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FLUTANA STREED VERSLAND, 1 RECORD **Christmas Walk** at Mill Race

Take a journey in time as you visit Mill Race Village from 1-4 p.m. on Nov. 22, all dressed up for Christmas. You'll be captivated by artisans as they create their craft as it was done a hundred years ago. Enjoy holiday music at the Cady Inn.

A Family Sing-a-long is a new feature this year from 2-3 p.m. in the New School Church. Admission free - reservations required. Father Christmas will make a special appearance.

Mill Race Village is located at 215 Griswold Street, Northville.

Admission is free. To register for Family Sing-a-long, call (248) 348-1845. Deadline is Nov. 18. Visit www.millracenorthville.org.

Christmas Workshop

The Northville Historical Society's 31st Annual Children's Christmas Workshop still has space available during the 1-3 p.m session.

The event will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at the New School Church at Mill Race Village. Children in grades one to six are invited to participate in the opportunity to make seven old-fashioned, handmade gifts for the special people on their Christmas list. The intent of the workshop is to surprise familv members with the gifts that the children have worked on and made themselves.

Enrollment is \$15 per child, payable by cash or check made out to the Northville Historical Society.

Contact the Stockhausens at (248) 349-2833 to register or for more information.

Fewer influenza cases in schools

BY NATHAN MENOLAN SPECIAL WRITER

The numbers of absences due to influenza outbreaks are down in Northville Public Schools. That's the good news.

But the bad news is, the district doesn't expect that trend to continue. Absences due to the flu, or flu-like symptoms, in Northville schools were close to double the number of cases the last two weeks.

Dave Bolitho, assistant super-

intendent of administrative services for Northville, says that from what other districts are experiencing and the numbers the Center for Disease Control (CDC) are compiling, absences will more than likely increase as the flu season draws closer.

"We're not really in the flu season as of yet; that typically occurs from December through March," he said.

Cooke School reported one student out last week; Early Childhood Center reported

six absences; Winchester Elementary had three; Ridgewood had 19; Amerman Elementary had 46; Moraine had 13; Hillside had 71; Meads Mills Middle School had 75 - plus five cases of Chickenpox.

A worldwide increase of this year's newest strain of H1N1 prompted the World Health Organization, in June, to categorize the significant rise of influenza outbreaks as pan-

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FIGHT IT!

An HINI mass vaccination walk-in clinic will be held at Schoolcraft Community College at 18600 Haggerty Road, Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for residents of Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Canton, Redford, Westland, Inkster, Garden City, Wayne, Dearborn, and Dearborn Heights. Residents are asked to wear short sleeves or a shirt that can roll up to the shoulder.

Targeted groups include: Pregnant women; individuals six months to 24-years of age; persons who live with - or provide care for children less than six months of age; adults 25 to 64years of age with underlying medical conditions; health care workers and emergency personnel.

SPIN ON A CLASSIC



JOHN HEICER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville High School students rehearse a dance scene from their upcoming production of Romeo and Juliet. The play will be presented for three consecutive nights beginning on Nov. 19.

NHS actors bring modern view

TICKET INFORMATION

Vocal Arts Ensemble

The Northville District Library has been fortunate to schedule a holiday concert with one of the outstanding a capella ensembles on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Founded in the 1980s, the Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan performs a highly varied musical repertoire from sacred to secular, from Renaissance to romance, from classical to contemporary.

Eight members of the Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan will perform in Renaissance costumes at 7 p.m. at the Library, 212 W. Cady. The program is free, but reservations are urged due to limited seating. Call the Library at (248) 349-3020.

of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'

Performances tonight through Saturday night

BY PAN FLEMING STAFF WRITER

William Shakespeare didn't envision his characters wearing jeans, but Northville High School students will in their modern version of "Romeo and Juliet" to the stage this week.

We're doing it in modern dress, but using the old language," said Karin Pearson, assistant principal. "It's actually going to take place in a highschool setting. The Capulets

and the Montagues will represent feuding football teams." Pearson said students exhibited tons of energy during auditions.

"The kids have just been unbelievable," she said. "They're so excited about the language, and they all studied the play in ninth grade. It's pretty spectacular."

Pearson said the cast completely grabbed hold of the language and the story of the star-crossed lovers. After all,

the story is about teenagers. Junior Kyle Traicoff plays Romeo, with senior Sydney Stier starring as Juliet.

Previously, Traicoff starred in "A Christmas Carol," his first role in a production. He is very involved in the high school's choir program.

This is Stier's sixth Northville production. She previously appeared as Louisa in "The Sound of Music," Agatha in "The Time Machine," Annabelle in "Rescuing the Princess," Electra in "Cats" and in the chorus of "The Wizard of Oz." During the school year, she is a part of the NHS Treblemakers. Chorale, and Chamber choirs. She has also danced for 14 years and is a member of the NHS Dance Company.

TIPPING POINT CONNECTION

James Kuhl, producing artistic director at the Tipping Point Theatre in downtown Northville, is directing the

Performances for Northville High School's version of "Romeo and Juliet" are at 7 p.m. tonight-Saturday, with a 3 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, or at the Northville High School Box Office. For more information, call the high school box office at (248) 344-8420, ext. 50427.

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Council OKs bonds on street project

Negotiated bond sale slated for this January

BY PAN FLENING STAFF WRITER

Northville's street and landscape improvement project moved closer to reality as city council members approved a resolution Monday night to issue the \$2 million in bonds to finance the work.

Nickie Bateson, assistant city manager and finance director, recommended that the city issue taxable Build American Bonds for

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the project. Although municipali-ties have traditionally issued taxexempt bonds for projects, these new bonds offered through the federal government's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 offer a substantial savings to the city.

"There appears to be a significant advantage to purchasing these types of bonds," Bateson said. "That is the direction we are

recommending." The bonds will be issued through a negotiated sale rather than a competitive sale, Bateson said. A third-party pricing agent will review the bonds, which are to be issued in January 2010.

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Where's the blue spruce? Solve the downtown Northville mystery

Shopping promotion to start Dec. 1

BY PAN FLEMING STAFF WRITER

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Downtown Northville shoppers will have a mystery to solve this holiday season. The idea of Bob Buckhave,

owner of Northville Square, here's how it works. Shoppers must look for a blue spruce outside a retailer or restaurant starting on Dec. 1. The blue tree will be outside a different place each day

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through Dec. 23. Stores or restaurants participating in the promotion must furnish a \$25 gift certificate plus \$5 to cover the cost of printing the cards and the tree purchase.

All participating venues will also have cards, and shoppers will have their one card stamped at the venue that has the blue spruce out front on that particular day.

There will be a different stamp each day," Buckhave said. Businesses will be provided with the stamps and ink pads.

The promotion has been well-received by downtown retailers and restaurants, Buckhave said.

"I already have 24 businesses signed up, and there are only 23 days in the promotion."

If there are more than 23 businesses, 23 will be selected in a blind drawing.



This is what the special downtown Northville holiday shopping promotion card will look like. Shoppers can start picking up the card on Dec. 1.

RULES FOR SHOPPERS

Downtown shoppers will get their calendar cards stamped and receive a special gift, discount or other offer from the featured business of the day.

On Dec. 23, they need to turn in their stamped calendar card at the last featured business to be entered into a drawing on Dec. 24.

The drawing will take place at noon on the upper level of Northville Square. Cardholders pfleming@gannett.com (248) 437 2011, ext 260

don't need to be present to win. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Get 20 days stamped to be entered into the Grand Prize drawing.

Get 15-20 days stamped to be entered into the Second Prize drawing

Get 10-20 days stamped to be entered into the Third Prize drawing. Get 5-20 days stamped to be

entered into the Fourth Place drawing.

Shoppers must be 18 or older to participate. Also, there is a limit of one calendar card per adult and one stamp per person per day.

We hope to hear everybody asking, 'Where's the blue spruce today?" Buckhave said. "We thought this would be a fun way to create a little bit of excitement during our holiday shopping season.

If the promotion is successful, Buckhave hopes to make the mystery shopping an annual event.



LOCAL NEWS

Holiday Lighted Parade plus 2 Christmas Walks this weekend

Family events will kick off local season of Santa

BY PAN FLEMING STAFF WRITER

A host of holiday events await Northville area residents this weekend, starting with a funky free-throw contest tonight.

The 16th Annual Family "Turkey Shoot" Free-Throw Contest will begin at 7 p.m. today at the Hillside Middle School Gymnasium.

Adults and children are asked to bring their own basketball, pair up and give it their best shot in the Northville Parks and Recreation event.

The family free-throw contest will be judged in divisions determined by the child's age -- 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12. Points will be awarded for each basket made, rim shot and miss. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in each age group. Registration can be down before or at the event. There is no entry fee, but families are asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food that is not outdated to be distributed to local families in need through Northville Civic Concern.

PARADE STARTS AT 6:30 P.M.

Tomorrow evening the Holiday Lighted Parade that begins at 6:30 p.m. will usher in the Christmas season.

Northville will welcome Santa Claus to

town with a parade full of lights, sparkle and music.

Santa will also be available afterwards under the pavilion at Town Square, so children can share their Christmas wish list with him after the parade.

Members of Northville Christian Assembly will provide free treats and festive activities, such as photo vignettes set up for people, so bring your camera to Town Square.

Parade floats will also be judged, with the winners announced before the parade. The event is being presented by the Northville Record, Northville Christian Assembly and the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

Each winning entry will have a banner that will be displayed during the parade. The parade route will begin in the

Northville District Library parking lot at Wing and Cady streets and will move north on Wing Street, east on Dunlap Street, south on Center Street, east on East Main Street and south on Hutton Street.

"The parade is going to be absolutely fabulous," said Janet Bloom, marketing and events director for the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "It will have lots of twinkle lights and music for the whole family. The events at Town Square will be a bonus. This is just another example of Northville's strong sense of community."

28TH CHRISTMAS WALK

The holiday mood will continue on Saturday with the Hometown Holidays 28th



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A Brownie group, dressed as Christmas packages, marching in last year's Holiday Lighted Parade.

Annual Christmas Walk from noon-4 p.m. in downtown Northville. Pick up your holiday decorations at the Greens Market in Town Square and take the children on a free wagon ride with Santa Claus.

The pick-up and drop-off area for the wagon ride will be right in front of Great Harvest Bread Company across from Town Square.

A handful of people from local nonprofit organizations will also be selling items in Town Square to support their various causes.

MOVIES AT THE MARQUIS

The classics are back on the Marquis Theatre's screen beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday with a free showing of "White Christmas." Tickets must be picked up at Stampeddler at 145 N. Center Street in Old Church Square prior to 6:30 p.m. to gain entrance to the only free show in the series. To see if tickets are

still available, call (248) 348-4446. The series is being presented by the Northville Downtown Development Authority with individual businesses sponsoring the films. The theatre's doors will open at 6:45 p.m. for the showing open to guests five years or older.

MILL RACE CHRISTMAS WALK

Finally, Historic Mill Race Village at 216 Griswold north of Main Street will have its own Christmas Walk from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Visitors will feel like they are back in the Victorian era as they visit the village docents all dressed up for Christmas. Artisans will also be on hand to create their craft as it was done a hundred a century ago. Enjoy holiday music at the Cady Inn.

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GET THE MOST VALUE OUT OF YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

What is the hottest holiday gift-giving trend this season? It's all about getting the most bang for your buck.

