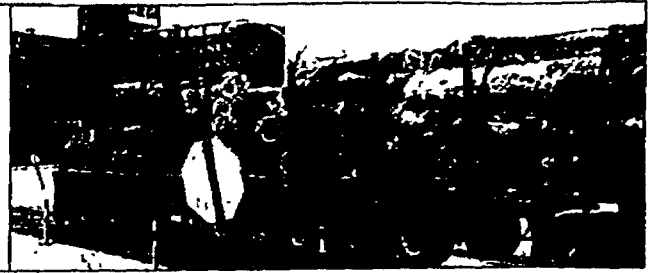


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Trustees focus on communication, road issues

■ Coffee hours may be scheduled

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Communication is the name of the game in an open government. In an effort to become more responsive to their constituency in 2009, Northville Township trustees are considering initiating a 45-minute informal Coffee Hour prior to regularly scheduling monthly board meetings. The Coffee Hour would take place from 6:45-7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. No business decisions would be made or public

policy would be set at these gatherings. The concept was discussed at the Jan. 8 board study session at township hall. The board recently initiated study sessions that take place outside the monthly meeting so that they can talk about township issues on a less formal basis. Another suggestion the board made was to have a monthly online newsletter that would provide timely and useful information to township residents. The clerk's office would also like to start downloading documents onto the township's Web site, so residents would

not have to come to township hall for paper documents. "This is going to be a top priority this year of the clerk's department," Hillebrand said. There was some discussion about whether to continue producing the township calendar, which is bulk mailed to all township residents. The calendar costs between \$12,000 and \$14,000 a year to produce. "Personally, I think it's worth the money," said trustee Sue Hillebrand. Thelma Kubitskey, assistant township manager and finance director, said the 2009 calendar is late this month because the staff wanted to include

a photo of the new township board. Kubitskey also believes the calendar is worth keeping, as she has received more than 200 phone calls from residents asking when the piece will be mailed. **NEW ROAD COMMISSION?** Alan Helmkamp, assistant county executive for government relations, appeared at the beginning of the study session. Helmkamp, who does troubleshooting and damage control for Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, talked about the idea of developing a road commission for Wayne County.

Township residents have been frustrated for years of the lack of county funding for road improvements. "If there's anything Northville Township can do, we would be interested," Hillebrand said. Shannon Price of Renaissance Strategies, lobbyist for the township, said Canton Township has a road millage and that the township could establish a sales tax in the community that would go to road repairs. But, township trustees did not express any interest in taxing the residents for the roads. Chip Snider, township manager, Please see **TRUSTEES, A5**



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

A group of Northville residents have been inspired by President-elect Barack Obama to volunteer and serve those less fortunate and are collecting food and blankets at a few locations around town. From left (photographed at Northville's Solid Grounds coffee shop) are Teresa Berent, Sally Carroll, Connie McCasland, Susan Nichols and Teresa Pillarz. Drop boxes will be located at Solid Grounds, The Northville District Library and the Big Boy at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

Volunteers initiate Northville Breakfast & Blankets Drive

■ 3 drop-off locations set up

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Just a few days before his inauguration, some Western Wayne County volunteers are answering the call to service from President-elect Barack Obama. The National Day of Community Service was originally established by Congress in 1994 as a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. Together with Northville Civic

Concern, a group has launched a Breakfast & Blankets Drive to benefit area residents in need. During the drive, which began Jan. 9 and runs through Jan. 18, the group is seeking donations of new blankets and nonperishable foods, especially breakfast items that don't require eggs or milk, such as hot cereals, pancake mix and breakfast bars. The local charity specifically requested breakfast items. Drop-off boxes are located at: * Solid Grounds Coffee House

in Northville Square at 133 W. Main St. * Northville District Library at 212 W. Cady St. * Big Boy Restaurant at 20800 Haggerty Road at the northeast corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. Donations can also be scheduled for drop off by calling Susan at (248) 374-3992 or Connie at (248) 347-1257. Teresa Pillarz, publicity chairman for the drive and a previous volunteer for the Obama campaign, said Obama is encourag-

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WHAT TO DROP OFF

Breakfast & Blankets Drive volunteers are requesting new blankets and breakfast items for the more than 140 families helped by Northville Civic Concern. Suggested food items to donate could include oatmeal, breakfast bars, granola bars, cream of wheat, cereal, pancake mix that only requires water, canned fruit, dried fruit, Pop Tarts, nonperishable milk product and juice boxes.

Unity in the Community

■ Northville schools host annual event on King Day

Northville students will share their reflections on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s messages of peace, unity and service to others during a special "Unity in the Community" event on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 19. Community members are welcome to attend the gathering, which will take place at 7 p.m. at Genitti's Little Theatre, 112 E. Main Street in downtown Northville. The evening will feature readings by the student winners of a district-wide writing contest with the theme "Remember. Celebrate. Act." that focuses on how the principles taught by Dr. King are still alive today. Nine writing contest winners will be selected including one from each of the six elementary schools' fourth grade and fifth grade entries from across the district, and one each from Hillside Middle School, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School. A winning poster, selected from entries by the school district's special education center program students at Cooke and Old Village schools, will be displayed on the cover of the "Unity in the Community" event program. All winners receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond provided by the Northville Educational Foundation. The Foundation is recognized as a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization whose primary mission is to encourage and manage contributions for the benefit of Northville Public Schools. Contributions

MORE See the winning essays and posters on Page A2 of this edition of the Record, and online at hometownlife.com. For more information about the "Unity in the Community" event, contact the Northville Public Schools Special Services Office at (248) 344-8453. from school district employees, families and community members are helping to support academic and enrichment programs — such as the "Unity in the Community" event — offered by Northville Public Schools. "Every day in our schools, and our homes, we encourage young people to be kind, get along with others, and act in service to others," said Lynne Mossoian, director of Special Services for Northville Public Schools and chairperson of the school district's Martin Luther King Day Planning Committee. "The Unity in the Community event, along with the student writing and poster contests, serve as an opportunity for our students, as well as school families and community members, to stop and reflect on the ideals of Dr. King." "This is a positive and thoughtful event for our school district, our students and our community celebrating the principles taught by Martin Luther King that still have so much meaning for us

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Students celebrate MLK legacy with essays

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'Remember. Celebrate. Act'

today," said Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "We are grateful to the MLK Day Planning Committee for providing this inspiring program for our young people and our community."

The MLK Day Planning Committee is comprised of Lynne Mossioian; Denise Bryan, principal, Moraine Elementary School; Jim Cracraft, principal, Hillside Middle School; Dr. Sue Meyer, principal, Meads Mill Middle School; Karin Pearson, assistant principal, Northville High School; Marilyn Bachorik, supervisor, Cooke School; Art Fischer, supervisor, Old Village School; Jan Purtell, facilitator, Education Partnerships; Dr. Rezmierski, Superintendent; and Sue Campbell, director, Northville Youth Assistance.

The January 19 "Unity in the Community" event also will feature songs celebrating Dr. King's message of peace and unity in the world sung by Northville High School choir students. A special presentation by Dr. Donald Burwell will reflect on the importance of service to others. Dr. Burwell is president and chief executive officer of the Kids Against Hunger Great Lakes Coalition.

Kids Against Hunger is a volunteer-driven organization dedicated to providing food to malnourished and starving children throughout the world. The organization partners with local schools, churches and other community groups to organize food packaging events where as many as 20,000 food bags can be assembled in a three-hour period. For the fourth straight year, Northville elementary and middle school students will come together with students from schools in Detroit between January and April 2009 to package food for Kids Against Hunger as part of a partnership with Bridgepointe (a local non-profit organization that brings together school children from different backgrounds to learn and work), the Plymouth Kiwanis, and other local community groups.

Admission to the "Unity in the Community" event is free. However, in keeping with Dr. King's wishes that we should all act in service to others, those attending the program are asked to contribute a non-perishable food or household item for donation to Northville Civic Concern to help the needy in the Northville community.

Northville students honor contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

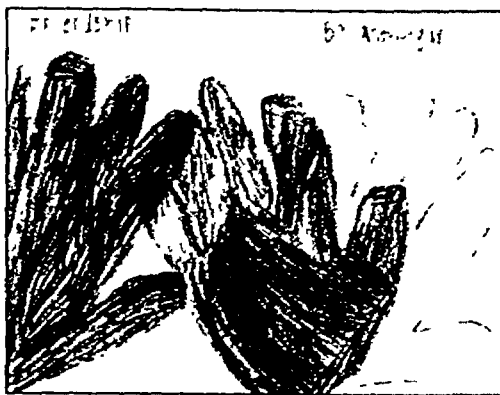
The Northville Public School District held their second district-wide writing and poster contest for all students in fourth through sixth grade and ninth through 12th grades to honor the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This year's theme was "Remember. Celebrate. Act." that focused on how the principles taught by Dr. King are still alive today. Each level was given topics connecting the theme to the ideals and actions of the late civil rights leader. Writing contest entries could be submitted by students in the form of a letter, short story, essay or poem that reflected grade level topics and overall theme. Poster contest entries could be submitted by students in art work form created in pencil, ink, crayon, paint or a 3-D collage that illustrated one of the theme topics.

Nine writing contest winners were selected including one from each of the six elementary schools' from fourth grade and fifth grade entries from across the district, and one each from Hillside Middle School, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School. One winning poster has been selected from each of the school district's special education center programs at Cooke and Old Village schools.

The students and their winning posters and writing contest winning entries will be recognized at the "Unity in the Community" event on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 19. Northville students will share their reflections on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s messages of peace, unity and service to others during the "Unity in the Community" event program. The "Unity in the Community" event also will feature songs celebrating Dr. King's message of peace and unity in the world sung by selected Northville High School choir students. A special presentation by Dr. Donald Burwell will reflect on the importance of service to others. Dr. Burwell is president and chief executive office of the Kids Against Hunger Great Lakes Coalition.

Community members are welcome to attend the gathering, which will take place at 7 p.m. at Genitti's Little Theatre, 112 E. Main Street in downtown Northville. A reception for the contest winners will be held immediately preceding the program from 6:30-7 p.m. at Genitti's. In keep-



Anthony Williams attends the Old Village School which is an ungraded program.

ing with Dr. King's wishes that we act in service to others, those attending are asked to bring a contribution of non-perishable food or household items to contribute to Northville Civic Concern to help the needy in the Northville community.

All winners will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond provided by the Northville Educational Foundation. The Foundation is recognized as a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that manages funds and awards resources to benefit Northville Public Schools. Contributions from school district employees, families, community members and businesses help to support academic and enrichment programs — such as the "Unity in the Community" event — offered by Northville Public Schools.

Martin Luther King Jr.

By Mitchell T. Gray

Fourth Grade, Moraine Elementary School

Martin Luther King Jr. was a man that changed how we live even today. He helped African Americans fight for freedom. What made him famous was the fact that he fought with words, not with fists. He helped African Americans by leading marches, giving speeches, and inspiring others. He fought for the ability to be treated as an equal, to be able to go to the same schools, to be able to drink out of the same drinking fountains, to be able to eat at the same restaurants, even to sit on the same part of the bus! His life's work was to end segregation. He helped us all, not just African Americans by showing us how to love, not

to hate.

I don't help as many people as Martin Luther King Jr. did (I probably won't even get close), but I still help people. I've helped other people by putting stickers about not polluting over storm drains all throughout my neighborhood. I also put flyers about not polluting in mailboxes all throughout my neighborhood. I do can-do drives which are when you go around a neighborhood and ring peoples doorbells and ask if they want to donate canned goods for people who need food. I also do a thing called Toys for Tots which is when you buy and donate a toy for a kid who can't afford it and would love a toy. I've picked up a lot of garbage. I've pulled weeds at my school. Many of the above are things that I do through Boy Scouts and I really enjoy doing them. However, the best way to inspire others is to be kind and respectful to everyone. If we all would be welcoming to other people, families, cities, states, and countries, then the world will be a better place. If we all work together and live peacefully, I bet that Martin Luther King Jr. would be happy and proud.

My Food Drive

By Macy Afsari

Fourth Grade, Thornton Creek Elementary School

Martin Luther King was such a fine and gentle man.

He had a dream that everyone would carry out his plan:

Treat your neighbor like your brother. Use your words to help each other.

Martin Luther King was such a fine and gentle man.

Those are the words to a song I learned in first grade. Even though I'm in fourth grade now, I still remember those words vividly. I learned to "treat your neighbor like a brother" by doing a food drive in third grade. It was for a community service project for Student Council. The first thing I did was make flyers. I gave them to the third grade teachers to put in Monday Envelopes.

Then, I called up some family members and asked if they could bring some canned or dry food to our Christmas parties. I had a little luck with that. With my school I had TONS of donations!

Every day for two weeks I would bring home

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CORRECTION. In an article in last week's paper about a Northville Township woman, Deb Gemuend, whose backyard playhouse will be featured in the April issue of Better Homes & Gardens magazine, it said the playhouse's kitchen had been featured in the magazine in 1998.

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the food that I collected that day. The bag that I carried felt like it weighed a ton every day. One of the teachers put a sign and a donations box up in the front of the school. Much to my surprise, that was also filled up! By the time I had reached my deadline, I had a mountain of food! There was everything from baked beans, to pancake mix.

A few days later, I brought all of my food donations to St. James Catholic church. There were carts and a nice lady waiting for us. We started bringing all of the food inside and in those fifteen minutes my muscles grew ten times their size!! Man, that stuff was HEAVY!! It almost all didn't fit in one cart!! When the lady saw all the food we brought in, she thanked us a million times.

I felt good seeing how many family's meals I had made. I learned something from collecting all that food: People are willing to help, they just need a leader ready to take on the job - like Martin Luther King Jr. I think that I will be that leader more often!

One Man Can Make A Difference

By Jacob Anderson

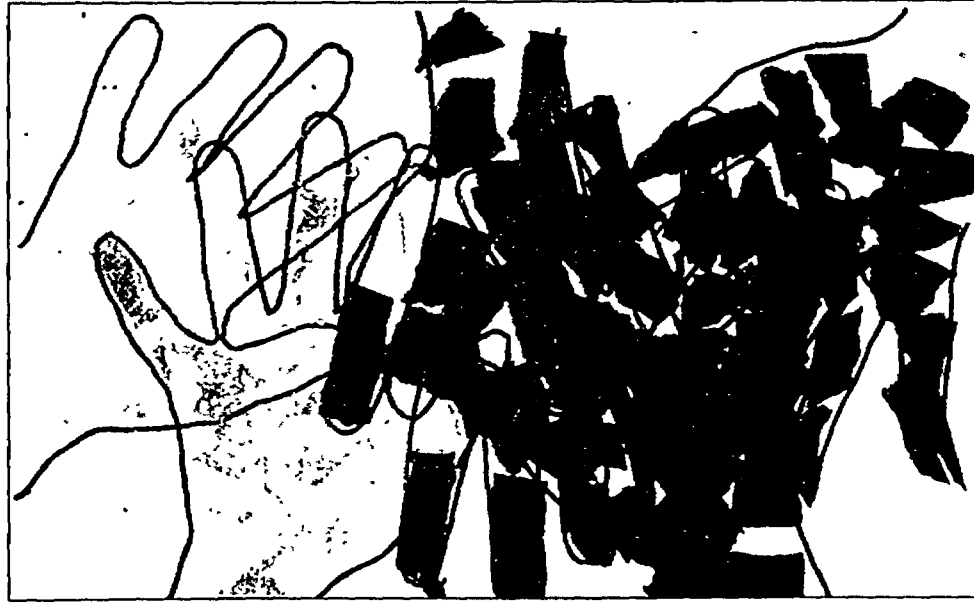
Fifth Grade, Winchester Elementary School

Martin Luther King, Jr. was an extremely important person in the U.S.A. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s ideas were influenced by Henry Thoreau and his theories on how to use nonviolent resistance to achieve national change. Dr. King talked at rallies and marches and challenged the way people thought.

I have decided to do my part in helping the country by participating in school activities such as the canned food drive, battle of the change, and the box top contest. They may not be fun but ... the money goes to charity so it helps out the U.S.A. and the community. Like I said earlier (all of those activities that I said) if you participate you are helping the community.

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s goals were enormous and important. I have helped by doing the things I described earlier in the story, but also I have participated in community canned food drives, picking up trash, donating money, and working as a safety at school. Being a school safety is important because it shows the little kids that if we all work together our help can be carried a long way. I clean tables, serve pizza, run the snack bar, and help out the lunch lady in the lunch room. All the help I provide gives the school a little more extra time to do canned food drives and the important things to help out this community.

None of us have done anything as great as Martin Luther King, Jr. by ourselves, but together we form the people we truly are. "If we



Daniel Manuel attends the Cooke School program which is ungraded.

all work together we form the country we really are and we can hold it together, but if we don't, we'll fall apart. Martin Luther King, Jr. made a significant impact on this country. Many people have helped the United States but very few have had the courage and the nerve to do what he did. We have all helped out the country at different times, but we the people of the United States of America give him our gratitude and our thanks for changing our country the way he did.

Girl Scouts Make A Difference

By Alexis Aulepp

Fifth Grade, Silver Springs Elementary

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" That was a statement Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made in a speech he gave in Montgomery, Alabama, on August 11th, 1957. To me, that was a very powerful question, and it made me think. What am I doing for others? The first thing that popped into my mind was what we were currently doing at my school.

