams comprised of up to 10 members with ages up to 14 years old. The rising star award is given to the team the "judges believe stands out and that they will expect great things from in future challenges."

There were four aspects to the competition:

 Build and program a Lego Robot to conduct several specific missions in two-and-a-half minutes, in a standard format established by the First Lego League (http://www.firstlegoleague.org) in a stadium environment.

· Demonstrate the robot and the programming to a panel of judges and respond to questions about the robot.

• Conduct an energy audit of a local nublic building (the

of the year, Dr. Steve Anderson, attended the event. He said the events are an excellent way to get entire school communities involved, from staff, down to parents. Anderson also said being on the team teaches students teamwork and collaboration skills.

"It shows (students) how to focus, too," Anderson said. "The competitions give them one issue to focus on, and they have to work hard together to get that problem solved."

The judges of the competition gave the team high marks for gracious professionalism, problem solving, team dynamics, coming up with innovate solutions, creative presentation and enthusiasm.

"[The team's ideas were] very cohesive, thought 'outside the box' [and showed] great confidence from a young team," judges said. "[The team showed] great group participation, inno-vative ideas, [and a] high level of cooperation."

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Officials: 'Number of factors affect Northville High's AYP mark, MEAP scores'

Proficient students takes dip across the board

By Jason Carmel Davis STAFF WRITER

Scores for Northville High School students decreased in all areas of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test as Northville High School (NHS) received a composite grade of "B" on the 2006-07 Education Yes! School Report Card. Despite the slight decline in performace, the school also met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards, according to a report released Friday by the Michigan Department of Education. In addition, Northville Public Schools' two special education center programs at Cooke and Old Village schools also met AYP for the 2006-07 school year. The state does not issue report card grades for special education programs.

Northville's two special education center programs serve severely cognitively and multiply impaired students from school districts across Wayne County. The center programs are funded by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Area and staffed by Northville educators. These students, along with some K-12 special education students, are assessed using MI-Access, the state-standardized test for students with disabilities for whom the MEAP are not appropriate.

Michigan School Report Card grades and AYP status for elementary and middle schools were released by the state on Aug. 15. Each of Northville's six elementary schools and two middle schools achieved composite grades of "A" and met AYP.

District officials say the dip in MEAP scores for students in the NHS Class of 2007, who took the test as juniors during the 2005-06 school year, coupled with the challenges faced by school districts across Michigan in meeting student achievement requirements under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, factor into impacting

the high school's composite grade. NHS earned composite grades of "A" on both the 2004-05 and 2005-06 Michigan School Report Card.

"As we do each year, our administrators and teachers have carefully studied these MEAP results and we are using the data, along with other assessments of student learning, to modify our curriculum and enhance student intervention and support programs with the goal of ensuring success for all students," Northville High Principal Rob Watson said.

The Michigan School Report Card is an assessment of each public school in Michigan based on a number of standards outlined in Education Yes! - Michigan's accreditation system for schools and AYP. Michigan's AYP standards under NCLB are based on MEAP test scores, as well as the percentage of students who take the test and graduation rates.

Two-thirds of a school's Michigan School Report Card grade is based on its MEAP test scores. While Northville schools have traditionally performed well on the Michigan School Report Card, it is important to note the challenges faced by school districts across Michigan, including Northville, to continue to achieve at these high levels, especially in the report card categories related to change (or improvement) in student achievement, said Mary Kay Gallagher, Northville assistant superintendent for instructional services.

Under the Michigan School Report Card, student achievement is comprised of two components achievement status and achievement change. Achievement status measures how well a school is educating its students using a three-year average of MEAP scores. Achievement change measures whether student achievement is improving or declining using up to five years of comparable MEAP data. This data is used to determine if student achievement in a school is improving at a rate fast enough to attain a goal of 100-percent proficiency in all content areas by the 2013-14 school year as required by NCLB.

This means that even as Northville students continue to excel on the MEAP, the district's schools may see the "grade" assigned to achievement change, and, therefore,

Declining scores

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Here is a look at the per-centage of proficient Northville High students over the last three school years. 1

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Source: Michigan Department of Education

their composite grades drop in some content areas where the school's actual score falls short of the predicted score set by the state and based on achieving 100-percent proficiency by 2013-14.

"We are proud of the work of our students on these important measures," Gallagher said. "However, we also recognize that our ability to achieve 100-percent proficiency for every student in all content areas as measured by the MEAP and MME



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is a challenging process."

bring alternative energy to the Northville Art House). school. Initially, they hope to get enough funding for a demonstration project to help all the students at Hillside learn first hand about alternative energy.

• Demonstrate their teamwork skills by completing an impromptu task while being observed by a panel of judges. principal, Amerman

"This model a great tool," said Michigan's Elementary Principal

NHS junior stars in "The Nutcracker"

Most of the time, serious ballet fans who live in smaller towns and cities just have to feel a little big-city envy. As a rule, it's the world's capitals that enjoy performances by ballet's top artists. That rule will be broken this weekend at the Brighton Performing Arts Center, when Russian Artists International, Ltd., and The Academy of Russian Classical Ballet again present a very special production of "The Nutcracker."

Show times are 2 and 6 p.m. on Saturday and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. Katya Frimenko, a 16-year-old junior at Northville High School, will take the stage dancing the lead role of "Clara," along with international guest artists, including Anton Korsakov, first soloist of the Mariinsky (Kiroy) Ballet, St. Petersburg Russia.

Frimenko has been dancing for nine years and is a student of Sergey and Jessica Rayevskiy at the Academy of Russian Classical Ballet in Novi. She has performed many different ballet roles, including Marzipan Pas de Trois, Louisa, Snow corps de ballet, and Waltz of the Flowers in "The Nutcracker," solo variation from Paquita, solo variation and pas de deux in The Sleeping Beauty, corps de ballet in "Don Quixote" and "Giselle." She also was selected by special audition to perform roles in the Kirov Ballet's productions of "La Bayadere" and "Sleeping Beauty" at the Detroit Opera House.

More than 80 dancers from Livingston, Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and Washtenaw counties will participate in the production. Tickets are available at the Brighton Community Education Office, located at 7878 Brighton Road, Brighton, or by phone at (810) 299-4130

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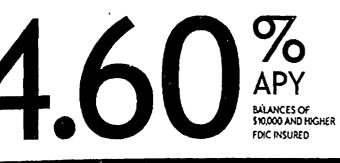
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Mustangs face crosstown rival Wildcats in hoops, hockey

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Novi-Northville Baseline Battle gets heated up with a pair of contests tonight and tomorrow. Girls basketball will square off

7 p.m. tonight in Novi. On Friday, the rival schools will

hit the ice 6 p.m. at the Novi Ice Arena.

Basketball

Novi earned the win last year against Northville and eventually went on to capture a district title. The Wildcats are off to a 2-0 record this year heading into Tuesday's (Dec. 4) contest against Berkley.

It will be the second game for Northville (1-0).

Novi head coach Bill Kelp knows this game has special meaning for the players and fans.

"For a coach, you are playing a quality team," he said. "It's a good challenge to see where we are at. They're well coached, and they're a lot like us.

"For a player, they know each other. Some of them know each other quite well. It's bragging rights. For both schools, anybody can beat anybody because emotions will be high."

Kelp's key for the Wildcats is stopping Northville from getting inside for easy baskets.

"The biggest thing is to stop dribble penetration by Sarah Stem," he said. "After playing them last year and scouting them this year, the No. 1 key is stopping dribble penetration."

For Northville, getting the bragging rights back would be nice. "It's been a couple of years

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Opening victory

The Mustangs won a lowscoring battle, 34-25, in the





Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northwile Record Mustang captains Evan Bentley, left, and Jonny D'Anna grapple during a Monday afternoon practice.

Mat experience key for Mustangs

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville wrestling coach Jeff Balagna is hoping mat experience pays off during his second year at the helm.

The Mustangs are loaded with seniors — 12 in all — on the roster.

"Half of our line-up will be comprised of seniors with tons of mat time," Balagna said. "These guys could step up and make it a memorable year for them. I expect them to do that.

"They just want to win; that's the important thing."

Jonny D'Anna (captain) is back for his senior season after a run to state last year. He begins a string of seniors expected to lead the team from 119 pounds through Brian Bagian (captain) 145 pounds. In between are John Hebert at 125. Evan Bentley (captain) at 130, Matt Ladhoff (captain) at 135 and Aaron Towne at 140. Bagian, Hebert and Bentley were all regional qualifiers last year. should be able to compete with the best teams in the area.

"Our lower-weights and upperweights will be young, but they are very tough and hard workers." After posting a 10-9 record in his first year with Northville, Balagna is tooking for improvement.

"Last year we were pretty solid, pretty respectable, having a state qualifier and having four kids go to regionals." Balagna said "Now we have to try to make that next leap." Balagna said goals include winning the division, conference and districts. Anything above that would be gravy.

Top competition in the conference should come from Canton. Franklin and John Glenn.

ranklin and John Glenn. "We're going to have a lot of

season opener against South Lyon.

Chealsea Atzinger led Northville with 12 points.

"I thought we played excellent on the defensive end," Northville head coach Pete Wright said. "We were a little impatieint on the offensive end."

Submitted by Diana Birdsall Chealsea Atzinger takes a shot against South Lyon last Thursday. "Our strength this year is going to be the middle of our lineup," Balagna said. "From 119-160 we ference, but I don't think it's out of the question." Balagna said. "I would really like to win a district title. But it all starts with the conference.

"I'm fired up. Hopefully it's a fun year with lots of memories made."

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Cripps leads All-Area V-ball; Cicala on 1st Team

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

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Stephanie Cripps helped lead Novi volleyball on its furthest run in the state playoffs in school history.

Cripps, a force all season, really turned up her game in the playoffs, leading the Wildcats to the final four. Novi also captured the final KVC title, going 13-1 in the league.

Her work on and off the court have earned her the All-Area Volleyball Player of the Year honors.

"Stephanie has all these internally driven motives," Novi head coach Julie Fisette said "She just had this drive in her.

Starting her varsity career as a freshman. Cripps continued to improve and became the go-to player when she was at the net.

"She's always the first one to practice and the last one to leave," Fisette said. "She was 100 percent dedication from day one."

Cripps wasn't just a hitter. She also served and played the back row.

"At the beginning of the year, I said, 'In order for you to serve in a game, you need to make sure you dig every ball that comes to you,'" Fisette said. "She basically took it as her goal this year to play **All-Area Volleyball**

Player of the Year Stephanie Cripps, Novi senior

First Team

Paige Janer, Novi senior Hayley Miller, Novi senior Krysta Cicala, Northville junior Kaitlyn Schultz, Milford senior Evia Prieditis, Milford junior Danielle Gotham, S. Lyon junior

defense. Her serving was incredible."

As good as Cripps is on the court, she's even better off it and in the classroom.

"She's everything you'd ever would want to coach in a kid," Fisette said. "She's a scholar athlete, 4.0 ... she has a lot of fun and loves the game."

Cripps' volley ball career probably has come to a close as she will pursue becoming a medical doctor.

First Team

Northville junior Krysta Cicala earns All-Area First Team honors.

Cicala did it all for Mustangs, leading the team with 413 kills, a

Second Team Kim Hildreth, Novi junior Lauren Farley, Novi senior Elizabeth Foucher, Northville jr. Katie Williams, South Lyon sr. Kaitlyn Vincek, South Lyon sr. Erica Adams, Milford senior Melissa Bryngleson, Lakeland senoir

Kathleen Donehue, S. Lyon jr.

Laura Ward, Lakeland senior

25.8 kill percentage, 454 serve attempts and 71 aces. She was second in assists with 450 and third in digs with 226.

The rest of the First Team includes Novi's Paige Janer and Hayley Miller; Milford's Kaitlyn Schultz and Evia Prieditis; South Lyon's Danielle Gotham and Kathleen Donehue; and Lakeland's Laura Ward.

Second Team

Northville's Elizabeth Foucher led the Mustangs with 399 digs and a 97.2 serving percentage, earning her a place on the All-Area Second Team.

The rest of the Second Team includes Novi's Kim Hildreth and

Hannah Stocker, Lakeland sr. Kaitlyn Frantz, Lakeland soph.

Honorable Mention

Paula Dietz, Novi senior Jacqui Longe, Novi senior Allison Holmes, Northville sr. Kelly Maise, Northville soph. Amanda Thomas, South Lyon jr. Krystle Burton, South Lyon sr. Sarah Gordon, Milford senior Liz Milani, Lakeland senior

Lauren Farley; South Lyon's Katie Williams and Kaitlyn Vincek; Milford's Erica Adams; and Lakeland's Melissa Bryngleson, Hannah Stocker and Kaitlyn Frantz.

