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Future plans discussed for Thayer's Corner Nature Area

Site plan needs to be developed

Referred to as "a little jewel in Northville Township," trustees and residents discussed future plans for Thayer's Corner Nature Area Dec. 4.

The topic was the first in a series of study sessions recently initiated by the board of trustees.

This (area) is a little bit of Up North in Northville Township that doesn't exist anywhere else, and it hasn't cost the township hardly anything," said Mary Gans, trustee and member of the Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area.

Gans said volunteers have devoted more than 1,000 hours to the area located on the east side of Napier Road just north of Six Mile Road.

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said his main concern is whether the area is adhering to township ordinances and that future plans for are communicated to township officials.

Discussion also included whether the park is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

"If you're going to open the buildings to the public, you have to have them ADA-compliant," said Don Weaver, director of public services. "We're noncompliant now. I know we don't have a great budget on this project, but we really need a site plan.

Residents want to maintain the rustic, rural feel of the area, which includes a pond, walking trails, a community garden and five buildings. Some antique farm equipment was recently donated to the area. Picnic tables, a bird house and portable toilet have also been added.

A master plan for the area, formerly known as Thayer's Corner Park, was developed in 2001, and the board approved a conceptual plan for the area last year.

"We need a site plan to update these changes," said Sue Hillebrand, clerk. Gans said the Friends group has not gone beyond Phase I.

"We've just enhanced what we already have," he said.

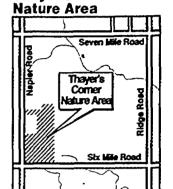
The board questioned the appropriateness of some dirt hauled to the area recently by Wayne County workers because approvals were not received beforehand from the township.

"There are some details we didn't know about," said Chris Roosen, trustee. "I really like the spirit of volunteerism, but we need good communication,

GATE AT ENTRANCE?

Much discussion revolved around whether or not a gate should be erected at the entrance on Napier Road.

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Thayer's Corner



Northville Township's Sweetie Pie bakery will team up with the Northville Equestrian Center on Sunday to raise money for the Grace Center of Hope homeless shelter in Pontiac. From left are the bakery's Marcell Reaves, owner Tasha Hawkins-Bullcock, Jennifer Cole (NEC event coordinator), Andrea Durham (head trainer at NEC) and Lynn Carey (director of operations of NEC).

Northville businesses partner to help others

Equestrian center site of Dec. 14 event

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

When people put their heads together, great things can happen.

In the spirit of holiday giving, two Northville Township businesses are partnering to help those less fortunate.

Tasha Hawkins of the new Sweety Pies Bakery and Catering at 8946 Napier Road at Seven Mile Road, and Jennifer Cole, event coordinator, said the event will take place at Northville Equestrian Center, 50265 Seven Mile Road, from 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the equestrian center to benefit Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac (formerly the Pontiac Rescue Mission).

The event costs \$5 for adults, with children under age 10 admitted free. It will include horseback riding demonstrations, soup, appetizers, hot chocolate with homemade marshmallows, Fair Trade Coffee, a choir and caroling. A silent auction will also be part of the

"We are encouraging local businesses to donate gift certificates for the event," Cole said. "So far we have horseback riding lessons, a meal for four from Sweety Pies Bakery and Catering, a Fair Trade Coffee basket, and gift certificates from some local golf courses," Cole said. "We hope to make this an annual event."

Many of the baked goods from Sweety Pies Bakery and Catering will also be available for sale, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Grace Centers of Hope.

"We're trying to make this event worthwhile for the centers," Hawkins said. "They need help."

Cassandra Foltyn, who helped establish the Providence Hospital Pediatric Rehabilitation Scholarship Fund, will bring some volunteers to help out at the event. Cassandra and Michael Foltyn's young daughter, Alex, a triplet, spends about five hours a week in physical therapy in Rehabilitation Services at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. Physical Therapist Stephanie Herrle works with Alex on stretching, soft tissue massage, increasing core strength, balance and walking.

RESERVE TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Order \$5 tickets to the Sunday, Dec. 14, charity event at the Northville Equestrian Center, 50265 Seven Mile Road, benefiting Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac in advance by calling Sweety Pies Bakery and Catering at (248) 687-1500 or (248) 305-7900. Advance ticket sales are recommended. so the bakery's staff knows how much soup and how many appetizers to prepare. Attendees are also encouraged to bring personal care items for the centers' patrons as well

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"Our family has always possessed a passion to cook and serve a tasty and healthy product that is not only good for the soul but gives back to the community," Hawkins said. " ... We promise that our business will continue to support our communities in tough economic times by supporting the local meals on wheels programs, food banks and homeless shelters. Hawkins said her family normally selects a

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Consultant answers tough economic questions

■ Presentation at senior center

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF ARITER

Despite the gloom and doom of the current economy, Nick Hopwood says it's not all bad.

Hopwood, of Park Avenue Wealth Management, said a representative from his firm gave a talk titled, "Answers to Today's Tough Questions" about the economy, the financial markets and what to do with money Dec. 2 at the Northville Community Senior Center.

"We were invited to give a presentation because seniors were coming in and asking a lot of questions about the economy," Hopwood said.

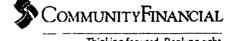
Although the business has been at the

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SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

Park Avenue Wealth Management announces its third "Invest in Others" Scholarship Application to the firm's clients' children or grandchildren, which will be accepted through the end of December. The firm will contribute \$2,000 to two students based on the application. The funds will be awarded to students who show great dedication to their education and the community. The company also collects money from clients and matches it dollar-for-dollar up to \$250 per client per year to help families over the holidays through Volunteers of America and helps Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. For more information about the application or from Nick Hopwood, consultant at Park Avenue Wealth Management, call (734) 432-1966, e-mail him at nick hopwood@lpl com or go to www parkavenuewm.com





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When I went there (to Grace Centers of Hope) about a month ago to find out the specifics, they were overwhelmed with people," Hawkins said. The director said there has been an influx of families that need help due to job loss and home foreclosures. They need more now than ever before. I said, 'Oh my. We need to do something

The centers need about \$150 per person to provide people with food, shelter, clothing and holiday gifts, according to Hawkins.

While Hawkins was there, she even saw an elementary-school boy wearing flip-flops when the temperature was 36 degrees.

"Those must have been his only shoes," Hawkins said.

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Kids for kids

Junior Girl Scout Troop 737 from Silver Springs is working on the community service part of their Bronze Award. On Dec. 3, the girls delivered over 1,000 stuffed animals and 80 baby blankets to the Northville Township Fire Department. The firefighters give the animals and blankets to comfort children involved in car accidents, medical emergencies and house fires. The girls received permission from their principals to put a collection box at their schools. They put up posters, sent home notes in the Monday envelope, wrote scripts for school announcements and put an article in the school newsletter. Two of the girls passed out notes while trick-or-treating and collected over 150 animals in their neighborhood. Lt. Dan Dipple told the girls that the fire department can use as many stuffed animals and baby blankets as they can collect. After the holidays, the girls will continue collecting at both Silver Springs and Amerman Elementary schools. Pictured are (left to right, front) Brooke Hammond, Emily Koswick, Megan Gutherie and Jillian Stacer; (second row) Alexis Aulepp, Haley Clafton, Lindsay Walters, Lexa Barrott and Elizabeth Horn; (back) Lt. Brad Neuhart and Lt. Dan Dipple



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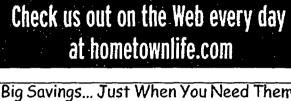
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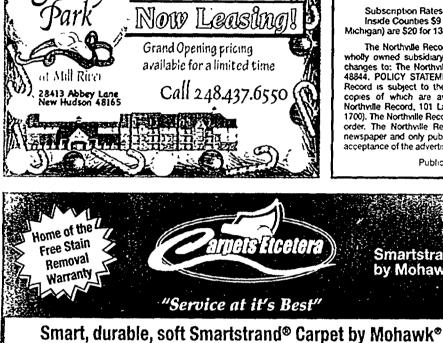
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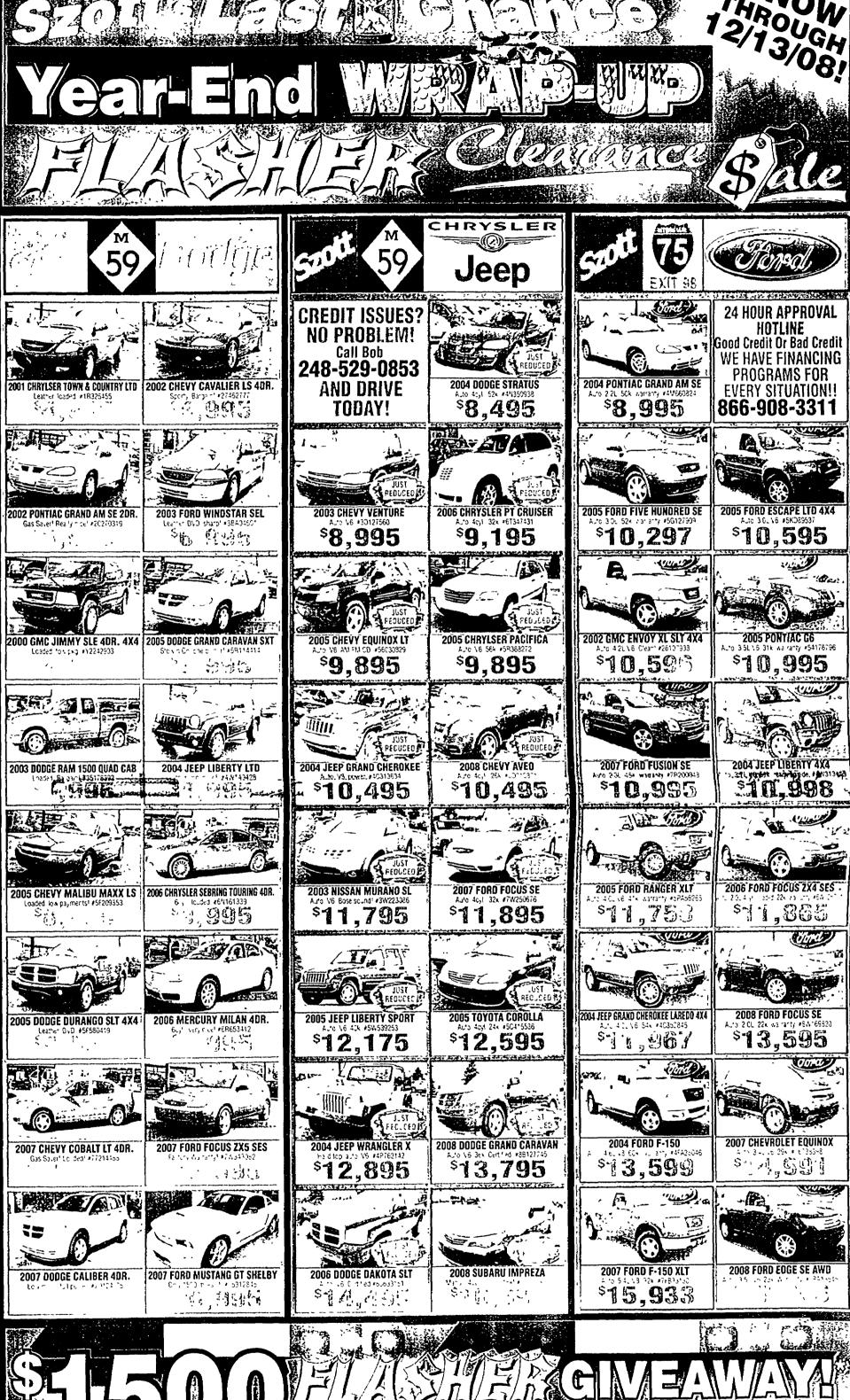
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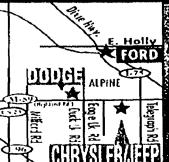
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Mary and Rikki Gans walk hand-in-hand near the entrance to the Thayer's Corner Nature Area, which is now closed for the winter and will re-open next April 1.

NATURE AREA

Some say it would keep vandals and/or thieves out; others say it could delay response time should if a fire should occur in one of the buildings. Township police do patrol the park, currently open April through November, and there has evidently been no history of vandalism.

"I would like John Werth's (director of public safety) opinion," said Gans, who is not in

favor of putting up a gate.
The users of the park don't want a gate up," said Margie Banner, trustee and a member of Friends group.

"We haven't had a problem with that park," said Debbie Brown, a 25-year township resident. "There's a good Neighborhood Watch (program) out there. I don't think there should be a gate put up so snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, horseback riding and walking can be allowed."

PHASE II DETAILS

Phase II plans for Thayer's Corner Nature Area, estimated to cost \$168,000, include:

■ Build a handicap accessible bathroom in the house, with no access to the rest of the house, or a free-standing bathroom - \$10,000.

Add a water well and septic field - \$8,000.

■ Construct an Interpretive Center by renovating the current house on the property for use by groups and schools for nature studies or other activities - \$150,000 (estimated \$3,330 a year in utility costs would be covered by users).

Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area members suggest these plans be delayed until appropriate grants and/or funding becomes available due to budgetary constraints.

Brown would also like the area

to remain open year-round. Jean Beamish, who's lived in the township since 1948, said the area is close to Ridge Wood Elementary School, and it would be a good place for student field

'I'm tickled that the area's being kept up," Beamish said. "It's one of the last vestiges of rural land in the township."

Resident Steve Lomske supports the area and said it's a growing trend in communities across the country to have passive parks like Thayer's. "This park fills a niche," Lomske

Abbo wants more accurate costs on improvements planned for the area in Phase 11. estimated at \$168,000, and wants Banner and Weaver to

work together to ensure ordinances are being met and that the area complies with the current approved plan.

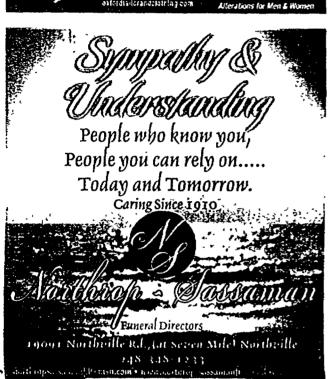
Plans for the area that would not require grants or funding include: expand the size and number of the community gardens; complete trails, including a path around the pond and horse trails around the perimeter of the area and the fields; clean up poison ivy; clean up cement blocks; explore using the house on the property as interim housing for Parks and Recreation maintenance staff, an Eagle Scout project proposal for rustic seating behind the house, timed lighting for security purpose; an entrance gate and keeping the park open year-round.

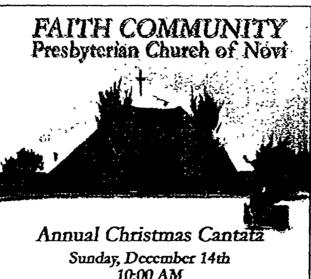
"I think we can bring the area up to what we had in mind," Banner said.

The spirit is to keep it as natural as possible," Gans said. "We want to keep it rustic and rural."

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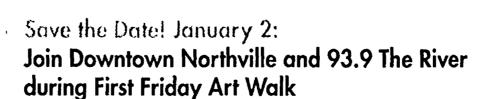
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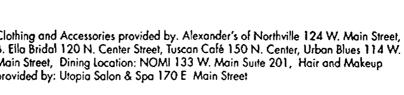
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Body Pump instructors Kristi Fairchild, left, and Tracey Edwards work out in the Recreation Center at Hillside. They were teaching a class there on a recent Friday morning.

It's never too late to get in shape

■ City offers several classes

BY PAM FLEMING

Jamie Coley says fitness is a year-round challenge. Just because the cold winds and snow are blowing this month, that's no reason to sit on the couch and allow those fat grams to have the upper hand.

