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'Leaves of Grass' sculpture needs a location

■ \$19,000 paid for 8-foot piece

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Lori Ward knows Northville has already made a name for itself as an art-friendly community.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director and DDA board members will add to that reputation with the addition in the near future of a new piece for the city - a sculpture titled, "Leaves of Grass."

The DDA Board reported last month that the sculpture has been delivered, with the next step being selecting a location for it.

The DDA paid for the approximately \$19,000, 8-foot, all-copper sculpture. The selection of the sculpture was facilitated by the Northville Arts Commission under the direction of former chairman Ken Naigus.

"He had a particular passion for public art," said Sue Taylor, Northville Arts Commission sec-

The structure, created by Berkeley artist Brian Ferriby, is being stored at the Northville



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville DDA director Lori Ward and DPW director Jim Gallogly take a look at the sculture titled, "Leaves of Grass," that the DDA purchased for the city. The sculpture will be placed in the downtown area.

Department of Public Works yard leaf forms," Ferriby said. He's until DDA Board members, with the assistance of city staff mem-

bers, can pick a location for it.

been working on the sculpture off and on for about three years.

Jim Gallogly, DPW director, "It's an abstract piece based on said one location being consid-

ered is the park by Poole's Tavern, but other locations will be reviewed after the first of the year.

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Dog Park extended

■ City Council: Owners must follow set rules

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Northville dog owners got an early Christmas present on Dec. 17 when the city council approved the continuation of the Cady Street Dog Park.

The park, located behind the Northville Art House and near the Northville Post Office, will remain open indefinitely.

City council decided to extend the use of the dog park until city officials decide the park should have another use.

The park was a controversial issue when discussions about it began several years ago. The park opened in May 2003 and has operated on a year-to-year basis with city council approval.

Northville Township has a dog park in Community Park at Five Mile and Beck roads that opened

Since the parks fall under the jurisdiction of Northville Parks and Recreation, which serves both the city and the township. one pass gets dog owners into

Resident Heidi Bulich complained about odor and the possibility of dog urine contaminating the property. But soil samples were negative, according to park supporters.

David and Anna Hay, whose property at 262 Wing Court adjoins the dog park, wrote a letter opposing the park. They complained about barking and dogs allegedly getting into fights in the park.

Park users said these incidents were just examples of normal dog play.

Dog owners like the Cady Street park because of its proximity to downtown Northville. All costs of the park are covered by user fees.

This is a tough one," said Nancy Darga, councilmember. We hear the concerns of the residents but understand the users'



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northwile

The Northville Dog Park off of Cady Street has received a continuation of its operations from city council.

wishes, as well."

Darga believes the park could be better screened from neighbors by adding such elements as evergreens.

Bulich would like to have the property returned to its former state as open space where children could run, play and build snowmen and forts in the snow.

'The property has been privatized for the dog owners' use," Bulich said. "There used to be football games played there every Saturday. What our children need today is unstructured

More than 100 people use

Shirley Halas, a 12-year resident of the city, said more than 100 city residents use the Cady Street Dog Park. Traci Sincock, director of parks and recreation,

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Downtown traffic gets another look

Left from northbound Center at Main one possibility

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

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Members of the Northville Downtown Development

Authority (DDA) Board of Directors recently approved a \$5,200 traffic study in Northville.

The study will look at possible improvements to the intersection of Center and Main Street. As the DDA continues its downtown improvement plan, the next step is to address street and streetscape improvements. City officials will need to know if dedicated turn lanes are possible on Center Street at Main Street while still providing enough sidewalk space.

The study includes \$800 for traffic counting at downtown intersections, which has already been done, plus an additional \$4,400.

The study will also analyze the possibility of making Mary Alexander Court a two-way

street. Staff from Spalding DeDecker

Associates, Inc., an engineering firm with expertise in traffic engineering, will perform the study.

Sherri Mewha, DDA board member, believes placing stop signs for east-west drivers on Main Street approaching Wing Street also needs to be addressed.

However, staff from the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA) of Oakland County recently performed a study that included this

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Northville's school elections move to November

Cost-savings at the forefront of decision

Jason Carmel Davis STAFF WRITER

Members of the Northville Public School District (NPS) Board of Education Dec. 19 voted to move their school board elections from every May to every

November in a switch that may save the district between \$17,500 and \$25,000 each year, depending on what else is on the ballot.

The board voted, 4-1, with Trustee Judy Handley dissenting and Treasurer Ken Roth and Trustee Marilyn Price not present, to make the change after several discussions had taken place on the issue, as several neighboring districts previously opted for the November date. A number of Wayne and Oakland county districts have already complied with

the measure, as 15 of 34 Wayne

County districts and 12 Oakland County districts have made the change from May to November, district Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said.

"To say (the move) is forever would be a sweeping stance to make."

Leonard Rezmierski

Northyille Public School District Superintendent

"We've spent a lot of time on this, and I'm absolutely comfortable with the decision," board going to do.

President Joan Wadsworth said. "I've been most concerned with the district saving money if we

move elections to November, and it looks like that's what we're John Street, Northville schools'

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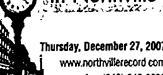
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How to get people to Northville?

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■ DDA to review wayfinding study

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Nancy and Mike Darga would like to draw more motorists off the highways to downtown

And the new city councilmember and her husband believe the best way to do that is to show them how to get

With that in mind, the Dargas recently presented a City of Northville Directional Sign Study at no charge to the city.

Nancy Darga, who owns Fortunate Land Planning & Design at 516 N. Center St. in downtown Northville, and Mike Darga, a local road engineer, spent about \$6,000 worth of time performing the study.

Their efforts included survey work, photography, research on regulations and proposal development.

Members of the Northville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board and city officials will begin reviewing some of the Dargas' suggestions in the near future.

The Dargas hope to partner with Doug Bingham, the other newly-elected councilmember, and State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville), who have been working on getting more signs that point to downtown Northville on I-275.

They would also like to see the city partner with other entities, such as Northville Downs, Maybury Park and Schoolcraft College in Livonia, to create more and better directional signs to downtown Northville.

After completing their study, the Dargas identified nine key locations where better signs are currently needed to direct to the city



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Michael and Nancy Darga are hoping to simplify and reduce some of the road signs leading in to Northville like those at this intersection of Old Novi Road and Baseline.

Northville:

• Eight Mile eastbound west

of Taft Road, • Eight Mile westbound east

of Center Street, · Novi Road southbound at

Eight Mile Road, • Eight Mile westbound east of Griswold Road,

· Griswold and Baseline

• Eight Mile westbound west of Haggerty Road,

 Seven Mile westbound east of Haggerty Road,

· Sheldon Road northbound

south of Five Mile Road and Seven Mile westbound west of and at Northville Road.

"Our tourists get lost..."

Lori Ward, director of the Northville DDA, agrees that better wayfinding signs are needed for the city. "Our tourists get lost on the highways getting to Northville," she

said. Besides taking an in-depth look at Northville's signs, the Dargas also reviewed signs in other communities, such as Plymouth,

Brighton and Howell. Nancy Darga noted that the city of Plymouth spent \$70,000 plus another \$16,000 for a design study

Plymouth also uses structures such as decorative poles to attach

Brighton has incorporated a special logo design comprised of four lowercase "b's" in their directional signage, which lends continuity and artistic appeal to the community's directional signs.

Greg Presley, DDA chair, noted at the Dec. 18 DDA Board meeting that Northville did have a sign plan at one point, but it was never rolled

Pat Sullivan, Northville city manager, believes the DDA needs to prioritize what signs are needed most. "I don't think it's an exotic solution to the problem (of how to get more people to Northville); it's a thought-out solution," Sullivan said.

Ward noted that the DDA already has \$30,000 earmarked for a signage program in the organizations' Design Committee.

Presley would like for members of this committee to recommend what signs should be erected first in the wayfinding project.

"We want to get people into Northville," Nancy Darga said.

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Paving company sues NCF

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Owners of a Royal Oak-based contractor, Flynn Paving Company, are suing the Northville Community Foundation (NCF) for failure to pay for work done at Maybury Farm.

The Record received documentation last week showing that the lawsuit was filed on March 30, 2007, in Wayne County Circuit Court. The suit claims that the NCF did

not pay for an undisclosed amount of paving work done at the farm earlier this year.

The company, which opened in 1963, does concrete and asphalt paving. Michael Flynn is the president of the firm.

Kevin Elias, Flynn's Sterling Heights attorney in the case, could not be reached for comment last week, nor could members of the NCF Board.

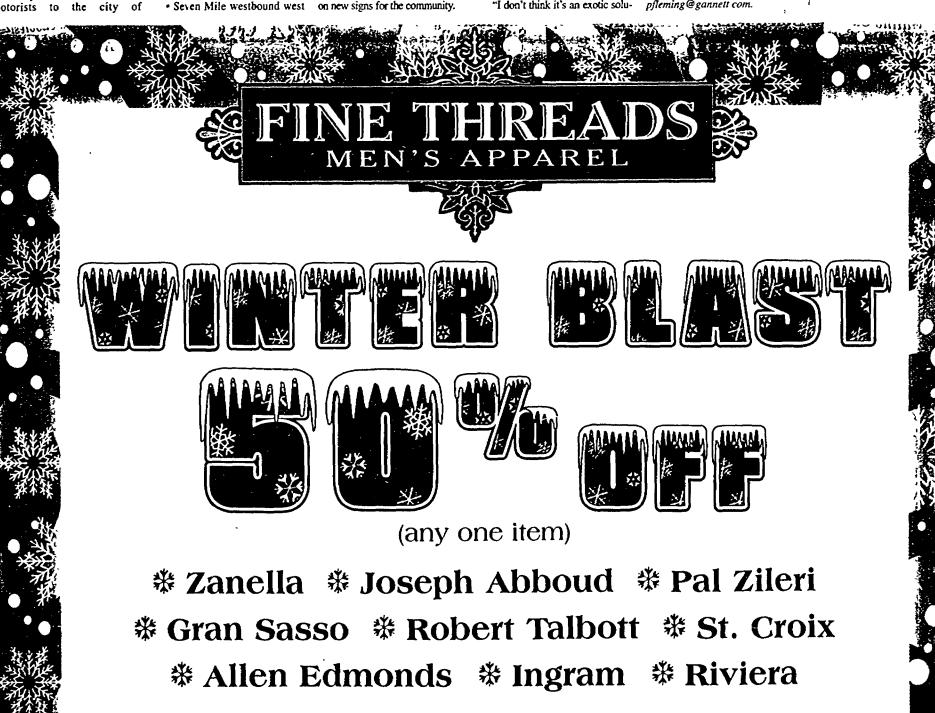
In November, the Voices for Maybury Farm sent petitions with about 1,000 signatures recently to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in Lansing.

The petition states that the undersigned are not satisfied with how the Maybury Farm has been run since the fire in 2003.

It also states that they are specifically concerned about: lack of accessibility; lack of financial accountability; lack of community involvement: the firing of Farmer John Beemer; quality of animal conditions since his departure; and the secrecy regarding the future direction of the farm.

The petition asks the DNR and/or the Michigan Attorney General's office investigate the matter.

The Voices for Maybury Farm, under the direction of Susan Greenlee, will meet from 3:30-5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 13, at the Northville District Library.



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■ Downtown traffic gets another look

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were not needed.

In 1967, a group of concerned citizens and officials created this traffic association to reduce the county's rapidly increasing traffic toll.

In its nearly 40 years, TIA has functioned as a nonprofit, public-private corporation that provides traffic safety leadership in Oakland County and nearby communities in Macomb and Wayne counties.

Gary Goss, city of Northville chief of police, told the board there are less than four accidents a year at the intersection of Main and Wing streets.

"It doesn't meet the warrants for stop signs," Goss said.

But, with increased traffic since the development of Northville Square, many drivers traveling east and west on Main Street think they have to stop even though there are no signs.

Goss said the confusion may be greater for westbound traffic, because they believe they must stop at the intersection as they are leaving the downtown area and because there are crosswalks at the intersection.

"People do respect crosswalks in our city," Goss said. "We're very fortunate, because in some areas they don't."

Goss said just because the TIA study doesn't recommend it doesn't mean the city can't place stop signs at this particular intersection.

The study includes \$800 for traffic counting at downtown intersections, which has already been done, plus an additional \$4,400.

The DDA has \$10,000 in an account designated for traffic studies, and none of this money has been used yet.