Honorable Mention

The All-Area Honorable Mention team includes Northville's Allison Holmes and Kelly Maise; Novi's Paula Dietz and Jacqui Longe; South Lyon's Amanda Thomas and Krystle Burton; Mulford's Sarah Gordon and Lakeland's Liz Milani.

The All-Area teams are submitted by coaches with final decisions being made by Jeff Theisen and Patrick Pinter.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi's Stephanie Cripps is the All-Area Volleyball Player of the Year.

Northville hockey needs to fill scoring vacancies

Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville hockey head coach Clint Robert likes the makeup of this year's team and is expecting it to build off last year's successes.

"If we don't at least repeat or do better than last year, we'll look at it as a failure," he said. "It's a team that's built to win, and I certainly think we are capable of doing it.

"This team has really got a willingness to learn and work hard."

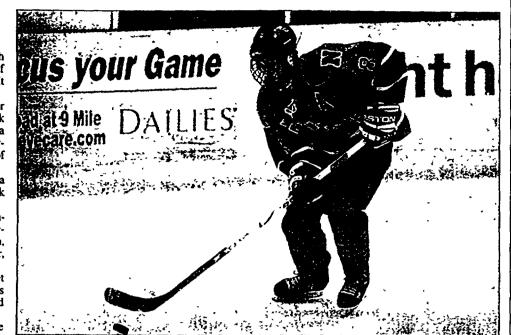
Scoring took a hit from graduation, but Robert expects production from TJ Hohl, Alex Brewin, Case Moerman, Alec Arthur, Kevin Uetz and Ross Riehl.

"I think we're going to get more scoring from more places this season, which will be a good situation," Robert said.

A couple of strengths for the Mustangs are four returning defensemen, including Wes Gates and Matt Kreager. Newcomers Joe Castelli and Seth Perty are helping to form a solid blue line.

"I really think this team is going to have a lot of depth this year, but the real strong part of this team is going to be our blue line," Robert said.

Ted Keranen returns and will



Northville forward Kevin Uetz brings the puck up ice.

handle the goaltending duties. "Going in, (Keranen) will be our No. 1," Robert said. "We picked up a freshman, David Ketelhut. If something happened to Teddy, I would feel comfortable with David, even as a fresh-

man, going with David."

Robert wants to see his team fight for the division and conference titles before trying to make waves in the postseason. Canton should provide good competition for the Division title, and Livonia

Churchill and Livonia Stevenson should be the other top dogs in the conference.

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Submitted by Andy Mills

BASELINE BATTLES: Northville-Novi square off on hardcourt, ice

continued from front

since we've beaten them," Northville head coach Pete Wright said. "Caroline Johnson is their go-to player. We have to limit her as much as possible and keep her in check. "We've got to be able to get

"We've got to be able to get back on defense and not allow any easy scores."

Wright also knows the players will be excited early, but he wants to see them channel their energy into something positive.

"You've got to use that energy on the defensive end to slow them down," he said. "The mental part of the game, you've got to be there."

Hockey

Northville snuck out a 2-1 victory against Novi earlier this year. The Mustangs jumped out to a 2-0 lead before holding on the rest of the way in front of a packed house for the win.

The Wildcats will be sure to look for revenge.

Novi struggled to score early and dropped their opening two games before finding the net five times in a win against Milford. Novi (2-3) pulled even with a 2-1





Former Mustang Todd Schoenheide is about to have his hand raised after a victory.

Schoenheide tourney honors fallen 'Stang

Former Northville wrestler was killed by a drunk driver

Submitted to the Record

More than 15 years have passed since a Northville High' School gymnasium was filled on a Saturday with reversals, takedowns and pins.

But the memory of a teammate has inspired the wrestling team and the athletic department to revive the once-popular tradition of a Mustang hosted wrestling tournament.

The Todd Schoenheide Challenge will take place 9 a.m. Saturday in the main gym at Northville High School. Dexter, East Detroit, Lakeland, Redford Union and Waterford Kettering High Schools will join the Mustang grapplers for this exciting event.

ing event. "This is a great chance for the community to see the hard work that these young men put in everyday," Northville coach Jeff Balagna said.

During his senior year, Schoenheide was killed by a drunk driver on April 10, 2005, less then one month after wrestling at the MHSAA Regional Championship. An avid, 17-year-old cyclist, Schoenheide was returning from a Sunday afternoon bicycle ride to Ann Arbor with friends when he was hit at the intersection of Plymouth-Ann Arbor and Gotfredson Roads. Besides wrestling and bicycling, Todd also played Varsity football and was actively involved in Boy Scouts.

"It's very important to our family and all Todd's friends that he is remembered. It's wonderful tribute to his memory that he is remembered by the wrestling community. He loved the sport and being part of the NHS wrestling program," said Dale Schoenheide, Todd's father. More than two and a half years after his passing, Todd's spirit still accompanies the team at every practice as his picture fills a memorial plaque on the wall of their training room.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Todd Schoenheide Memorial Scholarship. This \$1,000 award is presented every spring to a Northville High School senior who shares one of Schoenheide's passions, either football, scouting or wrestling. Admission will be \$5

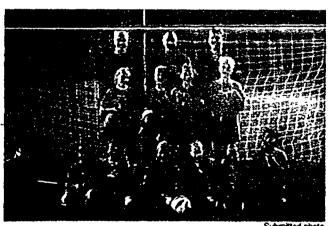
Admission will be SS Saturday. Concessions and memorial T-shirts will be available for sale.

"Not only will there be good wrestling, the tournament is for a great cause. It should be an exciting day of wrestling," Balagna said.



win against Pinckney before falling by the same score Friday to Howell.

Photo submitted by Diana Birdsat Kelsey Baskins brings the ball upcourt against South Lyon during the season opener.



Northville Cup Champs!

Winners of the U-10 2007 Northville Cup included: Front row (from left): Alexis Ajja, Lauren Marcotte, Madison Phair, Katherine Stanley, Chelsea Lepish and Simran Malik.

Middle row (standing): Kelly Abraham, Allison Zwarka, Riley Wolter, Emily Bowers; (kneeling): Katie Chevoor. Back row: Ben Stanley, Robert Zwarka and Lyle Phair (head coach).

Northville H.S. Schedule



Boys Basketball 12/14 at Novi, 7 p.m.

Giris Basketbali 12/6 at Novi, 7 p.m. 12/11 at Salem, 7 p.m.

Hockey

12/7 vs. Novi, 6 p.m. 12/8 at WL Northern, 6 p.m. 12/12 vs. WL Central, 7 p.m. Wrestling 12/8 Home Invite, 9 a.m. 12/12 at Wayne, TBA

Gymnastics 12/19 at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Boys Swim and Dive 12/13 vs. Brother Rice, 7 p.m.

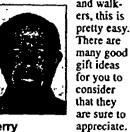
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Holiday gift ideas for runners and walkers

s the holidays quickly approach, you may be L thinking about what to give the people on your list. When it comes to the runners and walk-



Jerry Mittman

does not need to spend a lot to make a runner or walker happy. There are many items under \$10 at the local running stores that are especially good for a child to give to Mom or Dad.

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Where to Look

The best place to look for gifts for a runner is at one of the specialized running stores in the area. Running Fit has stores in Northville and Novi. Plus there are several other running stores close by (Total Runner, Tortoise and Hare, and New Balance).

Running Fit has an excellent list available of Holiday Gift Ideas --- with items grouped by price range. Lora Lazur, manager of the Northville store, showed me many of the items when I visited the location. While there are too many gift ideas to list them all here, a sampling includes: cold weather gear (hats, gloves, mittens, jack-ets, pants), shirts, socks. energy gels and bars, running books, pedometers, watches, log books, reflective gear, heart rate monitors, and speed and distance monitors.

There are many other items that could be added. Here are a few of my favorites: A subscription to a run-

ning magazine. • Runner identification.

"Road ID" (www.RoadID.com) provides

a convenient way to have it. • Annual permits to two of

the best places to run in the area: Maybury State Park and Kensington Metro Park.

 Joint registration for an event. (Great to do with a spouse and/or children.)

On the move Fuelling the competetive fire

By Patrick Pinter and Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

When you take a look at Milford senior Stephen Fuelling. he might not have the most intimidating presence. But when he hits the cross country course, his performance is enough to intimidate any competitor.

He is a tall and lanky runner. He came in a fragile freshman and from that point he grew seven inches, which is a challnege for a distance runner, and put himself in a position for success," said Milford head coach Brian Salyers. "He is quiet person, but a fierce competitor."

Fuelling capped off an impressive cross country career at Milford High School with a strong finish during his senior year. He earned a 14-place finish at the state compitition, and he also took fourth at the regional meet.

"He has a sense of courage not many other athletes have," Salyers said. "For a coach to always have athletes on the same page with you is big. He knows exactly what we are trying to do at Milford High School?

The Milford four-year varisty runner also took fourth at the



Stephen Fuelling

Oakland County Championships. Along with making the All-KVC and All-State, Fuelling helped his team to a sixth-place overall finish at the state finals.

"Four seemed to be the number for Stephen this year," Salyers said. "He comes from a family of great athletes, and it has been very gratifying to watch a person like him have the season he did for 115.

First Team

Representing Norhville on the

A]]-Area **Cross Country**

Player of the Year Stephen Fuelling, Milford senior

First Team

Jon Zurek, Northville senior Josh Lumley, Novi senior Bob Feigley, Milford senior Andrew McKeachie, Milford sr. Stefan Morell, Lakeland soph. Erik Ringo, South Lyon senior Zachary Oleski, CC senior

Second Team

Nick Kolbow, Northville senior Erik Peterson, Northville sr. Jack Dalton, Northville junior

All-Area First Team is senior Jon

Zurek. He finished 48th overall at the state meet and ninth at regionals. Zurek earned All-WLAA First Team with a fifth-place finish at the conference meet, All-Western Division, All-County First Team (sixth place) and had the eighth

best-ever time for Northville at Cass Benton, hitting the finish line at 16:43.

Alex Toloff, CC junior Austin Zebrowski, CC freshman Aaron Croad, Novi senior Brent Jacoby, Lakeland junior Brent Showerman, S. Lyon sr.

Honorable Mention

Mike Blaszczyk, Novi soph. Lukas Barnes, Novi junior TJ Butler, Novi junior Dan Egner, Novi sophomore Jeremy Hieftie, Novi junior Joe Schubring, Novi freshman Jacob Carless, Novi junior Nate Huff, Milford Nick Burt, Milford Josh Clement, Lakeland Parker Snavely, Lakeland Robert Swain, South Lyon John-Paul Zebrowski, CC fr. Scott Hoffman, CC junior

Runners making the All-Area First Team included Novi's Josh Lumley; Catholic Cental's Zachary Oleski; Milford's Bob Feigley and Andrew McKeachie; Lakeland's Stefan Morell; and South Lyon's Erik Ringo.

Second Team

Northville places a trio of run-

ners on the All-Area Second Team in Nick Kolbow, Erik Peterson and Jack Dalton.

Kolbow placed 73rd at the state meet and 20th at regionals. Peterson was 103rd at the state meet and 16th at regionals. Dalton was 112th at state and 19th at regionals.

Peterson ran to All-WLAA First Team bonors, and Dalton and Kolbow were on the All-WLAA Second Team.

Athletes to capture Second Team All-Area honors are Novi's Aaron Croad; Catholic Central's Alex Toloff and Austin Zebrowski; Lakeland's Brent Jacoby; and South Lyon's Brent Showerman.

Honorable Mention

Honorable Mention slection went to Novi's Mike Blaszczyk. Lukas Barnes, TJ Butler, Dan Egner, Jeremy Hieftje, Joe Schubring and Jacob Carless: Milford's Nate Huff and Nick Burt: Lakeland's Josh Clement and Parker Snavely; and South Lyon's Robert Swain.

The All-Area teams are submitted by coaches with final decisions being made by Jeff Theisen and Patrick Pinter.

Hutton makes most of seasonal changes

By Patrick Pinter and Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITERS

For Milford senior Brittni Hutton the changing of sports seasons seemed to work out in her favor. Not only would she be able to continue her basketball career in the winter, she was also able to run cross country this past fall.

Even though she got to run only one season, she more than made her impact felt for the Mavericks.

"She had an amazing year for her first year of running. To come out and enjoy the success had a lot to do with who she is as a person." said Milford head coach Brian Salyers. "She is disciplined, enthusiastic and down right tuff and those are the things you need to be successful." Hutton, if her first season of run-

ning cross country, captured a 13th place finish at the state meet and a second place finish at the Kensington Valley Conference meet. She also took a fourth place finish at the regional meet and an eighth place finish at the Oakland County Championships.

She brought all the tools to the table this season," said Salyers. "She greatly benefited with the friendships she has with Marissa and Emily. They really watched out



Brittni Hutton

for her."

Even thought Hutton competed in just one season for the Mavericks. She accomplishment significantly more than many one year runners.

ar runners. "Unfortunately she only ran ono year." Salyers said. "Even though it was just one year she made the very most of it."