Coley, Health & Wellness Coordinator for Northville Parks and Recreation, encourages area residents to come to local classes offered by the city this month and keep moving.

The department's staff not only has organized a holiday class schedule, but it also sells gift certificates for passes and individual classes and will launch the fitness program "Get Red Carpet Ready for 2009" with new music, routines and refreshments on

Saturday, Jan. 3. Two new instructors will join the city's fitness team for the Body Pump class. Tracey Edwards and Kristi

Fairchild will welcome participants to new class -times at 6:30 p m. on Tuesdays and 9 a.m. on Fridays. Two of the popular cycle classes are also being held

on Saturday mornings. People can call to make reservations for the cycle class at noon on Fridays at Coley's extension. Participants must state their name, phone number and preferred class time. Then, they can call back at

4 p.m. to hear the class rosters. Spots in the classes are allocated based on the callin time and need. Lists are then posted on the call-in number voicemail by 4 p.m. Friday.

Interested participants can leave their name and number with Coley if they'd like to fill one of those spots or if they'd like to be on the waiting list.

OTHER NEW CLASSES

In December, the department will add a Body Pump Class on Tuesday nights, and in January, look for more back-to-back Group Cycle Classes.

Exercisers can also get \$5 off their monthly pass for December.

If the front counter is closed, people can buy their pass by bringing a check to class or filling out a registration form with their credit card information.

"Our instructors will get it to our administration, and we will mail your pass to you." Coley said.



Students at a Friday morning Body Pump class at the Recreation Center at Hillside do some cool-down stretches as

Gift certificates are available for both individual

classes and monthly passes. For more information, call Coles or e-mail her at jcoley@ci northville.mi us.

they finish up their time.

FUN. FESTIVE FITNESS

For more information about classes at the recreation center atop the hill at Eight Mile Road and Center Street or some that will be available at the Northville Community Senior Center next week, call her at (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1403





CLASS CANCELLATIONS

No exercise classes will take place at Hillside Recreation Center Dec. 12-13 because of the Handcrafter's Show. The center will also be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 and will close at 11 a.m. on Dec. 30 and reopen at 9 a.m. Jan. 2 for the Body Pump

SENIORS: JOIN THE FUN

Two Body Pump classes will also be taught at the Northville Senior Community Center Dec. to limited equipment, these classes will be filled by sign-up only. E-mail Coley if you'd like to attend a class at the senior center at either 9 or 10 a.m. A yoga class will also take place Dec. 13.

Coley reminds everyone about the weather hotline. If Northville Public Schools are closed, there are no morning classes. Decisions will be made by 4 p.m. for evening and weekend classes. The weather hotline is (248) 449-9951.

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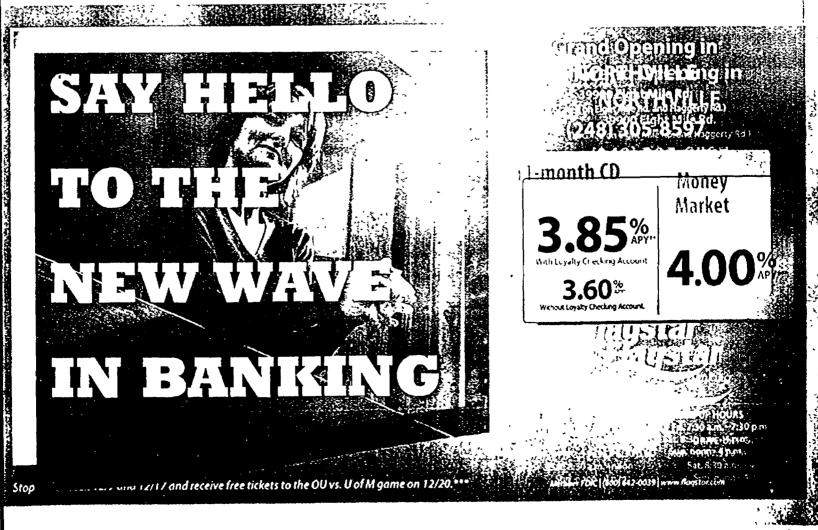
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Closed session scheduled

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The Northville Township Board of Trustees will put forth a motion to go into a closed session, as permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at township hall, southwest corner of Six Mile and Sheldon roads, to discuss pending litigation on two cases - Citizens for Public Accountability & Responsible Development and others vs. Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees and Miles Christi vs. Northville Township.

The first case involves a lawsuit filed against the board for alleged violations of the Open Meetings Act. In the second case, a local religious order has filed suit against the township, saying the township violated the order's constitutional right of freedom of religion. The board may reconvene after the closed session to announce a decision if one is made in either case.

As always, the meeting will include a time for brief public comment. Anyone wishing to comment on an agenda item, or any other matter, may do so at the time designated by the board. Citizen comments are requested to be limited to two minutes.

Position opens in Democratic Club

The Northville Democratic Club has had a resignation by trustee Jamie Turner, creating an opening on their board to finish her term (ends May 2009).

To qualify, one must be a club member who has paid his or her 2008 dues. The club is considering changing its bylaws to expand the number of trustees from seven to nine. If this happens, there would be three interim trustee positions to fill.

If interested, contact Scott Craig at scraig27@comcast.net or at (248) 465-1995.

NORTHYILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Northville Parks and Recreation is taking registrations for Ski and Snowboard Club. All students in middle and high schools are encouraged to participate. Club membership includes bus transportation on Friday evenings, group lift tickets and rental equipment discounts and lessons at Mt. Brighton Ski Area. Club membership is limited.

Register for Ski and Snowboard Club

Registration is \$165 for city and township residents; \$170 for school district residents in the City of Novi; and \$175 for non-residents.

Adult chaperones are needed for trips and will receive complementary skiing. Contact the Northville Parks and Recreation Department (Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline Road) 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or call (248) 349-0203.

NHS singers for hire

Northville area residents and businesses have a unique opportunity to hire special entertainment for their holiday parties. Members of the NHS Choir program, including BackBeat and TrebleMakers, are available to sing at private events during the holidays and throughout the year. The money raised is used to defray the cost for students to go on the spring choir tour.

For more information, contact Mary Kay Price, NHS Choir Director, at Prycema@northville.k12.mi.us

Fire fighters help needy

Members of the Northville Township Professional Fire Fighters Local 3961 battled the December cold and snow last weekend to support the annual Goodfellows paper drive, which makes local needy children's Christmas brighter.

Fire fighters Tommy Hughes, Hugh Jordan, Brent Siegel, Rob McAllister, and Adam Burton collected \$850 in just over two hours on Dec. 6. The Goodfellows help support those in des-

perate need during the holidays. Members of Northville Township Professional Fire Fighters Local 3961 thank all who donated to this great

Mental help during the holidays



Susan McKenna

Susan McKenna, a Northville life coach, motivational speaker and author, has two more weeks of classes to help people get through the holidays. The classes are designed for those with issues stemming from dysfunctional families and codependency. The classes take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 16 and 17, and on Tuesday, Dec. 23. Those interested can attend one or more classes. Her office is located at 215 E. Main St.,

Suite 201, in downtown Northville. For more information, call (734) 420-8175.

'Tis the month before Christmas at Northville Pole

Childhood magic comes to life in the Victorian town of Northville this holiday season. Relive the memories of seeing the collection of Santa's at the downtown Hudson store while waiting in line to tell your "wish list" to the jolly old elf himself. Northville Square located at 133 W. Main Street in downtown Northville will be transformed into the Northville Pole through Dec. 21. There will be a unique display with more than 100 Santas. Visitors will also be charmed by the grand heartwarming village scene that stretches across nearly 20 feet of windows.

It is a free event for the whole family. Santa will be available for photos with the children from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays; and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Northville Pole is located in Northville Square at 133 W. Main Street, Northville MI. For further information contact Miss Harriet's Dance Studio at (248) 349-1111.

Saddlery aids Gleaners

Northville Saddlery, 200 S. Main St., Suite C, in Northville, is serving as a collection site for the second year for Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. "Sometimes we get so involved in the holiday rush that we forget the real meaning of Christmas," said Marti Lockwood of Northville Saddlery. "This year, more than ever, our neighbors could use a kind thought and a helping hand. Our goals is to collect 500 pounds of nonperishable food or \$500." Citizens are encouraged to drop off food during business hours before Dec. 22. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; and noon to 8 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call (248) 349-7388 or go to www.northvillesaddlery.com.

Bell ringers needed

The Salvation Army is looking for a few good bell ringers for its Christmas Kettle Campaign. All the money raised during the Christmas holiday stays in the Plymouth/ Northville community. The campaign continues until Dec. 24. The three sites in Northville for bell ringing are the Northville Post Office, Shopping Center Market (Hiller's) on Center Street and the corner of Main and Center in front of Orin Jewelers. If your group or family wishes to get in the holiday spirit and help someone at the same time, please call Judy Kohl at (248) 348-2678. Particularly needed are ringers during the weekday hours. No previous experience

Fund will help Ward musicians

Concert Series, Inc. announced that due to the generous support from the community, the Max's Kids Memorial Fund will help young musicians at the Ward Evangelical Presbyterian School of Music and Fine Arts.

As co-founder of Concert Series Inc., Max Davey directed the 50 member choir and orchestra at Ward Church for eight years inspiring and encouraging many to follow their musical dreams. Meanwhile, Davey produced and directed concerts for over 20 years at the Ford Auditorium each Christmas, and he performed at other community events near his home town of Commerce, including Milford Memories, before his untimely death Dec. 6, just one year

Max's Kids is a memorial and a tribute to Max Davey who gave the love of music to so many. The Davey family thought it only fitting to create a memorial fund to continue his legacy. Max's Kids has been instrumental in helping the Ward Evangelical Presbyterian School of Music and Fine Arts increase their outreach in these difficult economical times. To date 11 new students have applied and been accepted to the school and five additional applications are being reviewed and auditions will soon be scheduled. It is not necessary to be a member of Ward Church to apply; the School of Music and Fine Arts is open to everyone.

These musicians will participate in "A Gift of Hope" Christmas concert featuring The Ward Chancel Choir, Teen Choir, Orchestra, Ensembles, and Handbells

Audience Sing-along of favorite Christmas Carols at 7 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville.

FRANK DONALD BLOCK

December 9, 2008. Age 89. Beloved husband of the late Edith. Dear father of Barbara (Gary) Weisenburg and Don (Gail) Block. Loving grandfather of Mandy Gregus. Case Cicchelli, Gretchen (Josh) McIntyre, Andrea (Matt) Kolb and the late Erin Block. Great-grandfather to Eli, Caleb and Andrew. Dear brother of Rrta Green. Beloved friend of Juanita Blystone. Also remembered by many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation from 10am-12pm at Lynch and Sons Funeral Home 404 E. Liberty Milford, MI 48381. Funeral Service following at 12pm. In lieu of flowers, appreciated contributions to the Frank and Edith Calder Block Scholarship Fund, Eastern Michigan University Foundation, 1349 S Huron St. Ypsilanti MI 48107. For further information please phone 248 684 6645 or visit www LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

ERMENEGILDA "SPERIDIA" BONADEO

In state at Our Lady of Victory Church, 133 Orchard St. Northville, Thursday 9 30 am until funeral liturgy at 10 am. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Hospice Online condolences

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BIANCA ALESSANDRA GERMAIN

Age 28, of Milford, December 6th, 2008. Precious and treasured daughter of Angela Germain and significant other, Steve Hamilton; sister of Harrison and Swan; granddaughter of Jimmie & Ardell Winters, niece of Michele (Rene) Ford, Mark (Andrea) Winters, Christian Winters; cousins Kori, Erin and Autumn and many extended family members and dear friends. Funeral Service was held at Milford Presbytenan Church. Milford on December 10, 2008 The Rev. Dr. R. John Harris officiated Memorials to Visions Unlimited, For further information contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit

www LynchFuneralDirectors com

FLOYD P. PERKINS

August 20, 1922 - November 23. 2008. Of Milford Beloved husband of Janet, loving father of Geoff and Mary Lou Landstrom, father-in-law JoAnn Balbaugh Perkins Preceded in death by son, Floyd Grandfather of Kristin, Angle, Eric, Lesley, and Dale; Great-grandfather of seven. Also survived by sister, Lois Fraleigh. A memorial service for family and friends will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Milford, MI, on May 16, 2009 at 10 00 a m Please sign online guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com

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Deadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday Obstuaries received after these deadline will be placed in the next available issue

ROBERT A. SONGE, M.D. Of Milford, died at Oakwood Hospital on Thursday, December 4, 2008. He was 80 years old. Dr. Songe was the former Chief of Staff and Chief of Radiology at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn and a partner in Harris, Birkhill, Wang, Songe & Associates. a firm of specialists in radiology. Born in Milwaukee, on December 17, 1927, he was the son of Trygve and Mae Lena (Abbot) Songe. Growing up, he earned his Eagle Scout and after brief service during WW. II in as Clinical Assistant Professor with Wayne State University's School of Medicine He was a consultant with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan and served on the editorial board of Detroit Medical News for many years A member of many

the Army Medical Corp, he returned home to complete his education. After receiving his B.Sc. and M.D. from the University of Wisconsin, D. Songe interned at Detroit Receiving Hospital and did a residency at Harper Hospital in the mid-fifties From 1958 until 1965 he served on the staff of St Mary Hospital in Wausau, WI before returning to Detroit where he joined the staff of Oakwood Hospital where he was appointed Chief of Radiology in 1975 and made his home in Grosse Pointe Shores Since 1970 he served regional, state and national medical societies, including the American Medical Association and the Radiological Society of North America, he served as President of the Michigan Radiologic Society in 1980. In 2004 that organization honored Dr. Songe with its Gold Medal for his many contributions to the Society. An avid skier and sailor - he sailed in the Mackinac Regatta for ten years in a row - he also loved to fish and hike, read and play tennis Since 1989 he and his wife kept a second home in Harbor Springs where they went year round for the peace and beauty of the area. He was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club since 1972. He mentored young doctors, was generous with friends who will remember him as a witty and sophisticated man whose focus remained on the practice of medicine and his beloved family Robert was the beloved husband of Janice for thirty-three years. He also leaves his daughters and sons. Mary (Paul) Gunn, Michael (Sandra) Fisher, Debra (Robert) Hullum, Fay Songe, Lisa (Gene) Keyes, Jan Songe, and William Songe, eleven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, a sister, Nan Sander; special friend and brother-in-law, Rich and Sherry Hernandez and a wide circle of extended family and dear friends, A Memorial Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home,



Milford on Monday, December 8, at

1PM. Rev. John Harris officiated

Memorials may be made to the Oakwood Healthcare System

Foundation For further information

System

LEON H. RAINEY

Age 35 of Auburn Hills, formerly of Highland, MI and Englewood, FL, December 6, 2008. Survived by his beloved mother, Lottie Rainey of Highland, big brother, Warren of FL; sisters, Diane (Gordon) Crawford of Highland, Linda (Bill) Prtts of Wixom, Mary (Charlie) Parish of FL; brothers, Raymond (Sue) of Welston, Richard of Leroy, MI, Donald (Susan) of Holly, David (Selena) of Highland. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and loving friends. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E Liberty, Milford, Thursday, December 11th at 11am with Pastor Wayne DeVerna officiating. Burial All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Friends may visit Wednesday 4-8pm. Memorials may be made to the Leon Rainey Memorial Fund For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit

www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

JUDITH A. SHEPHARD

Age 70 of Indian River, formerly of Highland, December 8, 2008. Sne was preceded in death by Frank, her beloved husband of over 44 years in 2004. She is survived by her sons, David Shepard of Highland, Christopher (Shari) Shepard of Hartland, Todd (Jeanette) Shepard of grandchildren, James, Belding; Travis, Bradley, Haley, Morgan, Mitchell, brother, Keith (Kathy) Lavoy and many loving friends A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 Liberty, Milford, Friday, December 12, at 11am. Friends may visit Wednesday 4-9pm and Thursday 4-8pm. Memorials are encouraged to the Corwin Derocher Benefit Fund at 5/3 Bank. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



GLEN E. VIRLEY

A resident of Milford for over 58 years, and owner and operator of Virley Roofing, died at his home on December 4, 2008. He was 88 years old. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, sons, Phream Virley, Hendric (Nikki) Virley, daughter, Star (Dave) Siburt, grandchildren, Derek, Amber, Chase, Shayla, Michael, David, a sister, St Nore "Pauline" Virley, and many loving extended family members and dear friends. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford on Saturday, December 6th, 2008, with burial at Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or

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CORA ELIZABETH WONFOR

Age 82, died December 1, 2008. Private Family Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Haggerty roads in Livonia since 2004, it was located in a house on north Center Street across from Pizza Cutter in downtown Northville for several years.