Town Square project update

In a review of the Town Square project on Main Street, DDA Director Lori Ward said the project came out with an \$11,000 surplus in funding after the \$25,000 in extra funds approved in October.

The bowls in the fountain, however, still have to be purchased, and several credits were



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

The City of Northville is again considering a change to northbound Center Street traffic at Main Street to allow a left hand turn.

received.

These included a credit on the planters that were originally ordered that couldn't be delivered from California in time for the Oct. 20 opening and temporary construction lighting that McCarthy & Smith paid.

Some electrical, heating and paving issues are yet to be addressed at the site as well

addressed at the site, as well.

A permanent sound system was also not put in place before the opening of the square.

Staff from Signature Audio in Wixom plan to meet with DDA staff to provide estimates on the cost of a permanent system to be installed in the future. There are also plans for the Town Square to feature wireless Internet service.

Ramps that would provide accessibility to the square to handicapped persons have also not been installed yet.

Project designers are also looking at tables and chairs to be placed in the Town Square next spring or summer.

"They're looking at putting in 28 tables — some for two people and some for four people," Ward said. "There will be some benches placed in the square until the furniture is selected," she added.

Ward said the Oct. 20 Townie Night was a success, and downtown merchants have suggested repeating such an event once a month in the summer.

Ward announced that the DDA's reformatted newsletter also has a new name — the Northville Times — and that the free publication has more than 1,000 readers.

Northville Record staff writer Pam Fleming can be reached at

■ Sculpture: Location for 'Leaves of Grass' needed

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reviewed after the first of the

Ferriby is represented by the River Gallery at 120 S. Main Street in downtown Chelsea. For more information about his work, call the gallery at (248) 433-0826.

"His work is very strong from an architectural standpoint, but with a bit of whimsy," said Patti Schwarz, one of the owners of the River Gallery. "It's ideal for outdoor settings."

A native of Farmington Hills, Ferriby earned a master's of fine art degree from Cranbrooke Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. He also has bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture from University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Currently, he's working on other commissioned public art pieces.

"Public art has shown to be beneficial to business," Ferriby said. "People will travel from other communities to see it, and many cities have added interest to their communities through the use of public art."

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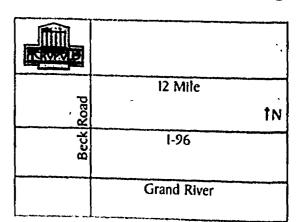
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Council works to improve inspections

Committee may be formed

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Rick Starling, building official for the city of Northville, has supposedly returned to work full time.

But, the department received so many complaints while he was on medical leave that city leaders have decided to develop ways to more effectively resolve disagreements over building code issues.

At the Nov. 19 council meeting. members heard from five people who raised concerns about building. plumbing and heating inspections in the city.

Council then directed city administrators to investigate the com-

plaints and report back. Over the last few weeks, discus-

Dog park

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said at least 40 households use the

"We only have a few dog parks in the area," Halas said. "This is some

Sally Keys, who lives on Sherrie

Lane north of Eight Mile Road, and

her dog, Sandy, are frequent visi-

place for me and my dogs to go."

extended

Cady Street Dog Park.

tors to the park. She provides an orientation to new dog-park users before they bring their pets to Cady

and others who read accounts of the

complaints in the Record and came

Administrators spent several

hours reviewing files and interview-

ing the inspectors to gather informa-

Pat Sullivan, city manager, said

many of the issues raised at the

November meeting were discussed

at previous meetings with him, indi-

vidual complainants and inspectors

Most of the complaints were

about disagreements with the inspectors' interpretation of the

building, plumbing or heating

codes. Two of the complainants

asked that an appeals process be

established to review code decisions

However, Sullivan said such a

process is already available under

they want to challenge.

the building code

forward with comments.

present.

"We are pleased that the dog park has been continued and understand that we must continue to be good neighbors and good citizens, which seems very reasonable,"

Keys said. "It's a safe place," said dog owner Marlene Danol. "We take

care of it and enjoy it." A resident of King's Mill Cooperative off of Northville Road

sions have taken place with the complainants, the city's inspectors city appointed such a board under. city appointed such a board under. the old building code; there are four members serving five-year terms with one vacancy.

However, Northville Fire Chief Jim Allen said the board has only met twice in 10 years.

The new Single State Code Act says the appeals board must have three-seven appointed members who serve only two-year terms.

Given the nature of the recent complaints, it would seem that the Construction Board of Appeals. with the appropriate members appointed and trained, could play a key role in resolving disputes between our inspectors and the interested parties who might disagree with their interpretation." Sullivan said.

There are further appeals beyond the local level, such as the State Construction Code Commission in

Sullivan recommended that council fill the three vacancies on the Construction Board of Appeals with qualified people and to call on the state commission when code interpretations are disputed.

He also suggested an ad-hoc committee to review building department matters and make suggestions in development issues.

"These issues involve not only the complaints mentioned here, but also the complaints of those who feel the city is too lax in is enforcement of ordinances and building codes," Sullivan said.

Council approved the recommendations to fill the appeals board vacancies and form a new ad-hoc committee to review building issues.

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Snow day Ray Hibbler hauls his granddaughter Jadeyn, 2, up the snowy slopes of Cass Benton Park on a Monday morning as a lot of winter lovers took advantage of the Dec. 16 accumulation to get in some sledding.

who is handicapped said, for her, the Cady Street Dog Park is easier to use than the township's since it's closer to home.

"It brings people to the down-town," she said. "This is good for the city and the neighborhood." New residents Cary and Joyce Pianin, who live nearby on West

Street, support the park. The park has become our backyard," said Joyce Pianin. "We love

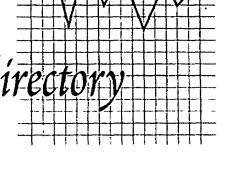
it, and we use it." Councilmember Michele Fecht agreed that it's not great the dog

park abuts people's backyards, but Mayor Chris Johnson thinks it's still a good use for the community. "I think it's an attractive area that's been well kept by dog park

users," Johnson said. "I think it's time for this city to come to an agreement to have a dog park in the city," Darga said. "We need to be good neighbors to each other and make it work."

It was suggested by council that an annual report by the Parks and Recreation staff be presented on

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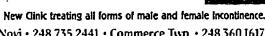
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Northville Downtown Development Authority Director Lori Ward looks at the marquis of Northville's Marquis Theatre, which will soon host a classic film series, starting with "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

'Movies at the Marquis' series to bring classics to downtown

■ Free tickets available Jan. 3

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Those who love classic movies won't want to miss a new series about to begin in downtown Northville.

"Movies at the Marquis," presented by the Northville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Northville Chamber Commerce, will showcase 10 select classic movies each Saturday night from Jan. 19 (except March 22) through March 29.

The historic theater is located at 135 E. Main St.

The series is being sponsored by. Tom Holzer Ford and several participating downtown mer-

There is no charge for the tickets, which will only be

RICHARD ARTHUR BOOMS

Age 80, died in Vero Beach Florida on

December 15, 2007. He is survived

by his beloved wife of 51 years,

Florence (nee Connarn); children:
Raymond (Pam) Booms, Richard
(Amy) Booms, Tom (Judi) Booms,
Ruth Ann (Mike) Jirasek, Tim
(Lorraine) Booms, Mary (Sean)
Sellers; 17 grandchildren and 5
great-grandchildren. Mr. Booms
graduated from the University of
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Detroit with a degree in Civil Engineering. He owned and operated

Excavation Engineering, Inc. for 30

years. The Funeral Mass will be cele-

brated at Our Lady of Victory in Northville, Michigan, January 4, 2008, at 11am. Burial will be at Mt.

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available at the particular business sponsoring each movie.

Tickets are limited since the theater seats only 375 people. Any tickets not distributed will be available at the theater

prior to show time. Everyone has a list of favorite classic films they could watch over and over again, so why not see a few of them the way they were meant to be seen - on the big screen at the theater.

The theater invested about \$25,000 to upgrade its equipment so that the DVDs can be shown.

Movie lovers can relive some of the timeless films featuring many of the greatest movie stars of all time - including Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart. Cary Grant, James Stewart, James Dean, Judi Dench, Gwyneth Paltrow, Glenn Close, William Hurt and Geoffrey

Show time is 7:30 p.m. for all viewings.

The "Movies at the Marquis"

series is open to guests age 5 and older.

Following is the film sched-

· Jan. 19, "Breakfast at Tiffany's," sponsored by Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main St. (The business plans to have a special breakfast the morning of the

• Jan. 26, "The Big Chill," sponsored by Scottie's Kitchen.

149 N. Center St.
• Feb. 2, "To Kill A Mockingbird," sponsored by Northville Candle & Gift, 124 N. Center St.

· Feb. 9, "Shakespeare in Love," sponsored by gg Resort Boutique, 133 W. Main St. Ste.

· Feb. 16, "Rear Window,"

sored by Swearingen Portraits, 120 W. Main St., Ste.

· March i, "To Catch A Thief," sponsored by Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 133 W. Main St., Ste. 201 · March 8, "Some Like It

Hot," sponsored by Lorla's, 142 N. Center St. · March 15, "Rebel Without A Cause," sponsored by

Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main St. · March 29, "Casablanca," sponsored by Starring: The

Gallery, 118 W. Main St. For more information and updates on "Movies at the Marquis," visit www.down-

townnorthville.com. Northville Record staff writer sponsored. by Margo's of Pam. Eleming. can be reached at Northville, 141 E. Cady St. (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or Feb. 23, "Sabrina," spon in Tilleming @gannett.com.



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Come celebrate Northville Nite at Hillside

Northville-area families can enjoy a night close to home on New Year's Eve at the 11th annual Northville Nite at the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School.

The event, organized each year by Northville Parks and Recreation staff, will take place at the school at 700 W. Baseline Road - located at the southwest corner of Eight Mile Road and Center Street — and is an annual tradition for local families.

The event will feature a variety of carnival games, a band and coffee house from Oak Pointe Church, woodcrafts from Home Depot, art projects from Abrakadoodle, face-painting Abrakadoodle, face-painting from Oddzin Ends, entertainers, huge inflatable games and more.

Make sure you stay until 8

p.m. because you can't miss the event's special New Year's Eve

countdown. The event will take place from 4:30-8 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$2 for tots ages 1-2; \$10 for children ages 3-17 and \$5 for adults, age 18 and older.

The office, which is located by the back of Hillside Middle School, will be open for ticket sales today and Friday from 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Traci Sincock, Northville Parks and Recreation director, said tickets often sell out before the event. But, if any tickets are available, they will be sold at the

For more information, call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203.

Carnivale benefits Art House Feb. 2

Be a pART of Northville's social event of the year on Feb. 2. A Venetian Carnivale will take place at the historic 1929 English Tudor home of Dr. William Demray DDS, at 800 Griswold, from 7 p.m. to midnight to benefit the Northville Art House.

Experience the magic of a Venetian Carnivale as this stately home is transformed into the splendor and glamour of this Italian tradition - complete with strolling dinner, music, entertainment, special surprises and original Venetian-style art for exhibit and sale created by local artists.

Mary Brady, of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi, will cater this elegant evening and Orin Jewelers will present a very special auction of vintage jewelry. Formal attire or Venetian costume is suggested.



Venetian Eve II, transpar-

ent watercolor, by Edee Joppich of W. Bloomfield.

Tickets to this event are just \$100 per person and are limited. Please call (248) 344-0497 today to reserve your tickets or visit the Northville Art House during open gallery hours of 1-5 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays.

This event is also being sponsored by the law firm of Liedel, Grinnan & Liedel.

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LASTING TRADITIONS: Spreading holiday cheer

By Tracy Estes-Mishler SPECIAL WRITER

Katie Brown is a true believer

And she's proved this by carrying on a holiday tradition she started 12 years ago by bringing together mothers and daughters for some memorable and meaningful holiday cheer.

Brown, of Novi, and her daughters, Sarah, 14, and Nicole, 9, who attend Northville schools, each year host a mother-anddaughter holiday brunch with a seasonal play or musical to fol-

"It started off small, but now about 50 moms and daughters have joined us in our tradition," Brown said.

Aside from good food and friendly faces, Brown also selects a charity or organization to support each year with past organizations including Civic Concern Haven, in Pontiac, and the Sweet Dreams Foundation.