Huton's ability to take instruction and her coachability are two things Salyers enjoyed most about his top runner.

"She is such a pleasure to coach. Every time you tell her something

All-Area Cross Country

Runner of the Year Brittní Hutton, Milford senior

First Team

Jenny Murphy, Nortvhille sr. Elle Robinson, Novi junior Emily Morgridge, Milford sr. Marissa Baranowski, Milford sr. Michaela Crew, Lakeland sr. Becky Allor, Lakeland junior

Second Team Brooke McMahan, Novi fresh. Lauren Kettle, Milford fresh. Lyndsay Jaworski, Milford jr.

she looks right into your eyes. She has that type of focus," Salyers said. "She hangs on every word. When you give her instructions you know as a coach she is going to put it into practice."

ished off her career with her third trip to the state finals and earns a Madison Henry, Mitford junior Megan Hoorn, SL East fresh. Anna Hardenbergh, North. sr. Lindsay Hagan, Northville sr. Stephanie Harnel, Northville jr.

Honorable Mention

Becky Reynolds, Northville fr. Kirsten Stutrud, Northville sr. Karina Puskorius, North. sr. Emily Sklar, Northville fresh. Arny Baditoi, Northville junior Johanna Nordin, Milford jr. Rachel Hofsess, Milford soph. Katie Schick, Milford junior Rachael Hogarth, Lakeland jr. Angie Pridmore, S. Lyon fr. Emily Noyes, South Lyon jr.

Other honors Murphy earned this season were All-Conference,

All-Division and All-Region. "She's dedicated and hard-work-ing," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "She always gave 110 percent during the season and offseson."

The rest of the First Team includes Novi's Elle Robinson; Milford's Emily Morgridge and Marissa Baranowski; and Lakeland's Michaela Crew and Becky Allor.

Second Team

A trio of Northville runners earned All-Area Second Team honors: Anna Hardenbergh, Lindsay Hagan and Stephanie Hamel.

Hardenbergh made two trips to the state meet and picked up All-Confference, All-Division and All-Regional honors.

Hagan and Hamel carned All-Conference and All-Division hon-

ors. The rest of the Second Team includes Novi's Brooke McMahan; Milford's Lauren Kettle, Lyndsay Jaworski and Madison Henry; South Lyon East's Megan Hoom.

Honorable Mention

The All-Area Honorable Mention team includes Northville's Becky Reynolds, Kirsten Stutrud, Karina Puskorius, Emily Sklar and Amy Badutoi; Milford's Johanna Nordin, Rachel Hofsess and Katie Schick; Lakeland's Rachael Hogarth: and South Lyon's Angie Pridmore and Emily Noyes.

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First Team

Nonhville's Jenny Murphy finspot on the All-Area First Team.

• Out of ideas, consider a gift certificate for a favorite running store.

Calorie burning on the cheap

One of the reasons I like running is that it is an inexpensive way to get good exercise and burn calories. The cost/benefit relationship was highlighted in an article titled "Best Burn for the Buck" in the June 2007 issue of Money Magazine. The "Calories per Dollar" were estimated for six activities with running heading the list at 1,100. It was followed by in-line skating (625), kayaking (350), swimming (240), cycling (176) and golf (30). Bottem line: running is a great way to watch both your wallet and your waist.

Upcoming events

Here are two great end-ofyear events to choose from: • Monday, Dec. 31: The New Year's Resolution 8K Run and 5K Walk will start at the YMCA in Flint at 2:00 p.m. It features free parking, a scenic course and indoor facilities. (www.riverbendstriders.com

• Monday, Dec. 31: The 38th Annual Belle Isle New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk will start with a 1 Mile Run/Walk at 3:00 p.m., a 4 Mile Walk at 3:05 p.m., and a 4 Mile Run at 4:00 p.m. All events start and finish at the Belle Isle Casino (sorry, this is not a gambling casino). Free parking. (www.runmichigan com)

Northville resident Jerry Mittman is an avid runner and has completed over 600 races, including 59 marathons. He can be contacted at jjm997@hotmail.com.

Northville schedule corrections

The Northville girls and boys basketball schedules were inadvertantly switched in last week's schedu The following schedules are correct.

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12/28	Away	Chelsea	TBA	1	1/8	Home	Wayne Memorial	7 p.
1/4	Home	Plymouth	7 p.m.	1	1/11	Home	W.L. Western	7 p.
1/8	Away	Wayne Memorial	7 p.m.	1	1/15	Away	Franklin	7 p.
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1/18	Home	Canton	7 p.m.	1	1/25	Away	Wayne Memorial	7 p.
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Sports Shorts

Northville JV hockey starts 3-1

The Northville JV hockey team started 3-0 before losing its first game.

During the run, the Mustangs beat U-D Jesuit 4-2 and Walled Lake Western 8-0. Brother Rice ended the streak with an 8-1 victory.

Cash shining for Albion

Senior forward Jim Cash (Northville/Detroit Catholic Central) has scored in double figures in all five games the Albion College men's basketball team has played this season. Cash produced 14 points and six rebounds as the Britons dispatched local rival Spring Arbor University, 75-56, Wednesday night. Albion is now 4-1 on the young season.

Cash knocked down 6-of-11 shots from the field, including 2of-3 shots from three-point range. He also dished out three assists.

Through five games Cash is averaging 13.8 points per game on 50 percent shooting from the field (28of-56). He also averages 5.4 rebounds and 2.2 assists per contest.

Northville travel basketball

Try-outs for the Northville Boys 8th grade Boys Travel Basketball Teams will be held Dec. 15 and 16. On the 15th, tryouts will be at the Rec Center in Hillside Middle School from 3:30-5:30 p.m.; and on the 16th at the Northville Senior Center from 2-4 p.m.

Contact Brian Pennington at 248-348-5070 with any questions.

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Ski Swap

The Novi High School ski team, a non-funded varsity s is back for it's second year. Wildcats are hosting their an Ski Swap Fundraiser 11 a.m. p.m. Saturday at the Novi Hi School cafeteria.

The swap sells new and ski and snowboard equipm If you are interested in sell your gently used ski or sno board equipment, the drop time is from 10-11 a.m. at cafeteria, with 20 percent o the sale of your equipment goes to help support the No ski team. The ski swap is cosponsored by Shumaker' Shop.

Send Sport Shorts submissions to sports writer Jeff Theisen at jtheisen@gannett.com.

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HOT TICKET: Come downtown firiday and enjoy the "Candlelight Walk" and "Girls Nite Out" OMMUNITY CALENDAR Thursday, December 6, 2007 Cal Stone, editor www.northvillerecord.com (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 fax: (248) 349-9832 cstone@gannett.com

Local Events

Food Drive

DATE: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday; through Dec. 21

LOCATION: Main Street Family Chiropractic Center, 109 W. Main St.

DETAILS: Help fill our lobby; items needed are canned food, canned fruit, crackers, laundry soaps, etc.; for every can of food or donation given you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win chiropractic services, chiropractic items and massages. All proceeds go to Civic Concern.

The Holidays in Northville Visit With Santa

TIME/DATE: Noon-2 p.m. every Saturday until Dec. 15 DETAILS: Children can visit with Santa in Town Square. Candlelight Walk TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday DETAILS: This will be an

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enhanced First Fridays Art Walk and shopping experience. Girls' Night Out Late Night

Shopping TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. tonight Guys' Night Out Late Night Shopping

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 13 DETAILS: After shopping, gather from 9-11 p.m. at Chase Bar and Grill, 133. W. Main, lower level of Northville Square. Northville Nite 2007 TIME/DATE: 4:30-8 p.m.

Monday, New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 LOCATION: Recreation Center

at Hillside DETAILS: Family night of carnival games, entertainment, food and giant toys; tickets are \$5 for adults 18 years and older \$10 for children 3-17 and \$2 for tots 1-2 years old; tickets go quickly. Contact the Parks and Rec. at (248) 349-0203 ext. 1411.

All A-Glow/Illumination for **Education by Northville Mother's Club**

TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. Friday LOCATION: Old Church Square, corner of Center and Duniap streets CONTACT: (248) 449-1385

Scottle's Kitchen Cooking Classes

brating the sounds and songs of Christmas is appropriate for family and friends. Childcare is provided up to age 4. CONTACT: (248) 374-7400

Toys for Tots Drive

ŤIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 13-14 LOCATION: Highland Lakes Auto Care, 43291 W. 7 Mile Road DETAILS: Please drop off new toys, unwrapped.

Northville Book Club

TIME/LOCATION: 7 p.m. DATE: Friday, Dec. 14 "Catcher in the Rye" (Salinger) LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 E. Main Street (downtown Northville) DETAILS: Please have books entirely read. CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

BaseLine Folk Society Open

Mic TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15

LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady DETAILS: Five open mic spots available on a first to sign up basis beginning at 6:15 p.m.; performers receive a three song set not to exceed 15 minutes; audience admission is \$5 at the door

CONTACT: Mike Mullin at mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Bookfair and Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 LOCATION Barnes and Noble,

corner of Haggerty and Six Mile roads

DETAILS: Northville Cooperative Preschool is holding it's annual fundraiser; request a voucher and present it at time of purchase and a percentage of your purchase is donated to NCP; then take your gift to the wrapping table.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1791 for more information and unum

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16

LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road

DETAILS: Ward welcomes The Chamber Choir of The First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Childcare is provide up to age 4. CONTACT: (248) 374-7400

exploration for youth grades 1-5; activities include drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media in conjunction with current professional exhibits on display; register early; class size limited to 12; cost for member \$18 per session or \$108 for series, nonmember \$20 per session or \$120 per series.

Michael Farrell's Fall Lecture Series

Diversity: Art and Architecture of the Far and Middle East TIME/DATE: 4:30-6 p.m. on

these Thursday evenings: Africa Dec. 13 and 20 **DETAILS: Creative exploration**

for 1st-5th grade children includes collage, mused media and drawing; making origami cranes, Japanese fish kites, paper dragons, cherry blossom tree designs, paper kufi hats; cost is \$36/\$42.

Third Annual Holiday Art Market

DATE: Through Jan. 4 DETAILS: Unique gifts for the holidays; over 50 artists featured. **Girls Night Out** TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. tonight DETAILS: Shop the Holiday Art Market: enjoy libations and creations, raffle; free. First Friday Art Walk TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m. Friday **DETAILS: Holiday Art Market** open, refreshments. Venetian Carnivale DATE: Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008 DETAILS: Save the date for a special fundraiser for the Art House. Elegant evening will be held at an historic 1929 Tudor home, featuring entertainment, strolling dinner provided by Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro and original Venetian-style art for exhibit and sale. Formal attire or Venetian costume requested. Tickets are \$100 per person and go on sale soon at the Northville Art House.

Friday Fun at Center Stage **Dance Company**

TIME/DATE: 4:30-5:45 p.m. Hip Hop Friday is the second Friday of each month; Tap Jam Friday is the third Friday of each month.

LOCATION: Center State Dance Company, 43334 W. Seven Mile Road, Suite 250, Northville

DETAILS: Ages 6 and up are invited to free-style their hip hop and tap moves, dance with friends and help kids in their community; \$1 cover charge goes toward purchasing holiday gifts for the children at Hawthorn entrance.

DETAILS: This free program includes owl calling, stories and refreshments; suitable for all ages; park entry pass required. CONTACT: (248) 347-0899

Mill Race Historical Village LOCATION: 215 Griswold

Avenue, north of Main Street near Ford Field

DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday. CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 Thursday: 9 a.m. archives open; 10 a.m. MOMS Club; 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

Friday: 9 a.m. archives open; 4:15 p.m. Brownie Scout Meeting; 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scout Meeting Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek

Church; 1 p.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers: 4:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scout Meeting Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom

Rug Hookers; 7 p.m. Lions Club Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats

Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church

Grounds closed to public

Personal & Professional Etiquette

LOCATION: 133 West Main St., Suite 190 CONTACT: (248) 349-1114 Communication Skills TIME/DATE: Ages 8-11: 4:45-5:45 p.m. Ages 12-17: 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30. **Table Manners**

TIME/DATE: Ages 8-11: 4:45-5:45 p.m. Ages 12-17: 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, 13, 21, 27.

DETAILS: All sessions cost \$75. Please call to register over the phone or mail payment with student's name, age, complete address, phone number, e-mail and course choice to address above C/O Miss Harriet's Dance Studio.

Taste of Northville Business Showcase list sits 2 to 1

TIME/DATE: Noon-3 p.m." Saturday, March 8 **DETAILS: Applications are** now available. Contact the

Chamber to reserve your spot or visit www.northville.org for an application. Exhibit space is limited. This year's theme is "Think Globally - Celebrate Locally." Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and over and \$4 for children under 12 and are avail-

name read; families and friends are welcome to attend; sponsored by The Compassionate Friends, For questions or to preregister a child, call or e-mail Gail at (734) 981-4528 or tcfcandlelight@yahoo.com, or Virginia at herrick@millercanfield.com.