My Girl Scout troop was having a stuffed animal and baby blanket drive, in order to earn a Girl Scout award called the Bronze Award. We would give the donated stuffed animals and baby blankets to the Northville Township Fire Department to give to kids who have been in a house fire or car accident, for comfort. Our goal was 100 stuffed animals and 50 baby blankets because we had 500 students. We collected over 1,000 stuffed animals and 82 baby blankets! We had beaten both of our goals by a ton!

The firemen were so surprised when they saw the 28 garbage bags full of stuffed animals! They couldn't believe we'd collected so many! We all agreed we felt really good after that. We were proud to have given them so many. And

now because of us and our school, 1,000 more kids can have a reason to smile - even during hard times.

Helping Others In Need: Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream

By Yannis Bi

Fifth Grade, Amerman Elementary

Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream. He dreamed that one day, everybody would help each other. It was his inspiration to encourage people like us to help each other. He said that life's most persistent and urgent question was, what are you doing for others? Martin Luther King, Jr. also helped people. What he did was an example that we should follow.

What Martin Luther, Jr. has done has inspired many people to help others. There was an earthquake in China on May 14th, 2008. It killed thousands of people and destroyed many homes. Meanwhile, in Michigan we watched the news about it. Our Chinese school heard about the earthquake in China. We decided to do something to help our parent's home country because they suffered greatly from the earthquake. Lots of people hit by the earthquake lost their homes. So our Chinese school started collecting money to help those whose homes were destroyed. Soon, Detroit was collecting money to help China. I donated \$10. It felt good to be helping a good cause because the money I donated could buy things for them to survive. In a short period of time my Chinese school collected \$12,000. In total, all of Detroit collected more than \$200,000 to help China after the earthquake. I was surprised that our Chinese school and Detroit collected so much money. I guess peo-

ple really want to help the people who suffered from the earthquake. It taught me that helping others can make the world a better place. In the future, I plan to help others more often. So in a way, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream came true.

Guru Ka Langer - Sikh Community Kitchen

By Harnoor Singh Arora

Fifth Grade, Ridge Wood Elementary School

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. encouraged everyone to perform community service. The Sikh Community Kitchen is a very good example of how followers of the Sikh religion perform community service. This tradition was started by one of the founders of the Sikh religion in India more than 500 years ago and it has been kept alive by Sikhs living in USA including those in the greater Detroit area. A close example of this is found within the Sikh community in the Northville/Plymouth area. A community kitchen is held every time people get together for prayers or other services in the Sikh temple. Members of the gathering volunteer to cook meals for everyone. The kitchen is open to everyone and not just Sikhs alone.

Some Sikhs have also used this tradition to feed the homeless and other needy people in the Detroit area. For this they collected donations of food and other items. A day was set for preparation and packing of food. That evening dozens of volunteers gathered in the kitchen where they made sandwiches and then packed cookies, fruit, water, and other items in bags. These bags were then delivered to various homeless shelters in the Detroit area the next day. Similar community services were also performed by the other Sikhs across the nation. This way thousands of meals were provided to the needy people. This way Sikhs continue to perform community service as taught by Rev. King.

Times of Change

By Maria Cholack

Sixth Grade, Meads Mill Middle School

Change. Peace. Hope. Who do you think of when you hear these words? Some people think of Martin Luther King, Jr. Others think of our new President-Elect Barack Obama. Martin Luther King, Jr. was once quoted as saying, "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." On November 4, 2008, Barack Obama was elected to be the 44th President of the United States of America. He was elected because of the content of his char-

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VFW Haircut Day slated this Sunday

Get your haircut for a cause

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

If it's time for a trim, come to the "VFW Haircut Day for Cancer and AIDS Research" in downtown Northville this Sunday.

The fund-raiser will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4012, 438 S. Main St., just north of Seven Mile Road. This is the fourth year for the event.

The barbers that are involved are from Jack's Barber Shop, 111 E. Dunlap St., in downtown Northville and Northville Barbers, 545 Seven Mile Rd. The barbers will donate their time for this worthy cause.

Haircuts will be \$12 for men, women and children.

"Everyone has been touched by cancer in one way or the other," said Betty Burkacki of the VFW Post 4012 Ladies Auxiliary, event chairperson.

Raffle tickets will also be sold during the event for gift cer-

tificates from local merchants, including a sports basket, dinner basket and ladies basket.

Two local restaurants are also participating in the fund-raiser. Chili's Restaurant at Haggerty and Eight Mile roads will donate 10 percent of diners' total bills back to the event on Monday, Jan. 19. Applebee's Restaurant at Six Mile and Haggerty roads will donate 20 percent of diners' bills on Monday, Jan. 26.

The restaurants will require coupons from the VFW for the money to go to the fund-raiser. For more information about the event or the coupons, call Burkacki at (734) 891-3921 or pick some up at the Northville VFW Post after noon on Sunday.

In the first three years, the event has raised a total of \$7,268 for cancer and AIDS research.

"With the support of the community, we are hoping to meet our goal," Burkacki said.

The event began when the VFW post asked local barber Dave Rouse if he would donate his hair-cutting services for the cause, and he said it would be a pleasure. The first year, Rouse shaved one VFW member's head, two beards, some mus-



PHOTO BY JOHN FEICER, NORTHVILLE RECORD

David Rouse, right, cuts Connie Maschke's hair for a donation to Locks of Love. Fellow barber Wally Hill, left, watches and Northville VFW Ladies' Auxiliary Betty Burkacki is at center. All will assist the VFW in their fourth annual "Hair Cut Day for Cancer and AIDS Research" on Sunday.

taches men had had for several years, and cut 55 heads of hair. This year, the two local barbers have agreed to have their heads shaved for the cause.

"We have placed jars for donations in both of the local barber

shops," Burkacki said. Wally Hill, a VFW member and barber, as well as another veteran have agreed to lose their hair, beard and mustache if \$1,000 is collected by Sunday.

"We are well on our way,"

Burkacki said. Barbers ask that those coming in for a haircut arrive at the fund-raiser with clean hair.

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Blizzard Breakfast slated Jan. 31 at Genitti's on Main

Genitti's Restaurant, 108 E. Main St., will host the Blizzard Breakfast Fund-raiser from 7:30-10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, to help the Parks and Recreation Department purchase a new scoreboard for the gym at the Northville Community Senior Center.

The event will include a buffet with a delicious variety of breakfast foods, including egg dishes, meats, pastries, juices, coffee and tea. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Genitti's or at the Northville Parks and Recreation Department office.

Ticket prices are \$10 in advance for those age 11 & up or \$12 at the door; \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door for children ages 5-10; with children ages 1-4 admitted free.

Fireman's Ball canceled

The Northville Township Fireman's Ball planned for Saturday, Feb. 7, has been canceled due to the down economy.

Due to the fact that no tickets had been sold as of Monday and no businesses had come forward to sponsor the fund-raising dinner dance, member of the fire fighters union, Local 3961, decided to postpone the next ball until 2010.

Keep hydrants visible

With the recent heavy snowfall, Northville Township's fire hydrants are becoming less visible. Capt. Guy Balok of the Northville Township Fire Department asks citizens to help keep fire hydrants accessible by removing snow and ice from around them.

"In the past, responses to similar requests from the fire department have been outstanding," Balok said. "Families and businesses throughout Northville Township have worked together to help the Fire Department maintain a continuously high level of fire protection."

Senator's office hours set

Senator Patterson's district representative, Sue Trussell will be conducting office hours Friday, January 16th from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library located at 223 S. Main Street in Plymouth. For directions and more information about the library, visit their Web site at www.plymouthlibrary.org.

Come on in and share your questions or concerns with Sue. All are welcome.

Sweetie Pies Bakery's staff to serve at inaugural gala

Staff from the Sweetie Pies Bakery and Catering, Inc., in Northville Township will be part of Detroit's Motor City Casino Inaugural Gala from 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Food items from the local bakery will be served at the casino's new Sound Box Venue. Proceeds from the red-carpet, black-tie cocktail party will go to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit.

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FR/SAT LS 12:00

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ESSAYS

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acter, not by the color of his skin.

Martin Luther King, Jr. wanted black people to have the same opportunity for a good education as white people. Barack Obama wants people who cannot afford a good education to have the same opportunity as people who can afford it. Both men wanted people who were unable to have access to a better education to be given the opportunity.

During Martin Luther King, Jr.'s time, the Vietnam War was going on. He believed strongly that the war was unnecessary and had no solution. He felt this because it did not threaten the United States. Barack Obama opposes the Iraq War because Iraq does not threaten the United States. He wants to shift the focus to Afghanistan where there are terrorists who threatened the United States with 9/11. These men both spoke out and were not afraid to say that they opposed a war.

Hope is another similarity between Martin Luther King, Jr. and Barack Obama. Martin Luther King, Jr. brought hope to black people that they could have the same rights as white people. Barack Obama is giving hope to the United States that we are more alike than different. If we unify and work together as a team, we can improve our nation, our economy, and our reputation around the world. Both leaders inspired hope.

These leaders were also different from each other. Martin Luther King, Jr. accomplished change without running for elected office. He was a minister who voiced his opinions to the country. In contrast, Barack Obama is seeking change by being elected to public office by the citizens.

Finally, the biggest problem in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s time was the way white people treated black people. He helped change laws regarding this. Barack Obama does not have to change the laws about how white people treat black people, but he has to change the way people think about people who are different from themselves. Even the nicest people may have trouble with thinking about people who are different from them-

selves. For example, President-Elect Obama's grandmother helped raise him and was a very kind person. She admitted that she was afraid to walk past black people. Barack Obama is planning to show people that we all want and need the same things in life, but we need to work together to get them.

Martin Luther King, Jr. and Barack Obama lived in very different times. They had different backgrounds and different occupations. They grew up in different parts of the country. Martin Luther King, Jr. grew up in Atlanta, Georgia, part of the segregated South. Barack Obama was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, outside the segregated South. Yet, they both had great visions of change, peace, and hope for the United States of America.

A Mountain Climber Unlike Any Other

By Drew Currie
12th Grade, Northville High School

What makes someone a true hero? Is it strength? Is it power? Is it intellect? Personally, I see a hero as someone who has the ability to defend and fight for the morally vindicated rights of every single human being. In order for someone to exhibit the persistence necessary to obtain their ultimate goal, one must truly want it.

Through the array of hardships that come with every controversial line of work, the forefathers will undoubtedly become discouraged; a positive attitude is necessary at all times. The dedication of their lives towards an advantageous movement automatically comes with any beneficial career. One of the most supreme exemplifications of heroism shines through the awe-inspiring work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As portrayed through his numerous speeches, countless passive demonstrations, and lifestyle, Dr. King advocated a new era of Civil Rights.

On the day preceding his dismal death, Dr. King gave a

speech, titled "I've Been to the Mountaintop," practically foretelling his own death. Towards the end he stated, "I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land. So I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything." The way that Dr. King constantly viewed the world with optimism and confidence may be the sole reason his movement gained such a strong following. As his movement gained momentum, opposing men and women began to feel threatened.

Despite these threatening situations and the oppositional people who he encountered along his inspirational journey, Dr. King kept sojourning on. He was able to stay motivated and continued to dedicate his work to all who were in need of his help. The opposition did not silence him or sway him from his course of action. Instead, Dr. King utilized the threats and attempts on his life to further his message: violence is for the cowardly.

Throughout Dr. King's short, but full life, he envisioned and led many civil rights demonstrations and protests. His plans were always meant to be peaceful and reasonable, while causing notoriety and shock at the same time. These demonstrations and events made people perceive their treatment of people differently. Dr. King made people think.

In 1963 Dr. King led and co-planned the "March on Washington." President Kennedy was skeptical about the march at first; the leaders were very clear that it was going to happen regardless. The march made specific demands: the end of racial segregation in public schools; legislation on Civil Rights, including a law stating that no racial prejudice would be allowed in work places; protection from police brutality; a set minimum wage for all workers; and self-government for Washington, D.C.

The march was a booming success. Around, on, and far from the Lincoln Memorial, people of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds stood and sat in

eager anticipation of what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had to say. As he gave his now infamous "I Have a Dream" speech, the crowd was exhilarated. Despite making this historical, life-changing speech, Dr. King continued living his life as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened. These momentous acts were a part of his calling.

In all portions of his life, Dr. King maximized his integrity to its breaking point. At home, and work, he was a man who allowed nothing to faze him, nor was he ever scared. He knew that he was a virtuous man, and if anyone decided to believe otherwise, they were sadly mistaken. The men and women of each and every walk of life have, and always will, look up to Dr. King for guidance.

Following his autopsy, it has been made known that although he was only thirty nine years old; he had the heart of a sixty year old. As a wise man once said, "As a man ages, so does his heart and mind." In the case of Dr. King, he was as pure and wise as a man could be; by definition... a true hero.

Without Fear

By Steve Gietzen
Sixth Grade, Hillside Middle School

Though opposed
Walk hand in hand
Without Fear
Yes, be proud of who we are

Negative eye look upon us
Walk hand and hand
We say come join us
Yes, be proud of who we are

Awful words of hatred
Walk hand in hand
Don't hear them
Yes, be proud of who we are

The road is long
Walk hand in hand
Don't hear them
Yes, be proud of who we are

The hills are steep and jagged
Walk hand and hand
Don't weary
Yes, be proud of who we are

Times are changing around us
Walk hand and hand
Celebrate
We are proud of who we are

DRIVE

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ing a nationwide volunteer effort. "He wants citizens to come together participate in service projects all across the country," she said. "I think it's an amazing opportunity for national unity. This is a time in which our country really needs to come together."

Pilarz said she feels there's been a lot of apathy in society in recent years. "People have been discouraged and just kind of dropped out," she said. "A lot of us are preoccupied with our own lives. Drives like this give everybody a chance to refocus and work toward a common purpose. It's only one service project, but to me it means a lot more, because we're going to continue to work together to build our community."

Pilarz said the goal is for people to get past those feelings of apathy and work on something that's greater than them.

If nothing else, "Helping other people takes your mind off of your own problems," she said. The volunteers are making 400 phone calls in the drive asking for donations. Pier One at Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Township donated the three drop boxes.

WHAT NEXT?

Pilarz said after the presidential election was over, she and other Obama campaign volunteers were kind of at a loss. "We were kind of left saying, 'What next?'" she said. "President Obama has said that he can't do the work that needs to be done on his own. He needs all of us to act."

Only five or six volunteers worked together to create the Breakfasts & Blankets Drive. "It's a grass-roots effort," Pilarz said.

"Martin Luther King Jr. inspired us to become involved, not to sit on the sidelines but to do something positive and to affect a change," said Susan Nichols, another volunteer from the Breakfast & Blankets Drive. "This is why Congress designated his birthday as a National Volunteer Service Day. Obama's election and its basic message is that this is our nation, we have problems and that working together we can solve them. Yes, we can make a difference, and that means taking action. He has called us all to get involved and make that difference."

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TRUSTEES

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said that the state's motor carrier tax goes to the library fund, and it hasn't been popular in the past to suggest that this money go toward roads.

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said he would like to schedule a supervisors' roundtable, which usually features informal discussions with local homeowners' associations presidents and vice presidents, to talk about how the community might fund road improvements. The meeting may take place on a Saturday morning in March or April.

Hillebrand suggested that the Conference of Western Wayne, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and other similar entities get involved in the roads issue. A board committee will be formed to continue discussion on the roads issue.

"We've got to continue to work on this," Hillebrand said.

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LOCATION: Old Village School

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City Council

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

ETCETERA

Downtown Development Authority Meeting

DATE: Third Tuesday of each month
TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.
CONTACT: downtownnorthville.com

Planning Commission

DATE: First and third Tuesday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall

Housing Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 3 p.m.

LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St. Historic District Commission

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

LOCATION: City Hall Arts Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

Beautification Commission

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B



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Richard Marinucci, right, Northville Township's new deputy director of fire service, was sworn in Jan. 5 at township hall by Clerk Sue Hillebrand, left. John Werth, center, director of public safety, was present for the swearing-in ceremony.

Northville Township's new fire chief sworn in

First deputy director of fire service

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Richard Marinucci, a 31-year veteran of the Farmington Hills Fire Department, was sworn in Jan. 5 by Clerk Sue Hillebrand as the new deputy director of fire service for the Charter Township of Northville Fire Department.

The position of fire chief has been open for more than a year since former Fire Chief William Zhmendak retired in March 2007.

Marinucci, 54, has become

the township's first deputy director of fire service.

"I am impressed with Richard Marinucci's experience and leadership ability," said John Werth, director of public safety. "He is a great fit to lead the Northville Township Fire Department ... The uncertainty that the fire department has been experiencing is over, and we're going to move ahead to a new era under Marinucci's leadership."

Werth said the township selected Marinucci because he is a fire administrator with an

extensive educational background in fire management personnel and human resources. "Chief Marinucci will be an agent of change for this department," Werth said.

"During this difficult transition, the men and women of the Northville Township Fire Department have done what they've always done — answered every call with pride and professionalism. Now they have an outstanding fire professional to lead them."

