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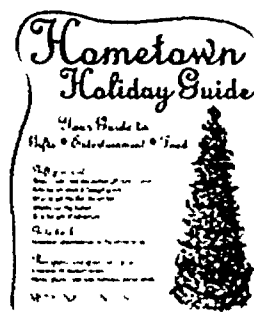
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ON THE RECORD New Hope open house

From 7-10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, New Hope Center for Grief Support in cooperation with Pulte Homes will be hosting a Holiday Open House at Northville's community of The Villas at Arcadia Ridge to tour two condominiums, the Charleston and Townsend models. The evening also includes raffles, a chocolate fountain, hors d'oeuvres compliments of Cassell's Family Restaurant, Genitti's, Riffles Restaurant, Docs Sports Retreat, and many more. Valet service will be provided.

The cost is \$40 per adult (21 and over only) prior to event; \$45 per person at the door (\$30 is tax deductible). The address is 49285 Freestone Drive, Northville. Enter the neighborhood on Arcadia Lane off of Ridge Road between Five and Six Mile Roads.

Call New Hope Center at (248) 348-0115 by Dec. 1 or register online at www.newhopecenter.net.

Giving back

This November, Town & Country Eyecare, practice of Dr. Tim Kirk and Dr. Amy Crissman, has committed to donating \$2 from every eye exam. The donations will go towards two worthy charities in the community: the Clothes Closet at The Church of the Holy Family in Novi and Northville Civic Concern.

The Clothes Closet helps provide clothing and food to men, women and children of our area and Civic Concern has a food bank for those in need.

To schedule an eye exam, call (248) 347-7800 or if you would like to make an additional donation, drop it off at the office located at Novi Road and Nine Mile road.

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

Northville Township residents protest proposed changes at Islamic center

**NEXT ZBA MEETING
SLATED DEC. 16**

If placed on the agenda, members of the Zoning Board of Appeals will review a revised preliminary site plan for the Meadowbrook Islamic Center's proposed parking lot at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 16 in the Northville Township Hall Community Room. Paul Statin, ZBA chair, said he will welcome additional public comment at this meeting.

■ Standing room only at Zoning Board of Appeals meeting

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Zoning Board of Appeals members got quite an earful Wednesday night when more than 150 people came to protect some proposed changes at an Islamic center in Northville Township.

The parking lot was full, and it was standing room only, with residents spending almost three hours complaining about officials' at the Meadowbrook Islamic Center at 41885 Eight Mile request for variances to construct a 42-space parking lot.

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It was standing room only in the Northville Township Hall Community Room Nov. 18 when residents came to complain about Meadowbrook Islamic Center members' request for variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals to build a 42-space parking lot.

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Northville Civic Concern's Christine Dyer, left, and another volunteer help to load up many gallons of milk and orange juice and numerous boxes of cereal donated to the food pantry on Nov. 13 by members of the Optimist Club of Northville/Novi and Hiller's Market on N. Center St. The milk was obtained free through a special General Mills promotion.

Optimist Club helps Civic Concern feed needy families

■ Hiller's Market partners with group to provide free breakfasts

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Optimist Club of Northville/Novi are getting in the holiday spirit early this year with several projects under way to help local residents.

Club members are partnering with Jim Hiller, owner of Hiller's Market on North Center Street in Northville, and his managers to ensure that the children of Northville Civic Concern families are able to eat a good breakfast every morning.

When club member Karen Watkins saw an ad at Hiller's Market for two free gallons of milk with the purchase of four boxes of General Mills cereal, she knew it would be a perfect fit with the Optimists' mission. The Optimist Club arranged for the grocery store to waive the purchase limit on all the items. They also have a special promotion on orange juice and raspberries. With a \$1,500 donation from the Optimists, Civic Concern staff members are purchasing 400 boxes of cereal.

200 cartons of orange juice and 50 packs of fruit.

With their purchase, they will receive 200 gallons of milk. Marlene Kunz, director of Northville Civic Concern, was at the market last Friday to pick up the food.

According to the General Mills Web site, a 1998 study showed that eating breakfast boosts children's performance at school. According to the study, compared to children who skip breakfast, children who eat breakfast score higher on tests, are less likely to miss class or be tardy, have fewer reported discipline problems and make fewer trips to the office.

WHAT THEY SUPPORT

The Optimist Club of Northville/Novi is dedicated to the welfare of area youth and annually funds two college scholarships and several community service awards for deserving students. It contributes to such causes as the Northville Civic Concern, Northville Youth

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Northville retailers get ready for Black Friday

■ Stores count on biggest shopping day of year

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville merchants are gearing up for the biggest shopping day of the year this Friday, with the hope that shoppers will open their pocketbooks wide this year. Here are some of the deals that can be found this weekend:

At Lora's, shoppers can draw their discount, their biggest sale of the year. Pull your discount off the tree. All full-priced purchases are guaranteed 10 percent and up to 50 percent off. Friday, Nov. 27,

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At Your Michigan Connection, 136 N. Center Street, the special until the end of November is \$5 off on any purchase of \$25 or more. On Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is 20 percent off on any one item along with the

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Bread Basket Bakery & Café features traditional items with twist

Owner learns craft in Europe

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Nick Dimic, owner of the new Bread Basket Bakery & Café in Northville Township, said the shopping center owner wanted a traditional bakery in the vacant spot.

That's what the longtime chef has provided, as well as putting his own special touches on his delicious bakery items.

The center, located on the southeast corner of Seven Mile and Napier roads on the westernmost edge of the township, has already seen two bakeries come and go in the space now occupied by Dimic's new bakery.

He just opened last week, and is not yet seeing the traffic he needs, but hopes that will turn around once residents taste his baked goods. Since he hasn't had enough customers, he's had to donate most of his baked items so far to Second Harvest Food Bank and Active Faith Community Services in South Lyon.

Dimic would love to provide that special pie or cake for local residents' Thanksgiving dinner or perhaps some of his delicious Danishes for the mornings after the holiday.

BAKERY CONTACT INFORMATION

The new Bread Basket Bakery & Café is now open at 8946 Napier Road at Seven Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 305-7728 or e-mail Nick Dimic, owner, at BreadBasketBakeryCafe@comcast.net. Hours are 6 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

A resident of Hamtramck, he and his girlfriend, Valerie Baldwin, who lives in Green Oak Township, spotted the vacant space and decided it had to be filled with his specialties.

A self-made man, Dimic has lived in the United States his whole life, studied cooking in Greece, Italy and Yugoslavia and owned a catering hall in Detroit for 20 years.

"We're a traditional bakery, and our prices are decent," Dimic said. Cookies, for example, are two for a dollar, with bagels going for \$1.25 with cream cheese. Cake prices range from \$20-\$32 or higher for special orders.

WHAT'S ON THE MENU

His selections include



Bread Basket Bakery & Café owner Nick Dimic and cake decorator Patricia Richards display some of the fare available at their Seven and Napier roads location.

JOHN PHECER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

cakes, pies, cookies, sweet rolls, strudel, English pies (similar to a fruit-filled pastie), croissants, muffins, cupcakes, baklava, bread and sandwiches.

Apple-cinnamon-raisin bread is another specialty of Dimic's, as are his eclairs, cannoli and three types of

layered sheet cake - tuxedo (chocolate), strawberry and lemon.

His custard cupcakes covered with chocolate are one of his mainstays, as are his lemon tarts.

"Our cakes are all chif-fon, which is lighter than regular cake, and I offer

top-of-the-line wedding and birthday cakes," he said.

Cakes in the case right now include chocolate ganache, German chocolate, raspberry, cherry, butter cream chocolate, white chocolate and white.

Dimic said anyone who mentions that they read

this article in the *Record* will receive a 10 percent discount on their purchases. He also offers senior citizens 65 and older a 15-20 percent discount, depending on what they're buying.

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Assistance, Cooke and Old Village Schools, Braveheart (a grief recovery program for children), and the annual Classroom Cares reading challenge at Silver Springs School.

Northville Civic Concern is an all-volunteer organization whose purpose is to help those in need by providing food. The food is distributed on the second and fourth Friday of the month, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the offices at 42951 Seven Mile Road. Civic Concern helps more than 100 families in the city of Northville and Northville Township, as well as Focus Hope recipients. "Our cupboards are sadly bare as the whole area weathers this economic storm," Kunz said. "With the Optimist Club donation and the help of Hiller's Market, lots of kids will start their day on a brighter note."

TREE SALE TO BEGIN

The fifth annual Optimist club Christmas Tree sale begins the day after Thanksgiving at the same site — the American Legion Post at Center and Dunlap Streets. This year, the Tuscan Café, right

across the street from the tree lot, will offer each person who buys a tree a coupon for a free cup of hot chocolate with the purchase of another item. "The Optimist Club expects to sell out early this year," said Karen Watkins, immediate past president of the club.

The club will offer of top quality, Fraser Fir Christmas trees. As an added bonus, the Optimists will deliver the tree right to your door within a limited area.

The trees will range in size from 6-12 feet, with some taller; prices will start at \$55. Payment is by cash or check only, no credit or debit cards.

"We will have a limited number of the tallest trees, and those tend to sell out quickly," said Lori Dow, club president. "This year, we will also offer door wreaths with an 18 inch internal diameter."

Many locals get their tree from the lot every year.

"The trees are always beautiful and stay healthy and green throughout the holiday season," said Joan Wadsworth, school board president.

The tree lot is staffed entirely by volunteers, and all profits will go directly to programs that benefit local youth.

Tree sales will continue daily until Christmas Eve or until the trees.

"Two years ago, we sold out in mid-December, right at about the same time that a huge snow storm struck," Dow said.

Hours are 6-9 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturdays and noon-9 p.m. on Sunday, weather permitting.

"We appreciate the hospitality of the American Legion during our sales, and the patience of the folks at the Casterline Funeral Home, where tree purchasers sometimes use the parking lot to pick up their trees," said Jim Keskey, tree sales organizer.

READING CHALLENGE

The Optimist Club will also sponsor one of the third grade classes at Silver Springs Elementary School in the students' annual Classroom Cares reading challenge. Third-graders in two classes will collectively read 100 books to "earn" new books to be distributed to residential homes for adolescents. Anyone who would like to join the club can contact Watkins at (248) 449-1145. Membership is open to anyone concerned about the betterment of young people in the area.



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Painter's Place owner and artist Caroline Dunphy displays the 2009 Christmas card which she created. It is on sale in her North Center Street shop. Dunphy will join other downtown retailers in offering special products and discounts for this weekend — the busiest shopping event of the year.

SHOPPING

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\$ off with the purchase of \$25 or more. For more information, call (248) 240-4259.

At the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, live on stage the musical "Pinocchio," the story of how a wooden puppet becomes a real boy.

The a story of how a wooden puppet becomes a real boy. Saturdays at 2:30 p.m., Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23; Sundays at 2:30 p.m., Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24; weekdays at 2:30 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday), Dec. 28, 29 and 30. Tickets \$8.50 No children under 3 years old. Group rates and reserved seating 20 or more. For more information call (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Beverlee Lindeen of Northville Candle Gifts and Yarn Boutique will donate a percentage of her sales to Northville Civic Concern over the weekend. Questions? Call (248) 380-7059.