The Nutcracker

DATE/LOCATION: Saturday and Sunday at Salem High School Auditorium, Canton

DATE/LOCATION: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15 and 16 at **Grosse lie High School** Auditorium

DETAILS: The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra are featured in the performances in Canton; the Metro Shores Ballet Company performs on Grosse Ile; audience members can meet the dancers on stage after the performances during the Sugar Plum Parade with a \$2 per person ticket; Canton tickets are \$14-\$18 for adults and teens and \$8-\$10 for children; Grosse lie tickets are \$12 for adults and teens and \$10 for children; order tickets online at www.PlymouthCantonBallet.org

Holiday Horses

TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday LOCATION: Windmill Farms, 2552 Wixom Road, Commerce Twp.

DETAILS: Variety show for horse lovers features Michigan Vaulting Team, trick horses, freestyle riding, jumping, costurned horses and drill teams. Refreshments available afterwards. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for children under 5.

CONTACT: (586) 242-7351

Diabetes: Motivation and Goal-setting

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday

LOCATION: St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Use main

entrance (Five Mile): DETAILS: All are welcome to attend this support group presentation. Speaking will be Professor Jane Alexandra Kessler, director of psychological services and the graduate program in clinical psychology at Madonna University. A new topic is covered on the second Wednesday of every month for adults with diabetes and their family members; no charge.

CONTACT: (734) 655-8961

Rock Financial Showplace

46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5600 or visit http://rockfinancialshowplace.co m/for more information.

Woodworking Show TIME/DATE: Noon-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16

DETAILS: Try before you buy and save on tools, equipment and supplies; learn tips observing demonstrations here before starting your next project.

26th Annual Cycle World International Motorcycle Show

TIME/DATE: 4-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4; 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008

DETAILS: BOSS Stunt Show, Suzuki Giveaway, Interactive Game Experience, Vintage Displays and a Kids Cycle Center; admission is \$13, \$6 for ages 6-11, under 5 free; parking \$5.

Ultimate Fishing Show TIME/DATE: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10; noon-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13; 10 a.m.-5

p.m. Monday, Jan. 13 DETAILS: Fishing tackle, trips, boats, charters, seminars and more; \$9 admission, \$4 for ages 6-14, under 5 free; parking \$5.

Schoolcraft College

LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads CONTACT: For more informa-

tion and to register call (734) 462-4438.

Divorce Support Group TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. (second and fourth Tuesday of month)

LOCATION: Women's **Resource Center, Room 225** McDowell Center

DETAILS: Open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce; first meeting group discussion; next meeting features speaker Cynthia Koppin, MA, LPC, LLP; no fee or registration required.

Women's Resource Center Fall Luncheon Series

TIME/DATE: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14

LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, VisTaTech Center

DETAILS: Dec.14, Professor Rodney Johnson talks about "The Art of Welding," insights about welding as an art form; \$15 per luncheon; prepaid registration required, no tickets

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. tonight LOCATION: 149 N. Center St., Suite 101

DETAILS: Polish food with Chef Mary Spencer. Classes are \$35 each. For more information contact (248) 344-7990 or visit www.scottieskitchen.com.

Handcrafters Craft Show

DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7-9 LOCATION: Northville **Recreation Center at Hillside** DETAILS: More than 90 juried artists display their crafts; \$2 admission; no strollers please. CONTACT: (734) 459-0050

Holiday Hope for Dysfunctional Families

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday LOCATION: Knox Hall, Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville

DETAILS: Motivational speaker Susan McKenna and therapist Arnold Keller present this free class for those struggling with the holidays and the effects of growing up in dysfunctional families; to pre-register, please call (248) 348-1100.

BeckRidge Chorale Presents "Gloria"

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday LOCATION: Northville High School

DETAILS: Tickets are \$12 and \$15.

CONTACT: (734) 416-9885 or visit www.beckridgechorale.org.

Christmas Joy Concert

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six

Mile Road DETAILS: This evening of

musical praise and worship cele-

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Daughters of the American Revolution -Northville/Plymouth

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17 LOCATION: Alexander Blue

House, Greenmead, Livonia DETAILS: Christmas music, sing along and more. CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

Marquis Theatre

135 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or northvillemarquistheatre.com The Jungle Book TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 15, 22 and 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, 16, 23 and 30, Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27

DETAILS: Holiday fun for everyone. See the monkey fly. Kipling's classic story of jungle animals and the boy named Mowgli; tickets \$8; no children under 3; group rates for 20 or more.

Improv at the Point

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month LOCATION: Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St. **DETAILS: Tickets for general** seating are available 7 p.m. at the door on the night of the performance, \$8.

The Art House

Open 1-5 p.m. every Thursday-Sunday, 1-9 p.m. on "First Fridays" of the month. LOCATION: 215 Cady St. **CONTACT: Northville Art House** (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org "Creative Kids" DATE: Saturday (Christmas)

TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m. **DETAILS: Two-hour creative** Center

CONTACT: (248) 380-1666

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com A Winter Wedding ... Italian-

style

TIME/DATE: Interactive comedy playing every day in December for lunch and dinner; \$45 per person includes 7-course dinner and show.

Children's Lunch Theater and Santa DATE: 11:30 a.m. Saturday,

Dec. 8, 15 and 22; 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, 16 and 23; 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13

DETAILS: Full lunch followed by the show "The Naughty List" plus an appearance by Santa; bring your camera; \$14.95 for children, \$16.95 for adults, not including tax and tip. Will open any date for 25 or more.

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 backstage tour; \$16.95 per person.

Maybury State Park

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads.) State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually (\$6 annually for seniors 65 and older.) 2008 permits now available at park office, 20145 Beck Road. CONTACT: (248) 349-8390;

Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or www.FriendsofMaybury.org.

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TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Concessions building, use 8 Mile Road

able at the door.

CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-7640 or www.northville.org

NHS Class of 2008 Senior All **Night Party**

TIME/DATE: 10:30 p.m.~4:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 2008 DETAILS: Get tickets early for the Senior All Night Party; tickets are \$55 through December and increase to \$70 on Jan. 1, 2008; contact Shirley Rogers at (248) 348-7295 for more information. Unpainted wooden horses are available to purchase for \$40 and can be personalized by parents for their senior. They will be displayed at the All Night Party; order a horse now and it will be available in the spring; contact Mary Jo Blasius at (248) 349-0101. Order forms for tickets and horses are available online at www.northville.k12.mi.us and checks should be made payable to Northville Senior Class Party; mail to Janet Goldberg, 18833 Oak Leaf Lane, Northville 48168.

Regional Events

International Children's **Memorial Day Candle**

candles burn down in one time zone, they are lit in another creating a 24-hour memorial producing Lights of Love that will encircle the world; includes a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments with the children's name on them; you do not need to be present to have your child's

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

DETAILS: Tickets (adults-\$25, seniors-\$20, students-\$10) can be purchased by contacting the Plymouth Canton Society office (734) 451-2112; in person at 470 Forest Avenue, Ste. 18; or visiting www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Home for the Holidays with the Livonia Youth Choir

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20

LOCATION: Penn Theatre. Plymouth

Blissful Baroque

with harpist Maurice Draughn, composer Mary Watkins, soprano Nadine Balbeisi

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 19 LOCATION: Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Sensational Strings with concertmaster Juliana Athayde, composer Frank La

Rocca, PCEP Middle School Orchestra and the Celebration Strinos

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 9 LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church

Youth Artist Competition TIME/DATE: Sunday, Feb. 3 LOCATION: Evola Music, 7170

N. Haggerty Road, Canton DETAILS: The three divisions of the competition are Senior Instrumental, Senior Piano (grades 10-12) and Junior Combined (grades 7-9). Applicants must be plano, band or orchestra students residing in Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren or Wayne-Westland school districts: or members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra or students at Evola. Scholarship funds are awarded to first-place winners.

CONTACT: Call Jane Libbing (734) 451-2112 or e-mail jane@plymouthsymphony.org; also visit www.plymouthsymphony.org.

issued; limited seating.

Ask An Attorney

DATE: Monday (second and third Monday of each month) DETAILS: Ask an attorney about divorce and family law;

Sept.-May; walk-in; no fee CONTACT: (734) 462-4443

Money Matters in Divorce DATE: Every Monday through

May

DETAILS: Opportunity to ask a certified financial planner about the financial concerns related to divorce; walk-in, no fee; (734) 462-4443.

Winter Master Gardener Class

TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. Thursday evenings, starting January 10-April 10

LOCATION: Executive Office **Building Conference Center,** Oakland County Service Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford

DETAILS: Each session focuses on a different horticultural topic that will prepare you to fulfill a 40-hour community service commitment to earn Master Gardener Certification. Firstcome, first-served; \$25 application fee, class fee \$300.

CONTACT: (248) 858-0887 or visit www.msue.msu.edu/oakland. Look under horticulture and gardening.

Submitting items

Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

- Carl Lake Survey

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TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday

Street, Plymouth DETAILS: World-Wide Candle Lighting in memory of children who are no longer with us; as

Lighting LOCATION: Kellogg Park, Main

GOT A STORY IDEA? Contact the Record to spread the word about what's going on in Northville

Cal Stone, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 cstone@gannett.com

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Thursday, December 6, 2007 www.northvillerecord.com fax: (248) 349-9832

Class Reunions

Northville Class of 1977

DETAILS: It's been 30 years. Anyone working on a reunion? Anyone want to join me in forming a committee to plan a reunion? Hope to hear from some classmates soon. **CONTACT: Teresa Folino**

(248) 349-3391 or Northville46@aol.com

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion to be held July 19, 2008 in Livonia. For more information, contact Janet (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to phs40threunion@charter.net.

Senior Events

Senior Community Center LOCATION: 303 W. Main St. Thursday Massage by appointment 9 a.m.: Jewelry Sale; TOPS 9:30 a.m.: Yoga 10 a.m.: Mary Kay Beauty Time: Bowling 11 a.m.: Congressman McCotter Representative 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Computer II Friday 9 a.m.: Jewelry Sale; Bone **Density Screenings** 9:30 a.m.: Strength Training 11 a.m.: Poker 11:30 a.m.: Computer III 1 p.m.: Movie - "Hairspray" Monday 9:30 a.m.: Strength Training; Beginning Line Dance 10 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance; Oxycise 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre 5 p.m.: Wayne County Lightfest 7 p.m.: Tai Chi enniel Tuesday 9 a.m.: Frankenmuth 11 a.m.: Doctors Referral Service 12:30 p.m.: Pinochie 1 p.m.: Computer 1 6:30 p.m.: Michael McDonald Wednesday Foot Reflexology by appointment 10 a.m.: Oxycise Noon: Bridge

Main St. **Downtown Development** Authority Meeting DATE: Third Tuesday of each month (Dec. 18) TIME: 8 a.m. LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 215 W. Main St. CONTACT: http://downtownnorthville.com **Planning Commission** DATE: First and third Tuesdays of month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: City Hall **Housing Commission** DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 3 p.m. LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St. Historic District Commission DATE: Third Wednesday of month TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: City Hall Arts Commission DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St. **Beautification Commission** DATE: Second Tuesday of every month TIME: 7 p.m. 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

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall, 215 W.

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



Learning local history

The Northville Historical Society presented the 26th Annual Mill Race Village Christmas Walk on Nov. 18. Shown are Melissa LeVan, 9, of Northville, a fourth-grader at Amerman Elementary, with her parents Lisa and Dan LeVan; Heidi Nielson, of Northville, curator and archivist at Mill Race Historical Village; and Gail LeVan of Northville.

DETAILS: Classes include Yoga, Pilates Ball, Aerobics, Step, Kickboxing, Cycle and overall strength training. Class schedules are flexible and vary; monthly calendar available at website or call. Fees are \$8 for drop-ins or \$50 for an unlimited monthly resident pass. Classes held at Hillside Recreation Center or Senior Community Center. All fitness levels welcome to participate; certified instructors provide safe and fun workouts. Open Basketball swed!

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every Sunday LOCATION: Senior

Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: \$3 per person. **Open Family Basketball** TIME/DATE: 4-6 p.m. every Sunday

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

Arnold Keller, executive director of Psychotherapy & Counseling Services and Susan McKenna, author and counselor will present this workshop. Please reserve your place. CONTACT: (248) 348-1100

Psychotherapy &

Counseling Services Northville Counselling Center Anxiety/Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group TIME/DATE: second Wednesday of each month DETAILS: Call (734) 420-

8175 for more information.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital LOCATION: 36475 Five Mile

Road, Livonia CONTACT: (734) 655-4800 or http://www.stmarymercy.org

Open House for New Heart and Vascular Center and Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m.

