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Block grants funds may be used for brownfield

Board approves classification

BY PAN FLENING STAFF WRITER

Federal Community Development Block Grant funds may be used to help pay for the clean up of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property in Northville Township once the brownfield redevelopment plan for the land is finalized.

Thelma Kubitsky, assistant township manager and finance director, explained to board members at the Dec. 18 public hearing on the grant funding that the money could be used for this purpose if it is placed in the grant funding budget and approved in a public hearing.

The board did approve the funding, which was budgeted

at \$50,000 a year, can be carried over a three-year period and be used in 2010 or 2011 as well as 2009.

The federal government is providing \$104,000 in CDBG funds to the township for 2009-2010, which much be earmarked for specific uses in a public hearing. In other words, all funding classifications must be approved by the

The remaining \$54,000 goes toward housing rehabilitation, public administration and administration costs.

Richard Henningsen, township treasurer, said that such funding is also available to help out senior citizens who may need housing repairs. However, many residents who need the funds don't ask for the money because they don't want to divulge all of the financial information required by the federal government to prove their eligibility for the

Funding can be reallocated later in the program, but it has to be initially earmarked for certain uses.

BANNER PROGRAM BACK

Area businesses will be able to advertise at the township's ball fields this spring and summer after trustees approved the return of the Parks and Recreation Banner Program for 2009. Vinyl banners can be purchased that will hang at the Millennium Park fields on Six Mile Road behind fire department headquarters.

The department can collect up to \$10,000 a year in the program, which will go into the parks' department's general fund.

POSTER CONTEST SLATED

Trustee Sue Hillebrand announced Dec. 18 that the Northville Beautification Commission will have an environmentallythemed poster contest in January.

The commission is encouraging community residents to create posters that focus on recycling or "go-green" subjects.

More details will come after the first of the year.

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Gift of Giving

■ Northville students learn what holidays are really about

SPECIAL WRITER

School days are normally filled with book learning and tests. But in the weeks leading up to the year-end holidays, Northville students took time to learn about the gift of giv-

Heidi Capraro, assistant principal at Hillside Middle -School and a facilitator for their student council, said that students grow in character by helping others.

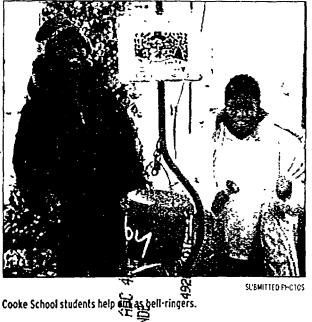
We choose projects as a student council and other teams where kids can contribute in ways that make a difference," she said. "The kids are working towards helping, and it's productive and they feel good about it when they're done. They held a collection for The Wolverine Human Services Toy Drive in early December."

Child and Family Services of Michigan sponsor Operation Good Cheer, and the Hillside eighth grade teams sponsored nine children, collecting almost \$2,000 for gifts.

Hillside helps with Wigs for Kids in Michigan and the project Kid Against Hunger. They collecting adult vitamins (sealed containers only) in their front lobby Jan. 26-30 for The Orphan Medical Network International (OMNI) for Zambia.

Cooke students have also been hard at work making meaningful contributions.

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Getting ready for the 1950s themed Northville Nite are Northville Parks and Recreation's Joanna Harris, left, Traci Sincock, right, and Center Stage Dance's Becky Hicks. The New Year's Eve fun will begin at 4 p.m. at the Recreation Center at Hillside and will include lots of fun, games and music for everyone.

Head to Hillside for Northville Nite

■ 1950s theme set on New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve is just around the corner, and you'd like to be able to celebrate it with your children.

The Northville Parks and Recreation staff will have just what the doctor ordered with a 1950s-theme party where families can rock out 2008 and roll in

The annual Northville Nite event will take place from 4:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Recreation Center at Hillside in the back of Hillside Middle School, 700 W. Baseline Rd., at Center Street.

Area women are encouraged to put on their poodle skirts, with the men donning their varsity sweaters to come rock in the new year 1950s style.

Tickets are \$10 for children; \$5 for adults; and \$2 for tots.

The event is sponsored by Oak

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Tickets for the rock 'n' rollin' Northville Nite event from 4 30-8 pm on New Year's Eve at the Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline Rd., in Northville, are available the center and cost \$10 for children, \$5 for adults and \$2 for tots. For more information, call (248) 449-0203

Pointe Church in Novi; Trupp Family Chiropractic in Livonia; Center State Dance Company in Northville Township; and the Northville Rotary Foundation.

Activities will include: live music and carnival games provided by Oak Pointe Church; wood crafts from the Home Depot; a contest; huge inflatable games; face painting; and a sock hop for the whole family at the end of the event.

Hot dogs and pizza will be sold by

members of the Northville Rotary. The event is early enough in the evening to allow parents or guardians to enjoy a New Year's celebration with their children and still have time to attend more adultoriented activities.

The annual event brought to the city by Northville Parks and Recreation is always well-attended and a great way to ring in the new year.

The event, organized by Joanna Harris. special events coordinator for Northville Parks and Recreation, will take attendees back to the era that brought us saddle oxford shoes, bobbie socks and twistin' the night away.

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Girl gets a taste of Hollywood

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becoming Sandy or Denny from the 1950s-inspired play and movie, "Grease."

We really want people to dress up and have fun with it," Harris said.

A visit to the Talent Station staffed by dancers from Center Stage Dance Company in Northville Township will inspire attendees to find their "inner dancer" for the Sandy &

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A Sandy and Denny looka-like contest will also be on the agenda, as well as "bestdressed."

Live 1950s music provided by Oak Pointe Church will set the stage for the dance con-

Attendees can also practice their hula hoop skills, and start practicing for the Fabulous 50s Relay Race in which participants will see how fast they can dress up and

THEME A NEW IDEA

and Guitar Hero.

Traci Sincock said it was Harris' idea to develop a theme for this year's Northville Nite.

then down. Other activities will include wood crafts from

The Home Depot and other

'50s-related crafts, inflatables

and carnival games, plus Wii

"This is our 11th year, and it never dawned on us to have a theme," Sincock said. "We give her the credit for coming up with this idea.

The Center Stage Dance Company provides all of the classes for the Northville Parks and Recreation Dance Program. Lisa Shapiro directs the studio, with Becky Hicks serving as assistant director.

It opened ir 1988 in Walled Lake and moved to the Northville Research Center on the north side of Seven Mile Road just east of Northville Road in 1992. Its primary season is September through June. For more information, call (248) 380-1666 or e-mail CSDC5678@sbcglobal.net.

Only 1,000 tickets can be sold to Northville Nite because of fire regulations. Tickets may still be available at the door.

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JAN. 8 STUDY SESSION

The board of trustees recently started scheduling study sessions with the goal of providing an open forum in which to discuss a variety of issues that affect the community. The next session will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, at township hall. The topic was not mentioned at the Dec. 18 meeting.

HISTORIC PLAY PLANNED

The Northville Historic District Commission members are working on a historic play to be presented the evening of Feb. 13 at township hall.

Nancy Darga is working on a script, with a possible e title of the performance to be Love Along the Rouge," to coincide with Valentine's Day the following day. Those interested in participating are encouraged to contact Darga; Margie Banner; or any other commission member. There will be no charge to attend the performance; more details will be forthcoming.

BUDGET TO BE REVIEWED

Chip Snider, township manager, told board members Dec. 18 that starting in January, township administrators will meet regularly to review any 2009 budget expenditures more than \$5,000 to determine whether they are worthy.

"We are going to bring the items to the board's attention and give it a second opportunity to approve it," Snider said. "We want to see if we can trim some more fat off the

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TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES HIT MILESTONES

Fifteen Northville Township employees were recognized at the Dec. 18 board meeting for reaching mulestones in their

careers with the municipality. Those honored for five years of service included Jennifer Frey, community development director; Ryan Greenlee, fire fighter; Tony Manzo, water & sewer operator; Jeri Moak, deputy clerk; and Brian Thomson, water & sewer

Employees who received pins for 10 years of service were Lt. Dan Dipple, fire department; Lorraine Gower, receptionist; Diane Jefferson, administrative clerk in the clerk's department; Lt. Chris Madzik, fire department; and Don Weaver, director of public services

Workers awarded 15-year pins included Robert LaPlante, maintenance supervisor; Ellen Putman, police records supervisor; and Debra Wilhelm, human resources director. Two employees were recognized for 25 years of service - Capt. Guy

Balok, fire department, and Randy Tillman, water & sewer foreman.

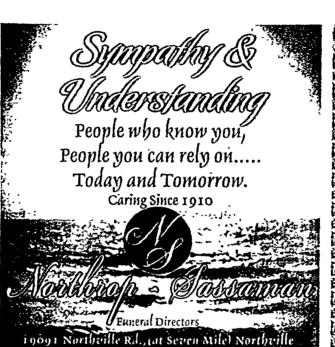
John Werth, director of public safety, said Balok joined the fire department in June 1982 as a paid-on-call fire fighter. He then moved into a position as a full-time dispatcher in October 1983. . . 1987, he joined the police department as a reservist, then became the township's first full-time fire fighter in September 1989.

"Guy has dedicated himself to over a quarter of a century of public safety service to the residents of Northville Township," Werth said.

Weaver said there were only two employees in the township's water department when Tillman started, and that now he oversees 14 who make up three crews.

"I would like to thank all of you for your dedication and service over the years," Mark Abbo, township supervisor, told the group of honored employees.





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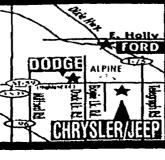
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Stay-at-home mom turns inventor

■ New product prevents rips in pool table felt

Who knew that Jill Wylie, a stay-at-home mother in Northville Township, would turn out to be an inventor?

But after some research and ingenuity, she now has a billiards-related product on the market - the Junior Shark Guiding Wheel.

The small, white, plastic device's use has two uses: It helps protect pool table felt from scrapes and tears and assists beginners by guiding their use of the cue stick.

She's even created her own limited liability corporation, the Wylie Group LLC, and has a Web site for the product, www.juniorshark.com.

"I am really excited about the Junior Shark Guiding Wheel," she says on her site. "This idea came to me when I saw how much kids really wanted to play pool and how nervous this made the owners of the pool tables.

If a pool table's felt is ripped, it cannot be patched or repaired because that will leave an uneven surface. Thus, the entire pool table cover must be replaced at a cost of several hundred dollars.

"The biggest worry with novice players or children playing pool is the risk of scratching and tearing the felt," Wylie said. But, with Wylie's new device, there are no worries.

"It's a happy coincidence that it also assists novice players by guiding their stroke, she said. "It is a win-win for everyone.

She adds that children under age 3 should not be allowed to handle the guiding wheels because they might choke on them.

The Junior Shark Guiding Wheel is placed on top of the cue stick and pushed down to where the ferrule (the white tape-looking part) joins the taper of the cue stick shaft. The wheel can be used on any size cue stick.

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The Junior Shark Guiding Wheel can make those who own pool tables less stressed when a child steps up to their table Just clip it over the tip of the cue stick and slide it down below the ferrule (the white tip). No more rips or scratches. It retails for \$5 99 and is available at Dunham's sporting goods stores, Alistate Billiards or online at www.juniorshark.com. The inventor, Jill Wylie, of Northville Township, can be contacted at jmwylie@juniorshark.com.

that the device does work. "We've been trying it out with our friends' little kids, and it's working great," she said.

The product is available at Dunham's sporting goods stores and at Allstate Billiards & Patio in Novi, Livonia and other locations.

This cue stick guiding wheel was Wylie's first adventure as an inventor. The Wylies purchased a pool table a few years ago,

and they have three children - Michael, 15, a sophomore at Northville High School; Joseph, 13, an eighth-grader at Meads Mill Middle School; and Rachel, 10, a fifth-grader at Winchester Elementary School. The table is located in the Wylies' basement.

"My husband, Chris, is the one who really wanted a pool table," Wylie said. "But, once we brought it downstairs, we were really nervous about the kids damaging the table felt."

The product was born when Jill took a broom clip holder that one might use on a the wall of a garage or storeroom and a model airplane wheel and duct-taped, wired them together and attached the apparatus to a cuestick.

NEW-FOUND FAME

Wylie said she was thrilled her children took her idea seri-

My son came home from his Spanish class, and he wrote (in Spanish) that his dad was



Jill Wylie, inventor of the Junior Shark, center, watches as her kids Michael, right, and Rachel use the pool table felt-saving device.

an accountant and his mother

was an inventor," she said.
That inspired her. The next day, she made calls to firms that manufactured plastic injection moldings.