Northville Gallery, 123 E. Main Street, will have its 5th Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Sale. On Friday only, 8-10 a.m., 40 percent off entire purchase; 10 a.m.-noon, 35 percent off; noon-2 p.m., 30 percent off; 2-4 p.m., 25 percent off; 4-6 p.m., 20 percent off. Saturday and Sunday 15 percent off entire purchase all day long. Phone (248) 380-0220 or go to www.prudystudio.com.

Pear-aphernalia is offering a free gift (choice of two selections valued at \$5 each) with a \$30 merchandise purchase. Friday and Saturday hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday hours are noon-4 p.m. Call (248) 596-1430 with any questions.

Salon Tré Bella V on 105 N. Center Street is offering 10 percent off on products and 20 percent off a service for a new client this Friday only. To make an appointment, call (248) 305-9850.

Sincerely Yours will be offering 15 percent off all personalized stationery and personalized gifts such as engraved BBQ tools for men, monogrammed robes as well as French soaps or tea towels on Black Friday.

Starring The Gallery will be offering all holiday items on Friday at 40 off from 10 a.m.-noon, 30 percent off from noon-2 p.m. and 20 percent off from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. and 10 percent off from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Urban Optiques Vision and Eyewear, 105 Main Centre, (248) 347-9090, www.urbanoptiques.com: Friday and Saturday: Buy one designer frame, 25 percent off second designer frame and 1/2 off second lenses; 30 percent off all in-stock designer sunglasses, including Tom Ford, Ray Ban, Chrome Hearts and Prada. Friday hours: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday hours: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



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EDUCATION

School district seeks input addressing financial future

Severe budget cuts lead to forums

Northville school families, staff and community members can get a clearer picture of the school district's budget, the cost of various programs and services, and offer their input on managing the school district's financial future in light of the severe state budget cuts during a series of four community forums being sponsored by the Northville Public Schools Board of Education in December.

WHY HOST COMMUNITY FORUMS?

If the current school funding cuts issued by Lansing in October stand, Northville Public Schools will experience the highest per pupil funding cut in the state at \$613 per student, or \$4.3 million. This includes \$292 in statewide per pupil funding cuts for this school year issued by the governor and the state Legislature, along with the line-item veto by the governor of the 20j allocation paid to 39 of the state's public school districts (including Northville) as part of Proposal A. The loss of 20j funding means an additional revenue loss for 2009-10 of \$321 per pupil for Northville Public Schools.

Although school parents and district leaders from Northville, along with school districts across the state, continue to pressure state lawmakers to restore 20j funding and reduce the impact of the statewide cuts for this school year, the reality is as Michigan's economy continues to spiral downward public schools face drastic cuts in school funding this year, as well as for 2010-11 and beyond. Based on predictions from the state regarding continued revenue shortfalls, Northville Public Schools could lose an additional \$2 million to \$5 million in state funding in fiscal year 2010-11.

"These are unprecedented financial times for our state and our schools," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "This dire economic situation is causing heavy revenue shortfalls in the state budget including the School Aid Fund, which Michigan schools rely on for 90 percent of their annual funding. This is putting extreme pressure on our school district and school districts statewide, as we struggle to reduce costs in a budget that has already been trimmed to the bare-bones."

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT THE FORUMS?

Over the past several months, the Northville school board and district officials have been carefully evaluating numerous cost-cutting options, including modifying and reducing programs and services. This has included analyzing data regarding the cost savings, feasibility, benefits and challenges of various options, as well as the potential impact on students' educational experiences.

"Our goal in hosting these forums is to engage all of the district's stakeholders in a dynamic discussion about how best to manage the district's resources and future so that we do the best we can to ensure all our students continue to succeed and that our programs continue to reflect what our community values most about the education of our children," said Northville Board of Education President Ken Roth.

The community forums will offer participants the opportunity to review the data and analysis related to the various options in a small group setting with district officials and school board members on hand to provide additional information and answer questions. The forums will have an open-house format that will allow participants to come and go at any time during each two-hour session. There will be an orientation/overview station, which will repeat every 15-20 minutes, that participants are asked to attend upon arrival, before moving freely among the various stations focused on the K-12 instructional program, transportation, athletic/co-curricular programs, and Northville Public Schools' staffing, among other informational stations.

School families, staff and community members are encouraged to attend the community forum that best meets their schedule. The content and format will be the same at each of the forums. Before leaving, participants will be asked to give written feedback regarding the options in each area they consider most viable, as well as offer suggestions.

WHAT IF I'M UNABLE TO ATTEND ONE OF THE FORUMS?

The same information presented at the forums also will be

DETAILS

The Managing 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

available beginning December 1 on the district website (www.northville.k12.mi.us) including an on-line version of the feedback form.

"It will take reductions in a number of areas to achieve the necessary cost savings," Roth said. "The input from school families, staff and the community will be integral to the final plan the board puts in place. Now more than ever, it is crucial that all of the district's stakeholders work together, with the best interest of our students in mind, to continue to support Northville's outstanding educational programs."

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

In addition to attending the forums, school parents and community members are strongly encouraged to continue to contact their elected officials and ask them to restore the 20j funding and reduce the impact of the statewide cuts for this school year.

Contact information for Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and the state legislators representing the Northville school community are available on the district website.

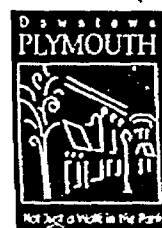
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Extravaganza

Barbara Birge takes a look at some of the paintings and drawings by Hillside Middle School students during the Nov. 5 Hillside Extravaganza.



Downtown Plymouth's WinterFest 2009

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Fri., Nov. 27, 2009

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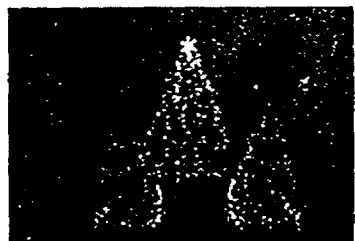
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NORTHVILLE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

Madonna University

Some 16 Madonna University students, including Northville's Matthew Reed, recently returned from Hollywood where they applied what they've learned in the classroom to digital movie making at the third annual Project Accessible Hollywood (PAH-fest).

Drawing from experience gained during PAH-fest Motown, hosted at Madonna University for the past three years, the students coached Hollywood participants in script writing, filming, producing and editing during the week-long festival's creative competitions.

Madonna University co-sponsored this year's PAH-fest

Hollywood with festival creator and filmmaker Christopher Coppola. "Without the support of Madonna University, PAH-fest Hollywood would not have taken place this year," said Coppola. "I am very grateful for the hard work and leadership our Madonna team provided."

Dan and Sue Boyd of Highland, BCA instructors at Madonna, accompanied the students to Hollywood and were involved with event organization. "The students inspired creativity in those they coached, while gaining valuable industry experience and establishing Hollywood career connections," Sue Boyd said.

Coppola, an adjunct professor at Madonna, utilizes University

students quite regularly with his personal film endeavors. During their recent Hollywood stay, Sara Simnitch and Katie Boonsgaard worked on Coppola's upcoming cable network reality television show.

PAH-fest is a unique digital media festival that travels to cities throughout the U.S. and internationally, offering movie-making fun to everyday people. Students Jake Freeman and Brett Wheat produced a documentary of the week's events. To see the video or to get more information about PAH-fest, visit www.pahnation.org. A PAH-fest Hollywood blog written by journalism student Reed can be found at www.myspace.com/pahnation.

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CHARLOTTE BAIRD

Age 81, Milford, died Nov. 18, 2009. Funeral Service held at Christ Lutheran Church Nov. 21 at 11:00 AM. Pastor Richard Pape officiated. Bunal Milford Memorial Cemetery. For more info call 248-684-6645 or www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MARCIA L.

BETTS-BOWMAN (JUNE 6, 1952 - NOVEMBER 16, 2009)

Marcia L. Betts-Bowman, (formerly Marcia Duey) 57, of Sioux City, IA lost her courageous battle with cancer on November 16, 2009 surrounded by her family. Memorial services were held Thursday, November 19, 2009 at Morningside Lutheran Church with Pastor Kevin Lee officiating. A private family burial followed. Condolences may be sent online to www.meyerbroscapels.com Marcia was born on June 6, 1952 in Detroit, MI the daughter of Glen and Marion (Patterson) Betts. She was raised in Milford and graduated from Milford High School in 1970. She married John Minton and was blessed with a son, Robert Minton. She later married Ron Duey and was blessed with two children, Jill and Bethany Duey. On August 10, 2002 she married Lee C. Bowman and was blessed with another daughter, Tina Bowman. Marcia worked at MCI, Drugtown and finally at QCI. Marcia enjoyed decorating and landscaping her home. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and family. Survivors include her husband, Lee; her children, Robert Minton, Jill Pierce, Bethany (Jeremy) Marcoe and Tina Bowman all of Sioux City; three grandchildren, Amber Minton, Jessica Pierce and Calvin Marcoe; two sisters, Patty (Skip) Hintz, Janice (Geoffrey) Schrock and a brother, Glenn (Linda) Betts all of Michigan, several brothers-in-laws and sisters-in-laws, Steve Bowman, Ray (Kay) Bowman, John (Shelley) Bowman, Jackie (Pete) Dezuw and Gene (Molly) Bowman. She was preceded in death by her grandparents and her father-in-law, Francis Bowman

RITA DONNELLY

Age 72, Nov. 18, 2009. Graveside service held Mon., Nov. 23 at the Salton Twp. Cemetery. Memorial donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

ERWIN (STEVE) G. KROETSCH JR.

Age 85, of South Lyon, passed away at home on November 18, 2009. He was born on August 29, 1924 to the late Erwin and Beatrice (Kervin) Kroetsch. Steve proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corp during WWII, participating in action at Guadalcanal and Guam. He was a member of the K of C, VFW, and DAV. Steve is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Wanda Kroetsch; children: Kathy (Darryl) Schoeneweg, Randy Kroetsch, Judy (Doug) Laskosky, sisters: Barbara Koppitsch, Mary Weiner, and Norrine Boettcher, 5 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Terry Kroetsch in 2002. A Liturgy of the Word service was held on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Donations may be made for masses in memory of Steve Kroetsch or Special Olympics

DOROTHY M. LILIENTHAL

Age 85, Nov. 17, 2009. Funeral Service held Sun., Nov. 22 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Donations in Mrs. Lilienthal's name can be made to the Alzheimer's Association Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

SARAH LONG

Age 85, Nov. 15, 2009. Wife of the late B. Howard. Mother of Kenneth Ray Long, grandmother of 3 & great-grandmother of 3. Sister of Juanita Pierce & Reco Thomas. Graveside service held Nov. 20. Condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JAMES M. MILLER AUGUST 20, 1949 - NOVEMBER 16, 2009

James M. Miller 60 of Harrison passed away Monday, November 16, 2009 at Mid Michigan Medical Center-Midland. James was born August 20, 1949 in Lansing, Michigan, the son of Albert and Dorothy (Huot) Miller. Mr. Miller had resided in Harrison since 2009, moving from Walled Lake, Michigan. James was united in marriage to the former Marsha J. Wilson on June 5, 2009 in Harrison. Mr. Miller retired from Operating Engineers Local 324 after thirty six years of service. Jim was a member of Gladwin Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #287, S.A.L. Post 404 of Harrison and Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3492 of Walled Lake, Michigan. Jim enjoyed NASCAR, boating and was an avid sports enthusiast. Surviving is his wife, Marsha J. Miller of Harrison, two sons: Jim Miller Jr. and wife Christy of Essexville, Michigan and Jason Miller and wife Jodi of Midland, his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Stevens and husband Mark of Grand Ledge, Michigan, one sister, Deborah Keene and husband Tom of Harrison, a half brother, Mark Houdek and wife Shannon of Lansing, Michigan, five grandchildren Beau and Allison Miller of Essexville and Gabe, Brennan and Alexis Miller of Midland. Mr. Miller was preceded in death by his father, Albert Miller and one sister, Sherry Collins. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. from Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison Memorial contributions in memory of Mr. Miller may be considered to the American Cancer Society. To share an online memory or condolence with Jim's family, please visit www.stockingfuneralhome.com. Arrangements for Mr. Miller were entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989) 539-7610.