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OBITUARIES

CHARLOTTE ELAINE BECK

Age 60, of Highland Twp., passed away on January 2, 2009. Among her many life accomplishments, Charlotte was the Co-Founder of the Dunleavy Tri-Lakes Homeowners Assn., served as President of the Highland Twp. Library Board, and was a former State of Michigan Homemaker of the Year award recipient. Charlotte was also the award winning host of the craft cable television show "Ain't That Cute", and owner of the craft shop of the same name. She is preceded in death by her father Charles Sandel and is survived by her husband of 41 years, Robert; Children, Sandra Beck-Porter of Lawrenceville, GA; Michael Beck of Highland; Wendy Beck-Kreiser of Streamwood, IL; and Randall Beck of Highland. Grandchildren Cory Porter, Jessica Porter, Kundra Kreiser, Collin Beck, Matthew Kreiser and Sierra Kreiser. Mother: Ella Francis Venable of Zephyrhills, FL. Sister: Carol Maddox of Piedmont, AL; Brother: Michael Sandel of Texas; As well as a great number of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Charlotte was a native Texan and will be laid to rest in Foster Cemetery during a private ceremony.

LOUIS R. DIMITRY

Age 103. Died January 6, 2009 at his residence in Northville. Mr. Dimitry owned the Dimitry & Moody Custom Tailor and Design Shop in Detroit, Michigan for 65 years prior to his retirement. Prior to moving to Northville, he was a 75 year resident for Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He was also a 50 year member of Rotary International and belonged to the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club and the Detroit Rotary Club. Mr. Dimitry is survived by his wife, Dorothy, to whom he was married to for 75 years; three children, Carole Pappas, Gary (Carole) Dimitry and Christopher (Cheryl) Dimitry; and eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Services for Mr. Dimitry were held at St. Thomas Orthodox Church followed by interment at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions to St. Thomas Church would be appreciated. Arrangements were by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

ROY W. FOGLE

Age 81, of White Lake, formerly of Walled Lake and West Bloomfield, died on Thursday, January 8, 2009 in the care of his family at Beaumont Hospice in Royal Oak. Born in Detroit on June 15, 1927, the son of Harry and Maude (Bupp) Fogle, Roy graduated from Milford High School in 1945. Following high school, he enlisted in the US Army, serving with military intelligence in Germany during World War II. After his honorable discharge, Roy met and married Patricia Couture and also began his career with General Motors at the Proving Ground in Milford. During the Korean War, Roy was reactivated by the US Army; thereafter he returned to the General Motors Proving Grounds where he worked until his retirement in 1982. Roy was an active, long time member of the Union Lake Baptist Church. He was also active in the community, serving with many associations, which included the Walled Lake School Board. Sports were a passion that he passed on to his children and grandchildren. He served as a coach on many of his children's teams. In later years he was his grandchildren's biggest fan. Roy loved to help people. Everyone knew if something needed fixing all they had to do was call Roy ("Mr. Fix It"). In addition to Patricia, his beloved wife of 60 years, he is survived by his loving children Stephen (Christine) Fogle, Gregory Fogle, Suzanne (Vernon) McKeever, Delynn (Timothy) Dindoffer; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; brother Lawrence (Dorothy) Fogle many loving extended family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his brother George (Vivian) Fogle. Funeral Services were held at Berean Baptist Church in Livonia on Monday, January 12, 2009, with Pastor Terry McIntosh officiating. Burial Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider William Beaumont Hospice or the American Heart Association. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



DARYL LEE GALAZEN

A resident of Milford, passed away at home in the care of his family on January 5, 2009. He was 59 years old. He is survived by his beloved wife, Janeen, and loving daughter, Jessie; his mother, Margaret L. Galazen of Inkster; a sister, Cheryl A. Kamen and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Walter J. Galazen. A Funeral Liturgy was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Rd., Milford, on Thursday, January 8, 2009, with The Rev. Fr. Ron Anderson officiating. Memorials may be made in his name to the Charach Cancer Treatment Center, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce Twp. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MICHAEL L. GATT

Age 89. Of Novi, formerly of Westland and Livonia. Died January 10, 2009. He was born November 28, 1919 on the Island of Malta, immigrated to America at the age of 7. He later served his country in the U.S. Army/Air Force during WWII, acquiring the rank of Captain. Mr. Gatt was a long time member of the Livonia Singles over Sixty (SOS) club as well as the Saturday night dancing Moonusters, and had many friends from these activities. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mane, in 1988. Surviving are his sons, Michael (Kathy) and Robert (Susan), his daughters Julie (Timothy) Mack and Mary (Marc) Lorrain. Also surviving are his grandchildren Michael, Jacqueline, Robert, Mary, Andrea, Douglas, Gregory, Kellie, Kaitlin, Christopher, Steven, Emily and his great-grandchildren Michael, Katie and Nicholas. Also surviving Michael is his friend and the center of his love and attention Maryanne Gorski. Brother of Jane (the late Joseph) Pace, Joseph (Anne) Gatt and Evelyn Gatt. Services were held at Holy Family Church, Novi. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Donations may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association in honor of his grandchild Kellie Lorrain. On line sympathy message at www.obnunsullivanfuneralhome.com

MARION N. HUDSON

Age 88. Of Hillman, formerly of Milford. Passed away January 10, 2009 at Medilodge of Hillman. She was born March 15, 1920 in Milford to Rufus and Carrie (West) Darlington. Mrs. Hudson is survived by three children, Lawrence & Penny of Gettysburg, PA, Marge & Robert Sprouse of Hillman, and Jeanette & Joseph Caswell of Milford; 10 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; one sister, Thelma Blancke. She was preceded in death by her husband, Garner; granddaughter, Bobby Kline; brother, Vern Darlington; sister, Dornae Musoff. Cremation arrangements in care of Beck Funeral Home. Per Mrs. Hudson's request, there will be no public viewing or service. Inurnment will take place in Oak Grove Cemetery in Milford at a later date. www.beckfuneralhome.org

ANN MARIE MARKSTROM

Age 45. Died January 5, 2009 unexpectedly at her home in Commerce Township. Born in Muskegon, Ann spent her childhood in Northville, graduating from Northville High School before earning an Engineering Degree from Michigan Tech. Her most enjoyable years were spent while working at Shell Oil in Bakersfield, California. Ann is survived by her parents Frank and Madeleine Drew, brothers Bryan and Christopher (Kerri) Drew, grandmother Ethel Szydlowski, nephew Christopher Lepisto and niece Samantha Drew, plus a number of aunts and uncles. Services were held at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home followed by burial at Rural Hill Cemetery.

PATRICK W. PALMER

Age 48, 1-11-09. Visitation 1-15, 2-9pm Phillips Funeral Home. Service Fri., 10:30am New Hudson United Methodist. Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

LEONORA JUNE PARIS

Age 87, passed away January 8, 2009. She was born on November 16, 1921, in Duffes Bottom, Ohio, to the late Ralph and Etva (Ruscioletti) Selvaggi. On Sept. 27, 1947, she married Peter Paris. Mrs. Paris was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, and a longtime resident of Colonial Acres. Leonora is survived by her two daughters: Patricia Paris of South Lyon and Janet (Frank) Ladzinski of Canton; three grandchildren: Allison, Amy, and Andrea. Visitation was held Saturday and Sunday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was held on January 12, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Ste 100, Southfield, MI 48076. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



SHANNON GABER SILVERTHORN

Of White Lake; Unexpectedly January 9, 2009; Age 31; Dear Wife of Matt and best friend for 11 years; Beloved daughter of Rich & Penny Gaber of White Lake; Daughter-in-law of Gary & Joan Silverthorn of Pnckney; Sister of Sommer, Sean (Mary), Brandon and Dustin, all of White Lake; Loving Aunt of Liam, Annika, Ashley, Jenna & Ariana; Granddaughter of Richard (Sharon) Gaber Sr. and Corrine Gaber; Sister-in-law of Doug (Pam) Silverthorn and Gordie Silverthorn; Proud pet owner of Hershey, Athena, Daisy & Brutus. She will be missed by her many friends. Shannon was employed at White Lake Township Police Department as a dispatcher and was an Alumni of Lakeland High School. She lived life with a passion. Friends visited at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston Monday 1-9pm; Funeral service was Tuesday 11am at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Police escort / procession to Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to MI Humane Society. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

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Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

Northville Township resident finds intruder; suspect held

BY TAMMY STABLES BATTAGLIA
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

After a Northville Township resident discovered an intruder in her garage on Jan. 5, police shot out the tire of a suspect as he tried to flee.

Harvey Lee Preston, 37, who is on parole for armed robbery, was arraigned in 35th District Court Jan. 7 on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, assault, resisting arrest and illegal entry, according to the

Northville Township Police. Bond was set at \$100,000 cash bond, and he is being held in the Wayne County Jail.

A Maplewood Court resident called police after she returned home at 8:30 a.m. Monday from a trip to the store and a man ran out of her garage when she opened the overhead door. Shortly afterward, another homeowner reported someone matching the man's description got into an SUV parked on nearby Woodside

Drive, then backed into an electrical box in her front yard.

Officers from Livonia, Plymouth Township and Michigan State Police spotted the SUV on Mystic Circle, where one officer shot out the front tire as the vehicle passed about two feet in front of him.

Police said the vehicle was stolen in November from a Troy home that was broken into and the homeowner groped.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

Malicious destruction

A resident on Silver Springs Drive reported a malicious destruction of property incident that occurred between 4 and 7 p.m. Jan. 8.

The driver's side and top of the vehicle had been struck by eggs, and there appeared to be damage to the vehicle's paint.

The caller said her vehicle was parked outside her apartment when the incident took place.

GPS unit stolen

A resident on White Haven Drive told police that a GPS unit and charger were stolen from his vehicle between 7:30 p.m. Jan. 5 and 8 a.m. Jan. 6.

He believes he left the car unlocked.

The next morning he noticed that his center console had been gone through, but he did not notice anything missing.

He didn't check the glove box for the GPS unit at that time but noticed that it was missing a few days later.

The TomTom brand unit was valued at \$250.

Larceny from autos

A resident on Dunswood Drive reported that an iPod, \$20 and two FM transmitters

were stolen from his vehicle between 10 p.m. Jan. 5 and 9 a.m. Jan. 6.

He said his vehicle was parked in his driveway and that he believed he left the passenger's side door unlocked. The iPod and \$20-bill were in the center console, and the transmitters were on the front seat. The iPod was valued at \$350. The FM transmitters for the iPod were valued at \$80 each.

A resident on Surrey Lane told police that her driver's side window was broken out and a GPS unit was stolen from her rental vehicle between 9 p.m. Jan. 1 and 9 a.m. Jan. 2. Her vehicle was parked in an uncovered parking space. The TomTom GPS unit was valued at \$317.00. Damage to the window was estimated at \$500.

Another resident who lives on E. Northville Trail had the passenger side window of his vehicle broken out and a GPS unit stolen from his vehicle between 11:30 p.m. Jan. 1 and 1 p.m. Jan. 2.

His vehicle was parked in a covered parking space on E. Harbour Village Drive. The man said his vehicle was locked, and the GPS unit was mounted on the windshield. The Magellan RoadMate GPS unit was valued at \$190.79. Damage to the window was estimated at \$500.

Possession of marijuana

A man was arrested for possession of marijuana at 7 p.m. on Jan. 4 at Northville and Seven Mile roads.

The man was pulled over because his license plate light was out. The officer smelled burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle when he asked the man for his driver's license. The officer found three blunt marijuana roaches in the vehicle's ashtray.

Another man was arrested for violating the controlled substance act at 6:51 p.m. Jan. 2 on Silver Springs Drive. An officer was in the area of Silver Spring Elementary when he saw a vehicle come from behind the school.

Being aware that the school was closed for holiday break, he stopped the vehicle in the parking lot. When asked what he was doing behind the school, he said he was urinating.

Once out of the car, he was continually putting his hands into his pockets after being told not to, and during a pat down, the officer felt something hard in the man's sweat-shirt pocket, which turned out to be a drug pipe. The man then told police that there were two grams of marijuana in the center console of the car, which they found.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresby.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Walking in the Park
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: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday
DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org
Divorce Recovery Workshop
TIME/DATE: 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays Jan 8 to Feb. 19
DETAILS: Regardless of age or circumstances, this workshop helps in a healthy recovery.

OAK POINTE CHURCH
LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services
TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
ReNew Life Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.
CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Charmed Influence
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage".
CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church.

Sunday Worship
TIME: 8, 9:15 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 p.m. 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 p.m. 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

Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Adventure Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

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, friends trips and more. Contact the number below for more information.
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

Grief workshop
TIME/DATE: eight week beginning on February 9 from 7 to 8:45 p.m.
DETAILS: Grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights. For registration information, please see CHURCH, A13

FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF NORTHVILLE
A Stephen Ministry church
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or funcnorthville.org

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LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

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 810-227-3113
 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship
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HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
 at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.
 810-231-9199
 Fr. John Rocus, Pastor
 Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
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PRESCHOOL & KDG. - Mo. Synod
 620 General Motors Rd., Milford
 Church office: (248) 684-0895
 Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Jun-Aug - Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m.
 Monday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
 The Rev. Richard E. Pope, Pastor

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 133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5695
 Pastor Steve Swayze
 Sunday School (all ages) 8:45 a.m.
 Sunday Worship - 11 a.m. • Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Awards for age 3 to 5th grades
 Middle & Senior High programs

SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C.
 1250 South Hill Rd. Just south of downtown Milford
 (248) 685-3560 www.AboutSouthHill.com
 Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 10:00 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Bible Study for all ages 9:15 a.m.
 Tuesday 7 p.m. Children - 6th Grade (5 groups)
 Wednesday 7 p.m. - High School Youth
 Call about our current small group studies.

WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
 11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48390
 248-887-1218
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday All Ages 7:00 p.m.

MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805
 Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10:00 a.m.
 Nursery care available @ 10:00 a.m.
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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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 Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 8:45 a.m.
 Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI
 46325 10 Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48374
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
 Reverend George Charnley, Pastor
 Parish Office: 347-7778

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345
 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Service
 Dr. Richard J. Henderson, Pastor

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. In Novi at 8 1/2 Mile
 248-348-7757 • www.mbcoc.org
 Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
 Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375
 Weekend Hours
 Saturday: 5 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
 Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor
 Rev. Henry Sands, Associate Pastor
 Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
 10 Mile between Meadowbrook & Haggerty, Novi • Phone 427-1175
 Sundays 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m.
 Holy Eucharist • Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m.
 Rev. Dr. Ray Babin, Interim Rector
 www.churchoftheholycross.com

OAK POINTE CHURCH
 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
 Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.,
 Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
 Casual, contemporary service
 Phone (248) 912-0043
 www.oakpointe.org

For information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 734-582-8342 or e-mail: dhart@dnp.com

Farmington Hills

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA
 Farmington Hills • 2225 Gill Rd. • 248-474-0584
 Between Grand River & Freedom
 Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday Worship & Sunday School
 9:00 a.m. Traditional/Choral
 11:15 a.m. Contemporary
 Sunday School - all ages 10:15 a.m.