"Shopping for the holidays this year is all about finding value and stretching your dollar to get the most out of your purchases," says Steve Kemble, 'America's Sassiest Lifestyle Guru' and General Growth Properties (GGP) gift-giving expert. "Knowing the secrets to finding the best deals and creating a successful shopping strategy will get you the most value as you shop for family and friends this holiday season.

To help make your holiday shopping experience a success, Kemble offers his top tips for a foolproof holiday shopping plan:

Tip 1: Subscribe to your local mall's e-mail list

Be the first to find out about the hottest deals by joining the e-mail list of your local mall. By adding yourself to these lists, you may be alerted of upcoming sales, or even receive special coupons or invitations to shopping events or promotions. Visit www.MerryGiving.com to find your local GGP mall Web site and register to receive exclusive news, retail offers and much more.

Tip 2: Buy early and late

Be a savvy shopper and buy gifts throughout the year when you find a good sale. By planning ahead and crossing some items off your list before the holidays, you can avoid feeling pressured into last-minute

purchases and find a few gifts during late-season sales when some stores offer deeper discounts.

Tip 3: Buy last year's model

Skip the lines and the steep prices by buying last year's models on electronics that have likely seen up to 30 percent price cuts. Today's cutting-edge technological advancements in Mp3 players and digital cameras don't come cheap, so carefully consider the added value they offer. Do your research and find out if those extra pixels or special features are essential for the person you are shopping for. If you pay close attention, you may find that last year's model does 95 percent of the things that this year's model does, but at 70 percent of the price.

Tip 4: Comparison shop

Being organized is crucial to developing a successful holiday shopping strategy. Start a list of items you need to purchase and watch for ads in the newspaper, on television, and in your mall subscription alerts starting in early November. Then make your purchases wherever you find the best deals or most compelling promotions. For example, participating GGP malls all over the country are offering special retail offers on Thanksgiving weekend, including \$10 GGP Gift Cards with qualify-ing purchases, and free holiday "Mistle-Tote" giveaways full of retailer goodies, while supplies last. Check out www.MerryGiving.com for more event information.

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– Steve Kemble, 'America's Sassiest Lifestyle Guru' and General Growth Properties (GGP) gift-giving expert.



Tip 5: Find value in the season's hottest gifts

Finally, once you have planned the perfect the holiday shopping strategy, keep your eyes open for

Getting started on your holiday decorating? Check back Dec. 3 for the "Decorating for the Holidays" special page!





To find more ways to get the most value out of the holidays log on to www.MerryGiving.com where you can explore details of exclusive shopping events, retailer sales, and a special partnership with Martha Stewart Living magazine, all taking place at participating GGP malls across the country.

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Christmas Around the World

Nore than 400 Northville Girl Scouts will march in the Northville Holiday Parade, presenting "Christmas Around the World" and representing 12 countries. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 20, at West Cady Street, Northville. Last year, more than 350 Girl Scouts participated, representing the 12 months of the year. Pictured are Northville Brownies dressed as "February" and "March" in last year's holiday parade. This year the girls plan to dress in national costumes from: The Bahamas, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, the Polynesian Islands, Russia and the United States. The girls marching are from all of the Northville schools.

Judge dismisses lawsuit against school district

Teachers union challenged Do Not Resuscitate policy

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Daphne Means Curtis has dismissed a lawsuit filed by the Northville Education Association (NEA) challenging the legality of Northville Public Schools' Parental "Do No Resuscitate" (DNR) Directives policy, which allows parents to request that potentially lifesaving interventions not be provided to their children. The NEA is the labor union representing more than 500 of the school district's teachers and other employees.

A Parental DNR Directive is a written order submitted by a student's parents and physician indicating that in the event of a medical emergency, school personnel should refrain from administering certain unwarranted medical procedures, which could cause more harm

ments. Under the district's policy, Parental DNR Directives must meet very specific requirements. The directives become part of the student's "Nursing Care Plan" and are discussed in detail with those staff members working closely with the student in a meeting with school administrators and the student's parents.

"This is a deeply emotional issue for families and we are legally bound as a school district to honor the wishes of parents who submit valid DNR requests for their children," said Northville Public Schools Director of Special Services Lynne Mossoian.

Currently, less than a handful of students in Northville's two special education center programs have Parental DNR Directives.

and that NEA members could not disregard a parental directive.

In dismissing the lawsuit on Nov. 10, Judge Curtis ruled that the school district's DNR policy is valid, citing federal and state case law supporting the rights of parents to refuse unwanted medical treatment for their children. Judge Curtis also said she found no evidence to support NEA concerns about the school district's DNR policy.

"Northville Public Schools has devoted a great deal of time and resources over the past two vears to defend our policy as a result of the NEA's position in this matter," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "We are pleased with Judge Curtis's ruling and look forward to working with parents to honor their wishes related to this very difficult decision." The school district's special education center programs at Cooke and Old Village schools serve approximately 280 severely cognitively and multiply impaired students from school districts across Wayne County. The center programs are funded by Act 18 through the Wayne County Regional **Educational Service Agency** and operated by Northville Public Schools. Old Village serves students age three to 14 and Cooke serves students age 14 to 26.

School district seeks input addressing financial future

Severe budget cuts lead to forums

BY NATHAN MENOIAN CORRESPONDENT

The Northville school district wants community input on what they consider to be the most important educational priorities to maintain while dealing with drastic budget cuts.

District administrators and the school board are currently planning a group of meetings for the community to take part in.

The district has to deal with the reality of losing \$4.3 million from their current budget. State-aid cuts amounting to \$613 per student is forcing Northville public schools to make extremely painful decisions regarding staff cuts, academic programs, transportation and other services.

Ken Roth, school board president, said the last remaining details on the 'Managing Our Future' forums are being worked out.

'We're also going to have the district's Website set up so that anyone unable to attend an actual meeting will be able to send us their comments regarding school priorities," Roth said.

Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, school superintendent, said the upcoming forums would be a huge undertaking.

We'll be gathering input from staff and parents on what they value in our schools," he said. "The district has spent more than three decades building up to where we are now. It happened because of the emphasis on hard work and educating the students. It's a bit daunting to

DETAILS

The Nanaging Our Future Forums are scheduled for the following dates, times and locations.

Tuesday, Dec. 1 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meads Mill Middle School 16700 Franklin Road Cafeteria

Thursday, Dec. 3 6:30-8:30 p.m. Hillside Middle School 775 North Center Street Cafeteria

Monday, Dec. 7 6:30-8:30 p.m. Northville High School 45700 Six Mile Road Cafeteria

Monday Dec. 14 6:30-8:30 p.m. Northville High School 45700 Six Mile Road Cafeteria

say we can unravel this whole

thing." School principals, administrators, and soon the presidents of all the unions will have met, Rezmierski said. Administrators have also met with the PTA, and the Legislative Action Network to involve as many persons as possible to help keep the facts in front of them and solicit their support, as well as raise questions and creative ideas to help deal with the budget cuts.

"It's going to take strong thinking, and compromising," he said.

Fairness will be a top priority. One thing the district doesn't want to have happen is for one group of parents with children in one level of schools to disregard other levels.

Other districts are dealing

with their budget cuts, but Northville's reductions are among the highest in the state.

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"I'm pleased so many districts have rallied with us as they deal with their cuts too, and we're proud of our community in the way they've become so supportive of our cause. Trying to get the legislators to reverse some of these cuts will take a very solid effort on our part," Rezmierski said.

He sees the cuts in terms of how it affects people and families.

The nightmare and impact is real kids, programs, teachers, secretaries, bus drivers, and administrators. It has a greater dimension than simply dollars on a budget line. The board is affirming what we value as a community, and though all of the community support is invigorating, we're learning a painful lesson. We want to learn to protect the community and district. Our commitment is focused on how can we work together and make sure we don't unravel," Rezmierski said.

As soon as possible, the board wants to be ready with plans addressing all levels of cuts.

If any funding is restored, and cuts are only \$165 per student there will be a plan for that, and on up if all of the cuts stand.

Any and all suggested cuts would go through a 'cost out' process to determine the impact and effectiveness of the cut.

The upcoming forums will provide the community ample opportunity to share their priorities with district officials. By mid-January, all of the input will have been prepared for review and decisions will be forthcoming from that time.

Nathan Menoian is a free-lance writer living in Milford

and injury to the student.

Parental DNR Directives policy was approved by the Board of Education in February 2008. Prior to approval, the policy underwent careful study and review by district officials and the district's lead legal counsel Terry Miglio, of Keller Thoma P.C.

Parental DNR Directives are only honored for students in the school district's special education center programs at Cooke and Old Village schools, which serve students with severe cognitive and multiple impair-

In its lawsuit filed in The Northville Public Schools November 2008, the NEA argued its members who work with these students should not be required to abide by an approved Parental DNR Directive and, in the event the employee failed to follow the directive, could not be disciplined by the school district. In response, the school district's legal counsel filed a motion to dismiss the NEA lawsuit on the basis that parents have a constitutional and legal right to prohibit school employees from providing unwanted medical treatment for their children,

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Age 41, passed away November 15, 2009. He was born on March 23, 1968 in Ann Arbor, to Claude and Mary (Blaisdell) Brock. He is survived by his loving wife Lynn Brock, stepchildren Susan, Ashley, siblings Claude J. Brock and Deanna Marie (Jason) Boike, niece Claudia Lynn, several aunts, uncles and cousins A funeral service was held on Nov 18 In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family of Joseph Brock. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook, www.phillipsfuheral.com

FRANCES JANE CLAIR

South Lyon, MI. Age 76. Passed away November 12, 2009 at her home. She was born August 4, 1933 in Milberry, Ohio the daughter of the late Lester Laverne and Emma Sue (Truman) Bowers. On June 10, 1953 in Ann Arbor, MI Frances married her loving husband of 56 years Howard Clair She received her degree in nursing working for St Joseph Mercy Hospital until the mid 60 s and later was employed with Howard Clair Accounting Frances was the past Matron for the Order of The Eastern Star In addition to Howard, she is survived by her children; Thomas (Nicoli) Clair, Debra (Curtis) Schlak, William (Bonnie) Clair, her grandchildren; Jami, Kristine, Benjamin, Jana, Gwen, Adam, Dan, Joshua, Michael and great grandchil-dren: Emma, Morgan. Garet, Elli, Grace, Cheyenne, Amelia, Grant. Wyatt and Evelyn. Her siblings Robert (Mary Jane) Bowers and Elizabeth (the late Charles) Lemon also survive her. The family will gather with friends on Sunday from 2-8 PM with a 7PM OES Service at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel A Healing Farewell will be held 11 AM Monday, November 16, 2009 at Borek Jennings with Rev. William Clair officiating. Bunal will take place in Hamburg Cemetery. Memorial Contributions are suggested to the 'Commerce Chapter #310 OES' P.O. Box 538, Milford, MI 48381-0538. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Frances' family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit her guestbook at, www.borekiennings.com.



Age 69, South Lyon, passed away Nov 10, 2009. Wife of Dennis & mother of Michael & Kimberly (Andrew) Rienstra. Family services



MARY SELLON READER

JENNIE CHRISTINE

SANDELL

Age 76 of Milford, passed away in

the care of her family at Sunrise

Assisted Living Home in West Bloomfield on November 15, 2009.

