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Board approves Edenderry paving project

Opponents attempt last-ditch effort

BY PAM FLEMING

Despite protests from a roomful of angry residents, the Northville Township Board of Trustees approved a \$1,010,000 paving project for the Edenderry Hills subdivision at the Nov. 20 meeting in a 6-1 vote.

Chris Roosen voted no on the special assessment district because he said, "I don't want the township to be in the middle of a disagreement among neighbors.

The Edenderry Hills Paving Special Assessment District is estimated to cost 80 households \$13,232.60 each, plus 6 percent interest if they choose to pay the assessment over 15 years. One of the township's older sub-

divisions, Edenderry Hills is south of Seven Mile Road between Sheldon and Beck roads.
The project needed to have more than 50 per-

cent of the residents' support for the board to be able to give it its blessing. Don Weaver, director of public services, said the project had the support of 69 percent of the households surveyed earlier this fall.

The project will include the reconstruction of Edenderry Drive, Fermanaugh Drive, Donegal Court, Laraugh Drive and Arselot Drive.

MORE SIGNATURES PRESENTED

June Lafferty, a 40-year resident of Laraugh Drive, presented 16 "no" signatures to the board at the meeting, which she said were enough to push the percentage to 51 percent against the project. But, there is no provision in the state statute on special assessment districts that allows a resident to change their vote.

Trustee Sue Hillebrand said some of the signatures were not dated, plus they couldn't be

accepted just minutes before the project was up for a vote.

"I wonder how many people are going to live here four years from now?" if the special assessment district was approved, asked Carolyn DiComo, a resident of Edenderry Drive, before votes were cast.

But Richard Brown, who lives on Donegal Court, said he was in favor of the project.

"We support the S.A.D.," Brown said. "We have a 2-foot-deep hole (on the street) in front

Many complained that since most residents' bank accounts don't allow them to write a check for more than \$13,000 that, with the 6 percent interest, the project will approach an amount close to \$20,000.

Daniel and Margaret Mancia of Fermanaugh Drive were against the project.

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WAYNE COUNTY'S TOWNSHIP ROADS

According to the Wayne County Web site, www. waynecounty.com, counties and their townships have a unique situation when it comes to road construction and maintenance. Unlike cities and villages, townships do not receive gas tax revenues for roads, and, therefore, must rely on their county to provide nearly all road-related activities. Wayne County is responsible for maintenance and construction on all primary roads or "mile roads" in townships. It also maintains township residential streets. But, it is not responsible for major improvements since the county did not build the roads. Thus, the cost of paying or resurfacing is usually covered by the property owners and usually in the form of a special assessment district, in which a government unit can assess against real estate parcels for certain public projects.



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From left, assistant chef Tommy Taylor, owner Jerry Ruggirello and head chef Jeff Jepko Valente in Little Italy's Bacchus Bar near the end of the Nov. 18 Winemakers Dinner at the Northville restaurant. The restaurant celebrates its 20th year in business this year.

Little Italy celebrates 20 years

Recent dinner draws 80 people

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Little Italy Ristorante is one of downtown Northville's hidden gems - but the restaurant and market, tucked away in a former house off Hutton Street, observes its 20th anniversary this year.

One of the restaurant's special features is its occasional Winemakers Dinners in which

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patrons are treated to a six-course dinner, five accompanying wines and the ability to order wine afterwards. The most recent one on Nov. 18 attracted 80 people, with the restaurant bustling with activity.

John and Ellen Defever of Livonia have been coming to the restaurant for about a decade.

"What's fun about it is that the very first time we came to one of these, we realized that the vineyard owners at the wine events are just basically farmers," Ellen said. "They talk about how they grow the grapes, and how seasonal the wine business is."

Don and Kathy Drozd of Farmington Hills have also been to several of the Winemakers Dinners since Kathy's parents are the Defevers.

Please see LITTLE ITALY, A5

Schoolcraft College land purchase still undecided

Item removed from board agenda

An agreement in which Schookraft College was to purchase about 20 acres in Northville Township for a public safety educational building is still up the air.

The situation was to be discussed at the Nov. 20 board meeting, but representatives from the college asked that the item be removed from the agenda just minutes before the meeting was about to begin.

There seems to be a disparity between what college officials asked for and what township officials asked for as far as the sale price on the property located near the Robert Scott Correctional Facility at Five Mile and Beck roads.

The college announced plans recently to build an approximately \$20-million facility at the site.

"There is some disagreement on the contract," said Mark Abbo, township supervi-

However, the township board is still confident that a deal can be reached before the two parties and that the sale and the future public safety training facility can become a reality.

Abbo wants a steering committee to review the contract and meet with college representatives. Township trustees Chris Roosen and Marjorie Banner agreed last Thursday to be on this committee.

"It's not going to be a one-way street," Abbo said. "We want to talk to the decision makers at Schoolcraft."

Banner said Schookraft College officials should realize that they will be treated fairly by township officials.

"We have people on our planning commission who are very involved with Schoolcraft College," Banner said. "They should not be afraid of them."

Trustee Mary Gans said he would be glad to serve on the committee, but Abbo thought that might not be appropriate



Marjorie Banner since Gans was a longtime employee of the

college. Gans, however, felt that he could remain objective despite his long-term affiliation with the Livonia school. "I don't think they (Schookraft College

officials) should be treated any differently than any other developer," Gans said. "I think the (water) tap-in fees and sewer fees should be the same and that the township should not sell the property for less than we paid for it." This seems to be the major bone of con-

"We are not wavering on the sewer tapin fees," Abbo said. "And the college has already agreed that any commercial on the property would only be ancillary, such as a vending service for the students."

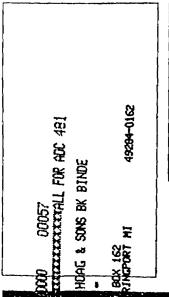
Other issues deal with the sovereignty of the property and dealing with the townships ordinances.

We have to do what we think is right for the township," Gans said.

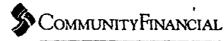
The board voted to approve the land purchase at its May 2007 meeting. At a board meeting earlier in the fall, members placed a termination date of March 2009 on the purchase agreement. There are reportedly eight items under dispute.

Abbo said nothing was lost in negotiations with the item being removed from the Nov. 20 agenda.

"We welcome them in the community," Abbo said. "Let's see if we can find a resolution to the issues."







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Hillside Middle School sixthgrader Alina Haque shows visitor Jane Green how to make an origami boat out of a magazine page during the recent Hillside Extravaganza. Seniors visit the school for the day and are treated to musical and choir selections, are fed breakfast, enjoy artwork and can enjoy a few moments of bowling or bingo - all hosted and arranged by Hillside's

students.



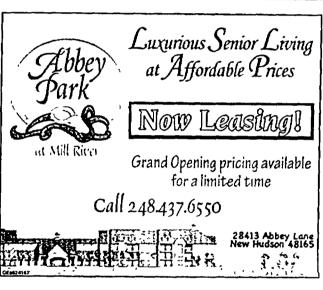
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Hillside Robotics team makes it three in a row

The Eagles, one of Hillside Middle School's robotics teams, won the Programming Award at the LEGO Fever II regional First Lego League tournament in Flint. They qualified to compete in the state championship tournament in December based on the design, building and performance of their robot, as well as teamwork and the quality of their science research project. This will be the third consecutive year the Eagles have qualified for the state tournament.

The Eagles team, Simone Young, Andrea Meister and Max Paul, got high marks for their research project. Based on this year's theme, Climate Connections, they studied the loss of wetlands resulting from climate change. The team concluded that recent global climate change is caused by increased levels greenhouse gases, one of which is carbon dioxide, in the atmosphere. The Eagles propose using a special kind of micro algae to reduce carbon dioxide. The algae would be placed in containers near factories and other sources of carbon dioxide emissions. It would remove carbon dioxide before it enters the atmosphere, thus helping reverse global climate change and protecting wetlands, which provide food and



The Eagles Max Paul, Andrea Meister and Simone Young demonstrate their robot at the LEGO Fever II regional tournament.

water to many people around the world.

Submitted by Kurt Meister

CLARIFICATION

In an article in the Oct. 23, 2008, issue on residents views concerning a proposed Special Assessment District for paving in the Edenderry Hills subdivision in Northville Township, it stated that, if approved, most property owners would pay about \$13,250 over

a 15-year period for the road resurfacing. What was not included is that there would be a 6 percent interest rate applied to this amount over the 15 years. Also, the cost of \$2.40 a day would only be if a homeowner paid the amount outright.



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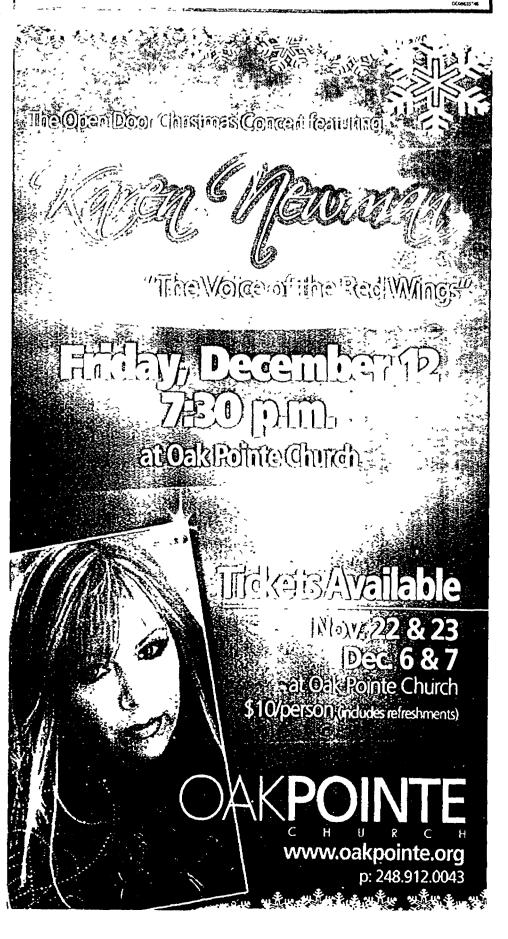
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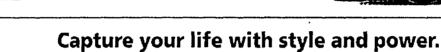
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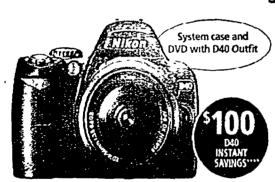
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STAFF WRITER

The holidays can be a difficult time, especially for those who may have recently experienced the death of a loved one or whose memory is simply drawn to people in their lives no longer around.

But, thanks to the kindness and generosity of a local business, an event next month can lead to brighter outlooks for

many in the future. Local developer Toll Brothers will host the event "New Hope for the New Year from 7-10 p.m.

Federal Model Home, 50641 Drakes Bay Drive on Wixom Road just north of Ten Mile Road in the Island Lake subdivision in Novi.

Community Weeklies (Thursday November 27 2008

The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, beverages, musical entertainment and raffles, with proceeds going to the New Hope Center for Grief Support in downtown Northville. Some of the local restaurants participating by donating appetizers or desserts are Cassel's Catering. Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant, Little Italy, Senate Coney Island, Wildflours and

Toll Brothers will also provide complimentary valet parking and tours of the model home.

The New Hope Center offers loss-specific grief support programs, meaning those who have suffered from the death of a child, spouse or parent are grouped together. This enables each group to be able to relate to the type of emotions and situations that particular types of losses bring.

The cost is \$40 per person by Monday, Dec. 1, or \$45 after Dec. 1 or at the door. No credit card payments will be accepted \$40 or \$45 charge, \$30 is tax deductible.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to fax a reservation form available online to (248) 348-6815 or register online. Checks can be made payable to New Hope Center for Grief Support and mailed to 113 E. Dunlap St., Northville, MI 48167.

For more information, call the center at (248) 348-0115 or go to www.newhopecenter.net. Tickets will not be provided; guests can simply check in at the door. Additional memorial donations are also being accepted.

Those attending the Dec. 5 event are also encouraged to bring a donation for the KIDZ Program, which is in need of gift certificates from Costco, Sam's Club, Office Depot, Michael's, Borders Bookstore or Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Supplies such as Model Magic Modeling Clay, fabric paint and colored markers are also being requested.

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"New Hope for the New Year"

Mim Nordstrom, left, of Plymouth and Pauline Bozyk of Commerce Township at last year's "New Hope for the New Year" fund-raiser at one of the Tuscany Reserve model homes in Novi. This year's event benefiting the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville will take place on Friday, Dec. 5, at Toll Brothers' Island Lake subdivision in Novi. Cost is \$40 by Dec. 1 and \$45 after Dec. 1 or at the door, \$30 of which is tax deductible.



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"It's the best Italian restau-

Lynn and Jim Bambard of

Walled Lake were introduced to

the restaurant by the Defevers.

We like Italian food and

lived in southern Italy for a cou-

ple of years ago," Jim said. "One

Jerry Ruggirello, owner of the

restaurant, said the restaurant's

didn't have a formal celebration.

'What's special about Little

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OWNER. CHEF'S COMMENTS

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From left, Ellen Defever

of Livonia, special guest

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the Terrabianca estate

on the hills of Radda in

Chianti in Tuscany, and

Defever's daughter,

Kathy Drozd, at the

Nov. 18 Winemakers

"This process has been riddled with misinformation," Daniel Mancia said. "I'm disappointed in the township."

Sally Noerr, who lives on Edenderry Drive, said, "There are four major areas that need to be repaired. Can we just do these areas instead of all the roads? I don't think I can go to Capitol Hill and get a bailout. A lot of people were told different things." She said she did not receive the notice on the public meeting about the project until the day after the meeting.

Leon Darga, who lives on Donegal Court, said, "I realize everybody in this room is feeling the pain (of a depressed economy). But, I think all of the alternatives have been sought, and the roads are getting worse. I think there are many in this room who want this to pass."

Rafferty, one of the most ardent opponents of the project. said to the board, "You people are here to serve and protect us. To put a \$20,000 rope around our necks is unconscionable."

TRUSTEES FEEL THE PAIN

Trustee Chris Roosen said he understands the economic situation many residents are in, or may soon be in, and that the special assessment district creates another financial burden.

"I lost my job three weeks ago," said the former account manager at Visteon. Mindy Herrmann, who attended her first meeting as a newly-elected trustee Nov. 20, said, "I'm torn. I've talked to many of you ... I feel for you ... I have empathy, but I have to vote

Jim Nield, a resident of Arselot Drive and member of the Street Fix Steering Committee that researched the paving project, thanked the board for its sup-

port.
Thank you for following the process," Nield said. "I know this was a contentious issue.'

He noted that there were six vacant lots in the special assessment district, and that five out of these six property owners voted yes. "That should tell you something," he said, "as their only benefit is the future of the subdivision.

Nield said there was 75 per-

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cent acceptance for new streets in Edenderry Hills when the petition was submitted in September. The signatures were to be irrevocable, according to a July 25 letter from the township. The petition required both owners of the home to sign, where applicable. The 16 names handed to the supervisor two minutes before the board voted included five with only one signature. Even if the supervisor did accept all 16 signatures, the residents who want new streets amounted to more than 50 percent.

"They were over 50 percent in the footage calculation and the property-owner calculation," Nield said.

"The majority of Edenderry residents want new streets even with the recent economic downturn which was approved 6-1 at the township meeting last week. We will now do everything we can to reduce the potential costs by reducing the road specifications wherever possible and still meet Wayne County standards. We need very competitive bidding after the engineering is completed. We have received very good input from neighbors regarding their suggestions on drainage improvements, storm sewer locations and driveway entrance elevations that will be included in the design. The first payment is not due until January or February 2010, which, fortunately, is 15 months away. We are hopeful the weak economy and lower petroleum prices will also help provide a reduced costs from what was projected. Many neighbors are pleased with the approval and look forward to replacing their 40-year-old streets. Two other subdivisions have contacted our committee asking for help in getting started with a S.A.D. for their neighborhood."

attorney, said the only legal recourse residents have once a special assessment district is approved by a governmental body is for them to ask a circuit court judge to dissolve the district based on some impropriety of the governmental body in following state law or that the

improper manner. "Frankly, I don't see either, he said.

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is Jeff Jepko Valente, who is assisted by Tommy Taylor. Valente opened the restaurant in Sept. 28, 1988, which consisted then of only three small dining rooms in the original Victorian home on Hutton Street.

"I had a vision then to create a 'Little Italy' with a bar and market, but I got sidetracked, Valente said. The market was finished only four years ago.

He thought about leaving or relocating the restaurant due to the downturn in the economy, but, "I recently sold the restaurant to my good friend, Jerry. He's one of those crazy guys who always wanted to be in the restaurant business.

Food is now Valente's passion, and he's trying to leave the restaurant details to Ruggirello.