Highland

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH
 2350 Harvey Lake Rd. (248) 887-4556
 Contemporary Service
 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays
 Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:15 a.m.
 3rd-6th Grade Youth Tuesdays 7-9 p.m.
 Pastor Nick Ruffer

HIGHLAND CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 1211 W. Livingston Rd., Highland 248-887-1402
 9:45 a.m.: Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 a.m.: Worship Service & Children's Church
 6:00 p.m.: Sunday Evening Fellowship
 Wednesday - 9:45-11:15 a.m.: Ladies Bible Study
 Wednesday - 7 p.m.: Adult Bible Study
 w/child care program

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
 120 Bishop St., Highland
 off Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-59
 • Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 • Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 • Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 Pastor: Darryl Martin
 889-7253 or 887-4566

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 680 W. Livingston Rd., Highland, MI 48357
 248.887.1311 • www.humc.us
 Sunday Worship 8:30, 10 & 11:30 a.m.
 Kids Church 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
 Youth Night - Wed. 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
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HIGHLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 1605 N. Hickory Ridge Rd. (248) 887-1515
 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School For All Ages
 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service & Kids Church (4 yrs. - 4th grade)
 Child Care Provided
 Wednesday Ministries For All Ages At 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
 3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland (248) 887-5364
 Rev. Leo T. Luko, Pastor
 Mass Schedule: Saturday 9 p.m.
 Sunday 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Holy Day 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; First Saturday 9 a.m.
 Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.
 or by appointment

Livonia

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Services held at:
 Madonna University's Kresge Hall
 36600 Schoolcraft Rd. - Livonia
 Parking lot is NW Corner of Levan & Schoolcraft
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Dr. James H. McGuro • Nursery Provided

New Hudson

NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 56730 Grand River
 Rev. Gerry Hunter
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 248-437-6212
 newhudsonumc@bogloball.net • newhudsonumc.org

NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
 57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165
 Phone 248-474-9108
 Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.
 Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister
 Website: http://www.newhopeuu.org

Northville

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 Sunday Worship - 9:00 am & 10:15 am
 Sunday School and Children's Programs
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 349-1144
 8 Mile & Taft Roads
 Sunday Worship Services:
 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
 Rev. Dr. Steve Buck • Rev. Lisa Cook
 www.umcnorthville.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
 200 E. Main St. (248) 349-0911
 Worship & Church School - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
 Children Available at All Services
 Youth League Prog. - Wed. 4:15 to 5:30 M.S./S.M.
 Single's Place Ministry - Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
 Rev. W. Kent Cline, Senior Pastor
 Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville
 248-374-7400 or 248-374-5978
 Sunday Worship 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
 Traditionally 11 a.m., Contemporary 9:30 a.m.
 Nursery & Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. services
 www.wardchurch.org
 Service Broadcast Sunday 11 a.m.
 W1507 AM 560 The WMUZ World Station

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 770 Thayer, Northville
 WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:30, 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
 Church 349-2621, School 349-3610
 Religious Education 349-2559
 Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

South Lyon

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN
 (Missouri Synod) Pastor Terry Nelson
 437-8810 • 486-4335 • Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile
 Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon (East of 8 Mile Road)
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
 Sr. High Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
 Mid High Wednesday at 7 p.m.
 Rev. David Brown, Pastor
 248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

The Church of Christ
 21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
 248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
 Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
 Rob Callicott, Pastor

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
 10774 Nine Mile Road
 Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582
 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
 Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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 "WHERE THE SON ALWAYS SHINES"
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Nursery Care Provided
 Check us out on the web: www.fpcsouthlyon.org
 248-437-2875 • 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) •
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SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH
 22183 Pontiac Trail (east of Aztec and Open)
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 (Nursery & Children's programs)
 Office 248-486-4400
 www.solidrocksouthlyon.org

White Lake

WHITE LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 4005 Highland Rd. (between Bogue Lk & Ormond Rd.)
 (248) 887-4654 Deborah V. Kerr, Pastor
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Children Church School 10:00 a.m.
 Child Care Provided
 "The Friendly Church" Established 1835

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Living Water
 North Campus of St. Luke's Lutheran Church Ann Arbor
 Worship Celebration Sunday 10:15 a.m.
 Whitmore Lake High School
 7430 Whitmore Lake Rd. • Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
 Dan Flynn, Minister
 734-426-4006 • www.livingwatermi.org

South Lyon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760
 Sunday Worship: 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 Nursery Provided
 Reverend Sandra Wilcoxon
 southlyonfumc.org

FAMILY LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH A/G
 62345 W. 8 Mile Road 437-1472 • www.familylifecc.net
 Sr. Pastor Joseph R. Tabbi
 Sunday Christian Education 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Wednesday Christian Education and Family Nite 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
 60620 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
 Phone: 248-437-2983
 Sunday School 8:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
 Senior Pastor: Rob Freibur / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weisk
 Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.com
 Email: fbcsouthlyon@bcpmail.net

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
 28900 Pontiac Trail (Access from Erwin's Orchard)
 Saturday Service 10:00 a.m.
 Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
 Contemporary Worship - Relevant,
 Bible Based Messages
 (248) 486-0400 • www.ecrossroads.net

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
 Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Phry,
 at Liberty St.
 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 All Classes 9:00
 Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-2289

CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Services held at: Kent Lake Elementary
 30181 Kent Lake Rd. - S. Lyon
 Sunday Service Times
 9:30 a.m. - Meet & Greet
 10:30 a.m. - Morning Service
 Rev. Kenneth Warren-586-531-2021



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Students for soldiers

Second Grade students at Silver Springs Elementary School in Chris Parin's class adopted Violeta Martinez, a soldier at Camp Victory in West Liberty, Basrah, Iraq to send her a care package for Christmas. The student's families response to the collection was so tremendous that students filled five boxes to mail care packages to soldiers currently serving with Violeta. Pictured is student Jackson VanArnam, who got to go to the post office when his mother mailed the boxes.

Northville and Detroit students join forces to feed the hungry here and around the world

School children from suburban Northville and inner-city Detroit are joining forces to learn about world hunger and, most importantly, do something about it through the Kids Against Hunger Michigan Coalition "Michigan Project."

The seven food packaging events, which will take place between January 27 and April 7 (see attached schedule), will bring together young people from different experiences and cultures to work and learn at Detroit area landmarks including the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn, Gleaners Community Food Bank in Detroit, Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Compuware headquarters in Detroit, and the Mexican Community Center in Detroit.

Kids Against Hunger is an international, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to providing food to malnourished and starving children throughout the world, including right here in Metro Detroit. The organization partners with local schools, churches and other community groups to organize food packaging events where as many as 20,000 meals can be assembled in a three-hour period. Through the Kids Against Hunger "Michigan Project," which specially tailors food-packaging events to the school setting, last year alone Michigan school children assembled more than 1.1 million meals.

This marks the fourth year Northville and Detroit students will come together to package food for Kids Against Hunger as part of a partnership with Bridgepointe (a local non-profit organization that brings together school children from different backgrounds to learn and work), the Plymouth Kiwanis, the Conrad Charitable Foundation, Mothers' Club of Northville, and other local school and community groups.

During the food packaging events, students work together on an assembly line to measure, weigh and seal 13.8-ounce bags of nutritious rice-soy casserole mix that can each feed six adults or 12 children. One-third of the food from each packaging event goes to local food banks to help those in need in the community, one-third goes to feed the starving in Third World countries, and one-third goes to help those in the U.S. and worldwide struck by natural disaster.

"Through Kids Against Hunger, students learn that hunger is a world problem and that we have a responsibility to contribute to its solution," said Kids Against Hunger Michigan Coalition President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Donald Burwell. "Building relationships between

DETAILS

For more information about Kids Against Hunger and to see a food-packaging event in action, you can view a segment aired recently on PBS's "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer" by logging on to www.pbs.org/newshour/video/share.html?news01nlab6q612.

For additional details about the Kids Against Hunger Michigan Coalition visit www.kidsagainsthungercoalition.com or www.bridgepointenonprofit.org. For information about the Arab American National Museum go to www.arabamericanmuseum.org and for Gleaners Community Food Bank visit www.gcfb.org.

Kids Against Hunger Packaging Events - 2009 Schedule

January 27
Schools: Winchester Elementary School, Northville and Holbrook Elementary School, Hamtramck
Location: Arab American National Museum, 13624 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

February 11
Schools: Moraine Elementary School, Northville and Roberto Clemente Elementary School, Detroit
Location: Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit
Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

February 12
Schools: Amerman Elementary School, Northville and Roberto Clemente Elementary School, Detroit
Location: Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

February 24
Schools: Thornton Creek Elementary School, Northville and Neinas Elementary School, Detroit
Location: Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 West Fort Street, Detroit
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 12
Schools: Silver Springs Elementary School, Northville and Bennett Elementary School, Detroit
Location: Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 24
Schools: Ridge Wood Elementary School, Northville and Meads Mill Middle School, Northville and Bennett Elementary School, Detroit
Location: Compuware, One Campus Martius, Detroit
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

April 7
Schools: Hillside Middle School, Northville and Maybury Elementary School, Detroit
Location: Mexican Community Center, 4114 West Vernor, Detroit
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

When the 100-plus students from Winchester Elementary School in Northville and Holbrook Elementary School in Hamtramck visit the Arab American National Museum on January 27 to package food for Kids Against Hunger, they'll also tour the museum to learn about Arab American history and culture. This is especially meaningful, given that nearly 85 percent of the students at Holbrook are of Arab descent.

"Over the past year, staff and students from Holbrook and Winchester have formed a strong friendship of sharing and learning as pen pals, through Kids Against Hunger and by visiting each other's schools," said Holbrook Principal Michael Zygmuntowicz. "What is so great about Kids Against Hunger is the opportunity for students from both schools to interact with peers whose experiences and culture are different than their own, and at the same time help others in need. This means a lot to our students because they are so often the ones receiving the help. At the Arab American National Museum, our students will be able to learn alongside Northville students and share their culture and history."

"I hope students from each of the schools will walk away from the Kids Against Hunger event with a better awareness of their community and others," McDougall said. "Gleaners is a wonderful location in which to do the packaging because it makes students aware that hunger isn't something that only happens in Third World countries. It affects kids right here at home — kids very much like them, who don't have food to eat when they get home."

Gleaners, the third-oldest food bank in the United States, distributes nearly 27 million pounds of food annually (or 404,000 meals a day) to those in need in southeastern Michigan.

When Northville and Detroit students meet at the Gleaners Community Food Bank, in addition to packaging food for Kids Against Hunger they will tour the massive facility and learn about the important work the organization does providing food for those in need in southeastern Michigan. A portion of the food packaged during the three Kids Against Hunger events at Gleaners (on Feb. 11, Feb. 12 and March 12) will be donated to the food bank.

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"We're proud to host an event that will directly impact the hungry here in Metro Detroit and in other parts of the world, while also encouraging our young people to get involved in volunteer service," said Anan Ameri, museum director. "Experiencing the Arab American National Museum is always educational and entertaining, but experiencing it with a new friend from a faraway school enhances some of the lessons we try to teach — that immigrants founded and grew our nation, and that our diversity is an asset."

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

MEADS MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Beginning Monday, Jan. 26, all seventh grade students will take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and the Cognitive Abilities Test (COGAT). These tests will be administered on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9:10 and 11:15 a.m. Students will take the test in their second hour classrooms. We ask that you do not arrange appointments during this time. Students should sleep well and have breakfast.

Please contact Mr. Wickens (L-Z) or Dr. Perrina (A-K) with any questions at (248) 344-8435.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE NIGHT

Schoolcraft College would like eighth grade students and their parents to be a part of their early awareness Middle School College Night program on Tuesday, Feb. 3 from 4-7 p.m. in the VisiTech Building at Schoolcraft College. The format will be a self-paced, arena style setting to accommodate busy parents and student

schedules. The goals of this program are to introduce:

- the idea of college to middle school students and parents
- the options available in education
- the concepts of financing an education
- the importance of planning early for college

WINCHESTER ELEMENTARY

The Junior Great Books program for second, third and fourth graders starts next week. If your child has signed up for the program and has not received any materials, please notify either Amy Marmaduke jmarmadu@yahoo.com or Nancy Bernardi bernardi1@wowway.com.

Due to an overwhelming response this year, we are also in need of Junior Grade Books, especially third grade. If anyone from a previous year has a book they could lend or donate to the program, it would be appreciated.

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GEMOLOGIST

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2009 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

The Department of Public Safety (Police and Fire) will remain open.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FY 2009 - 2010 PROJECTS Final Statement

On Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville conducted a public hearing. At their regularly scheduled meeting on this date, the board approved the following projects for FY 2009-2010 CDBG Funds, with an estimated \$104,000 to be awarded:

- \$22,600 Housing Rehabilitation**
These funds will be used to assist low and moderate income households in the rehabilitation of their homes.
- \$50,000 Public Facilities and Improvements**
These funds would be used to address the prevention or elimination of slum and blight.
- \$16,000 Public Services**
These funds will be used for the on-going Senior Citizen programs, such as, but not limited to; bus services, newsletter and program coordinator.
- \$5,000 Allen Terrace Rehabilitation**
These funds will be used for multiple projects to be accomplished for safety and security purposes at the Allen Terrace Senior Housing Development.
- \$10,400 Administration**
The final Statement has been prepared and is available for the public at the Northville Township Civic Center, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168-9670

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, Clerk

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OUR VIEWS

Ten changes that can begin Jan. 20

President-elect Barack Obama's term in office will be historic and likely inspirational. But what can the new president offer Americans? Reporter Brian Tumulty of the Gannett News Services offered 10 changes that the Obama Administration can likely achieve. Here's our take on them:

1. Health insurance for more children. It's a worthy goal to expand health care to children living in families near the poverty level. But the focus has to be on providing access to health care for children who might otherwise go without. Those are the outcomes that should be measured, rather than merely providing more tax-supported premium payments to insurance companies.

2. Cheaper prescription drugs. Treating illness with drugs will dramatically increase health care costs for an aging population. But government needs to be careful of playing to populist ideals of low-cost Canadian drugs. Yes, some drugs cost less in Canada. But that's because Canadians can rely on American research. It is difficult to find the last time a Canadian firm produced a pharmaceutical breakthrough.

3. Broader jobless benefits. It's costly, but Congress must provide a safety net as the unemployment rate continues to climb. People who worked long and hard are now jobless because of factors ranging from the loss of manufacturing jobs to the financial sector implosion. If we can bail out financial executives with million-dollar bonuses, then we can provide for the working man and woman.

4. More college student loans. As the nation and world economy rapidly evolves, the value of education only grows. It is critical that students have the opportunity to go to college. Our only caveat: Universities have to tighten their belts and not merely accept more government spending.

5. Easier small business loans. Obama has a promising proposal to use existing Small Business Administration programs to provide low-interest, fixed-rate loans for people who want to start or expand small businesses. In a time of tight credit, this would be a critical lifeline.

6. Simpler tax filing. The more complex the tax code, the more likely that someone unfairly benefits. Make it simple, which will make it more likely that more people will pay their fair share. Obama plans to use a system modeled after a California project where taxpayers can choose to pay a pre-calculated bill rather than hire a tax preparer.

7. Less time filling out medical forms. There is room for great savings and simplification in hospital technology. Patient care should improve as well. But there is also the danger of great expenditures without substantive improvement. This is a worthy project, but it requires great oversight to prevent fraud or incompetence.

8. More access to government data. In this digital age, the bias should be in favor of making government as transparent as possible. The more information available on-line, the better.

9. Time off work. Of all industrialized nations, the United States reportedly offers the least amount of time off work. The Family and Medical Leave Act has provided necessary flexibility for employees to take care of family issues. But the government may be going too far to mandate seven days of paid sick days annually. Many companies already provide such benefits, but they are often wrapped into other parts of the benefits package.

10. Role model. Obama's election provides the highest-possible visibility for the potential that can be reached for all American children, particularly those from low-income or minority families. A Harvard-educated expert on constitutional law, Obama promises to be the symbol of a generation that casts aside the prejudices that have for too long plagued a great nation.

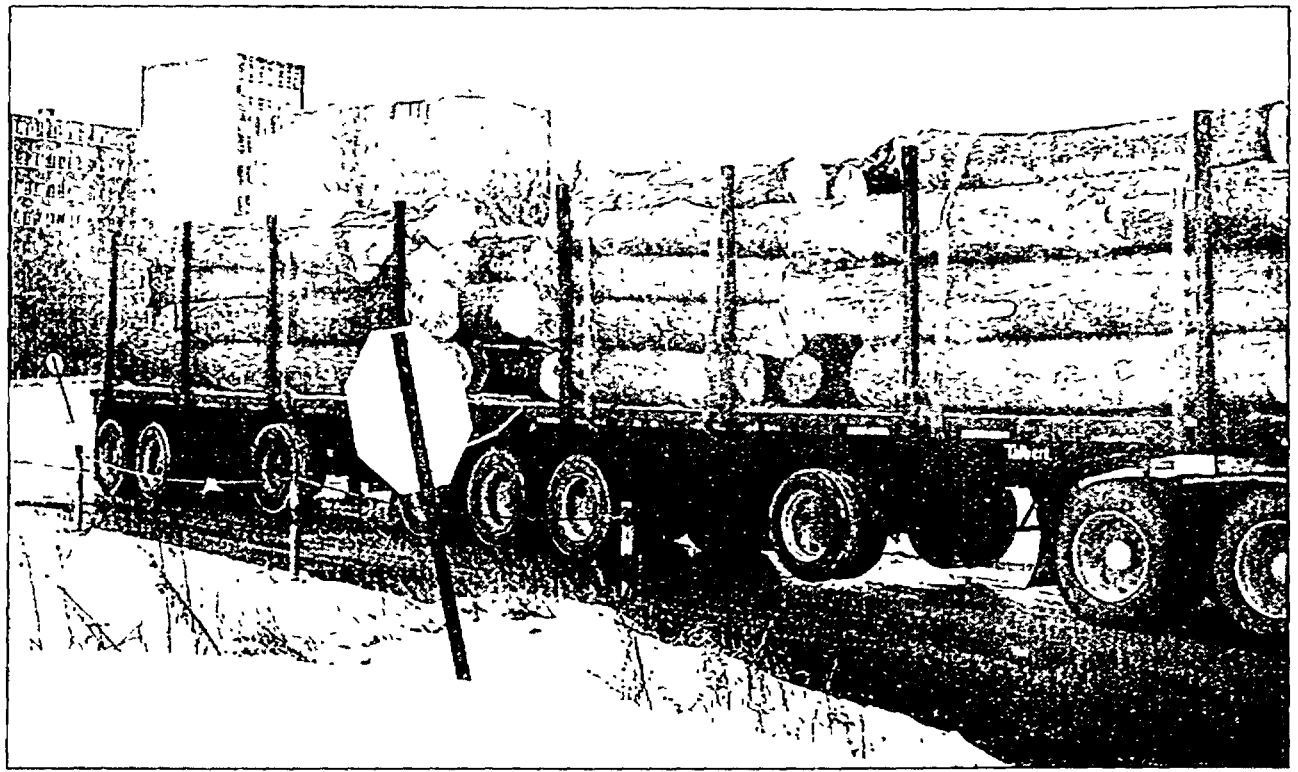
IN YOUR VOICE

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 Northville Record Editor - More love

I too was very surprised to read the letter last week from the Northville resident who had a neighbor call the Police because of a noisy generator. Calling the Police about a noisy generator when the generator was out from a snow storm is outrageous! I would say that the neighbor on Randolph Street should really be embarrassed about their selfish conduct but I'm sure they are not. Glad your power is back on and everyone is well and warm.

