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Residents form new coalition to protect Northville's future

■ Group to plan public meetings

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

A group of Northville residents launched a new coalition, Citizens

to Protect Northville's Future, last week.

The group's mission is to promote safe neighborhoods, quality of life, job creation, economic development and responsible land development in Northville Township and the city of Northville.

"With the recent news regarding all of the litigation and accusations surrounding the former

psychiatric hospital property, many of us wanted to ensure the voices of the residents were being heard," said Carol Poenisch, president of CPNF.

"We do not believe the proposed plan from REIS does enough to address traffic congestion along Seven Mile



L. Marrs

Road, the cost of community services, the severe overcrowding this project would cause in our middle and high schools and the possible drastic decline in our home values."

"Moreover, the taxpayers of Northville Township should not have to foot the bill to

clean up the property," said Laurie Marrs, CPNF member.

"Because REIS purchased the property 'as is,' they received a discounted price from the State of Michigan," Marrs said. "With the state in such dire financial straits, it is appalling the developer would have the gall to ask the taxpayers to pay for a cleanup that

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'Voices' waiting for NCF answers

■ Two groups meeting at library Jan. 13

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Susan Greenlee, president of Voices for Maybury Farm, said Monday that members are still waiting for answers to three of four questions promised by Northville Community Foundation board members.

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In a Nov. 15 letter, Voices members requested:

- a public forum that included board members and Shari Peters, Foundation president;
- an escorted tour of Maybury Farm to check on the condition of the animals;
- a review of recent financial statements; and
- to resume quarterly meetings resumed of the Maybury Farm advisory committee with the NCF board not later than Dec. 3 and for Peters to attend the meetings.

Greenlee said the board did allow a recent review of the financials. But, Voices members are waiting for a longer list of financial information requested of the board and other follow-up queries after meeting with five board members on Nov. 30.

Peters e-mailed Greenlee and said that due to conflicting work schedules, vacations and the holidays, she and the board will defer the next meeting with members of Voices for Maybury Farm until January.

The next meeting of the Voices for Maybury Farm will be from 3:30-5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 13, at the Northville District Library.

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Garden Club continues to give back to community

■ Tree spruces up holiday feel of Allen Terrace

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

A large fountain, 23 feet in diameter, sat near the main entrance of Allen Terrace for a number of years.

Members of the Northville Garden Club, established in 1936 by Clara Ford, Henry Ford's bride, would dress up the fountain at Christmastime, according to former Garden Club President Barbara O'Brien. But the well was in a bad spot, O'Brien said, and has since been replaced with a flagpole.

For the past 11 years, the ladies of the club have decorated a new fountain, located on the south side



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Current president of the Northville Garden Club Kate Uberti smiles as she works on positioning a red ribbon on the fountain at Allen Terrace. Members of the club gathered there last week to add some outdoor holiday cheer to the Northville senior residential complex.

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City and township water rates increasing in 2008

■ City to work with Detroit on new agreement

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Residents and business owners

in both the city of Northville and Northville Township will be looking at higher water bills next year.

Last week, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department issued its proposed wholesale water rates for the 2008-09 fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2008.

Rates are listed as the dollar amount per 1,000 cubic feet of water.

The city of Northville's proposed 2008-09 wholesale rates are \$20.96, compared to \$16.14 in fiscal year 2007-08, an increase of 29.9 percent.

In Northville Township, the rates will increase to \$24.19, compared to \$20.41 in the last fiscal year, an increase of 18.5 percent.

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Northville Water Rates

City of Northville rates

July 1, 2003	+5.4 percent
July 1, 2004	+2.1 percent
July 1, 2005	+24.98 percent
July 1, 2006	+10.0 percent
July 1, 2008 (proposed)	+29.9 percent

Northville Township rates

July 1, 2003	+10.03 percent
July 1, 2004	+9.48 percent
July 1, 2005	+8.11 percent
July 1, 2006	-1.01 percent
July 1, 2007	+4.51 percent
July 1, 2008 (proposed)	+18.52 percent

SOURCE: City of Northville, Northville Township

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■ Garden Club continues to give back to community

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of the grounds. The cement structure is lined with rocks; but, during this time of year, a large Christmas tree is the centerpiece of the well. Dozens of red bows, made by Garden Club members, line the tree, along with strings of lights.

The tree has been deemed the "Past President's Tree" and serves as a way to honor Garden Club dignitaries. The red bows can be seen throughout the community, and the funds generated from the sale of the decorations is funneled back into the community in the form of scholarships for Northville High School and Schoolcraft Community College students, according to Marge Faessler, who served as Garden Club president from 2001-03.

"Our main purpose is to give back to the community," Faessler said. "We'd rather give the money to students and people in the community instead of keeping it ourselves."

Aside from the donations of funds and the Past President's Tree, the Garden Club works with the Northville District Library, where Garden Club Park sits outside the library. Among other philanthropic ventures, the club also is a partner with Hillside Middle School and helps with its bird sanctuary. The benches scattered throughout downtown Northville, and a lot of the plants that spruce of the area, are products of the Garden Club, as well.

Julie Mantay, who served as club president from 2005-07, touted the group's May garden show, where patrons are invited to gain a wealth of information from experienced gardeners.

"We have a long history of working with the community," current club President Kate Uberti said.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Past presidents of the Northville Garden Club got together last Friday morning with Northville Housing Director Sherry Necelis, left, and current Garden Club President Kate Uberti, third from right, to decorate the fountain at Allen Terrace with Christmas greens and lights.

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Marge Faessler

Northville Garden Club President, 2001-03

Garden Club meetings

Who: The Northville Garden Club
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Public safety director against keypad gate on hospital land

■ Keypad code was provided

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John Werth, director of public safety for Northville Township, believes having a locked gate on the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property has created a public safety risk.

Even though the locked gate has a keypad attached to it that public safety officials have the code for, he fears response time could be delayed in an emergency.

"Any time you delay response, it could affect the ultimate outcome," Werth said. "I would prefer to have the gate open at all times so we can have access to the property."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

This gate has been erected by REIS to keep trespassers out of the former Northville Regional State Psychiatric Hospital grounds. Unfortunately, it also bars law enforcement personnel from being able to patrol the property.

Werth is concerned about four families currently living on the property in modular homes, one of which allegedly houses a pregnant woman.

"They have a pregnant woman that is on the property," Werth said. "We need to be able to get to her without delay should she need us."

Steve Mitchell, spokesperson for developer REIS Northville, LLC, which owns the property, said Grant Trigger of REI personally gave the keypad code to Werth during a face-to-face meeting on Dec. 12, which was within two hours of the gate becoming operational.

"If the code is lost, it can be obtained again by calling Grant," Mitchell said.

The prior gate, installed by the state, had a lock and key, and the township did not have the key, according to Mitchell.

But, Werth said even if all 22 public safety vehicles in the township have the code to the keypad on the gate, "It still ultimately delays our response time. And in an emergency, seconds matter. I don't want our flow to be impeded. Right now, the residents are locked in. They need to be able to come and go easily, too."

Werth said the 22 township emergency vehicles don't include local ambulances and vehicles from other area police departments that might need the code.

"That (keypad) code is a hamper, and we're afraid it's not going to be available when it's needed," Werth said.

He added that the 414 acres that make up the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property is all within Northville Township.

"We have a responsibility to patrol the area by township charter," Werth said. "Enforcement is the key to that property, and locking it off is not the solution."

Werth said he has had recent discussions with the property owners regarding the locked gate and keypad.

"They are aware of my concerns and desire to rectify the situation," Werth said.

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Judge rules in favor of citizens in lawsuit involving voting rights

■ Individuals can vote in upcoming primary

By Pam Fleming
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A Wayne County Circuit Court judge ruled in favor of individuals living on the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property last Friday after Northville Township officials prevented them from registering to vote.

REIS Northville, LLC, owners of the property, want to develop a more-than-\$800 million project known as Highwood at the 414-acre site on Seven Mile Road. REIS began renting modular homes on the parcel to four families a few weeks ago.

Northville Township officials claimed the people could not register to vote because they believe the families are living on the property illegally. They say residential occupancy of the buildings violates township ordinance and code requirements and is unsafe and reckless due to on-site contaminants.

Judge Mary Beth Kelly issued a preliminary injunction against members of the township staff, who must now allow the individuals living on the property to register as voters.

Those seeking the injunction included Brian Hodge, Randy Kolyk, Abigail Kolyk and Richard Daley.

Others named as qualified electors on the property include Tammy Lynn Brown, Dale Hilden and Amanda Parzen.

The judge ordered the township to immediately take all steps necessary to restore the residents' names to the township's voter registration records, so that they are permitted to vote in upcoming elections.

Michigan's presidential primary election will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 15. However, those who have not voted in Michigan before must have registered to vote by 5 p.m. on Dec. 17, to be eligible to vote in the primary.

The latest that prospective voters can request an absentee ballot for the primary election is at 2 p.m. Jan. 12. To download an application, go to www.twp.northville.mi.us or call (248) 348-5800, ext. 10201.

The judge's decision said the public interest would be served by restraining township officials from prohibiting the individuals' voter registration.

In response to the judge's decision, Chip Snider, township manager, said, "These lawsuits are all a match of wits and a contest of strategy in an eternal search for enlightenment by utilizing a non-biased third party to make decisions for the community."



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Four arrested for trespassing on former hospital property

Court date slated for Dec. 27 in 35th District

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Four men were arrested for trespassing on the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property at 4:45 a.m. on Dec. 12.

Those arrested included Richard Davies, 37, of Brighton; James Wilson, 30, of Highland Township; Cory Ragan, 33, of Fenton; and Kelly Wilson, 45, of Highland Township.

An officer in an unmarked car was dispatched to the property when, during patrol, officers on the afternoon shift observed a Ford F-150 pickup and Chevy 1500 pickup parked near the property unoccupied, backed into parking spaces side by side.

Due to past incidents in which subjects will park their vehicles near the former hospital property and either trespass or steal items, officers decided to conduct surveillance on the vehicles.

Officer parked at Rocky's

One officer sat in the rear parking lot of the Rocky's of Northville restaurant in an unmarked car, with other patrol vehicles in the area acting as chase or take-down cars.

He watched as four men walked northbound through the parking lot, entered the two vehicles and drove eastbound on Seven Mile Road.

Davies was driving the Chevy pickup, and Ragan was driving the F-150 truck.

The officer followed in his unmarked car and coordinated the marked patrol units for a traffic stop.

While driving east on Seven Mile Road, police saw the blue Chevy pickup turn onto northbound Smock Road, pull into a driveway and back out.

The F-150 continued eastbound on Seven Mile Road as police followed, with police initiating a traffic stop on the entrance ramp to northbound I-275. The driver of the Chevy truck was also pulled over on the northbound ramp.

When asked where they were coming from, one man said, "a friend's house," but the man could not identify the cross streets, saying he was not from the area.

Officers also saw a head lamp,

similar to one worn by hikers, on the seat next to him. The other front seat passenger also had a light clipped to the brim of his hat, which he said was for working on cars.

One of the men admitted to all four suspects being on the property, and that they were "just walking around."

When asked why he and his friends were on the property, Ragan said they had heard of the hospital but had never been to it and wanted to get "scared."

After consenting to a search, police found 15-20 brass nuts and bolts in the right pocket of one of the men's jackets. Police also found pipe cutters and a battery-operated saw in a backpack. While searching the Chevy, police saw a cordless drill, hand saw and multiple hand tools. Both vehicles were impounded.

All subjects were held on \$500 bond, with a court appearance scheduled at 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 27 in 35th District Court.

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Northville city and township water rates increasing in 2008

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Why the rate increases?

Reasons for the rate increases include costs to make improvements on an aging water system infrastructure and a change in the way the DWSD determines rates.

"I understand the philosophy Detroit Water and Sewerage Department staff used to arrive at the proposed rates," said Don Weaver, director of public services for Northville Township.

"They're looking at some major capital improvements in the system in the next few years."

Plus, "There has been a greater emphasis regarding use of water during peak times, he said. "That's one of the reasons that the rates have been increased."

Weaver said he thinks the average water and sewer bill will increase \$6-\$8 per two-month billing cycle.

Roughly half of that increase is water, with the other half going to sewer costs.