This year, Brown decided it would be a good idea to honor a neighbor who attends the holiday brunch and was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

As a holiday craft, the daughters made more than 20 colorful centerpieces and the mothers wrote inspirational messages for breast cancer patients at Novi's Providence Hospital Infusion Center. Lee Ann Adam, of Northville, and her business, Flower Alley, in Novi, donated all supplies for the arrangements.

This really hit home this year," Brown said. "Not a single one of us has not been, or will be, touched by someone with breast

"When I was a kid, (breast cancer) wasn't as prevalent. Now, I do think there is a huge awareness, and it's important for the kids to know this is a beatable disease."

Lasting traditions

This year, after brunch and holiday music orchestrated by Brown's son, Kyle, 16, and University of Detroit friends Patrick Levandowski and Justin Malkowski, the women attended Northville's Tipping Point Theatre production of "Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings."

We've seen everything from the Nutcracker and Christmas Carol to the Radio City Rockettes on our 10-year anniversary," Brown said. "We love our day together, but I think even more, we love the opportunity to truly spread some good cheer during the holiday season."

Lissa Chartier, of Farmington Hills, attended the brunch with her two daughters, Diana, 14, and Elizabeth, 9

Chartier said the brunch reminds her of the days when women would get together once a year or more and knit blankets or scarves while talking and spending time together.

I'm one of those traditional people, and we all look forward to this day every year," Chartier said. "We've watched our children grow up together, and this is a great way of bonding and catch-

Chartier said over the years, all the mothers are able to see each other in the different stages of

"It's comforting," she said. "To me, the charity support is a won-derful influence, but the neatest part is the women being together and helping each other in the different stages of life."

Carrying on traditions

Brown said she hopes her daughters, Sarah and Nicole, continue to carry on the holiday mother-and-daughter brunch in

She said many kids might think certain traditions are silly; but, as an adult, they might look back and realize how important those traditions were.

"My daughter said to me the other day, 'Boy, mom, we do have a lot of traditions," Brown

"I hope they do continue to carry on this tradition. Now they think it's special, and I'm hoping they still do years from now.'

Sarah Brown said she looks forward to having all the mothers and daughters over to her house every year.

"It's not just another party," Sarah said. "It's part of our life. It's something I know will happen every year.'

Sarah said she looks forward to seeing all her friends she normally doesn't get to see on a regular

basis due to traveling distance.

There's meaning behind (this tradition)," she said. "She (mom) did it when she was younger, and I'd like to see it keep going as

Submitted photo

Sarah Brown, Katie Brown and Nicole Brown.



CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Northville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 15, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300.

The purpose of this public hearing will be to consider a rezoning from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Central Business District (CBD) for lots 170, 171, 172, 173, 174a and 175a located on the south side of Caty Street between South Center and Griswold. These lots include the site of

the previously approved Cambridge PUD.

The rezoning application is available for review through the City of Northvitle Building Department during normal business hours of 8 00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments will also be received at the above address during normal busi-

> CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR MASTER PLAN UPDATE

on January 15, 2008 at 7.30 P.M. at the City of Northwile Municipal Building, 215 W. Main St., Northwile, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300.

The purpose of this public hearing will be to consider comments regarding the Master Plan Update and the draft Addendum to the 2000 City of

The draft plan is available for review through the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8.00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments concerning this document will also be accepted by the City at the above

The City of Northville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing

(12-27-07 NR 392393)

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CITY CLERK

Winchester scouts best 82 packs

■ Popcorn money to go toward scouting activities

By Jason Carmel Davis STAFF WRITER

The boys in Winchester Elementary School Cub Scout pack 903 have taken part in a number of activities this year that exemplify what it means to be a scout.

Through a number of events food drives, serving as bell ringers for The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign and assisting with a toy drive for Children's Hospital of Detroit — the youngsters have been given the opportunity to show people what being a scout is all about; citizenship, training and character development and person-

Their efforts in giving back have come back to the boys, as they sold more than \$20,000 worth of popcom — the most in a district of 83 packs. The troop bested the second-place pack by about \$8,000, Duhn said, and the group reached the \$20,000 mark with the promise of incentives to sell, such as a Lazer Tag party for the den that sold the most popcorn and a Domino's Pizza for every scout who sold at scouts also were able to select prizes from Trail's End popcorn, said Gabriella Duhn, coordinator of

the popcorn sale. "Cub Scouts means 'doing," Duhn said. "Everything in Cub Scouting is designed to have the boys doing things. Our pack strongly believes in all the Cub Scout principles, and that's why we strive to give back to the communi-

go toward funding scouting activi-

committee (LLRC).

and 4:30 p.m.

(12-27-07 NR 392988)

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE #12-3-07

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 12-3-07 - adding Chapter 5 Alcoholic Beverages, Article I in General and Article II Liquor Management to the Northville Code of Ordinances. The purpose of the ordinance is to

flow the City to establish and administer a policy for the issuance and transfer of Class C type liquor licenses and permits; provide for the enforcement of liquor laws, regulations and ordinances; to manage the

number of liquor licenses in the city, and create the liquor license review

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on December 3, 2007 and was adopted by the City Council on December 17, 2007. The ordinance was introduced for first reading on December 17, 2007. The ordinance was adopted by the City Council on December 17, 2007.

nance shall become effective on December 28, 2007, which is the day fol-

lowing publication. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville,

Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OF NORTHVILLE

NOTICE TO THE ABSENTEE VOTERS

OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OF NORTHVILLE

WAYNE, COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Northville who wish to vote in the January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary

but are unable to attend the polls, applications for absentee ballots are

being accepted at the Township Clerk's office, 44405 Six Mile Road,

your application by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2008. The Township Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, January 12 from 9:00 a m. until 2:00 p.m. to accept absentee applications.

Absence ballots must be returned to the Township Clerk by 8:00 p.m. election night, January 15, 2008. Any voter who is unable to mail or deliver his or her absence ballot to the Clerk should contact the Clerk's office

If you wish to have your ballot mailed to you, the clerk must receive

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of



Submitted photo Members of Winchester -**Elementary School Cub** Scout pack 903 recently sold more than \$20,000 worth of

number of prizes. ties that promote family involvement, such as bowling, golfing, hay

popcorn that earned them a

rides, and camping. "Apart from the fun and excitement of scouting activities, the Cub sense of belonging," Duhn said.

"So next time you are asked to buy some popcom from a Cub Scout, know that you are supporting a wholesome organization that promotes building strong young men who, hopefully, one day will become upstanding citizens in our

Northville Record staff writer Jason Carmel Davis can be reached Duhn said the money earned will at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108, or jasondavis@gannett.com.

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DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS **HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS**

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will close early on Friday, December 14th at 3.00 p.m. and will re-open on Monday,

December 17th at 8:00 a.m. Additionally, the administrative offices will be closed on the following days in observance of the holidays:

Monday, December 24th Tuesday, December 25th Tuesday, January 1st

Residents wishing to pay their taxes before year-end can do so up until closing at 4:30 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2007. The Department of Public Safety (Police and Fire) will remain

(12-13/27-07 NR 389923)

SUE A. HILLEBRAND CLERK

CITY OF NORTHVILL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Northville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 15, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to solicit comments and consideration of a special land use application for office functions asso-ciated with the Northville Historical Society and the New Hope Grief Support office located at 315 Griswold (Tax Id #48-001-04-0719-000). The special use is considered in accordance with Section 3.03 and Section 16 01 of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance.

The application for special use is available for review through the City

of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8.00 a.m. until 4.30 p m, Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments concerning the proposed use will also be accepted by the City at the above address.

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CITY CLERK

(12-27-07 NR 393153)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **BLOCK GRANT FUNDS** FY 2008 -2009 PROJECTS

On Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville conducted a public hearing. At their regularly scheduled meeting on this date, the board approved the follow-ing projects for FY 2008-2009 CDBG Funds, with an estimated \$105,000 to be awarded:

\$16,000 Public Services

These funds will be used for the on-going Senior Critzen programs, such as, but not limited to; bus services, tele-care, newsletter and program coordinator. \$44,000 Housing Rehabilitation

These funds will be used to assist low and moderate income households in the rehabilitation of their homes.

\$14,500 Housing Rehabilitation - Minor Home Repair Grants These funds will be used to assist low and moderate income households in the rehabilitation of their homes through minor home repair

\$20,000 Allen Terrace Rehabilitation These funds will be used for multiple projects to be accomplished for safety and security purposes at the Allen Terrace Senior Housing

\$10,500 Administration The final Statement has been prepared and is available for the public at the Northville Township Civic Center, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167-9670.

(12-27-07 NR 393280)

SUE A. HILLEBRAND CLERK

SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 20, 2007 REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, December 20, 2007 7:00 p.m. (Closed Session)

address during normal business hours.

(12-27-07 NR 392392)

Regular meeting resumed at 7:30 pm.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road ALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order

at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Mary Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad

CLOSED MEETING: (7:00 p.m.) Motion to enter into Closed Session as permitted under the Open Meetings Act (PA 267) of 1976 or MCL 15.261) to discuss union negotiations. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas: A. Consent and Regular Agendas - approved.

Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements: A. Kellianne Nagy - Re-appointment to Board of Review

approved. · B. Kathleen Leo · Appointment to Election Board of Canvassers

C. James Petrie - Appointment to Election Board of Canvassers

 D. Ken Romine - Re-appointment to NYA - approved.
 Paul Slatin - Appointment to ZBA - approved. Martha Snow - Appointment to Planning Commission -

approved. Resolution for Donald Samhat - approved and presented.

Resolution for Mary Gans - approved and presented. Resolution for Lisa Anderson - approved and presented.

CDBG 2008 Budget Public Hearing - public hearing held.
 Set 1st public hearing for Street Light SAD for Ravines

Subdivision - public hearing set for January 17, 2008.

4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: None. A. Planning Commission recommendation for PetsMart -

approved. B. Heslip's Corner - Bike path Maintenance Agreement/

Resolution - approved Elevated Tank - pay request #7 - approved.

D. Booster Water Station - pay request #7 - approved.

E. Northville Community Park Drainage Project - Progress pay-

Year-end Budget Amendments - approved. G. Receive Street Light SAD Petrtion for Ravines Subdivision

accepted H. 2008 Water and Sewer Forecast/Rate Adjustment - approved

Seven Mile Road Sanitary Sewer Extension - approved (6-1).

J. The Senior Athance (TSA) dues for 2008 - approved.
K. Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) dues for 2008 approved.

M. Decision from closed session - approve union contract with

N. Three Generations Plaza - Utility Easements - approved

Unfinished Business: None.

A. Amendment to Business Licensing Ordinance - approved

B. Amendments to Zoning Ordinance - approved.

Bills Payable:

A. Bills payable in the amount of \$2,609,447.10 - approved.

9. Board Communication & Reports: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen Marjorie Banner, Mary Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner, Chip Snider.

10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: A. Motion to authorize the Clerk to prepare a resolution in opposition to HB 4401 and send it to our representatives in Lansing.

B. Appointment of Marjorle Banner to the EDC and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Commission - approved.

11. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
A draft of the minutes will be available in the Clerk's office after

January 7, 2008. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: (12-27-07 NR 393449) SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CMC

(12-27-07 NR 391297)

at 248-348-5800 ext. 10201, for assistance.

approved.

GIFT of LIFE

■Northville man donates kidney to lifelong friend

By Jason Carmel Davis STAFF WRITER

About 90,000 people die each year waiting for a kidney transplant.

Those in need of the procedure are placed on a waiting list, and a number of factors hinge on whether or not someone is a match. Once it is determined that donor and recipient are compatible, the surgery takes place.

But so many things have to fall into place before the surgery can proceed: blood types have to match, and donors can't have a certain number of arteries lining into their own kidneys or have kidney stones. Blood type is key. If the recipient is type A, he/she can only be matched with a type-A or O donor. Possible recipients who are type-B must be matched with other type Bs.

But when everything does line up, the recipient is given what many would consider the best gift of all: the gift of life.

Northville resident Joe Eckhout, 53, recently gave a flesh-wrapped present to his best friend since second grade, Rich Davis, 53. Davis, who lives in Mooresville, N.C., inherited Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) from his father, who passed away at 59 following 10 years of being on kidney dialysis.