Evaaa



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Timber harvesting begins on former hospital site

Developer REIS, a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company, began harvesting timber on the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property last Friday. The action is allowed under the consent judgment signed by the township and the developer last July. A meeting took place Sunday between Mark Abbo, township supervisor; Marjorie Banner and Mindy Herrmann, trustees; Todd Fink, attorney for REIS; Ernie Essad Jr., attorney for the township; and a representative from REIS. Abbo said Monday the developer told the township a licensed forester has surveyed the property and that a sustainable forest plan is in place. "They are removing only selected trees," he said. The developer said trees are not being removed from contaminated areas on the parcel and that no contaminated areas will be disturbed during the harvesting. Janet Bernardino, a regionally-known conservationist within the Rouge River Watershed, said landmark trees are being removed from the land. "My objective is to preserve the old grove on the property and to mediate between the developer, two land conservancies and the township," she said. "It's a very unique, natural feature for an urban setting." Bernardino said information about some of the trees being more than 400 years old came from the developer. She said page 54 of the Highwood Concept Plan, October 2006, states that the property contains 13 acres of woodland, with 10 acres of forest that include trees projected to be more than 400 years old.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trees should stay

Regarding your front page article of Jan. 8, 2009, about the REIS plan to harvest timber on the former hospital property, I share Chris Roosen's disappointment. REIS should definitely cut mature trees only as necessary for a specific site plan. In my opinion site plans should be made to accommodate mature trees. It is absurd to think that mature trees can be replaced by saplings, which will take 20 to 30 years to provide the beauty and ecological benefits provided by mature trees.

We as a township have not done a good job of safeguarding our trees, and I resent the influence of greedy developers.

Edith McKnight
Northville

Township failed

Our Northville Township government has once again failed to protect, this time by signing a consent judgment agreement giving the owner developer of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property permission to ignore the township's woodlands ordinance. Every Northville Township government official has failed us miserably at every turn regarding this property. Now they are all directly responsible for allowing REIS to cut down as many beautiful and healthy maple, oak and walnut trees as they desire. There is no site plan. Regardless of what buildings might be built where, REIS will rape the land now.

Township trustee Chris Roosen claimed to be saddened when he learned of the developer's plans to harvest timber. The Northville Record quoted him to say he was "hoping that they (REIS) would choose to take a higher road in 2009." What could have possibly prompted Mr. Roosen's hope? Certainly not the past behavior of the developer thus far!

All Northville Township Board members should be held responsible for their inability and lack of expertise. I am thankful the Citizens for Public Accountability and Responsible Development are holding their feet to the fire on behalf of all of us who remain incensed by the board's inexcusable actions.

Gail Wodowski
Northville

Ways to protect trees

I hope the Northville Township Board will consider the REIS woodland issue. As one board member stated, we must ask or hope for the best, for this development. By waiting for the developer to make the first move, the community may be disappointed by the outcome. The community, REIS, and the board could greatly benefit, in the public's eye, at this point by offering to preserve the woodlots for future generations with Brownfield Funds, or Federal Block Grant money, and at the same time truly achieve a legitimate "public purpose", as is the intent of the Brownfield Act, to this multi-million tax subsidized project, other than tearing down buildings to construct a future, privately-owned, retail/commercial development. The Brownfield

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

Mail: Letters to the Editor, Northville Record, 104 W. Main St., Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167. Fax: (248) 349-9832

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Deadline: Letters must be received by noon on Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Act states a board has the authority to issue bonds for the "acquisition and disposal of certain property", so it implies the board could purchase, one or both, 10-plus-acre woodlots, or place them in a trust, as a part of the Brownfield Plan funds, with no cost to the community. This should be investigated before it is too late, and all of the mature trees of the forest are cut down.

Steve Lomske
Northville Township

Thanks to All Aglow contributors

The Mothers' Club of Northville would like to thank the donors who contributed to the All Aglow: Illumination for Education fund-raiser for the generosity. Your thoughtfulness will bring opportunities to Northville school children that could not otherwise occur due to budget constraints. These opportunities include direct classroom enrichment grants and service learning experiences through community outreach efforts, such as the Kids Against Hunger project.

Many thanks are extended to the Hillside and Meads Mill choirs, with superb musical direction from Ms. Vickie Kopistansky and Mrs. Amanda Good, for their festive performance at the All Aglow celebration and to the children of our dedicated PTA Presidents for flipping the switch to illuminate the All Aglow tree. Sincere appreciation is also extended to Margene Buckhave for providing the beautifully decorated evergreen in front of Stampedder Plus to serve as the centerpiece for our All Aglow celebration.

Thank you for helping the Mothers' Club of Northville continue its tradition of enriching the education of Northville school children.

Pattie Curtis
Mothers' Club of Northville All Aglow
Chairperson

Red Kettle goal surpassed

Northville has come through again with generous donations to the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle campaign. The Plymouth Corps' goal was \$235,000 and over \$244,000 was collected in the Red Kettle Campaign. All this money stays in the community to help those less fortunate. The following groups and individuals volunteered at Hiller's, the Northville Post Office and in downtown Northville in front of Orin Jewelers. They gave of their time and talent to help make this campaign a

success. Many thanks for your efforts: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, First United Methodist Church of Northville, Our Lady of Victory, Northville Police Department, Northville High School Honor Society, Northville City Employees Mothers' Club Life Members, Silver Springs Elementary, Moraine Elementary, Cooke School, Boy Scout Pack 746, Jay Moore, Jim McMichael, John Romanik, Dave Favro, Ron Bush, Charlie Cox, Dick Gray, Carol Livermore, Joy Donnellon, John Carter, Judie Gorden, Bob & Joan Sellen, Don & Dianne McCullough, Mary Champagne, Tom Swigart & Bernice, Linda Busse, Kathleen Buettner, Roger Watkins, Steve Townsend, Bob Hoffman, Mary Pohlod, Kathy Zimmerman & Sandy Woolfall, Susan Couzens & Joan Bahl, Denise Taylor & Family, Judy Kohl, Judy Stewart, Mark Culik & Bob Sharrar, Sara & Terry Ryan & Grandchildren, John & Mary Jane Brugeman, Coleen Stevens, Brett & Bob Yuhasz, Fran & Frank Firek, Jerry Olson, Rick Watkins, Pam & Chuck Burke, Mary Brunn, Tamara & Paul Stiles, Norm Kubitsky, Joy & John Colizzi, Carolyn Roth & Jan Cole, Bill & Pat Longley, John & Jan Jameson, Ellen Kelly, Pete & Katie Smith, Randy & Yvonne Loeffler, Jana Sedam, Marcia Cromas & Marji Terakedis, Maggie & Jamie Otto & Family, Tom Watkins, JoAnne Rennell, Jim & Edie DeHahn, Alexis Jezak & Emily Toupin, Debbie Galloway & Barb VanderMass

Judy Kohl
Northville Salvation Army Red Kettle
Coordinator

To CVS and its supporters

Tonight I will eat humble Pie. I sincerely apologize to CVS and desi2008 and evaaa for sending my letter to the Record without further investigation.

Sharon Johnson
Northville

Community thanked

In spite of our economic downturn and the bombardment of negative news, here is a bright light in the Northville community. That light shines by way of the caring individuals of all ages, families, churches, businesses and organizations that participated in the Christmas Program at Northville Civic Concern. A lovely holiday was provided for the clients by our holiday "angel shoppers." Thank you for all that you did to contribute to the success of this program.

The rest of the story is that the work continues throughout the year and there are ways you can help. The mission is food for people in our community that have a need and there is always a need. There are so many ways to help. As you do your grocery shopping please consider Northville Civic Concern. Without you we couldn't exist.

As we begin this New Year, let us pledge to work for our community as we serve others.

Marlene Kunz
director, Northville Civic Concern
(and all the volunteers, too!)

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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.

Now for a little good news we could all use

General Motors announcement Monday that it will build a battery plant in Michigan and fund an advanced battery research lab at the University of Michigan is a game changer.

For the time being, GM will use lithium-ion battery packs made in Korea to power the Volt plug-in. But it's clear the company intends battery research and development, as well as manufacturing, right here in Michigan. It's hiring several hundred engineers to work on alternative power and plans to make the U-M lab into the biggest in the country.

So now there are two advanced battery companies with eyes on us. Last week, A123 Systems, a Massachusetts-based battery designer, announced plans to build the first of several lithium ion plants in southeastern Michigan.

This is more than significant - given the dramatic changes under way in automotive technology. "This is a really huge, huge step for the State of Michigan," says Jim Epolito, head of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which is putting mega bucks into supporting these efforts. Tuesday, Gov. Granholm signed a bill that



Phil Power

provides \$335 million tax breaks for battery companies in Michigan, a deal similar to the one worked out last year to help the movie industry.

Moreover, these announcements are just the tip of the iceberg of an audacious, very far-reaching, multi-faceted effort to change the entire energy model in America - and put Michigan at the head of the process.

All this starts with "advanced energy storage systems," i.e. new-fangled batteries, which are at the heart of the auto industry's plans for energy-saving hybrid and plug-in vehicles. True, advanced battery technology and manufacturing migrated out of the U.S. to Asia years ago. But it's now become clear that high-tech batteries are not confined just to cars. They'll play a role in computers, military applications, electric power distribution, and who knows what else.

But can we really bring world leadership of the battery industry back home? Well, that might be tough ... but it's not impossible.

Nor is A123 Systems the only

American company in the thick of it. Another is Sakti3, a start-up spun out of the University of Michigan's College of Engineering by professor Ann Marie Sastry, a firm which concentrates on optimal molecular structures for batteries. And GM says it's putting \$1 billion into battery research, and maybe the feds will shower economic stimulus money on the effort, as well.

In Michigan, however, the idea goes well beyond batteries into what the experts call "distributed power generation." Most power these days comes from big central plants run by the utility companies. But slap photovoltaic solar panels in your roof, and you generate your own electricity, powered by the sun.

Already, Michigan companies like Dow Chemical and Hemlock Semiconductor are on top of the heap in making polycrystalline silicon, a key base material for solar panels. Also in Michigan, United Solar Ovonic of Auburn Hills has pioneered the physics and chemistry underlying solar panels and is gearing up vastly increased production of the thin films that go into making energy out of sunlight.

If other local entrepreneurs get smart, they will move quickly to

capture the entire value proposition around distributed power systems: Research and development; making the base feedstock and photovoltaic film; manufacturing the panels; and engineering, installing, servicing and managing complex electrical grids.

Wind is another power source in the mix. Michigan lost most of the wind turbine manufacturing business to Iowa a couple years ago.

But local firms with engineering and manufacturing experience are getting new business. Vestas, the big Danish firm, is reportedly negotiating with Dowding Industries in Eaton Rapids to make components for turbines.

Dowding, in turn, needs to hire and re-train hundreds of former auto parts workers to make wind turbine components. It's working with Lansing Community College to develop customized training, financed in part by the state's No Worker Left Behind program.

Building and training a skilled alternative energy workforce - truly "green jobs" - is another key part of the effort to transform large portions of our economy.

If you connect the dots, they form a very complex, interconnected, and audacious economic vision for

Michigan's future.

And a lot of it has to do with vision and hard work put in by the state of Michigan. Governor Granholm gets much credit for realizing that alternative energy could be the next very big thing in our economic future. She reached deep into the state bureaucracy to pluck Stanley "Skip" Pruss to be her chief energy advisor. A lawyer, Pruss has, over the years, built a reputation as among the smartest and hardest-working folks in state government.

"This is the single greatest economic opportunity that we have before us," says Pruss. "We need to work fast to get 'first mover' advantage in what will be a very competitive field. But we're working hard and, so far, we're making a lot of progress."

Former newspaper publisher and University of Michigan Regent Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics and economics, and a former chairman of the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy. He is also the founder and president of the Center for Michigan, a centrist think-and-do tank which publishes the Michigan Scorecard. The opinions expressed here are Power's own and do not represent the official views of the Center. He welcomes your comments at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - STATE SEN. NANCY CASSIS

THE NEW YEAR BEGINS WITH POSITIVE CHANGE

Following up on my last column, an important business tax relief measure that I sponsored was recently signed into law by the governor. Enacting Senate Bill 1038 marks a positive step for Michigan as the new year begins.

My legislation, now Public Act 433 of 2008, exempts sales taxes and fees from the gross receipts portion of the Michigan Business Tax, and exempts interest and dividend income from tax-exempt federal or state securities.

The state's bizarre 'tax on a tax' had stood as a barrier to job creation and business investment growth. An estimated 50,000 Michigan job

providers will now see their business tax liability reduced.

Lifting this unfair tax off the shoulders of Michigan job providers will help invigorate the state's economy and get people back to work. It will also help our small businesses stay in Michigan. Small businesses provide nearly 70 percent of the state's jobs, and reducing their tax burden will allow them to continue to provide jobs for our residents, while helping spur new investment and job creation.

This pro-job creation legislation is especially important in light of the recent Revenue Estimating Conference. The conference brought together the nonpartisan House and Senate Fiscal Agency directors, state treasurer and

economists whose conclusions underscored the need for Michigan to fundamentally reform the way it operates when it announced that the state's structural deficit for 2009 will be more than \$917 million. The budget shortfall for 2010 could be as large as \$1.4 billion.

This forecast will certainly bring challenges for the next two years. We now await the governor's state of the state address and her budget proposal, where she will lay out her legislative goals for 2009 along with her budget priorities.

Michigan needs to adopt structural reforms that are crucial to our future prosperity. Our state government must transform while continuing to

provide essential services, like education and public safety by enacting efficiencies and consolidations reducing costs to taxpayers.

JANUARY IS MICHIGAN MENTORING MONTH

I have been a strong advocate of mentoring since becoming a school psychologist with Novi schools in 1980. As an active member of the West Bloomfield Advisory Council of the Mentor Connection, I have seen the impressive results of a mentor in a young person's life. Mentor Connection, a program of Jewish Family Service, will bring Oakland County mentors and mentees to the Michigan Capitol on

January 28 in celebration of Michigan Mentoring Month. It is a time to inspire today's youth to serve a purpose greater than themselves, and I look forward to meeting and welcoming them to our States Capitol.

I encourage you to consider making a positive impact on a child by becoming a mentor. A large portion of at-risk youths are male, so men are especially needed as mentors. To learn more about Mentor Connection or for information on how to become a mentor, please call Jessica Glandon at (248) 592-1193 or visit the program's Web site at www.mentorconnection.org.

A NEW ADDITION TO MY STAFF
I also want to introduce

a new member of my staff, David Marvin, to the residents of western Oakland County. He is taking over for Kristin Fair, who has taken a new position with state Rep. Paul Scott. David will be handling constituent relations and working on our education legislation.

David's 15 years of experience in the Michigan Legislature crafting legislation, analyzing state and federal statutes, and working on the School Aid budget make him an outstanding addition to my team.

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

Patterson hints at run for attorney general

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Bruce Patterson says he is seriously thinking about running for Michigan attorney general in 2010. The Republican senator from Canton, who is in his second term, says he is "kicking around the idea" and will make a decision in the coming months.

"I've got some people interested in helping me get elected to the position," Patterson said Wednesday from Texas, where he is on a business trip.

Patterson, who also served two terms in the State House of Representatives before running for the Senate, said he has a long interest in law enforcement, and running for attorney general makes sense for him. He will be term limited in the Senate after his current term expires in 2010.

"It's a logical progression for me," he said of the attorney general position. "I want to serve, but I don't need to serve. I just need some time to think it through."

Patterson turns 62 next



Patterson

month, and has had some health problems in the last year. He was diagnosed with diabetes in May, but has been taking medication. He said he

has lost about 40 pounds and is exercising regularly.

At this point it appears his main opposition to get the Republican nomination will be former Congressman and outgoing Appeals Court Judge Bill Schuette, who is considered the frontrunner, and State Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, who has yet to announce his intentions. Patterson and Bishop, who will also be term limited in 2010, have had an ongoing feud over the course of the last year, beginning when Bishop failed to support Patterson's attempt to thwart Livonia's annexation plans of the former state psychiatric hospital property in Northville Township.

Bill Ballenger, editor/publisher of the Inside Michigan Politics, said Schuette is the

man to beat at this point, but that it is still early.

"Right now, hands down, I would say that Bill Schuette would have the upper hand to get the nomination," he said. "But we still have 20 months before this thing plays out."

Ballenger points out that the winner of the nomination will be selected at the Republican convention, not by voters, so candidates will have to court support "among real insiders, not the rank and file Republicans."

He said not to count out Patterson, because he comes from an area that has clout in Lansing.

"Patterson has a chance. He comes from a better geographical area than Schuette. Western Wayne County is a real fertile area. There are lots of voters, and they have influence on what happens in Lansing," Ballenger said.

Patterson said he has a lot of respect for Schuette, who hails from the Midland area, and has known him for the better part of 20 years. But Patterson said he is also respected in Lansing.

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That's a shame, because study after study confirms that networking remains the best way to land a job. Networking can help you learn more about employers that are of interest to you, help you discover unpublicized openings that fit your skills, and introduce you to key decision makers in organizations that can use your talents.

If you keep in mind that you are seeking AND providing information with others like you, you can begin to break down your barriers to using networking. Begin with people you know and a specific bit of information you want to obtain. For example, if you are interested in learning more about a specific organization, in your conversations with people you



Martha Adamson

already know, mention the name of the organization and why you are interested. You can add some specific information about how you think your experience, knowledge and skills might be of value to that organization.

Ask your contact if they know of anyone who might be able to tell you more about the organization. You will probably find that most of your contacts can't introduce you to someone inside the organization directly, but may be able to refer you to someone who they think might help you get closer or get more information.