Weaver said he will propose a 4.5-percent increase in both water and sewer rates for the township at tonight's board of trustees meeting. This increase would take effect sometime in March.

He doesn't believe water rates will continue to increase as much as the 2008-09 proposal.

"We should not have these double-digit increases in the future," Weaver said.

Northville's rate may change

Jim Gallogly said the proposed 29.9-percent water/sewer rate increase for the city of Northville may change.

"The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is agreeable to negotiations to reduce this rate as long as the city enters into a long-term agreement," Gallogly said.

In July 2005, the city received a 24.98-percent increase in its water

rate due to its water use during a calculated peak day/peak hour in the Detroit water system.

After being negotiated down from an initial 52-percent increase, it became clear that the city needed to establish better control of its water pumping and storage facility to minimize its chances of pulling water from Detroit during its peak day of water usage.

As a result of negotiations, the city was able to reach this goal, it actually received a 10-percent reduction in its water rate in 2006.

The DWSD has been working on a new standard contract for all of its customers for several years, according to Gallogly.

The old contracts, last negotiated in the 1960s, were expiring, and new ones needed to be considered.

Gallogly said that although much work has been done by both the DWSD and its customers in creating a new contract, some critical issues have slowed the contract approval process.

In an effort to speed up contract negotiations, the DWSD changed the way rates are determined as based on a community's maximum day/hour usage, not the DWSD's maximum day. If a community has a spike in water usage on any day during the year, this peak demand is used to determine the rate.

Gallogly said with new water system controls in place since September, the city can now monitor and control the amount of water the city obtains from Detroit at any given time.

"In other words, the city can now significantly reduce its peak water use," he said.

Weaver said the township won't try to negotiate a lower rate with the DWSD for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

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Residents form new coalition to protect Northville's future

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was already taken into account when the property was purchased."

CPNF plans to host several town hall meetings and launch a new Web site over the next several weeks to keep residents of Northville Township, the city of Northville and other neighboring communities informed on the status of the former psychiatric hospital property and other issues relating to area development.

"Everyone would love to see the environmental contaminants removed from the property and a development put in which will complement the existing businesses and residential areas in Northville Township and the city of Northville," Poenisch said.

"However, we are concerned by some of the plans we have seen so far and feel there is a great need to ensure this property is developed in a responsible way consistent with the rich history and tradition of the Northville community."

In reference to the new grassroots organization, REIS, the developers who own the former psychiatric hospital property, said, "We're happy citizens of Northville are investigating our

tremendous project.

"When residents of Northville find out the details of this \$800-million project that will provide 9,000 new jobs, provide beautiful housing that will fit in with the township's plans, have great stores, provide more than 100 acres of open space and clean up an area that is in great need of cleaning, then the citizens of Northville will strongly support this project. The more people know about it, the more they support it."

For more information about the new citizens coalition, write to CitizensForNorthville@yahoo.com.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Jim Gallogly, director of public works for Northville, stands near a home's satellite TV dish in the city. The Northville Planning Commission may suggest amending the city's ordinance to cover the placement of dishes less than 3 feet in diameter.

City Council: Satellite dish ordinance may be changing

■ Safety, history district issues to be considered

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Northville Planning Commission may suggest amending an ordinance concerning the placing of satellite dishes and utility cabinets in the city.

City council recently requested that staff review the city's current ordinance.

Concerns have been raised on whether the law needs to better assure its effectiveness in protecting the safety, beauty, history and character of Northville neighborhoods.

Jim Gallogly, Northville public works director, told members of council at their Dec. 3 meeting that the city has a comprehensive ordinance designed to control the placement of certain satellite dish antennas.

The ordinance requires that:

- satellite dishes that exceed a diameter greater than 3 feet require a permit from the city;
- satellite dishes with a diameter

greater than 6 feet need to submit a site plan for review by the planning commission; and

- satellite dishes with a diameter of less than 6 feet must be reviewed by the building official.

However, "The current ordinance does not cover the placement of satellite dishes that are less than 3 feet in diameter, and this size is the most common used by satellite dish companies," Gallogly said.

In researching current Federal Communications Commission regulations, it was learned that they were last amended on Oct. 25, 2000.

The regulations cover the use of dish antennas that are 1 meter (39.37 inches) or less in diameter, prohibiting restrictions that impair a person's ability to install, maintain or use an antenna or dish less than 1 meter in diameter.

The FCC does not prohibit safety restrictions or those designed to preserve historic preservation, provided they are no more burdensome than necessary to accomplish these goals.

Gallogly said Huntington Woods has an ordinance that addresses satellite dishes and utility cabinet placement, and that the planning commissioners can

review this when determining if Northville's law needs an update.

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Downtown stores seek ways to attract shoppers

■ Merchants say holiday sales down from past years

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

With it being less than a week before Christmas, downtown Northville merchants have several views on how they believe this year's holiday shopping period — the day after Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve — has gone.

Margene Buckhave, owner of ladies' golf apparel shop gg Resort and Stampdollar Plus Memories, said foot traffic "hasn't been horrible," but it could be better. She couldn't compare gg Resort traffic to past years, since the store opened in May, but Buckhave said traffic at Stampdollar, a creative art retail shop opened in 1990, is down from past years.

One downtown retailer that is seeing its fair share of shopper traffic is the newly-opened Simply Wine.

Co-owner Maria Vasseliou said she and partner Laura McQueen have sold a number of gift baskets and accessories. Vasseliou said glasses from the German company Riedel are hot sellers, too.

"On (Dec. 15), traffic was non-stop," she said. "But that's a good problem to have."

Events held to draw consumers

Buckhave said Girl's Night Out, which took place Dec. 6 and was presented by Tom Holzer Ford and

the Northville Central Business Association, attracted a number of shoppers to the area, as stores pushed back closing times to accommodate prospective buyers.

Mary Starring, president of the Northville Central Business Association, said Girl's Night Out was a success in part because so many of those who came were new to the area.

Guy's Night Out took place the following week, but didn't draw as many patrons, Buckhave said.

"Guys don't shop," she said. "They come in the store at the last minute and buy gift cards. They're not really about the whole 'shopping experience.'"

Starring, owner of Northville's Starring: The Gallery, said her group decided to host Guy's Night Out on Dec. 21 last year, hoping to capitalize on the last-minute crowd. She said that proved to be an unsuccessful venture, too.

Starring did say, however, that she thinks the number of shoppers has increased so far this month. Starring added she could tell the state's economic situation put a halt to spending in October and November.

You get what you pay for

Buckhave said she believes a number of shoppers hit malls and outlets because of a myth that specialty shops are more expensive. She said that's not entirely true, and added there is a certain bond shop owners can form with their customer base that they can't get with box stores.

"In a sense, you're paying for the service you're given," Buckhave said. "Sometimes, when you go to a bigger store, you

might not be able to find someone to ring up your order. But there's a totally different experience when you come to a smaller store in a downtown like (Northville)."

But Buckhave was hard-pressed to come up with a solution to the declining business downtown shops in areas like Northville and Plymouth are seeing. She said that is a question her and many other store owners have been pondering for some time.

"If I could answer that, I'd make a million dollars," Buckhave said. "I don't really know what we can do."

Ideas on the table

Starring said the Northville Downtown Development Authority and State Rep. Marc Corniveau are actively looking into developing ways to attract shoppers to the area. She said signage near highways that might draw consumers into downtown Northville could be added in the near future. Starring also said merchants are working on ways to better advertise the area.

While Starring, and other owners, would love to see more faces come into their shops, she realizes there may be some pitfalls that come with that increased foot traffic.

"It's kind of a Catch-22," Starring said. "You want traffic, but you don't want to become overwhelmed."

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Theatre honors two volunteers with annual Spotlight Award

■ Ceremony at Rocky's Dec. 3

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The Tipping Point Theatre staff has many people to thank after the successful opening of the professional theatre in Northville in September.

In recognition of two special people who "went the extra mile" this inaugural year, the staff recently honored two volunteers with a newly-created Spotlight Award.

The annual award will be presented to a volunteer who demonstrates the most dedication throughout the year.

This year, the award was presented to two people, Art Bakewell and David Carley, both of Northville.

The awards were presented at a recognition dinner at Rocky's on Dec. 3.

Bakewell, a retired high school teacher and theatre director, played a pivotal role in the renovation of the Tipping Point Theatre and the building of sets for the first two productions of the 2007-08 inaugural season, "Don't Dress for Dinner" and "Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings," said Christina Johnson, founder and executive director of the theatre.

Bakewell also served as set designer for "Plaid Tidings," and can often be found performing maintenance duties at the theatre.

Carley serves as the theatre's house manager, training the volunteer usher corps and ensuring a positive and safe theatre experience for patrons.

He is usually the first person to welcome guests at each performance and the person holding the door for them at the end of the evening.

Carley has also helped to organize and maintain the theatre.

"We are so fortunate to have individuals such as Art and David,

plus countless others, volunteering at Tipping Point," Johnson said.

"Our intention was that the Spotlight Award be given to one individual per year, but our staff just could not decide between the two. We ultimately decided to award it to two people this year, because both have dedicated so much time and passion to our cause. They are invaluable."

The recipients of the Spotlight Award will be recognized in the theatre lobby with a plaque, where each recipient will be listed by year. The award will be presented by the theatre each December.

The mission of Tipping Point Theatre, which is a nonprofit organization, is to foster human interactions and relations, creating a unifying yet personal experience through affordable, professional-level theatre performances and community outreach.

Seats available for "Plaid"

Seats are still available for the remaining performances of

"Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings," which runs through Dec. 29.

Since Tipping Point Theatre is a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations are tax-deductible and help the theatre keep ticket prices low and the quality of productions high.

Gift certificates are also sold at the box office. Two tickets for any upcoming performance are \$45.

Tickets for Tipping Point Theatre's next production, the romantic comedy, "Almost, Maine," will be sold to members and season pass holders beginning Dec. 26. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Jan. 2.

For more information, call (248) 347-0003 or go to www.tippingpointtheatre.com.

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Photo by Christina Johnson

Art Bakewell, left, and David Carley, both of Northville, received the Tipping Point Theatre's first Spotlight Volunteer Award, an annual award that will recognize dedication and excellence in service to the theatre.

ENGAGEMENT



Rabahy-Brandon

David and Catherine Rabahy of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Danielle Rose Rabahy of Yucca Valley, Calif., to Matthew Jacques

Brandon of Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., son of Roderick and Susan Brandon of Livonia.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Mercy High School, Farmington Hills, and a 2007 graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in dietetics, specializing in health promotions. She plans to complete an internship that will further her pursuit as a registered dietitian. She works at The Cheesecake Factory, Rancho Mirage, Calif.

The groom-elect is a 2004 graduate of Churchill High School, Livonia. He is currently employed by the United States Marine Corps, stationed at base in Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.

A February 2008 wedding is planned.