My husband brought home books about trademarking, patenting and copywriting." she said. "It was a great learning experience. It was neat to have the kids see the thing come to life. It's doing well so far."

Dunham's asked for 1,200, and the Junior Shark retails for \$5.99. Also, billiards.com said it was one of the best new products of 2009. "That was

very cool," she said.

On the Junior Shark Web site, Wylie encourages others who have the itch to be an inventor to go for it.

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ALEC CHAKLOSH

Age 95, passed away December 18, 2008. He was born on September 2, 1913, in Benid, IL to Wasyl and Anna (Chulick) Chaklosh. In September, Thelma his wife of 68 years preceded him in death. He retired from Chrysler Stamping Plant after 32 years of service and was a member of the U.A.W. He served with the Civilian Conservation Corps and actively participated in the VF.W. Auxiliary Post #2269. He volunteered his services to his church and Colonial Acres. Alec is survived by his loving daughters: Sandra (AI) Oiszewski and Yolande Chaklosh; grandchildren: Christine (Kenneth Kudek) Bourbonais, Michael (Bonnie) Olszewski, Jennifer (Brian) Byrd, Thomas Salwoski, seven great-grandchildren: Curtis, Clinton, Joseph, Abbey, Peter, Gage, Lainey, and one great-great-grand-daughter Holly. A Memorial Service was held Dec. 22, Monday at 11 a.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospice, 907 Fowler St., Howell 48843. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

RANDY R. GODWIN

Age 50, of Milford, December 19, 2008. He is survived by his loving parents, Robert and Ann Godwin, siblings, Cheryl (Larry Bond) Godwin, Robert, Rick (Rachel), Lora (Bill) Holcomb, Pamela (Frank) Fisher. Also leaves many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. Funeral was from Milford United Methodist Church, Milford, December 22, 12 pm. Rev. Gregg Mayberry officiated For further information contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors at 248-684-6645 or visit

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JANA SUE (CHMIEL) ZIMMERMAN L.P.N.

South Lyon, Michigan, formerly of Saginaw, Michigan. Beloved mother, grandmother and sister passed away Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, Michigan Age 60 years. Daughter of the late Dr. Walter DDS. and Celia Chmiel RN, Jana was born November 19, 1948 in Saginaw, Michigan. She graduated from St. Andrew High School where upon graduation she followed in her mom's footsteps going to nursing school and was a wonderful nurse and caregiver. She was married to Louis C. Zimmerman on October 24, 1975. He predeceased her April 17 1999. Jana was a member of the Catholic Faith. Surviving are three sons and their spouses. Todd and Karen Zimmerman, Saginaw, Joshua Zimmernan, Saginaw, Zachary and Jill Zimmerman, South Lyon, her brother. Kenneth and Margareta Chmiel, Bend, Oregon and their sons, Nikolas and Alexander, her dear friend, Ruth Ellen Singer and her children. Jeff and Jennifer, whom were a constant presence in her life (Thank You), dear friends, Virgil and Dons Hatheld as well as many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Our physical loss is surely Heaven's spiritual gain. She will be greatly missed We Love You Honoring Mrs Zimmerman's wishes cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service took place Saturday, December 20, 2008 at The Snow Funeral Home, 3775 N Center Rd., Saginaw, Michigan Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Toys for Tots



Early Childhood Center gets kids prepared for school

BY NATHAN MENOIAN SPECIAL WRITER

Northville public schools Early Childhood Center (ECC) wants to see kids starting out in school better prepared.

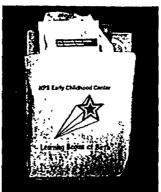
Through a series of on-going workshops, parents throughout the Northville community are able to learn the best ways of raising very young children to become more comfortable with their peers and with adult inter-

The ECC is halfway through a four-part series for parents with children ages' birth to 5 years old. Two earlier workshops, held in October and mid-November, dealt with developing pre-reading and writing skills with young children, and essential skills for a lifetime of learning.

Eileen Freeman, program coordinator for ECC says The Early Learning Series, so far, has been focusing on motor skills for young children and essential skills.

Our January presentation will go into how the media affects children learning, including computers, TV, and screen time," she said. And the next one, "Brain Development in Early Years', deals with windows of opportunity, what is happening in children's brain during early childhood."

The ECC has been holding workshops for seven years, and they are funded through the Early Childhood Initiative Grant - Wayne RESA, a regional educational service agency.



Parents will receive a bag full of literature when they bring a nonperishable food donation to one of the upcoming workshops.

Freeman says that each presentation usually has 60 parents and community professionals in attendance, and there is time slotted for questions with the presenter. A mobile resource library also allows parents there to check out related materials for two weeks.

"Partnering with parents is an important element here, building relationships along the way to support parents is vital," Freeman said. "Our workshops in the community is a nice connection to helping families."

The theme throughout all of the presentations given to the parents, Freeman explained, is to help their children become more comfortable with peers, and interaction with adults and the materials they're engaged

MORE WORKSHOPS

Two additional workshops in the ECC's Early Learning Series are scheduled:

January 27. How Media Affects Children's Learning, presented by Jacqueline Wood

March 24: Brain Development in the Early Years & the First steps Toward Later Academic Success, presented by Kenneth Horn Parents must register to attend and there is no charge. Presentations are held Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for parents, at the Northville Senior Community Center located at 303 West Main Street in Northville, Light refreshments are served. Free child-care is available from 6:15 to 8 p.m. for toilet-trained young children. Calf (248) 344-8465 to register them.

All of the programs are tuition based, Freeman says. ECC has over 900 families in the different programs they run: Parent/child, 1- and 2-year-olds one day a week and parents have to show up; Preschool for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds; All day child-care classes, care based; from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We work the preschool program, interacting with families and observing the classroom," she said. "Teachers and preschool teachers do an end-ofthe-year portfolio and assessment on the children."

"Our whole program is about helping children become more independent, and transition activities with regard to kindergarten," Freeman said.

She added that children love their preschool activities and learning. They make connections and play outside on the playground, and enjoy the writing centers with lots of markers and pens, and write and mail

each other notes. "This year we have added a new dynamic to the program by connecting with Northville's Civic Concern, a volunteer organization to help those in need with food. Program attendees are asked to bring a food donation with them to assist Civic Concern," Freeman said.

A "Learning Begins at Birth" bag will accompany donations for donation recipients. Each bag will contain a book, RESA 'Start Early, Finish Strong" brochures and other information pertinent to early childhood development.

"We believe that by strengthening our connections and forging stronger relationships and partnerships, especially within our own school/community, children will benefit. As we continue to make connections within the broader Northville Community, like Parks and Rec., Civic Concern the Senior Center and other local businesses, we will seek to build lasting relationships and partnerships that will support a high quality experience for children and their families," Freeman said.

Award-winning principals both from Northville

BY NATHAN MENOIAN SPECIAL WRITER

Being recognized by your peers for hard work, sacrifice, dedication and commitment is a noteworthy event.

That is what two Northville residents recently experienced in receiving top honors as school principals.

Brian Galdes, principal at Fisher Elementary in Redford, was selected as the Outstandingpracticing Principal of 2008. The Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principal Association presented him with the award at a Dec. 2 ceremony in Kalamazoo.

"It's a great honor to be selected by your peers," Galdes said, who has been principal at Fisher for 15 years. "I am humbled."

Galdes will represent Michigan elementary and middle school principals on a national level, traveling to Washington D.C. to meet with the Secretary of Education and, hopefully, the new president this coming fall.

For Galdes, his work is about helping students achieve all they can. At Fisher Elementary, one program in particular helps students on both sides of the globe.

"Classroom Without Walls is one I implemented," he said. "Basically, it's a Chinese language initiative designed for third, fourth and fifth graders."

Fisher students are paired up with students in China, Galdes explained. Students interact through Internet projects and video conferencing. And a Chinese teacher conducts a language class for our elementary students.

An exchange program is also part of Classroom Without



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students from China recently District, staying with local fami-

dents for an unknown future. Argentina and elsewhere.'

He believes that if today's educators do their job well, American students will continue to succeed as innovators and global leaders.

Galdes has two children: son Kyle attends Northville High School, and daughter Madison attends Hillside Middle School.

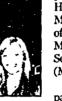
Also involved in community relations, Galdes makes time to meet with township officials and business leaders. Discussions include ways of improving student achievement and community involvement.

STEVE MARSDEN



Walls. Eighteen elementary visited the South Redford School

"Our role is to educate stu-Galdes said. "With today's world so globalized, their future is very different than ours. They will be competing for the same jobs with those from China, India, Mexico,



principal at Waterford Kettering High School, received the Michigan Assistant Principal of The Year award from the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP). "I was called into our princi-

pal's office, and he asked what I would think if I was selected for the award," Marsden shared. "My jaw dropped and I was speechless." He was presented with the

award in Kalamazoo at a banquet ceremony held in October. ' MASSP award finalists from around the country will be heading to Washington D.C. in January, for the



Steve Marsden

ceremony. Marsden, 62, has quite a list of accomplish-

national award

selection and

ments and experiences to his credit. In 1971 he received the

Bronze Star for military service in Vietnam.

"When I came home from the service, I went to graduate school earning a master's degree in special education and reading," noted Marsden. "I also earned a Ph.D. from Michigan State in K-12 education. I spent 25 years teaching and 10 years as an assistant principal.

He and wife, Kris, are Northville residents. Her parents, James and Jean Frogner, have lived in Northville 60 years.

Our daughter Adrienne just graduated from nursing school in Washington D.C.," Marsden said. "Matt is press secretary for State Senator Mike Bishop

Digitass Marketing." A Personal Adjustment Class

for emotionally-impaired students, developed by Marsden, helps them better manage their emotions after an outburst in "It's a good alternative to sus-

pension," he said. "If they feel they're going to lose it, they are allowed to leave class and attend an hour of instruction. This gives them time to cool down, talk about their emotions and return to class."

In his acceptance speech, Marsden shared two positive experiences about the class.

"I received a letter from a student sharing what the Adjustment Class meant to him. He suffered abuse at the hands of his father, but through the class he was able to turn his life around, graduate from high school and is now going to col-

lege," Marsden said. "A very shy young man from a child - and had no front teeth. Through a Waterford dentist, Dr. David Studt, he received dental implants amounting to \$10,000 at no charge. He's a completely different person now, with much more confidence and smiling."

Twice weekly, Marsden gives the school announcements over the PA. He uses part of that time to share and enjoy a moment of laughter.

I always tell a joke after the announcements," he said. "Usually they're kind of lame and the kids always groan. But the teachers tell me that even though they might not pay attention to the announcements, they do look forward to the joke." Case in point: "Why is Dancer

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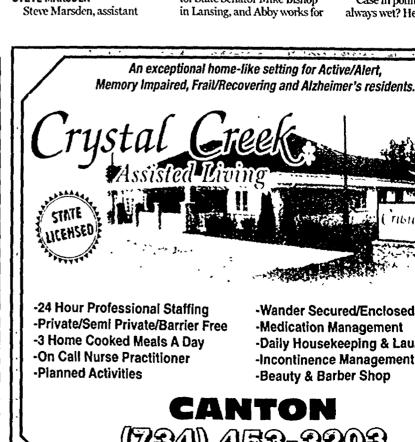
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Northville's Poole opening tavern in South Lyon

■ Lake Street Tavern to join downtown mix

> BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Downtown South Lyon has been overwhelmed with business closures this past year.

Gone were three restaurants, a theater and a pharmacy. With the economic struggles facing the state and nation, the local future looked bleak.

But in the past couple months,

the area has seen a resurgence of sorts. The theater recently reopened under different management, joining a new hair salon and gift shop downtown. On Dec. 15, another business owner announced she would be bringing Lake Street Tavern to town. The restaurant will be located in the building that recently housed Bistro 127, and could open as soon as March.

"When I walked inside and saw the atmosphere, with the brick walls and the old building, it had a wonderful energy that I loved," said owner Mary Poole. "I think it's going to be a com-

"It's going to be a community gathering place ... I want people to feel like they are coming into my home."

MARY PIOLE, Lake Street Tax ern owner

munity gathering place that is comfortable and welcoming, and I want people to feel like they are coming into my home."

Poole most recently owned Poole's Tavern in Northville for almost 10 years prior to selling it in 2006.

The restaurant is still in operation, and after two years of being out of the business, Poole had an itch to come back because she missed. "The energy of the business and the

Negotiations for the sale of the business have been going on for the past year, and Jeff Crawford, restaurant specialist with Griffin Properties, said he received two letters of intent for the business in the end before he and building owner Richard Rowe decided on Poole.