Your next step is to get in contact with the person you were referred to. You may want to ask the referring contact to call the person they are referring you to in order to alert them that you will be calling, or you can call the new contact directly and let them know that you were referred to them by a mutual friend. This hand-off from one person to

another is extremely important because it builds a level of trust that you wouldn't otherwise have. You may wish to introduce yourself by mentioning how you know your mutual friend and take a bit of time to learn more about your know acquaintance.

Be sure to explain why you are calling and be clear in describing what kind of information or assistance you are seeking. If you can offer information or assistance to your new contact, be sure to do so. You are building a relationship based on trust and mutual respect. Usually, you will be seeking information to help you move forward with your job search, but you will always also want to get referrals to one or more additional people who might be able to help you further.

Networkers usually find that they can be referred to a key contact within three to four introductions. Your goal is to eventually uncover and be referred to a decision maker in the organizations of interest to you. The referral to this person is the most important step, because a personal introduction will create trust between you and the decision maker

which will open doors for your discussion.

Along the way, remember to be a helpful resource to your network contacts. You will want to provide each of them with information or assistance if possible, because networking is a two way street. Be sure to keep in touch with key contacts who have helped you along the way, both as a courtesy and as a means for maintaining your network over time, always remembering to provide them with assistance whenever possible. Send handwritten thank you notes to contacts who are especially helpful, and send emails to others to add to your address book.

Try online social networking as well. LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com) is a site which specifically promotes itself as a way to extend trusted professional contacts and Facebook (www.facebook.com) is a popular site which is getting more and more business use. Both allow you to set up profiles, search for contacts you already know, and build your network through connections to people you already know and trust. Online social networking will undoubtedly

become more and more important in the world of business and job searching. You can build a huge network very quickly and tap into many more resources than you can by using your telephone or personal meetings.

Remember, though, the personal touch in job seeking is still very important. Make sure you build your relationships carefully, try to know who you are adding to your network, and give as well as receive. You'll find the process rewarding in many ways.

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SAVVY SENIOR

High-Tech for Low Vision

Dear Savvy Senior,
What types of products or technology can you recommend to help people with severe vision impairment? My wife has macular degeneration and I'm looking for some good low vision helpers.
Looking Around

Dear Looking,
With around 14 million Americans living with incurable vision impairment today, more and more low-vision products are being developed that can

help with almost any need. Here's what you should know.

LOW VISION AIDS

There are literally hundreds of products on the market that can help improve the quality of life for the visually impaired. For example, to help with daily living tasks, you can find a wide array of "talking" or "jumbo-sized" products such as clocks, watches, remote controls, thermostats and kitchen aids, as well as a huge variety of magnifiers. There are even home telephone devices that can dial a person

by simply saying their name, and drink indicators that you can hook onto your coffee cup that beep when it's almost full.

You can find these products and many others online at sites like www.independentliving.com or call 800-537-2118, and www.maxiaids.com or 800-522-6294. Or visit www.abledata.com, a Web portal that lists almost every type of low vision product and where you can buy it.

In addition to daily living helpers, there are some newer high-tech devices you should know about that offer some incredible features. Here are some to check out.

Desktop video magnifiers: Also known as closed circuit TVs, these are devices that help with reading, writing and looking at pictures. While this type of technology has been around for a while, more styles and variations are available today with prices ranging from several hundred to several thousand dollars. Some good places to find these are at: www.enhancedvision.com or 888-811-3161; www.freedomvision.net, 800-961-1334; www.humanware.com, 800 722-3393; www.optelec.com, 800 826 4200; www.clar-

ityusa.com, 800-575-1456; and www.freedomscientific.com, 800-444-4443 - which also sells a machine (called SARA) that can read printed material aloud without a computer.

Portable video magnifiers: While hand-held magnifiers have been around for years, today there's a variety of small, high-tech options that provide much more clarity, contrast and flexibility than an ordinary magnifying glass. Some of these devices can even freeze an image on the screen, allowing you to take the image to another location. Prices range from

around \$250 to over \$1,000. You can find these devices at many of the same sites that sell the desktop video magnifiers previously listed (http://www.freedomscientific.com/), or if you're looking a hands-free magnifier the JORDY glasses (\$2,795; www.enhancedvision.com) are great for reading and watching television.

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 Savvy Senior" book.



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Fitness should be a focus in the new year

BY ANNETTE JAWORSKI
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

It's no surprise that nearly half of the most popular New Year's resolutions are health and fitness related. Maybe you've tried to keep one of these promises. They're the tough ones, like losing weight, getting fit, eating right, drinking less alcohol or kicking the nicotine habit.

Before your resolution gets tossed aside like Christmas wrapping paper, try these helpful suggestions from local fitness experts for a healthier 2009.

EASY DOES IT

John Dzahristos, co-owner of Powerhouse Fitness in South Lyon and Milford believes a healthy lifestyle is a journey. Think of it as a marathon not a sprint.

"Consistency is a big key. By working out three to four times a week, you're doing your body a lot of good." Two days on and one day off is a nice balance and gives your body time to recover, said

Dzahristos.

Wellness Center Coordinator for Huron Valley YMCA, Karen Flowerday says that although it may sound tedious, the safest and most successful way to lose weight is about a pound a week.

"You don't have to go crazy. Set a simple goal for yourself. When you start your workout program it should begin slow and steady and increase in intensity."

To lose a pound a week you need to cut back by about 500 calories a day. Start by cutting intake by 250 calories; this can even be something like two cookies. The remaining 250 calories you can burn with extra activity.

"Thirty minutes of walking at 3 mph can burn 150 calories for the average person," she pointed out.

SET SIMPLE GOALS

A blanket statement like I want to lose weight probably won't work, Flowerday observed. Set a specific goal, but make it small and achievable. Something like losing

five pounds in a month will give you a better chance of success in the long run. Even a lofty goal such as losing 100 pounds can be made easier by breaking it down into smaller pieces.

HAVE SOME FUN

Suzu Morris, personal trainer for Huron Valley Pools and Fitness as well as Michigan Rehabilitation in Hartland suggests you get out of the gym sometimes and varying your exercise routine.

"Think of what's fun for you and then get moving. Do something like walking the dog, go to the park with your kids, or go out dancing. In the summer it can be gardening. When you think of exercise you might think I don't want to go to the gym and work out for an hour."

INVEST IN A PERSONAL TRAINER

She believes working with a personal trainer is a great investment in your overall health. As a personal trainer,

she considers each client's lifestyle, eating and working habits and develops a personalized regimen. A personalized program can help guide you avoid pitfalls and encourage success.

DON'T BE INTIMIDATED

Mark Grabowski, manager of Anytime Fitness in Milford says don't be discouraged or intimidated. Rest assured, even the models on the Fitness magazines have their flaws, and have their photos are enhanced. Fitness is an individual thing; it's different for everybody he believes. The gym won't be filled with people that look like Mr. America. "We're here for everybody. We're adamant on being just a regular gym for regular people. If you're a golfer it'll make you a better golfer. If you're a walker or biker, it'll make you better at that, too," he said.

NO EXCUSES ALLOWED

With a unique approach, Anytime Fitness is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so scheduling time for a work-

out is always possible.

"Excuses satisfy those who make them," says Grabowski quoting Vince Lombardi. "There no short cuts, no secret potion. You've got to move it or you'll lose it."

Age is not a factor, either. Over half of his clients are over 50. If his 86 year old member commits to a work out, so can you.

TIMING

Keep track of your physical activity to stay fit, advises Suzu Morris. The average adult should be active at least 150 minutes a week, over and above their daily activity level. It's okay to break it up. As a baseline you can do ten minutes at a time, if more than that seems overwhelming. Half of the total time, or 75 minutes should be at a more challenging rate or higher intensity, for example, hills when walking or faster times on a treadmill.

KEEP A POSITIVE FRAME OF MIND

"Don't think of exercise

as an obligation, something painful, time consuming or a punishment for bad eating," said Flowerday. The wrong attitude can set you up for failure. Dzahristos agrees, "Think of your workout time as time to yourself, after you've dedicated time to everyone else." Pay attention to the intensity of your workout, by that he means try to improve with each workout and make the most of your time.

Make the most of your time outside of the gym. Once you've devoted your time into a health workout, don't wipe out all the positive benefits by returning to negative habits like smoking, excess drinking and eating pizza and burgers excessively, said Dzahristos

PATIENCE

Don't be discouraged if you don't see immediate results. "If you lose weight too quickly it'll usually come back. It's usually not a healthy way and it's not sustainable," said Flowerday. It generally takes about six weeks to notice results.

CHURCH

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tion information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
TIME/DAY: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfc-nazarene.org

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 Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 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
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 BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing

CONTACT: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 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 faithcommunity-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 dinner.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL

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: 10 a.m. January 20

YogaFit Classes

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday

DETAILS: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session

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

Nutrition for the New Year

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Jan. 17

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOCATION: 770 Thayer, Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship

TIME: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship

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

GRACEPOINT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION: The Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers

CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac.com, and gracepointe@pc.org

Sunday Worship

TIME: 10 a.m.

DETAILS: Nursery staffed by Nanny Poppinz.

OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tutto'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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOV-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH

LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

LOCATION: 41355 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 348-9030

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road

CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir

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

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OPEN HOUSE

The Learning Experience of Northville will host an Open House at its new childcare center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday Jan. 24. The event will also feature a fire safety presentation from the Northville Township fire department including an up close and personal look at the fire truck. Refreshments will be served. The Learning Experience is located at 16635 Ridge Road in the RidgeWood Plaza at 6 Mile and Ridge roads. For more information, please call (248) 374-2495 or visit thelarningexperience.com

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 p.m. Call (248) 344-7990 for more information.

- Weight Watcher Meals, Thursday, Jan. 15
- Souffles and Mousses, Tuesday, Jan. 20
- Fish, Thursday, Jan. 22
- Southern Flare, Wednesday, Jan. 28, taught by Debbie Jones
- Pressure Cooker, Friday, Jan. 30



Prady 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 (248) 465-9630 for more information.

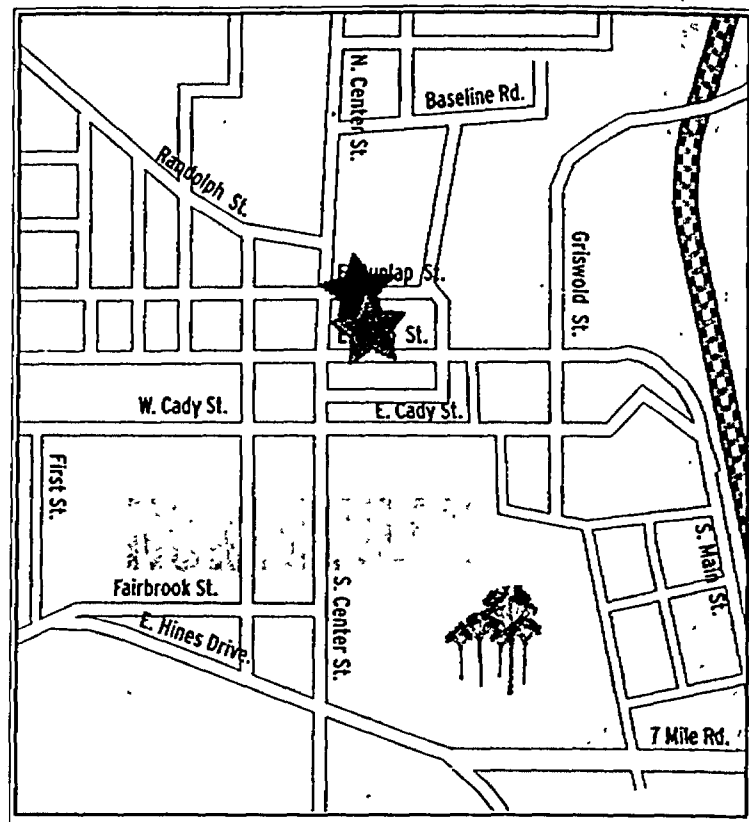
Curves of Northville, 42965 Seven Mile Road, Northville (in the Highland Lakes Plaza) is offering free weight management classes to members and non-members at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday each month, beginning Jan. 10. Curves' classes are based on the groundbreaking new research findings of the Exercise Sport Nutrition Laboratory at Texas A University. For more information, contact Leslie J. Rosaen at (248) 344-4466 or northvillecurves@hotmail.com

- Classes include:
- Start-Up Class (90 minutes) for first-time participants
 - Phase 3 (30 minutes) to teach the last and most important stage of the Curves Weight Management Plan and the secret that makes the plan work
 - Special Topics Classes (30 minutes)

will cover a different topic each month, including Smart Grocery Shopping, Choosing the Right Carbohydrates, Eating Out, Emotional Eating and more. Classes will be taught by Curves' Registered Dietitian, Nadia Rodman, and facilitated by weight management coaches from Curves of Northville, through a series of DVDs that will alternate teaching with hands-on activities. Participants will be encouraged to make a weekly appointment to weigh in with their weight management coach, who will provide accountability.

All classes are free to members and non-members, but participants will be able to take advantage of special pricing on essential tools that will enhance their success.

For just \$49.95, participants can purchase a bundle including a bottle each of Curves' multivitamin and Curves' calcium supplements, a can of Curves' protein shake, and a copy of the new book "The Curves Fitness Weight Management Plan." Products are available for purchase separately and no purchase is required to attend classes.



IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A - CONSIGNMENT CLOTHIERS



PHOTO BY JOHN PEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Sherry Gorman inside her "Consignment Clothiers" shop in Northville Township's Highland Lakes Plaza on Seven Mile Road.

Consignment Clothiers is an upscale women's consignment shop specializing in selling like-new designer and brand name fashions and accessories. Owner Sherry Gorman opened in 1989 after leaving a position with Meijer as a district manager for 20 women's clothing departments where she was required to wear suits to work every day. She stepped into 2nd Time Around, a consignment shop in Okemos, and bought a beautiful like-new red suit for \$60 that retailed for \$300. She wore it to work on Monday and received several compliments.

From that point, Sherry thought with her retail management experience plus her great passion for fashion, this was the business for her.

She knew if this particular type of store was done correctly, by offering a great selection with proper merchandising and displays, it would be a huge success. With having access to the chain wide sales of the women's clothing department, she knew the Novi Meijer store ranked in the top five in sales. This led her to believe that Northville would be the perfect spot for her store. Consignment Clothiers now has many loyal shoppers, over 19,000 consignors, and new faces everyday. The store will be celebrating its 20th year anniversary in May.

Q. What makes our business unique?

A. We are customer oriented. We are open seven days a week and offer layaway. Consignments are accepted Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are beautiful displays done by professional display artists. We have a great selection and variety by receiving 600 to 1,000 pieces daily. Items sell quickly which is encouraging for the consignor

selling her clothes because she'll receive her money faster. It's also great for the customer because there is always something new to see. There is great quality, from Gap to Gucci at very reasonable prices. The staff is friendly; most have worked for the store at least 10 years. They are very knowledgeable of clothing labels and designers.

Q. How has the economy affected your business?

A. When times are tough and women feel stressed about their financial situations, they shop! At our store, they don't have to sacrifice quality. They can look like a million bucks without spending one! We only accept items that are in like-new condition. Many items coming in still have new tags attached. We provide shop-aholics with the opportunity to clean out their closets, make money, and room for their new purchases.

Q. Do you have any advice for other businesses?

A. Advertise! Out of sight, out of mind. Install customer service into your staff. Check out your competition. Be open-minded to change.

Q. What's in store for the future of your business?

A. We are so excited about our future with having recently moved into a larger, updated and beautiful new store (within the same Highland Lakes Plaza). We will continuously work on obtaining the best selection of clothing and providing excellent customer service. The future holds continued success with our new software program and constantly striving for the very best quality by keeping our prices fair and fun. It's exciting to make so many people happy during such troubled times.

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NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS



Pietron

Claudia Pietron, assistant vice president and internal communication manager of Fifth Third Bank has been elected to the 2009 board of directors for O.U.R. Camp, Inc. (www.ourcamp.org), a specialized summer day camp for young children with developmental needs.

"As a mother of a young child on the Autism Spectrum, I am excited to be a part of the O.U.R. Camp leadership. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to help children with cognitive and social needs continue to develop their skills during the time of year when they may not receive other services," states Pietron.

As board president, Pietron will work with four other board members to continue O.U.R. Camp's purpose in providing continuity with school year programs and to stimulate the development of cognitive

and social skills during the summer months. Located in Northville, the Camp's activities are designed to promote improved self-image and group interaction skills.

Peggy Roberts, the immediate past president of O.U.R. Camp, commented that Pietron brings a variety of skills and a wealth of knowledge to the Camp. Not only will her personal experience bring a unique perspective for the families that O.U.R. Camp touches, but her professional experience will accelerate the growth of the Camp.

Pietron brings over 12 years of public relations and communications experience to the board, having started her career at Fifth Third Bank in 2002. She worked for Michigan National Bank prior to joining Fifth Third Bank. Pietron earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Central Michigan University and resides in Plymouth with her husband, Rick, and their two children.

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South Lyon City Council member Ron Morelli (right) and son Michael are competing for the title of 'Biggest Loser' on the NBC reality series 'The Biggest Loser: Couples,' which debuted on Tuesday.