OBITUARY

PATRICIA E. KUNST

Age 77, of Northville passed away Dec. 13, 2007. Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Victory. She was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

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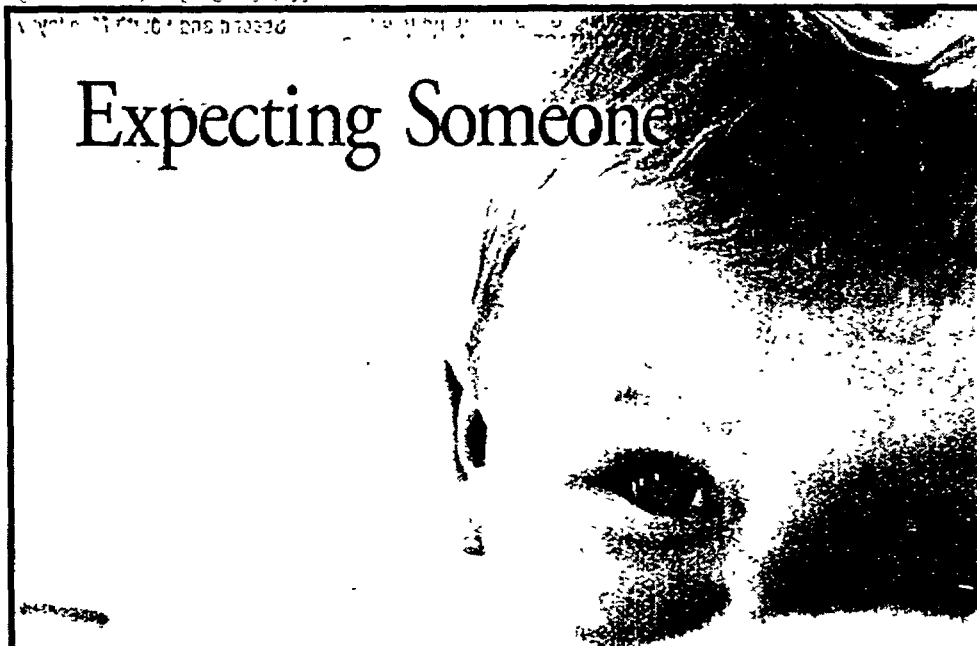
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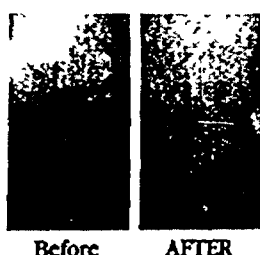


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Senior Community Center
LOCATION: 303 W. Main St.
Thursday
Massage by appointment
9 a.m.: TOPS
9:30 a.m.: Yoga
10 a.m.: Bowling
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Computer II; One-stroke
Painting Class
6:30 p.m.: Penn Theatre
Friday
9:30 a.m.: Strength Training
11 a.m.: Poker
11:30 a.m.: Computer III
1 p.m.: Movie "Santa Claus 3"
Monday
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Tuesday
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Wednesday
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10 a.m.: Oxyse
Noon: Bridge
1 p.m.: Computer I
7 p.m.: Bridge
Co-ed Adult 50+ Open
Volleyball
TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
LOCATION: Recreation Center
at Hillside
DETAILS: All levels of play wel-
come; bring your friends; \$1.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and
Recreation (248) 449-9947
Co-ed Adult 50+ Open
Basketball
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-noon each
Thursday
LOCATION: Senior Community
Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: All levels of play wel-
come; 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
Burlesque
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. second
Thursday of each month
DETAILS: Call Senior
Community Center 24 hours in
advance to register; \$1 per per-
son.

Library Lines

Northville District Library
LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St.,
near Northville City Hall
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.
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LOCATION: 201 Elm St.
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Sunday Worship
8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a.m.
Contemporary, 11:30 a.m.
Traditional

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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
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Dinner/Caroling/Afterglow
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. dinner in
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in hospital; tonight
LOCATION: St. Mary Hospital,
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LOCATION: 217 N. Wing
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. and
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
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Sunday Worship
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Christmas Concerts
TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: The Motor City Brass
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presents "Sounds of the Season."
Doors open at 2:30 p.m.
Admission is free; donations will
be taken during the performance.
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: The Birmingham-First
Chamber Choir presents "Sing We
Now of Christmas." Doors open at
6:30 p.m. Admission is free,
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performance.

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more information.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight
Services**
TIME/DATE: *4, *5, 7 and 11
p.m. Monday

DETAILS: Rev. Joel Eidsness
will speak. *Child care provided
through age 4.

Single Point Ministries
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CONTACT: (248) 374-5920
Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m.
Fellowship and refreshments,
Knox Hall

Every Monday: 7 p.m.
Learner's Bible Study, Room A101

Second and Fourth Monday: 7
p.m. Study of Ephesians, Room
C309

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 vari-
ous locations; geared towards
tourist level rider; all levels wel-
come; helmets required; lunch
half-way through ride at your own
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p.m. Tennis, Rotary Park
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.

**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.
Healing Service
DATE: First Monday of every
month

TIME: 4 p.m.
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.

Men's Club
TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Saturday,
Jan. 12

DETAILS: People, pancakes and
praise in the Fellowship Hall.

**Our Lady of Victory Catholic
Church**

LOCATION: 770 Thayer
CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or
www.olvnorthville.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
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gmccc@arouunddetroit.biz

Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.

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 Hix
(248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir
TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every
Wednesday

DETAILS: For ages 3-6; all are
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**Detroit First Church of the
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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

St. John's Episcopal Church
LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon
Road, Plymouth

CONTACT: (734) 453-0190
Reinventing Your Life-God Is
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TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m.
Wednesday evenings

DETAILS: Minimum of 10 peo-
ple required to attend every ses-
sion.

CONTACT: Elizabeth Wilhelm
(734) 953-0190, ext. 10

Novi United Methodist
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 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 con-
gregation and the community will
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Artists and Crafters Wanted
DETAILS: The church is hosting
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LOCATION: 25301 Halsted
Road, Farmington Hills

CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or
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**Physical Therapy
Rehabilitation Update**

by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

HAMMING IT DOWN

One problem that seems to afflict an
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back of each thigh, two on the inside
and one on the outside. As these mus-
cles tighten, they become a major
cause of muscle imbalance. As the
upper body leans forward to perform
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The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hear-
ing on January 2, 2008 (date correction - published as 1/2/07) at 7:30 PM
at the City of Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan.
The purpose of this public hearing will be to solicit comments and con-
sideration of a use variance or temporary use for 315 Griswold (Lot num-
ber 719). A use variance or temporary use may be considered in accor-
dance with Section 25.04 of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance for
the proposed office use at the above listed location.

The application for use variance and/or temporary use is available for
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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.

Auto firm a welcome addition to township

The long wait is over for Northville Township leaders. After considering several other sites, IAV Automotive Engineering Inc. will relocate and expand its current engineering operations from Ann Arbor to Northville Township.

In a special meeting Monday night, planning commissioners granted site plan approval (with several minor housekeeping conditions) to the firm for its new North America technical center, which will house 93 employees.

And these are upper-scale engineering positions backed by master's degrees and higher — individuals who will work and, most likely, live here and shop and eat at local establishments.

The company plans to spend about \$25 million to move into a speculative building on Centennial Drive north of Five Mile Road between Sheldon and Beck roads, and will be ready by November 2008.

IAV Automotive Engineering Inc., a subsidiary of German-based IAV GmbH, is an engineering services firm that works primarily with the North American automotive industry in powertrain and electronics applications, as well as vehicle development.

According to Chip Snider, township manager, IAV follows the German philosophy of being aggressive, organized and determined — but they've also been completely supportive of the negotiations with the township and are ecstatic about the demographics of the jewel that is Northville Township.

Bringing an auto-based company to southeast Michigan in this current economic climate is quite a feat. Congratulations!

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Creating

Valerie Henry, 15, was one of the many Cooke School students who helped make Christmas gifts for the school's annual Holiday Bazaar. The bazaar, which featured wreaths, ornaments and garments all made by the school's vocational education students, ran until Dec. 14.

Where is our Christmas present to America?

Christmas is coming. Where is the present we should give to our country?

Where is the shared sacrifice for the common good in America today?

We send young men and women off to war. What does it cost us? No, I do not mean the young men and women who are coming home in body bags, without a limb, a closed head injury or post-traumatic stress. They are paying a huge price, as are their families.

What is the cost that you and I, the average citizen, are being asked to pay? Where is the shared sacrifice? I am not referring to the costs to our freedom here at home or "prestige around the world," as important as those items are to all of us as Americans. Where are the shared values, shared duties and responsibilities that ALL Americans are asked to commit?

Yeah, I know, it is costing us plenty in taxes and deficit spend-

ing that will be a burden on our children. Hell, our great-grandchildren. I am asking, "What is the daily sacrifice that we as Americans are making to support this war on terror?" Have we been asked to buy "war bonds?" Conserve energy? Pay increased taxes to actually pay for our war rather than borrowing it from the Chinese and Japanese? Do without a Big Mac or a latte in order to support the troops?

Have we been asked to volunteer to serve in the military or otherwise commit to adding value to ending terrorism? To delay our son's or daughter's college education for a year or two so they can serve our country in some fashion? Have our lives even been a little disrupted? Have we forgotten the feeling we had on 9/11 when we wanted a call to action?

Are our common values as Americans being buried by a rising tide of selfishness?

I believe, as American, we want to be called to do more to

contribute to our collective future. We want to be part of something bigger than ourselves.

Clearly the veteran's groups, family members and some patriotic citizens are helping in large and small ways. But why haven't our national leaders engaged us for the common good of all? Where is the rallying cry to come together as Americans as we did in WWII to be part of something bigger than ourselves? Why haven't we been asked to plant a shade tree even if we will never enjoy its shade?

What a sacrifice

What really made me think of this was being at Meijer recently and reading a bumper sticker on a car that read, "Proud to know an American Soldier." Proud to know an American Soldier? Say what?

What are we doing to support the soldiers? Will we know him or her and support them when

they come home with life-long physical and emotional scars? Will we have a job for them? Will we raise hell with the president and Congress to make sure they have the support, medical and mental health attention to readjust to civilian life? Does "bumper sticker" action inspire you?

For far too many it seems as long as we can put a flag decal or yellow magnetic ribbon on our car, wave an American flag on the Fourth of July, and buy cheap TVs at Wal-Mart, we are OK. Just don't inconvenience anyone. Someone's son or daughter is in harms way — but let's not miss college football on Saturday, pro ball on Sunday and the sale down at the local Wal-Mart.

A call to action

What if this president or the next were to address the nation and say:

- I am instituting a national service program for all young



About Tom Watkins

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people after high school graduation to serve their country in the military or some other form of country/community service for one year. We cannot expect young people to put their lives on the line while some are waiting in the latte or concert line.

- I am calling for an increase in your taxes to pay for our war/freedom efforts.

- I am requiring civilians to car pool to work at least one day per week to conserve oil. It is polluting our air and feeding terror.

- We will set a "man on the

moon" goal to reduce our oil consumption drastically over the next decade; our lives just may depend on our success.

Perhaps if more of us had "more skin in the game" our energies would be focused on what ALL of us could be doing to preserve our freedom and make the world a safer place. A call to action would certainly get our attention and perhaps inspire a nation.

It is never too late to act. And what a Christmas present it would be to those serving our country.

2008 may be the beginning of the beginning

When the allies finally stopped the Germans in North Africa in November 1942, it was welcome news after three years of almost unbroken defeats. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill put it in perspective, saying, "Now, this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

Turning to Michigan, and our own economic wars, I'd like to take the liberty to modify Churchill to observe that 2008 might turn out to be the "beginning of the beginning" of Michigan's slow march back from disaster. The issues are both economic and political.

What's been going on hasn't been, as some claim, a "recession in one state." Instead it is the consequence of the wrenching transformation of our dominant industry, automobiles.

The not-so-big three have been in transition, moving from an inefficient and costly system in which management and labor protected each other from their own failings to a smaller but far more efficient and globally-competitive industry.

According to Sean McAlinden,

the numbers genius at the Ann Arbor-based Center for Automotive Research, Michigan auto employment saw a staggering decline of 43 percent from 1999 to 2007.

He forecasts added small declines in auto jobs for the next few years. But this time, it won't be due to Michigan's economic woes. Instead, these job losses will come for the right reasons — as a result of rapidly increasing productivity and cost reductions made possible by the new contracts with the United Auto Workers Union.

Joan Crary, the economics whiz who heads the economic forecaster at the University of Michigan, estimates that the state lost 76,000 jobs during 2007, with another drop of 51,000 projected next year. But she adds, "The rate of job loss becomes progressively smaller as we make our way through 2008, and by the spring of 2009, job growth pokes above zero."

She predicts a net job gain of 14,000 jobs in 2009, mostly in service industries such as health care and education.

These projections, of course, assume no national recession

brought on by the subprime mortgage crunch, which has put Southeastern Michigan near the top of the nation for home foreclosures in recent months. "If we get a recession, we're very vulnerable because we don't have any resources to take up the shock," says Tom Clay, the respected and now-retired research director for the Citizens Research Council of Michigan.

Even without a recession, Clay says the state budget for the fiscal year that will end on Sept. 30, 2008, will face (once again, thanks to the legislature) a \$500 million deficit, split roughly equally between the general fund and the school aid fund.

Clay expects deteriorating home values to end consumers' recent habit of converting gains in home equity to TV sets and new gizmos. As a result, he thinks "sales tax income to the state might suffer, say a \$200 million drop."

His two biggest worries at the state level: Cash flow and political deadlock.