She is survived by William Ronald

Sandell, her beloved husband of

forty-seven years; daughters, Diane (Denis) DeLisle, Joni (Tracy) Brooks; sons, Dennis (Rosalind) Sandell, Edward (Rosanna) Sandell; grand-

children, Jayson (Diana) DeLisle, Jennifer and Jamy DeLisle, Douglas

(Melanie) Sandell, Spencer (Jenny)

Sandell, Angela and Paul Sandell, Samantha and Christopher Brooks; great grandchildren, Ava, Cody, Nicholas, Drew,Maddox, Madison,

Zachary, and Ambree, and many extended family members and dear

friends Funeral services were held at

Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E.

Liberty, Milford, Monday, November

16, 2009 with Pastor Curt Motsinger

officiating. Memorials may be made

in her name to the American Cancer

Society or New Life Camp, For fur-

ther information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors.

Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit

www.LynchFunera'Directors.com

ROBERT H. THOMAS

Age 81, a long time resident of

Northville, passed away November

14, 2009. He was born October 30, 1928 in Toledo, Ohio to Claude E.

and Violet G. (Blackmore) Thomas.

Robert received a Bachelor Degree

from Wayne State University and

worked as a Freelance Writer. He was

Of Milford, died in the care of her family at her daughter's home there on Friday evening. November 13, 2009. She was 89 years old. Born in Sydney. Nova Scota on September 20, 1920, Mary was the daughter of William Andrew and Mary (Macleod) Sellon. While attending college at the University of Michigan she met Russell B. Reader, Jr. The young cou-ple married, he went off to World War It and she got her Masters Degree in Education while starting their family. They came to Milford in 1957 and Mary continued her teaching career. She taught kindergarten at Baker Elementary School for more than 25 years and raised seven daughters and two sons in the family home on Liberty Boulevard and was a long time member of Milford Presbyterian Church Her parents, William and Mary, and her sublings, Isabel and William Sellon predeceased her, as did her husband, Russ, a daughter, Julie Reader, a son, Michael (Barbara Miller) Reader, and grandson, Andrew. Mary is survived by her daughters. Robin Barnes of Milford, Martha (Wayne) Field of Milford, Susan (Dave) Dieck of Milford, Mary (Ric) Lazar of Highland, Anne (Kerry McLean) Reader of Milford and Georgia Reader of Milford, and her son, Tige (Colleen) Reader of Milford. Also surviving are 22 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends and former students who join with her family in mourning her death and giving thanks to God for her life among them. A Memorial Service will be held at Milford United Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 21st at 11 AM. Rev. John Harris will officiate. For further information call Lynch & Sons at 248 684 6645.

JAMES F. "JACK" RICKS





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NORTHVILLE BIRTH

Violet Elise Xin Jue Culp Todd William and Juliet Elise Culp of Northville announce the adoption of their daughter, Violet Elise Xin Jue, born Oct. 20, 2007 in Maoming, China, adopted May 5, 2009. Her middle name, Elise Xin Jue, is a combination of a maternal family name and her given Cantonese name.

Grandparents are William and Carole Jean Stockhausen of Northville and Bill and Kitty Culp of Richmond, Kentucky, formerly of Canton.

She has many aunts and uncles - Luke of Seattle, Rachel of CT, Karl (recently deceased) and Rhea of NYC, Clara of Northville, and Dale of KY. Serving as godpar-ents are Brenda Hess of Canton and her maternal grandfather.

Visitors can see Violet's trip home on her own web page created by her parents at VioletCulp. BlogSpot.com.



Schwagle & Wagner

Barbara Weiss of Farmington Hills and Stephen Schwagle of Royal Oak are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Breanne, to Joseph Donald Wagner, son of Laurie Wagner of Plymouth and A. J. Wagner of Northville.

ate of Mercy High School and the University of Michigan and is employed as a dental hygienist in Chicago, Ill. Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and the University of Michigan, and is attending graduate school at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He is a vice president at P&M Corporate Finance in Chicago, Ill.

A September 2010 wedding is planned in Northville.



The bride-to-be is a gradu-







Age 85, died Nov. 15, 2009 Funeral Nov. 19, at 11 a m at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips

An addictive Web-based application can be good for business

ne of the challenges in devel-oping a Web site or Webbased application is designing a hook to bring visitors back time after time. I just ran across

an application that is incredibly addictive and entertaining. I am referring to the Farmville application in Facebook, This application is still in the beta testing phase of development

and already has millions of people who play it daily. The players are brought back to Facebook several times a day because of the clever design of Farmville.

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

The basic premise of Farmville is that each user is given a small farm to develop into a profitable enterprise. This is accomplished by tending animals, plowing plots, sowing seeds, waiting for the seeds to grow and then harvesting the crops that grow. Different types of seeds take different lengths of time to grow and ripen. The catch is that your crops will wither and become worthless if you do not harvest them shortly after they ripen. This means that users have to access the application whenever they have crops ripening.

Farmville user, I planted strawberries which ripen in four hours.

harvest my first crop. Farmville made me keeping checking in to see how my crops were going. I found myself constantly coming back to Facebook throughout the day even though I knew that my crops would not ripen until the evening. The goal of many Web sites is to keep people engaged with the site and constantly viewing the advertisements displayed on the Web site. By that metric, Farmville is a big winner in the competitive Web advertising market.

The design of this application is very addictive. I can see that many people will spend a lot of time on this application and continually return to it during the course of a day. This is what good design can

I could not wait until I was able to bring to an application. Businesses should not be upset about this trend; they should be trying to emulate this success. Is your company's Web site drawing repeat business? Are your employees drawn to your internal Web pages or do they ignore your pages?

Drawing customers back to your business is one of the oldest and best ways to grow your business. Many business pundits say that it is easier to keep a customer than find a new one. Some businesses are using the power of the Internet to keep their customers coming back. It is a simple way to increase your revenue stream. If your customers are constantly coming back to your Web site you should see an increase in sales or advertising revenue.

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Facebook is a social networking site and this application takes full advantage of social interaction. Users are able to give farm animals and trees as gifts to each other. Receiving gifts can greatly accelerate the development of your farm. To receive gifts, it is important to also give gifts. The application also rewards users who help others with their farms. Finding other Farmville players to be your neighbors helps you within the game. This interaction within the application leads to more interaction within the larger Facebook site. I have grown my personal network by several dozen people who are fellow Farmville players.

There is a science behind developing interfaces and applications

like Farmville. Well educated developers can bring applications to life and create an enormous amount of business value for their employers. The challenge is finding and retaining these highly skilled developers. Every business can learn from Farmville and start working on ways to make their businesses so appealing to their customers that they can't wait to come back.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

Bad bottle receipts

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A 26-year-old Detroit man was arrested by Livonia police later in the day after committing fraud at the Meijer store in Northville Township at 20401 Haggerty Road at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 10.

A loss prevention detective was in the parking lot of the Northville Township Meijer store when she noticed a subject drive by in a vehicle she had recognized from an internal memo as being a suspect who cashed counterfeit bottle return receipts at other Meijer stores.

She returned to the store and waited for the subject to enter the store.

The man headed to the U-Scan registers, where he scanned two bottle receipts and handed them to an attendant.

The man was able to fraudulently obtain \$26.50 from the transaction.

The man left the store before loss prevention was able to stop him. However, he returned to the store soon afterwards, and this time cashiers refused the bottle receipts, and he left the store.

The store detective then notified other Meijer stores that the man was in the area. The detective later received a call from a store detective at the Livonia Meijer stating that they had the man in custody for passing counterfeit bottle receipts at that store.



Larceny from vehicle

2 A 35-year-old resident on Northridge Drive told police that all four tires were stolen from her vehicle between 6 p.m. Nov. 11 and 6 a.m. Nov. 12. The vehicle was parked underneath the carport in the parking lot by her condominium.

The woman's husband noticed that the tires had been stolen and that the vehicle was left on landscaping blocks. The window by the right rear door was also shattered, and the suspect had rummaged through the glove box. The woman said she had

four tires stolen from the same location about three months ago.

The tires were valued at \$1,000, and the window was valued at \$200.

Theft outside store

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p.m. on Nov. 14 in the parking lot of Bed Bath and Beyond at

Stolen items included a Coach purse containing a silver Blackberry 8830, two bottles of prescription medications and other items.

The purse was valued at \$300, and the Blackberry was valued at \$199.



in the chimney. Creosote is caused by burning wood, espe-cially unseasoned wood. Wood burning in a fireplace sends smoke up the chimney. This smoke contains materials that can adhere to the inside of the chimney. This material turns in to a tar-like substance which is called creosote. All creosote

Prevention

can start.

Chimney fires can be easily prevented by having a professional clean the chimney annually. This cleaning will remove all accumulated creosote. You should also use only seasoned wood and never use flammable liquids to start a fire. Use a metal screen or glass in front of the fireplace opening to prevent sparks, embers and flames from igniting anything outside the fireplace. Never burn charcoal indoors because this can cause a dangerous buildup of carbon monovide.

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contact it and a chimney fire

a chimney fire Before you go to sleep or leave your residence; make sure that the fire in your fireplace is out and have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

How to tell if you have a chimney fire

Often people will hear a roaring noise coming from the fireplace. If you suspect this; go outside and look at the top of your chimney. If you see thick smoke pouring out of the chimney, then you have a chimney fire. Also fire that is violently coming out of the front of the fireplace can indicate a chimney fire.

Action

If you suspect a chimney fire in you home, immediately call 911 and remove all occupants from the residence. The fire department will respond and handle the emergency. After you have removed everyone from the home, if it is safe for you to reenter (flames and smoke are not spreading throughout your home), attempt to extinguish the fire with a fire extinguisher. You should also try to remove all flammable objects (furniture, tables, etc.) away from the fireplace.

Once the fire department has arrived, advise them of where they can gain access to your attic so they can look for possible fire extension.

Take these preventative measures so that you can enjoy your fireplace this season.

Jason Raschke is a firefighter with Northville Township. He can be reached at jraschke@twp northville mi us or (248) 348-5807.







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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

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

SteA Hillebrard Clerk

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Crafters

show

Jorie Jenkins an illustrator from Ann Arbor, paints a few illustrations to be framed or used in books at the recent Handcrafter's Show at the Northville Community Senior Center. The show featured lots of Halloween, fall and even Christmas holiday crafts for sale and drew hundreds of visitors its first day.



JOHN HEIDERISTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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demic.

Two weeks ago, Northville High school reported 100 absences in one day.

Northville school policy states that children must not return to school until 24 hours after their temperature has returned to normal without the use of fever-reducing medicines, or 24 hours after their last episode of vomiting.

Ronda Harrison, a contracted school nurse liaison for Wayne County RESA, is responsible in part for providing monthly reports on flu developments, and related health issues to superintendents throughout the county. She is a nurse with a background in school nursing.

The Michigan Department of Education and the Department of Health recently went together on a joint venture, developing H1N1 toolkits with every school in Michigan receiving one," she said. "I'm able to help school districts prepare and plan for this pandemic,

"The toolkits include age appropriate posters displaying information on getting vaccinated to helping promote resistance to the flu. Schools

also will receive ear scan thermometers with disposable sleeves, and a couple hundred face masks with instructions on how to wear them."

The general plan is not to close schools. The CDC, much as they can. prefers them to remain open, noted Harrison. If people stay home while they're sick, and keep those at school well, there would be no reason to close a facility.