"I'm trying to wean myself away from the bar, the wine and the market," he said. "It hasn't been easy because I've always

dishes. The chef and former owner

kind of run everything. But now I'm starting to get into a groove and get back to the kitchen." He's basically self-taught

> when it comes to cooking and travels frequently to Italy. Valente said when it comes to food, his philosophy is simple. "I believe in using fresh ingredients, prepare them

> > way - don't overdo it. I think you should let the ingredients speak and not make them too rich, over-sauce or over-season them. For example, one of his dishes

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sambuça, an aniseed-flavored But, it's not in-your-face,"

has a tomato sauce infused with

Dinner at Little Italy Ristorante in Northville. The meal consisted of six courses and featured five different wines that complemented the food. PHOTO BY PAMIFLEM NO NORTHY LLE RECORD he said. "That's the philosophy of real Italian cooking - using fresh ingredients and keeping it

> talk. Give it a voice and put it in front of the right people who listen.' Valente grew up in Detroit and learned sauce-making and pasta-making business from his

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immigrant stepgrandparents. "I've always been around Italian culture and Italian food," he said. "It's the only thing I've ever done. I learned how to cook before I could

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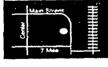
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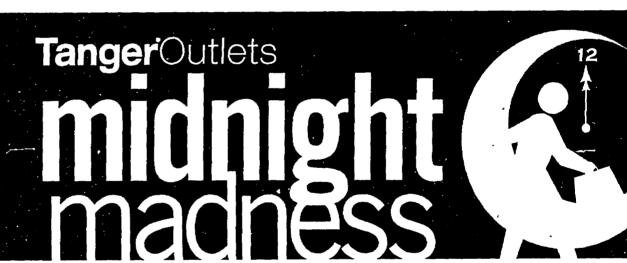
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BARBARA A. BERGUM

Age 84 of Northyille, died November, 22, 2008. A funeral service was held. last Wednesday at Casterline Funeral Northyil'e Contributions to AMORC PO Box 380710 Claren Tup M. 48038

MABEL MAE BEYER

Born June 21, 1914 in Bad Ake Michigan Passed aviav peacefully in the name of her Lord Monda,. November 17, 2008 at Zephyr Haven Healincare in Zeptyrhills Florida She leaves belind a son Arnold and daughter n-la. Janet of Traverse City, MI, and a son Larry and daughter in-la. Charlene of Croswell MI Along with 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren She spent most of her life as a homemaker Irving in Detroit South Lyon and Harrisville MI and Zepharhals and Lakeland, FL

HAROLD L. LANE

Longtime resident of Northville, Died Nov 19, 2008 Loving father of Martha (John) Beechler and David Adored grandfather of two and greatgrandfather of four Mr Lane was laid to rest at Rural h I Cemeter.

ROBERT A. SHEETS

Age 75 died on Nov 19 2008 Visitation was held No. 23 at PH P-PIS FUNERAL HOME A Funeral Mass was he'd Nov 24 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon, On-line guestbook www.philipsfuneral.com

LONNIE E. TALLEY

Age 85 ded hov 18 2003 A Funeral Service was held on floy 22 in Smithland KY Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME South L,on On re guestrock

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PATRICIA ANNE THEISEN

November 17, 2008, Loving sister of Pame'a (Bryon) Perry Dear companion of Jay Sugrue Aunt of Mark Sarah Christopher and Jill Great aunt to nine nieces and rephews Mimi to Joseph and Colleen, and grand-mimi to six. Niece of Anne Theisen Predeceased by parents. Leo and Mary Theisen Visitation was last Thursday 4-8pm and Rosary 7pm at O Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River, No.1 248-348-1800 Funeral mass was last Frida, 11 00am Our Lady of Victory Church 133 Orchard Dr. Northyille Memorial contributions in Patricia's name may be made to SIDS Foundation of Colorado. 425 S. Cherry St. #890 Denver CO 80246 or Armal Rescue Online condo-

NORMA J. VERNON

Age 84 of Northville and Central Lake passed away peacefully on No.ember 22, 2008. She was born May 7, 1924 in Boone, Iowa to Lester and Grace (Arrasmith) Myers Norma was unted in marriage to Paul R Vernon on August 31, 1941, they spent 63 loving years together. She moved to Northwile in 1966; then moved to Central Lake in 1988 after her husband retired as the Mayor of Northy I'e Norma was a member of Northville Women's Club and was a Chairman of Northville Beautication For many years she flower pots in downtown Northville She was an avid seamstress and loved gardening. She is surrived by her loving daughter Carmen (Roy) Kuckenbecker and her dearest grandchildren David "Mike" Kuckenbecker and Dianne J Kuckenbecker She was preceded in death by her parents her husband, and her brother Mancel Myers: A Funeral Service was held last Tuesday at Casterline Funeral Home Inc of Northville Rev Art Spafford with the First United Methodist Church officiated the serv-"Your will be laid to rest in Lin vocd Park Cemetery in Boone to va. The family would appreciate menoral contributions to the Alzhe mens Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr. Ste. 100, Southfield MI 43076 or St. John Healthcare, PO Box 673271 Detroit MI 48267



CPARD wants meeting on REIS agreement rescheduled

■ Group still pursuing lawsuit

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF ARITER

Steve Emsley, the Northville Township resident who heads up a new citizens group, says he has a solution to the lawsuit the group recently filed against the township.

Citizens for Public Accountability and Responsible Development (CPARD) claims the township board of trustees violated the Michigan Open Meetings Act by voting on an agreement between the township and developer REIS in closed session over the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property on Seven Mile Road.

Emsley, CPARD spokesperson, addressed the board at its Nov. 20 meeting, saying all the members have to do is reschedule the meeting, invite the public and recast their votes on the consent judgment.

The judgment was approved by a federal judge, Sean Cox, on July 30.

The trustees have stated that they did not violate the Open Meetings Act, as the board is allowed by law to hold closed sessions regarding matters of litigation, and notice of the meetings were properly posted.

Emsley has posted his suggestion that the board reconvene its meeting and will be forwarding the suggestion to the board and more than 1,000 township residents soon.

"Not many people are aware that under the OMA (Open Meeting Act) the township can end this all right now without admitting any fault legally, Emsley said in an e-mail to the Record " ... People have questioned our attorney and his abilities ... Funny thing about that, he told me from day one Your biggest fear in all of this should not be losing; it should be that they just immediately

rehold the meetings and vote it back through. They can do that without admitting guilt and paying our small fees. If I was their attorney, this is what I would advise them to do ASAP (this was right after we filed) before you get a groundswell of citizens informed."

Ernie Essad Jr., township attorney, has previously stated that the township board did not violate the Open Meetings Act by meeting behind closed doors on the agreement concerning the former hospital property.

Sue Hillebrand, township clerk and board member, also previously stated that she took every measure to assure that any and all closed meetings were posted well in advance of the required time period.

Emsley believes it would be in the best interests of everyone for the board to simply property notice such a meeting and have the vote taken again.

He said this would mean that the township board would admit no guilt or fault under the OMA by doing so; the board can explain to the public why it voted the way it did; and the public will be able to

voice its concerns. This would also allow members to "vote it back through and not risk being sued again by REIS."

He further states, "You can vote it back through and keep the current piece of garbage agreement intact."

Emsley said, "Should you continue down the path you are on, there is no positive outcome for anything other than your pride/ego."

He claims that the township board is running up legal fees either directly or indirectly through insurance premium increases. Emsley also believes the township will not be able to recover the cost of legal fees from CPARD.

"This case is about to get a lot more expensive for the

township," he said. Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said the consent agreement has already been approved by a federal judge.

"And, the public has already offered its input at numerous township board meetings," Abbo said.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

Northville Township

A woman reported to police on Sept. 16 that her father's vehicle had been broken into while she was working at Papa Vino's Restaurant at 17107 Haggerty Road between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. on Sept. 12.

The driver's-side window's rubber seal was damaged and the window was slow when opened. Nothing was taken, but the dashboard under the stereo was torn apart. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

A resident on Stonebrook Drive learned that a bag containing a pair of Etonic golf shoes and another containing several hand tools had been stolen from his vehicle between 9 p.m. Sept. 15 and 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16. The vehicle was parked in his driveway and unlocked. The shoes were valued at \$150, and the two black bags were valued at \$50 each.

DRIVING, NO LICENSE

A woman was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 5:48 p.m. Sept. 12 at Haggerty and Seven Mile roads.

Volice discovered the woman's license was expired when they ran her plate while sitting at a stoplight.

A man was arrested for the same offense at 10:39 p.m. Sept. 12 at Haggerty and Seven Mile roads. The man was stopped when he made a left turn on a solid red light from southbound Haggerty Road into the AMC 20 Theatres parking lot. Another woman was arrested for the same offense at 6:30 a.m.

Sept. 17 at Five Mile and Haggerty roads. The woman was pulled over because she didn't have her head-

Another man was arrested for the same offense at 11:20 p.m. Sept. 15 at Haggerty and Five Mile roads. Police learned

his license was suspended while on patrol in the Innsbrook Apartment complex on Seven Mile Road. The man had exited the complex onto Seven Mile Road. Another woman was arrested for the same offense at 1:33 a.m.

Sept. 16 at Six Mile and Haggerty roads. Police pulled the woman over because she the driver's side tail

light was cracked, showing white light to the rear.

LICENSE NOT VALID

A man was arrested for driving without a valid license at 7:30 p m. Sept. 12 at Eight Mile and Meadowbrook roads. Police stopped the man because he changed from the curb land into the through land and then returned to the curb lane without signaling. The man's van also had a cracked windshield.

Two male passengers in the van were also arrested for outstanding warrants.

The three subjects were part of an out-of-state magazine sales group.

RETAIL FRAUD

A man was arrested for shoplifting at Meijer at 20401 Haggerty Road at 9:15 p.m. Sept. 12. A store detective watched as the man placed a Dyson vacuum in a shopping cart and left the store without paying for the item. The vacuum was valued at about \$450.

INTOXICATED DRIVING

A woman was arrested for driving under the influence at 10.15 p m. Sept. 15 on Eight Mile Road near Haggerty Road.

While traveling westbound on Eight Mile Road near Meadowbrook Country Club, an officer noticed a vehicle that appeared to be traveling faster than 45 mph. Upon activating his radar, he saw that the driver was traveling at about 59 mph.

The woman's speech was slurred, and there was a slight odor of intoxicants. When asked if she had been drinking, the woman said she was coming from a friend's house and had had three martinis.

City of Northville

PLANET FITNESS THEFT

A Novi woman reported to police that her jacket was stolen from the Planet Fitness workout facility at 235 E. Main St. between 9:42 and 10:20 a.m. Nov. 9.

The jacket was stolen from the locker room and was hanging on an unsecured rack. Two sets of car keys, including one set with a Mobil gas station SpeedPass, were in the jacket.

The manager said patrons are signed in at the front desk and that he would be able to provide police with a log of all persons who had been in the building at the time of the theft. The fleece jacket was valued at \$130.

HIT-AND-RUN ACCIDENT"

A hit-and-run accident occurred at the intersection of E. Main Street and Griswold Street at 7:10 a.m. on Nov. 18.

The Northville woman told police she was driving westbound on E. Main Street when a dark-colored sport-utility vehicle traveling northbound on Griswold ran the light and struck her vehicle. When the woman told the driver to pull into a parking lot, the driver took off. Parts found on the scene belonged to a

The driver was described as a white male around 5-feet, 10-inches to 6-feet tall, weighing about 180 pounds with lightcolored hair. The woman was transported to Providence Park Hospital for injuries, which involved strained muscles. Police are still searching for the 1998 Chevrolet.

CLIENT FILES MISSING

A woman at a business on E. Main Street told police that one of her employees had recently resigned and had some client files that belonged to the business that were not returned. The business owner did not want to file a police report on the incident. however, and said they were going to handle it in-house.

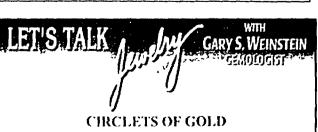
A Columbus, Ohio, man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:56 a.m. Nov. 16 at Eight Mile Road and Center

An officer was running stationary radar from the south shoulder of Eight Mile Road just west of N. Center Street when he saw a vehicle that appeared to be traveling well above the posted 40 mph speed limit. Upon activating his radar unit, the officer found the vehicle to be traveling at 60 mph.

After smelling intoxicants coming from the vehicle, the officer asked the man if he had been drinking. The man said he had had a few drinks earlier at an engagement party. A preliminary breath test revealed the man's blood alcohol

level was close to three times over the .08 percent designated under law as driving while intoxicated.

Compiled by Pam Fleming, staff writer



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Worship Services

TIME. 5 15 p m Saturday; 9 15 and 11 15 a m Sunday Bellew Life Ministries

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for only \$60. Dinner is served and child care is available on request CONTACT. For more information or to regis-Logos Youth Club ter ca'l (248) 912 0043 or visit oakpointe TIME/BATE: 515 815 pm every Wednesday through May DETAILS For children in grades 4-12 Every

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Christmas* TDNE/DATE: 9 45 a m. Sunday Dec. 14 DETAILS. Children present the story about a grumpy janitor who learns the meaning of Christmas from the toys in the store

Bine Christmas Service TIME/DATE: 7 30 p m. Monday, Dec 15 DETARS: For those who struggle through the holidays or have experienced loss Christmas Cantala "One Small Child"

TIME/DATE: 9 45 a m. Sunday, Dec. 21 DETAILS: Followed by caroling and luncheon

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LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside DETAILS: All levels of play welcome, bring your friends, \$1

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MITE Monday-Friday TME: 8 10 a.m. **LPCATION: Senior Community Center 303 W** Main St.

Health Walking

TIME/SATE: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each

TIME/MITE: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

NETALS. Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register, \$1 per person.

MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools Moard of Education

BATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of the TME: 7.30 p.m.

LOCATION: Winchester Elementary School

City of Northville City Council MIE: First and third Monday of the month

TME: 7.30 p.m. LOCATION: City Hall, 215 W Main St. ment Authority Neetmo MIE: Third Tuesday of each month (Dec. 16)

TME:8a.m. LOCATION: City Hall Meeting Room A. on lower level, 215 W Main St.

CONTACT. downtownnorthyllie com Manage Commission MJE First and third Tuesday of month

TME: 7.30 p.m. **LOCATION** City Hall asang Commission

MJE Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 3 p.m. LOCATION: Allen Terrace 401 High St Historic District Commiss

MIE: Third Wednesday of month TIME: 7 p.m. **LOCATION** City Half

Arts Commissio MIE: Second Wednesday of every month

LOCATION: Art House, 215 W Cady St. Reautification Commission MTE. Second Tuesday of every month

LOCATION: Northwille City Hall, Meeting Room 8

Northville Township Planning Commission
MATE. Last Tuesday of month

TIME: 7.30 p.m. LOCATION: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile Board of Trustees BUYE Third Thursday of month TIME: 7.30 p.m. LOCATION: Township Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals **NATE:** Third Wednesday of month TME: 7.30 p.m. LOCATION: Township Hall

Beautification Commission

MITE: Third Monday of month LOCATION: Township Hall

Mile Road

Youth Assistance MIE. Second Tuesday of every month LCCATOR: Northwille Township Hall 44405 Six CONTACT. Sue Campbell (248) 344 1618

LIBRARY LINES

ETC.

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

TIME/IMY: 10 a.m. to 9 p m. Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1 5 p.m.

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Harthville Parks & Recreation LOCATION: 775 N Center St (back entrance

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Parks and Recreation Commission DATE/TIME: 7 pm second Wednesday every other month beginning in January LOCATION. Northville Township Hall 44405

Group Fitness Classes **BETAILS:** Classes include Yoga, Priates Ball,

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TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every Sunday LOCATION. Senior Community Center, 303 DELLAS: \$3 per person.

Open Family Basketball TIME/DATE: 4 6 pm every Sunday LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W Main St

BETAKS: \$2 per person Open 48+ Baskethall TIME/DATE: 7 9 30 p.m. every Wednesday LOCATION. Senior Community Center, 303

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LOCATION. Recreation Center at Hillside **DETAILS: \$4** per person TIME/PATE, 7-9 30 p m every Tuesday and

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside **BETARS**- Competitive style badminton available, all skill levels welcome, \$8 per

player Open Pickleball

TIME/DATE: Noon to 3 pm every Wednesday; 6 8 p.m. every Saturday LOCATION. Recreation Center at Hillside DETAILS: S4 per player Ca'l (248) 449 9947 for more information

Open Table Tennis TIME/DATE: Noon to 4 pm every Saturday LOCATION, Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W Baseline Road

FETARS: Eight tables available, all skill levels welcome. \$5 per player Coed Adult 50+ Yolleyball TIME/BATE: 10 a.m -noon every Monday

Wednesday and Friday DETAILS: \$1 per player Bring your friends All levels of play helcome Ca'l (248) 449-

9947 for information

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Art House Store LOCATION, 215 W Cady St DETAILS: Looking for volunteers to work four hours per month, receive it percent CONTACT. (248) 344-0497

Friends of the Northville District Library **BETAILS:** There are open ngs for our Board of Directors. The friends are volunteers. who promote reading support programs in the library and financially support projects not covered by the library's

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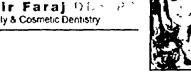
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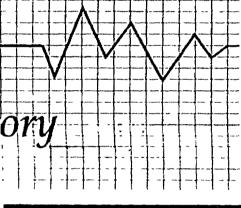
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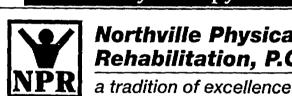
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Nominations for alternative learning sought

■ Deadline Jan. 6 for Northville's gifted magnet program

Northville Public Schools is accepting parent nominations for testing for Alternative Learning Programs for Students (ALPS), the school district's gifted magnet program housed at Amerman Elementary School with continued programming at Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools. Parents who believe their child exhibits exceptional academic ability and has a need for alternative programming may want to consider requesting an assessment.