"We had some trouble paying our bills on time last year," said Clay, who helped oversee state budgets for three decades, "and



About Phil Power

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there's nothing about the new Michigan Business Tax and the new surcharge to that tax that make me believe there will be any material increase in cash flow."

Michigan cannot, under its constitution, borrow any more than it has, so a cash shortage means delayed bill payments, which in turn means the state will put off paying school districts and universities and local governments what they are expecting.

What this means to me is that the chronic structural budget deficits that we've seen for the last several years are certainly not going to go away because of what the legislature did with taxes this fall. Gov. Jennifer

Granholm, perhaps reflecting both fatigue and realism, said the other day that she wasn't about to go for any more tax increases. And you don't find many lawmakers in disagreement.

So, that leaves structural changes in the organization and workings of state and local government, together with legacy costs of state employee pensions and health care. There are very large cost savings involved here, but they are very unpopular, especially with state employee unions. The governor and legislature had a great chance to bundle them into a tax plan while they were working in crisis mode to save the state from going into default.

But they blew that opportunity.

On the political front, however, what gives me some sense of hope is that legislators I talk with are beginning to get fed up with looking like a bunch of ineffective nincompoops. Most of them are good people who wanted to go to Lansing to do the right thing. But they found themselves being chivvied by their respective party leaders to do a bunch of things that looked a lot more like scoring political points than governing a state.

"It doesn't have to be like this!" said one legislator in exasperation. And if this feeling ever begins to spread through the ranks during the coming year, we just might have some real political change, and change for the better, in Lansing.

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

LETTERS

Lucky to be in Northville

After this weekend's snowstorm, my wife and I decided to take a drive around the city to see if there were any snow scenes that we could photograph. We passed several light displays that held promise but made our first stop at the high school. I already have an aerial shot of the school hanging in the office, so I thought a snow scene might be a nice addition. We parked across from the school and took a series of shots as the snow plows worked to clear the parking lot. The wind and the cold soon told us it was time to head back to the car to warm up. During that walk, I thought about the less fortunate people who did not have a warm place to go on such a cold night. When we reached the car, I had trouble finding the keys. My first thought was that I had dropped them in the snow. I finally found them, loaded the camera and tripod inside and tried to start the car only to find I had a dead battery. We just looked at each other not sure what to do next. We were five miles from home and would never make it in the cold.

Then we heard of the snow plows working across the road. My car had a manual transmission and maybe one of them could give us a push-start. I walked over and explained to one of the drivers our predicament and ask if he could give us a push. He immediately said yes. I hurried back to the car to tell my wife we weren't going to freeze to death when I noticed a man standing next to the car. His name was Tom and he was a local fireman returning from a run. He said they had jumper cables and would give us a jump start. While talking to my wife about our attempt to take the photos of the school, he mentioned he had the 2008 Northville Township calendar hanging in the station. She told him we took four of the pictures in the calendar although her two — June and July — had the credits mixed up by the printer.

So there we stood, Tom and his partner, the snow plow operator (who actually had planned to push our car by hand so as not to scratch our bumper) and two freezing senior citizens. I was feeling so lucky this happened in Northville.

We got the car started and made it home safely. We just had to express our thanks, however, to three city employees who took time out from their regular duties to help two stranded motorists.

Howard and Charlotte Meyer
Plymouth Township (formerly of Northville)

Backwards editorial

In regard to the editorial (Sunday's Detroit News) suggesting that Northville Township should be accused of "backward thinking" on the proposed REIS Seven and Haggerty development plan. These views, of course, are speculative and probably provided by the developer. The proponent position, however, sounds good to those who choose to remain unaware. So easy for those who are unschooled to be open readily to the prostitution of sound community development. Northville Township has been lucky thus far to appeal to some of the best developers and planning decisions.

Isn't it shortsighted by not sharing to the views presented an attorney representing the Northville Township Planning Commission who have labored to develop a well-planned township and to defend the total Northville community? Members of the board and planning commission each remain in a defensive position as the rules are under attack. REIS appears to have adopted a steamroller approach for these suburban hicks. This has been followed by suggested innuendo of annexation of the property to Livonia. If it is their plan, this land should be annexed to the Livonia school system and water and sewer system, as well. Not so fast and not so easy.

Highlighted "benefits" of the proposal appear to be an effort to "spike" land use and bank any actual development plan for the future.

If Michigan recovers, "Backward thinking," I would suggest Northville Township is resisting another developer who is in it for the money, then gone. Too bad the public is easily influenced by the slick stories that suggest "everyone should just go along to get along." Let the planners of the township do their job. They do it well. The usual lawsuit in land use is inevitable from those attempting to crash ordinances and cash in. This gambit is a threat to intimidate and terrorize those who are expected defend the best interests of the people.

Jim Nowka
Northville

REIS not so savvy

Ofentimes, while shopping, I will find an incredible sale on merchandise sold "AS IS." Being a savvy shopper, I know the item is not going to be perfect, and will most likely have chips or missing parts, but I am willing to accept these flaws because of the unbelievable discount price at which they are offered.

So, you can imagine my delight when I read REIS had bought the Seven Mile land. I thought REIS was also a savvy shopper. They purchased the Northville Hospital property "AS IS" with full knowledge of the contaminated medical waste sites, cost of demolition of buildings and the lead and asbestos problems. They did not let these flaws deter the sale because they had gotten such an unbelievable deal. Savvy shopper!

Now, they are ready to clean up the land, develop it, and double (or triple or quadruple!) their investment dollars. But there are just a few hurdles. They want someone else to pay for the "AS IS" investment...as is... the township taxpayers! They want a Brownfield Development, which will take millions off of our tax roles. They want a much higher density, which will tax our infrastructure, our school system and our shared services. They don't like our tree ordinance (where's Al Gore when we need him?), they don't like our master plan, they don't like anything they agreed to when they bought this "AS IS" property. What they do like is money, lots and lots of money. Buy low, sell high. The heck with ordinances, environment and master plans. Do it their way...and if you don't like it...they'll sue!

Apparently, REIS isn't a savvy shopper after all. They are not the kind of developer I want in control of this large parcel of land. I want someone who knows what is right for Northville

What do you think?



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Township and that is why I voted these people into office. Northville is a bedroom community, but the residents cannot afford to be asleep on this important issue. Support the township trustees.

Laurie D. Marrs
Northville

Twp. reacted differently

I had to chuckle when I read the article about the Northville Township hassling the Miles Christi Religious Order over parking when they have religious study meetings. The township claims their desire to harass this religious order is the result of a complaining neighbor. This neighbor must be a real "big shot" to be able to get the township to place police surveillance on the property over perceived parking issues.

The residents of Pierson Drive had an issue where the township issued a building permit to build a five-car garage that was in violation of land usage for the size of the lot, and once the structure was built, there were numerous building code violations. The worst part, however, was that the resident of this property on a private road used the illegally constructed five-car garage to run an auto repair business for more than 10 years before he finally went bankrupt. Myself and other residents protested vehemently over what was allowed to continue for more than 10 years, but there was no final solution other than the bank to take over the property and to finally, after 10 years, stop the auto repair/salvage business on this private residential road.

The township would write tickets, and this resident would thumb his nose at them and the courts. I continued to complain, and went to zoning meetings to protest the resident's requests for variances over the violations, and I even got a nasty letter after one of those zoning meetings from Mr. Chip Snider claiming that I had unfairly criticized the work of the building department — even though this resident of Pierson Drive ran an auto repair/salvage business for more than 10 years two houses from mine.

These officials in the township offices are a piece of work. They are the same cronies who play musical chairs with various positions, apparently tiring of one position and then running for another. After going on two decades dealing with and observing the people that work at Six Mile and Sheldon roads, I am firmly convinced that they spend a large part of their working day patting each other on the back and telling one another what a great job they are doing.

I wish they had been as eager to enforce ordinances in the case of Pierson Drive as they apparently are to harass a religious order at the request of someone that must be a real "big shot" to get that type of attention to such a ridiculous complaint.

Steve Lawrence
Northville

Speed bumps, anyone?

I've read the numerous opinion letters about the Taft Road roundabout that have appeared recently in this paper and decided to offer my comments.

On two occasions, I've seen school buses bouncing over the roundabout curbs because they apparently can't maneuver through the roundabout. I suspect that delivery trucks from Macy's or Sear's, etc., probably bounce over the curbs also. If one looks at the interior or exterior curbs, you can see a lot of black tire marks. Bad drivers? Speeding drivers? or ???

One thing that there is no argument about is the addition of a large number of traffic signs. You know, I do sort of like Dennis Horwatt's idea of speed bumps.

Gerald Munro
Northville

Roundabout 101

Thanks to the Northville Record for the recent roundabout diagram stating, "drivers approaching the roundabout must yield to those already in the circle." I have had to stop in the roundabout in order to allow cars entering from Taft Road that fail to yield. Please continue to communicate the rules of how to navigate via a roundabout.

Dana Whelan
Northville

Stampede of Pride update

The Auction Committee of the Northville Mustang Boosters Club would like to give a final update regarding our Nov. 3 Stampede of Pride auction.

The financial information was reviewed and we are very pleased to announce that the Stampede of Pride generated \$36,463. These funds are targeted for the purchase of new cardiovascular equipment for the training room, an outdoor athletic storage unit and a mat hoist.

The success of the event was truly a collaborative effort between coaches, athletes, team parents, school administration and our community merchants and residents. We would also like to personally thank numerous individuals for their

level of contribution to the event.

A special thank you goes to the administration for the use of the high school for the event. The members of the boys swim team that got up before 8 a.m. on Saturday morning to help with the event set-up deserve a warm thank you. Also, the members of Northville's National Honor Society, who worked various shifts and filled many needs during the evening deserve recognition and appreciation for their assistance.

We would like to thank Park Place and Szegedis for their generous donation of food during the evening. A very special thanks goes to Sue Allie, Food Stylist, who transformed both the school and food selections into an incredible visual pleasure.

The evening's entertainment was delightful thanks to the always incredible BackBeat boy's vocal group and the very gifted talents of our live auctioneer, Dan Stone, whose services were provided by the Wysocki family.

We would also like to recognize the very generous donors of the live auction items, which generated a large portion of the event's financial success. These donors include Clark and Kim Smith, Lear Corporation, InfoTronics, Paul and Brenni Polanski, Michael and Kathleen Wysocki, and Richard and Petra Clayton.

The response and support from the individual sport teams, coaches, and parents was overwhelming. The donated items received were creative, beautifully packaged, and so generously given. Every student athlete at Northville High School was represented by at least one donated item and should feel honored to have such a support system available for them.

To those of you that were able to attend the event, we hope that you had a very enjoyable experience and we sincerely thank you for supporting Northville High School athletics.

The Stampede of Pride Auction
Committee

Gretchen Stern, President
Northville High School Athletic Boosters

A Christmas story

This is a Christmas story without Santa Claus, without traditional gifts and without the usual merry-making.

But this Christmas story engenders the true spirit of Christmas and hopefully is an illustration of "love thy neighbor" in the warmest sense of the phrase.

King's Mill, on the southern edge of Northville, is composed of 455 townhouses, most occupied by families living in modest retirement. About a month ago, King's Mill residents learned that the 3-year-old daughter of an employee was afflicted with cancer. A 3-year-old...cancer?

After the initial shock subsided, the question arose: How can we help? Prayers, of course, and gasoline cards would help. What can we do? What does the family need?

The need, of course, was to galvanize the entire community. To that end, a one-page letter giving the unvarnished facts was composed and quickly circulated to each of King's Mills 455 units.

In anticipation, a savings account was opened at Community Federal Credit Union. A locked box with an opening in the top was made available in the King's Mill office and clubhouse.

The checks started flowing in. Some were for \$10, many were for more. The King's Mill Women's Club donated \$500. Along with the checks came notes and cards of love, support and encouragement.

After three days, the box was opened, the money counted and the first deposit was made at the C.F.U.: \$4,380. Several days later, a second deposit was made, another \$2,240. On Dec. 6, the third deposit was made and another \$1,370 went into the account. We collected \$8,778.25. A fourth deposit added another \$550. With money still coming in, the account registered \$8,540 available only to the little girl's distraught father.

Astounding for a small community of mostly retired people whose only concern was showing their compassion for a stricken little girl and her family, isn't that in perfect keeping with the true spirit of the holiday season? You bet it is.