"One of the biggest difficulties in stopping the spread of the H1N1 virus is when sick children aren't being kept home," she said.

Ironically, all the confirmed cases of H1N1 are miniscule, according to Harrison.

"Only those patients who become hospitalized due to the flu are actually tested," explained Harrison. "Testing is done through a nasal or throat swab."

She added that physicians basing a diagnosis on symptoms, without testing the patient, might be wrong in that diagnosis. But because H1N1 is considered pandemic, doctors are assuming it is that specific strain of flu.

And what's worse, Harrison said, is that labs were flooded with so many samples to test, the expense was getting high,

and there was a long delay in getting the results back. A person with the flu needs to be on anti-viral treatment in less than 48 hours, or the medicine is not effective.

Viruses mutate with new ones developing all the time, she said. The current H1N1 strain is brand new. And because there was no vaccine for it, until recently, it was able to quickly spread throughout the world.

Groups at risk from H1N1 include young and old, and another group has been added. "Pregnant women are at a

level of risk from complications of H1N1. That includes women two weeks after giving birth, those in the second and third trimester, and those who have recently miscarried," Harrison said.

"If they've contracted the flu, they are disproportionately affected by death and flu complications. That's been documented by the World Health Organization, and the CDC."

Others at risk are persons ranging in age from two to 64. Along with getting a flu shot, Harrison says it is important to also receive a pneumonia vaccination.

Nathan Menoian is a free-lance writer living in Milford.

The Great Lakes Coffee

PROJECT FROM PAGE AL

The city is waiting to hear if it will receive a grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation to help offset the cost of the proj-

However, council members voted to issue bonds to cover the entire \$2 million project.

BUILD AMERICA BONDS

The Build America Bond program was established to provide much-needed funding for state and local governments at lower borrowing costs. The program enables them to pursue capital projects.

The projects could include work on public buildings, courthouses, schools, roads, transportation infrastructure, government hospitals, public safety facilities and equipment, water and sewer projects, environmental projects, energy projects, governmental housing projects and public utilities.

Traditionally, tax-exempt bonds have provided a critical source of capital for state and local governments. But the recession has sharply reduced their ability to finance new projects. Supplementing this market, the Build America Bond program is designed to provide a federal subsidy for a larger portion of the borrow-ing costs of state and local governments than traditional tax-exempt bonds to stimulate the economy and encourage investments in capital projects this year and next.

HOW THE BONDS WORK

Build America Bonds are a new financing tool for state and local governments. The bonds, which allow a new direct federal payment subsidy, are taxable bonds issued by state and local governments that will give them access to the conventional corporate debt markets.

After a project is approved at the state or local level, the U.S. Treasury Department will make a direct payment to the state or local governmental issuer in an amount equal to 35 percent of the interest payment on the Build America Bonds

As a result of this federal subsidy payment, state and local governments will have lower net borrowing costs and be able to reach more sources of borrowing than with more traditional tax-exempt or tax credit bonds.

For example, if a state or local government were to issue Build America Bonds at a 10 percent taxable interest rate, the Treasury Department would make a payment directly to the government of 3.5 percent of that interest, and the government's net borrowing cost would thus be only 6.5 percent on a bond that actually pays 10 percent interest.

This feature is making Build America Bonds attractive to a broader group of investors. It has created a larger market than those that typically invest in more traditional state and local tax-exempt bonds, where interest rates, due to the federal tax exemption, have historically been about 20 percent lower than taxable interest rates.

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OUR VIEWS Do earth a favor, recycle waste

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We have to ask: What did you do on Sunday? If you're a hunter, your answer is simple. You joined the army of orange in the woods for the opening day of rifle deer season. Many of you probably went to church, read the Sunday paper and watched the Detroit Lions on TV. But how many of you did something for the environ-

ment? It is surprising that with all the talk about global warming, there was little comment about Sunday being America Recycles Day, the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products.

For 12 years, Keep America Beautiful Inc. (KAB) and the National Recycling Coalition have used America Recycles Day to raises awareness by educating people about the benefits of recycling. And it appears the message is getting across to people. There's been an uptick in recycling over the past decade. The nation's composting and recycling rate rose from 17 percent in 1990 to a currently high of around 33 percent.

Recycling is really just common sense, and until the "modern era," it was a common household activity. Before the 1920s, 70 percent of U.S. cities ran programs to recycle certain materials. During World War II, industry recycled and reused about 25 percent of the waste stream.

We all know we need to do something to reverse the effects of global warming and recycling is one of the easiest ways to help. By recycling, we can help significantly lower carbon emissions. According to www.americarecyclesday.org. last year the amount of energy saved from recycling aluminum and steel cans, plastic PET and glass containers, newsprint and corrugated packaging was equivalent to

 The amount of electricity consumed by 17.8 million Americans in one year.

· 29 percent of nuclear electricity generation in the U.S. in one year.

7.9 percent of electricity generation from fossil fuels in the U.S. in one year.

• 11 percent of the energy produced by coal-fired power plants in the U.S.

 The energy supplied from 2.7 percent of imported barrels of crude oil into the U.S.

. The amount of gasoline used in almost 11 million passenger automobiles in one year.

We admit we let America Recycles Day slip by, but we believe every day should be an America Recycles Day. Whether it's carting your cans, bottles and papers to a recycling center or using bins for curbside recycling, we urge residents to get involved.

It takes all of us to create a better natural environment. Recycling is one way we can help. The fact is that if America's recycling rate for aluminum and steel cans, plastic PET and glass containers, newsprint and corrugated packaging increased by 10 percent, we would save enough energy to provide electricity to 1.8 million Americans for an entire year, according to www.americarecyclesday org. Sunday may have been the day to get educated about recycling, but today and everyday are good days to recycle. Do the earth a favor, and get involved. Who knows that plastic water bottle you recycle may be the one that puts us over the hump in reversing global warming.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What would you think about slot machines being added at Northville Downs?



"I have no objection to slot machines at Northville Downs. After all, people go to the race track to bet. However, I think there must be other, more significant steps taken to help assure the growth of Northville's commercial community." Jim Morche, Ph.D.

Northville



"I don't think that would be the type of economic development that Northville would strive to have right away. But, I love the horses." Jennifer Gustafson

Northville



"I would tend not to favor slot machines because that may be a revenue producer for the Downs, but I don't see it as a job creation opportunity." Paul Snyder



"I don't think it would be a good idea because it would bring a crime element to the city."

Debbie Simmons Northville

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LETTERS

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. Submit letters via the following formats. Web: www.hometownlife.com Mail: Letters to the Editor, Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Fax: (248) 437-3386. E-mail: cstone@gannett.com.

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the health reform bill, I did not expect that he would vote "yes" on the other health care proposal considered that day.

This health care plan, known as "the Boehner substitute," was clearly not written in the best interests of improving the qual-ity of health care in this country. Rather, this proposal was cleverly drafted to best serve the needs of the insurance industry. According to the bipartisan Congressional Budget Office which looked into this bill, eight out of 10 Americans would only see a 3-percent drop in insurance premiums under the best case scenario and thousands ? of un- and under-insured families would receive no help whatsoever.

Fortunately, a health care reform bill assed without the assistance of Kep McCotter's vote, but this is only the first act in a three-act play. Next, the health care reform bill will move to the Senate for debate before finally heading to the conference committee to work out the differences between the successful House reform bill and what ultimately clears the U.S. Senate. As a doctor, I won't pretend to know exactly how to fix every problem with our current system, but I do know we just can't ignore these problems any longer. We all need a healthcare reform bill to hit President Obama's desk. As a doctor, I talk to families every day who have suffered from the effect that this economy has had on their ability to keep health insurance. I recently spoke with a young family who is struggling to continue making Cobra payments since the husband was laid off from his job. His wife continues to work full time but her job doesn't offer health insurance and she has a "pre-existing condition". Even though their monthly Cobra payments are higher than their mortgage payment, this young family simply cannot afford to miss an insurance payment. Under the reform plan that passed the House, the days of families choosing between health care and a roof over their heads will come to an end. Another patient, a laid-off auto worker. is struggling to care for his son who was recently diagnosed with autism. I lose sleep when I think that both mom and dad now work as many hours as they can get at parttime jobs that, of course, do not provide health insurance. While they feel lucky to have work, they simply can't afford the therapy that their beautiful 2-year-old boy really needs given their under-employment situation. I, as a mother, doctor and citizen, am very concerned that during these trying times my representative seems to be working in direct opposition to the needs of the working families in my neighborhood. This behavior on his part is nothing short of irresponsible. As this process moves forward, I hope that my neighbors, patients and friends will join with me in urging Rep. McCotter to put families first and stop playing politics with our healthcare. Kathryn Bondy Fessler, M.D., Ph.D. Staff Physician, Integrated Health Associates Research Fellow, University of Michigan

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Kudos to two township trustees

While, as a citizen of Northville Township, I am happy there will be no reductions in police and dispatcher staffing, I hope that the agreed upon concessions will yield sufficient budget savings to justify the board's decision.

I would like to thank Chris Roosen and Mindy Herrmann for having the courage to cast dissenting votes last Monday night. The need for deep budget cuts is being felt in every community in Wayne County due to continued State Revenue Sharing cuts, rapidly declining property values with the resultant decline in property tax revenue, and the fact that investment earnings are

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.

Northville Township police ratify agreement to avoid layoffs

I am glad the police union and the township board settled negotiations without layoffs. We can't forget about how we got here! The financial planners in the township need to be laid off for not being prepared and not keeping us informed! The board needs to be held accountable for pushing the purchase of the former state hospital property junk yard and putting us further in debt!

concerned48167

Schools send a message

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Again, Leonard Rezmierski and all of the school administrators have lucrative compensation packages and we need to see the total compensation for each administrator and their raises for the past several years. Just like the township trying to cut the meat, not the fat. Let's see all of the salaries and compensation for all of our elected and appointed officials published on the front page of the Northville Record. Our superintendent makes more than Gov. Empty Skirt. Solon1

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now non-existent.

I appreciate the fact that Chris and Mindy are looking for large solutions which will impact the future, and not just agreeing to more palatable short-term fives.

> Coline R. Coleman Northville

Thanks to trustees for thinking long-term

Thanks to Chris Roosen and Mindy Herrmann for voting for longer-term fiscal responsibility and parity. Had the township board accepted the proposal to keep the DARE officer and the officer assigned to the high school, we could have expected near-equal patrolling and the same outstanding emergency response from our public safety officers. Had this been done, the board could have assured us there would be no need for a public safety millage increase next year. If a public safety millage increase is requested next summer, then surely this decision of the majority should be scrutinized and rethought. Sound decision-making should never be traded for political expediency and placating the squeakiest wheel - so kudos to the dissenters for not following suit.

> Jamie & Susan Jones Northville Township

What a great experience

To all the voters who believed enough in my message to have voted for me, I extend my heartfelt thanks. You have humbled and reassured me. You are paying attention to our town at a time when we need you to be involved. Continue to believe in our wonderful city by volunteering and following the issues closely. Support our mayor and current council; they are good people and care deeply.

My direction now will be creating a stronger downtown. By doing this, we will strengthen the residential community as well. Please shop and support our local businesses. Talk to the retailers about your needs. This will ultimately help all of us in Northville. I will continue to be easy to find and available to answer any questions you may have.