Both of Rich's sisters have the disease, too, and one, Karen, received a kidney May 11. Rich's brother. Bob Davis, was tested and hoped to be his big brother's donor, but the two didn't match. So. Eckhout stepped in, no questions asked, and set out to assist his best friend in a life-saving process. "I knew his parents were gone.

both his sisters have the same disease and he and his brother didn't match, so I stepped up." Eckhout said.

Eckhout's wife, Barb, said Joe didn't think for one second about not helping his buddy, but the process was a long one, and she was nervous from the start.

"I was a little freaked," Barb said. "I wanted him to do It, but this is something major, and I was scared. But the doctors did their best to put everyone at

From Northville to North

Carolina In August, Joe began the testing process at the Charlotte (North Carolina) Medical Center Transplant Clinic. He would periodically have blood drawn, overnight to the Charlotte Medical Center for testing.



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week Thanksgiving, Joe traveled, again, to the Carolina Medical Center for continued extensive psychical and psychological testing. The week of Thanksgiving, Joe received a phone call. He was a match.

"We were so elated," said Nan Davis, Rich's wife. "Those two have been buds for so long, we feel like God was preparing them

Joe wanted the transplant to take place immediately, since he knew Rich didn't have much time before he would begin dialysis. Rich began feeling ill and Joe did not want to see his righthand man suffer further.

The four-hour surgery took place Dec. 12 - two days before Rich's deceased mother's birthday. Barb made the trip south with Joe and was joined by Nan, Bob and Karen. The quartet had their own personal room to sweat out the four-hour procedure in.

"Every time something happened, we'd get a call updating us." Barb said.

Everyone was relieved once the successful transplant took place. Rich, who became pale because of his condition, "got the color back in his face," Barb said. Joe even received a letter from his surgeon — both Joe and Rich had separate teams of doctors throughout the process - deeming him a hero.

I'm still a little doped up," said loe, who returned home to Northville Friday. "And Rich is on something like 20 pills. But we're doing better than we

An epidemic

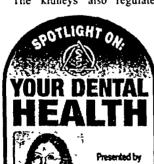
PKD is a genetic disorder characterized by the growth of numerous cysts in the kidneys and is the most common genetic disorder in the U.S. But not everyone knows about the sick-

"This is a problem all over the country and the world." Joe said. 'I was oblivious to (the disease) until all this went down."

The kidneys are two organs, each about the size of a fist. located in the upper part of a person's abdomen, toward the back. The kidneys filter wastes and extra fluid from the blood to form urine.

"You basically have to rebuild" your urinary tract," loe said. "It's

The kidneys also regulate



Andrea S. Vivian, D.D.S.

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Northville resident Joe Eckhout, left, earlier this month donated a kidney to his best friend, Rich Davis, who lives in Mooresville, N.C. Davis inherited Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) from his father, who passed away from the illness after 10 years of being on kidney dialysis. Nearly a million people are affected by the disease, as both of Davis' sisters inherited PKD, as well.

amounts of certain vital substances in the body. When cysts form in the kidneys, they are filled with fluid. PKD cysts can profoundly enlarge the kidneys while replacing much of the normal structure, resulting in reduced kidney function and leading to kidney failure.

When PKD causes kidneys to fail, which also usually happens after many years, the patient requires dialysis or kidney trans-

plant. About one-half of people with the most common type of PKD progress to kidney failure, also called end-stage renal disease (ESRD).

In the United States, about 600,000 people have PKD, and cystic disease is the fourth-leading cause of kidney failure. Two major inherited forms of PKD Autosomal dominant PKD is

the most common inherited form

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The symptoms and signs of PKD include pain in the back and lower sides, headaches, urinary tract infections, blood in the urine and cysts in the kidneys and other organs.

Diagnosis of PKD is obtained by ultrasound imaging of kidney cysts, ultrasound imaging of cysts in other organs and family medical history, including genetic testing

PKD has no cure. Treatments include medicine to control high blood pressure, medicine and surgery to reduce pain, antibiotics to resolve infections, dialysis to replace functions of failed kidneys and kidney transplants.

Anyone can help

Aside from listing the organs you'd like to donate when you pass away, there is a new process out there that makes it somewhat easier for those in need of kidneys to get them.

The kidney swapping program matches donors with recipients When relatives want to donate but

do not match, kidney exchanges between families can help patients avoid long waits on the transplant list and the serious decline in health that often occurs in people who are on dialysis for years at a time. In the United States, tens of thousands of people are on the waiting list for a kidney each year. but only a fraction of them get transplants. When this process takes place, all donors and recipients are placed under anesthesia at the same time so no one backs out.

"It's OK to get a kidney from a cadaver," said Nan, who noted Karen received her kidney in that manner, "but it's best to receive one from a living person."

Extremely grateful

While Joe thinks nothing of it, Nan said she's overjoyed by what Joe has done for her and her hus-

Rich, who, like Joe, is still feeling the effects of the medication they're on, said he's extremely grateful for what has transpired.

"(Joe's) given me my health back and helped he to live a high quality of life," Rich said. "We've been friends since second grade. and we've stayed good friends through the years. I was the best man at his wedding and he was best man at mine.

"I'm very thankful for Joe."

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Hillside Middle School eighth-grader Annie Thurber rides proudly atop a horse during a recent competition. The 13-year-old has ridden horses since age six and hopes to do so for years to come.

Saddle up!

Hillside eighth-grader pursues career in horseback riding

By Jason Carmel Davis STAFF WRITER

Annie Thurber's mom. Janet. said her 13-year-old daughter is

It's hard to argue that when you consider that at age 6. Annie Thurber took a tumble from a large, galloping animal.

On her first lesson, the horse shifted and (Annie) flipped right off." Janet Thurber said. "She got right back on. In two shows she's been in since then, the same thing happened. I think that teaches a good life lesson." Annie Thurber, an eighth-

grader at Hillside Middle School, has been enamored with horseback riding since she took that fall off her mother's horse. Bubba. The slam didn't deter the teen from developing the skill and passion to become an accomplished rider, according to Annie's father, Matt Thurber.

"(The fall) wasn't really that bad," Annie said. "The horse just stopped and looked at me. It really didn't even know what happened."

Matt also said being around the steeds has taught his daughter responsibility, as she has to keep both her horse and its stall clean while training and during competitions.

'(Annie's) constantly being judged at shows by adults, and I think that, combined with the responsibility, is a good learning environment for kids."

Annie's mom said riding has helped her daughter become more goal oriented in all areas of life and not just horseback riding.

"I think it's given her a great work ethic," Janet said. "I think it's also put the focus on more long-term things. (Annie) had a really good social life, but she's more into practicing and reaching goals versus short-term gratification."

Accomplished rider

Annie began training with Morgan horses, breeds that combine the intelligence, willingness and zest for life with soundness of limb, athleticism and stamina, according to the American Morgan Horses Association, at age 8 at Sterling Training Center in Howell. Since then, the young rider has enjoyed immense success as a saddle seat horseback rider.

Annie has won local, regional national championships during her five full years as a rider. She won a Reserve National Championship in 2005; and, in 2006, her and her horse, L.A. Ricochet, won two national titles in Equitation, an English riding event that judges correct riding and proper body carriage of horse and rider, and Pleasure. Earlier this year in Oklahoma City, Annie and her steed, Ricky, won a 13 and under World Championship after competing with riders from the U.S., Canada and

Those are big accomplishments." Janet said with a proud parent's laugh. "It's really astonishing, and it illustrates

Annie's dedication and the training of her and her horse. It says a lot about her drive and determination, too."

Annie said she gets butterflies before every meet, but her trainers have taught her to focus more on the ride and the horse, not her competition.

Future aspirations

Annie would like to continue

riding as long as she can. Some colleges have squads she could try out for, and, when that time comes, she said she may be interested in giving it a

"Lots of colleges have teams, but I'm not too sure I'd want to do that," Annie said. "I think I might wait until I graduate and become an amateur or maybe train horses myself."

That long-term planning goes back to those goals Janet Thurber said her daughter sets for herself. Another of those goals is keeping her buddy Ricky maintained and happy. Annie said she goes out to a barn where the steed is housed to visit the horse at least three times a week. Those frequent trips and TLC are vital to the team's relationship, Annie said.

"I bought Ricky last winter. and I try to do as much as I can for him," she said. "You have to know the horse because you need to know his tendencies.

"This is my hobby, but I take it very seriously."

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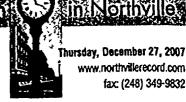


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Class Reunions

Northville Class of 1977 DETAILS: It's been 30 years. Anyone working on a reunion? Anyone want to join me in forming a committee to plan a reunion? Hope to hear from some classmates soon.

CONTACT: Teresa Folino (248) 349-3391 or Northville46@aol.com

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

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

Senior Events

Senior Community Center LOCATION: 303 W. Main St. Thursday

Massage by appointment 9 a.m.: TOPS; Greektown 9:30 a.m.: Yoga 10 a.m.: Bowling 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Computer II; One-stroke Painting Class

Friday 9:30 a.m.: Strength Training; Focus Hope; Liquid Nutrition 11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Computer III 1 p.m.: Movie "Ratatouille" Monday Closed

Closed. Happy New Year! Wednesday 10 a.m.: Oxycise

Noon: Bridge 1 p.m.: Computer I 7 p.m.: Bridge

Tuesday

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 welcome; 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 DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1. CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

Health Walking DATE: Monday-Friday TIME: 8-10 am. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Pilates Class TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

Bunco TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month **DETAILS: Call Senior** Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per per-

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 (Jan. 15) TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 215 W. Main St. CONTACT: downtownnorthville.com

Planning Commission DATE: First and third Tuesdays

of month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: City Hall **Housing Commission** DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 3 p.m. LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

Historic District Commission DATE: Third Wednesday of month

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: City Hall Arts Commission DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

Beautification Commission DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

Northville Township Planning Commission

DATE: Last Tuesday of month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile **Board of Trustees**

DATE: Third Thursday of month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Township Hall **Zoning Board of Appeals** DATE: Third Wednesday of

TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Township Hail **Beautification Commission** DATE: Third Monday of month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Township Hail Youth Assistance DATE: Second Tuesday of every

Cookin'

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Thursday,

DETAILS: Learn how to search

the web in this hands-on class; no

charge and registration opens two

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TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday,

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TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday,

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your pajamas to these half-hour

Dance Dance Revolution

TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m.

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12 during semester day-off; com-

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Books, Chat and Chow

TIME/DATE: 3:45-4:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28 and Feb. 25

DETAILS: For middle and high

school students; Jan. 28 "Airborn"

by Kenneth Oppel; Feb. 25 "Kira-

Kira" by Cynthia Kadohata.

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third graders; register for individ-

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Family Fun Evening

Jan. 23 and Feb. 20

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Competition/Party

Friday, Jan. 25

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Jan. 18 and Feb. 15

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guitar during the Dec. 12 holiday concert.

TIME: 8 a.m. LOCATION: Township Hall CONTACT: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

Library Lines

month

Northville District Library LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St.,

near Northville City Hall TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. CONTACT: (248) 349-3020 or

www.northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials. **Book Donations**

DETAILS: Book donations can be dropped off any time during operating hours. Be sure to get a receipt for your taxes. Arrangements can be made by calling the library, for Friends to pick up a large donation from your home.

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Winter Break Movies and Munchies for Kids

TIME/DATE: Noon today DETAILS: Children can bring their funch to the library and watch "Happy Feet;" snacks and beverages will be provided. Children 4 and under must be accompanied by a caregiver. Caregivers of children over 4 must remain in the building; no groups please.

Library Closed DATE: Dec. 30-Jan. 1 R.E.P.T.I.L.E. Inc. TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Tuesday,

Jan. 15 **DETAILS: Michael Brophy** entertains and educates children about various live snakes, lizards and tortoises from around the world; also information on caring

for reptiles as pets. **Internet Basics** TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Thursday,

Jan. 17 and Monday, Feb. 4 DETAILS: Learn how to search the web in this hands-on class; no charge and registration opens two weeks prior to class date. Internet Searching Tips

Junior Books, Chat and Chow TIME/DATE: 4:15:5 p.m. last Wednesday of each month DETAILS: For 4th and 5th graders; sign up at the at ext. 1405. Information Desk on the first of each month and pick up a copy of the book Jan. 30 "Wright 3" by

Blue Balliett; Feb. 27 "Shipwreck" by Gordon Korman. Between the Lines for Adults TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Monday of month

DETAILS: Jan. 14, "Love in the Time of Cholera," by Gabriel Garcia Marquez; Feb. 11, "The Measure of a Man," by Sidney Poitier. Foreign Film Series

SCHEDULE: Jan. 28, French drama. "The Man on the Train;" Feb. 18, German cornedy, "Good Bye, Lenin;" Mar. 17, Hebrew comedy/drama, "Ushpizin"; Apr. 21, Canadian comedy/drama in

French "Barbarian Invasion"; May 19, Japanese drama, "Letters from Iwo Jima"

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LOCATION: Senior Community

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Saturdays Sept. to April LOCATION: Recreation Center

DETAILS: Films start at 6:30 p.m. Admission and moviethemed snacks are free. A discussion will follow the film. Answer trivia question to win a book about films. Call library to reserve a spot.