Oh yes, little Alex has undergone major surgery, now is in chemotherapy and the prognosis remains positive but uncertain. She and her family know they are not in this alone. Behind them stands a caring and generous community of friends and neighbors.

So Merry Christmas to all. Pray for Alex, and please, please count your blessings!

Don Sherman, Resident
King's Mill

For those wishing to contribute to his fund, please call Don Sherman at (248) 349-2589. — Editor

On Romney's religion

Mitt Romney's recent statement in a speech about faith and politics in Houston, "The founders proscribed the establishment of a state religion, but they did not countenance the elimination of religion from the public square," is false. In a document defending the Constitution in 1787-88, John Adams wrote "Thirteen governments thus founded on the natural authority of the people alone, without a pretense of miracle or mystery...are a great point gained in favor of the rights of mankind."

Thomas Jefferson wrote: "Question with boldness even the existence of a god." From James Madison, "Religious bondage shackles and debilitates the mind." Thomas Paine said, "My own mind is my church."

In the same speech, Romney said, "We are a nation 'Under God.'" This is false, too. The words "Under God" were added to the Pledge of Allegiance in the 1950s during the Eisenhower administration to distinguish Americans from the "godless Communists."

I agree with Brian Dickerson's opinion, "If Romney cherishes an America where believers of all creeds are free, he'll find it useful not to leave the nonbelievers behind." ("A House of worship in every garage," Detroit Free Press, Dec. 7, 2007)

I think his words apply to all presidential candidates.

Hannah Provence Donigan
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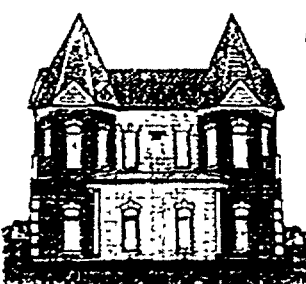
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HOT TICKET: Ward Presbyterian Church presents "Sounds of the Season" Christmas concert Sunday

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Local Events

Holiday Dance Spectacular

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. tonight
LOCATION: Northville High School
DETAILS: Follow the adventure of two students who travel to New York for the holidays — and experience various forms of dance — from the Broadway stage to the streets.

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 Northville Civic Concern.

Christmas Concerts

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road
TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: The Motor City Brass Band with Ward Chancel Choir presents "Sounds of the Season." Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free, donations will be taken during the performance.
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: Sanctuary
DETAILS: The Birmingham-First Chamber Choir presents "Sing We Now of Christmas." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, donations will be taken during the performance.
CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 for more information.

The Holidays in Northville

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.

Marquis Theatre

135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or northvillamarquistheatre.com
The Jungle Book
TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 22 and 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 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
Third Annual Holiday Art Market
DATE: Through Jan. 4
DETAILS: Unique gifts for the holidays; more than 50 artists featured.
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 a 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 required. 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 Center.
CONTACT: (248) 380-1666

3rd Annual Fire and Ice Festival

TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26
LOCATION: Downtown Northville, Main and Center streets
DETAILS: Festival includes chili and salsa cook-off competitions, ice sculptures and ice carving demonstrations; last year 15 restaurants/caterers showcased more than 20 different chili and salsa products.
CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or www.northville.org.

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: 10 a.m. Saturday; 12:30 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Full lunch followed by the show, "The Naughty List," plus an appearance by Santa; \$14.95 for children, \$16.95 for adults, not including tax and tip. Call for reservations. 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.

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

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 available 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.

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
Nordic Ski Demo
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 19
DETAILS: Try out the latest equipment from REI. There will be light refreshments in the Warming Shelter courtesy of Friends of Maybury. Meet at the Concessions Building (Eight Mile Road entrance).
Snow Shoe Demo
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 9
DETAILS: Same as above.

Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: 215 Griswold Ave., 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; 7 p.m. Northville Historical Society Board meeting
Friday: Office closed.
Saturday: Office closed
Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 1 p.m. private party
Monday: Office closed.
Tuesday: Office closed.
Wednesday: Office closed; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church
* Grounds closed to public

Regional Events

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 Ave., Ste. 18; or visiting www.plymouthsymphony.org.
Home for the Holidays with the Livonia Youth Choir
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. tonight
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
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 piano, 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.
Sensational Strings with concertmaster Juliana Athayde, composer Frank La Rocca, P-CEP Middle School Orchestra and the Celebration Strings
DATE: Saturday, Feb. 9
LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church

Rock Financial Showplace

46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5600 or visit http://rockfinancialshowplace.com for more information.
26th Annual Cycle World International Motorcycle Show
TIME/DATE: 4-9 p.m. Friday,



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

He's back!

Santa Claus sits with Jordan Wilcox, 9, and Kynnadee Bonner, 8, during Saturday's Northville Civic Concern annual Christmas distribution day. More than 100 local families' gift needs were met that day by Northville school, church and scout groups — and needy families stopped by to pick up the gifts that will make their holidays brighter.

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 Women's Resource Center

LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads
CONTACT: For more information, and to register, call (734) 462-4443.

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 with facilitator Cynthia Kippin, MA, LPD, LLP; second meeting features a speaker; no fee or registration required.

Women's Resource Center Luncheon Series
TIME/DATE: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday

LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, VisTaTech Center
DETAILS: Jan. 25, Julie Felicelli shares humorous anecdotes from her recently published book "It's My Turn"; \$15 per luncheon; pre-paid registration required; no tickets issued; limited seating; doors open 11:15 a.m.

Ask An Attorney
DATE: 5-7 p.m. second and third Monday of each month

DETAILS: Ask an attorney about divorce and family law; first come, first served, sign-in begins at 4:30 p.m.; Sept.-May; walk-in; no fee
CONTACT: (734) 462-4443
Money Matters In Divorce

DATE: 5-7 p.m. first Monday of month through May
DETAILS: Opportunity to ask a certified financial planner about the financial concerns related to divorce; walk-in, no fee; sign-in begins at 4:30 p.m.

Winter Master Gardener Class

TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m.
Thursday evenings, starting Jan. 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. First-come, first-served; \$25 application fee, class fee \$300.
CONTACT: (248) 858-0887 or visit www.msue.msu.edu/oakland. Look under horticulture and gardening.

Meetings

Northville Public Schools

Board of Education
DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month (Jan. 8)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Old Village School

City of Northville

City Council
DATE: First and third Monday of the month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

Downtown Development Authority Meeting

DATE: Third Tuesday of each month
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 215 W. Main St.
CONTACT: downtown-northville.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 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

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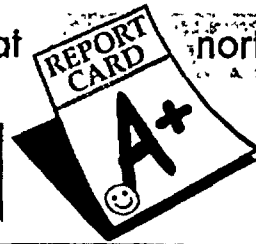
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Smaller school buses to get seatbelts

■ Northville has yet to take position on issue

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Nov. 19 proposed requiring three-point safety belts on small school buses and taller seats on all school buses but will not require belts in larger buses.

The new requirement for lap and shoulder safety belts applies only to buses under 10,000 pounds and comes more than five years after the agency first said it was considering such regulations.

"Our proposed rule would make children safer, put parents at ease and give communities a clearer picture of how to protect students," said Mary E. Peters, U.S. Transportation Secretary, in a Nov. 19 release. "It's never too late to learn, especially when it comes to protecting our children."

The proposed rule comes as Congress is considering tougher safety requirements for commercial buses. While school buses still remain the safest way to get to and from school, high-profile crashes have raised the issue of whether school buses should have safety belts. Five states, Australia and the European Union now require safety belts on buses, while many states have already required the taller seats.

"Even the smallest changes can make a big difference," said Nicole Nason, NHTSA administrator. "The higher seat backs will help provide children with even greater protection in the event of a crash."

At a forum in July, NHTSA officials said they would propose requiring new school bus seats be at least 24 inches tall. Since most school buses have no safety belts, the main safety feature is taller seats designed to "contain" students during an accident. That rule would go

into effect one year after the seatbelt law is enacted.

"This increase will better protect child passengers by keeping older kids and adults from being thrown over seats in a crash, hurting themselves and others," Peters said.

The Northville Public School District doesn't have seatbelts on its buses. Some of the district's 47 buses have restraints for car seats for children under 40 pounds, according to district Superintendent for Administrative Services Dave Bolitho.

Bolitho said his district has discussed the seatbelt question, but hasn't decided where to stand.

"Having harnesses on the buses could decrease capacity, so we haven't really decided which direction to go in," Bolitho said.

No belts required on larger buses

The proposal also requires all new small buses, which are more prone to roll-over accidents than full-size buses, to be equipped with three-point belts within three years of the new rule taking effect, replacing the current lap-belts-only requirement, Peters said.

For large buses, the proposed rule for the first time would provide federal standards for seatbelts for school districts that make the decision to add them. Peters said the federal government would allow school districts to use federal highway safety funds to cover the additional cost of equipping buses with seatbelts to encourage greater use.

Some individual districts require safety belts, while some, like Northville, require safety belts in only a couple of rows, in case an infant is traveling in a child safety seat. Safety advocates want seatbelts on buses to better protect riders, but also because it reinforces for students the need to use restraints in any motor vehicle.

"(The NHTSA) a few years ago thought belts on the buses would do more harm than good," Bolitho said. "Now their position has changed, but it's good that this option would be left up to the districts to decide."

Bolitho said the cost of "retro-

fitting" buses is expensive and that Northville doesn't have the funding to cover those costs. He said the district has purchased just two new buses in the last four years due to the state's financial condition.

Chris Geams, Northville director of custodial, maintenance and transportation, said he doesn't think installing seatbelts in district buses is a money issue. He said it's an issue of compartmentalizing children.

"The seat is a compartment for children, with the back and front of the seat being as high as it is," Geams said. "If a child is thrown from the seat, the padding in the seat should protect the child."

Geams said that padding is inspected annually by the Michigan State Police. He also said school buses are seen as safe forms of transportation, and, usually, buses suffer minimal damage in accidents.

For those school buses already equipped with lap and/or shoulder belts, NHTSA will propose voluntary performance standards for those belts and will offer technical assistance to states or districts that want to require them, including setting standards for seatbelt anchorage strength.

Those regulations won't become final until sometime in 2008.

Official challenges policy-makers

The proposed new rule is based, in part, on information gathered during a public meeting on school bus safety that NHTSA held in July.

At that assembly, Peters challenged state and local government policymakers, school bus manufacturers, pupil transportation associations and consumer groups to help develop new ways to make school buses even safer.

Peters noted that school buses already are the safest form of motor vehicle transportation, with a fatality rate that is nearly six times lower than passenger vehicles. On average, fewer than eight passengers die in school bus crashes every year, even though 474,000 school buses carry more than 25 million children each year.

Bolitho said the cost of "retrofitting" buses is expensive and that Northville doesn't have the funding to cover those costs. He said the district has purchased just two new buses in the last four years due to the state's financial condition.

Not the answer

Geams said he doesn't believe placing seatbelts on buses is the answer to safety questions.

"What if there's a fire, and you have to unbuckle 70-80 kids," Geams said. "That's going to create some problems, especially if some of the kids are wounded."

Bus seats, Geams said, are designed to seat three students maximum. He said students will remain safe on school buses as long as they stay in their seats and out of aisles.

"I'm not really sure what the answer is," Geams said. "But I've been to the scene of accidents buses have been involved in a number of

times and the bus always suffers minimal damage.

"So, if kids stick to the practices, they'll be fine."

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Corrections officer shot, killed at Shell gas station

A Robert Scott Correctional Facility officer was shot and killed at the Shell Gas Station near Five Mile and Beck roads in Plymouth Township about 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, according to Jodi DeAngelo, assistant deputy warden.

DeAngelo said the officer, who worked with the Corrections Department for 14 years, had stopped at the gas station after ending his shift at the prison.

Witnesses said an argument took place between the corrections officer and another person at the station just after 5 a.m. The officer's name was not released pending notification of next of kin.

John Werth, director of public safety for Northville Township, said his personnel are assisting Plymouth Township police in the investigation.

The Robert Scott Correctional Facility serves as the reception center for all newly-committed female prisoners.

It is located on 35 acres in Northville Township. The prison, which opened in 1991, is a multi-security-level facility that houses female prisoners of all ages.