Students who can be referred for ALPS testing include:

Second grade students living within the school community and those who plan to enroll in Northville Public Schools for the 2009-10 school year.

Third, fourth and fifth grade students who are not currently enrolled in Northville Public Schools, but live in the school community and plan to enroll for the 2009-10 school year. (All currently enrolled third and fifth grade stu-dents are already scheduled to be tested.)

■ New fourth grade students who enrolled in Northville Public Schools after June 2008.

Nominated second graders will be tested January 13-16, 2009 from 7:45-9:45 a.m. Parents are responsible for providing transportation to the testing location, which is the Northville elementary school where their neighborhood is assigned. Students should arrive a few minutes early to be ready to begin testing promptly at 7:45 a.m. For those students not currently enrolled in Northville Public Schools, parents also will be responsible for picking up their student after testing at 9:45 a.m.

Third and fifth grade students will be tested beginning the week of January 26, 2009. Newly enrolled fourth graders or those who wish to enroll in Northville Public Schools for the 2009-10 school year also will be tested beginning the week of January 26.

DETAILS

For more information regarding testing, as well as copies of the ALPS brochures and parent nomination forms, please visit the school district Web site at www northville k12 mi us information about the achievement (ITBS) and ability (CogAT) tests used to determine ALPS placement is available at www.riversidepublishing com

 Nomination forms for students other than third and fifth graders currently enrolled in Northville Public Schools must be received by Friday, January 6, 2009 Completed forms should be sent to the ALPS Office, Room 104. Northville Public Schools, 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167 or faxed to 248 347 6928 For additional details about

248 344 8467

out access to that information. the ALPS program and testing process visit the district Web site or contact Beth McGhnnen or Janice Henderson at

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WITH STATE SEN. NANCY CASSIS

TRANSPARENCY WILL SHINE THE LIGHT ON STATE GOVERNMENT

The Michigan Senate recently approved three transparency bills I sponsored to bring more openness to state government. In order to make decisions, legislators must have accurate and up-to-date information from state agencies. This will avoid unnecessary mistakes and unintended conse-

quences from happening. At a time when there is a tremendous amount of public cynicism in government after the banking failures, foreclosure crisis, multibillion-dollar bailouts and the bridge to nowhere, bringing transparency to government operations is essential to restoring the public's faith.

Judgment and decision making go hand in hand. In the past we have sometimes written legislation without access to significant facts. We have been kept in the dark like mushrooms. By requiring disclosure of key information and the ability to verify data the Legislature could avoid harmful repercussions that sometimes occur when bills are written with-

Senate Bill 1015 will require the state treasury to share aggregate tax information by business category with the chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the chair of the House Tax Policy Committee

and the directors of the House and Senate fiscal agencies. Importantly, the bill includes safeguards to protect the privacy and confidentiality of individual and business tax information.

SB 1540 would require the state treasury to create and post on its Web site a database detailing all of the Michigan Business Tax credits available to businesses, how many companies are claiming the credits and how much is being claimed annually. The bill is modeled after an acclaimed Washington state law that brought transparency of state tax incentives to its citizens. The purpose is to allow people to see what firms are receiving tax credits and how many taxpayer dollars those companies are

receiving. A third bill, SB 1541, would specifically require that the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) annual reports include:

- The actual number of direct, real jobs created by MEGA recipi-
- The actual amount of capital investment made by the credit recipients; and
- The actual value of the tax credit claimed by a recipient com-

The measure requires the auditor general to audit the MEGA report before it is submitted to the Legislature, and mandates that the report be submitted to the

chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations committees in addition to the same individuals as required by SB 1015.

The bills are now in the House and should become a priority for passage in the last few weeks of session this year.

BORDER COMMUNITIES SAVE JOBS UNDER LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE SENATE

Businesses located in counties that border another state or Canada would be exempt from new personal property taxes under legislation recently approved by the Senate.

Many businesses located near the border are leaving Michigan and going to Indiana or other states. Senate Bill 1281 extends a current property tax exemption for businesses in distressed areas to include those located in a city, village or township located in a county along our border.

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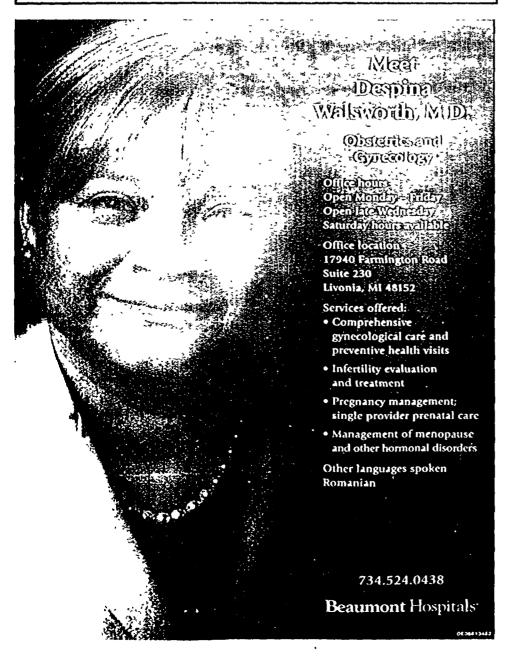


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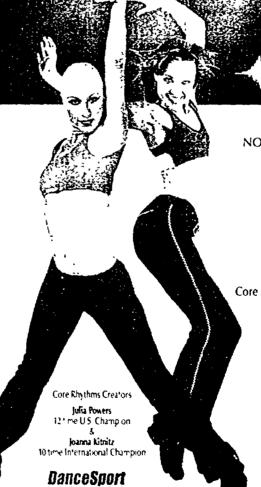
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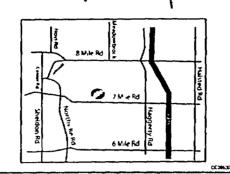
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DISTRICT-WIDE

The following information is provided as a result of recent media attention given to the release of List Serv e-mail lists in another school district: Northville Public Schools' position is that the District will not release List Serv email distribution lists to any other party. This position is

supported by legal opinion. For information regarding NPS ListServ lists, please visit our District Web site at http://

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If you receive a Food Service report showing a negative balance on your child's account, please note that payments are accepted daily for negative accounts. You do not have to wait until Tuesday (when payments are normally accepted) in order to bring their account current.

Please remember that Jet's Pizza is served only on Tuesdays.

The Moraine PTA needs your help. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Holiday Shop & Crafts on Thursday, Dec. 11. Help is needed for set-up from 3-3:45 p.m., 3:30-5:30, 5:30-7:30 and take-down from 7:30-8:15 p.m. Please contact Brenda Marrone sfm84@ comcast.net.

Attention all fifth grade parents: Please send in a wallet-size or small photo of your fifth grader as a baby so that they will be included in the

2008/09 Moraine Yearbook Baby Page. Be sure to put your child's name and teacher on the back of the picture.

Send your picture to school in an envelope with YEARBOOK BABY PICTURE" written on it, or put it in the Yearbook folder located in the file cabinet outside the office. Pictures are due by Friday, Dec. 19. If you have any questions, please contact Adele Kwasny (adelekwasny@yahoo.com) or Diane Zubkus (jdzubkus@yahoo. com).

HILLSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Hillside Media Center's Book and Gift Fair is coming! Be sure to mark your calendar so you won't miss our great books and holiday gift ideas. Students will visit the Book Fair with one of their classes; parents are welcome to stop in and shop anytime during the Fair. This year's Book Fair will be held Dec. 1-5 from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (Monday-Thursday) and 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Friday).



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Santa Yisiks the Northville Pole TIME/BATE: 6 8 p.m. Thursday Dec. 4, 11 and 18 THE/MIL 6 8 p.m. Friday, Nov 28 Dec 5,

TIME/IMJE. Noon to 2 p.m. and 3 30-4 30 p.m. Saturday Nov 29, Dec 6, 13 and 20 TREFMIE: Sunday Nov 30, Dec 7, 14 and 21 CONTACT. Northville Square at (248) 347-3900. Miss Harriet's Dance Studio at (248) 349-1111 or Solid Grounds Coffee House at (248)

What's Going Du? Investment Seminar TIME/NATE: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 **LOCATION:** Northwile Community Senior Center, 303 W Main St. **JETALS.** Join Nicholas Hopwood, CFP and get answers for tough questions about investing and the stock market. Please register by calling (248) 349 4140 No cost

Troop 755 Boy Scout Dancer Adventure TDE/MJE: 430 630 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 LOCATION: Northwille Community Senior Center, 303 W Main St DETARS: Join Troop 755 for an evening of patriotism, adventure, comedy music and dinner Learn about our recent high adventure trip to Alaska and hear our band during dinner, Cost is \$3 per person, RSVP by Nov 25 at the Senior Center

CONTACT. (248) 348-5275

Yocal Arts Exsemble of Michigan Holiday Concert TIME/MJE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 LOCATION. Northwille District Library **SETULS:** The Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan, and outstanding a capella ensemble, perform a highly varied musical repertoire from sacred to secular, from Renaissance to romance, from classical to contemporary Eight members of the Yocal Arts Ensemble will perform in Renaissance costumes. The program is free, but reservations are urged due to limited seating. Call the Library at (248) 349-3020

Medicare Changes for 2009 TIME/MITE: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

LOCATION. Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W Main St.

MTUALS. Receive a Medicare Plan Review with a Certified MMAP Counselor, review your Medicare Prescription Plan, receive a personal Benefits Check Up and more Bring your Medicare card and list of all medications. Annual Medicare enrollment is Nov

First Friday Art Walk TIME/DATE 6 9 pm Friday, Dec 5 LOCATION, Downtown Northville

be accepted.

website at this link:

date of receiving bids

bidders are encouraged to attend

MEMUS: Extended shopping hours, candlelit streets, raffles, give-aways and more. The River, 93 9 broadcasting from Northville

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TIME/MITE: 630-9 p.m. Friday Dec 5 **LICATION:** Community Senior Center DETAILS: Drop off the kids for an evening

play date with crafts, games and snacks. Preregistration recommended Cost is \$6 for first child, \$5 for additional children. Best for ages 3 and older CHITACT. (248) 349-0203

All A-Glow Munication for Education MITE: 615 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 LOCATION: Old Church Square, Center and

Dunlap streets METALS: Help the Northville Mothers' Club raise funds to enhance the lives of Northville school children. From now until Dec 31, purchase tree lights (Diamond \$100; Ruby \$50; Emerald \$25, Sapphire \$10; and Pearl \$5) as a symbol to honor or memorialize someone important in your life. Donate by Dec. 1, for the names being honored or remembered to be listed in the square and the Northville Record. Make checks payable to "Mother's Club of Northville" and send to Pattie Curtis, 20238 Woodbend Dr

Northylle, 48167 Include honoree/memo-

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Herr Hope for the Herr Tear THE/PAITE: 7 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 LECATION: Island Lake of Novi, 50641 Drakes Bay Dr., Novi

MEILLS: Evening of elegance to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, Musical entertainment, hors discuvres and bever age reception, raffles and more. Cost is \$40 per person in advance, \$45 at door RSVP by Dec. 1. Make check payable to New Hope Center for Grief Support and mail to them at 113 E. Dunlap, Northville 48167 Donations also being collect for KID Program. CONTACT: For information call (248) 348-0115 or visit newhopecenter.net

Bookfair Fund-raises For Tipping Point Theatre TIME/IMTE: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 LACATION: Barnes and Noble, 17111 Haggerty

MELLICS: Present a voucher when purchasing merchandise and a percentage of sale is donated to the Tipping Point Theatre. Youchers available for download from tippingpointtheatre org or by calling (248) 347-0003 Also, Tipping Point will present a theatrical storytime in the children's are of the bookstore at 2 p.m.

Boliday Educator Shopping Event MIE. Saturday, Dec. 6

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES STREET & LANDSCAPE REPLACEMENT
PRELIMINARY DESIGN PLAN

Sealed Bids for Professional Consulting Services for the Development of a Preliminary Design Plan for Downtown Northville's Sidewalk and Landscape Replacement Project

will be received by the City of Northville at the Office of the City

Clerk, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, until 2 00 p m, local prevailing time, on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at which time and place they

will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened Faxed proposals will not

Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-0345 or on the DDA

http://www.downtownnorthvalle.com/DTStrategicPlan/

DesignCommittee/DTSDesign htm
A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at
2 00 pm The pre-bid meeting will be at the City of Northville
Council Chambers, 215 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. All

Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the City of Northville and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation,

or recommendation of any bid The City of Northville reserves the

right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any

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Bidding documents may be obtained from the DDA office located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main

LOCATION: Barnes and Noble Bookselfers 17111 Haggerty Road

DETAILS: Teachers and administrators from pre-K 12th grade schools receive 25 percent off books and cafe gift purchases and

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Annual Children's Christmas Workshop TIME/MATE, 10 a m.-noon or 1-3 p m. Saturday

LOCATION: New School Church, Mill Race

DETAILS: Children in grades 1-6 are invited to make seven old fashioned, hand-made gifts for those on their Christmas lists. Intent is to surprise family members. Cost is \$15 per

child. Registration has begun. CONTACT: The Stockhausen's at (248) 349

Breakfast rad Santa TME/NATE: 9 12 a m. Sunday Dec 17 at Dino's BETAILS. Cost is \$12 50 for adults and \$6 40 for children ages 3.13. Children under age 2. are free Reservations required. To reserve Nov 23 at NOMI, call (248) 449-3200 To reserve Dec 7 at Dino's call (248) 437-5993

Kandel's "Messiah" TONE/MITE: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 200 E

DETAILS: Presented by the Northysle Concert Chorale accompanied by organ, harpsichord, professional soloists and the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra of Ann Arbor Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 seniors and \$5 students CONTACT: (248) 349 0911 or first presnyille org

Reckridge Charale "Sounds of the Season" TIME/NATE: 8 p.m. Saturday Dec 6 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec 7

ERCATION: Northville High School DETAILS: Tickets are \$13 and \$16 with a special offer of buy five, get one free, if purchased before Nov 9

CONTACT: (734) 416 9885 or go to www beck ridgechorale org

Senior Christmas Laucheon TIME/MATE: Noon Thursday, Dec 18 LOCATION Northwille Community Senior Center, 303 W Main St

BETAKS. Holiday luncheon featuring entertainment by Beautiful News Worship Bance Ensemble, directed by Kathy Cooke and Yocalist Vincent Vitale singing your favorite holiday classics. Door prizes and more Bring a grab bag gift with a value of \$5 Cost is \$10 per person. Registration

deadline is Dec. 8 CONTINCE. (248) 348 5275

Northville District Library Weekly Activities LOCATION: 212 W Cady St., near Northville

TIME/IMIT: 10 a m to 9 p m. Monday-Thursday 10 a m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday: 1 5 p.m. Sunday

CONTINET. (248) 349 3020 or northytllelibrary org for information regarding programs and library materials mbelina Propel Show

TREFAIL: 415 p.m. Tuesday Dec 2
METALS: Puppet show of classic tale One hundred tickets available five minutes before show begins Boliday Choral Concert: Yocal Arts Ensemble

of Michigan

TME/JATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday Dec 3 METALLS: Enjoy an evening with this acclaimed a capella singing group, dressed in Renaissance clothing. Call to register Recinance Internet Class

TIME/MATE: 2-4 p.m. Thursday Dec 4 DETAILS. Learn the basics of searching the web Must know how to use a mouse Call to register

Gesitti's Little Theater LOCATION: 108 E Main St CONTACT. Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or genitis com Reserv Kill Bliss

TREFALTE: Open every evening during the holidays. Open for lunch theater every day

METALS: Interactive Comedy Dinner Theater provides a slu fesson that will leave you on the edge of the chair lift. Dinner/theater tickets are \$49.95 lunch/theater tickets

"Noblay Overboard" Children's Lunch Theater with Santa

TIME/NATE: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.13 and 20; 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 and 11; and 12:30 p m Sunday Nov 30 Dec 7,14

ETALS: Santa will be present, bring cameras. Tickets are \$15.95 for children and

New Year's Eve with Rod Stewart, Neil Bramond and ther TIME/NATE: 6:30 p.m. Wed. Dec 31

METALS: Tickets are \$55 for dinner and show Genitti's Acting Workshops MIE: We will open any date for 10 or more or dinner then practice voice and body.