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DELORES "DEE" RANKIN

Age 91, passed away on November 22, 2009. She was born on November 5, 1918 to the late John and Elizabeth Holman. Dee is survived by her grandchildren: Christopher (Yvonne) Rankin and Stacy (Timothy) Rankin; great grandchildren: Nathaniel and Adele; daughter-in-law Cynthia Rankin, siblings: Donald (Muriel - Dec.) Holman and Betty Jane (Archie) Hall; sister-in-law Carol Holman, and many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. She will also be greatly missed by Emma, her little maltese angel. Dee was preceded in death by her husband Lester Rankin, son Michael Rankin, brother Richard Holman, sister Lucille (Fred) McNulty. A funeral mass was held on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. John Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267-3271. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online [guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.guestbook.phillipsfuneral.com)

In Memory Of

ENNA RUSSELL

91, died November 17, 2009. A South Lyon resident since 1995, she was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and a volunteer with Active Faith and the South Lyon community sewing group. For many years she also volunteered at the Martin Luther Home, now called South Lyon Senior Care Center. Born Dec. 21, 1917, in Royal Oak, she married Harry Russell in 1937. He died in 1995. She is survived by three daughters, Diane Russell, Dorothy Sonntag, and Sharon Fretwell, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. A service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Nov. 20. Memorial Contributions to Active Faith, 401 S. Washington, South Lyon 48178 would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon

GENEVIEVE R. SCHEMANSKE

Age 88, Nov. 18, 2009. Funeral held Nov. 21 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Memorial donations to St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. Condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MILDRED H. TAIT

Age 75, Nov. 19, 2009. Funeral Service held Sun., Nov. 22 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Hospital. Condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

VIRGENE E. WRIGHT

Age 86 died Saturday, November 21, 2009 in the loving care of her family. Virgene was preceded in death by her beloved husband Bruce A. Wright (d. 1980). She is survived by her loving children Dorothy Wright Berzins, Bruce Wright, William (Susan) Wright, Katherine Wright and Doug (Janet) Wright; dear grandchildren Bruce (Jodie) Wright, Julie (Jay) Knapp, David (Sue) Berzins, Michael (Erin) Wright, Jeff (Alyssa) Wright, Heather (Caleb) Wright Wendel, Chris Wright and Emily Wright; great-grandchildren Jon and Kristina Berzins; also survived by many loving extended family members and a host of dear friends. Funeral was held November 24th from Milford United Methodist Church. Pastor Gregg Mayberry officiated. Memorial contributions encouraged to: Josephine Ford Cancer Center and Henry Ford Hospital, 2 Ford Place, 5A, Detroit, MI 48202. For further information, please phone 248.648.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

In Memory Of

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH BROCK

Thank you just doesn't seem like enough to family to all the kindness shown to our family during this time of sorrow. We wish to thank all the doctors, nurses, etc. at St. Joseph Hospital who tried to keep our son, brother, husband and uncle with us longer. Thanks to our families & friends who stood by us to help ease our pain with prayers, food or just a hug, you are so appreciated. Special thanks to Rev. Gerald Hunter for his heartfelt service. Phillips Funeral Home for getting us through our bereavement. Next our unforgettable family friend Dayna Johnston for her eulogy, she re-opened our eyes to the wonderful person in our lives we have lost and will miss deeply. Last but not least our deepest thanks goes out to our most blessed friends Lenore Rucsko and Donna & David Martorel for putting on a beautiful luncheon. Thanks again, The Joseph Brock Family

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ENGAGEMENT

Barthes & Streit

Professor Dominique Barthes-Biesel and Professor Jean-Paul Barthes of Compiègne, France announce the engagement of their daughter, Peggy Sophie Barthes, to John Kendall Streit, son of John and Jill Streit, Novi.

The bride is a graduate of Imperial College and is employed as a business development manager at Orange, London, UK.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Northwestern University and is a technology and operations director with Carlson Marketing in London, UK.

A March 27, 2010 wedding is



John Kendall Streit and Peggy Sophie Barthes

planned at historic St. Bride's Church in London with a Michigan reception in Traverse City to follow in August.

ENGAGEMENT

Varhol & Hinkley

Keith and Dodie Varhol of Novi and Mayor Kevin and Linda Hinkley of Wixom announce the engagement of Amy Varhol and Eric Hinkley.

The bride-to-be is graduated from Novi High School in 2006. She will be graduating from Madonna University with a bachelor of science degree in child development in December.

The groom-elect is a 2004 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School. He graduated in June with a bachelor of science degree in aviation management from Eastern



Amy Varhol and Eric Hinkley

Michigan University. They will be married on July 10, 2010, in Milford.

ENGAGEMENT

Church & Nicholson

Douglas and Barbara Church, formerly of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Anne Church, to Robert M. Nicholson IV, son of Robert and Gale Nicholson of Kalamazoo.

Sara graduated from Northville High School in 1998 and earned her bachelor's degree in English summa cum laude from Kalamazoo College in 2002. She obtained her juris doctor cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School in 2007. She will practice trusts and estates law in Charlottesville, Va.

Rob is a 2000 graduate of Loy Norrix High School in Kalamazoo, and he earned a bachelor's degree in biology summa cum laude from Alma College in 2004. In 2008, he



Sara Anne Church and Robert M. Nicholson IV

received his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Michigan Medical School. He is completing his residency in anesthesiology at the University of Virginia Health Systems in Charlottesville.

A June 19, 2010, wedding is planned at the First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor.

NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Wolfgang Mueller, a shareholder of the law firm Olshan, Mueller,



Wolfgang Mueller

Wallace & McKenna and Northville resident, has been appointed as vice chairman of the Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission

(formerly known as the Boxing Commission). He will

be responsible for the regulation of professional boxing and mixed martial arts (under PA 403 of 2004, as amended, matches or exhibitions shall not be held or conducted within this state, except under a license issued by the department).

The renamed commission reflects the increased popularity of the sport of mixed martial arts and the desire to bring professional (UFC and the like) fights to Michigan.

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Brookdale communities collecting food

Local Brookdale Senior Living communities invite those in the greater Detroit area to help them collect food to help 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, 40405 6 Mile Road in Northville. Call (248) 535-4481.

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-run 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.

Sav-On Drugs announces flu shot clinics

Sav-On Drug stores throughout metro Detroit are once again holding flu clinics in November. All you need to do is call your Sav-On pharmacist to schedule your flu shot without having to pay for an office visit at a doctor's office.

The Novi store is located at 24100 Meadowbrook Road. Phone (248) 478-3000 for more information.

Flu shots are \$25 this year, and pneumonia shots will be offered for \$35. Payment options include cash, check and credit card, as well as Medicare and medical insurances. Our Pharmacists have been trained and certified by the American Pharmacist Association to provide immunizations to our customers.

Most Sav-On locations will offer vaccinations on a drop-in basis. The clinics are open to the public for people 14 and older. For a weekly listing of flu clinics, visit savondrugs.com or flushotcalendar.com or call 1-877-SAV ON 2 U, (877-728-6628) to find the location nearest you.

Salon helps Civic Concern

Envy Salon & Day Spa, 15430 Haggerty Road at Five Mile Road, is having a special food drive to

help Northville Civic Concern clients during the month of November. Everyone who comes into the salon and donates a non-perishable, non-outdated food item or non-food, personal item, will be entered into a drawing to win a year's worth of hair-care products. For more information, call (734) 420-0052.

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 family members with the gifts that the children have worked on and made themselves.

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SlamVille: Poetry Slam, Open Mic Night Friday at Genitti's

■ Come one, come all to creative event

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Evan Gerish thinks poetry rocks.

And, the 2008 Northville High School graduate will bring "SlamVille: A Poetry Slam/Open Mic Night" to Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant the day after Thanksgiving.

The event will take place from 8-10 p.m. and costs \$5 per person.

SlamVille has been billed as Northville's home for slam poetry. If Friday's inaugural event's a success, Gerish, whose stage name is Elevelan, hopes to have the slams on a regular basis at Genitti's.

Performers are asked to start signing up at 7:30 p.m. for the 10 available spots from 8-10 p.m.

"It's on a first come, first served basis," Gerish said.

Poets as well as performance artists, musicians and comedians are encouraged to take the stage.

A sophomore at Winthrop University in South Carolina studying social work, Gerish, 20, hopes to have a career in the performing arts after graduation.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Gerish said he became interested in poetry at NHS when he took a class in "Now Poetry" taught by Dave Bowen.

"I've been performing for about a year and some change," Gerish said. He won the first poetry slam he entered at NHS his senior year.

Winthrop is close to Charlotte, N.C., which is very big in the poetry world, according to Gerish.

"They have a National Poetry Slam every year," he said.

Gerish likes poetry because he said it's always been really easy for him to express himself through his poems.

"I'm better at expressing myself with the written word," he said. "I can leave my emotions on a piece of paper."

While at NHS, he was a member of Backbeat, a men's choir, and the track team.

For more information about Friday's event, visit Gerish on Facebook by doing a search for SlamVille or e-mail Gerish at SlamVille@gmail.com.

pfleming@gannett.com
(248) 437-2011, Ext. 260

A NIGHT TO TAKE THE STAGE

Performers, including poets, musicians, comedians and perhaps those who just wish to read from a journal, are encouraged to show up and sign up at 7:30 p.m. Friday for the 8-10 p.m. SlamVille Poetry Slam/Open Mic Night at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant on East Main Street in downtown Northville. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, e-mail Evan Gerish at SlamVille@gmail.com or visit SlamVille on Facebook.



Evan Gerish of Northville demonstrates his intensity on stage at a recent poetry slam. Gerish, whose stage name is Elevelan, is bringing a poetry slam and open mic night Friday to Genitti's on East Main Street.

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MIDNIGHT MADNESS SALE

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FRI/SAT 11:20

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12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50
FRI/SAT 11:20

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FRI/SAT 11:30

THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13)
11:05, 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45
3D DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL (PG)
11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 6:50, 9:15
FRI/SAT 11:30

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OUR VIEWS

Make sure 'happy' is in Thanksgiving

"Happy Thanksgiving."

You've certainly heard this greeting a lot recently, and you've surely returned the greeting in kind.

And in the front of your mind, surely you mean it. Everyone wants everyone to be happy, right? And Thanksgiving is a holiday that is self-explanatory: A time to be thankful for our blessings.

But somewhere in the back of your mind, in this state at this time, it wouldn't be that farfetched to believe you're thinking, "Who can be happy right now?"

The numbers are grim. The state's unemployment rate has climbed above 15 percent. The Dow Jones average is a crap-shoot. Michigan is running record numbers in foreclosures and in job losses. People are losing their jobs and their homes.

The need is rising. Church groups and organizations like the Salvation Army are setting records for assistance. The Salvation Army, for instance, has noticed that people who were donors last year are now coming to them for assistance.