First Aid/CPR Classes TIME: 6-10 p.m., monthly LOCATION: Northville

Township Fire Department, 45745 Six Mile Road **DETAILS: American Red** Cross First Aid/CPR classes

taught by trained firefighters. Call for further information and dates; \$20 fee for Township residents.

CONTACT: Northville Fire Department (248) 348-5807

Providence Center for the

Healing Arts 10 LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Wanted: One-Time Art Workshop Instructors

DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops; call (248) 465-5455 if interested

come. Patients undergoing treatment should bring physician's referral. Call (248) 465-4300 for appointment; \$50/50minute session.

Dinner with a Doctor

LOCATION: St. John Providence Park Hospital, Grand River and Beck roads (Enter off Beck Road. Use SE entrance.) Go to Conference Rooms A, B and C. CONTACT: Sign up at (888)

440-7325

Oakland Physical Therapy LOCATION: 47601 Grand

River Ave., Suite B124, Providence Park Medical Center, Novi

CONTACT: 248-380-3550 Get Conditioned for Skiing TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. tonight DETAILS: Emphasis on stretching and strengthening

1 p.m.: Mary Kay Beauty Time; Book Club; Computer I 7 p.m.: Bridge Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleyball TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside **DETAILS: All levels of play** welcome; bring your friends; \$1. CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

Co-ed Adult 50+ Basketball TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday LOCATION: Senior Community Center DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1. **CONTACT: Northville Parks** and Recreation (248) 449-9947 Health Walking DATE: Monday-Friday

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

Pilates Class

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. each Tuesday Bunco

TIME/DATE; 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month **DETAILS:** Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.

Meetings

Northville Public Schools **Board of Education** DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month (Dec. 11) TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Winchester **Elementary School**

City of Northville City Council DATE: First and third Monday of the month

Parks & Rec

Northville Parks & Recreation

LOCATION: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School). **CONTACT: For registration** and information on camps, classes and activities call (248) 349-0203 or visit http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org Northville Nite TIME/DATE: 4:30-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31 LOCATION: Recreation Center **DETAILS: Celebrate New** Year's Eve with the family. There will be carnival games, Band and Coffee House from Oak Pointe Church, Woodcrafts from Home Depot, art projects from Abrakadoodle, face painting from Oddzin Ends, entertainers, inflatable games and a New Year's countdown. Adults pay \$5, children \$10, tots \$2.

Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE/TIME: 7 p.m. second Wednesday, every other month beginning in January LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road

Winter Youth Basketball Leagues

DATE: Saturdays, Jan. 19-March 8, 2008

DETAIL: Please register for girls leagues, grades 6-8 and 9-12; boys leagues, grades 8 and 9, 10-12. CONTACT: ext. 1405 Adult Coaches Needed

DETAILS: Coaches are needed for Northville Parks and Recreation winter youth basketball leagues. Contact Lisa Christensen at ext. 1405. **Group Fitness Classes**

DETAILS: \$2 per person. Open 40+ Basketball TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday LOCATION: Senior

Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: \$3 per person. Open Volleyball TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. every Thursday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Saturday

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: \$4 per person. **Open Badminton**

TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: Competitive style badminton available; all skill levels welcome; \$7 per player.

Open Pickiebali TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. every other Saturday

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: New offering, \$4 per player. Call (248) 449-9947 for more information. **Table Tennis**

TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. every Monday; noon-4 p.m. every

Saturday LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. **Baseline Road**

DETAILS: Eight tables available; all skill levels welcome; \$5 per player.

Health Events

Codependency Workshop TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Friday LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church, Knox Hall Room

DETAILS: Codependency is an abnormal tendency to take care of the needs of others while diminishing your own needs.

Sunday, Dec. 9

LOCATION: Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, south entrance DETAILS: Tour both new facilities while enjoying musical entertainment from Livonia Public Schools and 3D's and W Barbershop Quartet, refreshments and a free gift while supplies last.

CONTACT: (734) 655-1590 Nutrition for Life! DATE: Thursday, Dec. 13, "Planning for the Holidays" DETAILS: Fee and early registration required; call (734) 655-

8950. Free Seminars-Michigan **Bariatric Institute**

DETAILS: MBI offers three laparoscopic surgical weight loss options. Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable **Gastric Banding and Sleeve** Gastrectomy at a free monthly seminar: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 13 and Jan. 17 and Feb. 20 in the St. Mary Mercy hospital Auditorium. To register call (734) 655-2693, (877) Why-Weight or visit hospital website. **Joint Replacement Seminar** DATE: Thursday, Jan. 24 **DETAILS:** Free educational seminar to learn about joint replacement options. To register or for information, call (734) 655-2400.

Parenting with Love and Logic

DETAILS: There is a fee for the following classes. To register, call (734) 655-1100. Toddler and Preschool: TIME/DATE: 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30 Elementary Age: TIME/DATE: 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 Preteen and Teenagers: TIME/DATE: 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27 Special Needs: TIME/DATE: 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 12

Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month DETAILS: Beginners welcome.

Express Yourself with Art and Color

DETAILS: \$5 materials fee; call for times and registration. Ceramics Class

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; Friday by appointment

DETAILS: \$10 materials fee. Knittin' Yarns TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday

DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.

Creative Moments with Scrapbooking TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon

Tuesday

DETAILS: \$3 materials fee. Meditation TIME/DATE: 11:15 a.m.-12:15

p.m. Thursday

DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space, Cancer Center.

Yoga Classes

TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday (for backs); 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday (for backs); 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday (for backs); 5-6 p.m. Thursday (pre-natal); 6:05-7:05 p.m. Thursday (for backs); 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday (for backs)

DETAILS: \$10/walk-in; \$80/10-class card; \$45/5-class card; Lunch and Learn Yoga 7week session is \$60; registration required.

Massage Therapy

TIME/DATE: By appointment DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is wel-

Church Events

exercises.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church LOCATION: 201 Elm St. CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a.m. Contemporary, 11:30 a.m. Traditional

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m. **Single Place Ministries** DETAILS: Thursday evenings; 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m.

opening; 8-9 p.m. program; \$5 CONTACT:

www.singleplace.org Walking Group TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.

Saturday 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.

How to Stop Worrying and Start Living and Ways to Enjoy the Holidays

DATE: today

DETAILS: Presented by Diane Dorcey

15th Annual Holiday Auction DATE: Thursday, Dec. 13 DETAILS: Please drop off

well-labeled items from 6-6:30

p.m. There is no charge. Bring friends and family.

CONTACT: Nancy (734) 459-7235

Dinner/Caroling/Afterglow TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. dinner in

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hospital cafeteria; 7 p.m. caroling in hospital; Dec. 20 LOCATION: St. Mary Hospital,

Livonia DETAILS: Dinner is on you; afterglow at Dick's house after caroling, maps will be distributed. CONTACT: Dick (734) 464-

4164 Hootenanny Concert with Bob Allwine

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 27 DETAILS: Bring your favorite cookies or dessert.

First Baptist Church of Northville

LOCATION. 217 N. Wind CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday School: 9.30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month Ward Evangelical **Presbyterian Church** LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 374-5978 Sunday Worship TIME: 9 a.m. and 10:20 a.m.

Traditional, 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday AM Women's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 10:20-11:15 a.m. every Sunday through Dec. 30

LÓCATION: Room A101-103 DETAILS: Karen Nottenkamper covers "The Life You've Always Wanted," a study by John Ortberg.

WOW Bible Studies TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday through Dec. 12 LOCATION: Chapel (NE corner

of church) DETAILS: Theme "In Your Wildest Dreams;" 7 small group classes.

Book Study

TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday through Dec. 12 LOCATION: Room C309 DETAILS: "Discerning His Voice" by Priscilla Shirer

MOPS TIME/DATE: 9:15-11:15 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. the first and third

Thursday of each month LOCATION: Room C307-309 DETAILS: Support and encouragement for mothers of young children

CONTACT: Day MOPS, Jan 2017; J734) 367-9171; for evening MOPS, Keli Plansinis (248) 561-8019.

Single Point Ministries For single adults 40 years and

older CONTACT: (248) 374-5920 Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments, Knox Hali

Every Monday: 7 p m. Learner's Bible Study, Room A101

Second and Fourth Monday: 7 p.m. Study of Ephesians, Room C309

Men's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday LOCATION: Room 10 **Sharing Hearts Women's Bible Study** TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday LOCATION: Chapel upstairs DETAILS: Child care available; cost is \$11 for materials. **Disciple One Bible Study** TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Sunday or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday DETAILS: Course lasts 34 weeks; covers 70 percent of the Bible **Disciple Three Bible Study: Remember Who You Are** TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday **Disciple Bible Study: Jesus** and the Gospels TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every Sunday The Faith Club TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday DETAILS: This interfaith group will be reading "The Faith Club"; register at (248) 344-4248. Radical Joy TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of each month LOCATION: Chapel Lounge DETAILS: For women looking to connect more closely with their faith, community and other women. Registration required. Suicide Loss Support Group See New Hope Center listing under "Support Groups." LOGOS Youth Club TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. each Wednesday **DETAILS: Program includes** recreation, dinner, bible study and music; grades 4-12. **Radical Joy Christmas Soiree** TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 DETAILS: All women of the church and community are invited; \$10 per ticket, \$7 for members 4th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-noon Saturday DETAILS: Let us do the baking as you choose your Christmas cookies; \$8 per pound. This fundraiser benefits the Appalachia Service Project.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

LOCATION: 770 Thayer CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or www.offinorthville.org, Saturday Worship TIME: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship TIME: 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m., 12:30 p m.

Meadowbrook

Congregational LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbccc.org or gmccc@arounddetroit.biz Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a m. Novi United Methodist LOCATION: 41671 W. Ten Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or umcnovi.com Sunday Worship TIME: 9:45 a.m. **Healing Service and Holy** Communion TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigil TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month LOCATION: In front of the church DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Praying with Body, Mind and Spirit TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 13 DETAILS: Special guest Janene Ternes shares holistic forms of prayer for all ages using movement, music and meditation; cost is \$20; call church office to reservations. Visit www.prayer-inmotion.com.

Artists and Crafters Wanted DETAILS: The church is hosting an arts and craft show Saturday, June 21, 2008. Vendor space will be available indoors and out; contact Pam Davis, edieecr@yahoo.com

Church of the Holy Cross

LOCATION: 40700 W.10 Mile Road, Novi Advent Lessons and Carols

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday DETAILS: This is a candlelit service of carols with choir, organist, also advent lessons.

Volunteering

Art House Store LOCATION: 215 W. Cady St. DETAILS: Looking for volunteers to work four hours per month, receive 10 percent off store purchases. CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

Friends of the Northville District Library

DETAILS: There are openings for the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Northville Library. The Friends is a volunteer organization that promotes reading, supports programs in the library and provides financial support to projects not covered by the library's regular budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and are also expected to serve on a committee. The only requirement for becoming a Board member is an interest in the library and a willingness to serve as a volunteer. Those interested should send a letter to James Morche, President of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

Northville Genealogical Society TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Monday

LOCATION: Northville District Library DETAILS: Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members in Local History Room at library, also by appointment. CONTACT: Tille Van Sickle (734) 595-7806 or http://www.rootsweb.com/~mings to the left.

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Campus

CONTACT: AI Biggs (313) 805-

Foundation of America (888) 737-

TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third

LOCATION: Walsh College Troy

DETAILS: Walsh Business

or work for family businesses.

issues, and women can share

solutions in a nonthreatening,

table. Registration is required.

Food Addicts Anonymous

bard@waishcollege.edu

Information Session

women who own, are partners in,

Items discussed will be common

noncompetitive, non-sales round-

CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, ihub-

DETAILS: Twelve step program

for individuals suffering from food

obsession, over eating, under eat-

ing, and bulimia; weekly meetings

dues, fees or weigh-ins; everyone

think they have food problems or

CONTACT: (734) 913-9614 or

DETAILS: The groups meet on

CONTACT: (248) 348-0115 or

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. sec-

ond and fourth Tuesday of month

New Hope for KIDZ Support

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. sec-

ond and fourth Tuesday of month

DETAILS: Meets at the same

time and location as adult group;

Suicide Loss Support Group

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second

Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight

Clubs & Groups

AAUW, Northville/Novi

DETAILS: This is a drop-in sup-

Thursday and fourth Monday

LOCATION: First United

for children ages 3-18.

'Mile Road, Northville

port group.

LOCATION: St. Kenneth's

held in Canton, Ann Arbor and

other metro Detroit areas; no

welcome including those who

are concerned about someone

http://www.foodaddicts.org

New Hope Center for Grief

a regular basis in various loca-

tions. All services for offered at

go to http://www.newhopecen-

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Children Support Group

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Leadership Institute invites

7605 or Crohn's & Colitis

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Business Affinity Group

Thursday of every month

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

DETAILS: This group is for residents of Northville and surrounding communities. Participate in monthly coffees, various activities and special programs. New members welcome. CONTACT: Colleen Nametz at

(248) 596-1940

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 longtime client and friend Sue Galli. Hidden Springs welcomes all donations from the community to build this fund, helping as many pets as possible. Please make checks payable to Hidden Spring Vet Clinic SGA Fund. Mail to: 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. CONTACT: (248) 349-2598

Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Program

DETAILS: In as little as two to four hours a week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free, 18-hour/three-day training program is provided. CONTACT: (800) 882-5720 ext. 8361 or (248) 967-8361 or visit http://www.vna.org.