"I think she is going to be a fabulous operator," Crawford said. "The city sorely needs (the restaurant anid Mary brings a lot to the table

Poole, a Northville resident, said she was sold on the small community atmosphere, and plans on being involved with the Chamber of Commerce and other community groups.

Changes will be made to the interior of the building, but not a complete remodeling, and Poole will be applying one of the city's liquor licenses through the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

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Holiday deadlines for Northville Record

The Northville Record will have early holiday deadlines for both the editorial and advertising departments.

For the Jan. 1 edition, display advertising and editorial deadlines are Friday, Dec. 26, at 5 p.m. The deadline for classified advertising is Monday, Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.

News submissions can be sent to news@ northvillerecord.com or calling (248) 349-1799, Ext. 237. Display advertising inquiries should be directed to (248) 349-1700, Ext. 229. The classified advertising department can be reached at (888) 999-1288.

Ponder nominated to service academy

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) announced that she has nominated 37 Michigan students - including Northville's Christopher Ponder (U.S. Military Academy) for placement at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"I am proud that so many exceptional students from our state are willing to serve our country through military service," said Stabenow. "These individuals have demonstrated their excellence in and out of the classroom, and I am confident that they will represent Michigan well."

Students seeking appointment to a service academy must first obtain the nomination of their U.S. Senator, their U.S. Representative or the President. Students nominated by Stabenow's office went through a competitive application process that included interviews by community leaders. Now that the students have been nominated, they must await acceptance for admission by the academy to which they have applied.

Register for Ski and Snowboard Club

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.

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



PAINTING BY PEGGY KEPMAN

Members exhibition

Peggy Kerwan's "Anticipation" will be part of the Northville Art House third annual exhibition showcasing the varied styles and mediums of over 40 artist members. This exhibition was developed to say thank you to everyone who has supported the growth and creativity of the arts in Northville. The show will open with an artist reception Friday, Jan. 9, from 6-9 p.m. and will continue through Jan. 25 during the Art House Gallery hours (Thursdays-Sundays, 1-5 p.m.). For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.

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-

CJ's Brewing Company opens in Compuware

CJ's Brewing Company opened a new restaurant - its second location and its first franchised unit — inside the Compuware Arena in Plymouth. The 270-seat casual-dining eatery and brewery will replace the former Ginopolis' On the Ice, which closed July

Compuware Corp. CEO Peter Karmanos,

Jr., is the franchisee of the new CJ's Brewing Company. Karmanos finalized an agreement in October with Commerce Township-based Askar Brands, operators of CJ's Brewing Company, Papa Romano's Pizza, Mr. Pita and Stucchi's Ice Cream, to open the restaurant. The original CJ's Brewing Company is located on Richardson Road in Commerce Township, next door to the Askar Brands' corporate headquarters. It opened in 1997 and was purchased by Askar Brands in 2004. Karmanos is also franchisee of the first co-branded Papa Romano's Pizza and Mr. Pita restaurant, which opened this summer in Detroit.

'We think the CJ's format, with its informal, fun atmosphere and popular microbrewed beer, will work very well in the ice arena," said Dennis Moore, vice president Compuware Arena and the Plymouth

Whalers. 'It's a very good fit, and we expect it to be well-received by patrons of the ice arena and by neighboring businesses and area hom-

The new 5,000-square-foot eatery opened this week following a complete remodeling of the restaurant's interior. In addition to offering a wide variety of micro-brewed beer, CJ's Brewing Company will serve an eclectic menu of moderately priced dining favorites, such as deep-dish pizza, juicy burgers, specialty salads, spicy jambalaya and a house favorite, Cap'n Crunch Chicken.

The new CJ's, which is located at 14900 Beck Road just north of M14 inside the Compuware Arena, is open Sunday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight. The phone number is (734) 453-4455.

Askar Brands operates quick-service and casual dining restaurants in Michigan, Florida, Texas and North Carolina. In addition to CJ's Brewing Company, its brands include the 46-unit Papa Romano's, 40-unit Mr. Pita and 12-unit Stucchi's Ice Cream.

Compuware Arena is home to the 2007 Ontario Hockey League Champion Plymouth Whalers, professional soccer's Detroit Ignition, the Compuware Arena Drive-In Theatres, the MHSAA Boys State Hockey Championships and eight AAA Compuware Hockey youth teams. Compuware Arena serves more than a million patrons annually.

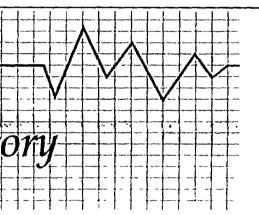
Arbor Day grants awarded

The Northville Township Beautification Commission received an Arbor Day mini-grant of \$200 for its Arbor Day activities, according to Sue Hillebrand, township clerk. Jennifer Frey, director of Community Development, prepared and submitted the paperwork on behalf of the commission and was notified of the award the week of Dec. 15-19.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced grants totaling \$10,000 to 51 Michigan communities and organizations. The grant program, with funds from the USDA Forest Service, was created to help schools and communities observe Arbor Day and increase awareness about the role trees and forests play in our everyday lives.

Arbor Day has been observed as an official state holiday in Michigan since 1885 and will be celebrated on April 24 in 2009. The township's 2009 Arbor Day Celebration and annual seed-ling giveaway is planned for Saturday, April 25, at township hall.

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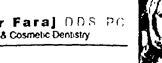
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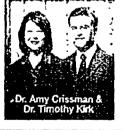
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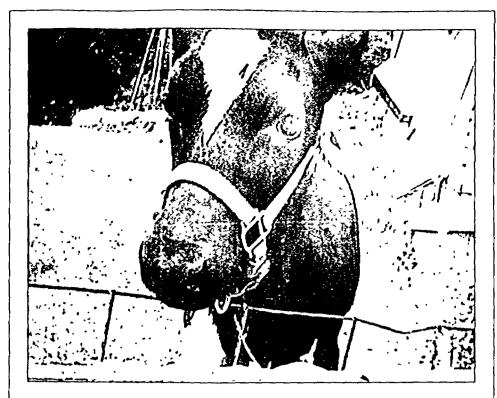
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Winners get cameras in photo contest for Huron-Clinton Metroparks

"Elm in Winter Fog," Daniel Geoghegan's haunting image of a lone tree at Kensington Metropark earned him top honors in the Huron-Clinton Metroparks/West Oakland Camera Club's 2008 Nature Photography Contest. As the Grand Prize Winner, Geoghegan, of Dearborn, will receive a Sony SLR digital camera with an 18-70 mm lens provided by Sony Corporation and Woodward Camera, of Birmingham. Geoghegan's photo was selected from nearly 600 photographs entered into the contest.

Contest entries were grouped by category (wildlife, plant life, recreation/ education and scenic) and age (adult, 13-17 years, 5-12 years). Photo entries were required to be taken within the 13 Huron-Clinton Metroparks. First place winners in the Recreation and Education category

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included Northville's Susan Atkinson (adult) and Lauren Atkinson (5- to 12year-olds).

First place winners will each receive a Sony digital camera provided by Sony Corporation and Woodward Camera, and are invited to attend an educational photo shoot at Kensington Metropark with members of the West Oakland Camera Club. Winning photos will be part of a traveling display within the Metroparks and can be seen at www. metroparks.com http:// www.metroparks.com>

Entries were judged by members of the West Oakland Camera Club, whose photographs have been published in Audubon, Sierra Club and National Geographic magazines.

Located in Birmingham, Woodward Camera sponsored the prizes to encourage nature photography in Southeast Michigan. The

West Oakland Camera Club. co-partner for this contest, meets twice a month at Kensington Metropark.

Located along the Huron and Clinton rivers, the Metroparks provide a natural oasis from urban and suburban life as well as year-round recreational activities and events. The Metroparks consist of 13 beautiful parks covering nearly 24,000 acres, ten spectacular public golf courses and two marinas on Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair, respectively. The parks also offer scenic nature trails, breathtaking beaches, educational activities and exciting winter sports. A vehicle entry permit is required to enter any Metropark and is only \$20 annually for regular admission, \$12 annually for seniors, or \$4 daily. General information can be found at www.metroparks.com or by calling (800) 47-PARKS.



First-place winners in the Recreation and Education category included Northville's (bottom photo) Susan Atkinson, adult, and (top photo) Lauren Atkinson, 5-12 years.

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Northville girl gets taste of Hollywood

■ Silver Springs student has role in horror movie

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Kristen Jarzembowski, an 11-year-old fifth-grader at Silver Springs Elementary, is getting a taste of Hollywood these days.

The Northville Township resident, who is the daughter of Tim and Kim Jarzembowski, has a speaking role in the horror movie, "The Rain," starring David Carradine.

The movie is scheduled for release next spring.

In the film, she plays a girl named Maggie, who is about her age.

"She can't say too much about the character or the film because we're restricted," said her mother, Kim.

"I can tell you that it's a chronicle, and the film features three different centuries," Kim said. "Kristen's role was in the first part of the movie, which takes place in the 1800s, around 1830, in the United States. She plays the daughter of Clive, and Clive is played by David Carradine." The father and daughter are faced with living in a drought.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Kristen doesn't take acting classes, but she enjoys it and decided to audition for the movie at the Michigan Production Institute in Troy.

"She's always wanted to act," Kim said. "She just has that personality. She's been involved in dance, and performing arts are really her thing." (Kristen's taken dance lessons since she was 2 at Piazza Dance Studio in Northville.)

But, at least in Michigan, opportunities for child actors are limited.

"I've been looking for a couple of years, watching



The group photo shows some of the cast of "The Rain," including (I to r) Derek Brandon (Daniel), Jimmy Doom (Horace), Jj Chidiac (Simon), David Carradine (Clive), Kristen Jarzembowski (Maggie) and Patrick Kelly (Shaman).

PLOT SYNOPSIS OF "THE RAIN"

The plot of the spring 2009 movie, "The Rain," according to www myspace com/therainmovie is the following: A farmer unearths an old top hat on his property, and with it an ancient Indian curse that lays waste to all the farmers' crops and wells. All of the adults in the farming community are afflicted by a strange sickness that slowly dries them up until they are dust. It is only when the farmer communes with the hat that he finds what it is that will save them a'l But, he must sacrifice his three daughters for he curse to be lifted

the Internet for parts that I thought she could play well. This one (role) just popped out at me, because I thought she could really have a chance - playing an 11-year-old girl, which she is. She fit the part."

Her favorite subject is writing, and she loves dance, studying tap, ballet, jazz, hip hop and more. She just won a tap scholarship at Dance Masters of Michigan's Lansing workshop in the junior division.

She was surprised," Kim said. The Jarzembowskis have two dogs, Sparky and Bella, and a cat, Kiwi.

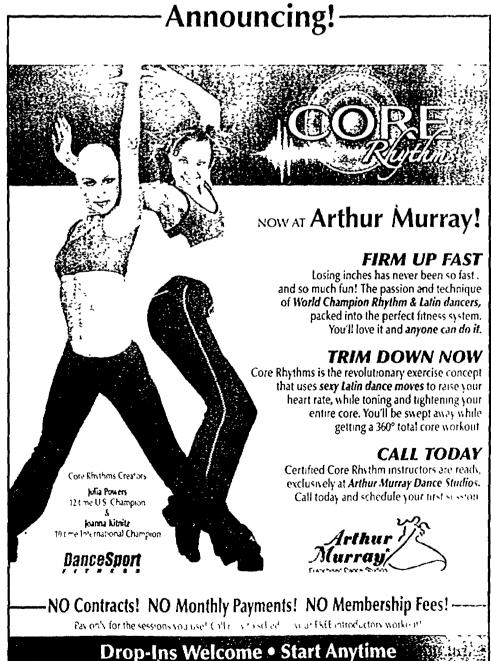
Kristen's been to five shoots, but she doesn't have to rehearse a lot.

The director (Doug Schulze) mentioned that over-rehearsing kind of loses some of the freshness (of the lines)," Kim said.

With the movie industry moving into Michigan more after legislation was recently passed offering business incentives to film makers, the Jarzembowskis hope that this will mean more acting opportunities for Kristen and they don't have to worry about having to travel to Los Angeles.

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"Helping others is part of our school culture," said Marilynn Bachorik, school principal. "Northville's Civic Concern helped us provide food boxes and gifts for 19 of our families who needed assistance. Our social worker. Ulla Gmelin, collected clothes to set up closet so students in need can 'shop' at the school."

Several Cooke students worked at Hiller's Market as bell-ringers for the Salvation Army, and one classroom donated money to a canned food drive.

At Thornton Creek Elementary, several holiday projects were undertaken. Second grade students made blankets to donate to the Salvation Army Denby Center.