So where does the "happy" come from?

Well, it doesn't come from material possessions. Sure, they make it easier, but do they bring lasting and genuine joy? Probably not.

Doesn't true happiness come from being content with what we have — no matter how meager our possessions or how trying our circumstances?

Consider the Pilgrims, who celebrated the first Thanksgiving in the autumn of 1621. The English colonists arrived in the New World in the winter, making it very difficult for them to find food and build shelter. Most of them died the first few months in their new home, having already been weakened by their two-month voyage on the Mayflower. There were no emergency rooms or hospitals, flu shots, penicillin or even aspirin, let alone health insurance.

The Pilgrims endured more hardships and had far, far less in material possessions than the average American today; yet they gave thanks in celebration for what little they had.

As you sit down to celebrate Thanksgiving, look around. Find the blessings in your life. And then put the happy in your Thanksgiving by being grateful for your many blessings.

Hitting the road? Travel safely

If you're among the estimated 1.2 million Michiganders planning on traveling for Thanksgiving, please do it safely!

AAA Michigan estimates that number of people in this state will travel at least 50 miles to celebrate the holiday, a number they say is on par with last year's. Sure, the economy continues to lag, but folks still tend to prefer spending the day with family, and for most that means hopping in the car. AAA Michigan says some 87 percent of state travelers will go by car.

If you do, you aren't likely to find much help at the pump. While gas prices have dropped some 17 cents in the last couple of weeks, they're still up more than 59 cents from a year ago. To make things more crowded, the 102-hour Thanksgiving holiday coincides with the state's firearms deer season, which means hunters will also be on the roads.

Here are some numbers to consider before you turn the key:

- In 2008, 61,010 deer-vehicle crashes were reported in Michigan; 12 motorists lost their lives, another 1,648 were injured.

- During the 2008 Thanksgiving holiday, 13 people died in nine fatal crashes on Michigan roads, compared with 11 deaths in 2007. Restraints were not used by eight of the victims. Alcohol was involved in 10 of the fatalities.

While we hesitate to belabor the obvious, we hope you'll enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday and then, when you hit the road, avoid alcohol, buckle up, be well rested and avoid distractions (such as texting) while driving.

Come home safely.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What does Thanksgiving mean to you?



"It means getting together with your family and appreciating all the great things before you."

Kamryn Hotz
Meads Mill sixth-grader



"To me, Thanksgiving is when your family comes together to celebrate all the great things."

Lauren Sargent
Meads Mill sixth-grader



"For me, Thanksgiving means sitting around the table and just about having a good time with your family."

Connor Walters
Meads Mill seventh-grader



"Food and football."

Kyle Kleen
Meads Mill seventh-grader

LETTERS

Reasons to give thanks

Times are tough! How many times have you heard that said this year? How many times have you said it yourself? While we can't ignore the fact that our township, city, state and school district are suffering from lost revenue and that many of our community's families are struggling to make ends meet, we can find plenty of reasons to give thanks.

As the director of Northville Youth Assistance, a shared service between Northville Township and the city of Northville, I'll give you some examples.

I'm thankful for the taxpayers in this community who put their faith in us to provide quality programs for Northville's children and teens.

I'm thankful for the parents in this community who entrust their children to us, and allow us to mentor them, counsel them and provide them with after-school programs. I'm thankful for the teachers and music lesson staff members who make these programs possible.

I'm thankful for the Northville Public School district for providing our program with office space right in the middle of the action at Hillside Middle School. I'm thankful for the Northville Township Board of Trustees and the Northville City Council for continuing to fund our program, even in the face of economic strain.

I'm thankful for the NYA Commission members Doug Bingham, John Buckland, Mary Culik, Chuck Murdock, Janet Naughton, Martha Nield, Marilyn Price, Ken Romine and Chris Roosen for steering our program

in the right direction.

I'm thankful for Heidi Russell and Liza Glanton-Miles, our staff members who are passionate about what they do, and who do it so well.

I'm thankful for the Conrad Foundation that donated money that provided 166 summer camp scholarships for children in our community this year. I'm thankful for the David Vincent Memorial Fund that sends another one of our clients to camp every summer, in memory of an exemplary volunteer who died while in his eighth year of mentoring a boy in our community. I'm thankful for Meadowbrook Congregational Church and the First United Methodist Church of Northville's youth musical group, who provide donations for music lesson scholarships for our clients.

And finally, I'm thankful for our wonderful volunteer mentors who give of themselves in order to make life a little easier for their mentees. These selfless individuals are matched one-on-one with a youngster in our community who needs guidance. They provide friendship, fun experiences and a listening ear, all in the name of service.

This is Thanksgiving week. But let's try to keep the spirit of giving thanks alive all year long. What matters most is not what we don't have, but what we do.

Sue Campbell
director, Northville Youth Assistance

Praise athletes

High school sports have been a lifetime

love affair for me. I enjoy watching young men and women compete, and I especially love their enthusiasm. The young people playing give their all.

I watched our hometown Mustangs play with great courage against Livonia Stevenson. They didn't win, but it wasn't from a lack of effort. I especially enjoyed watching the work of Northville's offensive line. Center Nicco Buffone had the task of blocking an opponent who weighed 270 pounds and had strength and quickness.

I mention Nick only because you printed his name, in a critical manner, when reporting on the Northville-Novi game earlier this season. In that game, you made mention of a penalty that Northville received that was of Nicco's doing. He didn't deserve to have his name printed for all to see. He is an amateur athlete and a general statement would have been much better for all concerned. His work and the work of his teammates all year has been to give the best they have each Friday. They have done that repeatedly.

Praise what is good, but please don't be critical in a personal way. These kids are not pros. He did not deserve to be the center of attention. His enthusiasm is valuable, and technology. All education is valuable; some education is more valuable than others. Currently we are producing more college grads in fields with low or virtually no demand while high-demand fields cannot find native born students to fill available jobs. The taxpayers of Michigan are subsidizing this inefficiency. Suggest those that major in high-demand fields have their tuition cut in half while those majoring in low-demand fields pay one and one-half the going tuition rate.

Clearly, these are unorthodox ideas that, under scrutiny, may or may not be solid policy prescriptions for what ails Michigan. However, I do know that our current course is as unwise and unstable as it is unsustainable.

Perpetuating the status quo will not make us competitive in the 21st century's innovation/knowledge economy where ideas and work can and do move around the globe effortlessly. Real change in Michigan is going to require real change. It is time we lift anchor and boldly set sail for the future.

Ken Maestner
Northville

GUEST COLUMN

Schools - stop whining and change and innovate

Insanity - doing the same thing over and over in exactly the same way and expecting different results!

When I was a boy, I learned you had to pull up the anchor if you wanted to set sail. It seems many in Lansing and our local schools never learned this lesson.



Tom Watkins

The foundation on which our schools have been built has disappeared. Raising taxes to perpetuate the what if is insanity. Yet, our local schools seem to think in spite of Michigan's new economic reality they should be immune.

Today's economic crisis should provide the impetus to innovate and change. Listening to schools whine and demand more money is getting old. Where is the creative, innovative ideas to address the crisis at hand? Clearly, it would be easier if our local schools never had to change and adjust - but that is not reality.

If we are to thrive and not merely survive in this century, we must be willing to ask: What if the impossible isn't? How radical should we be? Here are a few examples:

- Eliminate the senior year of high school. For far too many of our students, the 12th grade has become more than state-subsidized dating. Our children clearly have matured at a faster pace and technological advances have accelerated learning and knowledge exponentially. With the state investing more than a billion dollars per grade in K-12 education, these are resources that could be redirected to our community colleges and universities with a far better outcome for the individual and state.

- Where is it ordained that a college degree must take four years of study? Could the same amount of knowledge be acquired in three years? Slicing a student off an undergraduate degree would save students time and money and could be done without sacrificing quality. Such noted universities as Cambridge and Oxford offer three-year degrees.

- Maximize technology and limited resources in our system of higher education by making the equivalent of one year of the basic freshmen or sophomore instruction be offered via e-learning. The courses would be taught by specially certified e-learning instructors.

- Pretend the beautiful peninsulas called Michigan were just discovered with 1.7 million K-12 school age children and over \$12 billion dollars to educate them to world-class

standards. Consolidate districts to maximize redirection of resources to the classroom.

- Use market forces to steer students to high-demand fields such as math, science and technology. All education is valuable; some education is more valuable than others. Currently we are producing more college grads in fields with low or virtually no demand while high-demand fields cannot find native born students to fill available jobs. The taxpayers of Michigan are subsidizing this inefficiency. Suggest those that major in high-demand fields have their tuition cut in half while those majoring in low-demand fields pay one and one-half the going tuition rate.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Northville Chamber Holiday Party

Time/Date: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2
Location: 17205 Crestbrook Drive - Carlton Model in Steeplechase, located on Six Mile between Ridge and Napier roads
Details: Enjoy festive appetizers and libations. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local needy families. RSVP by Dec. 1 to suziejohnson@northville.org or call 248-349-7640.

Marquis Theatre

Location: 135 E. Main Street, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-8110 or visit our website www.northville-marquistheatre.com
"Pinocchio"
Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 28-29, Dec. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Jan. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 23-30 p.m.
Monday-Friday Dec. 28-30
Details: The story of how a wooden puppet becomes a real boy. Tickets are \$8.50. Please no children under 3 years old. Group and reserved seating for 20 or more.

Guitarist Roy Scoutz

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday
Location: Tiramisu, 146 Centermain Street, Northville
Contact: (248) 735-0101

Gardeners Of Northville & Novi Club Meeting

MEETING
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11
Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street
Details: Social time and garden lecture - "In Full Bloom: Flowers and Plants in Art." Guest will be Linda Weil of the Detroit Institute of Arts. The public is welcome.

Contact: gardenersnorthville-novi.org or Renee (248) 231-2334

Children's Christmas Workshop

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5
Location: New School Church at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Avenue, Northville
Details: The Northville Historical Society's 31st annual event. Children in grades 1-6 are invited to participate in the opportunity to make seven old fashioned, hand-made gifts for the special people on their Christmas lists. The intent of the workshop is to surprise family 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 Northville Historical Society). Registration is Nov. 6 at 218 W. Dunklap, Northville - 6-6:30 p.m. for society members; 6:20-7 for non-members; 7 p.m. for Scout troops.
Contact: (248) 349-2833

Early Learning Series

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m.
Location: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street
Details: Information series for parents with children ages birth to 5 years returns with Nora Thompson, educational consultant, presenting *Considering the Importance of Children's Experiences in the World Outside*; Jan. 19 - *Practical Strategies for Talking with Young Children*; and March 16 - *What Comes Next? A Dialogue About School Readiness*. Free child care for children 33 months and toilet trained (pre-register).
Contact: (248) 344-8465

Northville Newcomers & Neighbors

MEET & GREET
Time/Date: 10 a.m. first Tuesday of each month
Location: Member's homes or other venues
Details: All welcome to socialize, meet and greet friends and neighbors and learn about the activities Northville Newcomers has to offer.
Contact: Paula Lund at (734) 404-5120
COMMON GRILL/PURPLE ROSE THEATRE TOUR
Time/Date: noon Wednesday, Dec. 2
Location: Chelsea
Details: Theatre presentation of the comedy "Escanaba" followed by a luncheon at the Common Grille.
Contact: Colleen Nametz at (248) 596-1940



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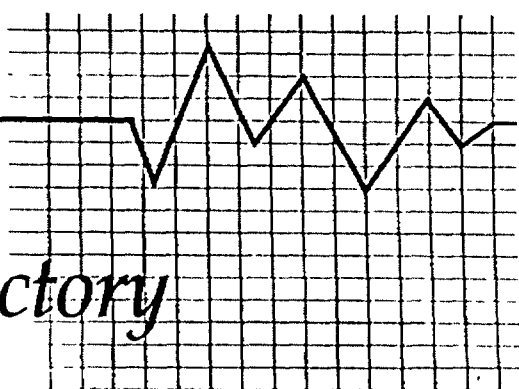


Winners

Northville's annual Holiday Lighted Parade came through downtown Friday night with numerous floats, the NHS marching band, free candy for children, music and, of course, Santa. The Mayor's Choice winning float (above) was Hawaiian Christmas, designed by David McKnight from Emerald City Designs for Brownie Troop 715 (Winchester Elementary, third grade). The Northville Record trophy (at left) went to Dr. William Demray, of Preservation Dental, who won with his KrisMoose Carols Volkswagen Beetles, featuring Miss Harriet's Dance Studio dancers.