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 various locations throughout western Wayne County. CONTACT: Tabatha Manuel

(313) 561-4110 ext. 20 or Imanuel@ywca-wwc.org

Support Groups

Angela Hospice Groups LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-

6012 General Grief Support Groups TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30

d 6:30 CONTACT: For information e-

Conference Room A, immediately www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Great Books Discussion Group

TIME/DAY: First and third Thursday of every month. LOCATION: Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington Road DETAILS: Discuss novels,

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

Northville Democratic Club 11th Congressional District

Holiday Celebration TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. tonight LOCATION: UAW Local, 38200 Michigan Ave., Wayne

DETAILS: Join or renew membership; bring dish to pass; donate canned food; Christmas sing-along, entertainment by "Boots in Motion," gift basket raffle.

NDC General Membership Meeting

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday LOCATION: Cady Inn at Mill Race Village, Northville

Livonia Democratic Club Holiday Party

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday

LOCATION: Livonia Senior Center

DETAILS: Special guests, potluck, help set-up; please notify

Linda Lieder.

- CONTACT:
- linda.lieder@yahoo.com
- Post Holiday Fundraiser TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday,
- Jan. 26
- LOCATION: Hosted by Marcello and Ricki Veneziano, 43525 Vero DETAILS: Guest speaker to be

Robert Ficano, Wayne County Executive.

Northville Garden Club

TIME/DATE: Noon, Monday, Jan. 14

LOCATION: Cady Inn at Mill Race Village, Northville DETAILS: Iceland 2006

Adventure with speaker Claudia Scioly

CONTACT: Kate Uberti at (248) 347-9947

Northville Genealogical Society

Monthly Meeting TIME/DATE: 1:15 p.m. computer genealogy class, 2:30 p.m. general meeting, second Sunday of month

LOCATION: Northville District Library, Carlos Meeting Room,

212 W. Cady Research Help

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. every

- Monday and by appointment LOCATION: Northville Library,
- Local History Room DETAILS: Individual help on

genealogy. CONTACT: Tille Van Sickle at (734) 595-7806 or visit

Every Tuesday: 7 p m. Praying Together, Sanctuary

Every Wednesday: 6:30 a m. Men's Bible Study, Single Adult Ministries office; 7 p.m. Single Men's Bible Study; 7 p.m. Single Parents, Single Adult Ministries Office; 4-7 p.m. Tennis, Rotary Park (Six Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman roads); 8:30-10 p m. Co-ed Volleyball, Knox Hall.

Every Saturday: 10 a.m. Bicycling Group starts from various locations; geared towards tourist level rider; all levels welcome; helmets required; lunch half-way through ride at your own expense.

Every Sunday: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Tennis for beginners, Stevenson High School, Six Mile Road west of Farmington Road. SPM Bridge: 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, beginners welcome;

refreshments. Holiday Hope for

Dysfunctional Families TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday LOCATION: Knox Hall

DETAILS: Motivational speaker Susan McKenna and therapist Arnold Keller present this free class for those struggling with the holidays and the effects of growing up in dysfunctional families; to pre-register, please call (248) 348-1100.

Northville First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org Sunday Worship TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m. Heating Service DATE: First Monday of every month TIME: 4 p m.

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St. John Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, between Grand River and Freedom Roads CONTACT: 248-474-0584

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hox (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir

TIME/DATE: 7-8.15 p m. every Wednesday DETAILS: For ages 3-6; all are welcome.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road

CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10 50 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible Study, Youth & Children Ministries

Univeralist Unitarian Church of Farmington

LOCATION. 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or http://www.uufarmigton.org

St. John's Episcopal Church

LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth CONTACT: (734) 453-0190 Reinventing Your Life-God Is Calling You to a Song TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p m. Wednesday evenings DETAILS: Minimum of 10 people required to attend every session, CONTACT: Elizabeth Wilhelm (734) 953-0190 ext. 10 of month

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

TIME: day and evening training classes

LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield

DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is needed.

CONTACT: Mary, (800) 770-9859

Maybury Farm

DETAILS: The farm needs help in the following areas: Clean the barn Mondays and Tuesdays and feed the animals; part-time workers on weekdays and weekends assisting with hay rides (must be experienced); docents to assist with the school programming. Call (248) 374-0200.

Meals-On-Wheels

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

Midwest Rabbit Rescue and Rehome

DETAILS: This organization houses, treats and adopts out rabbits to new homes. Donations to support their efforts in the responsible care and treatment of indoor pet rabbits are appreciated. Call Dominique Moroz (248) 348-8519 or visit www.rabbitrr.org. Pet rabbit shelter is open 12:30-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment.

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p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

DETAILS: Open to all losses. Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first

Tuesday of month Men in Grief

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month Suicide Loss Support Services

DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more information. Heartstrings: Parents Who

Have Lost a Child TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first

Thursday of month Grief Support Quilter's Group TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and

third Wednesday of month DETAILS: Register by calling (734) 953-6012.

Anxiety Disorder Support Group

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday

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

DETAILS: Aim for Recovery is an organization holding meetings offering support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders and their families. 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

Crohn's & Colitis Support Group

DATES: first and third Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center TIME: 7-9 p.m. DETAILS: Enter facility through

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mail mnjkearns@earthlink.net or call (248) 449-8693.

Beautiful Singles Hiking

TIME/DAY: 9:30 a.m. first and third Sunday of the month LOCATION: Maybury State Park

DETAILS: Join singles of all ages for hiking and other activities.

CONTACT: http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/ BSHiking/

Business Networking International

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

LOCATION: Eastern Michigan University, Livonia Campus, 38777 W. Six Mile Road, Suite 400

DETAILS: Visitors are welcome to all meetings. Reservations required.

CONTACT: Jim Green (248) 345-3302

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

Country Garden Club of Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-8674 or www.cgcnv.org.

Gardeners of Northville and Novi

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of each month, Sept-May

LOCATION: Rotate between Northville Library and Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: Visitors welcome. CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or www.rootsweb.com/~mings

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

Monthly Coffee TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Member's home DETAILS: All welcome to socialize, meet, greet friends and neighbors. CONTACT: Colleen Nametz at (248) 596-1940

Northville Woman's Club

TIME: 1:30 p.m. first and third Friday through March DATE: Dec. 7 "Holiday Decor

DATE: Dec. 7, "Holiday Decor by Gardenviews," with LindaJo Hare

DATE: Dec. 21, Select Choir from the Detroit Concert Choir, holiday musical selections

CONTACT: Karen Poulos, (248) 349-4684

South Lyon Square Dance Club

LOCATION: VFW Post 2502, 125 E. McHattie St., South Lyon

DETAILS: American Square Dancing; no experience necessary, public and families welcome.

CONTACT:

http://squaredancemichigan tripod.com/southlyon html or call (248) 486-0043

Submitting items

Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@pannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

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Cal Stone, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 cstone@gannett.com

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FAMILY FEATURES

The holidays are all about spending quality time with family and friends, and creating special memories that will last for years to come. This year, take a step back from the hustle and bustle of the season ... grab your family and closest friends and enjoy cooking for the holidays together!

One way to organize this pre-holiday gathering is to assign each individual a side dish to concentrate on. This will allow you time to work on the main course and deliver a fantastic holiday feast — that was a lot of fun to prepare.

Here are a few ideas to get your team of chefs started! *Campbell's Swiss Vegetable Casserole* allows its creator to use any combination of seasonal, tasty veggies in this easy-to-make bake. Topped with creamy, melted cheese and crunchy fried onions, this casserole appeals to all the senses. Or, for a great kid-friendly side, try *Broccoli & Cheese Casserole*. With only six ingredients and a 30-minute cook time, little hands will love cooking this one-pot wonder, as much as their little mouths will love devouring it.

No holiday table would be complete without cranberry sauce. But why not change it up a little bit and prepare Orange Cranberry Sauce. This quick and easy side can be prepared on the stove or in the oven — wherever you have room! Last but not least, Ultra Creamy Mashed Potatoes, prepared with Swanson chicken broth, is a sophisticated and flavorful side. To dress it up from everyday to holiday, try adding some chopped chives or green onion tops.

This year, don't wait to celebrate the holidays around the dining room table. Make the most out of time in the kitchen by inviting your family and friends to join in the fun of preparing the eagerly awaited feast! Green Bean Casserole Prep: 10 minutes Bake: 30 minutes Makes: 12 servings 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) Campbell's Cream of Musthroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or 25% Less Sodium) 1 cup milk 2 teaspoons soy sauce. 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper 2 bags (16 to 20 ounces each) cut green beans, cooked and drained 1 can (6 ounces) French fried onions (2 2/3 cups) 1. Stir soup, milk, soy sauce, black

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For more information or holiday recipes, please visit www.campbellkitchen.com and www.swansonbroth.com.

- in 3-quart casserole. 2. Bake at 350°F 25 minutes or until
- hot. Stir. 3. Top with remaining onions. Bake 5
- minutes more.

Go Nuts! Toast 1/2 cup sliced almonds. Add with remaining onions.

Bring on the Bacon: Cook 4 slices bacon until crisp and crumble. Add to green bean mixture.



Moist & Savory Stuffing

Prep: 5 minutes Cook: 10 minutes Makes: 8 servings

- 1 3/4 cups Swanson chicken broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic) Generous dash ground black pepper
 - 1 stalk celery, coarsely chopped
 - 1 small onion, coarsely chopped 4 cups Pepperidge Farm Herb Seasoned Stuffing

 Heat broin, black pepper, celery and onion in 2-quart saucepan over high heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

- 2. Add stuffing and stir lightly to coat. For an Interesting Twist: Stir 1/2 cup
- each dried cranberries and chopped pecans into stuffing mixture.

Ultra Creamy Mashed Potatoes

Prep: 5 minutes Cook: 20 minutes Makes: About 6 servings

- 3 1/2 cups Swanson chicken broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)
 - 5 large potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup light cream
- 2 tablespoons butter

Generous dash ground black pepper

- 1. Heat broth and potatoes in 3-quart saucepan over high heat to a boil.
- Reduce heat to medium. Cover and cook 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain, reserving broth.
- Mash potatoes with 1/4 cup broth, cream, butter and black pepper. Add additional broth, if needed, until desired consistency.

For an Interesting Twist: Stir 1/2 cup sour cream, 3 slices bacon cooked and crumbled (reserve some for garnish), and 1/4 cup chopped fresh chives into hot mashed potatoes. Sprinkle with remaining bacon.

Swiss Vegetable Casserole

Prep: 5 minutes Bake: 45 minutes Makes: 4 servings

- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or 25% Less Sodium)
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- bag (16 ounces) frozen vegetable combination (broccoli, cauliflower, carrots), thawed
- 1 can (2.8 ounces) French fried onions (1 1/3 cups)
- 1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese

1. Stir soup, sour cream, black pepper, vegetables, 2/3 cup onions and 1/4 cup cheese in 2-quart casserole. Cover.

- 2. Bake at 350°F 40 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Stir.
- 3. Top with remaining onions and cheese. Bake 5 minutes more.

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For Cheddar cheese lovers: Use 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese instead of Swiss cheese.

Broccoli & Cheese Casserole

Prep: 5 minutes Bake: 30 minutes Makes: 6 servings

- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or 25% Less Sodium)
- 1/2 cup milk
- teaspoons yellow mustard
 bag (16 ounces) frozen broccoli
- flowerets, thawed
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese 1/3 cup dry bread crumbs
- 2 teaspoons butter, melted
- 1. Stir soup, milk, mustard, broccoli and

cheese in 1 1/2-quart casserole.

- 2. Mix bread crumbs with butter in bowl and sprinkle over broccoli mixture.
- 3. Bake at 350°F 30 minutes or until hot.

Rice Is Nice: Add 2 cups cooked white rice to broccoli mixture.

Cheese Change-Up: Use mozzarella cheese instead of Cheddar.

Orange Cranberry Sauce

Prep: 5 minutes Cook: 15 minutes Makes: 3 cups

- 1 cup Swanson chicken broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or
- Certified Organic)
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 package (12 ounces) fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1 cup coarsely chopped orange
- Heat broth, brown sugar, cinnamon, cranberries and orange in 2-quart saucepan over high heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cook 10 minutes or until mixture thickens. Refrigerate until serving time.

Make Ahead Tip: Make the sauce a day in advance and chill overnight.