Hopwood, a native of Haslett who now lives in Ann Arbor, studied economics at the University of Michigan, is a Certified Financial Planner, and has been with the company since 2000. He started working with Jacquelin Moody, senior partner at Park Avenue, while still in col-

The firm manages portfolios for individuals and small businesses and does financial plan-

ning.
"We wear both hats, and we really stress the importance of having a financial plan, especially these days," Hopwood said.

WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING?

"Wherever you are in your life, you need to make sure you're at a viable place in which to move forward," Hopwood said, "If you've lost 50 percent of your portfolio, how does that affect your retirement? Do you delay it by a year, five years or are you going to have to have a part-time job? These are the types of things we're advising people about. You need to know where you are."

A lot of people have already bailed out of the market, said, "I can't take it anymore," and want to cut their losses.

'You really have two choices," Hopwood said. "You can say, I don't want to go back to the markets period, and move to a fixed, guaranteed rate. In that case, fixed annuities are probably the best option," he said, noting that they're paying 5-6 percent while certificates of deposit are paying

only 3 percent. The downside with fixed annuities is the investor is committing the money for a number of years, from three-10 years. Hopwood's not in favor of indexed annuities, because there's a longer-term commitment and a fairly subdued potential as well.

Fixed annuities, however, are showing the highest rates he's seen in his career — up to 6.5 percent. Variable annuities go up and down with the market, but some have guaranteed income riders that can be purchased.



Nick Hopwood, a consultant with Park Avenue Wealth Management in Livonia, pictured on Main Street in downtown Northville near where the firm used to be located on north Center Street.

"Regardless of a market meltdown, they can provide income for life," Hopwood said. "This is attractive for those nearing retirement or already retired."

STAYING IN THE MARKET

For those who do want to take risks to earn a higher return, there are a couple of choices. Number one is to dollar-cost average back into the market and buy on the 'dips" in the market.

We see the DOW down 500 here and there. Put a little chunk in the market on those days," Hopwood said.

The other approach is to invest in fundamentally strong companies but wait for the chart to

Wait for a confirmed uptrend," he said. "If it's not, step off the track if the train's coming."

Hopwood sees fixed-income securities and maybe in a few months junk bonds as good investments. Junk bonds, like auto industry stocks, refer to purchases in companies that are belowinvestment-grade quality.

"Right now, the prices on the high-yield bond index have never been this low," Hopwood said. "In my opinion, this will be a good opportunity, but we want to wait until we have a little more darity."

STEPPING OFF THE TRACK

Investors also need a strategy to step off the track when the train's coming based on certain signals.

This is selling your mutual funds and stocks and moving into cash until the market improves,"

Hopwood said. "It's tough, because those signals are hard to hear, so you have to have a specific system in place. That's what we're implementing right now. That's the big news I have for all my dients."

WAITING IT OUT

J. Is there anything wrong with a wait-and-see approach, doing nothing with investments with the hope that the market will eventually improve?

"You don't want to panic, but I am questioning the conventional wisdom of the buy-and-hold strategy," Hopwood said. "We're not just putting our head in the sand and say, 'It's always going to go up."

A better strategy, in his opinion, would be to wait until the market starts to recover, and when it reaches a decent level to reevaluate and consider a more active approach to investing.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADVICE As far as Social Security,

Hopwood says collect if you're 62 and not working.

According to the Social Security Administration, you can work and receive Social Security benefits. This could mean a higher benefit amount later. While working, earnings reduce

the benefit amount only until full retirement age. After that, the benefit is recalculated to leave out months when it was reduced or withheld due to excess earnings.

A formula determines how much the benefit must be reduced. If under full retirement age for the entire year, \$1 is deducted from benefit payments for every \$2 earned above the annual limit. (For 2008, the limit is \$13,560. For 2009, it will be \$14,160.)

In the year you reach full retirement age, \$1 in benefits is deducted for every \$3 earned above a different limit, but only earnings before the month you reach full retirement age count.

Starting with the month you reach full retirement age, you can collect benefits with no limit on your earnings. If you're not receiving benefits, contact the Social Security Administration at the beginning of the year you reach full retirement age. Even if you're still working, you may receive some or all benefits for the months before reaching full retirement

Hopwood says those still work-ing at age 66 should start drawing Social Security benefits rather than wait until age 70.

"Even if you don't need the income, you should collect and invest the benefits," he said.

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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 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

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) which is a panel of toy experts that offers their list of top 20 age-appropriate 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 http:// www.playisforever.com/> (click 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, clay 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.

· Electronics: For school-age 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

SAVVY TIP

For grandparents that don't live near their grandchildren, a great way to connect during the holidays 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 world.

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FIRST PRESBYTEFILM CHURCH OF HORTHYILLE LOCATION 200 E Main St CONTACT (248) 349 0911 or visit firstpresoville org

Sunday Worship TIME 9 30 11 am Walking in the Park TIME/DATE 10 11 a m every Saturday LOCATION Most at the Visitor's Center

of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads) **DETAILS** Group meets for lunch afterwards

CONTACT Sue (734) 459 0016 Single Place Ministries TIME/DATE 730 pm social time, 745 pm opening 8 9 pm program, every Thursday

DETAILS Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles, \$5 per person. Check Web site for details. singleplace org

OAK POINTE CHURCH

LOCATION 50200 W 10 Mile Road CONTACT (248) 912 0043 or visit oakpointe or a **Worship Services**

TIME 515 pm Saturday, 915 and 1115 am Sunday ReNew Life Ministries

TIME/DATE 715 9 pm every Monday DETAILS Organig Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth heating fearning and change from a Christian perspective CONTACT For more information or to

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF MORTHYTLLE A Stephen Ministry church LOCATION 777 W Eight Mile Road **CONTACT** (248) 349 1144 or functorthville org

Sunday Worship TIME 8, 915 and II a m Coffee hour at 11 a.m. Healing Service TIME/DATE 4 pm first Monday of

every month Radical Joy TIME/DATE 68pm first and third Thursday of every month **DETAILS** All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend. irrespective of church affiliation. Cost

is \$25 per four week session Sign up for the entire year for only \$60 Dinner is served and child care is available on request Logos Youth Club

TIME/DATE 515 815 pm every Wednesday, through May **DETAILS** For children in grades 4 12 Every week, this four part program includes Bible study, dinner, choir/worship and activities Cookie Walk

TIME/DATE 9 a m to noon Saturday. Dec 13 **DETAILS** Choose the cookies you want at \$8 per pound Proceeds benefit

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CONTACT (248) 349-2652 or visit umc-**ΓΟΥ! COTI** Sunday Worship TIME: 9.45 a m **Heating Service and Holy Communion** TIME/DATE 945 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigil

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TIME/DATE 945 am Sunday Children's Christmas Musical "Two Nights Before Christmas"

TIME/DATE 945 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

Blue Christmas Service TIME/DATE 730 pm Monday, Dec 15 **DETAILS** For those who struggle through the holidays or have experi-

enced loss Christmas Cantata "One Small Child" TIME/DATE 945 am Sunday, Dec 21

DETAILS Followed by caroling and lun-

cheon. Open to all Christmas Eve Service TIME/DATE 730 pm Wednesday.

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION 40000 Six Mile Road CONTACT (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374 5978

Sunday Worskip TIME 8 a m , 9 30 a m, and 11 0 a m Traditional, 9 30 a.m. Contemporary Nursery and Sunday School during the 930 a m and II a m services

Service Boradcast DETAILS 11 a m every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station Single Point Ministries

DETAILS: For single adults 35 years and older. Active ministry offering. various Bible study classes, volleyball. bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information

CONTACT (248) 374-5920 Christmas Concert "A Gift of Hope" TIME/DATE 7 pm Saturday, Dec 13 and 5 pm Sunday, Dec. 14 Community Sing Messiah TIME/DATE 7 pm Sunday, Dec 21

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY LOCATION 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi org Mass Schedule TIME/DAY, 730, 9, 1030 a m and 12 15 p m. Sunday; 9 a m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:30 a m Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7 p.m. Tuesday, 5 p m (English), 6 30 p m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a m., 5 30 and 7 30 p m Reconciliation, beginning 9 a m Saturdays or by appointment Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting TIME/DATE 10-11 a m last Wednesday

of each month **DETAILS** Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County Child care is available Registration is required Lessons and Carols TIME/DATE: 3 p m Sunday, Dec 14

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE MAZARENE LOCATION 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road CONTACT (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene org

Sunday Schedule 915 am Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship, 10 15 am Fellowship and refreshments, 11 a m. Traditional worship service. Children's Church. Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship, 6 p m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship

Service Tuesday Schedule 645 pm Ladies Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Schedule 530 pm Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family, 7 p m Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

Thursday Schedule 6 a m Men of Purpose Prayer Group 7 pm Tae Kwon

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC LOCATION 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi CONTACT (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule TIME/DAY 8, 930 and 1130 a m. Sunday: 9 a m. Monday-Tuesday: 7 p m Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Mothers Group TIME/DATE: 9 30-11 a m first and third Wednesday every month, through May

DETAILS Providing fellowship, support and opportunities to grow faith Childcare available Suggested donation \$20 Don't have to be a parishioner to join CONTACT Becky at (248) 305-5924 or

Jeanne at (248) 380-6361 FIRST BAPTIST CHERCH OF MORTHVILLE LOCATION. 217 N Wing CONTACT (248) 348 1020 Sunday Worship 10 45 a m and 5 45

Sunday School 9 30 a m Ladies Bible Study 930 am and 7 pm Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a m. first Saturday of every month . Choir Cantata "Emmanuel -Celebrating Heaven's Child" TIME/DATE 10 45 a m Sunday, Dec 14 Christ Eve Service

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FAITH COMMONITY PRESNYTERIAN LOCATION 44400 W, 10 Mile Road CONTACT (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity novi org Sunday Worship 10 a m LOGOS TIME/DATE 430 pm every Nedr-sday

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study, music and dinner "Lamb of God" Cantata TIME/DATE 10 a m. Sunday, Dec 14 Christmas Eve Worship DATE: Wednesday, Dec. 24 TIME: 5 p m family Worship; 8 p m Carols and Candlelight; 11 p.m. Carols, Candlelight and Communion ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCE

to 6th grade Enjoy recreation, Bible

LOCATION 201 Elm St., Northville CONTACT (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship 8 30 a m. Blended, 11 a m Contemporary, 1130 a m Traditional

METDOMBEOOR CONCRECTIONT LOCATION 21355 Meadowbrook Road,

between Eight and Nine Mile roads CONTACT Rev Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc org or e-mail to office@mbccc org Sunday Worship 10 a m Christmas eve 6 p.m. family service; 9 p.m. carols and lessons Dec. 13 and Dec. 21 - advent watch a study of the advent scriptures **Adult Christian Education Classes** TIME/DATE: 7 pm every Tuesday YogaFit Classes TIME/DATE 730 p.m. every Monday **DETAILS** Eight weeks, \$58 continuous Merry Widows Luncheon TIME/DATE 11 30 a m. fourth Thursday of each month Spiritual Journey's TIME/DATE 1130 a m every Sunday

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATROLIC CHURCH LOCATION 770 Thayer, Northville CONTACT (248) 349-2621 or olynorthville org Saturday Worship TIME.5pm Sunday Worship

TIME 730, 9, 11 a m. and 12 30 p m GRACEPOINTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONTACT. Rev Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac com, and gracepointepca org Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a m. LOCATION The Novi Civic Center. Council Chambers

OUR SHEPHERB PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LOCATION 140 N Center, above Tutto's in Old Church Square, Northville CONTACT Pastor Bill Burke at (734)

DETAILS Nursery staffed by Nanny

927-0891 Sunday Worship 11 30 a.m. with fellow-

ship and food after service FIRST BAPTIST CHERCH OF NOVE-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH **LOCATION 45301 W 11 Mile Road** CONTACT (248) 349-3647 or firstbap-

tistchurchofnovi org Family Bible Hour, 945 am Family Worship II a m. Bible Study 6 pm Family Movie Night 530 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

MORTHYTLLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY LOCATION 41355 Six Mile Road CONTACT (248) 348-9030

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH LOCATION 29000 Meadowbrook Road. south of 13 Mile Road CONTACT (248) 669-9400, 9 a m to 3

p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www. crosspointemeadows org Sunday Worship 9 a m and 1115 a m Bible study classes 10 a m for all

DETAILS Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience. "Santa Bowed at Christmas"

DETAILS Crosspointe Meadows Church

is extending an invitation to the Novi and Detroit Metro area to its activities to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season' For those who remember fondly the Christmas programs of your youth, our CMC kids will present their Christmas Musical "Santa Boxed at Christmas" on Sunday, Dec 21 at the 1115 a m Worship Hour Carols and Candlelight Services **DETAILS:** Crosspointe Meadows Church also wishes to invite you to one of our two Christmas Eve "Carols and Candlelight" Services There will be a service held at 5 and 8 p m.

welcome EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS LOCATION 40700 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross com Sunday Worship 7.45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care TIME: 10 a m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a m second Saturday

on Wednesday, Dec 24 All ages are

ORCHARD MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH LOCATION 23455 Novi Road CONTACT Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-

DETAILS: For ages three to six; ongoing

event; no need to pre-register; all are

5665 Preschool/Kids Choir TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 pm every

of month

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAX CHURCH LOCATION 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi CONTACT (248) 349-0565 Sunday Schedule TIME: 8 45 a m Sunday School and

Bible Study: 10 am Worship ST. JOHN LUTHERLY LOCATION 23225 Gill Road, Farmington

CONTACT (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran com Saturday Worship TIME: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship TIME: 9, 11.15 a m Sunday School TIME: 10 15 a m

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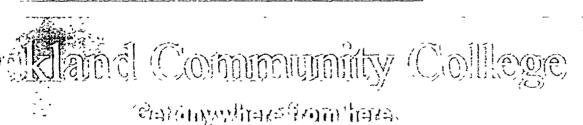
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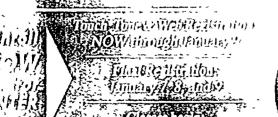


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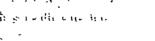
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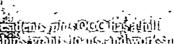


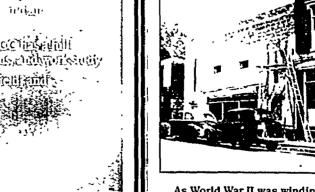
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'l can remember a time when where we went to the movies was just as important as the movies we went to see . . From the moment moviegoers arrived to buy their tickets, there was a sense of something special, a feeling that to step inside was to enter

another time and

place.