Sharon Irvine, the school's principal, said fourth graders participated in a week-long readathon to purchase and donate to Toys for

"Through the year, our kindergartners collect food for Northville Civic Concern. Our first graders bake muffins for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Our third graders visit and participate in special events with Waltonwood Senior Center. Our fifth graders participate in Kids Against Hunger, packing meals for a third-world country," Irvine

Amerman Elementary students were busy in December, as fourth graders held a Sweet Shop sale. collecting \$1,290 to help six families with Christmas gifts.

Steve Anderson, principal, said they held a canned/boxed food drive for Civic Concern, collecting 1,190 cans/units of food.

"Ms. Kolinski's class was our leader, collecting 135 cans. Her class wins a pizza party, Anderson said.

Athletics also played its part in the spirit of holiday giving. Bryan Masi, Northville's athletic director, described an event called Mustang Madness.

This event was targeted for kids from K-8 and their families. The kids participated with the players in drills and games and got to watch our varsity team scrimmage. To attend, families were asked to bring canned food to be donated to Northville Civic Concern. More than 150 cans of food were donated and the basketball team delivered them that night," he said.

Kathie Elgin, who works at Winchester Elementary School,

explained how a group of their kindergartners were involved in a Kindness Activity.

'I teach the Wondergarten program at Winchester, a half-day enrichment program for kinder-gartners. Our 5- and 6-year-olds said we should do something nice for someone. I shared that I volunteer at Mott Children's hospital in Ann Arbor, and maybe we could do something kind for children who have to stay at the hos-

pital over Christmas," Elgin said. A book drive was decided upon and the children decorated a Kindness Box. Over the next two weeks, after shopping with their parents, over 40 books filled the box, and Elgin delivered them to Children's Hospital.

Meads Mill Middle School students joined in the giving spirit, too. One-hundred-and-twenty students in leadership classes made greeting cards for veterans at Veteran's Hospital. A field trip with teachers Sarah Debien. Melissa Morse, Reese Richardson and 25 students took place there before the holidays.

The school is collecting vitamins for OMNI for Africa, a seventh grade project still in process.

Dr. Susan Meyer, Meads Mill principal, said the sixth graders collected toiletries, compact discs and other small items to send to Iraq. They have a contact parent stationed there.

The office staff/counselors adopted a family, collecting \$200,

Moraine Elementary fourth grade classes sponsored three families through the Salvation Army Adopt a Family Program.

Kim Dean, Joyce Pianin and Kim Callison invited the fourth grade students and families to sponsor one family for each class.

"Parents, children and teachers worked together to provide three families with clothes, food and Christmas presents for the holiday," Dean said. "The children received clothing, coats, boots and shoes. A baby crib was given, along with bikes, Rollerblades and helmets."

The Northville High School Student Congress collected holiday cards from students and sent them to Walter Reed Hospital for wounded soldiers. The Student Congress also collected items to be delivered to the Wayne County Family Shelter. A number of students are also making a trip with Bridgepoint to deliver gifts in Detroit. The National Honor Society sponsored their annual canned food drive, and the items will be distributed to the Northville Civic Concern and Food Gatherers.



SUEM TIED PHOTOS

Winchester Elementary class with Kindness Box.



Three Winchester Elementary students holding Kindness Box.



Hillside students volunteering at a food drive with over 6,000 items

State senator takes on Hollywood

■ Cassis wants to cap film industry tax credits at \$50M

BY LARRY RUEHLEN STAFF WRITER

Michael B. Chait is trying to crack into the movie business. And he doesn't like his chances if State Sen. Nancy Cassis is successful in capping film industry tax credits to \$50 million.

"By the time a lot of Michigan directors, producers and film entrepreneurs would finally be in the position to make their film, it's more likely than not that the tax credits will have been all used up by Hollywood productions swooping in to make sure they save their money first," said Chait, an Oakland County director.

With Michigan mired in a prolonged recession lawmakers enacted sweeping legislation to lure movies from Hollywood, where filmmaking is typically more expensive due to regulations and tax issues. Michigan's incentive program was heralded as the most aggressive in the nation, giving filmmakers a 42 percent tax credit in return for the promise of bringing new jobs and added spending to hotels, restaurants, costume designers and the like.

At the beginning, Cassis stood alone in her criticism of the tax credit, but others are catching on to her message.

"We've put all our eggs in one basket," she said. "What are we doing to help small businesses, which employ 75 percent of workers in our state?'

Cassis, who fears the movie industry won't translate into more jobs for Michigan residents, wants to cap the credits at \$50 million per year. State Rep. George Cushingberry Jr., D-Detroit, has joined her call for a cap and other legislators are beginning to question just how much the tax credits are going

State Treasurer Robert Kleine estimates Michigan will grant some \$100 million in film tax credits for 2008, though final numbers won't be in for months as paperwork shuffles through

Lansing for such films as "Gran Torino," which was shot in metro Detroit earlier this year and opened in area theaters Friday. Director Clint Eastwood was the moving force behind "Gran Torino" and even he had something to say to Cassis about filming in Michigan.

"I met him while he was filming in Highland Park," said Cassis. "He said, you know, we would have probably filmed in Michigan anyway, but the rebate was nice.' It was refreshing. I was impressed with his openness."

While Oscar-winning Eastwood does as he pleases, Chait is on the other end of the spectrum. He directs commercials to pay for the independent films he loves to make, hoping one will get noticed and the call will come to work for a major studio.

"If the tax credits were meant to finally give Michigan-based filmmakers, who lack the access, excess and connection to Hollywood, a chance to direct, produce and make their own legitimate feature films, this move would be a death blow to many hopes and dreams that could finally be realized largely in part from the incentives these credits offer," said Chait.

Cassis spent the end of last week hammering out budget legislation before lawmakers ended 2008.

"We decided to wait and see what we could get done in 2009," said Cassis, of the film credits. "I think it will be one of the most important issues of 2009. We are expected to have a \$500 million to \$1 billion deficit. Something must be done. We are absolutely bleeding our general fund to give incentives

to the movie industry."

Janet Lockwood, director of the Michigan Film Office, opposes a cap.

It's too early to tell how much the incentives will cost," she said. "We don't even have all the paperwork in. We have to give this program a chance to work."

SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 18, 2008 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Thursday, December 18, 2008 TIME: 730 pm

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order ROLL CALL: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard

Henningsen, Marjorie Banner Marv Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - approved Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions Announcements:

A.Employee recognition Re-appoint - Janet Naughton - Northville Youth Assistance - approved

Re-appoint - Joyce Whelan - Board of Review approved Re-appoint - Tom Schneider - Board of Review -

approved E.Re-appoint - Marjorie Banner - Historical District Commission - approved F. Appoint - William Sivy - Historical District Commission -

Appoint - Richard Henningsen - Liaison to Northville Semors - approved
H. Appoint - Mindy Herrmann - Alternate to

SEMCOG - approved I.Re-appoint - Chris Roosen - Northville Youth Assistance approved

J. Appoint - Mike Savant - Board of Review - approved K.Appoint - Mindy Herrmann - Parks & Recreation Commission - approved

Public Hearings: A. Community Development Block 3. Grant Public Hearing

Brief Public Comments: NONE New Business: A.Five Mile Road Water Booster Station - C O #5 and

payment #16 - approved B.2008 Year - End Budget Amendments - approved C.The Senior Alliance Dues - approved Parks and Recreation Commission By-laws -

E. Parks and Recreation iBanneri Program - approved F. Senior Advisory Commission By-laws - approved 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant Budget - approved Approval of 2009 Financial Institutions -

6. Unfinished Business: None

Ordinances: None Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of

\$624,346 67 - approved Board Communication & Reports: Reports were given by Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjone Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Mindy Herrmann, Chip

Snider Any other business or public comment for the Board 10.

of Trustees: None Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8 20 P.M. The unapproved draft of the board minutes will be available after January 6, 2009.

Respectfully submitted: Sue A. Hillebrand, CMC

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City of Northville **Final Statement of Objectives** 2009 Wayne County Community Development **Block Grant Funds**

The Northville City Council approved the following Community Development Block Grant projects for the 2009 Program year:

> Allen Terrace Improvements Senior Center Programming Program Administration

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Total Estimated Allocation

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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE Regular board meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p m Study Sessions, when held, are scheduled for the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p m. Special meetings of

the Board may be called with a minimum public notice of 18 hours Meetings are open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

> Dates: January 15 February 19 March 19 Aprıl 16 May 21 June 18 July 16 August 20 September 17 October 15 November 19 December 17

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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Charter Township of Northville

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Locals girls performing recently in "The Nutcracker" include (I to r, back) Emily Zion, 13, Andrea Bess, 12, Emma Yakima, 12, Amy Yakima, 15, and (front) Lauren Yakima, 7. Emily Zion is in eighth grade and Emma Yakima is in seventh grade, and both attend Meads Mill Middle School. Andrea Bess is in seventh grade and attends Sacred Heart in Dearborn. Amy Yakima is in 10th grade at Northville High School and a member of the Northville High School Dance Company. Lauren Yakima is in second grade at Moraine Elementary.

Northville girls perform in The Nutcracker

■ Ballet took place over Thanksgiving weekend

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Northville was well-presented at a holiday performance last month.

Several Northville girls had the opportunity to perform with the Dearborn Ballet Theatre, Inc., at a performance over Thanksgiving weekend.

Five girls performed in the classic, "The Nutcracker," a holiday favor-ite, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center. Members of the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra provided the musical accompaniment, and Loni Lane served as artistic director.

The girls from Northville included Emma Yakima, 12, a seventh-grader at Meads Mill Middle School; Emily Zion, 13, an eighth-grader at Meads Mill; Lauren Yakima, 7, a second-grader at Moraine Elementary; Amy Yakima, 15, a sophomore at Northville High School and a member of the Northville High School Dance Company; and Andrea Bess, a seventhgrader at Sacred Heart in Dearborn.

The girls all attend Noretta Dunworth School of Dance in Dearborn. Emma Yakima and Andrea Bess both danced the role of Clara. Emma performed that role on Friday, Nov. 28, for the opening night show, and Bess performed as Clara on Saturday, Nov. 29, for the matinee. Both of the girls had other roles on the opposite day of performing as Clara. They were in the March, Gallop, Snowflakes, Flutes, and Waltz of the Flowers. Amy Yakima performed the role of the Snow Queen and danced with a guest artist from the professional Milwaukee Ballet, Marc Petrocci, as the Snow King. She also

performed the Pas de Deux in the Chinese, the Flutes and Waltz of the Flowers. Emily Zion was in the March, Gallop, Snowflakes. Spanish, and Waltz of the Flowers. Lauren Yakima was in the Prologue, March, Sleeper, Angels, and Clowns.

Amy Yakima has previous professional experience dancing with the Radio City Rockettes at the Fox Theatre in 2003, 2004 and 2005, as Clara. She also performed at Radio City Music Hall in New York in the same role in 2006. She was thrilled to be cast in the role of Snow Queen and to have the opportunity to work with Marc Petrocci from the Milwaukee ballet. All the girls felt privileged to work with the other principal dancers - Rasta Thomas, dancing as the Sugar Plum Fairy's Cavalier, and Adrienne Canterna, as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

All of the girls have been dancing since the age of 2-4 years old. They all dance three-five days per week and train throughout the summer, as well, taking all forms of dance - ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, hip hop, contemporary and gymnas tics. They are all members of the competition group at Noretta Dunworth School of Dance, attending dance conventions, competitions and intensives all over the country throughout the year, winning numerous awards and scholarships.

This past summer, the four older girls performed in a dance number from "Distortion," that won the top prize of \$3,500 in a dance-off at West Coast Dance Explosion's Las Vegas Nationals.

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Kelly & Kelly observe 20 years in Northville

■ Daughter joins law firm

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Ryan Mae Steele recently experienced one of the most important days of her life.

That special day was having her two attorney parents, Michele and John Kelly, see her, too, sworn in as a law-

The family also celebrates its 20th anniversary of the firm being located in Northville this year. Their current office is at 422 E. Main St.

John, Michele and Ryan all graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, and the Kellys' son, Michael, is currently a first-year law student at the downtown school.

John is a Certified Public Accountant and specializes in wills, trusts and estates. Michele focuses on divorce and family law, and Ryan is currently working with her mother in that area.

Michele says 21st century relationships have placed some new twists on the practice of family law, with such vehicles as cohabitation agreements being designed for unmarried couples living together.

"People also plan their divorces more now," Michele said. "They plan their exit strategies way before filing."

When children are involved, she said shes always considers what's best for the child.

PATERNITY CASES

Michele also has extensive experience in paternity cases and has had articles on the subject published in such national magazines as Time, Men's Health and the National Law Journal.