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hether your wine cellar is a sophisticated, temperaturecontrolled room — or a designated space in your kitchen — you'll want to have plenty of wine on hand for the holidays. Try a Spanish wine like Malena Garnacha to sip with tapasstyle appetizers. Select a sophisticated Cabernet Sauvignon for a wine-and-cheese party or to create a signature finish to a great steak.

Having a smooth and aromatic wine to complement a hearty meal is a must during the fall and winter months. As the popularity of Spanish wines continues to grow, full-flavored choices like the Malena Garnacha can appeal to a wide range of tastes at gatherings, and it is noted as one of the top wine-buys in the world.

At the top of your holiday entertaining shopping list, write down a light and refreshing wine. Breaking out the bubbly is the classic way to toast a holiday celebration — but don't stop there. Bob Paulinski, Master of Wine and Sam's Club's senior wine buyer, says, "There are lots of wines to complement every occasion and meal while pleasing your guests. Often times, selecting the right wine is what makes the meal memorable." Paulinski recommends a good brut for celebrations, but also urges party hosts to try a nice, sweet wine like Beviamo Moscato.

For easy, one-stop holiday shopping, visit your local Sam's Club or samsclub.com.

Pairing White Wines with Food

Having several bottles of a refreshing wine like Beviamo Moscato chilling in your refrigerator means that holiday hospitality is just a pop of the cork away.

Serving Sparkling Wine in Style

First of all, sparkling wine should always be served well chilled, at least 40 minutes in an ice bucket, or two to three hours in the refrigerator. Sparkling wine is at its finest served in a flute-shaped glass (a bowl with tall straight sides and a narrow mouth resting or a delicate stem). This shape has two advantages over the flat, saucer-shaped coupe popular in the '50s; the narrow form keeps the effervescence in the glass and allows you to admire the dancing bubbles.

Sweet wine pairs well with fall and winter fruits and desserts, especially treats like shortbread cookies or delicious tarts. A wine like this keeps your taste buds dancing with the lovely flavors of dessert and the fresh wine. Moscato is also up to the challenge of pleasing the entire crowd as well, as it's a natural with varied groups and wine palettes.

Wine should always be sweeter than the food with which it's consumed, or the wine will taste bitter. So, Moscato isn't at its best alongside ultra-sweet citrus flavors. However, a crisp, light wine can provide delicate flattery for an after-dinner tart of winter fruit or a luscrous crème brûlée



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Rib-Eye Steak with Cabernet-Glazed Mushrooms

Classic sautéed steak is easy to dress up with a signature finish like these cabernet-glazed mushrooms prepared in the steak's juice and marinade.

Makes 4 servings

- 1 cup VEO Grande Cabernet Sauvignon
- 3 teaspoons minced garlic Salt and pepper
- 2 (1-pound) rib-eye steaks
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 pound sliced mushrooms

Estofado de Pollo

(Spanish Chicken Stew)

This hearty stew is typical of central Spain — where winters can be cold, and a one-dish supper with a little spice is a tradition. The addition of the Malena Garnacha brings out the rich flavors of the Spanish countryside. Serve this over long-grain rice for a complete main course. Makes 6 servings

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium yellow onions, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 4 to 5 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
- 1 (28-ounce) can whole Italian plum tomatoes, with liquid
 - (15.5-ounce) can garbanzo beans, with liquid
- 1 1/2 cups Malena Garnacha wine
- 1 tablespoon Spanish paprika
- 1 1/2 teaspoons crushed red pepper flakes
 - 1 teaspoons dried thyme Salt and pepper to taste
 - 3 medium carrots, cut into chunks
 - 2 medium potatoes, cubed
 - 6 chicken thighs (with skin, bone-in)

- Stir together wine, garlic and a pinch each salt and pepper in shallow dish. Add steaks and turn to coat. Set aside 30 minutes, turning once or twice.
- Drain and dry steaks, reserving marinade, and season with salt and pepper. Pan-fry steaks in oil to preferred doneness. Transfer steaks to cutting board and cover with foil to keep warm.
- 3. Sauté mushrooms in the same pan over medium-high heat until they begin to soften, 2 to 3 minutes. Add reserved marinade and continue cooking until liquid is almost fully evaporated and mushrooms are tender, 8 to 10 minutes.

To serve: arrange steaks on warmed plates, spoon mushrooms over and around.

 6 ounces Spanish chorizo, linguiça or other fully-cooked, spiced pork sausage, casing removed, sliced 1/4 inch thick
 1/4 cup chopped parsley

Preheat oven to 350°F.

- Heat olive oil in medium Dutch oven (or other oven-safe casserole) over mediumhigh heat. Stir in onion and garlic; cook until onion has softened and turned translucent. Pour in tomatoes, garbanzo beans and wine; season with paprika, red pepper flakes, thyme, salt and pepper. Stir in carrots and potatoes; then place chicken thighs skin-side up on top of vegetables
- Bring to boil over high heat; then reduce heat, cover and transfer to preheated oven. Cook with liquids simmering until chicken and carrots are tender, about 35 minutes.
- 3. Remove stew from oven and raise oven temperature to 400°F.
- 4. Remove chicken from stew and set aside. Stir in chorizo slices. Place chicken thighs back on top, skin-side up. Bake uncovered in 400°F oven until stew has thickened and chicken skin is crispy, about 20 minutes.

To serve: sprinkle with parsley and spoon over rice.