Gene Kelly As World War II was winding up in Europe, Edward Carrow began building a new theatre on the site of Phillips Funeral Home's furniture store on East Lake Street. Construction was completed before the end of 1945, but it didn't officially open until January 25, 1946. It was called, simply, the Lyon.

Some years later, after many managers and owners maintained the theatre for the benefit of the South Lyon community, it closed in March of 2008. Now, a new era is set to begin with new projection, new sound, and a new look.

The Lyon is back! Join us. Watch the marquee for opening details or call 248-446-9090

Vincent York produces some sweet sounds. The name Jazzistry is a combination of the words jazz, history and artistry.

Northville celebrates creator of Jazzistry

Vincent York received Guvvy Award Nov. 8

Family and friends gathered at the home of Marge Wisniewski in Northville on Nov. 8 to celebrate Vincent York's Jazzistry's recent recognition as the recipient of the 2008 Arts Education Organization Guvvy Award. The Guvvy is the nickname of the Governor's Award for Arts and Culture, presented each year in 10 categories by ArtServe Michigan. The award Jazzistry won is given to a Michigan educational organization or institution that has provided extraordinary student and educator support and advanced arts education in Michigan schools.

Vincent York's Jazzistry is a nonprofit educational program that uses live presentations to teach children and adults the story of jazz music and its role in American history. Jazzistry expands how people view society, helps them cultivate a personal relationship with history, demonstrates the benefit and beauty of our multi-cultural heritage, and creates a whole new generation of jazz lovers. The name Jazzistry is a combination of the words jazz, history and artistry.

Party guests enjoyed York's samplings from the Artist in Residence Visit component of the Jazzistry Educational Program featured in schools around Michigan.

"It was cold outside, but the atmosphere inside was warm and uplifting," said Wisniewski. "The stage was set and the mood was festive for this 'cocktail party with a cause.' Vincent was up close and personal with the audience who listened to him demonstrate examples from the eras covered in the Jazzistry Program. He typically plays seven instruments to engage the audience in an interactive performance of songs. The crowd was as eclectic as the music, as people from all cultures and walks of life gathered to enjoy a taste of what Jazzistry is all about."

Jazzistry's musical journey spans 400 years. From work songs and



recently received a 2008 Arts Education Guvvy Award for his Jazzistry program. Marge Wisniewski hosted an event at her Northville home celebrating the recognition on Nov. 8.

Vincent York

WANT MORE?

If you would like to find out more about how you can be involved with Jazzistry visit the Web site at www. jazzistry org or call (734) 761-6024

ragtime, to spirituals and the blues, from New Orleans to Harlem; from bebop to hip hop, it's a history lesson that swings as it connects all kinds of American music and brings history to life, transforming auditoriums into audible time machines for students and adults. The Jazzistry six-piece band performed a sample of the Presentation component at the Chase Bar in Northville this summer to a packed audience in hopes of building bridges with Northville and its sur-

rounding communities and school

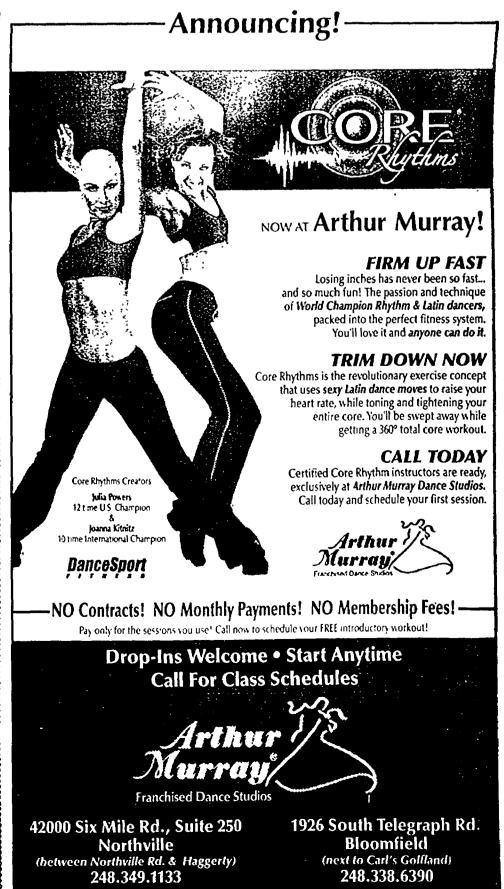
districts.

"While creating awareness for Jazzistry's wonderful program and facilitating its mission, funding is proving to be the greatest challenge because of the current economical climate in Michigan," said Wisnewski. She and her friends have taken up the cause and pledged to have more cocktail parties with a cause in their homes and turn the proceeds over to Jazzistry.

"Music is a universal language that can be used to transcend culture and race and unite people of all ages," said Wisnewski. "Everyone agreed it was a great way to start the holiday season."

Jazzistry has several projects on the horizon, including a possible fundraiser at the Tipping Point Theatre.





Providence Park on track for first-year projections

STAFF WRITER

As tomorrow marks the three-month anniversary of Providence Park Hospital's official grand opening, the Novi facility has reached 60 percent of its targeted bed capacity.

We opened with just under 100 beds and now we're at 120," said Dr. Michael Wiemann, executive vice president of the Providence (west) region. "Our ultimate target is 200 beds, which we should achieve in the March time frame."

Wiemann is president of Providence Hospital in Southfield and accepted the regional role in July, overseeing the St. John Health west region, which includes the Southfield location, Novi's Providence Park Hospital and Brighton Hospital.

With the departure of former Providence Park Hospital President Rob Casalou in September, Wiemann now has a more active role with the Novi facility.

"It's been very gratifying to see how the city has embraced the hospital," he said. "The City of Novi and surrounding areas - that population is large enough that it needs a fullservice, tertiary care hospital. We see the city is vibrant and growing, and we're going to grow right along with it."

Novi Economic Development Manager Ara Topouzian said Providence Park is one of the most high quality hospital developments in the region.

"St. John Providence (Park) is a shining star," he said. "This will pull from a greater region than just Novi.'

Wiemann said in its first three months, the hospital has experienced more than 1,200 admissions and more than 300 births.

"It is really off to a terrific

We know



Emergency room technician Sheena Thompson (left) and registered nurse Elizabeth Michalika work together to restock Novi Providence Park Hospital's Level 1 trauma room. The hospital's emergency department has seen a higher number of visitors than expected since it opened.

PROVIDENCE PARK CAMPUS

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The 500,000-square-foot hospital is just one piece of Novi's Providence Park Campus, which is surrounded by a 16-mile serene path for walking or biking through the natural woods and wetlands of the property.

The 200-acre campus is composed of six separate buildings, including the existing medical center, the Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Park Hospital, the Novi Orthopaedic Center (including The Bone and Joint Surgery Center of Novi), the Neurosciences Institute and Park Medical Office building, and Staybridge Suites hotel.

Once complete, total employment on the campus is projected to be about 2,000.

start. It's about what we predicted in terms of births," he said, noting they projected 1,200 in the first year. "We're seeing a significantly higher volume of ambulatory visits now that the hospital is open, versus the free standing emergency department. We're averaging about 100-110 emergency visits a day."

Wiemann said typical emergency room visits include heart attacks, strokes and major and minor trauma cases in adults and children.

"We expect to see the respiratory illnesses and flu cases

anytime," he said. "We haven't seen that surge yet, but we are anticipating it.

Challenges

St. John Health invested \$229 million into the stateof-the-art hospital, which is located on the southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue.

"It is absolutely the nicest hospital I've ever seen," Wiemann said. "The hospital is a beautiful place, but it's really designed for patient safety and the delivery of high

Wiemann said becoming oriented with the new computer technology, as well as meeting the hospital's needs in terms of staff and equipment are some of the challenges they have faced at Providence Park.

"It's been challenging but fun," he said. "There is a shortage around the country in health care workers, but we've been pleased as to how we've readily staffed up. We've had abundant applications for all our positions.

While St. John Health is becoming acclimated to its Novi facility, other health systems such as Beaumont and University of Michigan hospitals are facing challenges with the economy.

"We're not immune to (the economic troubles), we just prepared for them and feel we are very well positioned for the future," Wiemann said, explaining St. John Health underwent extensive restructuring in early 2008.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LOCAL EVENTS

HOLIDAY GAME NIGHT

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12

LOCATION. Northville High School Cafeteria DETAILS: Support Northville SADD and join us. Candy Cane Toss, Bingo, S'mores and Santa. Admission is free. Accepting toiletries and new hats and mittens for donation to Neighborhood Services Organization of Detroit. All students under

age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. CONTACT, nhssadd googlepages com

HANDCRAFTERS CRAFT SHOW

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday LOCATION. Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School, 700 Baseline (8 Mile & Center)

CONTACT: 734) 459-0050

THE "NORTHYILLE POLE"

DATE: through Dec. 21

LOCATION: Northville Square, 133 W. Main, corner of S. Wing St.

DETAILS: Northville Square will be transformed into a winter wonderland. Story readings, art displays, a Santa collection and more. Daily events will be posted. Santa Visits the Northville Pole

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 and 18

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 and 19

TIME/DATE: Noon to 2 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 and 20

TIME/DATE: Sunday, Dec. 14 and 21

CONTACT, Northyille Square at (248) 347-3900, Miss Harriet's Dance Studio at (248) 349-1111 or Solid Grounds Coffee House at (248) 348-9737

REP. MARC CORRIVEAU OFFICE HOURS

TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. First Monday of each month beginning in January, Horthwille District Library 212 W. Cady St.

DETAILS: Rep. Corriveau is available to talk with residents about nay issue or concern

CONTACT: (877) 20TH-REP

SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

TIME/DATE: Noon Thursday, Dec. 18

LOCATION, Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St. **DETAILS:** Holiday luncheon featuring entertainment by Beautiful News Worship Dance Ensemble, directed by Kathy Cooke and Vocalist 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.

CONTACT: (248) 348-5275

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The Hydrosots team from Meads Mill carned the Robot Performance Award at the Novi Chamrionships at Rock Financial Slowplace on Dec.

After finishing a close second in robot performance with 210 out of 400 total possible points in the qualifying tournament in Monroe (on Nov. 22), the Hydrobots, a First Lego Robotics team from Meads Mill Middle School, decided to create a completely new addition to their robot attachments to dramatically improve performance.

With only two weeks between competitions, they undertook an ambitious strategy of using a combination of both robot motors and rubber band power to deliver and actuate a "house attachment" that simultaneously delivers a laptop, a bike and insulation, turns off a light, opens a window and lifts a house on the competition board. The addition of this new mission meant that each team member had to find ways of making their existing robot missions more efficient and effective in order to fit within the two-and-a-half-minute

competition time. In the competition, the team was not successful in its first two of three attempts at making the house attachment work. This set up the drama of the third and final round. The first set of missions worked as designed. Then the crowd waited as the house attachment mission was actuated. In the last minute of the last pund, they were able to wow he crowd, judges and even he announcer, with their law-dropping performance. After the time expired in the final round, members of team immediately began singing their team song and dancing in unison, likely to the delight

of the team spirit judges.

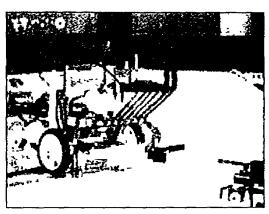
They were able to boost their competition score to 340 and finished the tournament as the only team out of 47 to exceed 300 points. The performance earned them a First Place Award for Robot Performance in the Championship Tournament. The First Lego League Novi Championship Tournament describes that the award "represents hours of strategizing and improving team members' mechanical and programming expertise. This award goes to the team whose overall package of robot design, programming, strategy, and teamwork helped it to achieve the competition goal of acquiring more points than any other team.

While the euphoria of the competition phase was a highlight for the kids, they had many more successes during the daylong event.

In the research portion of the competition, the kids explained the pledge that they created to encourage other kids to do simple things to help reduce CO2 emissions. They compared the CO2 emissions of Detroit with Vancouver, Canada. They interviewed experts from GM, Carbon Credit Environmental Services and DTE. They calculated the CO2 Emissions savings from families using Compact Florescent Light Bulbs, taking shorter showers and carpooling. They were praised for their analysis of data and supporting materials, the overview of their field trip to GM Proving Ground where they learned about alternative fuel vehicles, their enthusiasm, and their unique multimedia presentation delivered as a news report with the aid of a battery powered cart that they literally rolled into the judge's evalua-



The team explains their robot and attachments to the panel of judges at the competition. From the left: Jason Grewe (holding the robot), Michael Matejewski, Aliya Khan, Kylie McGuirk and Riya Mathotra.



The robot in action during the competition phase of the

In the robot demonstration phase of the competition, they were cited for the fact that they all collectively did an "excellent job with their presentation". They each had a chance to cover specific topics ranging from the way they were able to combine multiple simple programs together to save time and reduce errors, the independent suspension of the robot that enabled them to hurdle a barrier to get to the research area of the mat, and the utilization of a jig to help with alignment consistency. Their strong presentation earned them a second place award for Robot Design in the competition. New 124 052



The team used a special attachment and (more importantly) team unity to win the robot performance competition. Top row, from the left: Riya Malhotra, Jason Grewe (holding the robot performance award) and Kylie McGuirk (holding the Robot Design Award); bottom row: Aliya Khan and Michael Matejewski (holding the house attachment).

Finally, and most importantly, they were cited for their "great team unity". They learned that the robot competition was really a just a vehicle to help them learn how to work with others 32 Submitted by fairs Kaha ! King

in solving difficult problems together. Not a bad lesson to learn early for young students in middle school.

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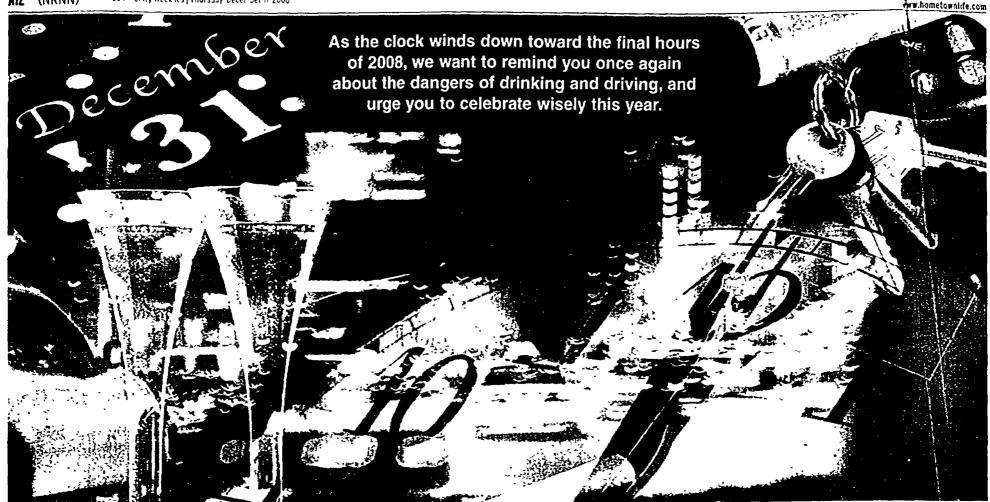
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Terminate health-care benefits to state's former legislators

While more Michigan families face the prospect of no jobs and much less health coverage, they can take solace in the fact that former legislators and their families can enjoy excellent health benefits — at taxpayer expense.

Current lawmakers could change this state of affairs. They have chosen to ignore the situation.