By Pam Fleming

CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS**NOMI receives suspension**

NOMI restaurant at 133 W. Main St. received a one-day liquor license suspension Wednesday from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, according to Gary Goss, City of Northville chief of police.

The suspension was issued due to the owners allowing dancing without a permit and for not cooperating with local law enforcement.

Case of bad judgment

A woman told city of Northville police she had her purse stolen from Northville Downs earlier this month.

The incident took place at about 8:45 p.m. Dec. 8 at the race track, 301 S. Center St., as the woman told police she arrived at the venue with her boyfriend and sat on a blue bench just inside the west end doors while her boyfriend used an ATM machine.

She told police she got up from the bench to have her boyfriend explain how the ATM works to her. The ATM is located about 30 feet south of the bench — where she left her purse unattended. The wallet was sitting in the open purse on a white plastic bag. So, if someone looked inside the purse, the wallet would stand out.

After standing at the ATM for a few minutes, the woman returned to the bench and immediately noticed her wallet was missing. Neither the woman or her boyfriend saw who took the wallet, and no other witnesses have come forward.

The wallet contained \$10 cash, a Chase MasterCard, and Elder Beerman card, along with her Michigan and Ohio driver licenses and Social Security card. She did not recall any other credit cards or items the thief could use. The woman canceled the Chase card before any activity had been reported, but she was not able to cancel the Elder Beerman card, though, since she did not have a phone number to call. She called the Social Security office and reported

that card stolen, as well.

The responding officer and some Northville Downs staff searched the grounds for the wallet, but were not able to retrieve it. At 4:45 p.m. on Dec. 9, the officer called the woman to find out if she could recall any other missing items. She said she had a Value City card and a TLC Credit Union card, as well, and that she canceled both the Value City and Elder Beerman cards before they had been used.

The officer advised her to contact all her financial institutions and have her accounts flagged because of the theft. He also gave the woman the phone numbers to the three major credit bureaus so she could call and have her credit flagged, too.

Caught on tape

City of Northville police became involved in an incident between two Northville High School students last week after some name-calling escalated into a full-fledged fight.

At about 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 13, police were dispatched to 47325 Dunsany Ct. on a report of a possible assault and battery. Upon reaching the residence, the officer was met by the 15-year-old female victim and her mother. The victim said that while she was on the bus coming home from school, a 17-year-old male student assaulted her. She said the boy was calling her names when he "exploded" and attacked her.

Police said she had redness on the right side of her face where she had been hit and a bruise on her left leg from being kicked. The victim's mother said incidents like this have taken place in the past, and that she would take her daughter to a doctor's office to have her injuries checked out.

The victim told the officer the suspect lives across the street from her, at 47188 Dunsany, and he went to locate the male suspect. The officer was met by the suspect's 20-year-old brother, but the suspect walked out of the house and looked upset, the officer said, as he repeatedly grabbed his hair with both hands and tugged at it.

The boy was unable to articulate the incident to the officer; however, his brother said the suspect has a learning disability. The officer was able to speak with the suspect's mother via cell phone, and she said she didn't want the officer to speak to the boy until she or her husband were present. The suspect's brother said a friend was on the bus during the incident, but he wasn't able to be located.

After making contact with a Northville Public School District bus yard supervisor and Northville High School Principal Rob Watson, the officer was able to view a videotape from the incident, as the bus has been equipped with video.

In the tape, the victim leaves her seat to confront the suspect. The suspect appears to kick the victim away, but the girl came back and kicked and punched the 17 year old. The suspect does hit the girl in the face, and, after a few minutes, she returns to her seat. For the next few minutes, she is talking and giggling with her friends. She then exits the bus, and, two stops later, the assailant leaves the bus. The officer noted that both parties appear to be fine when they exit the bus.

Upon returning to the Northville Police Department, the officer was met again by the victim and her mother, who said she knew her daughter left her seat. The officer asked the girl to explain what happened, and she said the male suspect was yelling expletives and other things at her, so she left her seat to confront him. She said the boy kicked her and she fought back.

The officer asked why the girl didn't tell the bus driver. She said it was a substitute driver and that all he'd do is file a report, to which the officer responded "a report would have been the end of it if you didn't get up and instigate a fight and the police wouldn't be involved." He also said that doesn't mean the boy should have struck her.

The officer then told the girl he would need a written statement from her, and he allowed her mother to watch the videotape so she could understand the incident.

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An instruction sheet will be provided which outlines where the permit holder will be required to park.

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TRIPLE THREAT



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville's Allison Holmes shows off the tools of being a three-sport athlete: volleyball, basketball and softball.

Senior Holmes shines on the courts, softball fields

By Jeff Thelsen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The three-sport player is almost becoming extinct in high school sports.

Seeing someone excel in three sports is even more rare.

Northville's Allison Holmes helped the volleyball team to 30 wins this year, she is an integral part of the basketball team and she will be one of the starting pitchers on the softball team in the spring. She's been playing all three since her sophomore year.

"Every day has been an adventure," Holmes said. "It's been a ton of fun. I've had great coaches. My family makes it fun by coming to games and cheering, and my friends are always really supportive by coming to games."

It's basketball season for Holmes, and head coach Pete

Wright is impressed with how she handles the rigors of all three sports.

"Each sport has its own demands. They've all turned into year-round type things," Wright said. "For someone like Allison to play three sports, be able to juggle it and do all the extra stuff everybody is asking is truly exceptional in my mind."

While Holmes puts up her best statistics as a softball pitcher, she said picking one of the sports above another is not an option.

"I couldn't pick one," she said. "I like them all so much. My goal was always to have a good high school career and have a lot of fun. I think I've achieved that."

"Sometimes it's hard, but it's a lot of fun. You always have something to do, no downtime."

Holmes said of the three sports, only softball is really different.

"Volleyball and basketball have jumping and cross training," she said. "Coming off of volleyball this year, I've been able to jump higher for rebounding and stuff."

"Softball is kind of fun because it's a totally different game. It's a totally different pace."

Being a senior

Though the basketball season is just underway, Holmes knows by now the seasons go a lot quicker and are over sooner than expected.

She has already played her last game as a Mustang volleyball player, and it will only be a couple of months for her basketball career to come to an end.

"As the year progresses, it's like, 'Oh my gosh, this is my last

basketball season or it's going to be my last softball season,'" she said.

Holmes admits it gets sad when a season ends, but she has always had another season to get ready for.

Another new factor for Holmes this year is delegating leadership as a senior.

"It's weird not having somebody older than you," Holmes said. "But it's been more fun because you are the leaders."

"It's your time to lead the team, and it's your time to set the pace of the game and be in control."

Next up: U-M

She has no plans on pursuing a collegiate career in any of the three. She has already been accepted to U-M's engineering

school, but knowing that allows her to leave it all on the floor or field every game.

"Not planning on playing in college has let me have more fun with it," Holmes said. "Just be as good as I can be and not worry about where I'm going to get scouted and stuff."

"If it works out to play club or something, I might do that."

No matter what she has planned, Wright has seen enough on the court and in the classroom to know Holmes will be successful.

"She's a great young lady, a hard worker," Wright said. "Her grades are outstanding. She's going to do well in whatever she decides to do."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Mustang Scott Wagner is pressured by Wildcat Brandon Bradford.

Northville falls 41-34 to Wildcats

■ Both teams struggle through offensive woes

By Jeff Thelsen
SPORTS WRITER

Northville had Novi in the rear-view mirror for most of Friday's game, but the Wildcats rallied in the third and fourth quarters for a 41-34 victory.

The Wildcats (2-2) had almost no solution for Northville's 2-3 zone and scored just six points in the first and four in the second quarter, but still only trailed 15-10 at the half.

"The last probably 12 minutes of the game, I think we got things turned in our favor," said Cory Heitsch, Novi first-year head coach. "We picked up the defensive intensity a little bit, we got some turnovers and good things started to happen."

The size of the Mustangs (0-2) at the top of the zone kept the ball on the outside, where Novi was having no luck at all hitting shots.

"We struggled with the zone," Heitsch said. "I've been waiting to get zoned this year with the size that we bring."

"They came out in a 2-3 — and with their length, they eat up the whole 54 feet on that side of the court — and we didn't handle it well."

The Mustangs got a few inside buckets but struggled to hit from the outside.

Dan Kirkpatrick's four points at the intermission led all scorers.

Northville scored the first five points of the third and eventually took a 22-12 lead in the opening moments of the third.

Novi was forced into a smaller lineup because of foul trouble with 6-9 center Caleb Dean, and the Wildcats responded with a 9-0 run. But even more importantly, Shaun Rydzewski hit the first three-pointer to cap the run.

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Mat exeperience brings dividends

■ Northville's six seniors lead team from 119-145 pounds

By Jeff Thelsen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville wrestling coach Jeff Balagna has a built-in security blanket with his team.

His senior wrestlers from 119-145 pounds have combined to start the season 65-16.

"It's just fun to watch them wrestle," Balagna said. "It's always nice knowing you have those six kids starting at 119. It doesn't matter where we start in the lineup, I know we've got these six guys coming up."

"They're the anchor of our team. It's just kind of like the safety net."

Jonny D'Anna starts the fun at 119 pounds (10-3) and is followed by John Hebert at 125 (11-4), Evan Bentley at 130 (11-2), Matt Ladhoff at 135 (11-3), Aaron

Towne at 140 (12-2) and Brian Baglan at 145 (10-2).

"It's been the same guys since our freshmen year," Ladhoff said. "Everyone has come together, and everyone has gotten better."

"You're just feeding off the guy before you. It sets you up. You get a good match to set the next guy up. It's just right after each other, bam, bam, bam."

Towne missed much of last year with a shoulder injury, but he's back healthy and enjoying his senior season.

"It's been different this year just not having shoulder problems," Towne said. "It's been easier to work harder."

"It's your last year, and you want to go out big."

The Mustangs won't just win or lose with these 'six' wrestlers. There are 14 weight classes, so other wrestlers have to step up, which Balagna said has happened so far this season.

"I knew my upper weights were going to be tough, but they're young. They're sophomores and juniors," Balagna said. "They



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

The Mustangs' formidable wrestling lineup, from left, Jonny D'Anna (119 pounds), John Hebert (125), Evan Bentley (130), Matt Ladhoff (135), Aaron Towne (140) and Brian Baglan (145) have combined for a 65-16 record so far this year.

have wrestled amazing.

"These guys aren't the sole lineup for me, but it helps having them there in case my upper weights or lower weights are having an off night."

Experience pays off

Wrestling is often a dues-pay-

ing sport. A wrestler will tend to take his lumps as an underclassman only to be able to return the favor to others as a senior.

"In other sports, experience is important, but in wrestling, especially, it's huge," Balagna said. "They know what to expect. They don't get down ... and they don't panic."

"They might get taken down early in a match, and they don't panic. They've been there before."

Another bonus for Balagna with having a lot of seniors on the team is they can become coaches and examples for younger wrestlers.