Parks & Rec

Northville Parks & Recreation LOCATION: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School)

CONTACT: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities call (248) 349-0203 sandrec.org

Northville Nite TIME/DATE: 4:30-8 p.m. Monday

LOCATION: Recreation Center **DETAILS: Celebrate New Year's** Eve with the family. There will be carnival games, Band and Coffee House from Oak Pointe Church, Woodcrafts from Home Depot, art projects from Abrakadoodle, face painting from Oddzin Ends, entertainers, inflatable games and a New Year's countdown. Adults pay \$5, children \$10, tots \$2.

Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE/TIME: 7 p.m. second Wednesday, every other month beginning in January

LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road Winter Youth Basketball

Leagues DATE: Saturdays, Jan. 19-March 8, 2008 DETAIL: Please register for girls leagues, grades 6-8 and 9-12;

boys leagues, grades 8 and 9, 10-CONTACT: ext. 1405 **Adult Coaches Needed DETAILS:** Coaches are needed

for Northville Parks and Recreation winter youth basketball leagues. Contact Lisa Christensen **Group Fitness Classes**

DETAILS: Classes include Yoga, Pilates Ball, Aerobics, Step, Kickboxing, Cycle and overall strength training. Class schedules are flexible and vary; monthly calendar available at website or call. Fees are \$8 for drop-ins or \$50 for an unlimited monthly resident pass. Classes held at Hillside Recreation Center or Senior Community Center. All fitness levels welcome to participate; certified instructors provide safe and

Open Adult Basketball TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every

Open Badminton TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday

DETAILS: \$4 per person.

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: Competitive style badminton available; all skill levels welcome; \$7 per player.

Open Pickleball TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. every other Saturday **LOCATION: Recreation Center**

at Hillside DETAILS: New offering, \$4 per player. Call (248) 449-9947 for more information.

Open Table Tennis TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. every Monday; noon-4 p.m. every Saturday LOCATION: Hillside Recreation

Center, 700 W. Baseline Road DETAILS: Eight tables available; all skill levels welcome; \$5 per player.

Health Events

Psychotherapy & Counseling

Northville Counselling Center Anxiety/Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group TIME/DATE: second Wednesday of each month

DETAILS: Call (734) 420-8175 for more information.

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

CONTACT: (734) 655-4800 or http://www.stmarymercy.org Free Seminars-Michigan **Bariatric Institute DETAILS: MBI offers three**

laparoscopic surgical weight loss options. Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric **Banding and Sleeve Gastrectomy** at a free monthly seminar: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 17 and Feb. 20 in the St. Mary Mercy hospital

visit hospital Web site.

Joint Replacement Seminar

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 24 **DETAILS: Free educational** 'seminar to learn about joint replacement options. To register or for information, call (734) 655-

Parenting with Love and Logic DETAILS: There is a fee for the following classes. To register, call

(734) 655-1100. Toddler and Preschool: TIME/DATE: 6:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 30 Elementary Age: TIME/DATE: 6:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 20 Preteen and Teenagers: TIME/DATE: 6:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27 Special Needs: TIME/DATE: 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 12

First Aid/CPR Classes

TIME: 6-10 p.m., monthly LOCATION: Northville Township Fire Department, 45745 Six Mile Road

DETAILS: American Red Cross First Aid/CPR classes taught by trained firefighters. Call for further information and dates; \$20 fee for Township residents. CONTACT: Northville Fire

Department (248) 348-5807

Providence Center for the Healing Arts LOCATION: Assarian Cancer

Center, 47601 Grand River Ave, CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Wanted: One-Time Art Workshop Instructors

DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops. Colored Pencil Workshop

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month DETAILS: Beginners welcome. Express Yourself with Art and

DETAILS: \$5 materials fee; call for times and registration.

Ceramics Class TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Friday by appointment DETAILS: \$10 materials fee. Knittin' Yarns

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: Join others and cre-

ate hats and shawls for those in **Creative Moments with**

Scrapbooking TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday

DETAILS: \$3 materials fee. Meditation TIME/DATE: 11:15 a.m.-12:15

DETAILS: Learn proper breath-

fun workouts.

Sunday

LOCATION: Senior Community

Auditorium. To register call (734) 655-2693, (877) Why-Weight or

p.m. Thursday

ing techniques that can be used at

Therapeutic Yoga TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday (for backs); 6-7 p.m. Tuesday (mixed level); 11-12 a.m. (gentle yoga for cancer) and 12:15-1:15 p.m. (mixed level) Wednesday, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday (beginner/intermediate); 9:30-10:30 a.m. (intermediate/advanced) and

10:45-11:45 a.m. (mixed level)

DETAILS: \$10/walk-in; \$80/10class card; \$45/5-class card; Lunch and Learn Yoga, sevenweek session is \$60; registration required. Classes also held at Providence Hospital, Southfield; call for details.

Massage Therapy

TIME/DATE: By appointment **DETAILS: Therapeutic massage** is effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring physician's referral; \$50/50-minute session.

Tai Chi Classes

DATE: Starting week of Jan. 7 **DETAILS: Nonprofit Michigan** Tai Chi Association is offering classes in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 332-1281 for more information.

Church Events

St. Paul's Lutheran Church LOCATION: 201 Elm St. CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. Blended,11 a.m.

Contemporary, 11:30 a.m. Traditional

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m. Single Place Ministries

DETAILS: Thursday evenings; 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program; \$5 CONTACT: www.singleplace.org

Walking Group TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Saturday

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

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

Hootenanny Concert with Bob Alfwine

DATE: Tonight **DETAILS: Bring your favorite** cookies or dessert.

Divorce Recovery Workshop TIME/DATE: Jan. 10-Feb. 21

LOCATION: Emeritus Room DETAILS: Workshop topics and

speakers include: Networking, Mid-life Crisis presented by Pastor Russell; Stages of Grief presented by J. Harold Ellens, Ph.D.; Putting Your "Ex" in Focus presented Dell Deaton; Pot Luck Dinner and Legal Aspect of Divorce presented by David Jerome; Church & Divorce, Spiritual Help & Forgiveness presented by Pastor Russell; Helping Children Through Divorce presented by Sharon Bergman, MA, LLP; and Relationships Old and New presented by Ms. Bolos. Cost is \$35

First Baptist Church of Northville

per person.

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing St. CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. and

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile

Road CONTACT: (248) 374-5978 **Sunday Worship**

TIME: 9 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. Traditional, 9 a.m. Contemporary **Single Point Ministries** For single adults 40 years and older

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

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Parents, Single Adult Ministries Office: 4-7 p.m. Tennis, Rotary Park (Six Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman roads); 8:30-10 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball, Knox Hall.

Every Saturday: 10 a.m. Bicycling Group starts from various locations; geared towards tourist level rider, all levels welcome; helmets required; lunch half-way through ride at your own expense.

Every Saturday-Sunday: 1-5 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.fumcnorthyille.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.oivnorthville.org Saturday Worship TIME: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship TIME: 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational LOCATION: 21355

Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbccc.org or gmccc@arounddetroit.biz Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a.m.

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 welcome.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:50 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible

Study, Youth & Children Ministries

Universitist Unitarian Church of Farmington

LOCATION: 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or http://www.uufarmigton.org

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

CONTACT: (734) 453-0190 Reinventing Your Life-God is Calling You to a Song TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday evenings DETAILS: Minimum of 10 people required to attend every ses-

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

Novi United Methodist LOCATION: 41671 W. Ten Mile

Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or umcnovi.com

Sunday Worship TIME: 9:45 a.m. **Healing Service and Holy** Communion

TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month **Peace Vigil** TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday

of every month LOCATION: In front of the church

DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Artists and Crafters Wanted

DETAILS: The church is hosting an arts and craft show Saturday. June 21, 2008. Vendor space will be available indoors and out; contact Pam Davis, edleecr@yahoo.com

Volunteering

Art House Store

LOCATION: 215 W. Cady St. DETAILS: Looking for volunteers to work four hours per month, receive 10 percent off store purchases. CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

Friends of the Northville **District Library DETAILS:** There are openings

for the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Northville ! ibrary. The Friends is a volunteer organization that promotes reading, supports programs in the library and provides financial support to projects not covered by the library's regular budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and are also expected to serve on a committee. The only requirement for becoming a Board member is an interest in the library and a willingness to serve as a volunteer. Those interested should send a letter to James Morche, President of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

TIME: day and evening training classes

LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield

DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is needed.

CONTACT: Mary, (800) 770-9859

Maybury Farm

DETAILS: The farm needs help in the following areas: Clean the barn Mondays and Tuesdays and feed the animals; part-time workers on weekdays and weekends assisting with hay rides (must be experienced); docents to assist with the school programming. Call (248) 374-0200.

Meals-On-Wheels

DATE: Ongoing TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers needed.

CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna (248) 348-1761

Midwest Rabbit Rescue and Rehome

DETAILS: This organization houses, treats and adopts out rabbits to new homes. Donations to support their efforts in the responsible care and treatment of indoor pet rabbits are appreciated. Call Dominique Moroz (248) 348-8519 or visit www.rabbitrr.org. Pet rabbit shelter is open 12:30-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment.

Northville Genealogical Society

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Monday LOCATION: Northville District Library

DETAILS: Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members in Local History Room at library, also by appointment. CONTACT: Title Van Sickle (734) 595-7806 or

http://www.rootsweb.com/~mings

Northville Newcomers and

Neighbors DETAILS: This group is for residents of Northville and surrounding communities. Participate in monthly coffees, various activities and special programs. New members welcome.

CONTACT: Colleen Nametz at (248) 596-1940

Susan B. Galli Angel Fund **DETAILS: Hidden Springs**

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

Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Program

DETAILS: In as little as two to four hours a week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free, 18-hour/three-day training program is provided.

CONTACT: (800) 882-5720, ext. 8361 or (248) 967-8361 or visit http://www.vna.org.

YWCA of Western Wayne County

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

CONTACT: Tabatha Manuel (313) 561-4110, ext. 20 or tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org

Support Groups

Angela Hospice Groups LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh

Road, Livonia CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-

General Grief Support Groups TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

DETAILS: Open to all losses. Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first

Tuesday of month Men in Grief TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth

Monday of month Suicide Loss Support Services DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more information.

Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first

Thursday of month **Grief Support Quilter's Group**

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month **DETAILS: Register by calling** (734) 953-6012.

Anxiety Disorder Support Group

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road,

Livonia DETAILS: Aim for Recovery is an organization holding meetings offering support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders and their families. Meetings consist of planned behavioral lessons and discussions. Educational material will be available. Donations for the program and materials are accepted.

CONTACT: Robert Diedrich at robtddrich@msn.com

Crohn's & Colitis Support DATES: first and third Wednesday of each month

LOCATION: Providence Park

Hospital and Medical Center TIME: 7-9 p.m.

DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left.

CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-

Females in the Family **Business Affinity Group**

TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus

DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues, and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompetitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required.

CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

Food Addicts Anonymous

Information Session **DETAILS: Twelve-step program** for individuals suffering from food obsession, over eating, under eating, and bulimia; weekly meetings held in Canton, Ann Arbor and other Metro Detroit areas; no dues, fees or weigh-ins; everyone welcome including those who think they have food problems or are concerned about someone who may.

CONTACT: (734) 913-9614 or http://www.foodaddicts.org

New Hope Center for Grief Support

DETAILS: The groups meet on a regular basis in various locations. All services for offered at no CONTACT: (248) 348-0115 or

http://www.newhopecenter.net Widows/Widowers With

Children Support Group TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month LOCATION: St. Kenneth's Parish, Plymouth

New Hope for KIDZ Support

Group TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month DETAILS: Meets at the same time and location as adult group; for children ages 3-18.