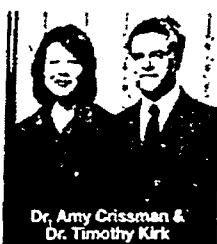
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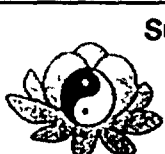
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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
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 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 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday Worship: 11:15 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 cfncanare.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 firstbaptist-churchofnovi.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 firstpres-novi.org
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.
WALKING IN THE PARK
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)
Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards.
Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016
SINGLE PLACE MINISTRIES
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.
Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details single-place.org

First United Methodist of Northville

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Location: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or fumcnorthville.org
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Time: 8, 9:15 and 11 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.
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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 a.m. Worship

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia
Contact: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

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, 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.
YOGA/FIT CLASSES
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Monday
Details: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session.
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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
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Sermon - What Kind of Cloud? communion
Waltonwood Worship Service
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Dec. 6
Cookie Walk
Date: Dec. 12

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 4355 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

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Location: Novi
Contact: www.novijewishcenter.com e-mail: rabb@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
RENEW LIFE MINISTRIES
Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.
Contact: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.
CHARMED INFLUENCE
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Details: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage"

Contact: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church.

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.

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Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

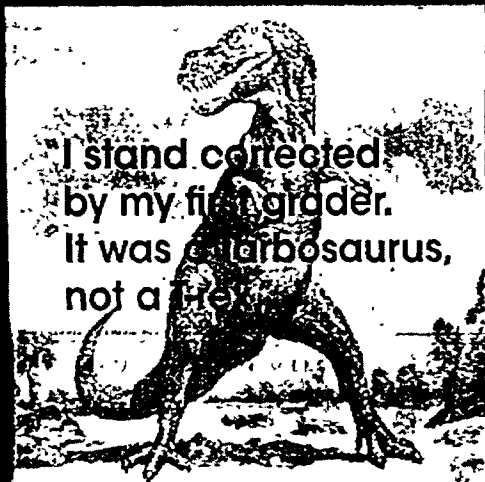
Location: 770 Thayer, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org
SATURDAY WORSHIP
Time: 5 p.m.
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

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.

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 347-7778
MASS SCHEDULE
TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday
MOTHERS GROUP
Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. monthly, first and third Wednesday through May 19, 2010
Location: St. James Parish Hall A
Details: We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith in order to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as article discussion, crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. Free childcare is available but children are also welcome to join their mothers during meetings.
Contact: Becky McKee (248) 305-3924 or Kris Endreszl (248) 946-4080

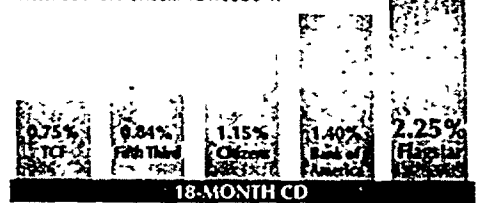


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Dear Savvy Senior

Where is the best place to find a senior-friendly home telephone with big buttons and amplified sound? My 78-year-old mother has a difficult time hearing over the phone anymore, and her vision isn't so great either. What can you tell me?

Loud Talking Son

Dear Loud,

Senior-friendly telephones, also known as "amplified" and/or "big button" phones are a wonderful option for seniors who need some extra help with hearing, seeing and more. Here's what you should know.

HOW TO CHOOSE

There are literally dozens of different kinds of senior-friendly phones on the market today that can meet almost any need. To help you cut through all the options and select a good fit for your mom, you need to take into account her needs and wants, including her:

• **Hearing:** What type and degree of hearing loss does your mom have? (An audi-

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ologist can help here.) Most amplified telephones are sold with varying degrees of amplification and tone adjustments, so be sure the phone you choose accommodates her hearing loss. Also note that most amplified phones are hearing aid compatible and come with extra loud ringers and flashing ring indicators.

• **Vision:** If low vision is a problem too, most corded amplified phones come with big buttons and high contrast numbers that make them easier to see. Some phones even offer a talking keypad that will announce the number as it's dialed.

• **Memory:** Is remembering a problem? If so, check out the photo phones. Photo phones let you insert pictures of family members or friends over preprogrammed buttons, so your mom can simply press the picture of the person she wants to call and they're automatically dialed.

• **Voice:** Does your mom speak so softly it's diffi-

cult to understand her? If so, there are some amplified phones that can amplify outgoing speech as well as incoming sounds.

• **Safety:** If your mom lives alone, you may want to choose an amplified phone with an emergency alert feature. These phones come with a neck pendant or wristband (SOS button) that she wears, so if she falls down and can't get up, she can press it and the phone's preprogrammed emergency numbers will automatically be dialed.

• **Preferences:** There are many other options to consider, for example, would your mom prefer a corded or cordless amplified phone? While the cordless models provide the freedom to talk anywhere in the house, corded phones typically offer more user-friendly features. Or, would she like a phone with a built-in caller ID, speakerphone or answering machine?

WHERE TO SHOP

While there are many companies that make and

sell senior-friendly telephones, the leading supplier in the industry is Clarity, a division of Plantronics Inc. At ClarityProducts.com (or call 800-426-3738) you can find an impressive array of amplified, big button telephones that offer a wide variety of senior-friendly features, at prices ranging from \$30 up to around \$300. Other top makers include ClearSounds, Geemarc, Fanstel, Doro, Krown and GE. To find these and other amplified phone models, visit assistive hearing sites like www.tel-tex.com and www.independentliving.com.

FREE PHONES

Another option you should check into is state funded telecommunications equipment distribution programs, which are available in about 30 states. If your mom's state has a program, you may be able to get her an amplified telephone from them for free. Check with her local telephone company or visit www.tedpa.org to find out what her state offers.

CAPTIONED PHONES

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(or call 888-269-7477) and click on the state your mom lives in. Most states offer them through Weitbrecht Communications, Inc. for \$99, or your mom may qualify to get one for free.

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

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Northville Township offers new service that can inform residents

■ Ambulance provider recently changed as well

The Northville Township Public Safety Department announces a new community information service designed to deliver important and timely information to area residents using the latest technology.

The service, created by Nixle, LLC, delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications through the Internet, e-mail and cell phone.

Nixle is free, easy to use and trusted. Township residents can now take advantage of Nixle by registering at www.nixle.com.

"Nixle gives me the ability to provide direct communication and warnings to our residents free of charge," said John Werth, director of public safety.

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NEW AMBULANCE SERVICE

Effective Oct. 26, the Northville Township Department of Public Safety switched to a new ambulance company, Community Emergency Medical Service, based in Southfield.

The city of Northville contracts with the township for dispatch services and currently uses CEMS.

"Having one ambulance provider will streamline and improve efficiency," Werth said.

The change will also save the township money. CEMS' per-service-call rate is \$68-\$222 less than the previous ambulance service provider, depending on the level of service the patient receives.

- Other notable statistics about CEMS:
- Paramedics scheduled on duty at all times;
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- CEMS has been in business for 27 years;
- CEMS and its Joint Ventures partners employ more than 1,000 people;
- CEMS currently covers more than 25 communities in Michigan;
- In 2009 CEMS will transport approximately 120,000 patients in Michigan;
- CEMS provides services in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Texas and Florida; and
- CEMS provides billing services for fire department emergency medical services.

NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

One of three suspects held after two officers injured in collision

Police have captured a man they believe was in a stolen car two Northville officers were chasing before they collided Monday morning. Both officers were hurt in the collision, one seriously.

Police are continuing to search for two suspects, according to Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth. All three are believed to be from Ypsilanti. The man who was arrested is in his 20s and was spotted walking about a mile from the scene of the collision by a passerby who contacted police.

Officer Richard Babb remains hospitalized with head injuries at an area hospital, Werth said. Babb, who had surgery this morning, is listed in stable condition. Officer Dan Jones was treated and released from an area hospital.

"It was a tragic accident," Werth said.

The incident began at 3:44 a.m. when one of the officers ran a license plate number of a car in the Haggerty Road Meijer's parking lot and discovered it stolen, according to Northville Township Police. Werth said the car, a white, 2000 Pontiac Bonneville had been reported stolen June 15 in Van Buren Township.

When the officer put on his flashing lights, the stolen car with three men inside sped off in the parking lot and headed south on Haggerty Road.

As officers tried to give chase, Jones' patrol car slammed into the passenger side of Babb's car at 6 Mile and Haggerty. Babb had pulled out to chase the stolen car as it passed him, Werth said. He had been blocking the intersection with his cruiser to keep other vehicles out of danger.

The stolen car was found abandoned near Village Run Drive and Haggerty, which is about a half-mile south of the accident scene.

Werth said both officers were following protocol when they decided to chase the stolen vehicle.

"It's a tough decision that every officer has to make," he said. "Unfortunately, today it ended with a serious accident."

From the Detroit Free Press

Northville man jailed in Ohio bank robbery

A Northville man is in jail after turning himself in for an Ohio bank robbery.

Police in Perrysburg near Toledo said Joshua Copenhagen, 33, turned himself in to authorities in Detroit days after the Nov. 10 robbery of a Huntington Bank.

Copenhagen is being held in the Wood County Jail on \$100,000 bond, according to Perrysburg police.

A robber gave a note to a bank teller at Perrysburg's Three Meadows Huntington Bank branch around 11:10 a.m. Nov. 10 and fled with an undisclosed amount of money. Perrysburg is about 10 miles south of Toledo on I-75.

From the Detroit Free Press

Suspicious vehicle

An eighth grade student was approached by the driver of a blue sports car near Linden and Linden Court in the city of Northville around 3:10 p.m. on Nov. 19. The person in the vehicle offered the student a Jones soda.

The vehicle followed the student at a slow speed, explaining the benefits of the Jones soda.

The student accepted the soda and the vehicle left the area.

The student then went home and reported this incident to their parent and the Northville Police.

The vehicle was described as a newer model, bright blue, four-door sports car.

The driver was described as a white male, 40s to early 50s, sunburned face with a noticeable white spot indicating that he was wearing sunglasses when his face was sunburned.

He had short gray/blonde hair showing from under a baseball cap. He was also wearing a dark-colored, long-sleeve shirt.

The Northville Police Department is requesting that any reports or sightings of a driver and vehicle matching this description be immediately reported at (248) 349-1234.