A wiser course of action also is a simple one: Terminate all health benefits for former legislators, regardless of their time in office. Michigan, frankly, has more important people to help out, such as women and children in true need.

The health-care perk used to be even more generous than it is now. As the Lansing State Journal reported in 2007, before the mid-1990s, anyone who served five years in the Legislature could get state benefits, regard-

These days, the standard is to serve six years in the

Legislature and wait until age 55 to start collecting.
Also, legislative retirees do have to pay a small premium to the program. They don't get the care for free. They and their families, though, do get enough care to cost taxpayers about \$4.5 million a year.

The traditional argument for legislative health benefits is that lawmakers are state employees. And every state in the union offers health-care benefits to state employees, the National Conference of State Legislatures says

But some states, such as New Mexico and South Dakota, have chosen not to offer health benefits to serving lawmakers, the NCSL reports.

It needs to be pointed out, however, that legislators are not really state employees. They routinely exempt themselves from laws and regulations that apply to the rest of state government. They set their own rules on when they will meet and, of course, play the biggest role in determining their own level of funding.

If legislators believe it is necessary to hold themselves apart, then they should have the courage of their conviction and forswear the perks, as well as the responsibilities, of state employment.

With Gov. Jennifer Granholm preparing lists of budget cuts to make up a current-year deficit estimated between \$450 million and \$900 million, the state needs every single dollar it can get.

Those millions now going to legislative retiree health care could ease the pinch on true public services.

Leadership by example. Legislative retirees should want to decline perks when their state is in such fiscal peril. But if they will not, then current lawmakers should end this perk - permanently.

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On Dec. 4, a special "Study Session" was held by the Northville Township Board of Trustees in reference to Thayer Corners Park. It appears that the session was called to discuss the propriety of certain improvements that have been or will be made at the park, primarily by members volunteer groups known as the "Friends of Thayer Corners Park" and the "Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation". I attended because I have donated my labor at the park from time to time, but was rather surprised to find a "study session" open to the public.

From the discussion, I gathered that a number of improvements were undertaken without the knowledge or consent of the Board of Trustees, the building department, or the Parks and Recreation Commission. Apparently one of the Trustees, impatient with the perceived inertia of the bureaucracy, had taken matters into his own hands to expedite development and open the park to public use.

After reaching agreement on protocol for future projects at the park, the discussion turned to the topic of installing a gate at the park entrance on Napier Road. Unlike other parks under the umbrella of Northville Parks and Recreation, Thayer Corners is officially "closed" to the public during the winter months. The park is in a remote and sparsely populated area of the township, accessible only from an unpaved road. There is a pond on the property which could be perceived as an attractive nuisance". Arguments were presented both for and against installation of the gate, but no decision was ren-

After the Board had concluded the study session, the floor was opened to public comments. A small, but vocal (and even uncivil) group of volunteers with its own agenda demanded that the park be made accessible during the winter months, as are the other parks in the system. While I agree with their right to express their opinions, I was taken aback by the disrespect shown the trustees who did not share them.

- I sincerely hope that the Board of Trustees and Parks and Recreation Commission look beyond the insults hurled by this group, and make their decisions in the best interests of ALL their constituents, rather than just a few.

Richard Swan Northville Township

Solution is spending

It was just announced that the unemgood, but the opposite fact remains that over 93 percent of the workforce is still employed. That means that over 100million people are still working and most are earning good money, health benefits and pensions. However, between the media and the politicians dwelling only on the negative side, they have the entire population afraid of investing and spending. Everyone is holding back because of fear. It was President Roosevelt who aptly put it - "The only thing we have to fear is fear

First, the housing market bubble burst. Out of the trillions of dollars of mortgages, only 6 percent of them are going into

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forecloser. The mortgage market is merely expelling those homeowners who either bought to expensively or should not have bought at all based on their earnings. The housing market is adjusting to normal and is offering a lot of good bargains, homes that sold for over \$.5 million are now available for around \$200,000.

Secondly, the financial market collapsed, which most people say was triggered by mortgage foreclosers, but the real cause was the creation of fake securities called SWAPS, that had no value behind them, supposedly backups for mortgages. Even the government refuses to buy these securities from those that are being extended the bailout. What is most astonishing is that these securities were bought and sold worldwide and no one bothered to check on them.

Thirdly, the Big Three automotive companies were sliding into recession for several years now, at least five. The other companies with Japanese names were taking away market share for a long time because they were building a better, more fuel efficient, less maintenance car, well documented in Consumers Report. The Toyota car is 72 percent American made, which equals or betters GMC vehicles. Toyota has 15 plants in the United States and is building another one and another one in Canada. They employ more american workers than Ford or Chrysler.

In the present situation, the media and the politicians advocate that if the Big Three is not helped it would effect the entire supplier market. Well, the supplier market has been struggling for some time now, many of them are out of business or are in bankruptcy such as Delphi. The only remedy they have is to adjust to the new automotive market.

The only solution to the recession is for people to realize they are the ones causing it because of fear resulting in inactive participation in the market place. The investment market will rebound because in most cases the values are st are to be had. The consumer market is up to the individual. It's called spending.

Frank Turchan

Questions Tippint Point's prize choice

Unfortunately as a season ticket holder, I find myself in the unenviable position of having to write this letter to the editor.

Due to the short sightedness of the Tipping Point Theatre and their very appalling choice of holding a raffle with the first prize of an imported, nonAmerican made, so-called Smart Fortwo vehicle, I am urging all supporters of the Theatre not to purchase a \$100 raffle ticket for this car.

As a surviving spouse of a Ford Motor Company manager who lost her health care insurance after 40 years, I question your poor choice of requesting that I purchase a raffle ticket for a German import made by Mercedes Benz cars, a Daimler

I urge all supporters of the Tipping Point Theatre to make a \$100 donation, but not towards the purchase of the above-mentioned vehicle. I believe in the continuance of the Tipping Point Theatre

Be part of the solution not a part of the problem. Take the correct action. Shame

yet not at the demise of the American auto

on you, Tipping Pointe Theatre! Geri Kilsdonk

What now?

It will be very difficult now to retain the vaporous promises of the political campaign. We all shall see if 95 percent of Americans get a tax cut; very small, if at all. Generally, the auction of political promises must be compelling for each crop of naive and inexperienced coming of age each election cycle. Inabilities to perform can be blamed on faults of others which has been so masterly done in Michigan for six years. President Obama may not be hurried in adding the architect of Michigan's progressive leadership to his government.

The liberals dominate. The popular war cry of soaking the rich now has a chance, it can be implemented. Are these compelling words now empty, like "fighting for the common man", "spreading the wealth" and others that brought votes with breathtaking expectation? The opportunity has been great but it will not happen. These messages were deceptions orchestrated by well-cared-for American elites in control. The nation will remain a carbon copy with even more bureaucrat operated programs. True American conservatives I see as hardly rich; but on "" a mission choosing to defend tirelessly and treasure the work and thought of the America's founders.

My deepest worry is not the global warming deception; it remains with the unrelenting march of socialism and moral relativism exhibited in Europe. Many Europeans softly accepted the dependency offered by the State and any thrust toward self-actualization promoted by the Church was suffocated. I am concerned for the spiritual but soft uncomplaining believers still denying the very exist tence of evil who chose to stand by and observe the devastation of their Church and its replacement by the State. Inflated political bureaucracies never replaced the charitable gifts of the people of faith. Splendid European Churches expressing the essence of mankind evolved into unused museums. Some, perhaps, turned to a new, but not indigenous, faith. I often wonder if Europeans now find themselves being trapped, alone, in this new world order and face a correspondingly lowered sense of joy.

> Jim Nowka Northville

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WITH STATE SEN. NANCY CASSIS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION TO CREATE JOBS WHILE PROTECTING **TAXPAYERS**

In an effort to help bring needed investment and jobs to southeast Michigan, the state Senate recently approved legislation extending a Michigan Business Tax brownfield credit to a group of investors planning to redevelop the former Kmart world headquarters in Troy.

Before approving the measure, I amended the bill to speed up the construction process and bring more accountability to the project. Specifically, for the credit to take place, the developers need to demolish the current building and start construction within two years. Jobs are needed now. With the state investing in this project we should not have to wait more than two years to see the results of new jobs.

Named "The Pavilions of Troy," the group's proposal for the 40-acre site located on the northwest corner of Big Beaver Road and Coolidge Highway calls for a community town square surrounded by retail shopping, theater, restaurants, fitness center, hotel and residential units.

The developers plan to raze the old Kmart headquarters to make room for a festive elliptical promenade leading to an open public plaza that will feature a multipurpose event pavilion for concerts, ice skating and other seasonal events.

Sen. John Pappageorge, R-Troy, sponsored Senate Bill 1567 to allow the property to qualify for a brownfield credit.



Nancy Cassis

As chair of the Senate Finance Committee, I helped usher the bill through the legislative process, while adding vital taxpayer protections before it was passed by the

In addition to requiring that the construction begins within two years, I added two other budget

protections making the credit non-refundable, non-transferable.

Making the credit non-refundable and non-transferable will ensure that the state doesn't issue checks to developers and will prevent the firm from selling the credit to another company.

Tax credits are meant to be an incentive to invest in Michigan and create jobs. It is not free money. We expect results for granting these generous credits. Asking that the investors follow through on their promises in a timely fashion is the responsible thing to do.

I urge my colleagues in the House to swiftly approve this legislation and send it to the governor to be signed.

SENATE BILL WILL ALLOW COUNTY **REGISTERS HELP FAMILIES SAVE THEIR** HOMES FROM FORECLOSURE

My legislation that would allow the registers of deeds of Oakland, Macomb and Kent counties to determine and release the

dollar amount needed for a homeowner to redeem a home from foreclosure was recently approved by the Michigan Senate.

County register of deeds were allowed to provide that information until the law was changed in 2005.

Senate Bill 1390, as passed by the Senate, is permissive and would restore the ability of certain county registers (Oakland, Macomb, Kent counties) to calculate redemption amounts and disclose that information to individuals who have lost their home.

As the number of foreclosures in Michigan continues to climb and families struggle to save their property before it is too late, homeowners deserve easier access to this key information.

I was disappointed that an amendment to the bill was adopted to limit it to only the three counties.

We should allow all Michigan counties to provide this service if they want. I hope that in the future we are able to consider permitting other counties to offer this pub-

Both the brownfield tax credit bill (SB 1567) and the foreclosure redemption bill (SB 1390) have been sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.

I want to extend my best wishes to you and your family for a joyous holiday sea-

For more information, visit my Web site at www. SenatorNancyCassis com. Or contact me toll free at (888) 38-NANCY.

Change the world - educate a child

ant to make a difference in the world? Give a laptop computer to a child for only \$199 and you can help front-load the excitement of learning around the world.

Times are tough; the value of your home has dropped like a rock and the stack of 401 statements sits unopened on your desk because you are sure they present gloomy news. However, while we all have financial worries, we also know life opportunities open up when we educate children. There is no greater feeling than making a difference in the life of a child.

Dr. Nicholas Negroponte, a professor at MIT, established the "One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) nonprofit program in 2005 to "create educational opportunities for the world's poorest children by providing each and every child with a rugged, lowcost, low-power, connected laptop with content and software designed for collaboration, joyful, self-empowered learning." OLPC's goal is to give a laptop to one billion children in the world's poorest and most remote



Tom Watkins

areas to connect them to each other, to hope, and to a better future.

One Laptop Per Child (www.laptop. org/en http://www. laptop.org/en>) partners with Open Learning Exchange

(OLE) (www.ole.org http://www.ole.org/), founded by Dr. Richard Rowe, whose goal is to *help educators in developing countries create open source curricula, prepare teachers and generate the public support for the United Nations millennium goal of universal education." OLE, is seeking to ensure Universal Basic Education (UBE) by 2015 by creating a global network of country-based Centers that provide free and open access to basic educational content.

OLPC focuses on the "top down" provision of laptops while OLE's focus is on the "bottom up" preparation and support of basic education.

These simple yet powerful ideas actually help kids learn how to learn, take an active interest in the world and help put ideas gathered from around the world to work to improve

Dr. Joe Rappa, Chief Education Officer and Director of Learning Communities, Western Hemisphere for OLE, captured the essence of what they are attempting to accomplish when he said, "We are trying to help the willing to do the necessary for the world's children so they may have the opportunity to learn. The children of the world deserve nothing

When the laptops arrive in remote communities, school attendance goes up and teaching and learning begins. These are more than just "machines;" they are like a magic lantern that, when turned on, "out pops education-al opportunities" where children are able to learn, create and collaborate from the most remote and poverty stricken areas of the world.

The laptops are both inexpensive and rugged. The wireless range is several times greater than average laptops and can be powered by solar energy or be hand cranked for areas without electricity. Check out its uses at www.flickr.com/olpc <http://www. flickr.com/olpc>.

Today OLE and OLPC are in multiple countries around the globe including Rwanda, Nepal, China, Peru, Haiti and Mongolia to name a

With the stock market crashing, housing prices falling and unemployment and anxiety climbing, it would easy to curl up in a ball and wait for better days. Yet, while we all have troubles, reflect not on what you have lost -- but rather on what you have and can share. We live in a country where the basics of life are taken for granted. In spite of all our troubles we are free, fed and still have opportunity all around us.

Yes, we have needs in our own backyards that are going unmet. However, we are a giving and decent people. For those of us that have much, much is expected.

As this holiday season approaches think of ways you can help the children around the corner and around the world obtain the education they need and deserve.

A mind, truly, is a terrible thing to

Give a child a chance to learn. Every time they touch the keyboard you will be part of helping create a better future for us all.

To learn more about and to donate to Open Learning Exchange go to: www.ole.org www.ole.org/> and One Laptop Per Child: (www. laptop.org/en http://www.laptop. org/en>).

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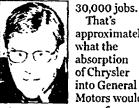
Ideas to consider for solving state's economic problems

t's hard to see how the recent news for Michigan's economy could be any bleaker. The domestic auto industry appears to be withering and dying before our eyes. According to Daimler, the German auto company that used to own all of Chrysler, and still has a 19 percent stake in it, Chrysler today has "no value."

General Motors is burning through cash at a \$1 billionplus per month rate, trying to avoid bankruptcy, and is toying with a merger deal, mainly to get hold of what remaining cash Chrysler may have.

Ford has seen its Chief Financial Officer and two influential board members bail out recently, while aged billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian is selling millions of shares of Ford stock for something like one-fourth the amount he paid for them.

Meanwhile, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and her economic team, is trying to figure, out . . how to cope with the loss of



Phil Power

That's approximately what the absorption of Chrysler into General Motors would mean for our

state. Any other scenario, such as a Nissan-Renault merger, would cost nearly as many.

If they are not already doing it, the governor and our other leaders might start thinking about what Michigan would look like if there is only one domestic automaker left after the recession's carnage is over. Sound farfetched? A couple very senior auto experts I talked with last week didn't rule that possibility out - at all.

Whatever happens, it is perfectly clear that we'll need to jump-start our economy. So here's a list of bright ideas to do just that, culled from an revening recently spent with all an complete housecleaning and some of Michigan's brightest

and best connected folks. They are not my ideas; I just took notes at the discussion. And I don't vouch for any of them.

But taken together they offer a fascinating range of suggestions from some very highly intelligent and well-informed people:

 Diversify our economy and make it far more entrepreneurial. It's too bad, but the domestic auto industry is going to shed lots of jobs, while other auto companies and manufacturers generally are scared to come to Michigan because of the unions.

So, focus instead on entrepreneurs and the services they need - venture capital, skilled management, high tech research, educated workers. What about eliminating all state and local taxes for all newly formed companies in their first couple years?