Suicide Loss Support Group TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday and fourth Monday **LOCATION: First United** Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville DETAILS: This is a drop-in sup-

Clubs & Groups

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port group.

Chapter CONTACT: For information, email mnikearns@earthlink.net or call (248) 449-8693.

Beautiful Singles Hiking

TIME/DAY: 9:30 a.m. first and third Sunday of the month LOCATION: Maybury State Park DETAILS: Join singles of all

ages for hiking and other activi-CONTACT: http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/B

SHiking/ **Business Networking**

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

LOCATION: Eastern Michigan University, Livonia Campus, 38777 W. Six Mile Road, Suite

400 **DETAILS: Visitors are welcome** to all meetings. Reservations

required. CONTACT: Jim Green (248) 345-3302

Camera Club

449-9950

DATE: second Tuesday of every **CONTACT:** Tom James of Northville Camera at northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net or

Northville Arts Commission (248)

Country Garden Club of Northville

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8 LOCATION: Cady Inn, Mill Race Village

DETAILS: Claudia Scioli will present "My Trip to Iceland; quests always welcome. CONTACT: (248) 349-8674 or www.cgcnv.org.

Gardeners of Northville and Novi

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of each month, Sept.-

May LOCATION: Rotate between Northville Library and Novi Civic

Center DETAILS: Visitors welcome. CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Great Books Discussion Group TIME/DAY: First and third

Thursday of every month.

LOCATION: Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington Road DETAILS: Discuss novels,

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

Northville Book Club

LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 E. Main Street (downtown Northville) CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

Northville Democratic Club Post Holiday Fundraiser TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday,

Jan. 26 LOCATION: Hosted by Marcello and Ricki Veneziano, 43525 Vero DETAILS: Guest speaker to be Robert Ficano, Wayne County Executive.

Northville Garden Club TIME/DATE: Noon Monday,

Jan. 14 LOCATION: Cady Inn at Mill Race Village, Northville DETAILS: Iceland 2006 Adventure with speaker Claudia

CONTACT: Kate Uberti at (248) 347-9947

Northville Genealogical Society

Monthly Meeting TIME/DATE: 1:15 p.m. computer genealogy class, 2:30 p.m. general meeting, second Sunday of month

LOCATION: Northwille District Library, Carlos Meeting Room, 212 W. Cady St. Research Help TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. every Monday and by appointment LOCATION: Northville Library,

DETAILS: Individual help on genealogy. CONTACT: Tille Van Sickle at (734) 595-7806 or visit

www.rootsweb.com/~mings

Local History Room

Northville Newcomers and inv **Neighbors**

Meet and Greet Monthly TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first Tuesday of each month (Jan. 8) LOCATION: Member's home DETAILS: All welcome to socialize, meet, greet friends and neighbors and learn about the activities and interest groups this

club has to offer. CONTACT: Colleen Nametz at (248) 596-1940 Super Bowl Party Cooking

Demo and Lunch TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 **DETAILS:** Dress in your team colors; food tasting and learn to prepare a fabulous party menu;

seating limited; \$35 per person. CONTACT: (248) 347-1954

Northville Woman's Club TIME: 1:30 p.m. first and third

Friday, October through March CONTACT: Karen Poulos, (248) 349-4684 or wpkp@comcast.net Reiki Therapy with Jane

Kaleski DATE: Jan. 4 Identity Theft with Claudia Link of the Detroit FBI DATE: Jan. 18 To Be Determined DATE: Feb. 1 CPR with Northville Fire Department

Dr. Michael Paletta "Baghdad, A Medical Journey" DATE: Mar. 7 End of Year Potluck Luncheon

TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. Mar. 14

DATE: Feb. 15

South Lyon Square Dance Club LOCATION: VFW Post 2502, 125 E. McHattie St., South Lyon **DETAILS: American Square** Dancing; no experience necessary, public and families welcome. CONTACT:

http://squaredancemichigan.tri-

pod.com/southlyon.html or call

(248) 486-0043

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Upcoming primary reflects badly on state

There is rich irony in the effort by State Rep. Chris Ward (R-Brighton) to kill the taxpayer-funded and mostly useless

Michigan presidential primary Jan. 15. Ward, after all, was the architect of legislation that requires all Michigan elections to be held on four specific dates a year. That way, so the reasoning went, voters would know when to go to the polling place and sneaky school districts wouldn't be allowed to pull a fast one by setting up unpublicized elections for tax increases.

That line of reasoning was specious, at best. Nonetheless. the law forced school districts in Michigan to move their annual elections to comply with the established election

Now comes the presidential primary, which the Legislature scheduled in January, independent of the four dates (in February, May, August and November) that many of them voted to set in stone for elections. Once again, our heroes in Lansing make laws that apply to others - but not themselves.

The hypocrisy is troubling, but small potatoes compared to the greater travesty of the primary. Taxpayers in this cashstrapped state are being soaked so the Republican and Democratic parties can compile marketing lists from which to barrage citizens with direct mail and telemarketing blitzes.

The law establishing this primary demands that voters ask for either a Republican or Democratic ballot. The voter's choice will be duly noted in a book of records. Even though the primary is funded by taxpayers, the identity of the party selected by each voter will not be a public record.

But it will not be private, either. That is because the law

requires the list of voters and their party choices to be turned over to the chairmen of the state Republican and Democratic parties. They will be free to use that information for favored candidates, a great advantage come election time.

Unfortunately, it is no great surprise that our legislators act like partisan hacks. But for awhile, it appeared that checks and balances would work as two lower courts took a look at this debacle and quickly declared it unconstitutional. Then the state Supreme Court overturned those rulings, paving the way for the January primary. Amazingly, the majority opinion was swayed by three Republican-backed justices — Cliff Taylor, Stephen Markman and Robert Young Jr. — who say they strictly interpret the Michigan

Constitution. In their late-night reading, they apparently discovered a little-known clause that guarantees political parties the right to dip into the state coffers in order to fund their marketing plans. It is probably just a coincidence that the parties who benefit from this decision also determine which judges get

There is one final irony. The state has sold its soul for a primary that won't mean anything and that the candidates and the national parties don't want. Rather than getting the state more prestige, the primary is basically ignored nation-

Peeved because of the early date, the national Democratic Party has stripped the state of its national convention delegates. Four Democratic presidential candidate - including Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), and former Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.) — will ignore it, despite an embarrassing and thankfully failed effort in Lansing to pass a law to force their names to be on the ballot.

Since the Democratic primary is a joke, Republicans now fear that Democratic voters will cross over to create mischief in their primary. It would serve them right.

This is sad and it reflects poorly on the voters of Michigan. After all, we elected these folks.

What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor.

Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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Fax: (248) 349-9832

E-mail: cstone@gannett.com

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LETTERS

Rotarians exemplify holiday spirit

The Northville Rotary Club coordinated the Annual Goodfellows Newspaper Sale that was held on Saturday, Dec. 8. Newspapers were sold on the streets of the community through the efforts of the hard working members of the Rotary Club and the City of Northville Fire Department. A total of \$4,000 was collected from the event and has been provided to Northville Civic Concern, our local food bank program for use this holiday season.

Special thanks to Genitti's Restaurant that provided soup and sandwiches to our paper sellers, the Northville Record for creating and printing the newspapers sold to solicit the funds, and to the generous Northville community for providing the donations to ensure that the 'No Child Without a Christmas" spirit will live on.

Wishing you all al safe holiday season.

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Jim Gallogly, Dick Slating, Jody Humphries, Mary Knauer, Traci Sincock, Tim Story The Northville Rotary Goodfellows Committee

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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Michigan fun

Nikolas Klampfi, 9, drags his sled uphill at Northville Township's Cass Benton Park on a Monday morning a good time for hitting the snow covered hills.

Resolutions, rhetoric or results?

It's New Year's Resolution time again. You know those promises you make to yourself that are often forgotten or not acted upon until, well, until it is time for the following year's resolutions. According to Wilkipedia, "a New Year's Resolution is a commitment that an individual makes to a project or habit, often a lifestyle change that is generally interpreted as advanta-

During a recent presidential debate, the moderator asked the Democratic candidates to tell the audience their new year resolutions. Predictably, we heard more campaign rhetoric from most of them. New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson got the laugh line of the evening when he said, "I am going to lose weight - again, this year!" As Wilkipedia indicates, many resolutions go unachieved and are often broken fairly shortly after they are set."

Promises, priorities and persistence

Here are some promises or resolutions that I hope defy the odds and are not only made for 2008 but are implemented:

 The Governor will call for a "shared vision and common agenda" conference. This meeting will consist of the diverse interests that comprise our state, including Republicans and Democrats; business labor and academia; nonprofits and those struggling to make a profit; city, suburbs and rural from Saugatuck to St. Clair

and from Monroe to Menominee. The Henry Ford should be used as the conference setting, using the backdrop of Henry Ford, Edison, Firestone and other innovative entrepreneurs as inspiration for us to build a new Michigan. We need leadership that has us rowing in the same direction if we expect to move forward in the future.

Are there political risks of such a gathering? Of course, but the risks to all of us by not coming together and taking action are far greater.

· The rhetoric in our state capitol about reforming and restructuring government will be more than lip service, and real change will be acted upon. This will mean putting the needs of citizens, the people who pay the taxes, above the special interests that are well-represented in Lansing. The structure and overhead of our governments at the state and local levels exist as if nothing has changed when the contrary, that everything has

changed, is true. • The statement that "I will go anywhere and do anything" to bring jobs to Michigan will include China, Russia and India, countries with more than three billion new capitalist/consumers with the fastest-growing, largest economies in the world. Here we are at the beginning of the eighth year of the 21st century and no statewide elected official has traveled to these countries to "bring home the bacon" for Michigan. With an unemployment rate of nearly 8 percent and good-paying

About Tom Watkins

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jobs fleeing our state, a job reconnaissance mission seems in order

· Budgets are statements of priorities. Politicians on both sides of the political aisle make the claim that education is the most important investment our state can make to help prepare our people for the transformational, technologicallydriven, global, knowledge econo-Yet, funding for education at all levels has been cut and increases have not kept pace with rising costs for several years in a row. Voters need to hold our elected leaders accountable. Don't just read their lips when it comes to educational funding - watch their hips. The bulk of all new resources invested in our schools go to pensions and health care for employees. Actions do speak louder than words and the actions have not caught up to the rhetoric when it

truly comes to funding education. Efforts that have been made to diversify our state's economy will continue and intensify. Tapping life sciences, alternative energy, homeland security and other 21st century knowledge-economy jobs

like Google and E-Prize hold promise for Michigan. The University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University, together with our other wonderful universities, can and should be utilized to help jump start new, creative, innovative and entrepreneurial ventures.

 Our system of community colleges will be recognized for the value they add to help prepare our traditional and nontraditional students for this fast-paced, everchanging world economy. A summit should be held with the leaders of the 28 community colleges, from the western edge of the Upper Peninsula to Monroe, to stimulate their thinking on ways their talents can be better utilized.

Change is the most talked about and least acted upon concept in Michigan today. As a new year begins we have the opportunity to embrace and lead change. Will we allow another year to pass without making commitments with the corresponding action for real change?

Resolutions, rhetoric or results - which will prevail in 2008?

How I avoid the Mall Madness

I love the holiday season. If everyone acted how they act during the time just before Thanksgiving to after Christmas year-round, the world would be a much happier place

If you take out all the lunatics

I'm a single 20-something guy. which means a few things: I'm scouting like a Big Ten recruiter as soon as I walk out of my front door, I do



Jason Davis

things I shouldn't from time to time; George Foreman is a deity in my eyes and I Christmas

shop around Dec. 23 each year. I don't wait until the last minute because I lack Christmas spirit. I hold off

for one reason and one reason alone: Christmas shoppers are most evil people walking the Earth. Have you seen some of the

these vile beings? Fighting over sweaters when they know people hate getting

clothes for Christmas.

Yelling about someone called "Hannah Montana."

I was walking through Fairlane a few weeks ago with a friend, and I swear I saw a woman take a two-inch blade straight to a kidney because she almost left Suncoast with the last copy of

"High School Musical 2." Why can't people keep their cool when they're in the mall during the holidays? My mom's a serial shopper, yet the only time she has tales of terror is around this time of year. It's really not that difficult to devise a plan of attack for when you hit the mall. yet millions of people (read: Women — I still love all of you. though!) unleash their inner Cruella De Vil and make fools of themselves during what is supposed to be the best time of the year...next to college football season, of course.