Balagna said they will often help teach the newcomers certain

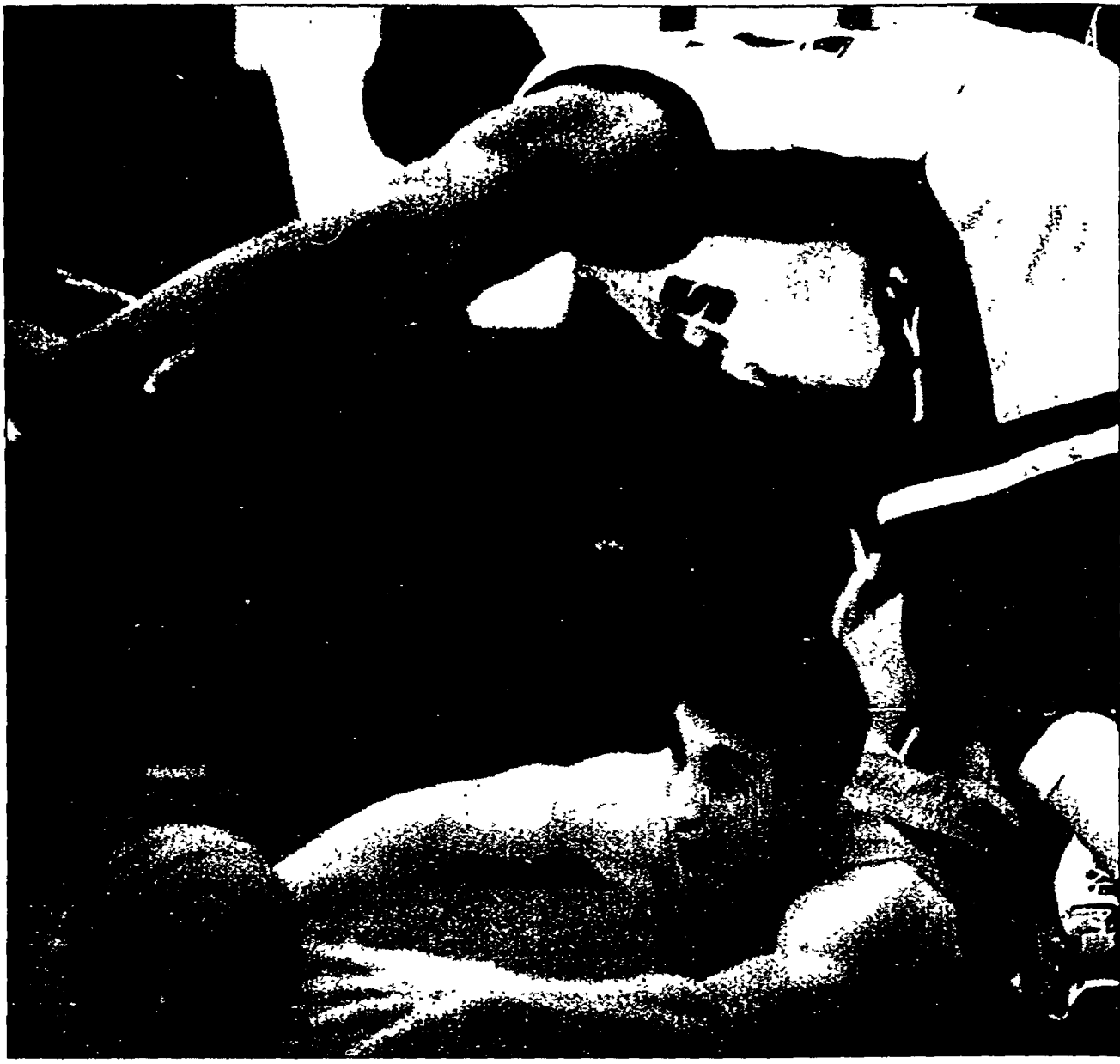
moves, but that's not all they pick up.

"The freshmen see them and their work ethic in the practice room," Balagna said. "They see, 'Wow, I need to work as hard as Brian Baglan is working if I want to be like that or I need to work

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Mustang Mike Rogers and Wildcat Chris Bellamy battle for rebound.



As a Wildcat tries to avoid a collision, Mustang Steve Anderson hits the deck to try to corral a loose ball.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News/Northville Record



A little more than two months after facing off on the football field, Wildcat Tyler Hoover, left, and Mustang Greg Hasse square off on Novi's basketball court.

WRESTLING: Seniors lead way

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like Aaron Towne is working right now and fight through a little injury."

State hopes

With six guys already with double-digit victories, Balagna hopes everyone stays healthy and has a shot at an extended postseason run.

"The confidence just keeps growing and growing," he said. "The sky is the limit. We could

have six guys go to the state meet."

But whatever happens, Balagna is enjoying the ride.

"It's not too often that a coach takes over a program that is loaded with juniors, and then his second year, things start falling into place," Balagna said. "It's just been fun to coach."

"Oh great job coach." It's not coach. It's those guys going out on the mat and performing."

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Mustang wrestlers Matt Ladhoff, top, and Aaron Towne warmup during a recent Friday afternoon practice.



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BASKETBALL: Northville can't overcome long offensive droughts

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Northville took a 24-21 lead into the fourth, but it didn't last for long.

Novi charges ahead

Chris Bellamy hit a three-point shot to pull within 26-24, and Tyler Hoover followed with an inside bucket to tie the game.

Bellamy put the Wildcats ahead to stay with a couple of free throws and a three-pointer for a 31-26 lead with just less than three minutes to play.

Novi went to the free throw line down the stretch and hit 10 of 17 to stay in front.

The Mustangs did pull within four with 26 seconds left on a bucket by Greg Hasse, but the comeback fell short.

Novi went long stretches in the first half without scoring, the Mustangs did the same in the second half.

"Somebody put a cover over the basket," Northville head coach Darrel Schumacher said. "We weren't screening the way we were supposed to, we got a little undisciplined and we didn't take care of the ball."

"We didn't get the clean looks

that we got in the first half."

Leading scorers

Kirkpatrick led the Mustangs with 13 points. Hasse was next with nine.

"I think we're going to be all right," Schumacher said. "I still see possibilities. Our depth is better. I think that there are still guys that we're going to get on the floor that might not have been there tonight."

Bellamy led all scorers with 17, 11 of which came in the fourth quarter on four-of-five free throw shooting a pair of three-pointers.

"We couldn't hit anything. Everything was just brick, brick," Bellamy said of the first half. "Shots finally started dropping, our defense stepped up really big, and we kept our turnovers down."

"This is a big game."

Dean and Hoover each pitched in seven points.

"It's fun. It's a rivalry game," Hoover said. "We get bragging rights the rest of our basketball career."

That is, unless the two meet in the playoffs.

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MUSTANGS ROUNDUP: Hockey offense explodes

By Jeff Thelsen
RECORD SPORT WRITER

The Northville hockey team posted a pair of wins last week, beating Walled Lake Central and Plymouth.

The Mustangs (6-2-1) blanked Central 4-0, with Ted Keranen picking up the shutout.

Alex Belanger scored a pair of goals, and Matt Dembicki and Ross Riehl scored the others. Mike Piotrowski and Matt Kreager each had two assists.

The offense really got rolling in a 7-1 victory against Plymouth.

The Mustangs actually trailed 1-0 before scoring the final seven goals.

Drew Lamoureux tied the game, and TJ Hohl put the Mustangs ahead for good. The remaining goals were scored by Jordan Duff, Kevin Uetz, Derek Raymond, Riehl and Belanger.

Northville Wrestling

The Mustangs (9-1) won by tiebreaker against John Glenn and walloped Walled Lake Central.

Against John Glenn, the teams

wrestled to a 36-all tie, with both teams winning seven matches, but Northville getting the win with five pins to Glenn's four.

"Junior Matt Hagan came through for the team in the end," Northville head coach Jeff Balagna said. "We were trailing by three going into the final match, and he won."

"To beat a team like John Glenn is a big stepping stone for this program. John Glenn finished the league undefeated last year."

The Mustangs didn't let Central keep it close, winning 51-27.

"I was worried there was going to be a let down after the emotional win against John Glenn, but the guys really kept up the intensity," Balagna said.

Northville JV hockey

Teh Northville junior varsity hockey team beat Novi 7-6.

Sean Larabell led the charge with two goals and three assists. Matt Rosiar also scored a pair of goals.

The Mustangs also knocked off Lakeland 4-1.

Jay Kastely, Troy McMullin, Ryan Shafer and Tyler Hooper scored the goals.

NHS SCHEDULE

Boys Basketball

12/20 vs. Canton, 7 p.m.

12/27 at Chelsea, TBA

12/28 at Chelsea, TBA

Girls Basketball

12/20 at Canton, TBA

12/27 at Chelsea, TBA

12/28 at Chelsea, TBA

Wrestling

1/5 at Canton, 9 a.m.

Hockey

12/20 vs. Canton, 7 p.m.

Gymnastics

1/3 at Farmington, 6 p.m.

Boys Swim and Dive

1/10 vs. Stevenson, 7 p.m.

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1/19 Regional at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Cheer

1/12 at Novi, TBA

NORTHVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

Men's winter basketball

10 Games - Sundays, Jan. 6-March 16, 2008
(No Games Feb. 3)

All Sunday games will be at the Recreation Center at Hillside
Thursdays, Jan. 10-March 13, 2008

All Thursday games will be at the Senior Community Center

GAME TIMES:

"A" Div 1, 2, 3, 4 p.m.

"AA" Div 5, 6, 7, 8 p.m.

"B" Div 5, 6, 7, 8 p.m.

Thursday 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 p.m. at the Senior Community Center

LEAGUE STRUCTURE: All Leagues - 8 teams each. Format: Play each team once (7 games). Playoff Brackets based on standings after first 7 games. Playoff (3 games)

TEAM ENTRY FEES: \$475.00 per team (\$100.00 forfeit fee will be refunded at the end of the season if there were no game forfeits). Team loses entire refund if any game is forfeited.

ADDITIONAL FEES: \$25.00 per team, per game is paid to the referee prior to the start of all scheduled league matches or play-off games. \$18.00 per non-Northville resident. Non-resident fees are due any workday before Jan 21, 2008.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:

There are no residency requirements for basketball leagues, but non-residents are subject to the non-resident player fee. A non-resident is a person not living or employed full time with the city, township or school district of Northville.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Open Registration begins December 5, 2007 until the leagues fill, on a first come, first served basis with the registration fee.

MANAGER'S MEETING:

Rules will be discussed at the manager's meeting 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008 at the Recreation Center at Hillside. Any issues will be voted on by manager's attending the meeting. It is recommended that all returning team managers, or a representative, attend this meeting. This meeting is mandatory for new teams.

Non-resident fees can be paid any work day before Jan. 21, 2008 or at the manager's meeting.

Rosters will be turned in to the scorekeeper at your first or second game.

ROSTER SIZE: Maximum of 12 players.

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TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

COST: \$95/\$100/\$105

INSTRUCTOR: John Smith

REGISTER: Registration starts December 12

Three Easy Ways:

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Health

Avoiding holiday weight gain

Another new year is upon us, and with it comes a phenomena known to most of us middle aged adults. This phenomenon comes each and every year.

It sneaks up on us after the tree is down and ornaments are tucked away, after the New Year's party is over and football games and our precious time off and relaxing with the family has ended. It usually arrives when we least expect it, some cold, snowy morning in January when we are just getting dressed for the day; it comes. It's the winter phenomenon known as.... dreaded holiday weight gain.

Experts argue over the exact amount of weight we gain during the holidays, but the fact is weight gain is as much a part of the holidays in the U.S. as eggnog and turkey. Also, with this phenomenon comes the flood of TV and radio advertising with all the latest and greatest weight loss fads. So, I am committing this column to urge you to consider one and only one, simple Five

Step New Year's Resolution in 2008 in the area of physical fitness. Forget the magic pills and machines, forget the latest super programs, forget counting carbs. Let's start with one simple resolution and stick with it.

This resolution will require a nominal investment of about \$5. No memberships, no special locations or special times required. No special training, everyone can do it and you can do it with anyone. Guaranteed improved health and weight loss.

Step One: Purchase a simple pedometer from any sports store, (or steal it from your kids' cereal boxes.)

Step Two: Put it on and count your steps and log them at the end of each day.

Step Three: Add 10 steps from what you walked the day before until you reach a minimum of 10,000 steps a day.

Step Four: Repeat daily- no exceptions and no make up days.

Step Five: (Optional, but recommended) Drag your child along with you; this may require extreme force to remove them from the new gaming system they received for the holidays, proceed with caution.

The rules for steps three and four need to be clear. At night when you are going to bed if you are at the same 5,000 steps from

the day before you must walk around the bedroom to get the ten extra steps before you go to bed. On days you fall short and think, "Well I will walk double tomorrow," that is not allowed; and for you shortcut types, if you exceed 10,000 steps you can't bank them for the following day, but nice try.

At the 21-day point of seeking to reach and maintain your daily step goal, positive and dramatic affects will begin to occur, the primary and lasting one being your thinking. The way you perceive steps will evolve from a negative nuisance (as most the population perceives steps) to a positive activity. No more stalking a shopper leaving the mall just for his perfect parking spot and you won't believe how much less crowded the stairs are next to the escalators. Best of all, for most people this small resolution will result in weight loss and a healthier 2008.

This column was written by fitness expert Chris Klebba. Chris owns and operates Planet Fitness in Northville and Waterford, and is a regular columnist and public speaker. For fitness questions, e-mail planet-fitness@sbcglobal.net and for more information call 248-449-7634 or go to www.planetfitness.com.