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Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

God bless you and our city.

Bob Buckhave Northville

Why state's finances flounder

The billions in Congressional stimulus has now evaporated among States and distributed mostly to protect the political lean. Our Michigan money crisis continues over dependency of bureaucratic structures never unloaded of cost enough to reflect the ability to sustain them. These financial problems are now compounded with the scramble to urgently offer tax abatements to lure new business activity while presenting a cold shoulder to tax reductions for struggling or tenured Michigan businesses.

Every level of government always pursues their unstated dire need to directly or deviously tax more people or hike rates to spend more. Always like an alcoholic's late night lament, "with just one more stiff drink, I will get a grip on this problem ... this time." Our stalwarts of journalism should discard the approach of being such programmed political apologists and begin to debate ideas offered by the Michigan Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

Money from state taxation of citizens is collected and redirected by the state to local school funding and has become a potential problem. State distributions that augment local budgets has become another entitlement and therefore used as an annual threat of restriction or denial. The same type management schemes and techniques are now planned by our Congress in the plan for ultimate federal control of your health care and your life.

> Jim Nowka Northville

Stop playing with our healthcare, McCotter

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I am a pediatrician and a mother, living and working in Thaddeus McCotter's district. While I fully expected that Representative McCotter would not vote for

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LOCAL NEWS

The opening scene of Northville High's production of "Romeo and Juliet."



FROM PAGE AN

performance.

"We're continuing the collaboration between the high school and the Tipping Point," Pearson said.

Pearson said Kuhl has been delightful and that he comes with a great deal of knowledge and a wealth of experience.

"He is so bright, and the students just adore him," she said. "They've just taken him in, and he's taught them a ton.

Pearson has directed many plays at the high school and used to be on the Tipping Point board of directors. She is also a cast member of "Romeo and Juliet."

STUDENTS VISIT THEATER

Students in "Romeo and Juliet" were invited to attend one of the preview performances of Tipping Point's Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)" as art of the school-theater colaborative effort.



Sydney Stiler playing the role of Juliet.

"It's the community and the public school partnering and using each other's resources,' Pearson said. "I love that we have been able to continue this partnership. They get students excited about theater."

Because the play is part of a lot of schools' curriculum, Pearson thinks students from other districts might be interested in seeing the play. Performances are at 7 p.m. tonight-Saturday, with

Romeo (Kyle Traicoff) and Benvolio

(April Qi) rehearse a scene from Northville High's "Romeo and Juliet."

at 3 p.m. matinee Saturday. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. The performance is about two hours, and the play does feature adult themes such as violence and tragedy.

Tickets are available at the Tipping Point Theatre or at the Northville High School Box Office. For more information, call the high school box office at (248) 344-8420, ext. 50427.

pfleming@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011 ext. 260 English or be a literary scholar

Kuhl enjoys showing students some special tricks of his chosen trade

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

James Kuhl says directing "Romeo and Juliet" at Northville High School this fall has been a win-win

The students love him, and he loves working with them. Kuhl, who just joined the **Tipping Point Theatre last** summer as the new producing artistic director, has a master's degree in fine art in acting from Wayne State University, a bachelor's degree from Alma College and completed the Apprentice Program of the Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea.

He has much experience on the stage, including productions at the Hilberry Theatre in Detroit, Purple Rose Theatre Company, BoarsHead Theater and Michigan Shakespeare Festival.

His most recent performances are as R. P. Murphy in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," for which he received a nomination for a Best Actor Wilde Award, and in the title role of "Hamlet," both at the Hilberry Theatre Kuhl has taught acting at

Alma College, the Purple Rose Theatre, the Water Works Theatre and Wayne State University.

"I think the relationship between the Tipping Point and Northville High School is getting stronger and stronger," Kuhl said. "We were involved with the 'Wizard of Oz," their spring musical last year. Tipping Point has as part of its mission statement to reach out to the community and to provide arts education. This is very important to us. To work with high schoolers on a Shakespearean play is abso-

lutely fantastic." Kuhl said he thinks high schoolers often get intimidated by performing something by Shakespeare, because they think one needs a Ph.D. in



to tackle his work.

"My main goal was to be able to have the students relate to something written over 400 years ago in a modern context," he said. "We've made it accessible to the students." He's been rehearsing with the students about three hours a day, five days a week leading up to tonight's performance, and he loves teaching. "If you have a passion for something, it's important to inspire and pass on a curiosity about that field. I think a lot of teaching is showing others that pas-

sion. He started acting in high school and never looked back. "When I went to Alma, I didn't anticipate being a theater major," Kuhl said. "I was on a business track, and thought I'd be a stock broker or an accountant. But by my sophomore year, a professor and my mentor there made me realize that this (theater) is what I think about all the time. There's else that I'd rather be not doing man theater.

Kuhl and his wife, Hallie Bard, an actress, and their 5-year-old son, Aidan, live in Eastpointe. The couple is expecting their second child at the end of February.

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Church of the Holy Family

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Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.orgMass 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/Date: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month Details: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Nile Road Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www. crosspointemeadows org. Sunday Worship, 1115 a m. Bible study classes: 10 a m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.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: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 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 Women of the Word

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service **ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** Time/Date: 10 a m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a m.

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

First Baptist Church of Novi-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.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.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 entertain-

ing programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

First United Methodist of Northville

A Stephen Ministry church Location: 777 W. Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-1144 or fumcnorthville.org SUNDAY WORSHIP Time: 8, 9:15 and it a m. Details: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck Coffee hour at 10:15 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. Crafters and Vendors are needed

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565 SUNDAY SCHEDULE Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia Contact: For further information. please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595. **Veterans Information Seminar** Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Nov. 19 Details: So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know...and so many changes from one year to the next. That's why local members of the nonprofit D-A-Y will present a veterans information seminar. Like all D-A-V services, this seminar is free to all veterans and members of their families.

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. Sermon: Having a Plan Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. 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 PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays **ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES** Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays **HARVEST DINNER** Time/Date: 4 p.m. Nov. 22

Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030 SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults

/Youth/Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium 10.15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210) TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY 8.45-10-30 a.m. (café) WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls

Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

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Contact: www.novijewishcenter.com e-mail: rabbi@novijewishcenter.com or call (248) 790-6075.

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com SUNDAY WORSHIP Time: 9:45 a.m. **Healing Service and Holy** Communion Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month **PEACE VIGIL** Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. **ADVENT SERVICE** Time/Date: 9:45 a m. Sunday

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

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RENEW LIFE MINISTRIES Time/Date: 7.15-9 p.m. every

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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.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

PRESCHOOL/KIDS CHOIR Time/Date: 7-8.15 p.m. every Wednesday Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good Counsel **Catholic Church** Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olynorthville.org SATURDAY WORSHIP Time: 5 p.m. SUNDAY WORSHIP Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian

Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service.

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It's re-evaluation time for Medicare Part D beneficiaries

Dear Savvy Senior, I have been using the same Medicare prescription drug plan for four years now but my pharmacist told me I needed to switch to a different plan that fits my needs better. What's the best way to do this?

Swapping Senior

Dear Swapping,

Because Medicare's "Part D" prescription drug plans can change dramatically from year-to-year, during the open enrollment period (Nov. 15 to Dec. 31), all seniors with a Part D plan should do some comparison shopping to ensure they're getting the best drug coverage at the lowest cost. Here's how to do it.

DO-IT-YOURSELF

If you have Internet access, sizing up and comparing your Medicare drug plan with the many other plans that are available to vou is relatively easy. Start by making a list of the drugs you currently take along with their dosages. Then go to Medicare's Prescription Drug Plan Finder tool (www. medicare.gov/mpdpf) and click on *Find and Compare Plans." From there you simply plug in your personal information, zip code, along with the prescription drugs and dosages you currently take, and you'll get a cost comparison breakdown for each plan available in your area. This tool also provides a five-star rating system that evaluates each plan based on past customer service records, and suggests gener-ics or older brand name drugs that can reduce your costs.

If you find a better deal, before switching plans, there are several other areas

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you need to double-check to ensure good coverage, including:

• Total costs: Don't judge a plan strictly by its monthly premium cost. Low-premium plans are often associated with higher prescription co-payments and may prove to be the costliest plans. So take a look at the whole pricing package, including premiums, deductibles, co-pays and coverage gaps that may apply.

• Pharmacy network: Make sure the pharmacies you regularly use are in the plans' network.

• Drug restrictions. Some plans may require you to get permission or try a number of cheaper drugs before they will cover particular prescriptions. Call the provider to find out!

• Coverage gap: Find out if your plan will cover any drugs in the coverage gap known as the doughnut hole. Next year, Part D will cover most drug bills up to \$2,830, and then you're on your own until your out-of-pocket cost total \$4,550. Some plans offer some gap coverage, but they're usually limited to generics drugs.

FIND HELP

If you need some help or if you don't have Internet access to compare drug plans, or don't feel confident in working through the information on your own, ask one of your kids or a close friend to help you. You can also call Medicare at 800-633-4227 and they will do the drug plan comparing for you over the phone. Some other helpful resources include the Medicare Rights Center

which staffs a toll-free number with counselors ready to help at 800-333-4114, and your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) who provides one-on-one free Medicare counseling. To find a local SHIP counselor, visit www.shiptalk.org, or call 800-677-1116.

EXTRA HELP

If your annual income is less than \$16,245 for an individual (\$21,855 for a married couple living together), you may be eligible for some extra help in paying for your Medicare drug coverage. Call Social Security at 800-772-1213 to see if you qualify.

ALL-IN-ONE OPTION

Instead of paying separately for Medicare Part B. plus a Medigap supplemental policy and a stand-alone Part D drug plan you could sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan that provides all-in-one coverage. These plans, which are sold by insurance companies, are generally available through HMOs and PPOs. To find the best deals in your area visit www.medicare. gov/mppf or call 800-633-4227.

Savvy Tip: Be wary of Medicare sales scams. Unsolicited door-to-door sales and telemarketing of Medicare drug plans is illegal. And all legitimate sales agents must be licensed by your state - you can check this at your state insurance department (see www.naic. org/state_web_map.htm).

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One veteran's story

Hospice helps Jac Austin through his last days

John Austin, known by many as Jac, was a sergeant in the military from 1969-1973. He was stubborn, but had a huge heart.

When Jac was diagnosed with cancer, he went to live with his sister, Sharon, so he could be under supervised care. A month later they made the decision to start hospice care in the home.

Jac went into hospice care in January, and everyone expected him to be gone by March or April. "I kept calling him the Energizer Bunny. His doctor called in June to

see how he was - and I said, 'he's still ticking,'" Sharon said.

Jac's days were spent hanging out at the VFW Post in Northville, where all of his friends were. "It was his social life and we made sure he got there every day," said Sharon. "He would get sick at noon and be at the bar having a drink by 2 p.m. As hard as it was to watch him go through that, it was his life. We couldn't deprive him of that.

"He liked the fact that there wasn't someone telling him

what to do," she added. "He couldn't stand to be told what to do. Arbor Hospice made sure that he was informed and from there, he was the decision maker."

Under hospice care, Jac was able to go to the Upper Peninsula with his nephew and visit a buddy he spoke with everyday. That was Jac's will to live, to get up north. It was his last hurrah," said Sharon. "They were only supposed to be gone for six days and they ended up staying for 11. He was able to go fishing out on the boat and when they returned Jac looked good and he felt good. Then two weeks later he was gone."