"I had one client who was tricked into signing an acknowledgement of paternity when he wasn't the father," she said. "That's a lifetime commitment."

Other men have discovered they are not the father of a child after paying thousands of dollars of child support.

This is very difficult to undo, and the courts are often not very sympathetic," Michele said.

In fact, she believes every baby should have a DNA test to show the identity of the father.

"Thirty percent of babies born that are DNA-tested show the man listed on the birth certificate is not the father," she said.

A mother can be sued for fraud if an attorney learns she tricked the father into establishing paternity.



Ryan Mae Steele, center, with her parents, John and Michele Kelly, all of Kelly & Kelly law firm, at her swearing-in ceremony earlier this year at the Oakland County Courthouse. She has now joined the Northville firm at 422 E. Main St., working in family law like her mother. Her father, a Certified Public Accountant, focuses more on the financial side of the law, such as handling wills, trusts and estates. The firm celebrates 20 years in business this year.

"I have one client who has a 7-year-old child that he just learned isn't his child," Michele said.

Paternity fraud can be damaging to the child as well as a man's checking account if there are unknown medical issues.

"It's important for people to protect

themselves," Ryan said. John said many couples are signing up for prenuptial or postnuptial agreements, and he often advises this as he deals more with the financial aspects of

We have very close relationships with our clients," Michele said. "It's a family law firm, which a lot of people like. It's friendly, and we offer a lot of personal attention. Now that Ryan's joined the firm, we also offer some long-term stability. Kelly & Kelly is going to be around for a long time. It's definitely a family affair."

The Kellys also have a son, Jack, who lives in the area and owns a landscape design business with his office above the law firm and a daughter, Megan, who's a senior at Northville High School.

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WHINE TO WINE SET JAN. 14

The Northville Kelly & Kelly law firm will sponsor a unique event from 6-8 pm Jan, 14 at Wine Sync at 122 W Main Street. "Whine to Wine," which will be an event similar to speed dating, will offer attendees an opportunity to meet for a few minutes with professionals such as lawyers, insurance agents, real estate agents, mortgage brokers, accountants and financial advisors in a casual setting Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. "We're thinking about 10 minutes each with whichever professionals they wish to talk with," said John Kelly of Kelly &

There is no cost to attend, but people must R.S V.P. by Jan. 7, as space is limited. "People need advice in this type of economy," Kelly said. "We want to showcase what the community has to offer." For more information, call (248) 348-0496.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

NHS CLASS OF 2009 SENIOR ALL-NIGHT PARTY

The parents of Northville High School's Senior Class of 2009 are seeking the commu-'s support for the All-Night Party to be held at the high school on Saturday, May 30, beginning at 10:30 p.m. and ending on Sunday, May 31 at 4:30 a.m.

The party is an annual NHS tradition that follows graduation ceremonies and provides seniors with a safe, alcoholfree chaperoned celebration. Senior All-Night Party fun includes food, music, and a "secret" theme. Months of work by creative parents all come together on this special final night of the students' high

school experience. Senior Party tickets are on sale until December 31 at the discounted price of \$60. As of January 1, 2009, the price goes up to \$75. The price includes a T-shirt and admittance to the party. Checks can be made payable to Northville Senior Class Party and mailed to Randy Buoy, 16400 Sutters 48168. Please write the student's first and last name and T-shirt size on the memo line of the check.

Community support is greatly needed to make the Senior All-Night Party a success. Area merchants and individual donors play a significant role in the event through their generous donations of cash, goods and/or gift certificates.

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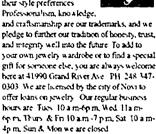


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TIME/DATE 10-11 a m every Saturday LOCATION Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads)

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

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

TIME 515 pm Saturday, 915 and 1115 am Sunday

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CONTACT For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe org Charmed Influence TIME/DATE 9 30 a m every hednesday

DETAILS Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage CONTACT Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe org or call the church

FIRST WRITED WETHODIST OF MORTHYFLLE

A Stephen Ministry church LOCATION 777 W Eight Mile Road CONTACT (248) 349 1144 or fumchorthy, le org Sunday Worship TIME 8, 915 and 11 a m Coffee hour at 11 a.m. **Healing Service** TIME/DATE 4 p m first Monday of every month Radical Joy

TIME/DATE 6-8 pm 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: 5 15-8 15 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

NOT WHITED METHODIST LOCATION 41671 W 10 Mile Road

CONTACT. (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi com Sunday Worship TIME: 9:45 a m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion TIME/DATE 9 45 a m first Sunday of every month

Peace Vigil

TIME/DATE. Noon, first Sunday of every month LOCATION in front of the church DETAILS Rembers of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace Advent Service TIME/DATE 945 am Sunday

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LOCATION, 40000 Six Mile Road CONTACT. (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978 Sunday Worship

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 9 30 a m and 11 a m services Service Broadcast

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

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAXILY LOCATION 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi org Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY, 730, 9, 1030 am and 1215 pm. Sunday; 9 a m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 6:30 a m Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7 pm Tuesday, 5 pm (English), 6:30 pm. (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 fast Wednesday of each

DETAILS Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County Child care is available. Registration is required

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE LOCATION 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight

Mile Road CONTACT (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene

Sunday Schedule: 9 15 a m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship, 10 15 a m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship, 6 p.m. Evening

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Service, Children's program, Youth Worship

Thursday Schedule: 6 a m Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC

LOCATION 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi CONTACT, (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 8, 9 30 and 11 30 a m. Sunday: 9 a m Monday-Tuesday, 7 p m Wednesday; 5 p m Saturday

Mothers Group

Service

TIME/DATE 9 30-11 a m first and third Wednesday every month, through May 20 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 RAPTIST CHURCH OF MORTHYPLE

LOCATION 217 N Wing CONTACT. (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship, 10:45 a m and 545 p m Sunday School 9:30 a m. Ladies Bible Study: 9.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study 9 a m first Saturday of every month

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN

LOCATION, 44400 W 10 Mile Road CONTACT. (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommu-

nity-novi org Sunday Worship 10 a m LOGOS

TIME/DATE: 4 30 p.m. every Wednesday DETAILS: For children in kindergarten to 6th grade Enjoy recreation, Bible study, music and

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LOCATION 201 Elm St., Northyille CONTACT, (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship 830 am Blended, 11 am Contemporary; 11 30 a m. Traditional

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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 **Adult Christian Education Classes** TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every Tuesday YogaFit Classes TIME/DATE: 7.30 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: 11 30 a m every Sunday

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LOCATION. 770 Thayer, Northville CONTACT. (248) 349-2621 or olynorthylle org Saturday Worship TIME: 5 p m

Sunday Worship TIME 7.30, 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

DETAILS Nursery staffed by Nanny Poppinz

OUR SHEPHERD PRESDYTERIAN CHURCH LOCATION 140 N Center, above Tuito's in Old

Church Square, Northville CONTACT Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891 Sunday Worship 11:30 a m with fellowship and food after service

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LOCATION 45301 W 11 Mile Road CONTACT (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi org Family Bible Hour 9.45 a m Family Worship II a m

Bible Study. 6 p m Family Movie Night 530 p.m., fourth Sunday of every month

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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 ord

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Q. What's your clientele like?

A. We currently have over 100 students – single men, single ladies, couples ... we have a pretty nice mix. They come from all over - Dearborn, Wixom... I think the furthest may be Howell. The ages are anywhere from 11 to mid-70s. We have five kids ages 11 to 15. It's something the kids asked to do. I think it's the "Dancing With the Stars" (television show) thing. It's made people more aware of ballroom dancing, that it's not just this stuffy thing that older people do. It's fun, sexy, romantic and exciting. It's great exercise. And



Instructors Dominique Crawford and Theresa Sockey perform a waltz.

for a couple, it's a great date night. Come in and dance a bit and then go out to dinner.

Q. What kinds of dancing do you teach?

A. We teach everything fortrot, swing, cha-cha, mambo. We even teach polka and western. Our most popular are foxtrot, swing and rhumba. Right now, people who like to go out are doing salsa and chacha. The cost depends on the program, but they all include

private lessons, group lessons and practice parties on Friday evenings. Right now we have a special for \$199 for two groups, two private lessons and two practice parties.

Q. How long are lessons?

A. We have people, like wedding couples, who come in just for a month to get their wedding dance choreographed. Then they come back and show us the videos; they're so cute. Then we have people who have been here six to eight years. It's a real hobby for them.

Q. What's the key to your success? A. It's fun! When people

walk in, they can leave all their troubles at the doorstep. They walk into the ballroom and dance. It's a great physical activity, so it makes people happy. We're also doing something brand new called core rhythms, an exercise class based on dance. It has become so successful. We have those at 9:30 in the morning on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. We get a ton of people, all drop-ins.

For more information, call (248) 349-1133.

CLASSES

■ Scottie's Kitchen (149 N. Center) will host the following classes taught by Mary Spencer (unless indicated otherwise) Cost is \$40, times are 6-8 pm Call (248) 344-7990 for more information. All Wrapped Up, Tuesday, Jan 13; will include tamales. egg roles and more. Weight Watcher Meals: Thursday, Jan. 15 Souffles and Mousses, Tuesday, Jan 20 Fish, Thursday, Jan. 22 Southern Flare, Wednesday, Jan 28, taught by Debbie

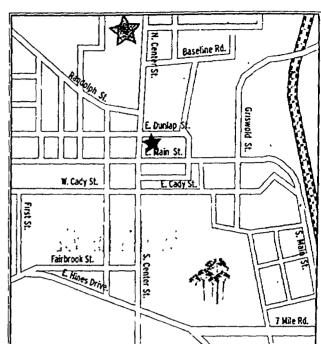
■ Prudy Vannier of Northville Gallery (123 E Main) will be teaching a six-week beginner decorative painting course on Tuesday evenings starting Jan 6 If interested, or would like to give this class as a gift, stop by to sign up Call

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(248) 465-9630 for more information SPECIAL EVENTS

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BUSINESS MILESTONES



m First Friday Art Wallo Experience a unique night out amidst small town beauty and big city art yearround in downtown Northville. The popular First Friday Art Walk kicks off the 2009 season from 6-9 pm on January 2 when the town comes alive and celebrates the arts. As guests stroll along the streets of downtown Northville's growing art and fashion district, they will enjoy a night filled with art exhibits (highlighting featured artists each month), art demonstrations and related events The sounds of 93.9 The River will fill Northville Square (133 W Main Street) as the station will be on site with their River Roadie Team providing

guests with station giveaways and a chance to win great raffle prizes, including certificates from downtown merchants. Downtown Northville's participating First Friday Art galleries and stores are open from 6.9 p m with many of the establishments along the walk offering complimentary horsid' deuvres and beverages for their quests as they browse or shop Participating First Friday Art Walk galferies include Northville Gallery (123 E Main); Starring The Gallery (118 W Main), The Tom James Gallery of Fine Art (117 E. Main), For more information on participants, visit http://downtownnorthville.com/whatsGoingOn/ FirstFridays htm



Northville Township Arthur Murray Dance Studio instructors Theresa Sockey and Dominique Crawford perform a waltz at the Six Mile Road location.

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NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Jacque Martin-Downs, LMSW, BCD of Northville has been recertified as a Board

Certified 🐃 Diplomate in Clinical Social Work, a prestigious national credential for advanced clinical social workers.

Martin-Downs Issued by the American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work (ABE), the BCD is annually renewable based

on high levels of professional achievement and maintenance of state licensure in good standing. Martin-Downs maintains a private clinical practice with a special focus on children/ado-

lescents and families at 426

South Main St. Northville. She received her graduate education at the University of Michigan in 1989 and has a master's degree in special education from Eastern Michigan University, as well.

Her practice specializes in anxiety, depression, phobias, school difficulties, relationship issues and substance abuse.

She can be reached at (800) 940-3808.

Ajay Gupta, M.D., Thoracic Surgery, has joined the staff of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Gupta received his undergraduate and medical degrees in general surgery from Wayne State University, and completed a residency at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

He completed a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery at

the University of Texas, San Antonio, and a fellowship in Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgery at the University of Minnesota.



Ajay Gupta

He is board certified in thoracic surgery and a member of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, American Association for Thoracic Surgery, and Michigan State Medical Society.

Gupta's office, Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgeons of Ann Arbor, PC, is located at 14555 Levan Road, Suite E-402, Livonia. (734) 779-0750.

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known nonprofit (501(c)3) allows for charitable tax deductions. Unfortunately, as a 501(c)6 organization we can not provide tax deductions for any donations nor do we receive the non-profit postal rates. We, like our membership, operate like a small business, and are facing tough challenges due to the current economic environment. In order for us to continue our operations, beginning in January, our office will be closed on Mondays. Additionally, full-time staff have been reduced to part-time. We are confident that we will weather the storm and continue to provide the quality of service

and events our membership and our community has come to expect.