 Elect Dave Bing Mayor of Detroit. The city needs a business-friendly orientation.

Spider vein therapies: What

every patient must know."

Who could do it better than a successful businessman with unquestioned Detroit roots? While they're at it, what about eliminating all business taxes on firms located in the city? Sure, that would reduce city tax revenue, but Michigan's most troubled urban area needs a way to shrink city government to fit its present population.

 Attack the bad labor climate. The Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce policy conference urged a state-wide vote on right-to-work, a concept that would outlaw the "closed shop" where all workers automatically have to be members of a union.

Teamsters Legislative and Community Affairs Director William Black warned against this; he called any attempt to try it the equivalent of starting World War III in Michigan. So how about a compromise: How about experimenting with locally approved right-to-work عاقيا فقاعم والمنسا

districts, especially in economically troubled areas?

Proponents claim a better labor climate would attract business, big-time. It's an opportunity to put that to the test.

· Concentrate on the workers of tomorrow. Assuming there is still a domestic auto industry, the companies that are left will need to hire thousands of new workers to fill holes left by a flood of retirements and layoffs. They'll need at least an associate's degree - probably one reason community college enrollments are way up.

Instead of letting new graduates leave the state, develop lots of internships, mentorships — anything to get recent college grads hooked up with Michigan-based employers.

 Recognize that our demography defines our future. Focus like a laser on the kinds of people we want to live here: educated, skilled, entrepre-

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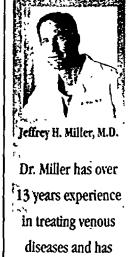
grads, offer to rebate the high out-of-state tuition if they stay and work here for, say, seven years. For in state grads, set up a massive, state-wide job fair.

What about "Welcome To Michigan" booths at our state's industry attraction offices abroad? I don't argue for a moment all these ideas are good. In

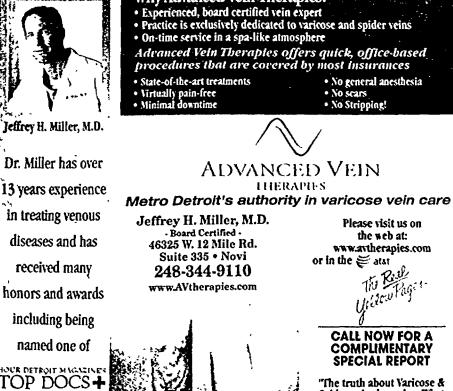
fact, I don't agree with some of them. But all of them are worth considering, especially in this time of large, and growing economic troubles.

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'Our India Story'

Keith Famie's next film features local stories, places

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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Keith Famie, Farmington Hills native, is in the final editing stages of a film, Our India Story.

A premier celebration evening will be held on Dec. 14 during The Flavors of India event at the Rock Financial Showplace on Grand River in Novi. About 700 people are expected.

We have been working on this for the last 14 months and filmed almost 70 hours," Famie said.

The work will be condensed to under

"All of the editing is done at Digital Image in Farmington Hills - graphics, music, everything," said Famie, of

The film airs at 7 p.m. Dec. 20 on WXYZ-TV Channel 7.

The film features Farmington Hills landmarks.

Siriesha Mandava, who owns Priya Restaurant on Grand River in Farmington Hills, and the Jain Temple on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills are featured in the film, along with the Jain congregation.

"One of the temple members is a woman who is 104," Famie said. "She worked with Gandhi.

The story is told by the people through their interviews. Metro-Detroit Asian Indians tell their stories of arriving in America, among other topics.

Part of Famie's work was filmed in

"We spent 40 hours on airplanes and traveled 47,000 miles," Famie said, of the 13-day trip.

The film is similar to four previous films Famie has created. The seventime Emmy award winning films high-



TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Local filmmaker Keith Famie, right, works with Nick Hrycyk on a film called, "Our India Story," which included people from the Farmington area.

lighted the Polish, Italian, Greek and Arab communities.

Our goal is to do every ethnicity of Detroit if we can raise the money," Famie said.

There are no commercials during the film. Funds are raised by contacting various community leaders, Famie said. He visited a number of temples and restaurants in metro-Detroit to find the interviewees.

"I'm looking for really good storytellers," he said. "I take these prothe voice and the ambassador for the community.'

Famie is the director and producer NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL of the film. He is also a chef and was a show, Survivor: Australian Outback, where he took third place.

For more information or for event tickets priced at \$75 each, call Famie at (248) 869-0096.

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

MORAINE ELEMENTARY

■ 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.

■ The Student Council will be selling popcorn the second Friday of each month to benefit the creation of an outdoor Moraine Picnic Place. We will need parent volunteers 8:30-11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 12. Popcorn will be delivered to classrooms for children to enjoy later in the day. Please consider volunteering for this opportunity. If you know how to use our popcorn machine, please consider volunteering your time to teach others how to use it. Please call the Moraine Office at

(248) 344-8473 if you are able to help.

Friday, Dec. 12, noon to 2 p.m.. — Moraine parents are invited to join other Bridgepointe volunteers in assisting at an ice cream social at Roberto Clements Elementary School in Detroit. Roberto Clemente is Moraine and Amerman's partner school in the Kids Against Hunger program. Parents are needed to scoop ice cream. Bridgepointe will supply everything - all we need are parents who are willing to scoop. If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Joan Wadsworth at (248) 348-5881 or at joanwadsworth@

SILVER SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

 D.A.R.E.. graduation has run into conflict with the Meads Mill band concert that was rescheduled after the Dec. 9 date was picked. The new date for the D.A.R.E. graduation will be Thursday, Dec. 18. Please re-mark your calendars to reflect the new date.

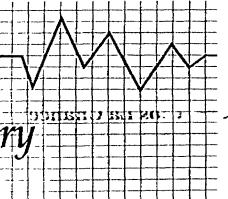
WINCHESTER ELEMENTARY

Winchester will be donating all unclaimed Lost and Found items to Northville Civic Concern on Friday, December 12th. If you would like to come and look at the items before then. cesses very personally. I feel that I am please stop in the office and we will be glad to show you where the items are located.

• Support Northville SADD (Students Against Drunk contestant on the 2001 reality hit TV Driving) by joining us at the first Holiday Game Night at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12 in the NHS cafeteria; admission is free, and the event will feature a candy cane toss, bingo S'mores and Santa. As a contribution to the Neighborhood Services Organization of Detroit, SADD will gratefully be accepting toiletries and new hats and mittens for donation. All children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an

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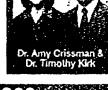
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NORTHYILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education **DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday** of the month (Jan 13) TIME: 7:30 p m LOCATION: Old Village School

CITY OF NORTHYHLLE

City Council DATE: First and third Monday of the month

TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION City Hall, 215 W. Main St. **Downtown Development Authority** Meeting

DATE: Third Tuesday of each month (Dec. 16) TIME:8am.

LOCATION, City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W Main St CONTACT: downtownnorthysile com **Planning Commission** DATE: First and third Tuesday of

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

TIME: 3 p.m LOCATION Allen Terrace, 401 High St Historic District Commission DATE: Third Wednesday of month TIME: 7 pm

LOCATION City Hall **Arts Commission DATE:** Second Wednesday of every

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

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

NORTHYILLE TOWNSHIP

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

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

DATE: Third Wednesday of month TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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

month TIME: 8 a m. **LOCATION:** Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road CONTACT: Sue Campbell (248) 344-

SENIOR EVENTS

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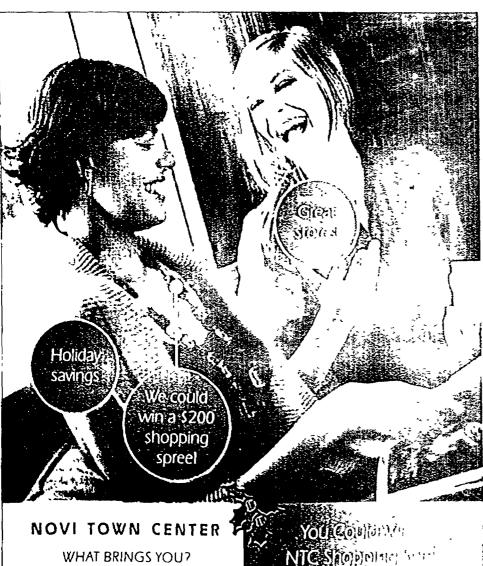
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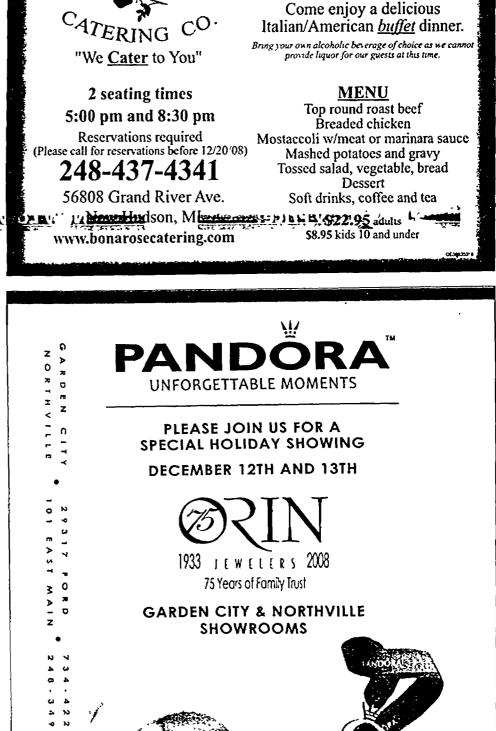
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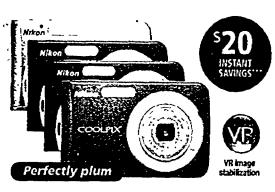
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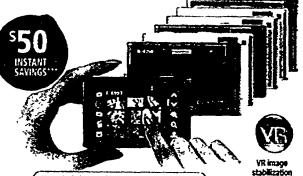


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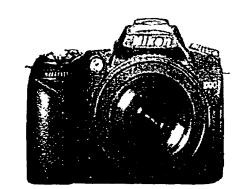
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III Breakfast With Santa: Families won't want to miss Santa's arrival at the Northville Pole. As part of his stay at the Northville Pol" he will be the quest of honor at breakfast from 11 a m to 1 p m on Sunday, December 14 (at Dino's Restaurant) Breakfast with Santa is open to the general pubtic. 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.

M Santa will 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, December 5, 12 & 19, 6-8 p.m., Saturdays, December 6, 13 & 20, noon to 2 p m; 2 30 4 30 p.m.; Sunday, December 14, 2-4 p.m.; Sundays. December 7 & 21, noon to 130 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. For more information, on the Magic of the

Northwile Pole activities, contact one of the event organizers: Northwile Square (248) 347-3900, hiptobe@northvillesquare com); Miss Harriet's Dance Studio (248) 349-1111, missterri@missharriets. com), Solid Grounds Coffee House (248) 348-9737

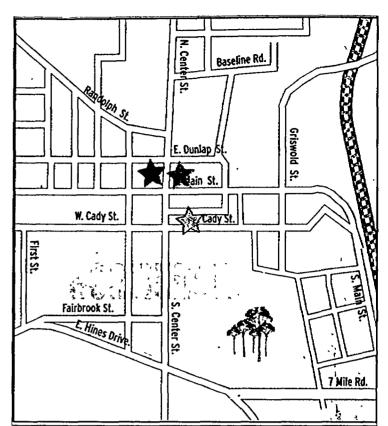
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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A - NORTHVILLE SADDLERY

For three decades, Northville Saddlery has been serving the horse-andrider industry from the same downtown Northville location at 200 South Main. Marti Lockwood purchased the business in 2003, and gave the Record some insight into her success.

Q. What's the history of this shop?

A. The shop was started by Norma Stringham in 1978. She was the sole proprietor for many years. In 1988 she invited her daughter Ann Matick to be her partner, and the two expanded the store by renting the adjacent suite and knocking down the wall. They ran the store until 2003 when I purchased it. Each year we have expanded the brands we

Q. How has the industry changed?

A. The industry has changed very little except for the fact that most items are made outside the U.S. The equine manufacturing world is still mostly family owned and run. There are a few larger companies that have emerged in the last couple of years. And the technology in the equipment has expanded to new and better products for horse and rider.

Q. What makes your shop different?

A. We offer customer made ridding apparel for people that show horses We tailor make saddle seat suits, hunt coats and custom blouses. We are the only shop in Michigan to offer this service.

Q. Has there been competition?

A. The Internet can be a source of competition; however, if people check, our prices are very competitive and we will meet any online quotes. One thing that is very hard for mortar-and-brick retailers to deal with is those individuals who ask for the expertise of the store sit in the products, as in the case of



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Marti Lockwood, owner of Northville Saddlery, stands next to a collegiate close contact saddle in her South Main St. store. The competition saddle goes for about \$1,100.

saddles, and then go online to order them. That is a losing battle for stores. We offer a trade-in policy that allows folks to ride in their saddles they purchase from us for up to three years, then turn them in towards an upgraded saddle. This is a service not found on the Internet or in catalogs.

Q. What's your secret to success?

We specialize is customer service. We will go out of our way to find a product or have it made to help our customer. As owner of the store and a rider/owner all my life, I understand the products that people need. We also offer

specialized services to the horse and rider (equipment and apparel), from the trail rider to the folks riding for national and world titles. Riding is a specialized sport with customized equipment it sometimes needs; we can supply it. We also are very supportive of the horse community, from sponsoring classes at local horse shows to furnishing youth awards for year-end awards for different horse show organizations. We also try to support the local horse rescues in Michigan.

For more information on Northville Saddlery, call (248) 349-7388.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson was honored for his support of the local Native American Community.

A special presentation was made during a ceremony on Nov. 19 by members of South Eastern Michigan Indians, Inc. (SEMII) and the Native American Veterans Association of South Eastern Michigan, Inc. (NAVASEMII). Presenters included Sue Franklin, Director of SEMII, (Sault Saint Marie Tribe of Chippewa), Brian Moore, Assistant Director of SEMII, (Seneca - Ojibwe), Michael Bugaj, Vice President of NAVASEMII (Little Traverse Bay Band Odawa) and Chris Franklin, Secretary of NAVASEMII (Oneida).

Patterson was given the Pendleton blanket of "Freedom," which was placed around his shoulders by the two NAVASEMII representatives as an Honor Song was performed by Brian Moore on his hand drum.

"Receiving a Pendleton blanket from the Native Community is the equivalent of the Congressional Medal of Honor," Franklin said.



L. Brooks **Patterson**

Franklin provided a presentation on the history of the "Wewene Mawjeshnok" or "They Are Gathering in a Good Way" Powwow, an annual event which occurs at the end of "Oakland County Indian Week," as proclaimed by Patterson. This powwow is a group effort put on by SEMII, NAVASEMII, Oakland County and Oakland County Parks. The 2008

event was cancelled because of bad weather. Franklin thanked Patterson, Oakland County and Oakland County Parks for their support. She explained that as Native tradition would have it - it is customary to reciprocate when a gift has been presented. At last year's powwow, over 50 tribal elders were presented with full size color copies of "Oakland County's Native Americans," an educational map prod-

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Mustangs fall 1-0 to Catholic Central

SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central hockey got some revenge against Northville with a 1-0 victory Friday at Compuware Arena.

The Mustangs knocked the Shamrocks out of the playoffs last year with a wild 5-4 overtime win.

NORTHVILLE 8, SALEM 3

Northville knocked off Plymouth Salem 8-3 Dec. 3. Leading the scoring effort for Northville was Alex Brewin with a goal and three assists.