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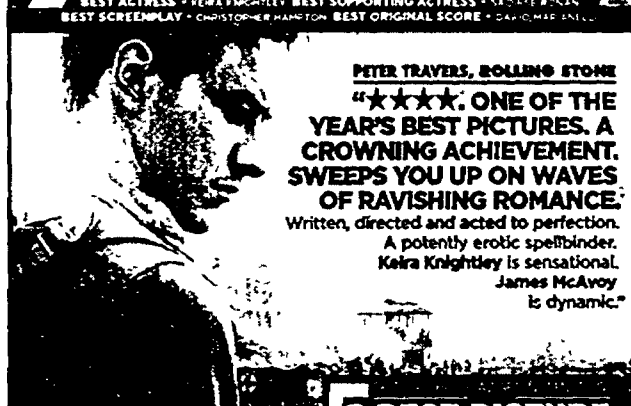
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Mustang Chelsea Atzinger passes the ball to a teammate.

Northville's D preserves win

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville girls basketball team quieted the John Glenn offense and earned a 43-31 victory last Thursday.

Chealsea Atzinger led the Mustangs (2-2) with 11 points and 12 rebounds. Sarah Stern pitched in 10 points and handed out a team-high four assists.

The teams were deadlocked at nine after the first quarter, but Northville jumped out to a 25-17 halftime lead.

The lead grew to 37-38 before the defenses took over. The Mustangs allowed just three points in the final quarter to preserve the win.



Above: Mustang Sarah Stern passes the ball during Tuesday night's away game hosted by Salem High.
Below: Mustangs Chelsea Atzinger, left, and Annie Tasse apply pressure.



Mustang Jackie Konopka in action on Dec.11 at Salem High.



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- 3/4 cup sugar (Maple Grove Maple Sugar is preferable)
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine
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- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 375°F. Combine sugar, butter and egg. Mix in milk, syrup and vanilla. Add flour, baking powder and salt. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto lightly greased baking sheet or ungreased parchment paper. Bake about 12 minutes. "Paste" 2 cookies together with Filling or make "Sandwiches" using ice cream slices between cookies and freeze.

FILLING: Mix together 3/4 cup pure maple syrup, 3/4 cup marshmallow fluff, 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar and 2 tablespoons butter.

Yield: 16+ sandwich cookies, depending upon size

Chocolate Gingerbread Cookies

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 8 tablespoons butter
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger or 1 teaspoon ground
- 1/2 cup Grandma's Original or Robust Molasses
- 4 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 6 ounces chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)
- 1/4 cup crushed peppermint candy canes

Sift flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking soda and cocoa together. Set aside. Cream butter and ginger until light. Stir in molasses and 2 tablespoons sugar. Gradually add flour mixture into butter mixture. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts. Wrap dough in plastic and refrigerate at least 1 hour. Heat oven to 325°F. Roll 1 tablespoon dough into ball with palms and flatten into disks. Dip in crushed candy canes and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar. Place 2 inches apart on baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes. Cool.

Yield: 2 dozen

FAMILY FEATURES

Invite some friends to bring one dozen of their favorite holiday cookie for each invitee, plus more to nibble on at the party. Have containers ready so your guests can take an assortment of bar, drop, sandwich and cutout cookies home.

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Maple Almond Bars

- Crust**
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 egg, at room temperature
- 3 cups unbleached or all-purpose flour

- Topping**
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 3/4 cup Maple Grove Pure Maple Syrup
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 2 cups chopped almonds
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

CRUST: Lightly grease 10- by 15-inch jellyroll pan and set aside. Preheat oven to 375°F.

Cream butter and sugar in large bowl. When light, beat in egg. Add flour, about 1/2 cup at a time, working it in with wooden spoon. Divide dough into four pieces and put one piece in each quadrant of jellyroll pan.

Push dough into pan with floured hands, forming a seamless crust. Keep it as even as possible and work it up sides to top of rim. Cover with plastic and chill 15 minutes. Poke dough 3 or 4 times with fork, then bake 15 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Mix a tiny amount of flour and water together to make thick paste and rub a little into fork holes to close them up.

TOPPING: After crust has cooled about 20 minutes, melt butter in large saucepan. Add maple syrup, brown sugar and honey, bring to a boil. When it boils, add cream and bring back to a boil. Boil 2 minutes. Quickly remove from heat and stir in almonds and vanilla. Pour evenly over crust and bake 20 minutes. It will bubble and darken somewhat. Cool thoroughly on wire rack, cut into bars.

Yield: 2 to 3 dozen bars

Oatmeal Lace Cookies

- 8 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup Grandma's Original Molasses
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup quick or old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Melt butter in saucepan. Remove from heat; stir in milk, molasses and vanilla. Sift together sugar, flour, baking powder and salt. Blend into milk mixture. Stir in oats and nuts. Drop by level teaspoonsfuls 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake 6 to 8 minutes. Cool.

Yield: 6 dozen cookies

Ginger Maple Cutout Cookies

- 2/3 cup vegetable shortening
- 1/3 cup (5 1/3 tablespoons) butter, softened
- 1 cup Maple Grove Pure Maple Syrup, at room temperature
- 1 tablespoon Grandma's Original Molasses
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 4 cups unbleached or whole-wheat flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Cream together shortening and butter in large bowl. Gradually beat in maple syrup, molasses and vanilla. Mix flour, baking soda, salt, ginger, cloves and nutmeg and work them into creamed mixture about 1 cup at a time. Using floured hands, divide dough in half and wrap each half in plastic; flatten each into a disk. Chill at least 2 hours.*

Preheat oven to 350°F and lightly grease baking sheet or line with ungreased parchment paper. Roll dough out, one half at a time, onto sheet of waxed paper, to a little less than 1/4 inch thick. Cut into desired shapes, transfer to baking sheet, and bake 8 to 10 minutes, until bottoms are golden. Cool briefly on sheet, transfer to wire rack to finish cooling. Decorate as desired.

Yield: Varies

*It is important to chill dough at least 2 hours before rolling, otherwise it will be difficult to handle.

Clockwise from bottom right:
Oatmeal Lace Cookies, Chocolate
Gingerbread Cookies, Maple
Almond Bars, Maple Cream
Sandwich Cookies, Ginger
Maple Cutout Cookies

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Some of the students of the Pure Barre Studio practice during one of the several classes taught at the studio on Main Street in Northville.

Northville studio raises fitness bar

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

At first glance, visitors to Pure Barre Studio in the Northville Square on Main Street notice that the business has a boutique look to it because of its retail store.

But the business is much more than selling exercise apparel — it is all about one of the most effective and challenging workouts that a person can experience — the Pure Barre technique, which fuses Lotte Berk exercises, dance and Pilates to create an intense and effective 55 minute workout.

This signature class, taught by several certified instructors, including co-owners Tracey Carlton and Lizz Hill, "is designed to transform your body and your mind," Lizz said.

The Pure Barre technique is one of several classes offered by the studio throughout the year. Other classes include Power Hour, Sculpt, Pilates, Kickboxing, Hip Hop, cardio, and Boot Camp. The signature class is, however, what Tracey and Lizz brag about the most.

"Not only is Pure Barre a form of exercise, it is a stress reliever," said Tracey. "It

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is an hour of mental relief for each participant."

A UNIQUE TECHNIQUE

Pure Barre Studio, which opened in February 2007, is one of only seven studios in the United States that teaches Pure Barre.

Visitors to the studio will notice very little equipment. That's because Pure Barre uses body weight as a form of resistance

and much of the workout is performed using the studio ballet barres and exercise balls/mats.

"Pure Barre is choreographed to popular music and is fast-paced," Lizz said. "The choreography separates us from other classes."

The upbeat music is part of the total package that works muscles that "people didn't know they had," she added. "It is a workout — you will definitely feel it after the first class."

One class participant, Patty from Northville, said, "Pure Barre is very intense — it's hard but you really see results. I belonged to a gym for years, but got better results in a few months at Pure Barre. I've especially seen results in my thighs and waist."

Lizz said she has been using the Pure Barre technique for three years and it never gets easy. "It is always a challenge."

PERSONAL ATTENTION

What makes each class special is the attention given to every participant. The class sizes are small, with a maximum of 15 people. Tracey said the reason for this is to give personal attention to everyone.

Each class can be paid for on an individual basis or as part of a special package. There are no yearly fees or contracts. A complete listing of the classes and prices — offered six days a week during mornings and afternoons — are available online at www.purebarrestudio.com.

"There is a discount if you want to package up classes," Tracey added.

Pure Barre Studio is also offering monthly pricing specials for people interested in getting one of the best workouts ever. If you are interested in learning what

Pure Barre is all about, Tracey and Lizz are offering the first Pure Barre class for free.

Tracey, who grew up in the area, said she is very happy with owning a business in Northville because the people are "real easy going and easy to talk to. I really want to bring something special to the people."

LULULEMON CLOTHING

Part of this special appeal — beyond the Pure Barre instruction — is the retail shop itself. The store carries the popular lululemon athletic clothing and people come from great distances to buy these products.

"Having a clothing line compliments our fitness training because people like to look good and feel good about themselves," Tracey said. She can special order products for customers, too.

But the main allure of the business is what it can do to make people feel good. And that is what motivates Lizz to keep doing what she is doing.

POSITIVE RESULTS

"I enjoy seeing people who experience positive results and who feel better about themselves," she said. "These classes are for people who really want to see results."

Another participant, Amy from Northville, summed up what other people have been saying. "I've noticed changes in my physical appearance since attending Pure Barre — more tone, muscle and less flab," she said. "What I like most about the Pure Barre studio are the classes and the great gals who teach."

If you want to feel better about yourself and see positive results, stop by or call Pure Barre Studio in the Northville Square — and begin 2008 with a good feeling.



The co-owners of Pure Barre Studio, from left, Lizz Hill and Tracey Carlton, show off some of the exercise routines using the Pure Barre technique.



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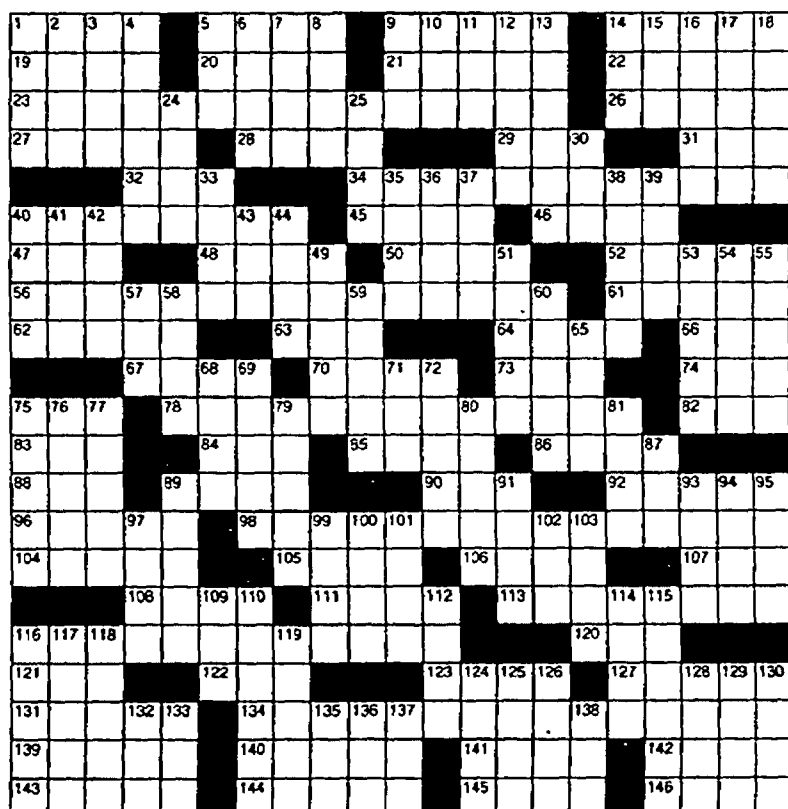
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70 Shoe part
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78 VIRGINIA
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53 "All in the Family" spin-off
54 Playful fisherman
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57 NASA
58 "Confound it!"
59 Order of the czar
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63 Try again
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Horses & Equipment (7646)

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Alaskan Husky? 12/15, older,
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