Morellis make debut on 'Biggest Loser'

Wife, mother said both were focused during home visit

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Becky Morelli said she was "anxious" and "excited" to watch her husband Ron and son Michael make their national television debuts Jan. 6 as contestants on the hit NBC reality series "The Biggest Loser: Couples."

The two men have been gone since September to film the show, returning only for a week during Christmas. During that time they had to complete a challenge, and filmed a segment with family and friends at the South Lyon Hotel.

Becky said they are both doing well, and saw a transformation in Michael from the last time she saw him.

"He is a changed person from the inside out," she said. "He has changed his focus on what he thinks about exercise and eating and what he needs to do to achieve positive results. He is determined to lose more weight than anyone has ever lost on the

CHEER THEM ON

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show."

Ron, a South Lyon City Council member, and Michael, a freshman at Michigan State University, are one of 11 couples, and one of three teams from Michigan vying for the title of 'Biggest Loser.' They have been in California working with professional trainers Jillian Michaels and Bob Harper to improve their exercise and eating habits, and hope that each week they lose the largest percentage of weight so they are not up for elimination.

The winner not only gets the lifelong benefits of being healthier, but also receives a \$250,000 grand prize.

This season features the oldest contestants, Estella and Gerald Hayes, the youngest, which is Michael, and the heaviest, Daniel Wright.

The South Lyon Herald will be following the Morellis' progress every Wednesday on the Internet at www.hometownlife.com.

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Northville Nail Boutique opens on Main

Focuses on natural methods

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Your hands say a lot about you, and no matter what you're wearing, people notice your nails.

The staff at Northville Nail Boutique, a new nail salon that just opened on East Main Street in downtown Northville, want to make your hands (and feet) look their best. Youth (pronounced you it) Brach and Michelle Chanya are part of a family business, with an established salon in Birmingham.

They began doing nails at the Northville location the day after Christmas. Brach is from the Philippines, and Chanya is from Cambodia.

"We're happy to be here," Brach said. "We hope people will get to know us. We want people to just stop in. They don't have to get any services ... Just stop in and say hi."

They saw the vacant storefront, that was most recently a gift shop, while strolling through downtown Northville one day. "We called Mark Trudeau (the landlord) the next day to see the whole space," Brach said. "We brought our electrician and plumber with us."

The salon focuses on natural manicures and pedicures, with no acrylics being done.

"I'm researching something similar to acrylics that is healthy for your nails," Chanya said.

"We want this place to be open to all ages all types of people, including children and pregnant women, so we have to have a healthy



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Youth Brach takes care of a manicure at Northville Nails on Main St. The shop opened last month.



Youth Brach, right, performs a pedicure for Paig Yang at Northville Nails.

environment," Brach said. "We're also into sanitation. We wash our tools after each client and spray them with alcohol before we start."

Men are also welcome at the new salon, which includes five pedicure chairs and six manicure stations.

The new decor features mauve-colored walls, dark carpeting and some draping between the pedicure chairs.

The salon sells nail polish, hand lotions and pedi-socks and offer gift certificates.

They even sell folded paper currency figures.

DAYS, HOURS OF OPERATION

Northville Nail Boutique, 103 E. Main St., is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information about services and prices, call (248) 449-8890.

fashioned out of "lucky money" from a temple in Laos.

WINTER SPA PEDICURE

The salon's winter spa pedicure includes exfoliation of the skin on the legs, a masque, wrapping the legs with a warm towel, extra massage and a cooling gel. During the month of January, the salon is offering a manicure and pedicure special for \$35. High school students also receive a \$5 discount on their services.

Why did they decide to open the new business? "I love meeting people and getting to know them," Brach said.

"We have a for-hire sign up now, and one thing we require is that all of our staff speak English," Chanya said. "We don't care what race they are or what country they're from, but we want them to be able to talk to the clients."

WHAT'S HOT THIS WINTER?

Brach said as far as nail polish, dark colors are really "in" right now, and short, square nails are the look to have. Brach said Sunday is now "cleaning day" at the salon, but they may open the business on Sundays once warmer weather arrives.

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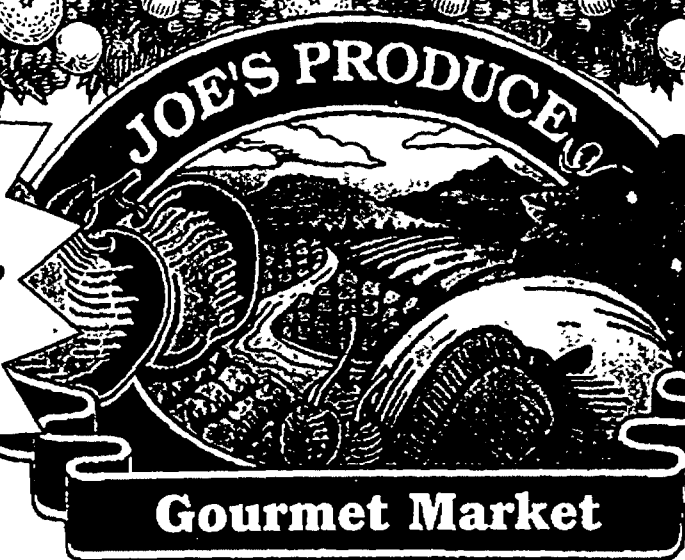
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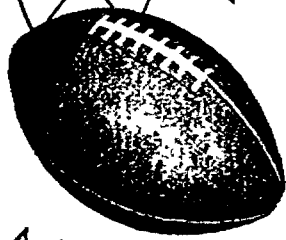
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A pair of Northville players clamp down on a Walled Lake Western ball-handler during Friday night's 51-43 setback.

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Covering sports in Northville is enviable position

In these challenging times plagued by economic uncertainty (I don't know about you, but my 401-k has dropped faster than Rod Marinelli's winning percentage this past year) I consider myself fortunate to be the creator of a sports section — something many people turn to for an escape from the all-too-gloomy financial forecasts.



Ed Wright

I feel especially fortunate that my coverage area has expanded to Northville — a community I've come to know quite well the past decade.

As the sports editor for the Plymouth and Canton Observers the past five years, I've been able to observe the consistent success the Northville High School athletic programs have achieved.

I have marveled at the athletic talents of players like Alvin Storrs, the Toney sisters and Greg Hasse.

I have developed an incredible level of respect for the Northville coaches and administrators I've met while covering Salem, Plymouth and Canton high school teams.

And I have always been impressed by the enthusiastic fan base the Northville teams draw.

For these reasons, among many more, I eagerly anticipate my tenure as the sports editor of the Northville Record.

Coincidentally, of the hundreds of high school sporting events I've covered over the past decade, one of the most memorable for me was a Northville baseball game in the spring of 2007. On that overcast, May afternoon, Northville won 2-1, thanks largely to hard-throwing Bryce Jenney, who allowed just three hits and struck out 16 to outduel a left-handed junior pitcher from Canton, who yielded just two hits in six innings to the highly ranked Mustangs.

The game will forever be locked in my memory bank because that Canton lefty was my son, Erik.

I am very familiar with beautiful downtown Northville, where I worked for several years before being hired by the Observer in 2004. In fact, from my former office on Cady St., I had a clear view of the harness race horses going through their early-morning warm-ups at Northville Downs.

I've also competed in hundreds of early-morning pick-up and late-night rec league basketball games at Hillside Middle School — none of which, I might add, were worthy of any press coverage.

And my 15-year-old special-needs son, Brandon, is a student at Cooke School, a place my wife Laura and I can't say enough good things about.

So, while my byline is new to the Northville Record, I'm far from being a stranger to Northville. I'm confident this familiarity with your outstanding community will help me with this new endeavor.

If you have an idea for a feature story or if you'd like to offer feedback on a story I've written, please feel free to contact me at ewright@hometownlife.com or (734) 578-2767.

LIGHTS OUT

Electrifying Edison powers Walled Lake Western past Northville

BY ED WRIGHT
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A guy named Edison turned the lights out on a near-miss road victory for Northville's boys basketball team Friday night.

Despite a stellar defensive effort from the Mustangs, Walled Lake Western senior center Edison Vushaj lit up the Warriors' stat sheet with 19 points and 15 rebounds to lead Western to a 51-43 victory.

"We had a plan to try and contain Vushaj, and we executed it well," said Northville coach Todd Sander. "He did not score on too many first touches; many of his points came on putbacks. He's certainly a force to be reckoned with."

The loss came on a night the Mustangs played with a lot of heart, Sander said.

"I thought our effort was enough to win," he said. "I can't fault our desire for a second."

"We fought hard throughout the entire game, and I'm proud of our guys for never quitting. If we bring that level of intensity every night, we're going to have success."

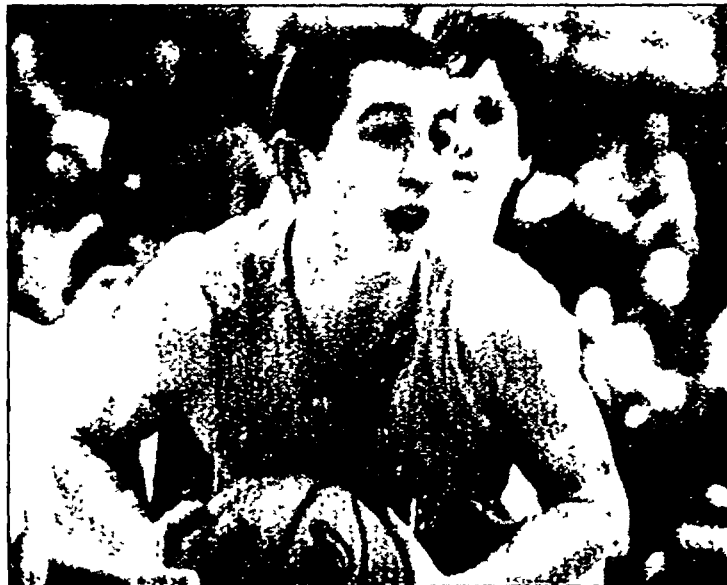
A trio of underclassmen scored all but one of the Mustangs points. Sophomore guard Bryce Groshek led the way with 17 while sophomore forward Andrew Baldwin added 14. Junior guard Tim Haase chipped in with 11 points.

The game was knotted at 25-all at the half before the Warriors grabbed a 36-33 advantage with eight minutes to play.

Northville remained within striking distance for most of the fourth quarter before the Warriors pulled away with a series of late free throws down the stretch.

"We could not convert in certain situations where we had opportunities," Sander concluded. "Our young team continues to get invaluable game experience."

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Northville's Tim Haase scored 11 points in the Mustangs' 51-43 loss to Walled Lake Western Friday night.

Hagan, Lahiff lead Mustangs to runner-up finish at Adams

BY ED WRIGHT
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Gold-medal efforts from Matt Hagan and Bobby Lahiff lifted Northville's wrestling team to a silver-coated finish at Saturday's Rochester Adams Invitational.

The 152-pound Hagan and the 189-pound Lahiff both placed first in their respective weight classes to lead the Mustangs to a second-place showing in the 17-team field.

Host Adams won the event with 301 points, 53 more than Northville. Livonia Franklin, a Kensington Lakes Activities Association rival of the Mustangs, placed third with 227.

"This is the third individual tournament that Bobby has won, so he's on quite a tear," said Northville coach Jeff Balagna. "He hasn't lost since mid-December."

"In the four years I've coached Matt, this is the best he's ever wrestled. He's clicking on all cylinders. After he was runner-up at the South Lyon Invitational, he told me he was disappointed in himself for not winning. He

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JEFF BALAGNA, Northville wrestling coach

went out there today and really stepped it up." Hagan pinned Franklin's Elvin Ferriera in the final match.

Two other Mustangs earned second-place medals: 130-pound junior Mike Gagian and 171-pound junior Nick Mudar.

Five more Northville grapplers placed third: sophomore Ian Stirton (103), junior Josh Wright (135), junior Jon Nelson (145), senior Colin Maresh (215) and junior Steve Widzinski (285).

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Silver-coated effort

Northville's John Lubisco, pictured during a meet earlier this season, placed second in the 100-yard backstroke at Saturday's Salem Rock Kilgore Invitational. The Mustangs placed fourth. For complete results, see page B2.

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Randall Patterson of Pillar To Post urges all Southeast Michigan residents to take action during this year's National Radon Action Awareness Program, by testing their homes for levels of radon. Radon poses a serious threat to our community's health but there is a straightforward solution. For more information on radon, radon testing and mitigation, call

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CC's Gatt leads All-Area soccer squad

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM
STAFF WRITER

Area soccer teams take note — Catholic Central's Josh Gatt may play with a senior's smarts and skill, but you haven't seen the last of him. Just a junior, Gatt led the Shamrocks in goals (14) and assists (10) this season while earning almost every honor a player can gain. The Shamrocks scored 43 goals this year, and Gatt was directly responsible for 24 of them.

"Josh is a scoring machine," CC head coach Joe Nora said. "He can flat out finish. He always has been able to put the ball in the net."

This year he really raised his game to the next level. He showed an amazing ability to defend, to organize the team and to be an affective leader.

He was an All-State Dream Team selection, gained All-Region and All-District honors and was selected First Team All-Catholic for the second-consecutive season.

A member of the Under-18 national team, Gatt is the All-Area Soccer Player of the Year.

"What's great about Josh is he just wants to be part of the team, and he has a very strong will to win and get better every day," Nora said. "He does all this with a huge smile on his face everyday. He loves the game and loves to compete."

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

The All-Area team was selected by a consensus of the area's coaches. Northville coaches did not respond to requests for information.

Remaining All-Area forwards include Novi's Garrett Gauruder, a three-year starter who scored 11 goals and added three assists last season, during which he also played mid-field and defense. He was a Third Team All-State choice and a First Team All-KLAA selection.

Lakeland's Trevor Stevens netted 14 goals to set a new



Northville's Alex Marilley, pictured leaping over a Saline player during an October contest, earn 1st Team All-Area honors.

single-season school record. He was voted the team's top offensive player and earned All-District and All-KLAA honors.

Northville's Alex Marilley was an All-KLAA and Honorable Mention All-State selection.

Fellow Mustang Latif Alashe leads the midfield contingent. He was an All-State Dream Team and All-KLAA selection this season.

Other midfielders include Lakeland's Bryan Bouck. The Eagles' captain scored eight goals and was voted the team's Most Valuable Player. He earned Honorable Mention All-State notice along with All-Region, All-District and All-KLAA honors. Bouck "had a great year as our playmaker in the middle," said Lakeland coach Mark Janssen.

Novi's Nick Brockman was also an All-KLAA and Honorable Mention All-State choice.

"He did a great job of contributing defensively and offensively as the game would allow," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary.

Area defenders are led by Third Team All-State choice Nick Kristock of Catholic Central. A four-year starter, Kristock was a member of the Under-18 regional team, a two-time All-Catholic choice as well as earning All-District and All-Region honors.

Kristock was "our leader on the field," said CC coach Joe Nora.

South Lyon senior Adam Gentile was a strong two-way player who tallied 11 goals and eight assists this season. The four-year letterman is third on South Lyon's all-time list with 27 career goals and fourth in career points with 42. He earned All-KLAA and All-District honors this season and will play for Spring Arbor College.

Honorable Mention All-

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Josh Gatt, Catholic Central

FIRST TEAM		
Player	School	Position
Josh Gatt	Catholic Central	Forward
Garrett Gauruder	Novi	Forward
Alex Marilley	Northville	Forward
Trevor Stevens	Lakeland	Forward
Latif Alashe	Northville	Midfield
Bryan Bouck	Lakeland	Midfield
Nick Brockman	Novi	Midfield
Adam Gentile	South Lyon	Defense
Nick Kristock	Catholic Central	Defense
Nick Sclabasi	Northville	Defense
Brian Young	South Lyon	Goalkeeper

SECOND TEAM		
Player	School	Position
Brandon Hess	Catholic Central	Forward
Jimmy Rock	Lakeland	Forward
Jordan Selva	South Lyon	Forward
Jon Bauer	Novi	Midfield
Sean Carrigan	Lakeland	Midfield
Trevor Drost	Milford	Midfield
Adam Fancher	Milford	Midfield
Jake Green	South Lyon	Midfield
Kevin Hathorne	Catholic Central	Midfield
Justin Merle	Milford	Midfield
Sean Delers	Lakeland	Defense
John Donikian	Northville	Defense
Kale Howell	Milford	Defense
Chris Kobayayshi	South Lyon	Defense
Travis Mienkwc	Milford	Goalkeeper
James Leffler	Lakeland	Goalkeeper

HONORABLE MENTION
Catholic Central: Joe Bellino, Brandon Waterstradt; Lakeland: Matt Acitelli, Naveed Piroozgan, Matt Saliccioli; Milford: Steve Lovera, Drew Newell, Dylan Polcyn, Devon Rusas; Novi: Dan Kilger, Bobby Laski, Max Wujczyk; South Lyon: Curt Green; South Lyon East: Richard Kleitch, Brian McElroy, Matt McGlennen, Nolan Nunez, Andrew Rudd.

State choice Nick Sclabasi of Northville rounds out the defensive corps. Sclabasi also gained All-KLAA honors this season.