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Haley Brown, 5 gets some help from her mom Pam during a recent turkey plate crafts afternoon at the Northville District Library. Kids got assemble a colorful turkey shaped craft out of paper plates and strips of paper.



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How to avoid a chimney fire

Holiday cooking safety guidelines

With the holiday's upon us, many families will be coming together to enjoy a holiday feast. If you are planning a holiday meal you need to prepare yourself for the unexpected. Cooking fires are the number one cause of residential fires in the United States. Every year the Northville Township Fire Department responds to fires that originated in the kitchen. All of these fires could have been prevented. Take the proper preventative measures to ensure a happy and safe holiday season.

- While cooking never leave the kitchen unattended.
- Turn all pot handles inward on the stove.

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- If grease catches fire in a pan, do not use water to extinguish, place a lid over the pan to smother the flames.

- If there is a fire in your oven, turn the oven off, keep the door closed and call 911.

- Keep flammable materials away from open flames (towels, curtains, clothing).

- Use an oven mitt while moving hot objects.

Turkey deep fryers are becoming more popular during the holidays. These fryers if not used properly can cause serious damage. Follow these steps if you are using a fryer.

- Use the fryer outside away from buildings and flammable materials (wooden deck).

- Use on level ground.

- Make sure that the turkey is completely thawed and dry.

- To prevent overflow use the proper amount of oil.

- Use caution, the lid and handle can become extremely hot.

- Use the fryer at the recommended temperature.

- Keep a fire extinguisher close.

As always ensure that your smoke detectors are operational and keep a working fire extinguisher in your home. Have fun this holiday season but remember to be safe.

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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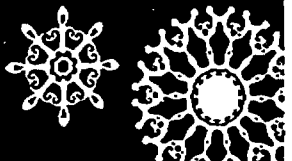
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Zoning Board of Appeals seeks new members

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

For Northville Township residents interested in participating in local government, an opportunity awaits.

Township officials are putting out a plea to residents to consider joining the Zoning Board of Appeals.

On Oct. 27 planning commissioners voted to increase the number from five to seven. Township trustees approved the commissioners' recommendation at their Nov. 19 meeting.

The township would like to be able to appoint two new members to the ZBA as soon as possible.

Trustee Margie Banner is a member of the ZBA and the Historic District Commission. She also serves as the ZBA's liaison to the township board.

"We take our responsibility very seriously, and we try to do our best to be fair and uphold our ordinances," she said.

WHY THE CHANGE?

The ZBA is currently made up of five regular members and one alternate. The alternate member attends meetings when the township is aware that there will be one or more ZBA members absent or if one of the members needs to recuse themselves due to a conflict of interest.

By state statute, the ZBA must have a minimum of five members, and the township may appoint up to two alternates.

If the township board approves the planning commissioners' recommendation this month, the ZBA would have seven members and no alternate.

Jennifer Frey, director of community development, said based on state statute, with only five members, four affirmative votes are required to approve use variance, and three affirmative votes are required to approve all other ZBA actions.

"If there are less than five members present at meetings, petitioners often ask to table the item," Frey said. "By adding two full-time members, five affirmative votes would be required to approve use variance, and four affirmative votes would be required to approve all other ZBA actions."

Even though one additional affirmative vote will be required, there will be an increased number of members present which will mean it will take less time to process petitions.

FEWER REQUESTS TABLED

"With the additional members, petitioners will not be given the option to table their request. This approach is consistent



PHOTO BY PAM FLEMING/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Current members of the Northville Township Zoning Board of Appeals include, from left, Bob McMahon; Brian Doren; Paul Slatin, chair; Mike Weaver; and Margie Banner. The township wants to add two members to the board.

with the practice of the planning commission and board of trustees," Frey said.

Increasing the number of ZBA members was endorsed by the group at its recent training workshop.

Brian Doren has been a member of the ZBA for more than five years. He was prompted to join the ZBA out of civic concern.

"I recognized that there are certain positions (in local government) that need to be filled," Doren said.

"I received a call from Mark Abbo (township supervisor) who wanted to see if I was interested, and it seemed like a worthwhile endeavor. You feel like you're part of the community and at least participating in civic obligations."

DEALING WITH HOMEOWNERS

ZBA members usually deal with homeowners' questions. They view property first-hand before meeting to make a decision.

"Being a member of the ZBA gives you an opportunity to stay up on things that are happening in the community," Doren said. "We try to make sure that there is universal application of the zoning ordinances."

Most of the questions are about dimensional variances rather than property use variances.

"People sometimes face obstacles with their property," Doren said. "We do what we can to see to it that everybody has fair use of their property while still maintaining the integrity of the zoning ordinances."

Doran finds the job rewarding.

"We can sometimes accommodate peculiar situations, and it can be a way to help a homeowner understand the zoning ordinances and why they're there," he said. "There is an element of discretion involved, but there are criteria we must follow to grant a variance."

Township residents are encouraged to apply to be a member of the ZBA and can do so by filling out an application and submitting it to the clerk's office on the second floor of township hall. Applications are also available online at www.twp.northville.mi.us under the clerk's office section of the reference desk tab. ZBA members serve three-year terms.

In a nutshell, the ZBA is a semi-judicial body which hears appeals from any order or decision made by an administrative body or official that enforces the zoning ordinance, reviews requests to vary from zoning or sign ordinance standards and reviews requests for a use variance.

The criteria for each different type of review are established in the zoning ordinance. The ZBA meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Paul Slatin chairs the ZBA. He has been a member even longer than Doren. Other members are Mike Weaver and Bob McMahon.

"It's interesting work, and it's an opportunity to learn a little bit about how local government works," Slatin said. "It's also a way to give back a little to Northville Township."

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CENTER

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The Islamic congregation has prayer services five times a day, seven days a week in a house on the south side of Eight Mile just east of Silver Springs Drive.

Specifically, they are asking the ZBA to permit all parking in front of the building where it is not permitted, and to permit setbacks of 52.1 feet on the east, 48.4 feet on the south and 22.8 feet on the west where 100 feet is required on all sides that abut a residential zoning district. Islamic Center board members have hired the landscape architectural firm of Silviri Architects of Ferndale to develop a preliminary site plan for the parking lot.

ZBA members voted unanimously to table the matter until the December meeting, requesting that the congregation return with a plan that has 33-34 parking spaces rather than 42. The center's board members agreed to have Silviri do so at last week's meeting.

Paul Slatin, ZBA chair, said there will be an opportunity for the public to comment at next month's meeting.

RESIDENTS' COMPLAINTS

Residents from the nearby Quail Ridge subdivision and Highland Lakes Condominium Association complained that the parking lot would increase traffic in the area, cause air pollution, affect wildlife and was basically an inappropriate use for the residential area.

A place of worship is allowed under the R-1 single family residential zoning, according to Jennifer Frey, director of community development.

Concern was also expressed that because Realtors had contacted both next door neighbors of the home that the Islamic center officials had plans to expand the building.

However, center board members Mohammad Usman and Dr. Sayed Nassar said they have no plans to do so.

Dr. Bent Boving, an 89-year-old retired doctor who lives right next door to the center said, "I'm very troubled to see what's going on right next to

me. A parking lot for 42 cars walls me off and excludes me from my neighbors. And, I like my neighbors." Boving was concerned about the exhaust fumes from 42 cars as well as the noise of car doors closing and car lights in his windows.

"This site is not suitable for a mosque," Boving said.

Resident Sue Dickie said she has deer, birds, and even a coyote in her yard and that she's afraid the parking lot will affect their ecosystem.

"We have a beautiful sense of privacy where we live," Dickie said. "This (parking lot) would add noise and traffic to the neighborhood."

WHY CONGREGATION NEEDS MORE PARKING

Usman and Nassar explained that six out of seven days, there are maybe only 10-12 people who come to the 15-minute prayer time five times a day. But, at 2 p.m. every Friday, there is a longer prayer service that can attract up to 100 people. This Friday service is why they need the parking lot, as there is no other place for members of the congregation to park.

Prayer services are held from dawn until dusk, but the parking lot would have to be lighted. Thus, residents were also concerned about light pollution as well as the possibility that the changes would lower nearby property values.

"We're not coming to cause trouble or inconvenience," Usman said. "It's not going to be a full-fledged mosque."

Slatin is concerned about the larger service on Friday, which he thinks exceeds what the township wants in a residential area.

"Our job is to follow the ordinances and to interpret the ordinances in the best way we can," Slatin said. "And, we want the minimum variance possible."

"We recognize that this is a permitted use under our ordinances," said ZBA member Brian Doren. "But, I'm not sure this plan minimizes the effect on adjacent residential properties."

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Ford Field-bound

CC routs Holt to earn berth in state finals

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

After being pushed to overtime in the quarterfinals, Catholic Central took all the guesswork out of Saturday's semifinal game.

The Shamrocks were rolling on both sides of the ball and dominated Holt 31-0 at Lansing Everett High School.

Senior running back Niko Palazeti ran over and through the Holt defense for 182 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries.

"I'm going to cherish this for the rest of my life," said Palazeti. "It was a good game. The atmosphere was absolutely insane."

"We've got one more game, and we're going to give everything we've got for 48 more minutes."

The Rams took the opening kick but lasted just three plays and were forced to punt on fourth and one.

The Shamrocks took over at their own 35 and ran the ball eight times to paydirt. The first big carry came from Palazeti, carrying a couple of tacklers for a first down on third and 10.