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2008 Cemetery Walk: Meeting the In-Laws

A lump caught in my throat as I approached the stone where ancestors Andrew and Elenor Van Sickle lay in rest. Two figures dressed in vintage clothing stood in front of their tombstone, bringing them back to life. Andrew and Elenor Van Sickle left Ovid, Seneca County, New York in 1833 and headed to Michigan with their children. They settled in Oakland County. Andrew was a blacksmith. In 1837 they joined the Northville Presbyterian Church, the same church where Andrew's great-great grandson Ronnie was a member and after boy. Andrew died in 1851 and his wife followed in 1855, both buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Andrew's descendant Ronnie Van Sickle was born and raised in Northville and also was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Ronnie and his descendants are still living in the area. Andrew and Elenor were portrayed by John and Cindy Bullington of

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE - NORTHVILLE HOUSING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL-ALLEN TERRACE DOOR ENTRY CONTROL/INTERCOM SYSTEM

The City of Northville - Northville Housing Commission requests scaled proposals to replace the existing door entry control/intercom system located at Allen Terrace

Proposal details may be picked up at Allen Terrace, 401 High Street, Northville, MI 48167 (248) 349-8030 between the hours of 9-12 & 1-4 Monday thru Friday; any further questions contact: Sherry Necelis, Housing Director

This is a federally funded project The contractor and subcontractors on this project must comply with HUD contract provisions 24CFR part 85 36(1), the Davis-Bacon Act, Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 requirements, Anti-Kickback Act, Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and Department of Labor Standards and Regulations as set forth in the Contract Bid Documents. This municipality is an equal opportunity employer, businesses owned by women or minorities are strongly encouraged

An original proposal and two (2) copies must be submitted by Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 2 00 p.m. at which time they will be opened and read to Dianne Massa, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Proposals must be sealed in an envelope marked "Allen Terrace - Door Entry Control/Intercom System Proposal" Faxed and emailed proposals will not be considered The City of Northville reserves the right to accept and/ or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities in the proposals that are in the best interest of the City of Northville. Persons with disabilities, who require assistance to participate or attend this public meeting, are requested to contact the housing director at the above number at least 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

An electronic version of this Request for Bid can be obtained from the City's web site.

http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PurchasingAndRFPs/ ProposalsBids.htm

> SHERRY NECELIS, Housing Director DIANNE MASSA, City Clerk

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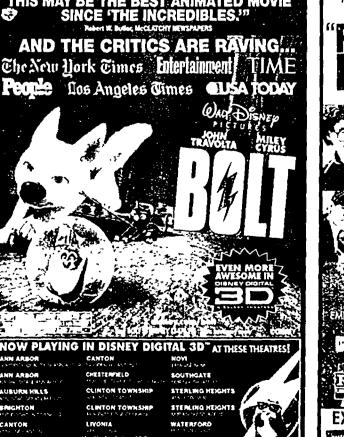
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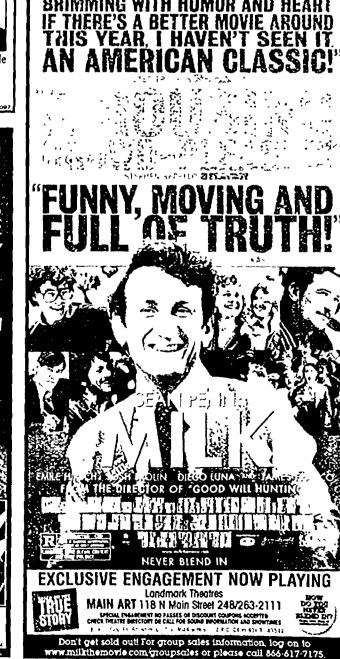
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OUR VIEWS

Be grateful and have a happy Thanksgiving

"Happy Thanksgiving."

We'll hear this greeting a lot in the next week, but how can we have a "happy" Thanksgiving when the economy is in such

So many people have lost their jobs, their homes, their retirement savings.

The national unemployment is 6.5 percent, the highest since March 1994. In Michigan, it's 8.7 percent.

A record 1.2 million homes were in foreclosure during the second quarter of 2008, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. According to some estimates, another 2 million families could lose their homes to foreclosure in the next two

In October, the Dow Jones Industrial Average suffered its worst week of losses ever.

The Big 3 is seeking a government bailout, and leading economists say the likelihood of a prolonged U.S. recession has increased significantly as economic conditions continue

Yet, happiness doesn't come from material possessions. They make it easier to live, but they don't bring lasting and genuine joy.

True happiness comes from being content with what we have - no matter how meager our possessions or how trying our circumstances.

Put the happy in your Thanksgiving this year by being grateful for your many blessings.

COMMENTARY

'The Dinner Party' not your average fare

Just when you thought it was safe to accept a dinner invitation, along comes the story of 'The Dinner Party.'

This current production by Northville's Tipping Point Theatre offers



a look at the comedy and relationshipexploring of famous playwright Neil Simon, who

gave us such Pam Fleming classics as The Goodbye

Five people are invited to dine at a first-rate restaurant in Paris, France. But, the catch is they don't know who the other guests will be or why they have been invited.

This gives whole new meaning to the term "surprise party."

Tossed together in a private dining room, they soon suspect that this rather unorthodox dinner party will forever change their lives.

The evening, as billed, is definitely filled with playful antics, sudden zaniness and masterful comic dialogue as the "mystery dinner" unfolds.

Without giving too much away, in the hopes that area residents' interest will be piqued enough to go to the comedy, it's clear that the six cast members meld beautifully and have a lively rapport with one another.

The cast features Aaron T. Moore as Claude, Dave Davies as Albert, Wayne David Parker as Andre, Stephanie L. Stephan as Mariette, Karin Pearson as Yvonne and Julia Glander as Gabrielle.

The performance is directed by Christina Johnson, executive director of the Tipping Point Theatre. Tracy L. Spada is the resident stage manager. Although it's described as a

Cal Stone

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PERFORMANCES EXTENDED

The Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St., has extended its run of "The Dinner Party" by one weekend, so the new end date will be Jan. 4. The new performances are scheduled for 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 2; 8 p m., Saturday, Jan. 3; and 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 4. For more information, call the box office at (248) 347-0003 or go to www.tippingpointtheatre.org.

comedy, the play also includes a fair share of drama, as well as some rather tense moments between the six characters.

The characters the various dinner patrons play are memorable and offer such personality characteristic as sarcasm, utter rudeness, ditziness, tenderness and sexual tension — to name only a few.

In my opinion, Glander steals the show as the sexy Gabrielle, although Pearson as Yvonne is a close second. There's only one thing to say about Yvonne: Lights are on, but nobody's home.

The mix and match of the dinner guests is priceless, and the story gives the audience a look at the guests' lives - both past and present. Could one night change your future?

There are some touching scenes in the play, and it makes one think about relationships in our own lives. It's a perfect performance for the holidays, and especially Thanksgiving, as we should all be thankful for the meaningful relationships we now have, as well as some that maybe weren't so meaningful. Even people in our lives that we have loathed may still have added to our understanding and acceptance of the human experience.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our

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Road repair thanks

As residents of Edenderry Hills, we wish to express our appreciation for the approval provided by the township trustees at their November 20 meeting for the Special Assessment District to replace our increasingly deteriorating streets. Thanks go, too, to Don Weaver for his professionalism during the two and a half years this process has taken to reach this point of approval. Lastly, appreciations are to our neighbors who were part of the majority who supported the SAD and to those who have led the "Streetfix" initiative.

We have learned much during this time, including the difference between road ownership/repair/replacement in Townships versus in Cities. We have also been reminded that there are differences of opinions among neighbors, some of which can raise emotions quite high. While these are difficult economic times to commit to payments to replace or streets, and the costs will be borne with varying degrees of financial pain, we look forward to the safer, more attractive neighborhood that Edenderry Hills will be when this is concluded.

As this proceeds, we encourage and expect Don Weaver and his staff to continue to look for cost efficiencies as the bids are sought and executed to accomplish the street replacements. We will expect the township engineers and contractors to do all possible to minimize the inconveniences to Edenderry Hills residents during the street replacement process.

> Richard and Karen Brown Northville

Sweet project

I wanted to extend our thanks to everyone who donated their time and energy in helping to gain approval for Edenderry SAD to rebuild our streets. Our sincere thanks to Northville Township Trustees and the Streetfix Committee for sticking with the long time process. We appreciate the work and support of the project we have spent 2 years evaluating. Our young children do not have sidewalks and we have been very concerned about their safety with bikes, strollers, walking and jogging in the Edenderry neighborhood. We look forward to as economical a project as possible and new streets by fall

Our two boys, Mikey and Mark, have been asking for some time if we were getting new road. When I explain the good news last week they both said "sweet"!

> Chip and Ellen Grimes Northville

Had a great time

On behalf of the Northville High School Pom Pon team, we would like to thank the community for helping to make our first variety show "Having a Good Time" a great success. We appreciate everybody that came out to see the show and make a donation to Civic Concern. We collected many bags and cases of food. Thanks to NOMI Redefined, Max and Erma's on Five Mile and Starbuck's Northville for donating raffle prizes to the food drive.

The hard work of many people helped to bring the show together. This includes the participation of many very talented performers from NHS, thank you for taking part in the show! We would like to recognize our three MCs - Nate Hrivnak, Jamie Cook and Andrew Kelleher - and the very first "NHS Guys Pom" team made up of JV and varsity soccer players. You all did a great job. Thanks also to Bryan Johnson, Dan, Mason and JT in the booth and the rest of Bryan's auditorium staff; we appreciate your time and effort. Thanks to the clinic participants and Northville Youth Cheer for taking part in the show. Finally, we would like to recognize Karlyn Jones, Chris Lysaght, Mary Fleury and all the parents, friends and coaches of the pom girls that donated their time and creativity to make the show

We hope you all enjoyed the show and that we will see you again next year.

Kelli Hay & Susan Evans NHS Varsity Pom coach & Variety Show chair-

Thanks from Stallions and Colts

The Northville Stallions and Colts Youth Football and Cheer programs thank those in the Northville community who helped contribute to a successful season this past fall. For almost 40 years, our little league football and cheer programs have proudly represented the Northville community. This past season we had over 210 football players and 70 cheerleaders from 3rd to 8th grades participate in our

We are fortunate to have so many loyal supporters. We are grateful to the Northville Record, and particularly Editor Cal Stone and Sports Writer Jeff Theisen, for their generosity in publishing

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the game day write-ups and photographs from our teams' games. The kids in our programs are thrilled to see their names in print, and we appreciate the Record's significant support.

We thank the Northville Schools for their support and leadership. Bryan Masi, Athletic Director, Chris Gearns, Director of Operations, and his staff of Ron Angove, Ray Givens and Audrey Dresselhouse have backed our organization and provided our kids with the opportunity to play on the High School field. A special thanks to Ron Angove for his dedicated and good-natured help on game days. We extend our thanks to NHS Head Football Coach Matt Ladach for his encouragement and for planting the seed that someday our kids will have the chance to become a Mustang football player. We also appreciate the long and loyal support from Hillside Principal Jim Cracraft. Our thanks to Dave Laabs, NHS Football Booster and former Colts coach, for inviting the Stallions and Colts be a part of the NHS tailgate.

The Northville Parks & Recreation Department has also provided our organization with assistance and guidance, particularly during our expansion to a second team. Traci Sincock, Director, Mary Barberio, Scheduler and Jason Nezich, Field Maintenance, have fully supported our programs and we thank them and their department for doing so.

We thank Northville Fire Chief Jim Allen and his staff for their dedicated and exceptional medical support during our home games. They attend to and care for injured players in a professional manner and we are grateful for their involvement.

A special thank you goes to Jack Doheny, of Jack Doheny Supplies, Inc., for storing our equipment and providing our organization with a safe and central location to house, distribute and collect our equipment. Your kindness and support is a big help to us and we appreciate it.

There are many others who make our organization special and who contribute immensely in its success, and we thank al of you. We are blessed to have dedicated and loyal Board members, Coaches, and parent volunteers. We are especially fortunate to have wonderful children who participate in our programs as a cheerleader or football player.

The Northville Stallions and Colts cheer and football programs look forward to many more successful years and continuing to be a vibrant and important part of the Northville Community. We are genuinely thankful to have such strong partnerships with those who support us and with whom we work. Thanks again for all you do!

Rich Hewlett

President, Northville Stallions and Colts

Volunteer opportunity

With the holidays quickly approaching and the economy quickly failing, many people are wondering exactly how they are going to stretch their ever-tightening budgets to cover their part of this years 'holiday cheer'. I'd like to reach out and remind everyone that the holidays are not about simply making purchases from stores, but coming together as one family, neighborhood or community and reaching out to lend a helping hand. Even though times are tough and money is tight, we need to be thankful for all that we have and all that we can offer. Simple things such as reaching out to help your neighbor rake the leaves or volunteering for a local community group boost our spirits and unite us in these

cheerful, but difficult times. Volunteering has been the backbone of the American way of life since the first settlers arrived in America. Times were tough then, and when people needed help, they banned together to overcome the challenges their new lives posed. Times are difficult now, and we are each facing our own individual challenges. If we reach out and support each other, in any way that we can, as our ancestors did, we can begin to rebuild the bridges to take us into the future.

Right now with the Michigan unemployment rate reaching upward toward 9 percent, volunteering can provide anyone with some much needed emotional relief. Unemployment can be a very depressing, isolated stage in anyone's life, and by simply volunteering you can make professional

contacts, receive employment references, provide advice to an organization or keep practiced in your field, and even earn internship credit hours. Volunteering can also give you a bit of stability in this crazy world, or provide some much needed adult human contact.

Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Re-home is an organization located in Plymouth, which is dedicated to the rescue and adoption of domestic rabbits. Currently, with over 140 rabbits in the shelter, and 60 more in foster care, they need all the help they can get. Midwest is a no-kill shelter run entirely by volunteers who care about rabbits. Rabbits are playful, loving animals, and very common house pets! With the money troubles we are all facing, animals tend to be overlooked. Together we can reach and expand our networks to make sure they are not forgotten!

As you prepare your holiday feast this year, please remember the old adage "what goes around comes around". Every act of kindness will echo out and bring you not only personal satisfaction but it will leave a long lasting impression on what you helped to accomplish. Let your efforts be an oasis to someone or something in this harsh world.

Sometimes we all need a little rescuing. Reach out and help this holiday season in any way that you can.

Lisa Powell, Canton

unemployed attorney and Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Re-home volunteer

Another election aspect

Of course, we must congratulate and support Barack Obama, chosen the victor by electors to be our next U.S. president. The very best element in this election is that American who happens to be black has risen to this high office in the United States. An acknowledgment to many Americans who happened to be black who rose up with great contributions to America and unique stories of personal achievement. Another American who seized upon possibilities with goals, work and supportive families. Our country provides an open road to opportunity and any earned success of Americans must be recognized and applauded.

Jim Nowka Northville

Edenderry SAD wrong

Northville Township approved the Edenderry Paving SAD despite an overwhelming majority of 51 percent residents petitioning against it.

Shocked and outraged residents walked out of the township auditorium after almost all trustees, with the exception of

The whole process felt like a dog and pony show with the outcome seemingly planned even before the meeting commenced.

As one of the residents who rescinded my yes vote, I feel that our elected officials, who are supposed to look out for our best interests, were determined to proceed with their own agenda in approving this expensive pavement project, irrespective of legitimate questions raised during last two meetings.

Many Edenderry residents are senior citizens who live on a fixed income and have lost their retirement savings like most Americans recently. My husband and I may both lose our full-time jobs early next year. When I mentioned this as one of the reasons for my change of vote, SAD committee member Jim Nield callously reminded me that the "economy will go up and down over the next 15 years."

The trustees and Mr. Weaver were noncommittal, unresponsive, offering no guidance or precise instructions to enable us to officially record our withdrawal in a timely fashion. In fact, when I contacted Mr. Nield about it, he had the audacity to tell me not to bring up Shadbrook SAD issue even though he had signed based on Shadbrook's inclusion in the SAD estimate he had given

In fact, during the last meeting, we presented the trustees with that incriminating document and I asked the board that since Shadbrook withdrew their support for the road repairs, did that mean the petition for repairs was null and void? The trustees only listened; they had no answer for me.

For those of us who were not at the October meeting, we all signed a petition withdrawing our vote. Doesn't the

Edenderry/Shadbrook SAD estimate, presented to us when we originally signed in favor of the petition, prove that circumstances have changed since Shadbrook is no longer participating in the road repairs? Don't we, as taxpayers, also have a right to avail of the same option offered to residents who were present at the meeting?

I feel that the SAD approval is illegitimate and violated the terms of the original petition and the majority votes against it.

Dr. Ganga Vadhaykar

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Is there a constituency for change in Michigan's schools?

ain, it is coming to a school near

We are watching the meltdown of our State, nation's and the world's economy. Michigan's unemployment rate is 9.3%, the highest level since July 1992. Families across Michigan are hurting.

Across the country, governors and leg-



islatures are trimming - no, whacking - state budgets by the hundreds of millions of dollars as tax revenues shrink and shrivel up almost as fast as jobs are disappearing and consumers stop spending. Michigan will be no exception. By early December, Governor

Granholm, only two months into the new fiscal year and faced with declining revenue and a state constitutional mandate to maintain a balanced budget, will be executing hundreds of millions of dollars of budget

Believe it or not, Michigan is in far better shape fiscally than many other states because of last year's legislative action to raise taxes.

Knowledge and talent will drive Michigan's future. Yet we continue to dis-invest in what will make us competitive on the world stage. In spite of the political rhetoric that "education is our top priority," it is anticipated that our public schools, community colleges and universities will see once-promised revenue eliminated.

Perhaps the governor and legislature will once again perform a Houdini and find ways around cuts to education - but given the economic implosion, it seems unlikely. Further, even if they dodge the cuts, staying even is falling behind in the 21st century knowledge economy.

So, what is to become of our children's education? And what are schools going to do when, after having received lessthan-inflation budget increases for the past six years and claiming to have already "cut to the bone," the cuts come again? These budget cuts are exponentially more difficult to accomplish as they come four months into the school year when staff and programs are contractually in place.

SCHOOLS NEED TO CHANGE

In the long run, our political and education leaders are going to have to garner Michigan's State superintendent of Schools, 2001the courage to make tough decisions...,

and continue to do more with less. This includes making structural changes necessary to bring educational pensions and health benefits in line with employees in the private sector, consolidating some of the 500-plus school districts, and instituting more shared administrative and educational services to reduce costs.