What can I do?

The show must go on ... and as long as we continue to receive support from our members, sponsors and the community, it will. We look forward to creating fun and memorable experiences through our community events, events that will only continue with support. So, make plans to bring your family and friends to downtown Northville for our Fire and Ice Festival on January 31 and visit our Taste of Northville Business Showcase at the Northville High School March 14. Yes, your attendance matters. Come the warmer months, sign up for the annual Golf Outing to be held at Northville Hills June 10 or have a great evening out with friends and buy tickets for the annual Grub Crawl on July 28 and enjoy the area's best restaurants. If you are a business owner, become a sponsor, which offers the opportunity for great advertising/brand recognition while also supporting a community event. Contact us at (248) 349-7640 and we will work together to continue the Northville tradition of memorable community events.

For more information, call the Northville Chamber at (248) 349-7640 or visit us at 195 S. Main Street. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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OUR VIEWS

When celebrating, play it safe

For most of us, December, and the beginning of January, is a whirlwind of activity. Whether it's finding those last presents or attending holiday or football gatherings, there's little time for rest.

It seems there's little time for some peace and quiet; most of the time is spent sharing with families and friends. That's what the season is all about, after all.

But while it's a time to be festive, there's always a chance to indulge in a little too much holiday cheer, which can create problems that last far beyond the New

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, a person is killed every 40 minutes because of someone who chose to drive after having one too many. In 2007 alone, an estimated 13,000 people lost their lives in drunk drivingrelated crashes.

According to surveys conducted by MADD in 2002, Americans took more than 159 million alcohol-impaired trips, compared to 116 million taken in 1997. Of those 159 million trips, more than 10 percent (18 million trips) were made by 18- to 20-year-olds, who are not even old enough to legally consume alcohol.

Awareness of these statistics is only the first step in being part of the solution. If you are hosting a gathering over the next several weeks, here are some tips to ensure that your guests can arrive safely home for the holidays.

Provide non-alcoholic drinks, such as hot chocolate, hot apple cider, or alcohol-free eggnog for your party

■ If children or young adults under the legal drinking age are invited, keep adult beverages separate from those intended for younger guests.

■ Make sure that guests who do choose to imbibe have a safe method for returning back to their homes, once the party has ended. ■ Have phone numbers on hand for the safe ride

programs (such as The Designate) available in Metro

■ If the celebration runs later than expected, offer lodging for the night to ensure guests a safer time period for their return trip home.

Beyond being a responsible party host, your actions during this festive time of year sets the tone for younger people in your lives. If you want your children, grandchildren nieces and nephews to make the right choices, it starts by giving them the proper model to follow.

Have fun when celebrating, but remember to be smart about it.



Two pedestrians walk along Northville's West Main St. at the height of Friday's snowstorm. Northville Schools were cancelled for the day and traffic was slowed by the eight inches of white stuff.

PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYILLE RECORD

A city plow moves along Dunlap St. at the height of Friday's snowstorm. Northylle received more than eight inches of snow in the storm that began

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What a great "Gift"

We're writing to commend Northville High School's "The Gift of Song", performed on Dec. 13.

We were visiting Northville, and had the opportunity to witness and listen to excellence - quality singing voices, an outstanding Symphonic Band and well-coordinated staging and presentation - all evidence of hard work and discipline. It was fun entertainment, and it demonstrated what Christmas is really all about! The school facility is state-of-the-art, as are the faculty, students and supporters.

By the way, we're also proud of our two granddaughters who performed in the Symphonic

We thank your community and school for the pleasing hospitality and a fine evening.

Anne and Andy Takacs

Stevensville

IN YOUR VOICE

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices, on the Web at hometownlife.com.

Letters to the Editor: Angry at CVS

Ms. Johnson: Your anger at CVS is completely misplaced. You say CVS bought out Northville Pharmacy. I could just as well say Northville Pharmacy sold itself to CVS. CVS couldn't have bought Northville Pharmacy if Northville Pharmacy was unwilling to sell itself. You say all CVS cares about is money. You have it backwards. CVS paid the money, Northville Pharmacy got the money. Looks to me all Northville Pharmacy cared about was money, not service to people. Northville Pharmacy wanted to bail out, saw an opportunity and took it (and the cash). desi2008

I agree desi2008. It takes 2 to tango!

evaaa

■ TOM WATKINS: Are we building schools to nowhere?

Brilliant. We are all going to have to embrace the fact that we cannot continue to do the same old things in the same old ways and expect different results. Vision and Change is what we need to positively jump start our educational system so that our kids can become competitive in this global economy. Change is what we need, and hopefully the understanding of the need for Change is what we have just elected to the Presidency.

TIPlady

Does the death of newspapers equal the death of democracy?

ewspapers are dying across America. Michigan is America. Michigan is not immune. Does the death of newspapers equal the death of our democracy?

We are losing great newspaper writers to budget cuts and early and forced retirements. One has to wonder when the last quality writer will be asked to shut off the lights of once-proud newspapers that are protectors of our democracy.

Maureen Dowd, the New York Times op-ed columnist recent reported that a local paper in Pasadena, California has outsourced local news coverage to India. The owner calls his local online pioneering efforts a "glocal" paper. The "Indians are writing about everything from the Pasadena Christmas tree-lighting ceremony to kitchen remodeling to city debates about eliminating plastic shopping bags," writes Dowd.

If we lose America's newspapers will we also lose a vital institution necessary to protect our liberty?

It is sad. Sadder still is that few in the general public even seem to be taking notice of the loss of quality report-

ing across the state and nation. This is an enormous blow to our collective freedom and our democracy.

The great news reporter, Walter Cronkite, remarked, "Freedom of the press is not just important to democ-

racy; it is democracy."
How can we have "freedom of the press" when it appears to be a dying institution in America today?

In a democracy, we need journalists to hold the government accountable. Can that be done from Mumbai, India? An independent, experienced and competent press is vital to governmental transparency, integrity and the only check on unfettered government

Perhaps our third president, Thomas Jefferson, said it best when he



Tom Watkins

declared, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate for a moment to prefer the latter."

CUALITY JOURNALISM IS GETTING THE SLOW

BOIL!

What is happening to quality journalism in Michigan and America is more like the old folk tale - if you throw a frog into a pot of boiling water, it will quickly hop out. But if you put a frog into a pot of cold water and raise the temperature ever so slowly, the gradual warming will make the frog doze happily as it is cooked to death.

No, no one is coming into our cities and small towns and shutting down the presses in one fell swoop; it is more insidious than that. It is the gradual killing off of talented, decent reporting. It is the loss of investigative reporting when a team of competent journalists dig deep into an issue and present the public with its findings.

Now that we have entered a turbulent and transformational, global, knowledge-based economy, we need quality news reporting more than ever. What we are getting is more "press release news" that seems to be spoon fed to some copy writer directly from the PR flacks from corporate and government entities.

"A good newspaper is a nation talking to itself - Arthur Miller

If you are a newspaper junkie as am I, you must have noticed that if you have read one paper, it seems as if you have read them all. The only thing that changes from one paper to the other appears to be the advertisements. The

articles all seem to be the same - the same wire service telling us what is important to know.

This approach to news reporting seems very similar to what I am used to reading on my various trips to the People's Republic of China, where they have Xinhua News Agency, China's official news service - where one size has to fit all.

Newspapers are important institutions in safeguarding our democracy but they are also businesses that must compete in the realities of the new global and technologically driven economy. Our newspapers and our democracy are dependent on the our economy and advertising dollars; they are in a sharp decline. The reality is that ad revenue is down for newspapers. Advertising reportedly represents 75 to 80 percent of most newspaper companies' revenue. It is a sad reality that the cost of our freedom is dependent on the bottom line.

Can our state and nation, can the sheer vibrancy of our very democracy, be sustained when such vital institutions as strong, quality news reporting and newspapers are dying off? Will blogs, YouTube, e-mails, independent journalism funded by philanthropy, e-mails and text messaging fill the news gap? Are newspapers imploding and will the medium simply shifted to new venues that can and will serve our democratic values and the public good?

Do you get the same warm feeling starting the day with a good cup of coffee and your morning blog or YouTube?

The Times - and all the news that is fit to print - are a changin'!" Change is inevitable, progress should not be optional.

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

Smart Auto Features for Older Drivers

Dear Savvy Senior, Are there any good resources that offer tips on what older drivers should look for when purchasing a new car? My wife and I have been looking around, but at ages 69 and 71 we want to make sure we get a good vehicle that meets

our future needs and current

budget. Senior Drivers

Dear Senior, The National Older Driver Research and Training Center at the University of Florida and AAA recently developed a handy new guide called "Smart Features for Mature Drivers" that's perfect for seniors who are in the market for a new car or those evaluating their current one. Here's what you should know.

SHOPPING GUIDE

Even healthy seniors face some degree of physical challenge (reduced vision, mobility, strength, range of motion and reaction time) that can make driving more difficult. Finding a vehicle with features that meets those challenges can make a big difference in both pleasure and safety.

"Smart Features for Mature Drivers" is a great tool to help seniors evaluate a vehicle, by focusing on the different features that address age-related problems. Here are some of the features they recommend you look for, depending on what ails you:

· Limited range of motion: Drivers with limited flexibility in the neck, back and arms usually have a difficult time looking over their shoulder to back-up or to merge into traffic, and have a hard time reaching for their seat belt too. These drivers can benefit from large, wide-angle mirrors which minimize blind spots, a tilt and telescoping steering wheel that offers more comfortable positions to alleviate neck and shoulder pain, adjustable seat belts that are easier to reach, and heated seats with lumbar support to help those stiff achy backs.

Limited mobility: If you suffer from hip or leg pain or limited knee range of motion,." look for vehicles that have low door thresholds, six-way adjustable power seats, and seat heights that come up to your mid-thigh level. These features make it easier for you to get into and out of the vehicle.

Arthritic hands: Drivers who have hand or wrist arthritis or a weak upper body can benefit from thick steering wheels which are easier to grip, keyless entry and ignition that eliminates twisting and turning, power mirrors and seats that are easy to operate, larger dashboard controls with buttons versus knobs that are easier to manipulate, and four-door models versus twodoor cars which have longer



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Senior party

Attendees of last week's Northville Senior Center's holiday luncheon enjoy a performance by the Timberland Studio

heavier doors that are harder to open.

 Diminished vision: Drivers with diminished vision and sensitivity to glare will find extendable sun visors helpful, as well as larger audio and climate controls with contrasting text which are easier to see.

· Short drivers: For older drivers that are small in stature it can be a challenge to comfortably reach the pedals without being too close to the airbag or being able to see over the steering wheel safely. To help with these problems, look for vehicles with adjustable foot pedals, tilt and telescoping steering wheel and six-way adjustable seats.

SAFETY FEATURES

AAA also recommends that all seniors, regardless of their health issues, look for vehicles with solid safety features and a proven safety record. Start by checking the vehicle's crash test and rollover ratings which you can find at www.safercar. gov http://www.safercar. gov/>. Other safety features to look for include: side and dual-stage/threshold air bags that adjust the deployment force based on the severity of the crash; adjustable head restraints and extra padding that moves forward to cushion the head, reducing neck injuries when a car is hit from the rear; antilock brakes that prevents the wheels from locking during emergency braking; and dynamic stability control which helps prevent loss of

control in a turn. **SAVVY TIP**

To get a copy of the "Smart Features for Mature Drivers brochure, call your local AAA (call 800-564-6222 to get your local number). You can also view it online at www. aaa.com/seniors http://www. aaa.com/seniors> along with their list of 2008 vehicles that provides these senior-friendly features.



Members of the Timberland Studio of Dance's Beautiful Worship Dance Ensemble perform at the Northville Senior Community Center's senior holiday luncheon on Dec. 18.

Send your senior questions to: Suvvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070. or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior"

Support Services Help Seniors Living with Cancer

Dear Savvy Senior What kinds of resources or support services are available to help seniors living with cancer? My husband is being treated for prostate cancer and has become exhausted and very depressed about it. Looking for Help

Dear Looking

Most people, when they think of cancer support and treatment, think of chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. But there's a lot more to fighting cancer than destroying cancer cells. Here's what you should know.

HELP IS AVAILABLE

As the number of cancer survivors in the U.S grows

to more than 11 million, so, too, does the need for support services to help patients and family members deal with the physical, emotional and financial side effects that can come with it. Today, a variety of services and programs exist that can help with a wide spectrum of cancer-related issues such as depression, anxiety, fatigue, pain, family and caregiving issues, financial and insurance concerns and more.