Arbor Hospice also helped the family come to terms with what was going to happen. You're never prepared for the end, but they made sure I knew what to expect," said Sharon. "The social worker



John Austin (left) was known by many as Jac. He served in the military from 1969-1973. This photo was taken on the trip to the Upper Peninsula while under the care of Arbor Hospice.

wanted to be home when the

nurse came that day, when I

came home it was 10 minutes

was coming regularly at the end and I knew when we were getting close."

"On the day he passed I had and he was gone...I thanked gone out in the morning, but I him for waiting," she added.

"Jac lived and died by his terms, with a little help along the way."

Submitted by Chris Waldmeir

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At A time of ease prayer The With his hand on his Northville heart, WWII veteran VFW Post Harry Hartshorne 4012's bows his head Color Guard during a prayer "at ease" outside Northville's during the Veterans of Foreign recent Wars Post 4012 Veteran's on Veteran's Day. Day The post held ceremony at a ceremony on their South Nov. 11 to note Main St. the sacrifices location. of the nation's combat veterans. Hartshorne is a veteran of **General Patton's III** (European) Corps. JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER . Carpenter D.D.S. Ima R. Nava D.D.S. DRAKESHIRE DENTAL CENTER Graduates of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry Our staff is fluent in Spanish! Our office provides a variety of dental services including: Bleaching and cosmetic dentistry
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Market season ends

Julie Netter buys some pumpkins from Don Marion of Prielipp Farms at the last Northville Farmers' Market for 2009 on Oct. 29. The market, located at the corner of Seven Mile and South Center, will re-open on the first Thursday of May in 2010.

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Brookdale communities collecting food for hungry

Local Brookdale Senior Living communities invite those in the greater Detroit area to help them collect food to help feed the hungry.

From now until Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, all non-perishable food items dropped off at any of the nine Brookdale communities in the Detroit Metropolitan area will be given to Gleaners Food Bank. More than 400 soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, disaster relief agencies, and other nonprofit organizations in Southeast Michigan rely on food from Gleaners to meet their clients' needs

Local participating communities include Grand Court Novi, 45182 West Park Drive in Novi and Wynwood Northville, 404056 Mile Road in Northville. Call (248) 535-4481.

"Not only does this good deed benefit the greater community, but it embraces several dimensions of living an Optimum Life," said Lisa Olson, Business Development Coordinator. "Our residents and associates enjoy the sense of purpose and emotional response they have when they help those in need."

Jingle Bell Run/Walk

Get the Santa hats out, the 22nd annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis is fast approaching!

Be sure to mark calendars for Saturday, Dec. 5 in Northville and Saturday, Dec. 12 in Bloomfield Hills. The Northville race will start on Cady Rd and end, traditionally, at The Northville Downs Race Track. The Bloomfield Hills race will start and end at Covington School in Birmingham. Both races are 5k and begin promptly at 9 a.m. with festivities and celebration afterward until noon.

The Snowman Shuffle, a 1/4 mile fun run for kids 12 and under, begins at 8:45 a.m., making this family-fun event great for all ages. Participants can enjoy holiday

costume contests, awards for biggest team, first through third place finishers in 14 different age categories and a post-race chili party. First place winners in each category can even win a Dick's Sporting Goods gift card. People interested in registering can go to www.arthritis.org.

keyword Jingle Bell Run/Walk. Registration is \$25 and includes a goody bag, T-shirt, race chip and post-race chili party. There is also day-of registration available, which is \$30. To register children for the Snowman Shuffle, also visit www. arthritis.org; the fee is \$10.

Drop-in Toddle Time

Bring your toddlers and preschoolers to their own special drop-in play time from 10 a.m.noon on Tuesdays through April 27 (except Dec. 29) at the Northville Community Senior Center.

Toddle Time is an opportunity for toddlers to learn socialization skills through unstructured, free play. Tots can run, jump, play ball, laugh and giggle with other tots in a big, safe gym atmosphere. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the entire time. Some toys are available; however, it is recommended that parents bring a ride or push toy.

Cost is \$3 per child. Contact Pat Brown, recreation superintendent with Northville Parks & . Recreation, at (248) 449-9949 or ·pbrown@ci.northville.mi.us.



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CC's Galindo heads All-Area XC runners – B5

Mustangs have 11 tankers headed to finals

Northville girls swim squad looking for state meet scores

Maddy Kipke will be competing in the 200 freestyle and the

100 backstroke this weekend,

while Shannon Lohman earned

cuts in the 100 butterfly and the

100 backstroke. Faith Miller will

compete in the 200 freestyle and

But they're hardly the only

Saturday. Rachel Brown, Leah

Erlandson and Sarah Garrity

backstroke, while Kelly Burford

and Catherine Cui earned cuts

in the 100 breaststroke. Brianna

Schoenek will swim the 100 but-

The squad also earned state cuts in the 200 and 400 free

relay and the 400 medley relay.

The only relay team with a set

will be competing in the 100

Mustangs swimming Friday and

the 100 butterfly.

terfly for Northville.

BY SAN EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

A STATE AND A STAT

There will be a slew of Northville Mustangs hitting the pool at the 2009 Division I state finals this weekend thanks to an individual cut and a relay cut being earned at the "Last Chance" meet last week.

The Mustangs will bring 11 tankers—the most ever on one team in coach Brian McNeff's career—to Holland to compete in the finals.

"We have a good shot to drop some more time and score in the state meet," said McNeff. "Especially Maddy, Faith and Shannon. They already have times that would put them close to scoring position now."

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team will be competing in the state finals this weekend when they travel to the Holland Aquatics Club for two days of competition. The first day, which will be Friday, will find the team competing in the preliminaries for finals placement. Final competition takes place Saturday.

squad is the 400 free with a team of Schoenek, Erlandson, Lia Nagata and Kipke.

Northville's Becca Myers will also swim in the relays for the team, though no official announcement as to which relays was announced as of press time.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News



JOHN HEICER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the Northville Mustangs swim team that are headed to the state finals this Friday and Saturday in Holland. From left: Kelly Burford, Becca Meyers, Leah Erlandson, Sarah Garrity, Rachel Brown, Lia Nagata, Shannon Lohman, Maddy Kipke, Catherine Cui, and Briana Schoenek.

Shamrocks triumph, 31-24, in overtime



Niko Palazeti bolts for the end zone.

Canton falls to CC; Holt next in line



BY TIN SNITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With blue-clad fans sitting on one side of the field and red-clad fans on the other, the buzz in the air for Saturday's Division 1 regional football game between Canton and host Novi-Detroit Catholic Central couldn't have been any better.

It's too bad only one team could win.

For those spectators, the afternoon tilt turned out to be a real treat with the Shamrocks dodging a major Canton bullet late in regulation and going on to win 31-24 in overtime.

Catholic Central will next face Holt 1 p.m. Saturday at Lansing Everett in a D1 semifinal.

"I'm so proud of our guys," said Chiefs' head coach Tim Baechler. "Both teams just played great, both teams deserved to win. There's no loser today."

Echoing those sentiments was Catholic Central's Tom



CC celebrates after the defense stifles Canton on final play.

Mach, who watched his team score three touchdowns only to have the Chiefs immediately answer with six-pointers each time.

"I wasn't surprised that they (the Chiefs) kept coming back because they've got great athletes and they did a great job of constantly rebounding," Mach said. "Every time we scored, they scored. It kind of ended up being a classic battle for 48 minutes."

The back-and-forth contest was tied 24-24 after Catholic Central's Justin D'Agostino missed a field goal, giving the Chiefs a first down from their own 20 with 4:12 remaining.

Canton (10-2) then silenced the Catholic Central fans by moving down to the Shamrocks' 26-yard line with 1:30 to go.

Senior running back Adam Payter, who gained 174 yards in 16 carries, moved the chains with runs of 13, 12 and six yards. Quarterback Kevin Delapaz also completed a 15yard toss to Ryan Powell.

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But that's where the Shamrocks' defense met the challenge, pushing the Chiefs back to the 30-yard line.

"They played good defense," said junior running back Davion Stackhouse (103 allpurpose yards), who scored TDs on a 67-yard run and a 23-yard pass from Delapaz. "They figured out what we were doing and stopped us, they just shut us down." With wind blowing into

his face, Canton senior Alex Dixon just could not put enough steam behind a 47yard field-goal attempt that would have won the game as time elapsed.

"Our defense finally got one stop and that was the opportunity we needed," Baechler said. "And then we ran out of time and the field goal was just too far, with a little bit of wind in our face."

In overtime (where teams start from the 10-yard line), the Shamrocks needed just one play — a 10-yard run by senior Anthony Capatina (17 carries, 106 yards) to break the deadlock and win their 12th straight game and their first regional title since 2007.

"We didn't really expect our defense to give up that much (24 points)," Capatina said. "But they've bailed us (offense) out all year and so it was our turn to step it up. We both got it done when we needed to."

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Mustangs earn two All-State honors

Alashe, Beason honored for soccer seasons

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs boys soccer team entered this season looking to make improvements.

"Baby steps," said coach Henry Klimes at the beginning of the year.

Those baby steps were meant to get the team's 14 first-year varsity players some game experience. Instead, it led to much more: a Central Division title, second place in the Kesington Conference, fourth place in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association and a slew of individual awards.

Leading the way in award gathering was junior midfielder Fatai Alashe, who earned second-team All-State honors. Senior forward Doug Beason, who was the team's leading goal scorer with 12 this year. earned third-team All-State honors.

Alashe, Beason, senior

defender Brandnon Cameron, senior midfielder Dave Hammond and senior defender Bobby Kruse all earned All-District honors for their play in the post-season tournament as well.

The Mustangs were also well represented on the All-KLAA team. Beason, Hammond, Alashe, Cameron, junior midfielder Joey Zywoil and junior defender Nick Peper earned all-conference first-team honors this year. Earning honorable mention for the Mustangs were junior midfielder Dan Yutzy, Kruse and junior goalie Matt VanHouten.

"It was a great year," said Klimes. "It was a tough way to lose against Salem in the district, but it was a great season.

The Mustangs also handed out team awards recently. Most valuable player and the "Golden Boot" went to Beason this season. His 12 goals was more than a quarter of Northville's 45 scores this year.

Earning the coaches' trophy was Kruse, while the Mustang award went to Ryan Kaiser, a junior midfielder. Earning most improved this year was senior defender A.J. Aquinto, while most spirited went to Nick Syzdek, a junior defender.

Forward of the year went to Beason, while Alashe was midfielder of the year and Cameron was the top defender.

The Mustangs also showed a commitment to academic excellence this year. Zywoil had the team's highest GPA, a 3.994, while the cumulative team GPA stood at 3.15. There were 10 players with a 3.25 or better this year, and five with a 3.5 or better.

Northville returns nine players next season.

"We have quite a few coming back," said Klimes. "We could end up being a pretty formidable team.'

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News

Mustang pom teams start season strong

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs varsity and junior varsity pom teams showed that they're serious about their competition this year when they took on the challenge of facing the state's best teams in the Mid American Pom Pon High Kick tournament last week.

The squad, coached by Kelly Hay, took fifth in the junior varsity division and 10th in the very competitive and large varsity division.

The varsity team looked the best it has in years, regardless of the low placement," said Hay. "I was very proud of the focus the girls has in preparing for competition."