The current school and local unit of government structures are unsustainable and must change. Change is always avoided until it cannot be avoided any longer. We are getting closer to that day.

In the short run, school boards and superintendents will be forced to tap into their dwindling fund balances (if available) while continuing to attempt to keep the budget cuts as far away from teaching and learning as possible. This will lead to labor disputes as staff and programs they support and want to keep, and which constitute more than 80 percent of most school budgets, are eliminated.

We are likely to see more attempts to recall school board members and fire thoughtful superintendents as is currently transpiring in Wayne-Westland School District as the board and superintendent make sensible decisions given the fiscal realities they face. This is a travesty. We must stop this "shoot the messenger" mentality.

There is no constituency for change in the public sector. The broader community needs to remain vigilant and support sensible changes as the new economic realities sink in.

We can no longer afford to run our schools and government like nothing has changed, when everything has changed. We are witnessing what happens to an entire industry, i.e., the Domestic 3 auto companies, when reality is denied for too

As the fiscal realities smack our schools in the coming weeks and months, let's hope the educators can model innovative problem solving that is flexible and student-focused as they find creative solutions to these difficult problems. If they can't, what hope is there for the 1.7 million students they are responsible for teaching?

The economic pain will continue, that fact cannot be denied. How our state and school leaders manage and lead the change is the unanswered question.

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Milford legislator ends tenure in state House

invited outgoing state Rep. Chris Ward, R-

Brighton, to drop by my office last week for a chat. This young man — still only 34 — was once regarded as a rising Republican party star. Elected a Brighton Township trustee just out of college and then township clerk, he won a landslide victory six years ago when he was elected to the House. His district includes Milford.

Barely out of the gate, he was the main author of a useful bill consolidating elections. Then, in 2006,



Phil Power

he got himself elected Minority Floor Leader. People talked about .Ward as having one of the best legislative minds of his generation. He was a detail-oriented tactician who could quote Winston Churchill one moment and play tough partisan hardball the next.

That is, until Michigan's budget deficit crisis erupted last fall, and he made the fatal mistake of doing the

The state faced a \$1.8 billion deficit, nearly 20 percent of the entire general fund budget, the only money the legislature really has discretion over. Frenzied arm-waving and red-faced partisan rhetoric didn't help matters. Personal relationships got

House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford Township, Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, and Gov. Jennifer Granholm, all holding each other in minimum high regard and unwilling to talk in person, at one point tried to negotiate a solution by text messages.

Not surprisingly, it didn't work.

The state Constitution requires a balanced budget by Oct. I, every year. On the evening of Sept. 30, 2007, with no balanced budget in sight, Michigan government teetered on the edge of complete shutdown. As the clock ticked towards disaster, the bad idea of the moment was a 6 percent tax on a bizarre array of services, such as baby-shoe bronzing. This was an incomprehensible and unenforceable levy that made no sense whatsoever - except to a bunch of politicians desperately looking for a way out.

Ward thought that idea was silly and said so. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce agreed. Nonetheless, the service tax was approved in October, then just before it was to be implemented, the legislature changed its mind and replaced it with the Michigan Business Tax in December. Eventually, lawmakers also added a surcharge to the new tax, which may not have been a great idea, but which made more sense than taxing the shoe bronzers.

But Ward already had done himself in with his caucus. In a courageous and responsible move, he and his fellow Republican, State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe, had wound up voting to increase the state income tax from 3.9 to 4.35 percent.

That was the other utterly unavoidable step that had to be taken to keep the state from crashing and burning. Though at one point it looked as though there were up to seven GOP law makers willing to do the right thing, at the end of the day Ward and Gaffney were the only ones who made the responsible tough vote.

The budget got balanced, but Ward got the shaft. GOP House members wanted to make a fetish of sporting the anti-tax label in the 2008 elections, and booted him out of his leadership position.

He lost his nice office.. and he lost some people he thought were his friends. And he gained the respect of a lot of people who saw a responsible young statesman

who didn't buckle in a crisis. Ward is finishing his 6 years in Lansing, term-limited out at the end of this year. He's put on a little weight

and suffered through a divorce, but he still is clear-eyed about what really was at stake. Republicans had a chance to bargain for real structural changes in the way Michigan government is orga-

nized and how much it costs," he notes. We could have leveraged real government reform off the vote on the income tax, but at the last minute we didn't have the guts. People in Michigan were prepared for real change, but it never happened. Instead, we got a

is widely regarded as unfair and anti-business. Ward's basic argument is - imagine this if you will that good policy makes good politics.

Michigan Business Tax and a surcharge on top of it that

We've (the Republicans) have been tooting the anti-tax-at-all-costs horn for 20 years," he explains. "And during those 20 years, we've lost 20 seats in the

We ceded the middle ground and we lost a chance to participate in serious reforms that are very much needed. Being politically partisan is the easy thing to do. It satisfies the party base. It makes the firebreathers happy. It's knee-jerk."

"But it doesn't get anything done at the end of the

Ward's looking for a job these days. It's a sad commentary on our state that one of our most capable young politicians had the courage to do the right thing ... and paid a heavy price as a result.

At this season of Thanksgiving. I hope you'll join me in offering a word of thanks for people like Chris Ward. We sure need him ... and people like him ... as we enter what promises to be a long winter of economic discontent.

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TOYS FOR TOTS AND TIPS FOR GRANDPARENTS

Dear Savvy Senior With Christmas right around the corner, I'm looking for some new toys for my grandkids but could use some help. First, where can I go to get some good toy/gift ideas? Second, how can I find out if

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the toys are good quality and safe? And third, what toys or games can you recommend that are fun to do together?

Playful Grandma

Dear Playful, With more than 300,000 toys and children's products on the market, the process of finding the right toys or games for your grandkids can be challenging. Here are some tips that can help.

TOY SELECTING

To help you narrow your search and ensure you buy the right toy(s) there are three basic things you need to keep in mind: Your grandchild's age, interest and skill level. While this may seem like a no-brainer, many toy-buying grandparents, especially those who aren't around their grandkids on a

regular basis, tend to forget. Looking for toy/gift ideas? The best place to browse is online at toy stores sites like Etoys.com, Toysrus. com and Kbtoys.com. These sites are organized so you can search by age, gender, toy category, price range, new items and even best sellers - much easier than walking

into a toy store and sorting through their massive display of inventory. Another great resource is The Toy Insider (www.thetoyinsider.com http://www.thetoyinsider.com/>) which is a panel of toy experts that offers their list of top 20 ageappropriate toys and gifts for the holidays.

After you find a few toys you

like you can check their safety at Toyinfo.org, where you can see the list of toys that have been recalled. Some other good resources you need to visit are Toyportfolio. com, Toytips.com and Drtoy.com. These are sites that actually test and evaluate new toys and games, check their durability, ease of use. safety, sensibility and value, and offer unbiased reviews and ratings based on their findings.

FUN FOR ALL

If you're in the market for toys that you and your grandkids can play with together the Toy Industry Association has a resource you need to check out. At www. playisforever.com (dick on "Intergenerational Play") you can find dozens of suggested toys and

games that promote intergenerational play.

In the meantime, some good categories to focus on are "arts and crafts," "learning and building" and "puzzles and games." Toys that facilitate these types of activities are not only fun to do together, but can greatly benefit your grandchild both mentally and socially. Here are some examples to get you

started: · Arts and crafts: There are literally hundreds of products and kits that offer painting, drawing, coloring, jewelry making, day molding and more that can promote your grandchild's creativity not to mention they're fun, simple and afford-

· Puzzles and games: Putting a puzzle together or playing a game (board games, card games, educational games and even backyard games) is a fun ways to get your grandkids thinking and problem solving - which is good for you too.

 Learning and building: There are books you can read together; Lego's, blocks, and model cars you can build together; science, magic, and invention kits you can work on together; and easy-bake snacks you can bake together. All great ways to spend fun and productive time together.

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kids and beyond, the Nintendo Wii (wii.com) gets top marks for intergenerational play - especially the

Wii Sports and Wii Music games. These are fun interactive game that will get you both up and moving. For younger kids, a karaoke system can be fun for the whole family.

SAVVY TIP

For grandparents that don't live near their grandchildren, a great way to connect during the olidays and beyond is through a Web service called MyGrandchild. com. A savvy new site that for \$5 (or \$95 per year) allows you to read interactive books, play games and do activities with your grandchild in real time from anywhere in the

BEATING THE HOLIDAY BLUES

Dear Savvy Senior, Over the past few years my mother, who is 75, has gotten where she dreads the holiday season and becomes very melancholy. What can I do to help?

Hating the Holidays

Dear Hating, Millions of people experience the holiday blues this time of year, but seniors tend to be especially vul-

nerable. Here are some suggestions that can help.

HOLIDAY BLUES

There are lots of factors that can contribute to an older person's sadness or apathy around the holiday season such as the loss of a spouse, sibling or a close friend. Some seniors feel alone and isolated because their grown children and grandchildren live far away. While others may feel blue because of financial concerns, poor health or because they're, unable to perform routine holi-day activities like shopping, baking or even attending religious 🕏 services.

HOW TO HELP

Depending on what's making you mother blue during this holiday season, here are some tips that may help:

· Be a good listener: Talk to your mom about how she's feeling and why. Very often just 👌 being able to share feelings with someone can help.

 Prevent isolation: Encourage family members to be around your mom as much as possible? during the holidays. If you can't be there physically, be sure to call more often.

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LOCATION, 215 West Cady Street **BETAILS:** Seeking volunteer Commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House. The mission of the Art House is to enhance the community by providing culture and arts in a central and appropriate location Cand dates need only to have a pass on for expanding the arts in Northville

Committees are formed to assist in the development and facilitation of Art House educational programs, events and

CONTACT: (248) 344 0497 e mail info@ northyllearts orgor visit northyllearts

Plymouth Symphony Heeds Concert Ushers PETMIS: Enjoy an evening of free classical music. The orchestra needs concert ushers for each of the four season concerts held at Ward Presbyterian Church on Feb. 7 and Mar. 14. Contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by e mail at info@plymouthsymphony org

Rooge Winter Stonefly Search TIME/BATE: 9 a m to 3 pm Saturday

LOCATION. University of Michigan-Dearborn, Environmental Interpretive

DETAILS: Join a team to search Rouge tributaries for the sensitive winter stonefly. Preregistration required CONTACT. Sally Petrella, (313) 792 9621 or monitoring@therouge org. visit http://www.therouge.org/Programs/PI/ Benthic_Monitoring%20events html

Susan B. Galli Angel Fund

BETAILS: 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 a long-time client, Sue Ga'li. All donations are welcome so we can help 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

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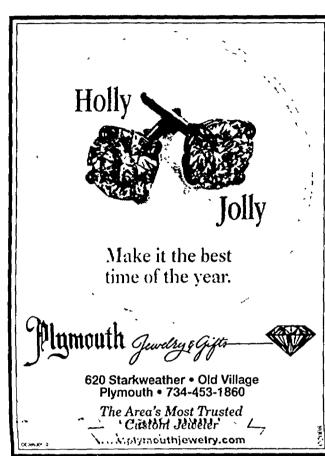
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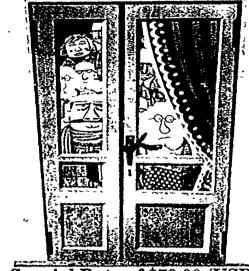
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drich@msn com Creka's & Colitis Support Group BATE: First and third Wednesday of each month LOCATION. Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center

DETAILS: Enter facility through south east entrance. Meeting in Conference. Room A, immediately to the left CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.







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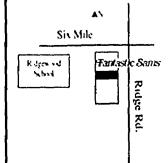


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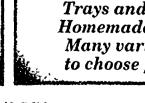
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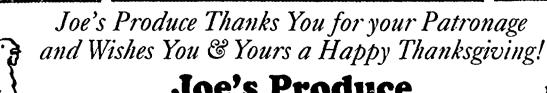




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SPECIAL EVENTS

First Friday Art Walk - Dec. 5 Parents, drop the kids off at the Community Senior Center (303 W. Main) on December 5th for the First Friday Holiday Fun Night - a fun-filled evening play date featuring crafts, games and snacks courtesy of the Parks and Recreation Department. The event takes place from 630-9 p.m. Pre-registration for the First Friday Holiday Fun Night is highly recommended as space is limited. On-site registration will be available on a limited

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■ Breakfast with Santa Families won't want to miss Santa's arrival at the Northyile Pole As part of his stay at the Northylle Pol he will be the guest of honor at breakfast from 11 a m to 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 14 (at Dino's Restaurant) Breakfast with Santa is open to the general public Reservations are required as space is limited. Early reservations are encouraged, call (248) 437-5993 The buffet will include scrambled eggs, potatoes, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy. The cost is \$12.50 (adults) and \$6.50 (children 3-13), free for children under 2 Santa will also visit the Northville Pole (133 W Main in Northville Square) during November and

December on the following dates & hours Thursdays, December 4, 11 & 18, 6 8 p m Fridays, November 28 and December 5, 12 & 19,

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Bodman LLP announced that Northville resident David P. Larsen (Detroit, estate planning

and probate) has been selected by his peers for inclusion in Michigan Super Lawyers 2008. The publisher of Super Lawyers compiles annual lists of leading attorneys by area of practice based upon a rigorous selection process that includes a statewide survey of practicing attorneys, independent research by the publisher's attorney-led research

staff and a peer review of candidates. Leading attorneys who have been in practice for more than 10 years typically receive the "Super Lawyers" designation; only five percent of lawyers in each state are listed as Super Lawyers.

David Larsen

Landscape architecture firm Grissim Metz Andriese Associates, based in Northville, announced that Michael D. Franklin, ASLA, has been promoted to associate. Frankllin recently completed the Landscape Architect Registration Exam and has obtained licensure in the State of Michigan. He has been employed with the firm since 1997.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital has announced the appointment of Holly Favero, of Plymouth, named program director of the Vascular Access Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Favero will lead the implementation of a new program at St. Mary Mercy focusing on the coordination of vascular access treatment for hemodialysis patients. Favero comes to St. Mary Mercy Hospital from Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital in Warren where she was the Vascular Access Coordinator

and Chief Nursing Officer for the facility. She is a licensed Nurse Practitioner with a Master of Science degree from Wayne State University.

John P. Kelly and Michele D. Kelly of Attorneys Kelly & Kelly, P.C., announce that their daughter, Ryan M.



School.

Steele, has passed the July 2008 Michigan Bar Examination and has joined their law firm as an associate in the areas of family law and criminal law. She is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy, Michigan State University and Mercy High

Sheree A. Lowery, at the 321 N. Center St. Northville, MI office of Raymond James Financial Services, member FINRA/SIPC, has received the Registered Representative license in recognition of her successful completion of the General Securities Representative examination. The General Securities Representative examination is the most comprehensive of all of the securities industry examinations. Knowledge of many facets of the securities industry is required in order to successfully complete this grueling examination.

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Tony comes from long line of shoe repairmen and operates Cobbler's Corner at 104 E. Main in downtown Northville.

Some things are hard to improve on, like shoe repair. Tony Piccoli does it the old school way at Cobbler's Corner (104 E. Main) in downtown Northville. The workmanship is outstanding and shoes often go back to their owners better than new, and his customers come trom as tar away as Fowlerville and Birmingham because of that.

Q. What's the history of this shop?

A. The Northville Shoe Service originally was opened in 1928 by Joe Revitzer. My dad bought it in 1971 and renamed it Cobbler's Corner He died in 1998 and that's when I took it over, but I'd been working here since I was a kid. In my late teens, I was a drummer in a progressive rock band, trying to make it in the music business like a million other musicians at the time. Since age 8, I was here sweeping the floor, working my way up to being shoeshine boy. Then dad got me into the harder stuff - rebuilding shoes; new soles, prep work to remove the old soles: cleaning and maintenance of all the machinery... I had to learn how to work the machines as well as repair them in case

something went wrong. The secret is lots of oil.

Q. How has the industry changed?

A. Well, there used to be thousands cobblers in the city of Detroit alone! There was one on every street corner. This was from the 1940s through the ous. In the 1970s, things started to change with cheaper import shoes. But in World War II, they had shoe rationing because the leather was used for soldiers' boots. Shoe repair reached its zenith at that time. Anybody could have made a living, but there was a lot of competition, too. But we've turned into a throwaway society. The parents (who owned the shops) would age and the kids wouldn't want to go into the business, so it was sold or dissolved.

Q. What makes your shop

different? A. We carry men's dresswear shoes by Alden in Middleborough, Massachusetts. The company started in 1884, it's family, and it's very high quality, old world craftsmanship in classic styles. We're one of four retailers in the state handling that line. It's highly sought after with

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a wide fan base. They don't advertise except for a tiny ad in Wall Street Journal about 20 times a year. They're very expensive, but there's a lot of handworking.

Q. Has there been competition?

A. We've been the only ones (shoe repair in Northville). My 2-year-old son (Alex), when he's old enough he'll be here. I'll start him off the same way I did - he'll learn the core values of earning a buck, and saving a buck, and a good work ethic.