Depending on your husband's needs, for example, there are counselors, social workers and cancer support groups that can help with depression, anxiety and other psychological issues; nutritionists and dietitians to help deal with nausea, loss of appetite, fatigue or mouth sores: and physical therapists, pain specialists, acupuncturists and message therapists that can assist with pain and discom-

FINDING SERVICES

To find out what kinds of cancer support services and programs are available in your community, start by asking the clinic, medical center or hospital that's treating your husband. His doctor or nurse

with referrals. Larger health care or cancer treatment centers usually offer a wide variety of on-staff support services. However, if your husband is being treated in a small clinic or you live in a rural area, finding help may be more difficult. You can also visit www.cancer.org < http:// www.cancer.org/>, type in your zip code and search for services online. If you don't find any pro-

should be able to provide you

Rick Kozak, right, and other members of the double deck pinochle crew

enjoy some food along with friends at the Northville Senior Community

grams locally that meet his needs, there are also a growing number of Internet support services that can be mighty helpful too. Here are some to check out:

Cancercare (www.cancercare.org): A national nonprofit organization that provides free professional support services to cancer patients and caregivers, including counseling. education, financial assistance and practical help. You cant and also call 800-813-4673, and get help over the phone.

· American Cancer Society Cancer Survivors Network (www.acsesn.org < http://www. acscsn.org/>): This site has online support, social networking, personal survivor Web pages, links to support services and a free Life After Cancer Treatment book.

· The Lance Armstrong Foundation (www.livestrong. org http://www.livestrong. org/>; 866-467-7205): Provides counseling and referrals to local resources, helps address financial and insurance concerns and more.

 National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship awaw. canceradvocacy org http

Center - during their annual holiday party. www.canceradvocacy.org/>): Offers a free online "Cancer Survivor Toolbox" audio program that helps with decision making, finding information, tips for older persons, paying for care, living beyond cancer and more.

> National Cancer Institute (www.cancer.gov - click on "Cancer Topics"; 800-422-6237): Provides a wide variety of helpful information on coping with cancer, along with a section dedicated to cancer survivorship - see dccps.nci. nih.gov/ocs.

 American Society of Clinical Oncology (www. cancer.net/patient/coping): Offers good information and resources to help cope with and manage care.

· Association of Cancer Online Resources (www.acor. org http://www.acor.org/>): Provides information and support through their Internet miniling lists and concer-related Web-based resources.

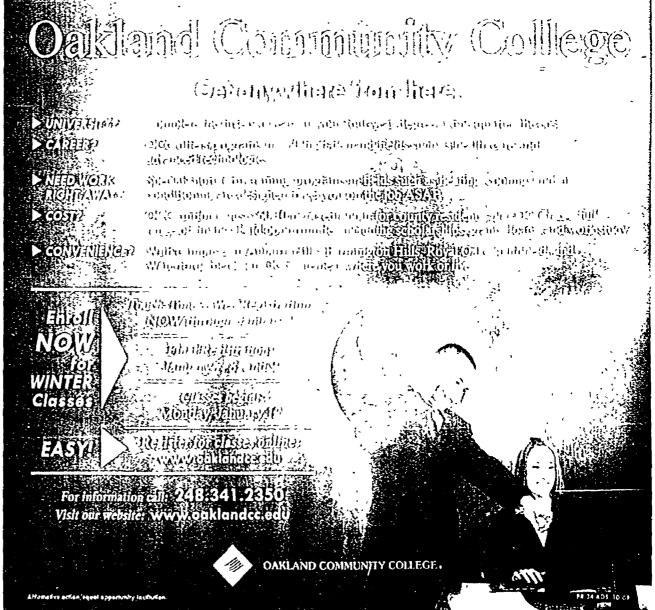
SAVVY TIP

The Institute of Medicine also provides a comprehensive list of resources for cancer patients and caregivers at www.iom.edu/cancerwholecare http://www.iom. edu/cancerwholecare> - click on "Resource List and Role Models.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of 'The Sacry Semor'



at hometownlife.com



Local Events

DANCE ME A STORY

TIME/DATE: 9.30-11 30 a m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec 29-30 LOCATION 43334 W Seven Mile Road, Suite 250, in the Northville Research Center

DETAILS Take a ride on the Polar Express with the Center Stage Dance Company, On-board activities include storytelling. snacks, dancing, crafts and more. Passengers must be ages 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. Wear your favorite pajamas Cost for the two-day trip is

\$99. CONTACT. Visit www dancingcenterstage com or call (248) 380-1666.

NORTHYILLE NITE

TIME/DATE 5-9 p m, Wednesday, Dec. 31

LOCATION Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School, 700 Baseline (8 Mile &

DETAILS A family friendly evening on New Year's Eve. Families will have a night of carnival games, entertainment, and food. Tickets go quickly. Presented by Northville Parks and Recreation CONTACT: Northville Parks & Recreation (248) 349-0203

DANCE LECTURE

TIME/DATE: 7 p m Wednesday,

LOCATION Wass Harriet's Dance Studio, 133 Wilmain Street, Suite 190, Northville

DETAILS: A free lecture for aspiring dancers, singers and actors and their parents. CONTACT (248) 349-1111

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009 LOCATION Amerman Elementary

DETAILS Contact Kristin Chen for an appointment at (248) 735-

NORTHVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

8928 or kmchen68@yahoo com or schedule online at www givelife. org. Enter sponsor code: amerman

FIRE & ICE FESTIVAL

Community Week'ies | Thursday December 25 2008

TIME/DATE: Noon to 4 p m. Saturday, Jan 31 **LOCATION** Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street and Town Square (Downtown Northville) **DETAILS:** This annual event features the popular chili and salsa cook off competition, ice sculptures, and ice carving demonstra-

CONTACT Northville Chamber of Commerce (248)349-7640 .

NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS & **NEIGHBORS WOMEN'S HEART** HEALTH LUNCH, LECTURE AND TOUR

DATE: Feb. 12 TIME 1130 am to 2 pm LOCATION Providence Hospital, Grand River Ave.

DETAILS: One of the doctors from Providence Hospital will offer a tour of the Heart Institute followed by a lecture on Cardiovascular Disease in women. Lunch will conclude our program.

CONTACTS: Pam Grigsby pam grigbsy@yahoo com 248-348-3944 or Helen Wotherspoon hwotherspoon@comcast net 248-924-3019

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall TIME/DAY: 10 a m. to 9 p m Monday-Thursday: 10 a m to 5 p m Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p m. Sunday. CONTACT: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.

Movies @ the Library Disney's **Snow Buddies**

TIME: noon, Tuesday, Dec. 30 **DETAILS**: Come enjoy a movie at the library over winter break Bring your lunch and enjoy Snow Buddies. Snacks and beverages

provided. All ages welcome, no registration needed

Winter Storytimes

DETAILS: Registration for some storytimes begins in January 2009. Visit the Web site or call the library for more information.

Motor City Rock & Roll 60s &

DETAILS: Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Motown music with this engaging presentation about music in the 1960s and 1970s, presented by authors Bob Harris and John Douglas Peters Please call the library to register at 248-349-3020.

GENITTI'S LITTLE THEATER

LOCATION 108 E. Main St. **CONTACT**: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or genittis com **Bunny Hill Bliss**

TIME/DATE: Open every evening

during the holidays. Open for lunch theater every day in Dec. **DETAILS**: Interactive Comedy Dinner Theater provides a ski lesson that will leave you on the edge of the chair lift. Dinner/theater tickets are \$49.95, lunch/theater tickets are \$35

New Year's Eve with Rod Stewart, Neil Diamond and Cher TIME/DATE: 6:30 p m Wed. Dec. 31 DETAILS: Tickets are \$55 for dinner and show.

Genitti's Acting Workshops DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.

DETAILS Enjoy our famous familystyle lunch or dinner, then practice voice and body movement with one of our actors on stage. Play theater games; take backstage tour; \$16.95 per person

MARQUIS THEATRE

LOCATION 135 E Main St CONTACT. (248) 349-8110 or visit northvillemarquistheatre.com Stuart Little

TIME/DATE: 2 30 p m. Saturday and Sunday, through Jan 25; and 230 p m Monday, Dec. 29, Tuesday, Dec 30 and Friday, Jan. 2 DETAILS: Live on stage, enjoy this timeless musical tale about the

heroic spirit in all of us, no matter our size. Tickets are \$8 50 No children under 3 years old. Groups rates and reserved seating avail-

"THE DINNER PARTY"

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 26-27 and Jan. 2-3. 3 p m. Saturday, Dec. 27; 2 p m Sunday, Dec. 28 and Jan 4 LOCATION Tipping Point Theater. 361 E. Cady St.

DETAILS: Neil Simon's play. "The Dinner Party," follows five people who have been invited to dine at a first-rate restaurant in Paris. They do not know who the other guests will be or why they have been invited. Tickets are \$18 and

CONTACT (248) 347-0003 or visit tippingpointtheatre org

AS THE PAGE TURNS

LOCATION, 149 North Center Street, Suite 102, Northville CONTACT. (248) 912-0085 or www. asthepageturns biz

NORTHYILLE CANDLE AND GIFTS KNITTING CLASSES

LOCATION, 124 N. Center St. CONTACT: (248) 380-7059 ETAILS: Stop in and see the new yarn department. Selling yarn, offering knitting and crochet classes and a place to gather. Call the store to register for classes. **Beginning Knitting Class** TIME/DATE: 10 a m.-noon, noon to 2 p m, 2-4 p m, or 4-6 p m, every

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Tuesday

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p m. third Saturday of each month, Sept -June LOCATION Northville Art House, 215 Cady

DETAILS: Enjoy traditional, folk and acoustic music in a casual setting. Five open mic spots available on first to sign up basis beginning at 6.15 p.m. Tickets \$5 at the door. CONTACT. (248) 344-0954

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Mary Kay Pryce (choir director) and Mike Rumbell (band director) drawing tickets during the Third Annual Northville High School Music Booster Raffle on Dec. 13.

NHS Music Boosters raffle brings sizable profit

The Third Annual Northville High School Music Booster Raffle came to an exciting end on Dec. 13 when 25 lucky winners took home nearly \$34,000 in eash prizes. The barrel was spun at 9 p.m. on Saturday night after the final NHS Holiday Concert and most of the winners were local. Twenty-three of the 25 winners live in either Northville or Novi, and 17 of the winners have students in the

NHS choir or band programs. The top prize of \$15,000 went to William Prain of Northville who has bought a ticket each year just to support the community. Second prize of \$6,000 and third prize of \$3,000 went to Mark and Mary Spitery and Gregg Agoston respectively, who have daughters in the choir program. Fourth prize winner of \$2,000 went to Nancy Gomez-Mesquita who has a daughter in the band and fifth prize winner of \$1,000 went to Pam Theisen of Flat Rock.

The Music Boosters handed out thousands in cash while making a sizable profit as well. A total of 702 tickets were sold resulting in a net profit from the raffle of more than \$34,000.

"We are very pleased with the results of this raffle," said NHS Music Booster President Therese Grossi. "While the

number of tickets sold was not as many tickets as in the previous two years, it was an excellent amount given the current economic climate. With this year's profit, we'll be able to provide the band and choir directors with the tools they need to continue growing their outstanding programs."

Each year, the raffle includes a \$1,000 award for the seller of the most tickets. In the past two years, one seller has been the clear front runner, but in the 2008 raffle, two people raced to the finish. Everyone was amazed to find out that the \$1,000 would be split between two people who tied at 47 tickets each. Patty Pokrandt and Therese Grossi not only tied with the most tickets sold, but topped it off with the purchase of a final ticket that they split, making their total 47.5 tickets each.

"We can't thank this community and our own music family enough for supporting this fund-raising effort," Grossi said. "Northville's music program is one of the biggest and best in the state, and it's great to have this kind of community support to help us keep the program going strong for the 750 students who benefit from it."

Submitted by Mary Jo Ring

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All-Area Tennis: CC's Snyder caps career with state title

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central tennis had a pair of players competing for the All-Area Player of the Year

No. 2 singles player Jack Snyder rose to the top by capturing a state title.

"He capped off a great senior season with a state title," CC head coach Joe Stafford said. "He was so dominant during the season, not losing a set."

His teammate, Joseph Dubé, could've easily been selected to the same honor, finishing runner-up at No. I singles, his only loss of the year.

Snyder brings a huge 6-5 frame to court. His biggest strength is a crushing serve, but the rest of his game isn't far behind.

"He serves over a 120 miles per hour," Stafford said. "He's an aggressive baseliner. He has lot of power."

Snyder finished All-State all four years at CC.