I made up my shopping list a month ago. It contains everyone's name and what I want to buy them. I know a number of stores that hold each gift, so I won't go all Jack Torrance on some unsuspecting retailer if one doesn't have something on my sheet. I

list, and I clear an entire day so I can devote as much time as needed to my search.

I realize people are adamant about getting that perfect gift for someone - usually because it's asked for. But if you really know the person, it's easy to have second and third gift options because you pay attention to what they like, their interests and taste. If that person has a gripe about what you get them, well, they should either be off your Christmas list altogether, or you should buy them Ben Affleck movies every year for as long as you know them.

It's said a lot, but Christmas has become overcommercialized. I haven't asked for anything since before I left home for college eight-and-a-half years ago. That was due more to the fact that I knew I'd need things earlier in the year, but you get the point,

Family, friends and eating way too much food should be the focus of the season, not which sibling could get mom and dad the best gift, because you know they'll love whatever you buy as

long as you put some thought into it. And if you can't afford to spend exerbitant amounts of money on someone, I'm sure you'll think of something they'll love that fits your budget.

So it really is the thought that counts when it comes to any gift. And, since the NFL and college basketball are in full swing right now, which basically gave me around eight minutes to shop last weekend, I THOUGHT about buying everybody gift cards and popeom tins. I put a little more thought into it than that, though, and the 10 people I had to shop for had smiles wider than the Grand Canton when they opened

So it looks like everything worked out, even though I put off shopping longer than I put off writing papers in college.

After all, those smiles mean they liked what I bought them. right? I hope so, because I threw

out all the receipts. Happy Holidays, everybody!

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OUR NEIGHBORS

State of Michigan primary reduced to 'beauty contest'

The four 2008 Democratic norm necs are Hillary Clinton Chris Dodd Mike Gravel and Dennis Keemich Additional normnees Jue Bilden John Edwards

Edwards Barack Obama and Bill Richardson

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Denocratic voturs will also have the option of voting for Uncommitted as is suggested for those favoring Biden Edwards Obain or Richardson or a Writin could it.

Chean to Richardson or a Whit in could du I respect II. Whish they didn't do it It does send a bed signal for where Michigan is as a promity They want to win lowa and New Hampalin. It doesn it send a strong, signal DeRoche and We want both parties to go through Michigan to get to the ovel office. Every Republican candidate has come to Michigan to speak. The fine Republican nonunces

are Samuel Dale Brownbuck Rodolph Guthari Mike Hieckabee Duncan Hung: John McC un Rin Paul Mit Romney Tom Taurend's and Fred Homogree in All mine remain on Methigan Van 15 shiftet The date change vol taufe party rules and on Dec. 1 the Dom ar in Nettonal Committee penalties of Medigan by bearing, the value v 156 delegates from participating in next summers open did nomination process.

The only other state to be similar ly punished was Florida, in August when the state moved its primary to

I don t think it il affect much of anything All of the nominees said

they discat delegates. We li have delegates in August. (The exclusion) is not expected to be enforced. DeRoche said noting it would reflect poorly on the candidates dur reffect poorly on the candidates dur-ing the presidential election in November if they were not to allow the v-tes of two states as sizable as Michigan and Florida during the primary process

primary process

The Michigan law changing the date listed as a one time deal will

move the presidential primary to the fourth. Tuesday, in February for future primary effections in presidential years.

Visit www.thegreenpapers.com. PHM/paag.phtml 15 see when each state holds its presidential primary effection.

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Is state ready for primary?

The potential for wire confusion tow turnout, disenfineshisment, and tod publishory for the state in Medigan Jan. 15 presidential primary electron lass prompted a local lawmaker to explore the possibility of trying to careful. State Rep. Clins Ward (R. Brigliot) and the primary which was moved to in earlier due by the Denocratic and Republican paties to try to gain more influence with resolution.

their ballots

County elections officials said

Some voler confusion has anxio
about how the election will be condicated. One question asked its whether a person who is a member person the control of the control of the congray's primary. The answer is year

— a voter must request a hallot, but
there is nothing keeping a Republican from asking for a

Democratic hallot or voc versa.

Many observers said the idea that
voting has the potential of patings
party may limit turnout.

Another change calong effect for this election is that people who want
absented hallots will have to request
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trol of candidates, could become a black eye" for the state.

I have a strong concern that this is going to be a big black eye for Michigan," said Ward, who was a township clerk before being elected to the state House. It looks like this to uc state riouse. It tooks like this is going to be an election with a lot of complaints it could give Michigan a black eye in looking like a Flonda type situation.

The election is unusual for a Flonda type situation.

The election is unusual for Michigan in that it will be a closed primary meaning that voters will have to ask for either a Democratic or Republican bailot. In an open primary more typical for the state, each bailot has canducties from both parties on it, so nobody

Ward also said the short time frame in putting the election together while the issue went through the Legislature and court system is a moblem.

problem.

All of it adds up to a question mark of whether this will be a well run election. He said.

Ward had more reasons for want

ing to look at delaying the primary to a later date. The fact that four

their names off the ballot, and that national party officials have threat ened to strip Michigan of its dele-gates to the normaning convention make it questionable 'whether elec-tion results on the Democratic side will have any weight at all That threat has also been made by

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The taxpayers are going to pay create a solicitation list for the

Primary details: • The election will take place from 7 a.m. 8 p.m.

place from r a.m. o p m Jan 15 • Applications for absentee ballots must be requested from your tocal clerk. The application will ask which party's ballot you

want.

• When voting in person you will be asked which party's ballot you want. A list of which people requested which ballot will requested which ballot will be given to the Democratic and Republican parties

be given to the Democratic and Republican parties • Voters are required to present a valid photo identi-fication at the polls such as a drivers license a passport or a student identification card Those virthout such ID can sign a form stating they don't have one and can still

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No trade for Novi Expo Center

By Kelly Murad

Kevin Adell, owner of the former Novi Expo Center pulled the plug on plans of opening the 320 000-square-foot facility at Novi Road and I 96 as a Gibralter Trade Center like busi

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ness.
Adull was scheduled to reappear
in front of the Zoning Board of
Appeals for the third time nex
month, but withdrew the petition
I decided not to go forward with
the trade center Adell said. I real
ized it was a lost fight.

Adell said his decision is a result of interference of former Expo Center manager Blarn Bowman. The interference Adell said regarding parking and he has filed a lawtin against Bowman Bowman, who is president and owner of Nov Expo Center Increfuses Adell is claims. Keyan Adell through his comma

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Revin Adell through his compa
ny Novi Traile Cutter is claiming
without any basis in fact that Blair
Bowman has allegedly interfered
with his attempts to open a trade
center in the former Novi Expo
Center facility Mr Adell is once

again abusively using the court system to baries and alternyte to intimal date Blait Bownian and Novi Expo Center Ine. Ifom protecting its rights under the long-term less of the for mer Novi Expo Center Facility said a statement issue by Novi Expo Cutter Inc. Scott Smith of Clark. Hill on behalf of the Adell Brothers Children's Trust, was petitioning the Zuning board for release of a previous deceased excepting the use of a retail taske center at the building or dilumnitarily a user summer.

cal concern regarding the opening of such a facility.

If I don't have the parking, I m going to lose, Adall said.

Adall began adventising and sell ing wender space for the proposed Novi Tinde Center in July and said he had more than 4 000 people wanting a booth.

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just wrong. Griffin said. It is just a shame we re basically handing the two state parties \$6 million apiece Contact LCDPA reporter Dan Metsler at (517) 552 2857 or dmetsler@gannett.com

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OMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 27, 2007 www.northvillerecord.com fax: (248) 349-9832

Local Events

The Holidays in Northville Northville Nite 2007 TIME/DATE: 4:30-8 p.m. Monday (New Year's Eve) LOCATION: Recreation Center

at Hillside Middle School 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.

Marquis Theatre

135 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or northy/llemarquistheatre.com

The Jungle Book TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 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

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

DATE: Through Jan. 4 DETAILS: Unique gifts for the

holidays; more than 50 artists featured.

2nd Annual Member's Exhibition

DATE: Jan. 4 - 20 **DETAILS: This multimedia** exhibition will showcase the artistic talents of the members/suppporters of the Northville Art House; Opening , Maht, during First Friday Art

ለ, is 6-9 p m , Friday, Jan. 4 includes light refreshments; and open to the public. Venetian Carnivale DATE: Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008

DETAILS: Save the date for a special fundraiser for the Art House. Elegant evening will be held at an historic 1929 Tudor home, featuring entertainment, strolling dinner provided by Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro and original Venetian-style art for exhibit and sale. Formal attire or Venetian costume requested. Tickets are \$100 per person and go on sale soon at the Northville Art House.

Friday Fun at Center Stage **Dance Company**

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

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

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

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road

of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or www northville.org.

Winter Stonefly Search TIME/DATE: 9 a m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26

LOCATION: Environmental Interpretive Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn DETAILS: Stoneflies are a

sensitive aquatic insect and trout food. Their presence in the creek indicates good water quality and good fishing. Volunteers are assigned to teams, led by a trained volunteer, and travel to the headwaters of the Rouge River Watershed to sort through samples collected from the stream by team leaders for stoneflies; results are given the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and others; no experience necessary, children welcome when accompanied by one adult per child. Registration required by Jan. 18 by calling (313) 792-9621 or emailing picoordinator@therouge.org

Genitti's Little Theater

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

A Winter Wedding... Italian-

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

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.

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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

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.

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TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

DETAILS: Try out the latest

equipment from REI. There will

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TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

DETAILS: Same as above.

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Saturday: 3-5 p.m. *wedding;

Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek

Monday: Office closed.

Tuesday: Office closed.

Wednesday: 6:45 p.m.

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Nordic Ski Demo

Saturday, Jan. 19

Draughn, composer Mary Watkins, soprano Nadine Balbeisi DATE: Saturday, Jan. 19

with harpist Maurice

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, PCEP Middle School Orchestra and the Celebration

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

Rock Financial Showplace 46100 Grand River Ave. Call

(248) 348-5600 or visit http://rockfinancialshowplace.co m/for more information.

26th Annual Cycle World International Molorcycle Show TIME/DATE: 4-9 p.m. Friday,

Jan. 4; 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008 DETAILS: BOSS Stunt Show,

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

Ultimate Fishing Show TIME/DATE: 2-9:30 p.m. 1

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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. Bridal Expo 2008 TIME/DATE: Noon-5 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 19-20 **DETAILS:** Largest bridal show with thousands of dollars in prizes, gift coupons and giveaways, three different fashion shows each day, hundreds of experts and plenty of fun. Parking is \$5.

Home Improvement Show TIME/DATE: Noon-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26; 10 a.m.-6

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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

hours, attendees were given all the materials needed to turn out a customizable sock monkey within a couple

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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 tuncheon; prepaid registra-tion required, no tickets issued n required 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 each month

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

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SPORTS

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Northville swimmer Connor Koblinski swims butterfly during a Monday afternoon practice.

ROUNDUP: Tankers keep topping No. 1 Brother Rice

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville swim team owns a string of home dual wins against No. 1 ranked Brother Rice that dates back to January 2004. The Mustangs kept the string going with a 99-87 win in the season-opener Dec. 13.

Things went well for us from the start to the end," Northville head coach Rich Bennetts said. "The kids have a lot of pride. They take to heart these streaks

that we have."

Brody Blickle highlighted the meet with a pair of pool records. He won the 200 individual medley in 1:55.20 and 100 backstroke

Other Mustang wins came from John Bardsley in the 200 freestyle (1:49.68), Joe Cargula in the 100 butterfly (56.02), and divers Kevin Bain (169 points) and Kevin Courtney (147) went 1-2.

The Mustangs also competed at the WLAA relays Dec. 15 and placed second. Stevenson won the meet with 280, and Northville finished with 252

The 400 medley relay team of Blickle, Greg Sheppard, Ben Schoenek and Nate Lunn placed first. Divers Bain and Courtney again finished 1-2.

Northville finished off the 2007 part of the schedule with a 135-51 romp against Plymouth Salem.

the 200 medley relay team, Blickle in the 200 freestyle, Bardsley in the 200 individual medley (also a state-cut time), Kyle Adams in the 50 free, Lunn in the 100 butterfly, A.J. Aquinto in the 100 freestyle, Anthony Adamowicz in the 500 free, the 200 free relay and the 400 free

relay (state cut). "We've already got all three relay cuts out of the way, which is nice to have," Bennetts said.