Q. What's your secret to success?

A. It's a niche market, and it helps to be in a good area such as Northville. There's a lot of folks here with incredible taste in footwear. They appreciate the very best. The workmanship we do is of very high quality and it reflects old world craftsmanship. The material we use is the best leather I can buy from Italy and Germany. We maintain a very high quality of service and products and we listen to what the customer wants.

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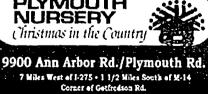
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many offer artist demonstrations.

■ First Friday Holiday Fun - December 5, 6·30-9 p.m.

In conjunction with the Candlelight Walk/First Friday, The Northville Parks and Recreation Department are hosting a funfilled evening for ages 3 and older. Parents can drop their children off and enjoy an evening of shopping while the kids will enjoy an evening of crafts, games and snacks. Pre-registration is recommended. For more information, call

(248) 349-0203. Don't forget to check the Chamber's Web site. www.northville.org, for updated information on Chamber events.

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STANGS YOUNG BUT EAGER

Northville wrestlers lack experience, not hunger

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Northville wrestling had a senior-laden team last year, but the Mustangs still have a strong core returning.

The Mustangs had seven seniors out of 14 players on the roster last year, with the heart of the team in the lower to midrange weights.

"It will be hard replacing that amount of experience, but our underclassmen are tough," Northville head coach Jeff Balagna said. "They just lack varsity experience.

"So far, they've been working really hard."

The returnees with bigmatch experience are Matt Hagan and Nick Mudar. They each qualified for regionals last

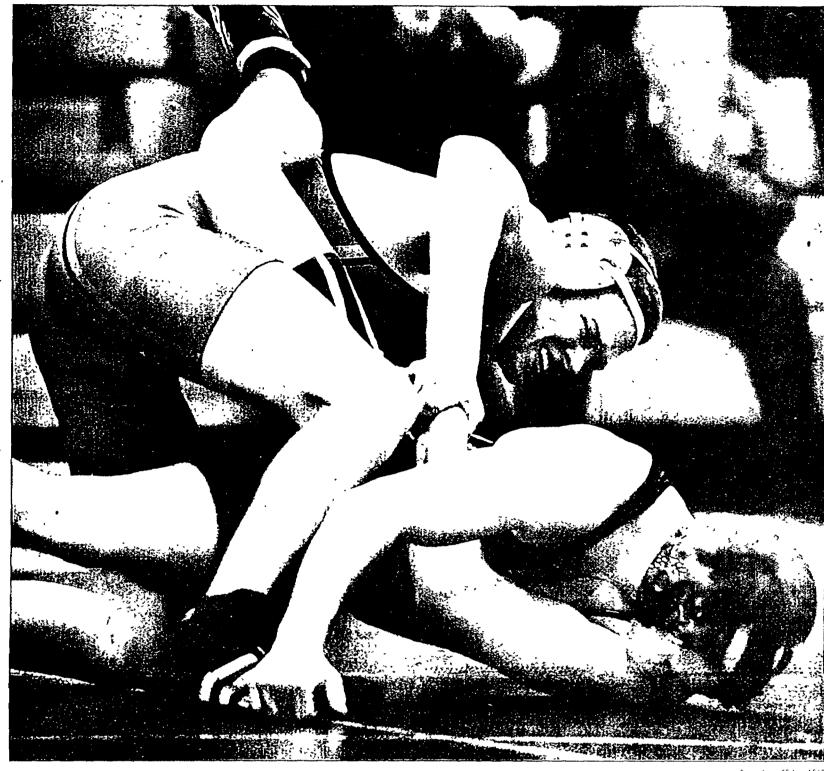
"Both wrestlers won more than 35 matches last year and could have outstanding years, Balagna said. "I hope to see both of them qualify for the state finals. Those guys have loads of talent."

Also back are Colin Maresh after winning 27 matches last year and two-year starter Mike Bagian. Maresh is the son of Ed Maresh, the JV coach and Balagna's assistant.

Newcomers that will compete for playing time include juniors Greg Lorraine, Josh Wright, Jon Nelson and Bobby

The schedule will have a very different look as the Mustangs enter the KLAA Central Division with rival Novi, South Lyon, South Lyon East, Stevenson and Salem. The

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Mustang Nick Mudar, left, works on a Livonia Stevenson opponent last season. Mudar is an exception for the Mustangs, returning with plenty of varsity experience.



Mustang Rachel Brown swim backstroke. She helped the 200 medley relay team finish in 15th place.



Jessica Weber swims during a practice. Weber placed in three events at the state finals.

Weber places in 3 events at state

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Jessica Weber ended her Northville career by scoring in three events at the state finals. The Mustangs finished 25th,

gaining 16.5 points. "It's not where we wanted to be," Northville head coach Brian McNeff said. 'It was a very fast meet. It was a lot more competitive

than I thought it would be. Twenty-fifth isn't where we wanted, but on Friday, we had a lot of drop times."

Ann Arbor Pioneer continued to dominate Division 1 with 349.5 points, well ahead of Ann Arbor

'She didn't do what we thought but she was battling injuries. To do what she did being injured says something. That's saying something about what kind of swimmer she is."

BRIMI MCREFF, Northx ille head coach

Huron in second with 165. Novi finished five points back for third.

Weber started the scoring as part of the 200 medley relay team which finished 15th (1:55.98). Also on the team were Shannon Lohman, Rachel Brown and Kelly Burford.

Everyone in the medley relay dropped time," McNeff said. Weber's next event resulted in a 10th-place finish in the 100 freestyle (54.39).

She finished the state meet with a 12th-place finish in the 200 freestyle (1:58.29).

She didn't do what we thought but she was battling injuries," McNeff said. "To do what she did being injured says something. That's saying something about what kind of swimmer she is.

"She had a great career."

Lohman added to the team total with a 16th-place finish in the 100 backstroke (1:03.4).

The KLAA Central Division was well represented with Novi third, South Lyon in 10th (107), Salem 14th (59.5), Stevenson in 15th (55) and Northville in 25th (16.5).

The final results were not what McNeff was hoping for, but he knows bigger things may be coming in the near future for Mustang

"Six out of the eight girls are returning," McNeff said. "They've got that big-meet experience now."

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Northville hockey starts season 2-0

STORY SUBMITTED

The Northville Boys Varsity Hockey Team kicked off the season with backto-back wins this past weekend at the Metro Invite.

The Mustangs started the weekend

beating Grand Rapids CC 7-0. The win was led by scoring from Jake Atkinson (2 goals). Matt Rosiar (2 goals), Matt Dembicki, John Wozniak

and Derek Raymond. Ted Keranen was solid in goal, stopping all 10 shots he faced and earning his first shutout of the season.

"I thought the guys came out real hard and played 45 complete minutes," Northville head coach Clint Robert said. "We didn't have a power play in the game, but our forecheck was spot on. Certainly, it's the way you want to start a season

Northville 4, Lake Orion 2

On Saturday, the Mustangs came right back, beating Lake Orion 4-2. Leading the way for the Mustangs were Alex Brewin (2 goals), Alec Arthur and Derek Raymond.

That was a nice win," Robert said. "I wasn't happy with the way we started the first period. We didn't seem to have the jump. We scored three goals in the first six minutes of the second

The Mustangs trailed for the first time, 1-0, after the first period.

Keranen was again brilliant in net, stopping 23 of the 25 shots he faced for two wins in two days.

"You can't complain. A shutout in the first game," Robert said. "Against Lake Orion, they scored a couple of goofy goals.

Robert said the Lake Orion goalie was one of the best in the state, but he was very happy to see Keranen get the best of the battle.

- Jeff Theisen contributed to the story.

A good time to read

BY JERRY MITTHAN

With winter fast approaching, a natural inclination may be to back off running outdoors and head inside to a treadmill. A better approach, however, would be to do a combination of outdoor and indoor running. By adding a little extra cold weather running gear and doing shorter runs, one can have some invigorating and enjoyable times outdoors. Outdoor running offers much more variation to the body than running on a treadmill and helps strengthen a greater number of muscles.

The important thing is to stay active throughout the winter months in order to maintain your fitness level and avoid a few extra pounds. This is a good time to try a new activity and do something different.

Winter is also an opportunity to catch up on some reading. If you are running less, why not use the extra time to learn how to improve your running skills or to just enjoy a few running stories. Some book suggestions are listed below. The books are available at local running stores and libraries (and also make excellent Christmas presents for runner friends).

TRAINING BOOKS

"Galloway's Book on Running" is considered to be one of the best all-around running books for both the beginner and the veteran. Jeff Galloway, an Olympic runner, provides insights on training, motivation, nutrition, his walk break concept, injuries and numerous other topics.

"Daniels' Running Formula," written by Jack Daniels, one of the world's top running coaches, provides training information and programs for all levels of running and for short through long distances. The book simplifies terminology and workouts so it is easy to understand and apply.

If a marathon is your goal, consider reading "Marathon Training" by Joe Henderson. The book provides "everything you wanted and needed to know about marathon training" whether you are a competitive runner or just want to finish.

"Chi Running" by Danny Dreyer, is based on the centuriesold principle from Tai Chi that less is more. It provides a new approach to effortless and injuryfree running by relaxing muscles - not building bigger ones.

BOOKS FOR ENJOYMENT

If adventure running, unusu-

al locales, and humor interest you, read "My Life on the Run" by Bart Yasso. The book is as enjoyable as the author (whom I met at the 2008 Reykjavik Marathon). It recounts his experiences throughout the world including burro racing, run-

ning in Antarctica and Death Valley, being chased by a rhino and biking across the United

"Duel in the Sun" is the story of two American runners, Alberto Salazar and Dick Beardsley, competing in the 1982 Boston Marathon. They ran neck and neck for the entire 26.2 miles before finishing in just under 2 hours 9 minutes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Dec. 7: The Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk begins at 9 a.m. at Northville Downs. There is a Snowman Shuffle for children. (www.arthritis.org)

· Dec. 13: The Holiday Hustle 5K & 1 Mile in Dexter at 4 p.m. - just before the "Home for the Holidays" parade. (www.run-holiday5K.com)

Northville resident Jerry Mittman is an avid runner and has completed more than 650 races, including 62 marathons. He can be contacted at iim997@hotmail.com



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Northville JV pom pon team fourth at High Kick **Championship**

On Sunday, the NHS JY pom pon team competed at the Midamerican Pompon 2008 Dance and High Kick Championship. The team competed against pom pon teams from across the region and placed fourth in the JY division. The team performed a creative and energetic high kick routine to the music "Dragula." The team members performing were: Katy Evans (captain), Becky Pokrandt (captain), Liz Allen (Captain), Judy Gulian, Sydney Johnson, Ashley Lynch, Andrea Gonzalez-Paul, Kate Jakubowski, Sarah DeBrabander, Paige Sauter, Rachael Jarzembowski, Charisa Halboth, Jaclyn Carbone, Alyia Byrd, Sara Lovelace, Emily Hatcher, Taylor Papp, Kahley Wozniak, Emily Zimmer, Cortney Hoffman, Jillian Pacion and Alexandra Schoemaker. The team is coach by Becky Petroff.



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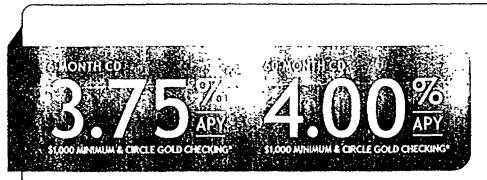
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CC wrestling looks to get back with elite

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central wrestling took a severe hit from graduation, but that doesn't stop second-year head coach Mitch Hancock from setting lofty expectations.

The Shamrocks lost a two-time state champion in Mike Martin and a total of five All-State hon-

But Hancock knows you can't worry about what's gone.

Back are eight starters, including state runner-up Shea Hasenauer and Oakland County champion Trevor O'Connor to

lead the way.

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These guys epitomize the word leadership, they come in everyday ready to lead and guide this team in accomplishing our goals," Hancock said.

Other guys expected to step up and help lead are Doug Eldridge, Mike Kinville, Andrew Johnson and Niko Palazeti.

They expect to be state champions and step in immediately and contribute," Hancock said. "That's what we want here at CC. We want guys that aren't looking to make the line-up. We want young men who want to win state championships."

Hancock knows it's early in the season to go predicting what the Shamrocks might be capable of, but he likes what he sees so far.

"It's becoming more enjoyable watching these guys practice and competing on a daily basis, he said. These young men are special and know what I expect from them.

They are sick of hearing about the 1988 team and coach Rod's team state championship banners on the ceiling. They want to raise one of their own."

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Northville Parks & Rec. gym in Hillside Middle School and Dec. 7 from 2-4 p.m. at the Senior Center gym. The tryouts are for any 7th grade boy resid-

ing in Northville or attending the Northville School District. Two teams will be formed. For more information contact Dan

Van Houten at (248) 380-5628.



Onward and Upward

Northville seniors (from left) Mariel Wilson, Wes Gates and Sarah Rounsifer recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play collegiate sports. Wilson will attend Concord College (West Virginia) and play softball. Gates will play golf at Bowling Green. Rounsifer was admitted to Princeton where she will also play softball.

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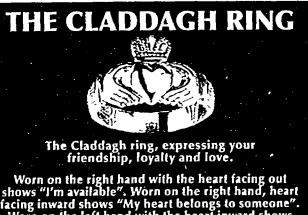
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Colin Maresh, shown in a match last year, will be one looking to build on last year's successes.

Mustangs were 22-6 in the WLAA last year, finishing third.

"The central division is really up for grabs," Balagna said. "We have as good a chance as any of the schools to win the title. Us, Stevenson, Novi, South Lyon and Salem all are very similar. It is going to be very competitive.

Balagna knows his team will have to gain experience on the fly, but he doesn't want to see his team take a step back.

The program is headed in the right direction, we just need to keep working hard," Balagna said. "We get our JV wrestlers a lot of matches so they are prepared when it is their turn to step into the varsity line-up.

We may take our lumps early in the season because of lack of varsity experience, but when the league competition rolls around we will be ready to go."

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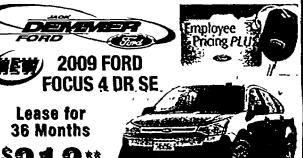
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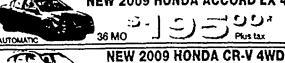


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Independently owned by Oakland County residents Joe Norber, Ed Rosenbaum and Dr. Ben Stein, the new Lyon Township community is the second in the Abbey Park family. Abbey Park at Genesys, located in Grand Blanc, has been in operation for more than nine years and

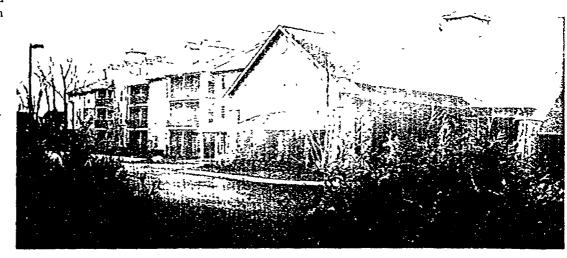
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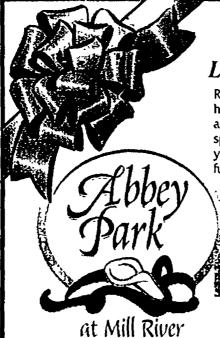
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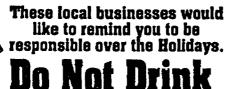
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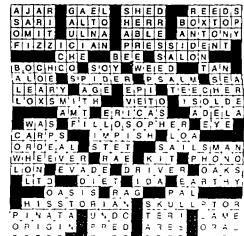
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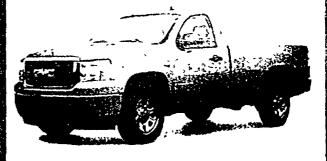
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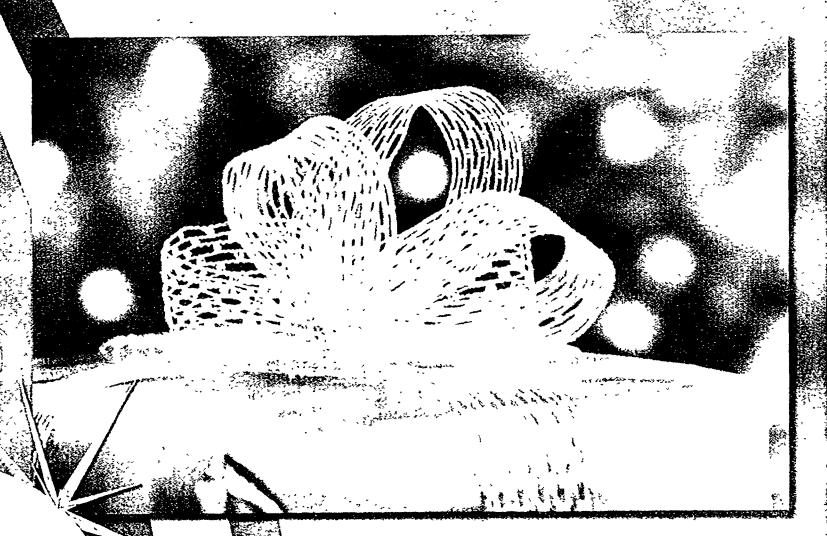


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Alison Bergsieker
Publishing Resources
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With the month of December only days away, the search is on for gifts, food and decorations to make the holiday season merry and warm.