Other goal scorers included Jake Alkinson, Greg Taylor, Matt Kreager, Joey Close, Alex Belanger, Matt Dembicki, Alec Arthur and Drew Lanoureaux. David Ketelhut got his first start and win for the season, stopping

"There was obviously some very hard emotions, not that this game erases any of those emotions from last year, but it helps,' Shamrock head coach Todd Johnson said. CC got the scoring started early

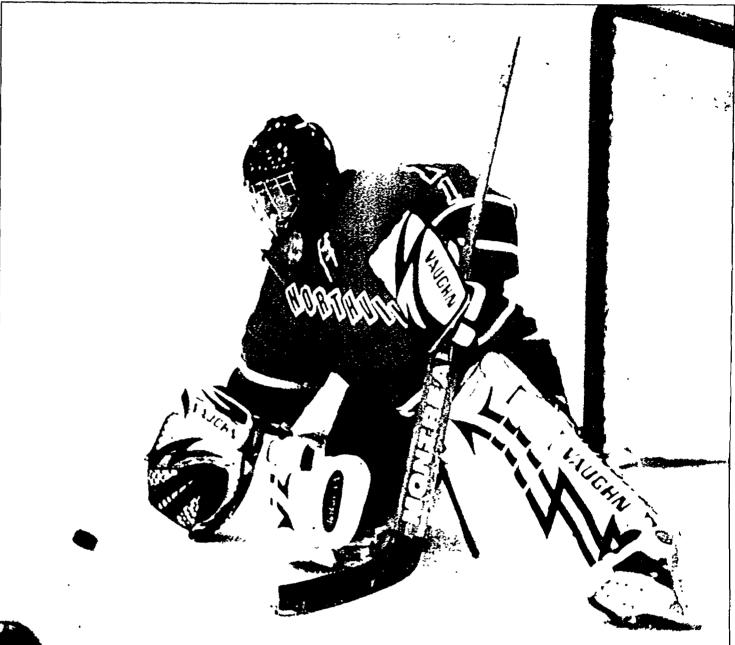
with a power

play goal from Nate Gatt just 2:26 in. The Shamrocks (4-1) threw the puck to the net and Gatt powered it home during a scrum in front of Northville netminder Teddy Keranen. "We just got a good bounce in front,"

Please see HOCKEY, 85



Mustang Alec Arthur looks to make a pass.



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Northville's goalie Teddy Keranen looks a puck into his trapper.

Northville's Weber a shot above the rest

BY JEFF THEISEN

If the Northville golfers were at a tournament, it was pretty easy to find Alicia Weber's name because it was usually at

Weber finished off her senior season with a third-place finish at the state meet, leading the Mustangs to a third-place finish as a team.

"She is the best player we have ever had at Northville High School," Northville head coach Mary Jane Ossola said. "She has an incredible work ethic, a great teammate, an outstanding student and young

Her list of accomplishments include medalist at four tournaments, including regionals and a runner-up finish at the

KLAA Kensington Conference. She held a 74.2 average for 18 Ossola said. holes and 37.2 for nine.

With all her successes, Weber was chosen to the Michigan Super Team, which includes only eight golfers from all three divisions. Weber earned All-State status for the second year in a row.

"It will take a total team effort to replace her next year,"



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Mustang golfer Alicia Weber capped off her stellar career with the All-Area Player of the Year honor.

FIRST TEAM

Northville's Kelly Hill shot her way onto the All-Area First

Hill was Northville's secondbest scorer behind Weber at state with a 170 (84-86). She tied for fourth at the KLAA Conference meet and averaged 91.2 for 18 holes.

*Kelly is a three-year letter winner who helped lead our team as a co-captain," Ossola

The rest of the All-Area First Team includes Novi's Natalie Krick, Milford's Emily Vergin and Lakeland's Theresa Damico and Elena Thomas.

Krick set four school records

ALL-AREA GOLF

Player of the year Alicia Weber, Northville

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for Novi (9 hole, 18 hole, 9-hole average and 18-hole average). She won medalist at the KLAA Conference tournament and finished third at the Oakland County meet.

Lakeland lands a pair of

Please see GOLF, B4

Stang swimmers hope to reload

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Northville swim and dive lost a lot from last year's fifth-place state team.

Head coach Rich Bennetts doesn't expect to get any sympathy from opponents. He just knows his team will have to step up to fill the voids left by his graduated class that practically rewrote

the school record board. To say were rebuilding would be a little bit of an understatement," he said. "I'm not a big believer in 'so and so is gone' and 'woe with us.' We just have to do it a different way this year.

It's not to say the same goals aren't going to be in place. We're still Northville and we expect to win here."

Northville graduated 166 of the 168 points earned at state last year.

While graduation took plenty from the Mustangs, it didn't take everything.

Juniors John Lubisco and Nate Lunn return after earning state-cut times last year.

Lubisco specialized in the back and freestyle strokes. Lunn will swim freestyle and butterfly.

The team is loaded with juniors that will have to lead the way. The Mustangs have just three seniors.

"We're just starting to find out what type of team we'll have this year," Bennetts said. "It's going to be up to myself and the team to figure out how to win.

In a dual meet, you might get second, third and fourth. and you might not get your name in the paper, but you outscore them. It may be a little more, bring your lunch pail to work. I'm OK with

Others expected to make a major contribution to the team include Clay Malloure (sprints), Anthony Adamowicz (distance), Ben Schoenek (distance) and AJ Aquinto (sprints). Malloure is a senior, with everyone else a junior.

Some underclassmen that

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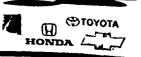




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Mustang gymnasts loaded for bear

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Northville gymnastics returns all the big guns from last year's team that captured fourth at the state finals.

Head coach Erin McWatt knows she is in control of a loaded squad.

I feel that the pressure to repeat our fantastic season is definitely on," she said. "We're definitely fully loaded in terms of talent and just need to put it to good use - peaking at the right time is more than half the battle.

"I'm so excited for our team this year. We intend to place among the top-five teams at state for the second year in a row."

Back are Amy Reynolds. Cassidy Winter, Allison Kemp and MaKenna Pohl for starters. Pohl and Winter are junior all-arounders. Reynolds and Julie Davison provide strength on the beam. Kemp is returning from an injury and is one of the stronger tumblers and vaulters.

Having such an experienced squad allows McWatt to focus on things far beyond the basics.

"I would say that the biggest change is not having to do so much of walking them through the way our duals and tourneys run," she said. "I'm coaching and spotting and facilitating, but I'm not necessarily teaching them how to

BY JEFF THEISEN

SPORTS WRITER

Northville girls basketball

head coach Todd Gudith got

his first win in his first game

Walled Lake Northern 34-27

Northville knocked off

Junior guard Katherin

Jansen led the way with 12

The Mustangs took control

early, racing out to a 13-1 lead.

The defense held strong all

night, allowing eight baskets.

with the Mustangs.

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carry themselves through it

McWatt said her upperclassmen have done a good job of taking the newbies under their wing and brought them up to speed.

Newcomers Victoria Clay and Chloe Presley will add instant help to an already powerful lineup.

"Chloe will be one of our strongest all-around competitors," McWatt said. "Chloe is a strong vaulter and will add to our depth on this event. Victoria is also a good vaulter. She will be a great contributor in this event as well as floor."

McWatt is thrilled to have such a strong team back, but even she can't believe gymnastics was almost dropped a couple of seasons ago.

"I'm not sure the girls realize how much they've accomplished and how far we've come from two years ago when our main goal was simply having enough participants to field a team," she said. "Last year was our perfect, undefeated (conference) season with a top-five finish at states. That will be hard to top, but we're sure up for the challenge

to repeat." McWatt said the big challenge for the league title should come from Farmington and the Livonia teams.

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Northville girls open with 34-27 win

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PREP BASKETBALL

Northville high school coach Tervn Chrzanowski's ninth grade Mustangs opened their basketball season with a 46-19 win against Walled Lake Northern on Friday.

Strong defensive play and balanced scoring helped Northville pull away at the end of the second period for a 21-15 halftime lead.

Led by the terrific guard play of Emily Foland and Rachel Deacon, Northville outscored the Knights 15-4 in the third

Allyson Coppock (15 points) and Kim Heinonen (11) led the Mustangs.

Outstanding rebounding by Coppock, Cayla Rhodes, Suzanne Hasse and Laura Pond helped shut down the Walled Lake Northern offense.

The Lady Mustangs outscored Northern 10-0 in the final quarter.

have shown promise in early practices include sophomores Alec Wagner and Alex Miller; and freshmen Kyle McCormick and Austin Davidson.

The Mustangs will be tested early. Their 41-game dual winning streak will be on the line tonight at home against Brother Rice (ranked No. 3 in preseason polls).

"I want to find out how bad these guys want to win," Bennetts said of his team. "We may stub our toe, but my thing with these boys is, we haven't

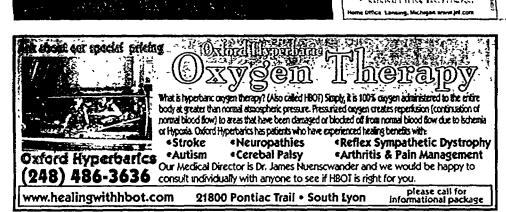
The team will get a look at a few new teams as the Mustangs enter the KLAA Central Division, but the main opponent isn't going to change. Northville and Stevenson have competed for the WLAA i title for many years running,

and Bennetts doesn't see that changing as they are in the same division.

Bennetts said he told his team: "It's up to you guys to prove that we haven't lost all our talent. It's up to you guys to prove people wrong this уеаг.

"I think this team can still accomplish quite a bit this

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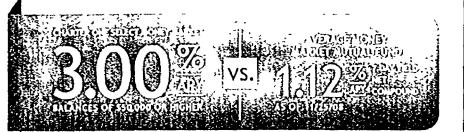


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NHS hosts Schoenheide tournament

Pins will scatter the mats of the Northville High School gym on Saturday as the Mustangs host the second annual Todd Schoenheide Invitational Tournament.

The wrestling team rides on the spirit of their fallen teammate, who was killed by a drunk driver on April 10, 2005.

"What a great event for the Northville community and wrestling family. It means a lot to the team and program to host a tournament in honor of Todd." Northville head coach Jeff Balagna said.

During his junior year, Schoenheide was killed less then one month after wrestling at the MHSAA Regional Championship.

An avid 17-year-old cyclist, Schoenheide was returning from a Sunday afternoon bicycle ride to Ann Arbor with friends when he was struck at the intersection of Plymouth-Ann Arbor and Gotfredson roads.

Todd's father, Dale Schoenheide appreciates the tournament: "I think it's pretty amazing the NHS Wrestling Team has chosen to remember Todd in this way. It's a wonderful tribute to the caring fun-loving person he was. He died doing one of his favorite activities

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because of a drunk driver. I'll always wonder what might have

Besides wrestling and cycling, Todd also played varsity football and was actively involved in Boy Scouts.

"It is hard to believe it has been over three years since the tragic events in 2005," said Balagna. "We make every effort to keep him in our prayers and part of the program. The wrestling team has done a wonderful job reaching out to Todd's fam-

ily, keeping them involved." The Todd Schoenheide Invitational will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday in the main gym at Northville High School. Featured teams will include Northville, Walled Lake Western, Redford Union, Lakeland, Marysville and L'Anse Creuse.

"It's a nice opportunity for us to bring different teams into Northville," assistant wrestling coach Bob Boshoven said. "It's an opportunity for wrestler's friends and families, who wouldn't normally get to see them wrestle to come out on a Saturday and see some great competition."

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Todd Schoenheide Memorial Scholarship. This \$1,000 award is presented every spring to a





Todd Schoenheide is about to have his hand raised after winning a wrestling match.

Northville High School senior who shares one of Schoenheide's passions, either football, scout-

ing or wrestling.

The Todd Schoenheide scholarship goes to a very deserving

athlete in the school," according to Balagna. Admission is \$5 Saturday

at the door. Concessions and memorial T-shirts will be avail-

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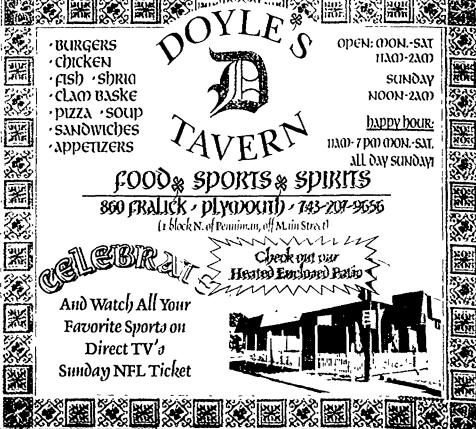
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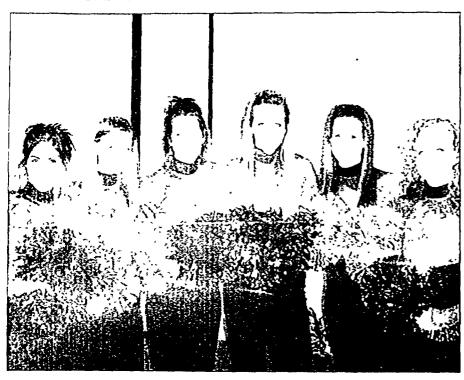
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Pompon all stars perform

Six Northville Yarsity Pom Pon girls who were selected to be on the Mid American Pompon All Star Team participated in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The All-Star Team includes 185 performers from more than 30 cities across the state of Michigan. The next event that the All-Stars will perform at is the Motor City Bowl on Dec. 26. The following NHS pom girls were in the Thanksgiving Day Parade: (from left) Nikki Metrusias, Kelly Lysaght, Julie Wells, Lauren Wysocki, Madde Evasic and Katy Williams.

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accepts an award at the state meet after finishing third overall.

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Alicia Weber

Eagles on the First Team.

Damico averaged 43 for nine holes and 87 for 18. Her highlights included tying for first at the Lady Maverick Tournament, third at the KLAA tournament and eighth at regionals. She finished first in seven of 10 nine-hole matches.

Thomas pushed Damico all season. She averaged 44 for nine holes and 87 for 18. She tied Damico for top honors at the Lady Maverick Tournament and was fourth at the KLAA Tournament.

Vergin, just a sophomore, averaged just more than 45 for nine holes. She placed in the top 10 five times and qualified for state after shooting an 84

at regionals.

SECOND TEAM

Northville places two more on the All-Area Second Team in Brianna Roberts and Amy Bernstein.

Roberts and Bernstein were steady forces all year for the Mustangs. Roberts averaged a 90.8 for 18 holes, and Bernstein was close on her heels with a 91.7. Bernstein ended the season with an 86 on the last round at states.

Also making All-Area Second Team are Novi's Megan Henry and Brooke Collins, South Lyon's Danielle Godair and Christy Cooney and Lakeland's Natasha Thomas.

Henry and Collins had similar stats throughout the year, shooting around a 49 average for nine holes.

Godair made the All-KLAA

(1858)

team while averaging a 49 and was voted team MVP. Her best round was a 42 against Novi and South Lyon East. She started every match the last two seasons.

Cooney, a senior, led the Lions with a 47 average for nine holes. The highlight of her season came with a second-place finish (81) at the Ladywood Tournament.

Thomas averaged a 47 for nine holes and a 97 for 18.

HONORABLE MENTION

The All-Area Honorable Mention team includes South Lyon's Alex Drew and Brittany Snively; Lakeland's Sydney Nestor and Brittany Marentic; and South Lyon East's Lindsay Heikkinen and Taylor Jones.