Boys basketball

The Northville boys basket-

starts WLAA play with a pair of wins against Canton and Churchill.

In a 55-48 win against Canton on Dec. 20, Greg Hasse led the way with 18 points. David Burke was next with 12, and Dan Kirkpatrick pitched in 11.

Northville (2-2) led 15-10 after the first quarter, but only 23-22 at the half. The score was tied heading into the final quarter, but Northville pulled away behind three-pointers from Steve Anderson and Kirkpatrick

for a 46-39 lead with 4 31 left In a 68-60 win against

Churchill, Anderson scored a career-high 17 points to lead the

Churchill led 18-14 after the first and maintained a 35-31 lead at the intermission. Northville roared back and took a 44-42 lead into the fourth before putting the Chargers

Kirkpatrick provided 15 points to the win, and Scott Wagner scored 10 in his first

Giris basketball

The Northville basketball

team (4-2) won a low-scoring affair, 24-13 against Canton on

Chelsea Atzinger led the way with seven points. She was followed by Sarah Stern with six.

Hockey

The Northville hockey team improved to 7-2-1 with a 4-2 win against Canton. Alex Brewin scored twice for the Mustangs.

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Northville gymnasts shooting for top five

By Jeff Thelsen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville gymnastics team starts with a totally different outlook from last year.

Mustang head coach Erin McWatt was sweating even having a team last year. This year she enters the season with incredibly high hopes.

Gone is all-around division 2 individual champion Julie Foucher, but plenty return from last year's ninth-place team at

Makenna Pohl, Cassidy Winter, Amy Reynolds, and Julie Davison area all back.

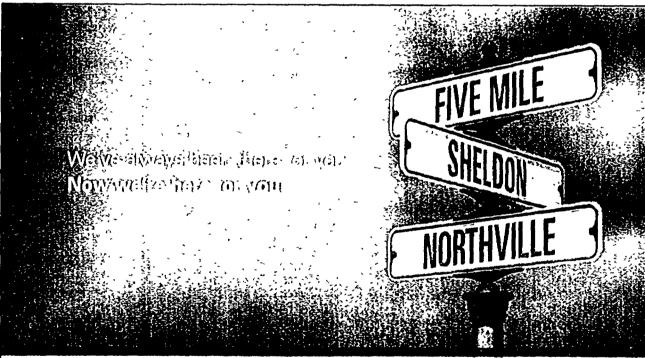
Add to the mix several new faces, including Allison Kemp, Amy O'Brien, Paige Sable and Ilkhani-Pour, and Arianna McWatt is fired up to see what this team can do.

"Ninth in the state with only nine girls was pretty impressive," McWatt said. "Now that they know what they can do, they're going after a top-five finish this year for sure."

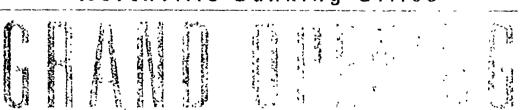


Great season

Congratulations go out to the Michigan Rush U11 Girls Nike team and coaches for their outstanding performance this past fall season. The team went to Indianapolis the weekend of Oct. 5-7 and brought home the FC Pride Cup championship trophy as they went undefeated for the weekend, beating Bloomfield Hills Force in the final, 2-1. The girls also had a great Western Suburban Soccer League season, going 8-1-1 to win their division, scoring 46 goals and conceding only 13 goals in those 10 games. Front row: Kelly McHugh, Kyra Dahring, Elizabeth Hansell, Jenna Marotta, Bridget Carlson; second row: Kate Knoth, Tara Pawloski, Alana Dorfstatter, Taylor Babcock, Margaret Terhune, Emily Maresh, Karen Lovelace, Morgan Gozdor; (back row) Head Coach Andy Vanover, Assistant Coach Loren Taconelli.



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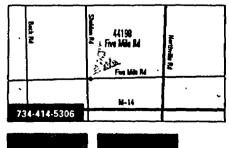


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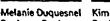
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Shooting suspect turns gun on himself on Belle Isle in Detroit

A man who shot and killed a Robert Scott Correctional Facility worker was a co-worker of the victim's.

suspect. 44-year-old The Darren Rodney Johnson of Redford, who police believe drove to Belle Isle in Detroit and shot himself, remained in critical condition at Detroit Receiving Hospital as of Wednesday.

The suspect was found on Belle Isle on Dec. 19, the same day as the shooting at the Shell Gas Station at Five Mile and Beck roads in Plymouth Township.

The man was found with a selfinflicted gunshot wound to the chest area, according to Jodi DeAngelo, assistant deputy warden at the Northville Township

"Our deepest condolences are extended to the families of both men," DeAngelo said.

Johnson is suspected of murdering 39-year-old Joseph Tyrone Candie, of Detroit, a Robert Scott Correctional Facility officer, at the Shell Gas Station near Five Mile and Beck roads in Plymouth Township about 5:30 a.m. Dec. 19, according to Jodi DeAngelo, assistant deputy warden at the jail.

DeAngelo said the officer, who worked with the Corrections Department for 14 years, had stopped at the gas station around 5:30 a.m. 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.

Det. David Hayes, of the Plymouth Township Police Department, said Johnson was arraigned Dec. 20 at Detroit Receiving Hospital, where he is recuperating from the gunshot wound. Johnson's preliminary examination is set for 8:30 a.m. Friday at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE BRIEFS

Marijuana plants discovered

A 48-year-old New Hudson man was arrested for drug possession at 9:11 a.m. on Oct. 4 on Napier Road. An officer was dispatched on a suspicious circumstances complaint. When he arrived at the home, he was informed by a police sergeant that the man was producing marijuana. Prior to the arrest. members of the detective bureau had seized 16 marijuana plants that were 6-feet tall. The plants were found in the center of a 40-foot by 30-foot garden area about 20 feet

from the man's driveway and in the garage of the home in black pots.

Woman arrested for neglect

A 57-year-old Southfield woman was arrested for child neglect at 2:25 p.m. Oct. 6 outside Kohl's department store on Haggerty Road. Police were dispatched to the parking lot in reference to a child being left alone inside a 2007 black four-door Lexus. When police arrived at the scene, nearby citizens were trying to provide a beverage to a young girl via a small opened

window because the front windows had been left down about an inch. The child was sweating profusely and was wearing a white, short-sleeve shirt and blue jeans. The car could not be opened from inside the car but only from the outside with a key. The girl had been driven to the store by her grandmother. When the woman returned, she said she had left her granddaughter in the car because she didn't want to go shopping. Police called the girl's father to come get his daugh-

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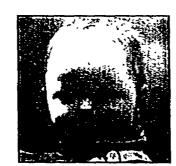
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SNOW DAY: School-closing process a complex one

Number of steps go into closing district

By Jason Carmel Davis

When the sky opens up and unleashes a fury like the one Michigan residents were witness to Dec. 16, a number of questions pop into people's heads.

"How long's it gonna be before my street gets plowed?" "Do I have enough rock salt?" But the one inquiry that hits more people than any other? "Is my kid's school closed today?"

The process to cancel classes involves a number of steps for the Northville Public School District and, specifically, district Superintendent Leonard Leonard Rezmierski.

"It's magic," he said.

When weather conditions pose a hazard to the safety of students and staff, a district superintendent can make a decision to close school, delay the start time, or dismiss early. To make this decision, a superintendent consults neighboring district superintendents, county road officials, local police, the

weather services and representatives of the district's transportation service and transportation department. Current and predicted conditions, and actual driving conditions are all factors in the decision.

Rezmierski said his district is a part of a 14-15 district consortium that holds a conference call at about 2 a.m. on a potential snow day. A Novi meteorologist moderates the call — at no cost to the districts, Rezmierski said. Those districts, which include Novi and Farmington, all make a conscious decision whether or not to cancel classes.

A decision to close school or deemed "OK" — and closed on

delay opening is usually made as soon as possible prior to 5:30 a.m. the day in question. The recent snowstorm, however, was so powerful and widespread that districts called Monday classes early Sunday. The decision to delay opening will be made when safe driving conditions are predicted for later in the morn-

One occurrence that caused some controversy was a wind chill day that took place in early February. A winter storm hit Metro Detroit at that time, and schools remained open on Feb. 5 when road conditions were

Rezmierski said a bureau of Oakland and Wayne County administrators made the call in that instance.

The possibility of cutting into the early part of students' summer vacations is an issue here. as well. If a district accumulates more than five snow days, officials must use days, either during spring break or the early part of the summer, to make those days up, Rezmierski said.

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School closing information

All announcements regarding school closings, bus delays, emergencies, etc., are made on the following television stations: Fox 2 News, WDIV-TV 4, WXYZ-Channel 7 and radio stations — WWJ Newsradio 950, 95.5 FM, 106.7FM, 100.3FM, 1130 AM and WJR. You will also find the announcement on Northville Public School District Web site.

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Northville moving school elections to November

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director of business and finance, said that during even-year elections, when the city of Northville and Northville Township have questions on the ballot, the district will conduct its election at no cost - relieving Northville schools of the \$25,000-\$27,000 it costs to run a school board election.

During the odd-year votes, when the township doesn't hold elections, the district will pay \$15,000. Street said. However, if Schoolcraft College opts to move its elections to November, Northville and Schoolcraft will split the bill. That would make the NPS portion \$7,500, Street

At a public hearing held Dec. 18, Rezmierski said Michigan Association of School Boards officials said that if all 552 of Michigan's public school districts switch election dates, the move will not be forever. If the change becomes taxing for districts, school officials will have

options, Rezmierski told the

"To say (the move) is forever would be a sweeping stance to make," he said.

Although not present for the formal vote, Price made her feelings known during the board's public hearing. She said the possibility of having four seats open at one time would take away from the continuity of the board, as adding four new members to the seven-person board would create a hole in terms of board experi-

Wadsworth said that high rate of turnover won't take place, as the number of seats open each election will remain the same. No more than two seats will be up in an election, but board members terms will be extended six months. Whereas new members have been sworn in July following the May vote, new members will begin serving their four-year terms in January.

The proposed amendment also six-year

Northville board members stayed away from that change, as members declared six years was too

long to serve one term.

"For all of us, four years seems kind of short," Trustee Judith Wollack said. "But we did run for second terms. With six-year terms, we could lose repeat candi-

Some board personnel had reservations about school questions being pushed to the bottom of crowded November ballots. Wadsworth said that shouldn't be a problem since "people in this community care about local issues."

Board Secretary Karen Paciorek said ballots won't be the only crowded things come election time.

There's going to be a lot of yards signs around Northville come November," she said. .

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By Michael J. Pilotti SPECIAL WRITER

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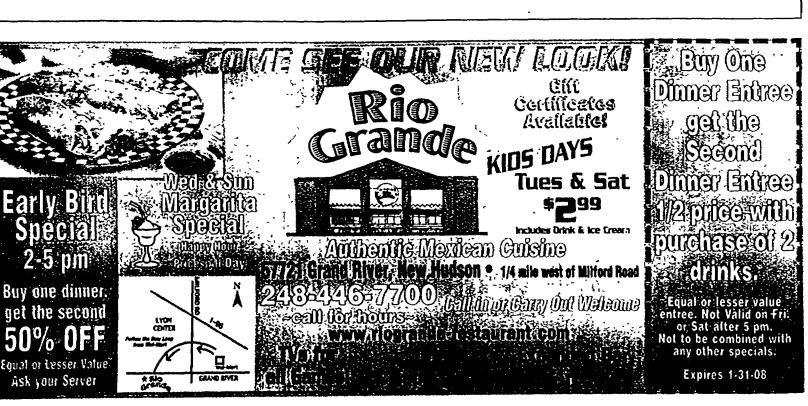
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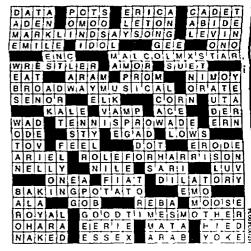
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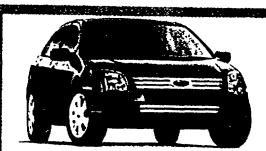
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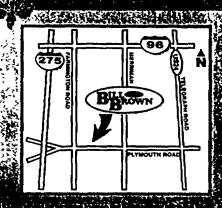
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