FIRST TEAM

Three schools dominated the Novi regional, with Novi, Northville and CC accounting for all the players in the regional finals.

They also head up the All-Area First Team honors.

In singles, Snyder's teammate Dubé made quite a case for the top honor. He went the undefeated through the season and into the finals before losing 7-5, 6-2 to Aaron Pfister from Grand Blanc.

Dubé (29-1) was the state champ at No. 2 singles last



JOHN HEIDER/NOYINEWS

Central Catholic's Jack Snyder is the All-Area Tennis Player of the Year after winning the state title at No. 2 singles.

year and is only a sophomore.

"He had such a solid season," Stafford said. "We knew he had the game to take it all the way. "We finished second in the state. I attribute a lot of it to the best 1-2 punch that CC has ever had."

Novi's Mani Mahadavan

played just about every top player from the area and still

managed a 21-8 record as Novi's No. 1 singles player. He has a Novi career record of 83-30 and was a four-time conference champion for the Wildcats.

"A 21-8 record is outstanding considering the strength of our schedule," Novi head coach Jim Hanson said.

Northville places a pair of players on the singles list in No. 1 Tim Wasielewski and No. 2 Melvin Joseph.

Wasielewski was 21-9 at No.

1. He was a KLAA runner-up and regional finalist, losing to

"Tim has been one of top players since his freshman year, but this was his breakout season," Northville head coach Matt Stetson said. "He will be returning next year as one of the top players in the state."

Joseph brought home a KLAA title at No. 2 singles and finished runner-up at regionals to CC's Snyder. He ran up a 20-6 record.

"Melvin was a rock for us at #2 singles," Stetson said. "When we needed Melvin the most at conference and Regionals, he played his best tennis."

Novi lands a pair of doubles teams on the All-Area First

The No. I tandem of Justin Farooq and Ameya Sohani combined to go 26-5. They captured a KLAA and regional title before making a run to the state semifinals.

Both players averaged 25 wins a year during their three years with varsity.

The No. 2 team of Peter Zhang and Greg Richard teamed up for a 24-5 record and a run to the state quarter"Greg and Peter represented the excellent depth that we had on this year's team," Hanson said.

The Northville No. 1 doubles team of Lee Schechter and Nick Kalweit receive First-Team honors.

They combined for a 16-7 record, a runner-up finish at regionals and a win at the state tournament.

"Lee and Nick were paired together a few weeks into the season and gelled from the start," Stetson said.

CC's Young Tae Kim and Brandon Kosinski played No. 1 doubles for state runner-up CC.

SECOND TEAM

The Second Team All-Area would be First-Team material in just about any other part of the state. The quality of players on the team only shows the depth of great players from the area.

Novi's Ryan Bell, a No. 2 singles player, racked up an 18-11 record and finishes his Wildcats career with an 80-34 record.

¡Kondapi proved he was a force to be reckoned with at states, where he made a run all the way to the finals before finishing runner-up. He finished the year 23-10, won the KLAA title and finished regional runner-up.

Northville's Steve Irvine went 22-4 at No. 3 singles, won the KLAA title and regional title.

CC's Wilson was just another force in the Shamrock sin-

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Northville Makis Eatmon looks around a Walled Lake Central defender.

Mustang hoops trying to find stride

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

The Mustangs lost 54-33 Dec. 16 at Walled Lake Central.

Central turned a five-point lead at the end of the first into a 27-12 lead at the half, turning the game into a rout.

Tim Hasse and Bryce Groshek led the Stangs (0-2) with 12 points each.

The Mustangs will finish the 2008 portion of the schedule

with a pair of games at the Chelsea Invite on Dec. 29 and 30.

NORTHVILLE 1, PLYMOUTH O

Northville hockey extended its record to 7-1, defeating Plymouth 1-0 Dec. 16 at Compuware. David Ketelhut kept the puck out of the net, getting his first shutout of the season. Alec Arthur scored the Mustang's only goal. Northville is off until Ian. 7

Northville girls keep Warriors at bay

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

The Mustang girls basketball team gave itself an early Christmas present, knocking off Walled Lake Western 38-33 Dec.

"I've got to give our girls credit. Our defense was outstanding tonight," Northville head coach Todd Gudith said. "We haven't played in eight days.

Northville trailed 2-0 early, but it would be the only time the Mustangs (2-1) trailed.

Julia Ramey started an 11-2 run to finish the quarter. Kelsey Baskins and Chelsea Atzinger added three-pointers during the run.

Both teams scored nine in the second, leaving the Stangs up 20-13 at the break.

The Warriors turned up the defense to start the second half and cut the lead to 22-20 before Northville pushed the lead to 29-24 by the end of the third.

The Warriors would again get within two in the final stanza, but Northville pulled away to secure the win

"We made just enough stops at the right time, and I thought we did a nice job of rebounding tonight," Gudith said.

Atzinger led the Mustangs with 12 points. Katherine Jansen was next with seven, followed by Ramey, Erin Hughes and Jeanette Dolmetsch each with four.

"It's kind of nice to see some other girls step in," Gudith said. "It doesn't have to be all about Chelsea. As a team, we can do some things together."

Becky Ornalik led all scorers with 16 for the Warriors. Paige Partenio chipped in 12.

The Mustangs will finsh the 2008 portion of the schedule with a pair of games at the Chelsea Invite on Dec. 29-30.

Gudith knows it's important to finish the year strong.

"You certainly want to be up 2-1 instead of 1-2," Gudith said. "It kind of gives us some motivation for the tournament that we're going to playing over the holidays."

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Northville's Kelsey Baskins brings the ball up the court against Walled Lake Western.

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The culture of losing — and why it hurts

"Has Calvin Johnson been 'Lionized'yet?" Such was the discussion chirping on my radio as I inched along a packed, snowy westbound I-696 one evening last week. As you may imagine, most of the comments dealt with the Lions' history of losing, the so-called 'culture' of losing. As they careen towards 0-16, you at times get the sense that the NFL's second-ever winless season is inevitable as they just seem to be gathering steam towards 0-16. So often, a team having a great year is called a team of destiny. Are the Lions the antithetical team of destiny?

That night, I watch my 6 year-old son cry after I beat him (for only the first time) in paper football, it reminds me how much losing can hurt. While on one hand, I am glad he has the desire to win, I also wonder what makes him take it so hard. There is a large body of research that shows losing not only produces emotional pain but actual physiologic changes that can become more severe with chronic losing. Could Lionization be a real, physiologic phenomenon?

In a recent Canadian study, Olympic-level swimmers were shown videos of their own losing races while dynamic MRI of their brains were recorded. Brainwave activation similar to that seen in people with clinical depression was noted in the majority of the athletes (none of whom had any previous history of depression). One other area of the brain showed altered activity during this

exercise. The portions of the brain corresponding to muscles utilized during swimming were noticeably suppressed. The athletes then underwent therapy sessions and subsequent viewings of their defeats resulted in less emotional response and more appropriate signals in the motor portion of their brains.

Another study out of Florida State University showed suppressed testosterone levels in males who found themselves

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gles lineup. He made a run all the way to the state semifinals.

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Shamrock teammate Eric Guindi also reached the semifinals at No. 4 singles. He finished 25-5.

Lakeland's Adriansen was a steady rock at No. 1 singles. He finished the season 22-4. The Shamrocks were loaded

The Shamrocks were loaded at singles, but showed they also had some depth in doubles.

Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindi went 25-5 at No. 3 singles and made a run to the state semifinals.

The No. 4 combination of Patrick Bowers and Derek Turowski also made a run to the state semifinals. They finished with a 26-3 record.

Novi also had a doubles team in the state semifinals. Nikhil Devarakonda and Nathan Farooq ripped off a 27-3 record along the way at No. 4 doubles.

HONORABLE MENTION

The Honorable Mention list also has several state-tested players as well as top players from teams that did not make ALL-AREA TENNIS

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the state finals.

Receiving Honorable
Mention are Northville's
Mike Hagan, Ian Jaye, Mike
Bucrek, Andrew Ginnard,
Matt Satterfield; South Lyon's
Alex Whybra and Kyle Sitar;
Lakeland's Alex Garrigo and
Joshua Matusky; Novi's Carson
Crandall, Derek Richard

and Vishnu Venugopal; and Catholic Central's Zach

Wisniewski and Kevin Hodges.
Milford did not nominate
any athletes, and South
Lyon East did not respond to
requests for submissions.

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on the losing end of a given competitive situation. No hormonal difference was noticed between female winners and losers. So what does all this research mean? Maybe nothing. Maybe all it means is that WNBA teams are less prone to losing streaks. But these studies do seem to show not only a psychological aspect but also a physiologic aspect to losing.

Amongst sports psychologists (and most athletic coaches for that matter), there is also a school of thought that some people are hard-wired to lose while some are born winners. The difference lies in how athletes respond to pressure situations. There are those who worry about not losing and tighten up, while others thrive under pressure and play

to win. Think Bill Buckner and routine ground balls as opposed to Kirk Gibson in the '88 World Series. Greg Norman and 12-foot putts vs. Tiger Woods on a bum knee.

We were too tight." A common explanation coaches cite when asked about losing a particularly important game. Too much thinking and stress (being "tight") has been proven to alter muscle performance and to impair focus. Perpetual losing leads to trying too hard which usually translates in the athletic arena to thinking too much. The goal is to play with instinct, let it flow. The best way of doing so is to have fun. Losing is not fun and therefore a losing streak is like a vicious cycle in which the more you lose, the less fun you have and

the tighter you get.
While I seem to be in the minority about this, Dominic Raiola's recent actions give me some slim hopes that the

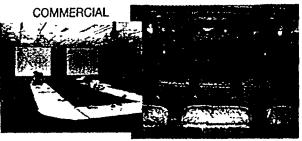
Lions can still pull one out. It shows there is still some emotion and fight left. It is those athletes who show lack of emotion, resignation, who are most negatively affected by losing. It's the guy walking off the field laughing two minutes after their umpteenth loss in a row who worries me. Nobody knows whether the Lions will or won't go O-for-'08 - with the noted exception of radio talk show hosts and Vegas bookies. They are showing some emotion, though, but is it enough to break the cycle? Is it enough to beat the psychology of losing? We'll soon find out.

Dr. Sean Bak is a Novi resident and an orthopaedic surgeon who specializes in shoulder reconstruction and sports medicine. Dr. Bak takes care of the athletes of several area universities and high schools. His practice, Porretta Center for Orthopedic Surgery, is based out of Providence Hospital.



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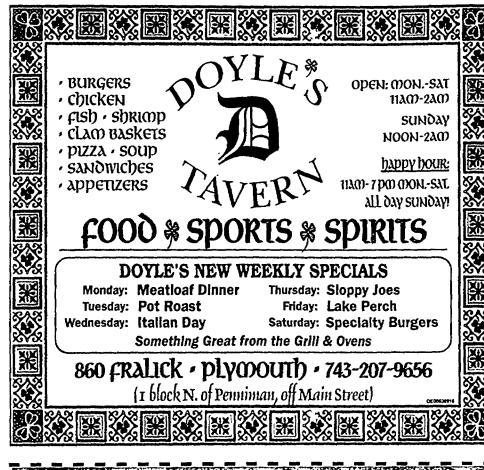
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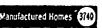
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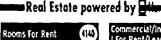
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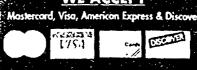


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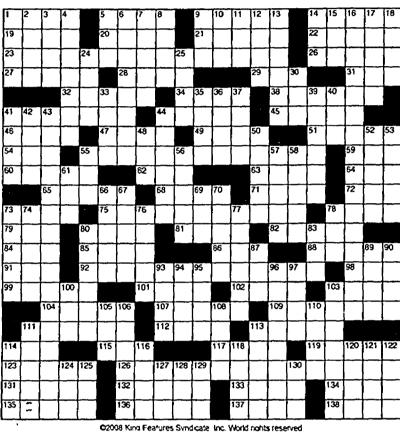
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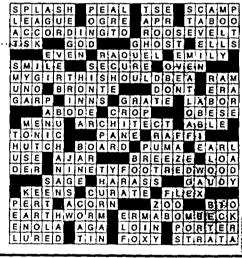
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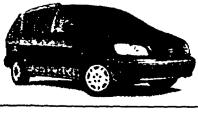
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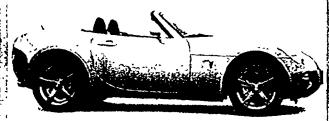
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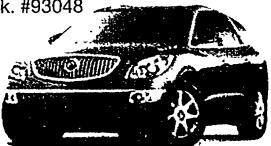
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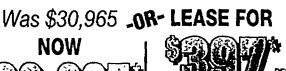
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