Clothing stores, gift shops, salons, restaurants and greeneries alike are offering extended hours, incentives and online promotions to make shopping more convenient, including the smaller businesses right in your neighborhood.

Excited about the holidays year round, I've been scouting out my ideal Christmas gift since July — the Apple iPhone.

But finding gifts for my loved ones isn't coming as natural as my obsession with tech gadgets.

For example, my brother has been away at college most of the year, and we've lost touch. I'm hoping a gift of a gift card will help him find what he truly desires.

And then there is my sister, the trendiest girl I know. The search is on for one-of-a-kind, unique accessories — maybe a piece of jewelry from a niche shop in downtown Milford, Novi, Northville or South Lyon.

For my mom, a pedicure and manicure gift package from a nearby spa. I know she'll love it and I'll feel good about contributing to the West Oakland community.

And for my dad, whose passion for cooking all things meat makes for easy

gift giving: Cookbooks.

My fiancé is hard to shop for too. I want him to have some extra special that is truly a surprise, like a mapped-out road trip to New York or tickets to an upcoming concert.

Now that Christmas is a little closer, I'm excited to make cookies, decorate the tree, send out cards, sing Christmas carols, spend time with family and devote my Saturdays to shopping in local stores for the perfect gifts. But I know there are many who don't share my sentiments about shopping or the stress of long lines.

So we've decided to make gift giving a little easier by packing this year's Holiday Gift Guide with shopping tips, festive recipes, reviews and sample gift ideas from retailers right in your community.

We'll show you where to find the perfect tree and decorations, where to find the most unique gifts right in your neighborhood and how to prepare impressive holiday dishes during the little free time you have.

The pages that follow offer a plethora of ideas to get you started.

Happy Holidays!

Alison Bergsicker Publishing Resources Coordinator

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Shop Local...

Skip the packed shopping malls and avoid long lines this holiday season by visiting businesses right in your neighborhood. We found gifts from retailers who may be only a few blocks away. On the next few pages, you'll find gift ideas for just about every person on your list.



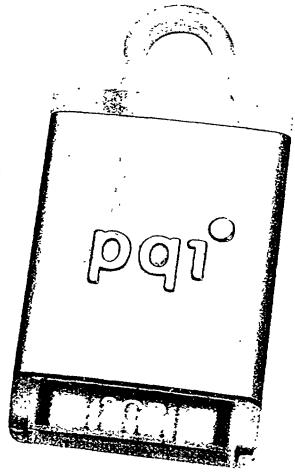
Pick up the trendiest pair of pajamas in town at Uptown Threads in downtown Milford, 414 N. Main St.

Designed by P.J. Salvage, this high-end pajama line is back this year by popular demand. Pictured above: Vintage night shirt, velour robe and slipper socks. Pajama pant and shirt sets also available in store.

The entire line is competively priced to larger retailers.

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Pick up hand-crafted ceramic vases by West Bloomfield artist Sara Frank for \$20 at Orchard Lake Framing, 105 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon.

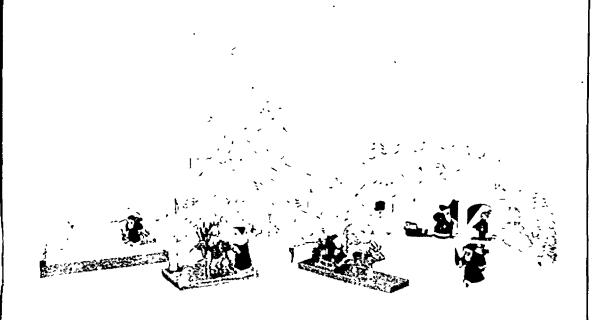
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Pick up a set of Root Candles for less than \$25 at Jan's Skin Spa, 105 N.Lafayette. St. Ste. 205, South Lyon. The salon also offers facial and boyd sculpting, eyelash and brow tinting and hair removal.

Visit www.jansskinspa.com for more information.



Searching for unique holiday decor? Check out German-inspired Christmas arches, known as Schwibbögen, at Tula's Gallery in dowtown Milford, 409 N. Main St. These traditional displays reach back more than 270 years to the silver mines of Erzegebirge, Germany, and were first made out of wrought iron. Schwibbögen have become recognized symbols of Christmas folk art around the world.

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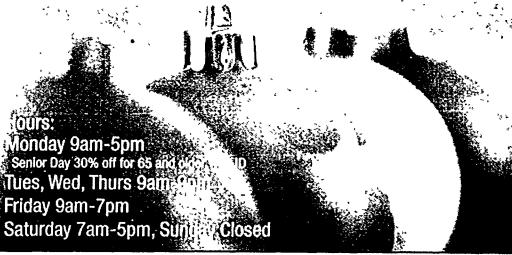
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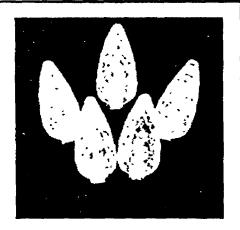
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Visit www.yournestingplace.com for more information.

Warm up this winter with a cup of *Comfort Cocoa* at Gallery Cafe, 101 S. Lafayette St., South Lyon. The rich chocolatey drink is made with steamed milk, creamy bittersweet chocolate sauce, a dash of vanilla and topped with whipped cream and chocolate drizzle, \$2.89 for a medium serving.

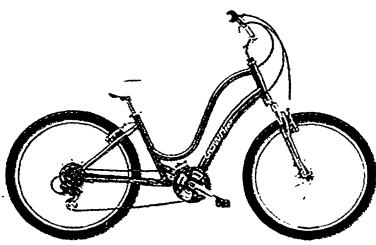
Enjoy your cocoa inside Gallery Cafe with a gourmet sandwich or dessert while checking out artwork from local artists and seasonal gifts on display.







Shop Local...



Check out the Electra Townie 21 speed bicycle at South Lyon

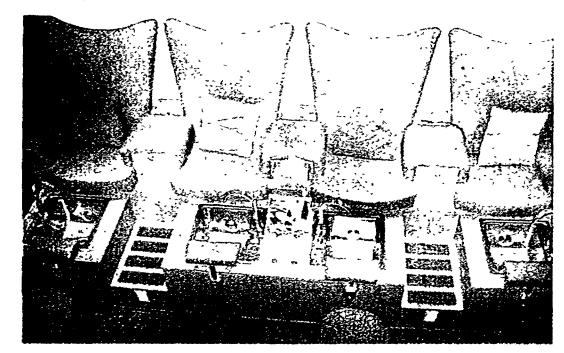
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Treat yourself or a loved one to a pedicure at Scapparé a full service salon and spa. Pedicures start at \$60, or enjoy a spa pedicure with hydrating mask, paraffin treatment and lower leg massage for \$80. Feeling extra stressed? Try Scapparé's full-day \$295 gift package, Valleta. Get lost with Scapparé for four to five hours that begin with a firming anti-aging facial followed by a one-hour Swedish massage, haircut and style, pedicure, make-up and lunch.

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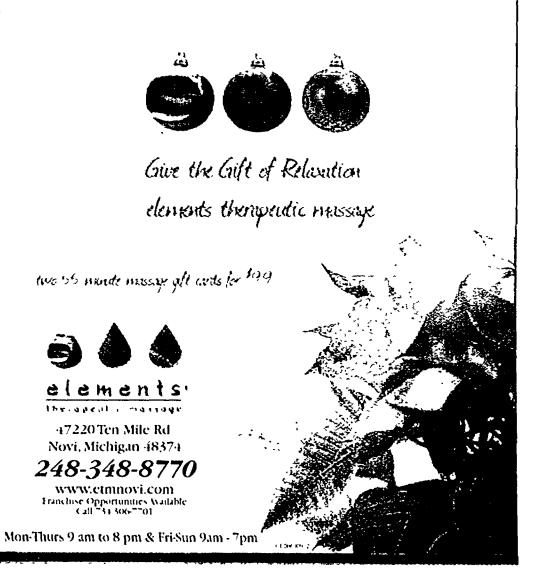


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(From left) The "let's play juicies!" set contains six 1 oz. Avojuice Skin Quenchers lotions in Peach, Coconut Melon, Jasmine, Pumpkin Butter, Cran & Berry and Merry Merry Rose, \$10. The "i've been nice" set two 5 oz. nail polishes in holiday colors with complimentary day purse, \$17, or pick up the "tiny toybox" set with four 1/8 oz. nail polishes in holiday colors, \$11.

Visit www.agosta.com to purchase, design and print instant gift certificates for quick and easy gift-giving.



Talk about green tea! Young hosts can brew up a pot of imaginary tea while doing something good for the earth. This te ε set is made from advanced eniron vmentally friendly materials, helping to reduce fossil fuel use and CO2 emissions, all in the name of good green fun. Found at Diane's Doll House, 102 N. Lafayette St.

Visit www.greentoys.com for more information.



Check out five Fitz and Floyd holiday collectables, exclusive to South Lyon's newest gift shop, Kathleen's, 131 N. Lafayette St. Take home an intricately detailed teapot, pitcher (shown above), musical water globe, keepsake music box or Santa serving platter to light up your holiday decor.

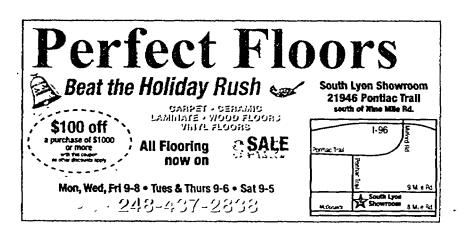
Since 1960, the Fitz and Floyd collection has become synonymous with excellence in design, style and quality. Fitz and Floyd has evolved as the leader in the design and manufacture of handpainted giftware, tableware and decorative accessories.

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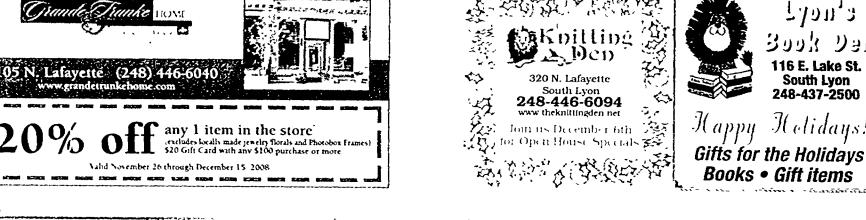


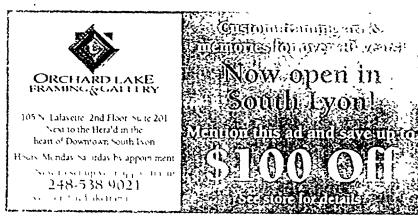
Saturday, December 6th Free Shuttle from South Lyon High School to Casa De Amici

from 12-4pm courtsey of Bob Saks

- Shop Downtown starting at 10am Letters to Santa 10am-9pm, write your letters at The Gallery Cafe • Carriage Rides 11-4pm • Santa & Live Reindeer at South Lyon Cycle 12-4pm
 - Scrooge has left the building performed at South Lyon Hotel, includes pizza lunch 11 am & 12:30pm

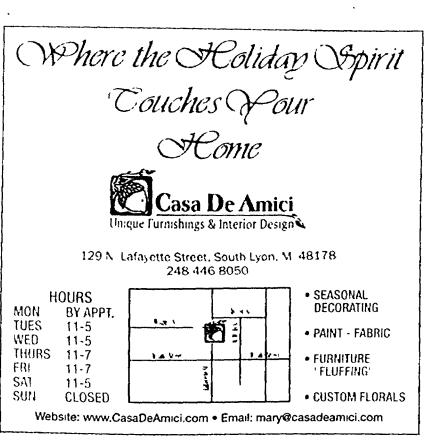












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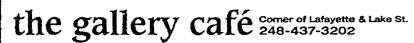
Maylair Real Estate - Kids can visit with Santa from 4-6 p.m. anyday from December 8th thru 12th. Cookies and drinks will be

South Lyon Cycle - Crocs 50% off! (Dec. 6 only) and other In-Store Specials

Casa De Amici - Design Detail Gift Wrap, 20% off Holiday Clusters Real Estate One - Stop in for Holiday Candy

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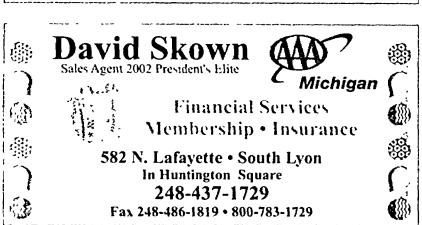
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Michigan retailers 'optimistic' for holiday sales

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER ADVERTORIAL EDITOR

While national reports predict a gloomy holiday season for retailers, many small business owners in Michigan are staying optimistic.

More than one-third of Michigan retailers expect to increase sales during the holiday season and throughout the fourth quarter, according to the Michigan retail index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

"Reports of the holidays' demise are greatly exaggerated," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and CEO. "Far from it, our retailers see a number of positive signs for the holidays."

National predictions are focused on larger retailers, not necessarily smaller business owners, said Amy Buttery, writer for the MRA.

"We look at a different group of retailers, which are independents," Buttery said. "The issues are different for small retailers. In some ways, they are far more flexible and they can change their plans and turn a little more quickly."

Small retailers aren't likely to add more employees this year, but they remain

eager as far as reaching holiday sales goals.

"Our retailers see this as a challenge," Buttery said. "They're not looking for disaster, they just see it as a time to be more aggressive within their market. They don't always see the drop in sales or the increase in slaes that are reflected from larger reports that you get from Wal-Mart and Target and bigger stores."

Attributed to retailers' optimism is the declining price of gasoline, Hallan said. The current average cost of a gallon of gasonline statewide has dropped 24 percent from its high in June and is several cents less than it was last November. The extra money could help consumers spend a little more on holiday gifts this year.

"We think there is pent up demand for all those purchases that people have been putting off; they've just been anxious," Buttery said. "We're hoping some of them will treat themselves to those purchases they've been wanting to have."

And with reports of job loss across the state, a struggling auto industry and federal financial bailouts, the importance of shopping local is more prominent than ever before.

Groups advocating the shop local movement have sprung up across the state, including Capital Area Local First, a collaborative effort between independent business owners, non-profit organizations and individuals in the Capital Area to support local ownership and a sense of community. Similar groups have formed in the Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids areas.

"In Michigan, we are realizing that we have to pull together and help each other," Buttery said. "A lot of shoppers are getting the message that shopping locally is not going to cost them a whole lot more but it's going to benefit them in many ways. Businesses are far more likely to spend their business-to-business money in their communities."

Thirty-seven percent of retailers responding to the MRA survey expect higher sales during October – December over the same period last year, the monthly poll of MRA members found.

Buttery said shoppers should expect competitive deals from local retailers, who realize they are small fish in a big pond.

Many have responded to their markets with Web site creations, e-newsletters and e-mail listservs.

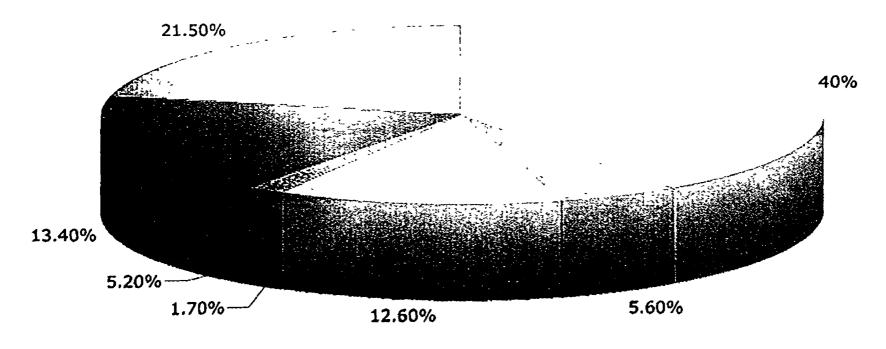
"Small retailers know this is a very competitive market and they are probably going to cut prices and keep things as competitive as they can," she said.

Average Holiday Spending by Year

A study conducted by BIGResearch of 8,177 respondents from Sept. 30-Oct. 7 revealed shoppers will spend an additional \$15.67 this year on holiday gifts.

٠	2002	\$648.85
	2003	\$671.88
	2004	\$702.03
	2005	\$738.11
	2006	\$791.10
	2007	\$816.69
	2008	\$832.36

Most Important Factor in Deciding Where to Shop



Sales or price discounts

Convenient location

Everyday low prices

None of these

Helpful, knowledgable customer service

Quality of merchandise

■ Selection of merchandise

About 40 percent of shoppers surveyed said prices was the most important factor where to shop this holiday season, according to a study conducted by BIGresearch of 8,177 respondents from Sept. 30-Oct. 7. The study was conducted for the National Retail Federation, a trade association that conducts retail industry research. Selection of merchandise came in second at 21.5 percent.

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Decadent Holiday Desserts

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ive in to temptation with the scrumptious combination of cherries and chocolate. With a few on-hand ingredients, it's easy to create gourmet hostess gifts or delectable desserts for the party you're hosting.

The possibilities for chocolate and cherries go way beyond what you find in a candy box. Cherry Chocolate Bark, Chocolate Cherry Cookies and Holiday Cherry Pie make the most of this classic combination. And they can all be made up to three days in advance — so no last-minute fuss.

For the grown-ups on your guest list, tax them a Chocolate Cherry Martini and wait for the wows to begin.

Easy holiday desserts for all ages – how sweet!