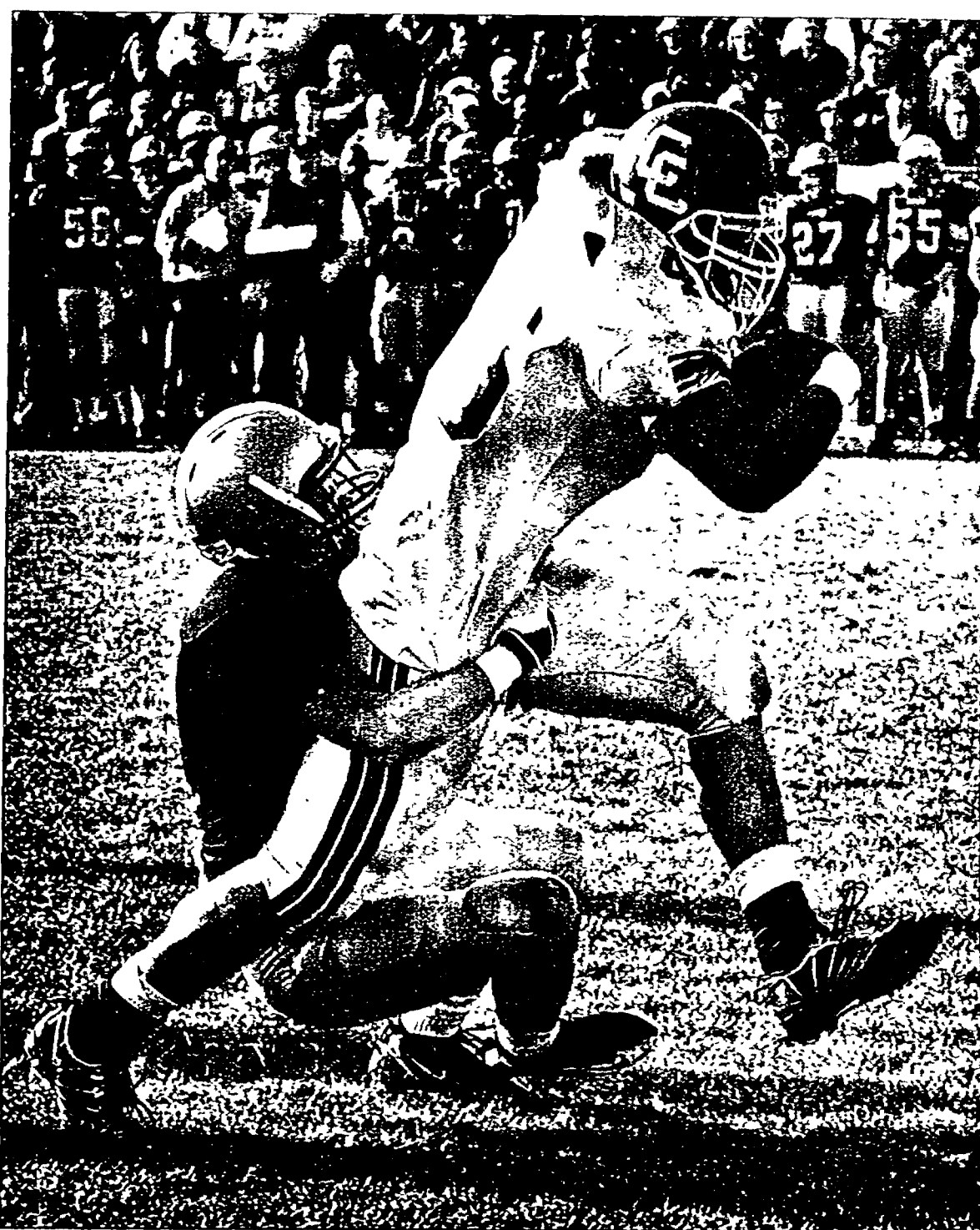
"He's a great running back," said Mach of Palazeti. "He just does amazing things. He's got a great heart, he's got great athletic ability and he puts us in a good position. Sometimes you don't mind giving it to him with six or seven yards to go."

Anthony Capatina (17 carries, 83

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Niko Palazeti takes a Holt defender for a ride.

Catholic Central to face high-powered Titans in title game

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Rankings mean squat.

Seriously. Take a look at Detroit Catholic Central's football team. Not once were they ranked first in the state—that was Rockford's luxury all season long. Rockford will be watching from the stands when the Catholic Central Shamrocks take on the Sterling Heights Stevenson Titans Saturday at 1 p.m. for the Division I Michigan High School Athletic Association football finals.

Don't mention the rankings to the Titans, however. They're ranked 23rd in the USA Today Super 25 poll. Regionally, in USA Today—a Gannett-owned newspaper—the Titans are ranked fourth in the Midwest. Catholic Central is ranked 10th.

The players at Catholic Central don't mind. Despite their undefeated record, they have been underrated by many critics throughout much of the season. The playoffs have been no exception. Mlive.com was abuzz with predictions of Catholic Central losing to Canton two weeks ago. Their victory over Holt last week had plenty of naysayers before the first play from scrimmage.

Catholic Central, which will be the

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ON TAP

Catholic Central's football team will play in the state finals at 1 p.m. Saturday against high-powered Sterling Heights Stevenson. Both teams are undefeated with a 13-0 record. The game will be held at Ford Field in Detroit.



Tyler Harrigan triggers the breakout for Northville.

Northville takes two from South Lyon foes

Northville defeated the South Lyon East Cougars 6-0 in a non-league prep hockey contest at the Novi Ice Arena. Tyler McMullin got the Mustangs started scoring three minutes into the game on an assist from Brian Makowski. Just two minutes later, Andrew Carlone scored from Matt Evasic and Ben Bloom. Danny O'Malley made it 3-0 on assists from Alec Debrabander and Joe Ascutto.

Tyler McMullin notched his second goal of the game and the only goal scored in the second period to give Northville a 4-0 lead after two periods of play. Matt Evasic added a goal in the third on feeds from Ben Bloom and Tyler Harrigan, and Danny O'Malley finished the Northville scoring with his second goal of the game this time assisted by Matt Zinkosky.

Justin Stupar got the win and shutout in net for Northville.

Northville 6, SL Lions 3

Northville traveled to Kensington Valley Ice House to battle the South Lyon Lions. South Lyon started quickly, holding Northville to just three shots in the first period while putting 13 shots on the Northville net that resulted in a 2-0 Lion lead after one period of play.

Early in the second period, however, Jake Sobas sparked the Northville offense with an outstanding individual effort by delivering a check in the offensive zone to steal the puck and beating the South Lyon goaltender to cut the lead to 2-1. Less than a minute later, Matt Evasic pulled Northville even on a breakaway goal, assisted by Tyler Harrigan and Ben Bloom. The game remained tied until the 4:20 mark of the second when Sobas gave Northville a 3-2 lead on his second

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Matt Wegzyn enjoying Division I football

Northville graduate forging out role with University of Tennessee

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Matt Wegzyn wants to work for ESPN. Go ahead and laugh. Go ahead and tell him he can't do it.

Wegzyn is used to being told that he's not good enough. He just goes and does it anyway.

That's how the 2008 Northville graduate ended up becoming a Division I football player in the highly respected Southeastern Conference.

Wegzyn, who was a standout for the Mustangs throughout his career, was being recruited by small Division I schools—mostly Mid-American Conference schools like the Toledo Rockets. But Wegzyn wanted something more. He wanted a shot at a big school—the kind of school you see on ESPN's highlights after a game on Saturday.

Then the University of Tennessee called.

"I wasn't expecting it at all," admitted Wegzyn during a phone interview following a practice last week. "They called and said they were interested in having me consider coming to the University of Tennessee."

Wegzyn didn't hesitate. Sure, it meant he would be taking on the fiscal responsibilities of college at first and wouldn't see much in the way of suiting up, but he knew an opportunity when he saw one.

"I didn't care if they couldn't offer me a scholarship right away," he said. "I just knew I couldn't pass it up."

Wegzyn applied at the school, was accepted, and found himself strapping on pads against some of the biggest players he had ever seen in his life. His first play dressed in orange and white and taking on athletes in the Southeastern Conference? It was a completely new experience for Wegzyn.

He lined up against Robert Ayers who, at the time, was a defensive end for the Volunteers. Ayers did something to Wegzyn that no one had ever done before.

"He tossed me," said Wegzyn. "I was never one of the smaller guys and I had



Matt Wegzyn poses in his University of Tennessee Volunteers football jersey. Wegzyn, a Northville graduate, is a tight end for the Division I Southeastern Conference program.

never been put on my back before. And Ayers tossed me. It was kind of like 'Welcome to the SEC.' I wouldn't trade it for anything."

After Ayers got done handling a rookie, he went on to be a rookie himself as a first-round National Football League draft pick by the Denver Broncos.

At this point in his career, Wegzyn isn't thinking about the NFL. Instead, he's savoring every moment he can at the Division I football level. A tight end by trade, Wegzyn found himself undersized and not strong enough from the moment he entered the training facility in Knoxville. At 6-foot-3-inches and 230 pounds, Wegzyn is still one of the smallest tight ends on the team. Ben Lehning, a sophomore from Nashville, is closest in size, standing at just 6-foot and weighing in at 230. Ben Bartholomew, another sophomore from Nashville, is 6-2 and 250. Starting junior Luke Stocker? He's 6-

6 and 240. Senior backup Jeff Cottam? A mere 6-8 and 260 pounds.

"They are some really big guys," Wegzyn admitted. "When I got here they were doing weight lifting that I've never even seen."

Despite Northville being a Division I high school in Michigan, Wegzyn said the weight room didn't have the instruction that is needed to lift at the level the Tennessee coaches expected.

"We used to have a great weight program with Steve Mandregger (as weight coach) when I was a freshman, but he left," said Wegzyn. "When I got here, I had a lot to do to get caught up in the strength program and get into shape."

Wegzyn didn't complain. He didn't whine. He didn't hide. He just did what he was told. Soon, he was taking reps as a starter on the practice squad, facing off

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yards) capped the drive off with a 16-yard run around the left end with 6:57 remaining in the first.

The next Holt drive gained zero yards and another punt ensued.

CC took over at its 11 and used 10 plays to march in the next score. Palazetti finished it off with a two-yard run with under a minute to play in the first and a 14-0 lead.

Holt earned a first down on the next drive, but a personal foul left the drive five yards behind where it started and resulted in another punt.

The Shamrocks traveled 73 yards in 10 plays to build a massive 21-0 lead on Palazetti's second two-yard touchdown run with 5:45 left in the half.

The Rams finally got some offense going on the next drive, driving the ball to the CC three. But the Rams tried to run the ball four straight times at the Shamrock goal line defense and were denied every time. CC took over at the two with 1:12 left in the half.

"That was really big. That was a gigantic stop," said Mach. Our defense has been play-



Catholic Central's defense swarmed Holt all day, earning a 31-0 victory.

ing great all year. We've done this to about three teams that were going in at halftime and a couple of times at the end of a game. That was really, really a great momentum changer."

At the half, Catholic Central rolled up 208 yards of offense, all on the ground. The Rams had 75 yards, 71 of which came

on the final drive.

The Rams struggled to get anything going in the second half, never making it past the CC 34.

Following a scoreless third period, Shamrock senior kicker Justin D'Agostino knocked home a 37-yard field goal on the first play of the fourth

quarter.

The final score came on a five-yard run by Justin Messner with 3:33 remaining.

The Rams managed just four first downs in the first half and only one more until the final drive when the Shamrocks were getting in heavy substitutions.

"Our defense definitely showed up," said Palazetti, who also plays on the defensive line. "We were a little embarrassed last week. We wanted to prove to everyone that we're still the best defense in the state. We helped prove that this week, and we're really happy with our performance."

CC will attempt to win its first football State Championship since moving to the Novi campus and first title since 2003. The Shamrocks face undefeated Sterling Heights Stevenson at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ford Field.

"This has been an exciting year," said CC head coach Tom Mach. "I'm really happy for the kids. They've really, really worked hard. They're attitude, their blend and the way they respect each other, it's been wonderful. It's been a great journey."

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Northville pom squad eying states

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

If there is one thing Northville pom coach Kelli Hay expects from this year's team, it's a completely new attitude.

The coach, who has been with the members of this particular squad since they were high kicking at the junior varsity level, said that attitudes of the past have hampered the program's success.

"The only thing that makes it hard sometimes is the old attitude that pom is just supposed to be fun," said Hay. "I think, for the most part, that attitude has been weeded out of the pom program."

Pom is not a Michigan High School Athletic Association sanctioned sport. It has just three tournaments a year, including regional and state. This year, the Mustangs are going to be looking to showcase their talent in each of those tournaments. Already this year, the Mustangs have placed 10th at the Mid American Pom High Kick Competition.

"The Northville varsity pom team has really never done very well at competitions," said Hay, who is in her second year as varsity head coach. "I have been working hard with these girls over the last five years to get a good work ethic going. We have finally achieved this goal. We are planning on working hard to bring the best routine we've ever done to states this year."