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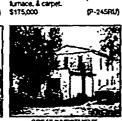
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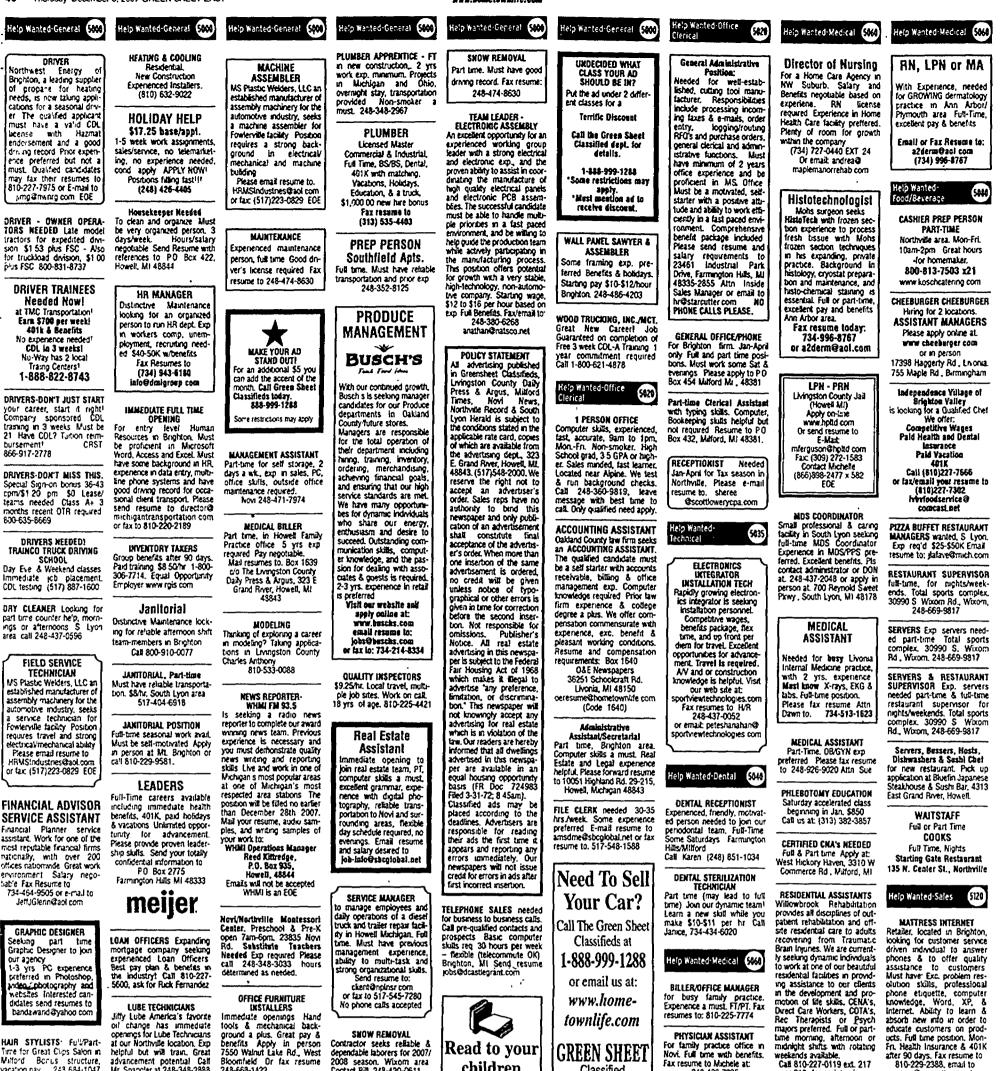
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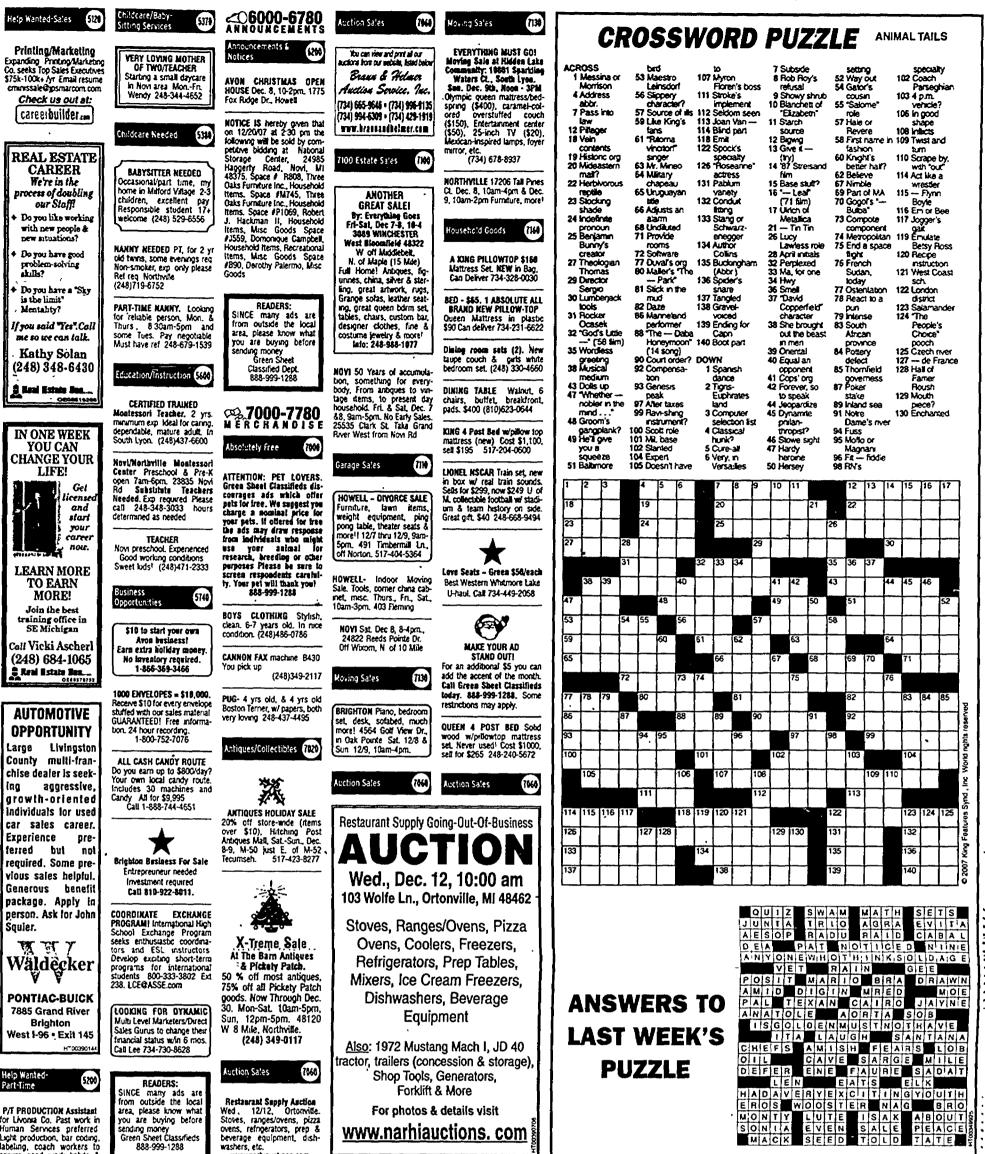
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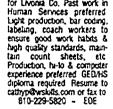
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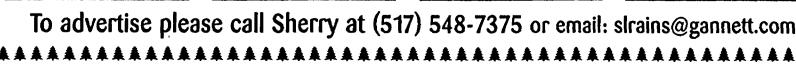
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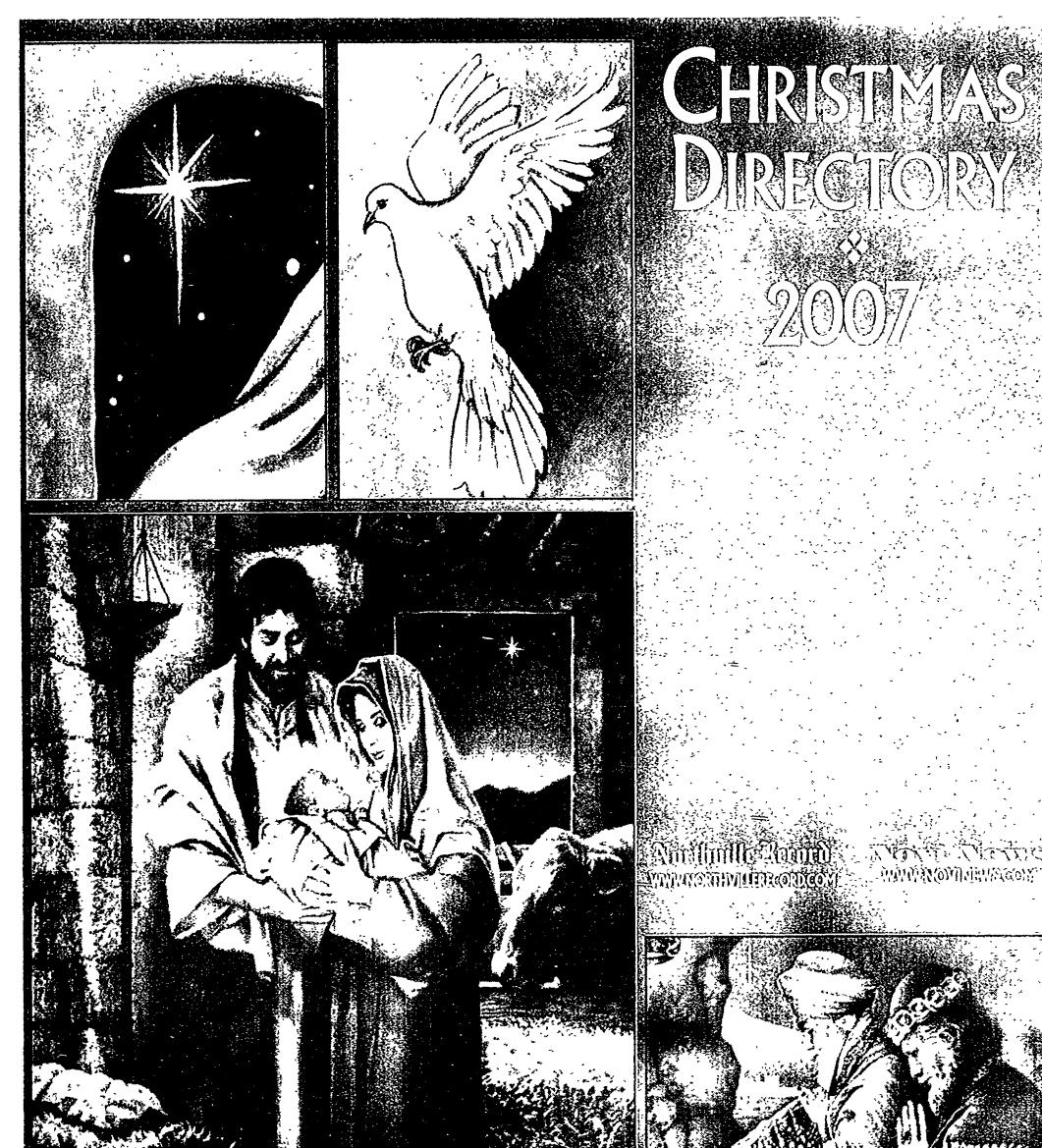
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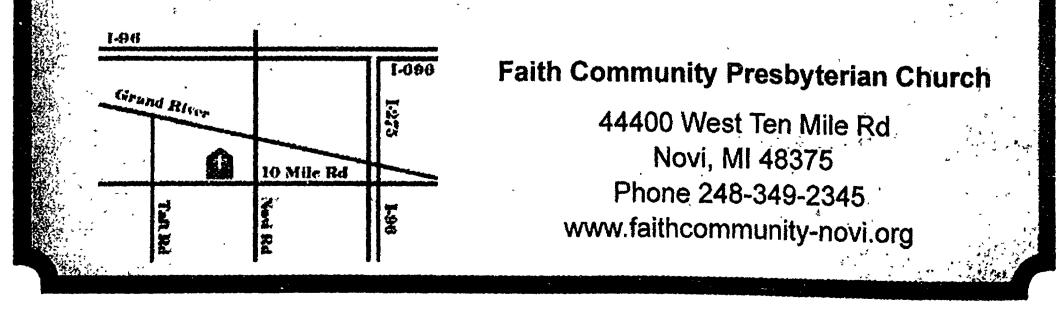
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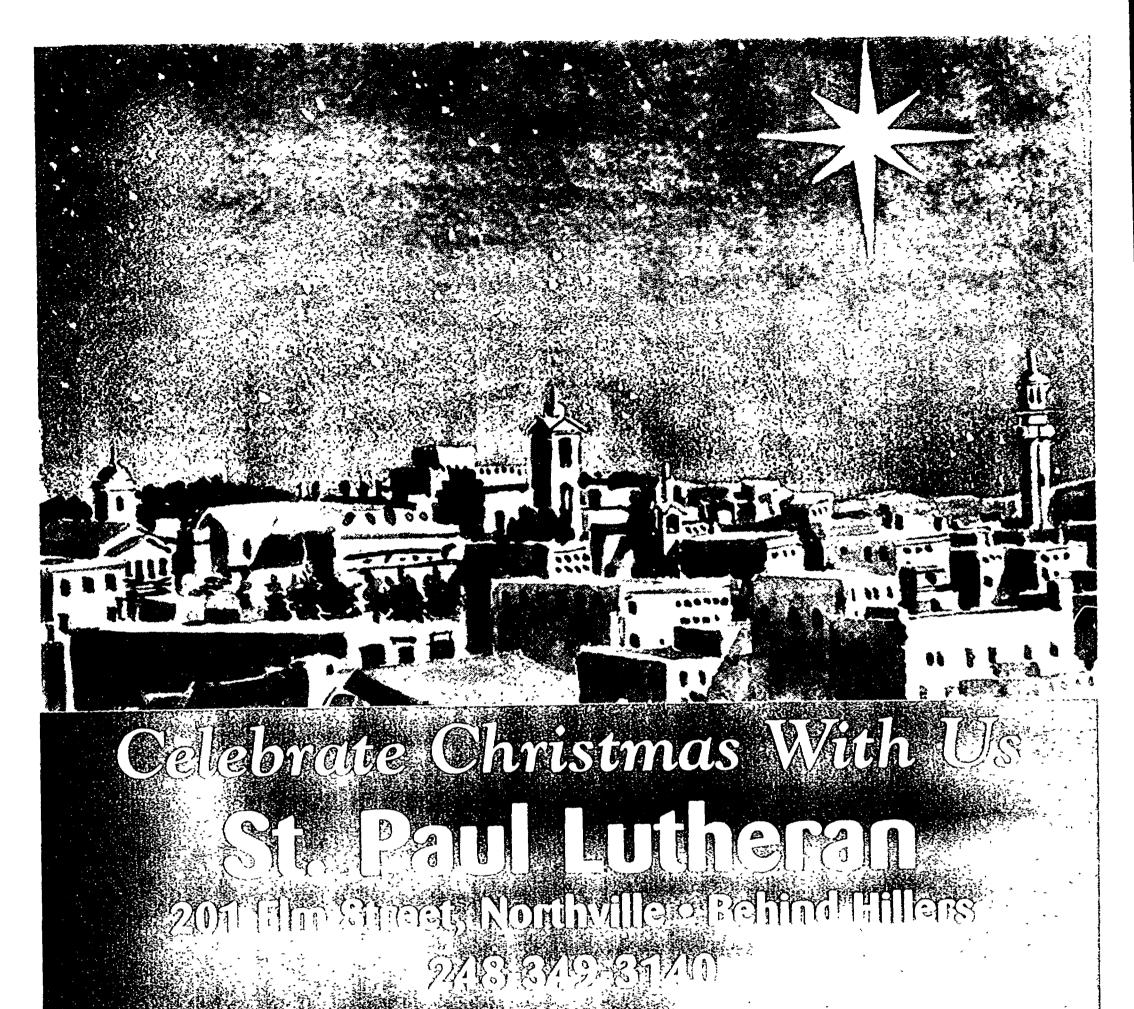
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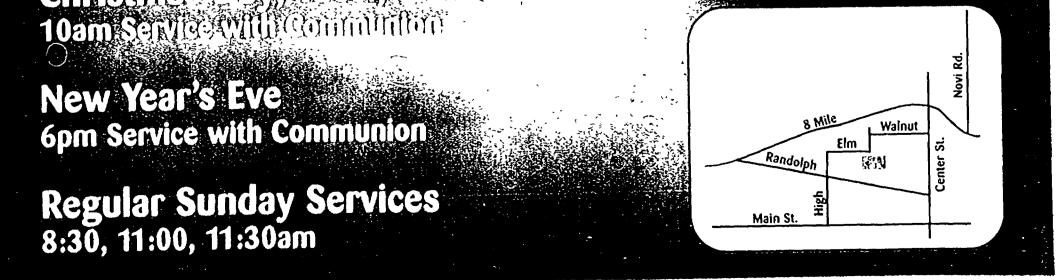


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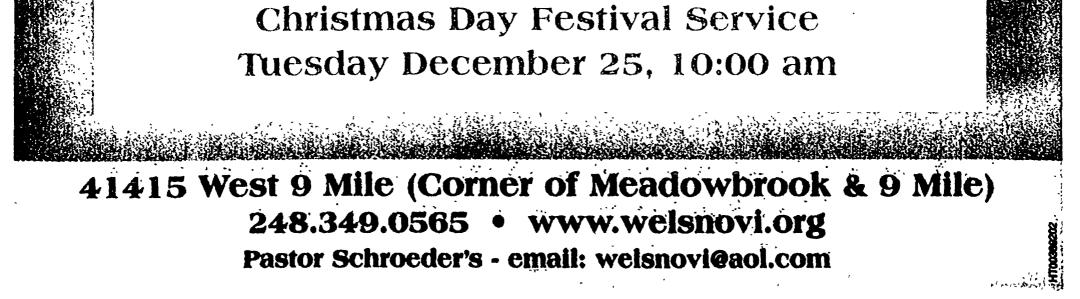
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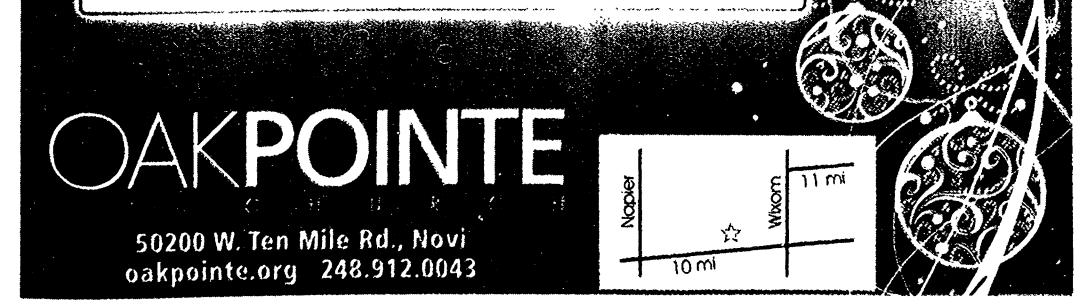
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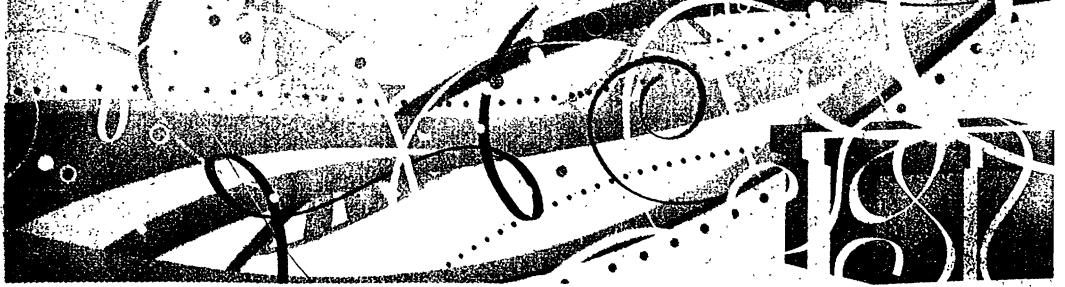
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