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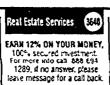
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Johnson said. "It wasn't a mistake or anything like that. I feel fortunate to get the goal and thought our guys played good in our own zone.

The Shamrocks put the clamps down the rest of the way, allowing few quality chances to the Mustangs.

Northville seemed back on its heels early, but the Mustangs showed improvement as the game continued.

"They're a real disciplined team," Northville head coach Clint Robert said. "It was tough to gain control of the zone. We needed to get the puck in deep and get a forecheck. I didn't think we did a real good job in the first period.

"I think we did better in the second and third period."

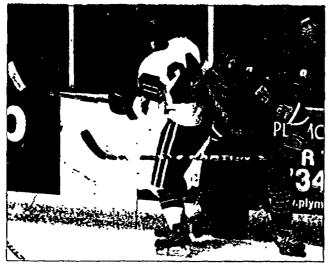


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Mustang Drew Lamoureux battles CC's Kyle Nelson against the boards.

However, Shamrock goalie Zack Cisek stood tall and

kept the puck out of the net. Johnson credited both

Cisek and the defense for

stonewalling the Northville offense.

We've got some solid guys back there," Johnson said. "It was just a good team game."

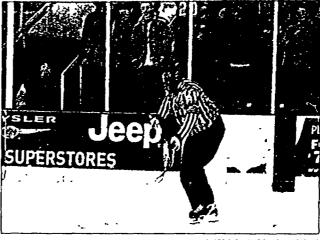


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Northville resident and Detroit Red Wings head coach Mike Babcock saw a familiar sight from the stands at Compuware Arena when the Northville-CC hockey game was temporarily suspended after an octopus came flying out of the Northville student section.

The Mustangs' (4-1) last opportunity to pull even came with 4:14 to play when CC got called for a hook. Northville pushed hard

and kept the pressure on, but just couldn't get the equal-

Once the penalty was over, the Shamrocks didn't allow

the Mustangs to gain possession in their zone, and Keranen couldn't be pulled for an extra attacker until just four seconds remained.

Despite the loss, Robert saw a lot of good things from his squad.

"Overall, I thought we played them better this year than we did in the playoffs, even though the score was obviously different, he said. "It's something that we're glad that it's Dec. 5th and we can learn from it.

"That's going to be our motto for the rest of the year is we've got to get two goals better. We know pretty much we're going to see them in the playoffs."

The game had huge student turnouts for both schools, but also had Detroit Red Wings head coach Mike Babcock in attendance.

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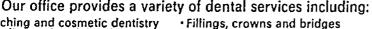
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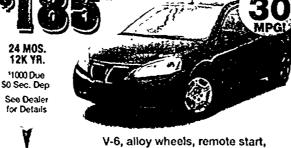
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With the holiday season quickly approaching there is no better time than now to make a stop at Orin Jewelers in downtown Northville.

A business that's had a strong presence in the Northville community for more than 25 years prides itself on the quality of its merchandise and taking care of its custom-

"We want to do everything possible to make every visit to our store a positive experience for the customer," said owner Orin Mazzoni Jr. "When someone receives a green bag with something from Orin's, they know it is special because they know what Orin Jewelry represents."

In 1933 Orin Sr. opened his first store in Weirton, W. Va. He moved to Michigan in 1953 and opened the Orin Jewelers in downtown Garden City. In 1982, Orin Jr. expanded to two locations with its present place in downtown Northville at the corner of Main and Center streets.

Orin Jr. is a second generation jeweler who has learned the family craft over the last 40 years. Growing up, Orin Jr. lived above the Garden City store with his sisters and brother. From those early years to the present, Orin Jr. has developed a love and dedication to the jewelry business. Gina Mazzoni has continued the third generation of Mazzoni's in the jewelry business. Gina is a Certified Gemologist and - like her father and grandparents - is dedicated to making sure all of Orin's customers receive the Orin experience.

An incredible devotion to quality and personal service to their customers is what has set Orin Jewelers above the competition since those early years in Garden City. Orin Jr.

wanted to provide customers with the best possible service, and making that possible meant becoming as knowledgeable as possible about the business.

In order to make that a reality, Orin Jr. became a graduate gemologist of the Gemological Institute of America in 1977, which proved not only his love of gems and jewelry, but also the desire to give his customers the highest knowledge possible when selecting a fine piece of jewelry.

"If I was a customer I would want to go to someone who had the best credentials in the business," said Orin Jr. "I feel that is really important so I went about earning those

credentials."

Having a staff that is not just helpful but well informed about the product is priority number one for Orin Jr. This level of expertise gives customers a sense of belief and security in the piece of jewelry that they are buying. Many of the members of the Orin Jewelers staff also hold multiple recognitions in the gemology field.

'We have a very dedicated staff at Orin's, many of whom have more than 20 years of experience in the industry," said Orin Jr.

Orin's currently has more Certified Gemologist and Registered Jewelers of the American Gem Society than any other jeweler in the state of Michigan. Being a part of the American Gem Society signifies the highest ethical standards within the jewelry industry.

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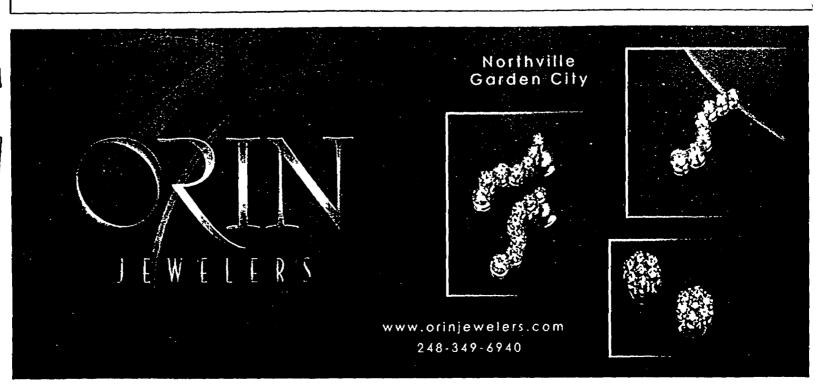




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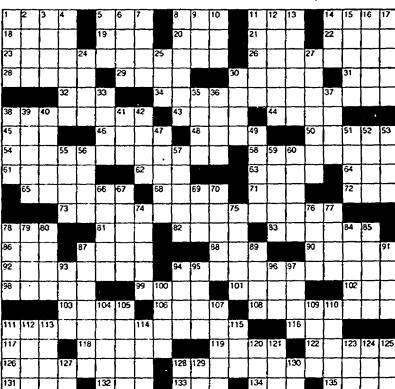
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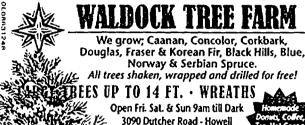
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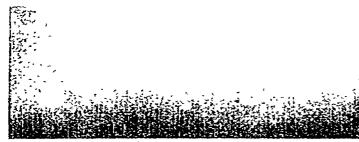


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Get Your Game On

BY CANDY SPIEGEL LIVINGSTON MOMS

Finding inexpensive ways to entertain the family isn't always easy. Since purchasing a board game generally costs less than taking the family to the movies just one time, games are a great option for family fun.

However, they have added benefits in that they provide the family with quality time together and may open the door to all sorts of discussions. Jeri McKeon-Andersen, a psychotherapist at Advanced Behavioral Medicine in Howell, often uses games as part of her family counseling sessions to help everyone relax and make them feel more comfortable. She said the same principles apply at home.

"Games provide a neutral setting and allow the family to talk about issues that are difficult or stressful,"

she said.

McKeon-Andersen explained that

the safe, comfortable setting that is created while playing a game together, can stimulate creativity and help eliminate the power struggles and defensive attitudes that often prevent people from absorbing new information.

"You look at things with a more open perspective," she said. "It is a different way of dealing with issues."

Viken Matossian, MD, of Advanced Behavioral Medicine, added that games also provide players with a sense of power — which is important in a world filled with problems.

"In the end, as the pieces are put back in the box, board games work for families because all problems and conflicts in the game became unimportant next to the pleasure of sharing each other's company," he said.

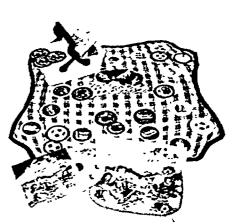
So, take some time to play a bit with your family.

Here are some of this year's newest games, but there are many more available at local retailers and online.



Monopoly Town is the newest kid-friendly version of the classic game. Mr. Monopoly teaches kids how to play and helps build on color matching and counting skills. Includes batteries. \$14.99; ages 4+ 2-4 players, www.hasbro.com.

Noodleboro Learning About Manners Picnic Game makes learning to say "please" and "thank you" easy. The game includes "Very Pleasing Picnic" story for storytime and an audio CD with a story and silly songs to add to the fun of learning. \$19.99; ages 4+, 2-4 players, www.playskool.com.







Operation has been updated. Players listen for the sound to tell them which piece they need to remove. For example, the runny nose makes a sneezing sound and the frog-in-the-throat sounds like a frog's ribbit. After the piece is removed without touching the side, push the patient's nose for a new sound. Requires batteries. The original version is being retired. \$14.99; ages 6+, 1+ players, www.hasbro.com.



It's all about choices in the High School Musical 3: Senior Year East High Forever game. Make the wrong choice and you might end up in detention; choose the right path and win the game. \$19.99; ages 7+, 2-6 players, www.hasbro. com.



Clue is all new. The rooms and people have been updated and there are additional components. There are also a few twists that have game-altering consequences. The original version is being retired. \$15.99; ages 9+, 3-6 players, www.hasbro.com.



Orijinz 2 is a quick game that delves into the origins of words and phrases. The game is simple — players divide into teams. One person reads the origin the teams try to guess the word or phrase. The entire game is about the size of two decks of cards making it ideal for traveling. A portion of the proceeds goes to Teachers Without Borders and Reading is Fundamental. \$14.95; ages 13+, 3+ players, www.entspire.com/orijinz.html.



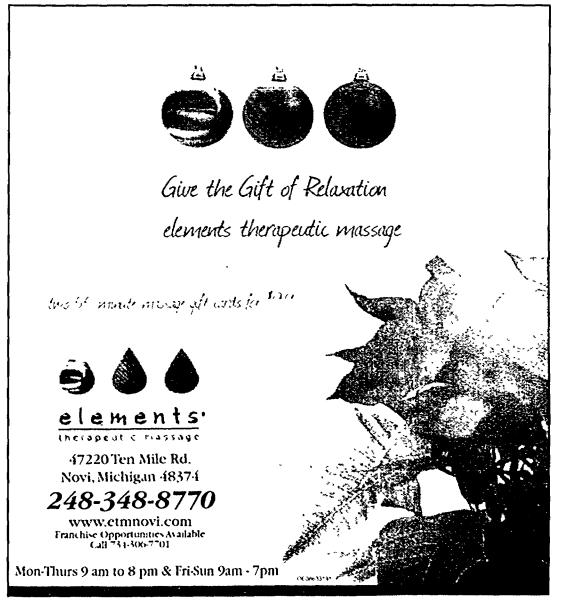




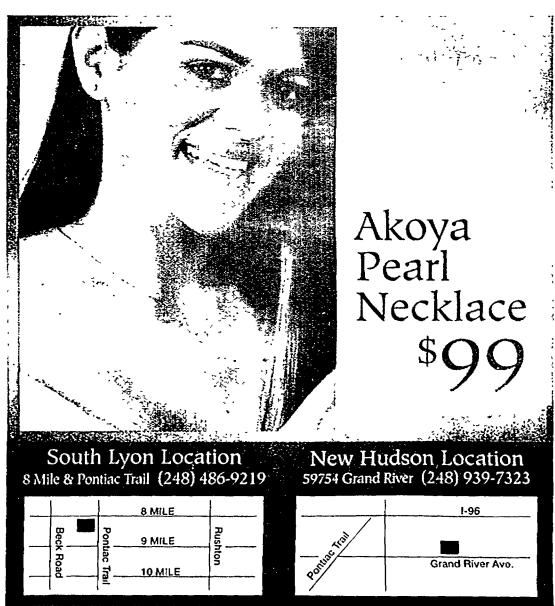
Rhino Rampage provides a frenzy of fun as players get their color-matched team of birds safely to the Rhino's back. This fast-paced game tests children's dexterity and color skills. \$24.99; ages 4+, 2-4 players, www.mattel.com.



UNO Flash will have players on their toes, since this new, fast-passed, electronic version randomizes game play. The game randomly selects whose turn it is, so you have to stay alert. Blink and you might miss your turn. Batteries are required. \$29.99; ages 7+, 2-6 players, www.mattel.com.



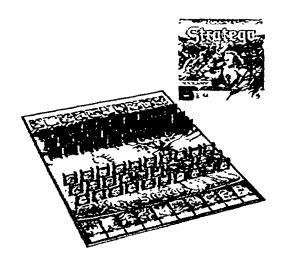






Trivial Pursuit is 25 and the 25th Anniversary Edition offers easy, medium and hard questions to make the game more fun for everyone. \$29.99; ages 12+, 2-6 players, www.hasbro.com.

Stratego is ready for a new generation with dragons and magicians replacing the Napoleonic armies. \$14.99 ages 8+, 2 players, www.hasbro.com.





Cranium Family Edition offers a brand-new family twist on a beloved game. Packed full of cross-generational fun and 16 collaborative activities, this game will have you laughing out loud. Perfect for parties and large families. \$19.99; ages 8+, 4+ players, www.hasbro.com.

Scrabble is 60 and it's celebrating with a Diamond edition of the popular game. This version features a foldable, portable gameboard with built-in storage and curved tile racks. \$34.99 ages 8+, 2-4 players www. hasbrogames.com.

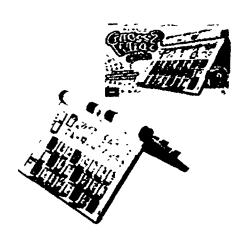




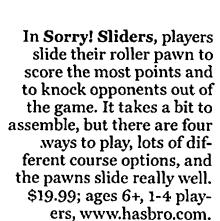
Cranium Polar Bear ABC and Puppy Pals Bingo are perfect for young children, since they are easy to set up and can be completed in about 10 minutes. In Polar Bear ABC, players fish for the magnetic letters that complete the word. The person to get the final letter in the word wins and gets to dunk the polar bear into the lake. In Puppy Pals Bingo, players match the shapes, colors and patterns on their doghouses to the card drawn. The first one to get three in a row yells, "Woof," and wins the game. \$9.99 each; ages 3+, 2 players, www. hasbrogames.com.

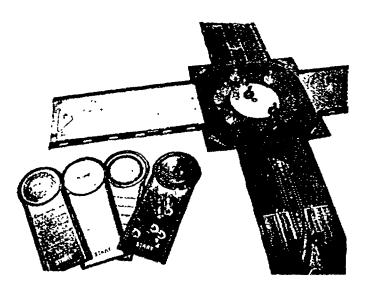
Pictionary Man adds a contemporary twist on Pictionary and Charades. Players draw on the little man and his accessories and then act out the clues to help others guess the right words. All of the drawing is with a dry-erase pen that is easily removed with the enclosed wipe. There are no cards, papers, or small parts to this game, so it is ideal for camping or traveling. Batteries are required. \$29.99; ages 14+, 2-10 players, www.mattel.com.





Electronic Guess Who? Extra is a new, deluxe version of the beloved game. It includes an electronic timer, lights, sounds and more than 100 new faces to discover. Requires batteries. \$24.99; ages 6+, 2 players, www.hasbro.com.





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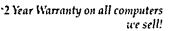
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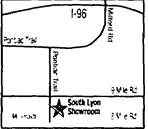
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