Northville's varsity collected 339.5 points from the judges for the 10th place finish. Plymouth

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High School won the overall competition with 374 points, while Canton took second with 370.5 and Garden City took third with 364. Novi finished fourth with 363.5 points.

The Mustangs also had strong showing in the jazz and hip hop dance competitions, taking fourth place in both events with scores of 352 and 337, respectively.

According to the Mid American Pom Pon website. judges score on the following criteria: Appearance, form, execution, skill, level of ability/ talent, formations/transitions, skill of kick line, choreography, use of poms, team unity, precision, rhythm and Timing, smiles and showmanship, overall impression and mistakes.

Hay said the Mustangs will be looking to compete with the teams that finished ahead

of them last week by the time regional competition rolls around in late January.

"My strategy this year is to get the team on the same level as our competitors," she said. "The areas that need improvement are height and form of kicks, precision, unity and rhythm and timing in general."

Leading this year's varsity squad are captains Grace Ackerman, Katy Williams and Shelby Canon.

In the junior varsity division, the Mustangs captured 329.5 points for their fifth-place finish. Earning the overall win was Novi with 360.5 points, while Plymouth was second with 352.5 and Heritage was third with 344 points.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville. Record and Novi News



Northville rep hockey opened their winter season against the Hartland Eagles on Nov. 12 in a game that saw several lead changes before ending in a 3-3 tie.

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Despite being outshot in the first period, Northville went into the first intermission tied at 0-0 as Jake Pawloski turned away each of Hartland's scoring chances. The game remained scoreless until midway through the second period when Andrew Carlone scored on assists from Brian Makowski and Tyler McMullin.

Unfortunately, Northville was not able to hold the lead as penalties left the Mustangs short handed. vas able to twice before the period ended -- one goal with a man advantage and another with a two-man advantage to give the Eagles a 2-1 lead. Northville responded early in the third period when Matt Evasic found the back of the Hartland net and Jake Sobas did the same just a few minutes later to



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Jake Sobas slides the puck under the Hartland goaltender for Northville's third goal of the game.

give Northville a 3-2 lead. Hartland was able to get the equalizer with just under five minutes remaining in the game to make the score 3-3.

Both teams then had sev-

eral good scoring chances down to the final whistle, but both goaltenders were up to the task and the game ended even.

By John Stevens



Jake Pawloski denies Hartland while Chris Kubitskey prevents an additional chance.

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Shamrocks on road to state finals

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Catholic Central Shamrocks football team has proved all season long they know how to win in high-pressure situations.

The first goal of the season was to win the Central Division in the Catholic High School League. Check.

The second goal was to win the Catholic High School League championship. Check.

The third was make the playoffs, followed by victories in the first, second and third rounds.

All checked.

Now, the Catholic Central Shamrocks will be looking to add another goal to the list of those accomplished when they travel to Lansing to take on the Holt Rams in the state semifinals. The game, slated for 1 p.m. Saturday at Lansing Everett High School, will determine which team will head to the state finals a week from Saturday.

The Shamrocks won't be doing anything different, despite having the most points scored on them all season in their overtime victory against the Canton Chiefs last week, 31-24. Canton's offense doubled the amount of points scored on the Shamrocks all season, which stood at just 30 until last week.

But there's no reason to fix something that's not broke. Tom Mach, who has been coaching at Catholic Central since 1975, will be looking to do what he has always done best: Win championships. And, as the old adage goes, offense may score touchdowns, but it's the defense that brings home titles.

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Catholic Central's defense has allowed just 54 points over 12 games, an average of just 4.5 points per contest. Many pundits and fans alike have said this could potentially be the best defense the Shamrocks have ever fielded-quite a statement con-



Fullback Butch Herzog, 42, and Joe Snyder, 63, open the hole on a fourth-and-two touchdown run by Niko Palazeti for CC.

sidering the 10 state titles the Shamrocks have earned with nine of those coming under Mach's guidance and three of them this century alone.

The last time Holt and Catholic Central faced one another was just two seasons ago when the Shamrocks escaped with a 21-7 victory in the state semifinals. The Shamrocks went on to lose to Macomb Dakota in the state finals that season. Prior to that meeting, the Shamrocks and the Rams have only played once, a 24-0 drubbing in Catholic Central's favor in the 1995 state championship game.

Holt has lost just one game

this year, a week two failing against Rockford, 34-10. The Rams avenged that loss just last week, surprising the then undefeated Rockford gridders, 27-13.

The Holt Rams will be relying on their stifling defense and prowling secondarywhich snagged two interceptions against Rockford last week-when they take on the Shamrocks. On the offensive side of the ball, quarterback Jordan Beachnau is their primary weapon and is capable of throwing and running the ball with the best of them. He has over 1.000 yards rushing and 1,500 yards passing this season. Receiver Dom Todd is his

favorite target and is capable of breaking coverage against almost any defense. So far this year, Beachnau has just one interception. which he threw in week eight against Grand Ledge.

This year, the Rams, 11-1, have outscored their opponents 335-138 and have recorded one shutout.

Catholic Central, 12-0 this year, has earned seven shutouts and have outscored their

foes 404-54. Catholic Central doesn't boast a quarterback that is putting up the numbers of Beachnau, but they're steady in every department instead of just looking to one player

to lead their charge. Senior Sam Landry is the team's quarterback and is capable of throwing short and medium passes with incredible accuracy and can hit the long pass when the situation calls for it. The Shamrocks' bread and butter, however, is the duo of Niko Palazetti and Anthony Capatina. The two running backs have broken down more than one defense. The players stand in stark contrast to one another-Capatina is short, thin and extremely agile while Palazetti is a bruising fullback that will run through you instead of around-yet their running style completely compliment one another. Because

of the dual ability to attack from the backfield, defenses find themselves unable to completely shut down the Shamrock offense.

The game Saturday will start at 1 p.m. while the other Division I contest, which will be held between Clarkston and Sterling Heights Stevenson at Troy Athens High School, will be at 7 p.m. The winner of each game will advance to the state finals, held at Ford Field, with a current kickoff time slated for 1 p.m. November 28.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northy Be Record and Novi News



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CC hoists Regional Championship trophy after knocking off Canton. The Shamrocks will face Holt next.

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As they have all season, Capatina and senior tailback Niko Palazeti (18-84, 3 TDs) proved to be a tough 1-2 punch for the Chiefs.

"They do have different styles," Mach said. "One can beat you fast and one can beat you slow. We're going to wear you down. But they wore us down at the same time."

COMING BACK

It didn't take long for Canton to show the Shamrocks that it wasn't going to be business as usual. Catholic Central allowed just three defensive touchdowns before Saturday, when the Chiefs doubled that total.

CC took an early 3-0 lead when D'Agostino booted a 28yard field goal with 2:37 left in the first.

The Chiefs came right back, as they did all day, with a 58-yard pass from Delapaz to senior tight end Dakota Dark-Bird and a bulldozing 11-yard run by Payter enabled freshman Conner Shennan to

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tie the game with a 23-yard field goal. Catholic Central marched

88 yards in 15 plays to take a 10-3 led with just 1:10 left in the first half.

A 14-yard run by Capatina on a third-and-long deep in the Shamrocks end kept the drive going and Palazeti finished things with a two-yard plunge, leaping over the goal Īine.

Undaunted, Canton immediately responded to hush the CC crowd.

On the very first play after getting the ball back, Stackhouse blew through the line and veered down the left sidelines for a 67-yard touchdown gallop. The extra-point try was wide left to make it 10-9 at halftime.

The Shamrocks started the second half with good field possession following Capatina's 32-yard return to the CC 35 and senior quarterback Sam Landry (6-12, 88 yards) hit senior tight end Michael Kinville for a clutch 11-yard gainer to midfield.

A personal foul against Canton further helped CC's cause as did a 12-yard run

by junior tailback Justin Messner.

On third down and short, the Chiefs' defense stopped Palazeti. But when the 6-2, 245-pounder got the ball again on fourth down he muscled his way 18 yards for the TD, giving the Shamrocks a 17-9 advantage.

IN THE CLUTCH

Canton answered again with a big-play score as Payter stormed 76 yards up the mid-dle of the field for six points. The Chiefs then made it 17-17 on a nifty two-point pass from Delapaz to junior tight end Angelo Lanava with 7:09 to go in the third.

The game's sec-saw flavor continued on CC's next offensive series. The Shamrocks scored on a twoyard run by Palazeti, but the key play of the 80-yard drive was another fourth-down conversion.

Despite Canton's defensive pressure, Landry launched a throw just in time that junior wide-out Andrew Nelson hauled in for 23 yards along the left sidelines with less than three minutes to play in

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CC's Sam Landry pitches to Anthony Capatina.

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After the Chiefs got the ball again, they took it 68 yards in 11 plays. This time, Canton came through on fourth down as Delapaz fired a pass across the grain to Stackhouse for a

23-yard TD catch with 10:00 to play in regulation.

The extra point made it 24-24 and set up the final chapter of an intriguing matchup. But the final page turned out to be not so sweet for

Canton.

*We worked really hard in practice and we knew we could do it, ... it hurts," Delapaz said.

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CC runners (I to r) Andrew Garcia• Garrison, Ricardo Galindo. John-Paul Zebrowski and Austin Zebrowski.

CC's Galindo heads All-Area XC runners

BY CHRIS JACKET CORRESPONDENT

No matter where CC senior Ricardo Galindo ran, he was always one of the biggest threats on the course. He's done so well that his third-place finish at the state meet was one of his worst placings of the season, although he did earn a 15:51 time and was racing against the best of Division I.

Ricky Galindo put a lot of miles in this summer and wanted to improve from last years state finals," coach Tony Magni said.

Last year, Galindo finished 26th in 15:52 at the state meet. Granted, the wind slowed the entire field down this year, but Galindo's determination to earn an All-State honor and lead his team to the Division I state title

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before finishing fifth at the state finals in 16:01.

"A returning All-Stater, Nate saved his best for the state finals. Overcoming some early season injuries, Nate provided the upfront presence the team needed down the stretch," coach Brian Salyers said. "Nate's speed and strength separate him from his competition."

Mike Blaszczyk, Novi

Following up on his 15:45 All-State finish as a junior at last year's state finals, Blaszczyk continually led the Wildcats to victory this fall, posting his season-best 15:54 at this year's regional meet to earn third place. Recovering from an illness and held back by a windy final quarter mile at the state meet, he finished 40th overall in 16:31.

ALL-AREA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Ricardo Galindo, CC senior

FIRST TEAM

Ricardo Galindo, CC senior Nate Huff, Milford senior Mike Blaszczyk, Novi senior Frank Griffiths, Northville senior Andrew Garcia-Garrison, CC junior Stefan Morell, Lakeland senior Blake Yard, South Lyon junior

SECOND TEAM

Austin Zebrowski, CC junior Viktor Puskorius, CC senior John-Paul Zebrowski, CC junior Joe Schubring, Novi junior Dan Egner, Novi senior Nicholas Burt, Milford senior Evan Smallman, Milford junior

HONORABLE MENTION

Jr. Chase Conrad

honor among individuals. He was also named to the All-Catholic team after finishing third at the Catholic league meet in 16:26, improving further at the regional meet after a quick start landed him a 16:11, seventh-place finish leading into the state meet. Stefan Morell, Lakeland

Hitting his best time early in the season with a 16:12 finish at the Jackson Invitational Sept. 26, Morell's 10th-place finish nearly repeated at the state meet when he earned All-State honors in 16:14, landing 18th overall.