For more indulgent recipes, visit nationalcherries.com.

CHERRY CHOCOLATE BARK

Makes 36 medium pieces

1 10-ounce jar maraschino cherries, stemless

3/4 cup finely chopped pecans

Pinch of nutmeg



Pinch of cinnamon

8 ounces semisweet or milk chocolate, cut into pieces

8 ounces white chocolate, cut into pieces

Chop cherries; set aside. Mix pecans with nutmeg and cinnamon; set aside.

Before melting chocolate, cover large baking sheet or other flat surface (that fits in refrigerator) with waxed paper. Melt semisweet chocolate in small saucepan over low heat; stir constantly.

Do not allow it to burn or get hard in bottom of pan. Pour melted chocolate in prepared pan. Using a metal spatula or knife, quickly spread chocolate into a rectangle, about 14 x 8 inches or about 1/8 inch thick. Put in refrigerator; chill about 20 minutes.

Melt white chocolate in small saucepan, being careful that it does not burn in bottom of pan; stir constantly.

Remove pan with semisweet chocolate from refrigerator. Pour melted white chocolate over semisweet chocolate layer. Quickly spread white chocolate to cover semisweet chocolate layer, using a metal spatula or knife.

Sprinkle pecans and cherries evenly over chocolate. Use metal spatula to press cherries and pecans into chocolate. Chill in refrigerator several hours or overnight. Break into irregular pieces.

Store in cool place in airtight container.

HOLIDAY CHERRY PIE

Makes 2 (8-inch) pies, 12 servings

- 1 16-ounce package frozen sweet cherries (about 1-3/4 cups)
- 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
 (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1 tablespoon femon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 8-ounce container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 2 8-inch chocolate crumb pie crusts

Chop cherries while frozen. Keep frozen until ready to use.

In large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese with an electric mixer until smooth. Gradually add sweetened condensed milk; mix well. Add chopped cherries, lemon juice and almond extract; stir just until combined. Fold in whipped topping. Pour cherry mixture evenly into pie crusts. Freeze 8 hours or overnight.

Cut into serving-size pieces. Garnish with shaved chocolate, or as desired. Serve immediately; pie slices thaw quickly. Store leftovers, covered, in freezer.

CHOCOLATE CHERRY COOKIES

Makes about 4 1/2 dozen cookies

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup margarine or butter, softened
- 1 en
- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate melted and cooled
- 3 cup buttermilk, milk or water
- † teaspoon vanilla

- 13/4 cup all-purpose flour* or whole wheat flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 16-ounce jars maraschino cherries, stemless or halves

*If using self-rising flour, omit baking soda and salt.

Heat oven to 400°F. Chop cherries, reserving 50 halves for garnish. Mix sugar, margarine, egg, chocolate, buttermilk and vanilla. Stir in flour, baking soda, salt and cherries.

Drop dough by rounded teaspoonfuls about 2 inches apart into ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until almost no indentation remains when touched; cool.

Frost with Chocolate Frosting or dust with powdered sugar. Garnish with cherry halves, if desired.

CHOCOLATE FROSTING

- dunces unsweetened chocolate
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1+ cups powdered sugar

Heat chocolate and margarine/butter over low heat until melted; remove from heat. Stir in water and powdered sugar until smooth.

CHOCOLATE CHERRY MARTINI

Makes 1 serving

- 11/2 ounces vanilla vodka
- 3/4 ounce Godiva Dark Chocolate Liqueur
- /2 ounce maraschino cherry juice, drained from the cherries
- 1/4 ounce white chocolate syrup Maraschino cherry with stem

Combine vodka, chocolate liqueur and cherry juice in a drink shaker filled with ice. Shake well and strain into a martini glass that has been lined with the chocolate syrup.

Garnish with the maraschino cherry.



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Easy ways to give back during the holiday season

Your life is busy any time of the year, but with the holidays comes a longer todo list and more stress.

So how can you embody the giving spirit of the season in an efficient way without breaking the bank (or your back)?

There are easy ways to give back during the holiday season if you just get a little creative and make a resolution to share.

■ When you're out raking leaves or shoveling snow, clean up an elderly neighbor's yard as well.

■ When cleaning your home to prepare for guests and parties, give extra clothing, furniture and "stuff" to charity. If something has been stuffed into a closet and hasn't seen the light of day for a year or more, it can go. Old blankets, towels and piles of newspapers can be donated to local animal shelters to help care for abandoned dogs, cats and small critters.

■ Look for opportunities that can be effortless with your every day activities. For example, take your routine banking activity. By signing up for Bank of America's new Unite. Give. Cure. checking program, a contribution is made to the American Cancer Society,

American Diabetes Association and American Heart Association at each new account opening, anniversary of the account opening and each time a person

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Visit www.bankofamerica.com/unitegivecure to sign up. Some restrictions, including balance requirements, may

"People want to give back to society and to make an impact on the community," says Patrick M. Rooney, interim executive director of the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. "This initiative offers a charitable opportunity that is rewarding to the giving public, these leading nonprofits, and those who count on them."

■ Do online shopping through a charitable search engine such as iGive.com.

Choose your favorite charity, shop and the organization receives a contribution based on the amount of your purchase. You can maximize your good works by using your Unite. Give. Cure. check card and your purchase will also help benefit the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association and American Heart Association, as well.

■ Instead of bringing the token bottle of wine as a host gift to holiday parties you've been invited to, make a donation in vour hosts' name to a local charity.

■ Use buy-one-get-one-free coupons to purchase an item for yourself and donate the extra free item.



This year, make your holiday count and remember to give back by volunteering, donating and assisting others.

■ Instead of making a list of clothes and gifts you won't use, ask for donations to be made in your name to your favorite

■ Order cards and address labels through nonprofit organizations and a portion of your purchase will benefit them. This also helps get the word out about the organization.

■ If you get a new gadget like a cell

phone or digital camera, contact the manufacturer of your old device and ask if there is a way to recycle or donate it.

There are easy ways to incorporate giving into your everyday holiday activities. This year, make your holiday count and remember to give back. You could be on the receiving end some day.

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National agency offers holiday shopping advice

If you've ever heard the advice, "Never go to the grocery store without a list or when you're hungry," chances are you know why: you're likely to buy more than you need and spend more, too. The same advice applies when you're shopping for the holidays. Whether you're shopping at the mall, online, or by phone or mail, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, says that a little planning and know-how can help you deliver a holiday season that's on budget and maybe even a little less stresstul.

Getting Started

By making a shopping list, creating — and sticking to — a realistic budget, and looking for good values, you may be able to avoid the headache that could come with post-holiday debt.

List the people you plan to buy gifts for, the type of gifts you plan to buy and how much you plan to spend. Include the cost of cash gifts, holiday travel, extra food, wrappings, decorations, greeting cards and postage. If it relates to the holiday season and it costs money, add it to your budget.

Shopping the Holiday Sale Ads

How do you decide if the deal is real? Here are some tips to help you get the most for your money.

• Shop around, A "sale" price isn't always the "best" price. Some merchants may offer a sale price on the item you want for a limited time; other merchants may offer items at a discount everyday.

• Read sale ads carefully. Some ads may say "quantities limited," "no rain checks" or 'not available at all stores." Before you step out the door, call to make sure the item you want is

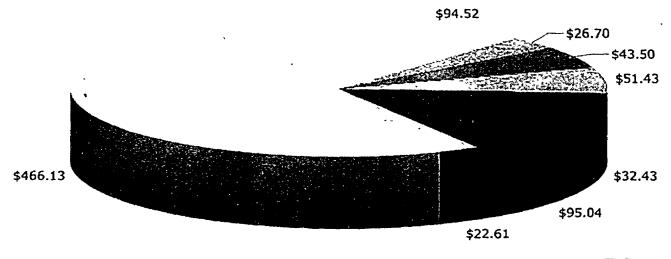
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• Consider your time and travel costs. If an item is on sale, but the store is across town, include your time and the costs of transportation and parking in the price.

• Look for price-matching policies. Some merchants will match, or even beat, a competitor's prices.

• Go online. Check out Web sites that

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respondents from Sept. 30-Oct. 7. The study was conducted for the National Retail Federation.

El Flowers Gifts for family

Shoppers this year will spend an average of \$466.13 on family gifts this year, according to a study conducted by BIGresearch of 8,117

compare prices. If you decide to buy from an online merchant, keep shipping costs and delivery time in mind.

• Carefully consider bargain offers that are based on purchases of additional merchandise. For example, "Buy One, Get One Free" or "Free Gift with Purchase." If you don't really want or need the item, it's

• Clip coupons. Coupons are useful when they save you money on what you're already planning to buy. Check coupons for any restrictions.

For example, do expiration dates apply, or do you have to spend a certain amount before you can use the coupon? Some retailers will accept expired coupons, and even coupons from their competitors. Check with the retailer before you leave home to learn their policy.

 Ask about sale adjustments. If you buy an item at regular price and it goes on sale the next week, can you get a credit or refund for the discounted amount?

Staying on Track

Regardless of how you pay for your purchases, remember to:

• Keep track of your spending. Incidental and impulse purchases add up. Jot down what you spend after every purchase.

• Save your receipts. You need them for returns and exchanges. Check credit and debit card sales and return receipts against your monthly bills and statements and report any problems to the credit card issuer promptly.

• Ask for gift receipts. Many retailers offer gift receipts that code the price. That way, if the recipient returns the item, they'll get the same value even if the item has been discounted further.

Ask about refund and return policies. Many merchants may have different refund and return policies for sale items.
 For example, clearance merchandise may be on final sale, meaning no refunds or exchanges.

• Keep good records. Whether you're ordering by mail, phone or online, it's important to keep detailed information about the transaction, including your order number, shipping costs and dates, warranties and refund and return policies. Some online merchants do not process returns at their retail locations.

• Ship early. If you're sending gifts to out-of-towners, factor in extra time for shipping. If you wait until the last minute, you may pay a hefty price for express or overnight shipping.

• Keep an eye on your wallet. Don't flash cash. Keep an eye on your credit or

debit card during transactions and get them back as quickly as possible. If your cards are lost or stolen, report the loss or theft immediately to the card issuers.

The average person is

spending \$3 less on

family gifts this holiday

Layaway Programs

If you're not keen on paying with plastic and don't have the cash on hand, you may want to ask about a layaway program. Layaway purchase plans are designed for customers who want to buy merchandise without using credit or paying the full price immediately.

Layaways are not credit purchases. When you buy an item on credit, you take the merchandise home with you. When you use layaway, you typically make a deposit — usually a percentage of the purchase price — and pay over time until you have paid for the item in full. In exchange, the retailer holds the merchandise for you.

To avoid problems, get the store's layaway policy in writing. It should include:

• The terms of the layaway plan: How much time you have to pay for the merchandise; when your payments are due; the minimum payment required; and possible charges, like a service fee, for using the plan. Find out if there is a fee or a penalty for missed or late payments: Will your contract be cancelled? Will the merchandise be returned to the sales floor?

• The refund policy: If you decide you don't want the merchandise after you've made some or all the payments, you may expect a refund. But retailers' policies may differ: Some give you all your money back; others may charge a non-refundable service fee; and still others may offer a store credit for the amount you paid.

For More Information

To learn more about money management and shopping wisely, visit ftc gov and www. mymoney.gov, the U.S. government's portal to financial education.

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Outside the snow is falling and friends are calling...

It is that time of year when holiday parties and celebrations abound. If you are looking for ways to enjoy the festivities, but avoid the hectic holiday scheduling, why not serve brunch? A breakfast or brunch celebration is a perfect solution for families that have more than one stop to make for the holidays.

Hosting a holiday brunch that works for everyone is easy. Decide if a buffet or sit-down meal works better for guests. If guests are coming at different times or if limited space is available, a buffet usually works best. When planning a buffet menu, include savory dishes by using recipes that guests can serve themselves, such as an egg casserole. Home-made dishes are usually healthier and make guests feel right at home.

When planning the party, allow for time to enjoy the company of family and friends that are visiting — do not spend the entire party in the kitchen. Think ahead and select dishes that can be prepared the night before, like an egg strata that you can pop in the oven the next morning. Set the table and organize necessary serving pieces to avoid last-minute scrambling. If you are serving homemade bread and rolls, bake them the day before so the oven is available for the main

Family and friends are what make the holidays bright. Do not miss the joy of

the season stuck in the kitchen. When hosting a holiday gathering, plan ahead and choose easy and delicious recipes, so everyone can enjoy the spirit of the season. For holiday breakfast and brunch recipes visit www.incredibleegg.org.

Here's a tasty recipe you may want to

BENEDICT STRATA

Makes 6 servings Ingredients:

1 package (12 oz) English muffins

6 slices (4 oz) Canadian bacon, chopped

6 eggs

1/ cup skim milk

2 Tbsp. reduced-fat mayonnaise

2 tsp. grated lemon peel

2 Tbsp. Jemon juice

Chives, optional

Halved femon slices, optional

Directions: Split muffins and cut into cubes. Alternate even layers of muffin cubes and ham in lightly greased 8x8x2 inch bak-

In medium bowl, beat together remaining ingredients (except chives) until well blended. Pour evenly over muffin-ham mixture. Cover. Refrigerate several hours or



overnight.

Uncover. Bake in preheated 350 F oven until golden brown and knife inserted near center comes out clean, about 50 to 60 minutes. Garnish with chives and lemon slices, if desired.

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Shopping on Black Friday?

Shopping the sales is a great way to save money this holiday season. Everyone knows the best sales are found on Black Iriday, the day after Thanksgiving, when malls are packed with people finding great gifts at even greater prices. How do you make the most out of the bargain-hunter dream day?

During this tight economy, getting that awesome gift is possible with a little creativity and preparation." says Steve Kemble, "America's Sassiest Lifestyle Guru" and General Growth Properties gift-giving expert. "The hustle and bustle of the malls on Black Friday is exciting, but to make sure your shopping is a success. I have a few suggestions."

Kemble, a nationally recognized protessional event planner who has appeared on countless TV and radio programs, ofters these high-impact, low-stress shopping tips for a winning Black Friday:

1. Develop a shopping budget and strategy

First and foremost determine how much you can afford to spend on your holiday gifts -- especially in the wake of carrent economic challenges. Be smart and realistic -- it's not how much you spend, but the thought behind the gift that's important. Also, now is the perfect time to discretely start asking friends and relatives what they want for the holidays. Once you determine which gifts you reed you can decide what stores to tacka on Black Friday. Plan your day around 20 tting those must-haves before they out. If needed, you can always plan a second trip to the mall for more common Litts that are likely to remain in stock for clonger period of time. GGP malls are a areat one-stop shop for all things holiday.

Once you know what stores you want to visit, go online and review a layout of the mall to determine where to shop and locate the best place to park. Think about whether you are going to take trips to your vehicle to drop off packages. Feel ake spoiling yourself a little? Many malls offer valet parking during the holidays, so you might consider this option as well.

2. Comparison shop

In order to streamline your shopping experience, start a list of the items you

need to purchase. Watch for ads in the newspaper and on television at least two weeks prior to Black Friday. GGP malls are a great one-stop shop for all things holiday and offer great retail offers and fun holiday events on Black Friday. Visit www.TheGivingSpree.com for more event information.

3. Eat, drink and shop happy

It is important to stay hydrated and eat a balanced meal while shopping. After all, you need your energy! Successful shoppers know that they need to start their day with a nutritious breakfast. Pack some bottles of water and small snack items to take with you on your trip and you're off and running. Additionally, it's always fun to plan for a wonderful lunch with family and friends during your day of shopping. Consider eating a little earlier or later than the traditional noon hour. While others are eating you can be scooping up all the sale items.

4. Partner up for festive fun

For those who need a little shopping advice form your own Black Friday shopping team. Recruit friends and family members to provide the extra hands you need to get the best deals. And award your own "black belt" to those who successfully help you reach your goals. At the end of the day you can treat them to a GGP Mall Gift Card for all their help.

5. Think about you too

Don't hesitate to think about one item you have always wanted for yourself while you are shopping. Adding a certain something just for you makes the day fun. We have all been guilty of going shopping and buying more for ourselves than for others. If you train yourself to know that you are going to get one fabulous gift for yourself, you'll begin to cut back on that habit.

Follow these helpful tips, and you will certainly be on your way to attaining your black belt in shopping this holiday season.

Logon to www.TheGivingSpree.com for more information on exciting Black Friday events hosted by General Growth Properties malls across the country.

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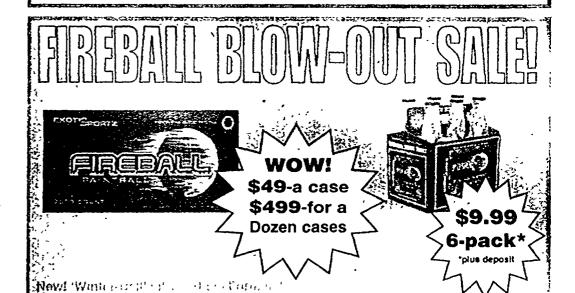


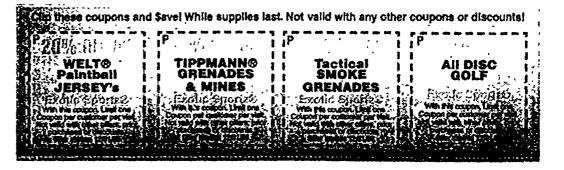
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