The All-Area goalkeeper is Brian Young of South Lyon. Young had eight shutouts and 148 saves playing in the tough KLAA Central Division this season, including a 17-save effort in a 1-1 tie with Northville plus 22 saves in a 2-1 loss to Livonia Stevenson. The four-year letterman

played in 59 career varsity games, winning 38, with 22 shutouts. He contributed to the Lions' offense with 11 assists, including seven this season. Young holds school records for shutouts in one season (11) and a career (19), as well as for career saves (370) and career goals-against average (.966 goals per game). He earned All-KLAA and All-District honors this season and will play for Jackson Community College.

Mustang swimmers fourth at Rock Kilgor Invitational

BY ED WRIGHT
RECORD STAFF WRITER

In a meet dripping with state meet-caliber talent, the Northville boys swimming and diving team placed fourth at Saturday's 10th Annual Salem Rock Kilgor Invitational, which was held at the Salem High School pool.

The Mustangs finished with 195 points, 113 fewer than first-place Ann Arbor Pioneer, the No. 1-ranked team in Division 1. Zeeland, the top-ranked team in Division 2, placed second with 244 points while perennial power Livonia Stevenson was third with 231.

The host Rocks (109) and Canton (92) placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

Among the Northville standouts were John Lubisco, who placed second in the 100-yard backstroke (56.93); Kevin Bain, who placed third in diving with 383.35 points; and Nate Lunn, who touched fourth in the 100-yard butterfly in 57.41.

10TH ANNUAL SALEM ROCK KILGOR INVITATIONAL Saturday at Salem

FINAL STANDINGS: 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer 368, 2 Zeeland 244, 3 Livonia Stevenson 231, 4 Northville 195, 5 Salem 109, 6 Canton 92

200-yard medley relay: (Heat 1) 1 Zeeland (Dylan Zwiers, Gregg Elhart



Northville's Jeremy Schaumann helped lead the Mustangs to a fourth-place finish at Saturday's Salem Rock Kilgor Invitational.

Jason Vander Plaats, Zac Kraai, 1:40.10; 2 Stevenson 1:42.13; 3 Pioneer, 1:42.69; (Heat 2) 1 Stevenson (Bryan Bielecki, John Loria, Adam Dabkowski, Ryan Scott) 1:45.44; 2 Pioneer, 1:46.93; 3 Zeeland, 1:48.68; (Heat 3) 1 Pioneer (Thomas Deegan, Karl Schwinghammer, Peter Court, Zach Averitt) 1:49.67; 2 Stevenson 1:50.93; 3 Northville 1:54.05

200 freestyle: (Heat 1) 1 Adam Seroka (S), 1:48.46; 2 Matt Gauthier (AAP), 1:48.88; 3 Zac Kraai (Z), 1:50.18; (Heat 2) 1 Kevin Naud (AAP), 1:49.47; 2 Matthew Colingwood (S), 1:50.73; 3 Charles Turlo (LS), 1:52.32

(Heat 3) 1 Kyle Anderson (AAP), 1:51.12; 2 John Bickie (N), 1:56.22; 3 Daniel Schoff (LS), 1:56.67; (Heat 4) 1 Patton Doyle (AAP), 1:53.61; 2 Noah Santer (S), 1:53.79; 3 Alex Miller (N), 1:58.10

200 IM: (Heat 1) 1 Josh Geschwendt (Z), 2:00.10; 2 Victor Zhang (C), 2:02.13; 3 Kellen Schoff (LS), 2:02.80; (Heat 2) 1 Dylan Zwiers (Z), 2:05.41; 2 Seiji Osawa (AAP), 2:08.55; 3 Bryan Bielecki (LS), 2:10.92; (Heat 3) 1 Ethan Eaton (AAP), 2:14.27; 2 Chad Stears (Z), 2:10.56; 3 Ryan Winkler (NI), 2:20.20; (Heat 4) 1 Eh Cornblath (AAP), 2:14.27; 2 Alec Wagner (N), 2:16.88; 3 Eric

Schuman (LS), 2:18.52; **50 freestyle: (Heat 1)** 1 Drew Coffin (Z), 22.25; 2 Richard Zhang (C), 23.12; 3 Nik Mirdal (AAP), 23.13; (Heat 2) 1 Jason Vander Plaats (Z), 22.49; 2 Grant Cole (AAP), 22.82; 3 Ryan Scott (LS), 23.40; (Heat 3) 1 Gregg Elhart (Z), 23.63; 2 Chris Behler (LS), 23.72; 3 Todd Truran (N), 24.31; (Heat 4) 1 Adam Dabkowski (LS), 23.72; 2 Edward Lee (AAP), 24.26; 3 Luke Bates (N), 25.02

1-meter diving: (Heat 1) 1 Tyler Keelean (Z), 395.75 points; 2 Nick Nemetz (AAP), 392.15; 3 Kevin Bain (N), 392.15; (Heat 2) 1 Will Price (N), 306.40; 2 Riley Reiffer (Z), 302.85; 3 Jacob Rachford (AAP), 291.10; (Heat 3) 1 Ben Weber (AAP), 286.55; 2 Jonah Heemstra (Z), 230.75; 3 Ryan Kilgore (C), 214.40; (Heat 4) 1 Daniel Goldstein (AAP), 255.35; 2 Derek Walters (Z), 199.15; 3 Philip Bondy (N), 187.26

100 butterfly: (Heat 1) 1 Josh Geschwendt (Z), 52.18; 2 Robert Nichols (AAP), 55.47; 3 Michael Cruce (LS), 55.63; (Heat 2) 1 Dylan Zwiers (Z), 55.65; 2 Kyle Gunderson (AAP), 56.18; 3 Jereme Pesta (LS), 56.84; (Heat 3) 1 Kevin Naud (AAP), 56.52; 2 Kellen Schoff (LS), 57.44; 3 Sam Borgman (Z), 1:02.34; (Heat 4) 1 Adam Dabkowski (LS), 59.58; 2 Peter Court (AAP), 1:00.34; 3 Austin Davidson (N), 1:01.50

100 freestyle: (Heat 1) 1 Drew Coffin (Z), 48.42; 2 Nik Mirdal (AAP), 49.89; 3 Richard Zhang (C), 49.94; (Heat 2) 1 Jason Vander Plaats (Z), 49.26; 2 Matt Gauthier (AAP), 50.05; 3 Clay Malloure (N), 51.72; (Heat 3) 1 Grant Cole (AAP), 50.20; 2 A J Aquino (N), 51.78; 3 Ryan Scott (LS), 53.25; (Heat 4) 1 Zach Averitt (AAP), 52.64; 2 Mike Hagran (N), 52.81; 3 Brandon Bielecki (LS), 52.93

500 freestyle: (Heat 1) 1 Adam Seroka (S), 4:53.75; 2 Seiji Osawa (AAP), 4:58.30; 3 Zac Kraai (Z), 4:58.82; (Heat 2) 1 Kyle Anderson (AAP), 4:57.67; 2 Matthew Colingwood (S), 4:58.56; 3 Daniel Schoff (LS), 5:04.28; (Heat 3) 1 Max Boyea (AAP), 4:55.79; 2 Max Mills (S), 5:09.08; 3 Joey Wingett (LS), 5:10.87; (Heat 4) 1 Patton Doyle (AAP), 5:14.40; 2 Adam Laporte (LS), 5:18.44; 3 Tim Shea (N), 5:20.58

200 freestyle relay: (Heat 1) 1 Zeeland (Josh Geschwendt, Jason Vander Plaats, Gregg Elhart, Drew Coffin), 1:29.26; 2 Pioneer, 1:31.10; 3 Stevenson, 1:31.53; (Heat 2) 1 Pioneer (Kevin Smith, Ethan Eaton, Edward Lee, Matt Graziano), 1:34.20; 2 Stevenson, 1:34.83; 3 Northville, 1:36.24; (Heat 3) 1 Pioneer (Zach Averitt, Michael Ferrara, Nick LeVeque, Max Boyea), 1:36.23; 2 Stevenson, 1:39.25; 3 Zeeland, 1:41.48

100 backstroke: (Heat 1) 1 Robert Nichols (AAP), 54.63; 2 John Lubisco (N), 56.93; 3 Jonathan Mackey (Zeeland), 57.36; (Heat 2) 1 Kyle Gunderson (AAP), 56.83; 2 Bofeng Zhang (N), 1:00.82; 3 Zac Lindeman (Z), 1:00.83; (Heat 3) 1 Ty Daugherty (Z), 1:00.49; 2 Thomas Deegan (AAP), 1:02.42; 3 William Greenlee (N), 1:03.74; (Heat 4) 1 Ryan Winkler (NI), 1:02.52; 2 Mohamed Ghotimi (LS), 1:02.62; 3 Kurt Jensen (AAP), 1:03.50

100 breaststroke: (Heat 1) 1 Joey Wingett (LS), 1:03.24; 2 Gregg Elhart (Z), 1:04.50; 3 Victor Zhang (C), 1:06.48; (Heat 2) 1 Charles Turlo (LS), 1:03.73; 2 Chad Stears (Z), 1:06.68; 3 Eh Cornblath (AAP), 1:09.79; (Heat 3) 1 Eric Schuman (LS), 1:09.79; 2 Ethan Eaton (AAP), 1:07.82; 3 Jeremy Schaumann (N), 1:09.67; (Heat 4) 1 John Loria (LS), 1:07.98; 2 Karl Schwinghammer (AAP), 1:08.24; 3 Andrew Roelofs (Z), 1:12.70

400 freestyle relay: (Heat 1) 1 Zeeland (Dylan Zwiers, Zac Kraai, Josh Geschwendt, Drew Coffin), 3:16.02; 2 Pioneer, 3:17.32; 3 Stevenson, 3:24.01; (Heat 2) 1 Pioneer (Max Boyea, Patton Doyle, Kyle Gunderson, Kyle Anderson), 3:25.76; 2 Stevenson, 3:30.64; 3 Northville, 3:35.93; (Heat 3) 1 Pioneer (Michael Ferrara, Zach Averitt, Matt Graziano, Seiji Osawa), 3:35.12; 2 Stevenson, 3:40.17; 3 Northville, 3:41.16

Whalers swap once-heralded goalie Smith, Lee to IceDogs

Plymouth Whalers president, general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci announced the trade of 19-year-old goaltender Jeremy Smith and 20-year-old right wing Patrick Lee to the Niagara IceDogs in exchange for second-round and eighth-round picks in the 2010 Ontario Hockey League Draft and a fourth-round pick in the 2011 Draft.

The Ontario Hockey League's final trading deadline was Friday at noon. With Smith moving to Niagara, 18-year-old Matt Hackett and 16-year-old rookie Scott Wedgewood will share duties in goal for the Whalers. "Matt Hackett has clearly stepped

up and has taken over the job as the number one goaltender," Vellucci said. "I feel it's time to move Smith so he can be a number one goaltender again. Patrick Lee is a victim of numbers. I never expected to get Brett Bellemore back (from Albany of the AHL on Monday) and Scott Fletcher has been very good for us."

Smith (from Brownstown, MI) was originally selected by Plymouth in the fourth-round (64th overall) in the 2005 OHL Draft and is playing in his third full season in the OHL. In 96 career games with the Whalers, Smith compiled a 3.15 goals against average, .911 save percentage, seven shutouts

and a 49-30-3-4 won-loss record. Smith was part of the Whalers OHL championship team in 2006-07 and won the Dave Pinkney Trophy with Michal Neuvirth for the best team goals-against average in the OHL. Smith won USA Hockey's Dave Peterson Award in 2007 as the best junior goaltender in the United States. Smith - selected in the second round (54th overall) by the National Hockey League's Nashville Predators in the 2007 NHL Entry Draft - played for Team USA in the 2008 World Junior Championships and has been signed by Nashville.

The trade of Lee reduces the Whalers to the OHL's three-overage (1988 birthday) limit. Plymouth's other overage players include Fletcher (Haslett, MI) and Bellemore - both defensemen - and center Matt Caria. Lee - acquired from Erie in October of 2007 - scored 10 goals with 13 assists for 23 points in 37 games played this season with Plymouth. Overall, Lee scored 25 goals with 26 assists for 51 points in 98 career games with the Whalers. Lee was originally selected by Erie in the 6th round (109th overall) of the 2004 OHL Draft and played two seasons with the Otters, scoring 10 goals with 20 assists for 30 points in 119 games.

Streaking Canton cagers upend Mustangs, 49-35

SIDELINES

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The core group of sophomores on Canton's girls basketball team have played 26 high school basketball games without losing one.

The first 20 came last year at the junior-varsity level, but that doesn't discount what the super-sophs have accomplished this season.

The 26th straight triumph was racked up Friday night when the Chiefs raced to an 17-point halftime lead before taking down host Northville, 49-35, to raise their record to 6-0.

Kari Schmitt — one of the those talented, yet-to-taste-defeat-in-high-school 10th-graders — led the way with 23 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore CarolAnn Sexauer added eight points while junior guard Lindsey Winters chipped in with six.

Northville was paced by Katherine Jansen's 15.

The Mustangs' season-long leading scorer, Chelsea Atzinger, was held to six by Canton's Sara Schmitt and Kayla Bridges, who took turns checking the Mustangs' explosive forward.

"I thought we played a very solid first half," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We jumped out to a good start. In the second half we were just O.K. We're very young, so that's understandable."

Canton led 16-6 after one quarter, 33-16 at the half and 39-25 with eight minutes to play.



A Northville player drives to the basket during Friday's 49-35 loss to Canton.

DIANA BIRDSALL

NHS gymnasts win opener

The Northville High School gymnastics team opened its 2009 dual-meet schedule with a 143.225-133.35 victory over Salem.

The Mustangs were paced by Makenna Pohl, who placed first in the all-around thanks to a 9.1 on the vault and a 9.55 in the floor-exercise competition. Chloe Presley and Cassidy Winter also excelled for the winners.

MHSAA nominees

Twelve Northville High School student-athletes have been nominated for the 2008-09 Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award.

The program, which has been recognizing student-athletes since the 1989-90 school year, will honor 32 individuals who represent their member school in at least one sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a post-season tournament. Each of the 32 final honorees will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, which will be underwritten by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Each nomination will be judged this week by a 69-member committee of school coaches, counselors, faculty members, administrators and board members from MHSAA member schools. Finalists will be announced on Feb. 3.

The Northville honorees are: Latiff Alasha, Chris Ciric, Michael Hagan, Joseph Hirka, Shelby Johnson, Kanika Kochhar, Andrew Kreicholt, Johanna Poterala, Sarah Rounsifer, Paige Sable, David Uberti and Alicia Weber.

Freshmen fall

The Northville High School ninth-grade girls basketball team suffered its first loss of the season Friday, falling to Canton, 43-40.

The game, which was close throughout, was knotted at 35-all when Northville's Emily Rencok converted a short jumper.

Northville, which battled back from a 19-10 halftime deficit, was led by Allyson Coppock's 15 points and 12 rebounds. Rencok added seven points and Laura Pond chipped in with five points and seven boards.

The Mustangs chalked up 14 steals.

Pistons clinic

The Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Clinic will be held at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville on Jan. 31.

Coach Steve Moreland returns for his 10th consecutive year.

The first session for boys and girls in grade first through third will run from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The second session for boys and girls in grades fourth through sixth will run from noon to 2:30 p.m.

The cost is \$20 per child. Each participant will receive an authentic "Piston Basketball" T-shirt.

For pre-registration and church location, contact Margy Burkhart at (248) 374-5932 or margy.burkhart@wardchurch.org.

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Corner-pin spares are challenging to pick up

Picture this in your imagination: The bowler is on the approach, ready to make the shot. Everything looks just perfect with the nice, smooth swing, the ball is rolling perfectly and bashes the pocket. Pins are flying and it appears to be a solid strike. But look again, the 10-pin is still standing unaffected by this great shot and unwavering as it stands there like it's staring back at the disappointed bowler. (Naturally, a lefty would have the same thing, except the pin in question is the 7 pin standing at the oppo-



Ten Pin Alley
Al Harrison

site corner. A part of bowling that happens to the best - or the worst - players.) It is bad enough to leave the corner pin on any hit, but for many the real problem lies in making the spare. Obviously, this is a smaller target, for if you miss a little to the right, the ball will go into the ditch and have no chance at all. Some bowlers have no apparent problem with the 10-pin spare, but

for a whole lot more of us, our percentage is not too good. I talked to many good bowlers and they all have their own way to try to make this shot and asked one of this area's finest coaches, Michelle Mullen, to divulge her method of making this spare. Mullen is a certified Gold Level USBC coach and is available for lessons at Aleta Sill's Bowling World pro shop located inside at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills. Mullen said it is simple, easy to understand terms as follows: "In my experience, picking up the

corner pin (10 pin for a right-hander) is a function of three things in the physical game... while many bowlers claim it's a mental thing," she said. "I don't necessarily agree. Most often, I find a flaw in one of these three things. Picking up the 10-pin is a function of angle, ball reaction and swing. Here's how Mullen breaks it down. Angle: "Stand approximately 35 board on the approach and look between 15 and 20 board (between third and fourth arrows from the side you bowl on.) The key to maintaining this angle: Walk straight while facing the spare. That is, end up sliding

on the approach the same place you started, while your shoulders are open to face the pin." That's the good word from Michelle and hope it helps you (and me) with that nasty corner pin. The difference between a lower average bowler and the higher averages is mostly the ability to make spares. You can also visit www.YourBowlingCoach.com. Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, and a member of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame and the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached by email: terpinalley710@yahoo.com.

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