"He's run varsity for four years. This was the first year in his four-year career we didn't make it (to States) as a team. He really built up his experience over four years on varsity," coach Randy Wilkins said. "He's our captain, our MVP and our best runner. He comes from a pretty good family of runners." Blake Yard, South Lyon

His finish of 16:17.4 also finished 14th in team scoring for the State Champs. Austin Zebrowski, CC

Austin ran in a tight back that helped the Shamrocks claim the 2009 State Championship. He finished 20th in team scoring and 31st overall, missing All-State by one place in 16:22.0. John-Paul Zebrowski, CC

John-Paul ran with his twin brother, finishing in 16:23.7 for 24th in team scoring and 36th overall at the State Finals. The Zebrowskis are juniors. Joe Schubring, Novi

The Novi junior finished second for the Wildcats, earning 40th in team scoring and 58th overall (16:45.6) at the State Finals, helping Novi to a 10thplace finish. Dan Egner, Novi

was undeniable, as he obtained both goals.

"Every runner from the bottom to the top pushed each other," Magni said. "He was the one over the summer who organized the guys. He never missed a day. He took charge."

In addition to his honors from the state meet, Galindo was also named to the All-Catholic team after winning the Catholic league meet in 16:07. His season-best was a 15:32 finish in a first-place regional win.

FIRST TEAM Nate Huff, Milford

With a personal best of 15:50, Huff took eighth at the Oakland County Invitational and fourth at both the KLAA Lakes Conference and regional meets

"Mike was the whole package: leader, scholar, front-runner and spiritual leader," said coach Robert Smith. "Mike was always putting the team first. Mike is old-school, which I consider a total compliment."

Performing to his best in a 16:00, fourth-place finish at the regional meet, Northville's captain is a three-time state meet qualifier. He earned All-State status with a 28th-place finish this season in 16:19 and holds the third-fastest time at Northville's Cass Benton course in 16:29.

*Frank is one of the most impressive big race runners I've ever coached. He has a nose for the hardware and, when he runs with motivation, he is

CC - Jr. Mackenzie Boyd Lakeland – So. Garrett Zuk, So. Ryan Carrigan Milford - Sr. Johnathon Rabedeau, Jr. Dylan Danowski, Fr. Cody Snavely, Jr. Nate Benton Northville - So. Matt Sierra, Jr. Trent Johnson, Jr. Christian Guenther, Jr. Chad Cini Novi - Sr. Geoff Giese, Jr. Brett Giampa, Sr. Alex Minghine,

Frank Griffiths, Northville

truly a force," said coach Chris Cronin. "I love coaching Frank because he listens. We might try something new in the first mile and Frank can do it. He is a rare talent. I will miss him on this team."

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Andrew Garcia-Garrison, CC

"Andrew didn't have a very good track season last spring, so he came every day and tried to run with Ricky (Galindo). He never missed a day," coach Tony Magni said. "I challenged him after the regional. He didn't run a smart race, but he ran a good race."

The determination to improve earned Garcia-Garrison a 16:07 time at the state meet, good for 11th overall and an All-State

With a season-best 16:13 at the regional meet in Brighton, Yard led the Lions throughout the year. He improved on his 2008 state finish by 45 spots to finish 51st in 16:41.6.

Blake is a tough competitor, a hard worker and a team player. He was an exceptionally reliable front runner and he got steadily faster throughout the season," coach Scott Smith said.

SECOND TEAM Viktor Puskorius, CC

The Shamrock senior ran to All-State status by finishing 23rd overall at the State Finals.

Egner was next in for the Wildcats, claiming 58th in team scoring and 78th overall in 16:54.6 at the State Finals. Evan Smallman, Milford

The junior Maverick finished 38th in team scoring and 55th overall at the State Finals, helping Milford to a fourth-place finish.

Nicholas Burt, Milford

The Milford senior ran close behind Smallman, capturing 60th overall and 42nd in team scoring for the fourth-place Mays.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

Walk or run: Either way is fine with NRRW group

South Lyon - Sr. Jacob Uratchko, Sr. Robbie Kulie, Sr. Andy

South Lyon East - Sr. Spencer Layson, Jr. Tyler Foley

BY ANDREA KING CORRESPONDENT

If you're into socializing, the outdoors and, doing them both while running (and now walking) well then talk to the Northville Road Runners & Walkers (NRRW).

What started as a simple newspaper ad inviting others to join Randy Step, creator of the group and co-owner of Running Fit, and his wife, Kathy, on a leisurely run in Redford has now evolved into a 150-member group in Northville more than 28 years later. The exercise aficionados host weekly runs and walks, attend year-round races, puton events and, of course make running their number one priority.

"Mentally and physically it's the best use of time of anything you could be doing," said Step. The only reason that not everyone is a passionate runner is that it takes several weeks of consistent runs to realize the benefits, and most people don't have the patience to go that long.

Darn. We need to trick them," he adds jokingly.

The early days of NRRW focused on racing and running to improve performance, but now the group incorporates more: group gatherings over a meal at local restaurants, social and running events, such as the annual club race at Maybury State Park and giving back to the community, according to Peggy Campbell, club president aka "The Queen."

"Every July the club sponsors the Roadrunner Classic, which is a five-and-one-mile

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Runners and walkers of all levels are welcome to join NRRW at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays in the Cady Street parking lot in Northville and, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at the Northville Parks and Recreation parking lot at Hillside Middle School. The first Tuesday of the month the group meets at Running Fit, located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads. For more information, visit the NRRW Facebook page, Yahoo group or www.northvilleroadrunners.org.

race in Maybury. It's a fun race for all ability levels, including kids," she said. "We co-sponsor the race with the Friends of Maybury and annu-

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ally raise a couple thousand dollars for the park and some for the club."

"This year we also decided to give each member a club Tshirt when they pay their \$15 dues as a way of giving back to the club," added Erin Parris, the club membership team leader. "We hope the shirt will help raise awareness of our organization and encourage people to walk or run with us."

And just because fall is here and winter approaches doesn't mean this group is stopping, it's actually the best time to start, according to Gary Haf, vice chairman of NRRW.

"It's like the Nike commercial: Just do it," he said. "Lace up your shoes, put on a parka and get out of the house. You'll be amazed at how quickly your body warms up and before you know it, you're jogging or

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walking down the street."

"If running distance, don't overdress in cold weather," said member Elaine Billes of West Bloomfield. "It's better to be a little chilly for the first mile. Plus, you get cold fast after a run so have dry clothes to change into."

Step added that the best tip for the cold months ahead, though, is to have proper clothing. The fabrics are lightweight yet provide insulation to keep you warm.

"Getting a non-runner to join you in a non-intimidating way is to suggest to walk, run, walk, recover, and then run a bit. You can hook them by going two miles then tell them they ran/walked two miles in 25 minutes," he said. "The trick is to get them into the addictive part of running, time distance and speed. The numbers will drive them to do two miles faster than 25 minutes the next time. More run, less walk and they are hooked."

"One race the club sponsors includes the Ice Run where we go right on the lake during February when it's so cold you need to run fast to keep warm," member Craig Tripp, of Canton, said. "I enjoy being involved with other people who share the joy of staying fit via the process of running."

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REAL ESTATE Habitat homes: Hand up, not a handout

BY JULIE BROWN **OSE STAFF WRITER**

Angela Landon's pretty excited about moving into a Habitat for Humanity home in November.

"Oh, my gosh, a lot," she said when asked of the Taylor home's meaning to her family, which includes two children ages 7 and 10. She wants a stable place for her kids to grow up, and Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County came through.

"I never would have had a chance to own a house any other way," said Landon, who had lived for about five months in Westland's shelter.

Things happen to everybody," said Landon, who'd had a good job. She got sick: "I ended up in a shelter. It was a really eye-opening experience." The shelter staff and volunteers were a big help to Landon, who is disabled.

*There are people who have a lot more need even than me," she said. "I'm so lucky to have found Habitat."

She'll get the keys to her home at 6665 Buck in Taylor the morning of Monday, Nov. 23. Alice Dent, executive director of the Habitat affiliate, based in Plymouth, is so encouraged when she hears stories like Landon's.

"I'm just thrilled we are providing housing for the homeless," said Dent, noting some people don't realize Habitat does that. "We were able to find creative ways to get her sweat equity hours completed."

All new Habitat homeowners must complete so many hours of "sweat equity" work on their own or other houses. The Buck home in Taylor has UPS and JP Properties as sponsors, and was a rehab construction.

It's a busy time of year for the Habitat affiliate with dedications also in Inkster, Wayne and Westland. At all dedications, the keys are turned over to the new homeowners. For the Taylor site, there was a UPS grant, and Dent worked with the city of Taylor's Taylor Cares program in a partnership, with JP Properties giving the money for the house.

Dent praises all the officials she's worked with in the communities. "That's our first build in Wayne," she said of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans build at 35430 Glover in Wayne. Tiana Beavers and her family are the partner family for that new construction, dedicated Nov. 2.

The Westland site at 37241 Vincent came via Neighborhood Stabilization funds, with public money for sites in Taylor, Wayne and Westland. The Inkster property at

Habitat 11.

Delta employees who worked on the build on Dunning in Inkster with the partner family in the front row.

Delta Air Lines. Northwest Airlines has done home builds with Habitat locally in the past, Dent said, and this most recent one marked the merger with Delta.

The Delta 6 build included six Habitat affiliates in states across the U.S. Sept. 16 was the wall-raising for all states' Habitat homes.

"So that was a significant build for everyone this year," Dent said. The Chantel Dixon family, coming from Taylor to live in the home, did sweat equity work at other sites as well.

This was a Blitz Build," Dent said. "This house was built in one month." 'Todáy, Thursday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. '

is the dedication for the Apostle Churches build at 37241 Vincent, Westland.

Kanette Washington's family is the partner family for the Westland rehab construction.

"We're excited to be busy," Dent said of transitioning four families into good housing through the Christian ministry. She was excited to give Landon two gallons of bright pink paint for her daughter's room.

"This is one of the most memorable builds. This is just giving her so much hope."

Other Habitat homes have been



The Dunning home in Inkster partner family in front of their new home (Chantel Dixon, her children and their grandmother).

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A: St. Louis is more dynamic than ever with a MetroLink that provides rapid transit from the airport to downtown and other locales. There is much development in the downtown area including new condominiums and conversions as well as in the Forest Park area. The weakened economy has not



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Robert Meisner with two new

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Q: Do you have any information about the real estate market in St. Louis?

A: The real estate market is relatively strong in St. Louis . although there are a number of developments that have suffered with the economy. On the other hand, there are new condominiums being constructed throughout St. Louis, particularly in the downtown area overlooking the Mississippi. There are also a number of apartments for lease in the downtown area, some of which constitute new construction. The downtown area has major shopping and entertainment with a multitude of restaurants from low end to the very high end.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium **Operation: Getting Started & Staying** on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit breis-

26120 Dunning was bought from a private individual.

Oct. 29 was dedication day for the 26120 Dunning in Inkster build by

built on Dunning in Inkster, and there's one lot left with sponsors being sought. It's next to the Delta home.

to do that so we can complete that project," Dent said.

"We're really looking for someone

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