Captains this year are Grace Ackerman, Katy Williams and Shelby Cannon. They'll be responsible for leading the team of Tess Sheidy, Julie Wells, Danielle Wesolowicz, Ellyn Marmaduke, Rachael Ambler, Lauren Evasic, Madde Evasic, Emily DeBear, Rachel Lutz, Alexandra Shoemaker, Jillian Gray, Paige Sauter, Madison Jones, Haley Goldberg, Liz Allen, Haley Johnson, Sara Lovelace, Kate Jakubowski, Andrea Gonzales

Paul, Katy Evans and Julianne Pitcher.

The pom team, for many Mustangs fans, is best recognized for their hard work outside of their competitions. The team performs at halftime of football, basketball and soccer games and runs a season from May to February.

"We do not have a separate tryout in the fall," said Hay.

But aren't those just cheerleaders? Hardly. The pom team doesn't cheer—there is no yelling allowed—and there is no tumbling, mats or spotters when the team is doing their stunts. Music is also played during their often complex routines.

The pom team has a lot that has to remain on the forefront of their mind while preparing for competition. Mainly, judges look at every possible aspect. Scores are based on appearance, rhythm and timing, team unity and precision, originality and use of music, use of poms, formations and transitions, skill of kickline, showmanship and overall performance. Most of the categories, said Hay, are worth 10 points each, though originality is worth 20 points. These scores are subjective to the opinion of the judges and scores can be changed by the judges at anytime during the competition before the final places are announced.

"For example, you could get a 10 on use of poms, but a team that performs later has better use of poms and (the judges) will switch your 10 to a nine," said Hay.

In addition, the judges use a mistakes category where each team starts with 10 points have has a half point deducted with each noticed mistake.

The Northville Mustangs have a challenging year ahead of them, but if Hay and her team can live up to their own expectations, then there could be a great finish at the state tournament awaiting them in January.

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

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away team in the state final, will have to listen all week as the pundits talk about the greatness in which Sterling Heights Stevenson moves the football on offense. Senior quarterback Jason Fracassa is the talk of the town, having thrown 42 touchdowns passes this year, giving him the single-season state record as well as the career passing yards and career touchdowns with 91.

His favorite target is DJ Mershman, who has snagged 22 of Fracassa's touchdowns passes this year.

The Titans advanced to the state finals on an objectionable play. With 1.9 seconds on the clock, the Titans snapped the ball against Clarkston on

the one-yard line and spiked the ball to stop the clock. The time read 0:00 but the head official called for four-tenths of a second to be placed back on the scoreboard, giving the Titans one last play. Clarkston argued, to no avail, that Fracassa fumbled the ball on the play, failing to spike it, and that the time had expired. Fracassa went on to throw a one-yard score for the 37-35 victory.

The defense hasn't been shabby for the Titans this year, either. They have given up 17.6 points per game.

The Shamrocks, who have nine titles under the guidance of Tom Mach, don't care about the other team's statistics or what they bring to the table as far as rankings. They care about knowing their opponents and stopping them.

And the Catholic Central defense is second to none this

year. And defense, as they say, wins championships.

With last week's 31-0 shut-out against Holt, the defense has managed to keep it's points-against average at a mere 4.15 points per game. Yeah, that's not a misprint.

The offense, on the other hand, has scored an average of 33.46 points per game, as compared to Stevenson's 39.53.

Leading the offensive push for the Shamrocks are backs Niko Palazetti and Anthony Capatina. Palazetti and Capatina have completely different running styles, and both are capable of crushing an offense.

And just in case a team sneaks eight or nine defenders into the box, senior quarterback Sam Landry is more than capable of picking apart a secondary when the need calls for it.

Expect a tough game for the

Shamrocks, but one that is winnable. In the three times the Shamrocks and Titans have met in the past, it was Detroit Catholic Central earning the victory. In 1998, the Shamrocks beat the Titans, 35-21, in the semifinals on their way to a state title. In 1997, the Shamrocks earned a 21-17 victory over the Titans in the semifinals on their way to a state title. In 1995, the Shamrocks earned a 29-13 win over Stevenson in the state semifinals on their way to a—yup, state title.

If history—and not rankings—have anything to say about it, good omens await the Shamrocks in the state title game, a game the Titans have not won in the four trips they have made to the final game.

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Funds needed for new Northville scoreboard

WEGZYN
FROM PAGE B1

Swim team holding first-ever alumni meet as fund-raising event

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving teams know that it's going to take more than a few bake sales to raise \$37,000, so they're thinking outside of the box.

In fact, they're thinking inside the pool.

In order to raise some much-needed funding for a much-needed scoreboard and timing system, the teams will be hosting the first-ever alumni swimming and diving meet this Saturday. It is open to all former swimmers and divers from Northville, as well as their families, and will run from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. with a 10 a.m. warm-up time.

The girls and boys swim teams, along with the swim team boosters, need to raise approximately \$37,000 in order to purchase the new equipment

for the school's pool. The money, the team has been told, cannot come out of the athletic or school budget at this time.

"We are trying to raise money for a new scoreboard and timing system," said girls swim team head coach Brian McNeff, who will be running the alumni meet along with boys coach Rich Bennetts. "We have had some problems in the past with it getting to work correctly and, hopefully, we will be able to fix all that with the money we will raise with the fundraisers."

According to McNeff, there are already about 50 to 60 swimmers that have agreed to come from all different classes.

The word has been spreading like wildfire, too. From mailed invitations, to text messages to a Facebook page dedicated to the event, news about the need for some fundraising, and the events that go

DETAILS

The event will be Saturday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the pool in Northville High School, located at 45700 Six Mile Road in Northville. The pool will open at 10 a.m. for warm-up.

For those interested in donating to the event to help purchase a new scoreboard and timing system for the girls and boys swimming and diving teams, please make checks payable to Northville High School and send them to 16957 Lochmoor Circle E., Northville, MI 48168.

along with it, is getting out.

The fundraising coordinators are asking that a \$20 minimum donation be made per family that wishes to attend. Those who cannot attend are welcome to donate money toward the cause as well. Donating families will have their names listed on a plaque—sans donation amount—at the pool as well as

being listed before some of the school's swimming events.

Information on the event is expected to be updated at <http://sites.google.com/site/nhsscoreboard>, and more information can be obtained via e-mail at nhsscoreboard@gmail.com.

The organizers of the event, in their invitation letter, make it clear that former tankers need not worry about the shape they're currently in.

"If you've forgotten how to swim or think your spare-tire will make you sink, we'll find you an honorary job on deck because your teammates really want you there," said the invitation.

The organizers ask that any former swimmer who hears about the event contacts other former swimmers they know and invite them. They also ask that interested participants contact them prior to the event, though swimmers who want to sign up on the day of the event are welcome to.

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against Tennessee's starting defense.

His job is simple: Learn the opposing team's offense, run it to perfection and make Tennessee's defense better.

So far, it has been working. The Volunteers are 4-4 so far this year, but they haven't given up more than 23 points in any game.

Wegzyn, however, will be watching from the sidelines for likely the rest of the season. During practice his ring finger got bent in the wrong direction and the fourth metacarpal in his hand broke.

"At this point, I don't know when I'll be back," he said. "Hopefully soon."

Wegzyn has plenty to keep him busy though. He's studying journalism with an empha-

sis on electronic journalism.

His goal? To work for ESPN. "It's a lofty goal, I know, but I am going to try," he said.

When Wegzyn took his first journalism job—an unpaid gig writing junior varsity football recaps for the Northville Record—no one would have told him he stood a chance at working for the largest sports network in the world.

But, then again, when Wegzyn playing football that year, no one would have told him he stood a chance at Division I SEC football, either.

"Right now, I am trying to earn a place on the special teams and move my way up," said Wegzyn. "I'm going to play whatever role they need me to play. It's a thrill just being a part of Tennessee football."

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HOCKEY

FROM PAGE B1

goal of the game, this time assisted by DeBrabander.

South Lyon responded quickly to tie the game, but Brian Makowski lashed a slap shot into the top corner just 11 seconds later to retake the lead for Northville. Andrew

Carlone scored nine seconds after the Makowski goal to give Northville a 5-3 lead after two periods of play despite being outshot 23-12.

In the third period, shots were hard to come by for both teams, but Ben Bloom was able to notch an insurance tally for Northville. Jake Pawloski in Northville's net held South Lyon off the board in the period to give Northville a 6-3 victory.



Icebreakers win Hocktoberfest

The 14-and-under Michigan Icebreakers (playing out of Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills) won the girls Bantam BB Division of the Hocktoberfest Tournament Oct. 23-24 Windsor. The Icebreakers defeated the Hamilton Hawks in the final, 1-0. They compiled a 5-1 record playing all Canadian teams. The Icebreakers are (front) Madison Murray, Berkley; (kneeling, left to right) Kendall Clary, Royal Oak; Logane Rheame, Novi; Kourtney Diaz, Commerce; Lizzy Malear, Novi; Leah Elkins, Farmington; Katie George, Farmington; Bree Tasker, South Lyon; (standing, left to right) assistant coach Kevin Diaz, Rachel Stein, Beverly Hills; Catie Karpinski, Royal Oak; Leslie Merrill, Farmington; Allison Lowe, Walled Lake; Lauren Stachecki, Commerce; Marisha Hackett, Northville; Riley Collins, Berkley; head coach Rick Murray and Sarah Coultis, South Lyon.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Northville Planning Commission will consider a request for a Special Use Permit for a new or used auto sales and showroom as well as outdoor sales and display of landscape plants and seasonal goods located at 550 Seven Mile Road (lots 112a1b2b, 112a1d, 112b, and 112a1b1).

The proposed Special Use Permit Application will be considered by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on December 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, 248-349-1300. The purpose of this public hearing will be to receive public input on the Special Use Application Permit. The complete application can be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments will also be received at the above address during business hours.

This notice is sent as required by Section 16.01 of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance to all persons to whom real property is assessed within three hundred (300) feet of the boundary of the property in question, and to the occupants of all structures within three hundred (300) feet of the property in question.

Jim Penn, Building Official

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Joan Potter Thomas looks at some of the offerings available at this year's Holiday Art Sale at the Northville Art House.

Promoting a passion for the arts in Northville

Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature.

We participate in Northville's First Friday Walks, usually with a new exhibit the first Friday of each month (unless that date falls on a holiday). Our Store features the work of local artists. We have been promoting "Buy Michigan" before it became popular. How did your first decision to open your business?

The Arts Commission is a City Commission comprised of volunteers and in existence for over 25 years, with the goal of providing arts education, exhibits, and culture to the community. We wanted a home for a central community arts facility and this city-owned building became available when the seniors moved into the new senior center on Main Street. The building was dedicated in 1964 as the Scout House, hence it is fitting that we now call it the Art House.

Why did you choose Northville? Initially, our volunteers were passionate about Northville because they lived here and knew a community arts facility was good for the vibrancy of their hometown. Now, many of our members and volunteers are passionate about art. What makes your business unique?

DETAILS

Business Name: Northville Art House
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Your Name/Title: Sue Taylor/ chairperson, Northville Arts Commission
Your Hometown: Northville
Business Opened When: 2005
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We are primarily a non-profit organization relying on fundraising, memberships and self-sustaining activities. We use many volunteers and try to support local artists as much as possible. We're also home to the Northville-Novi Garden Club and the Northville Camera Club.

How has it changed since you opened? Staffing became important for continuity; we have two part time staff people. Obviously, fundraising is more of a challenge now. Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small

business owner to share with our readers?

Well, our mantra has been to take baby steps since we started this endeavor as volunteers and we have learned by doing. A passion for the legacy we are creating for the community has gotten us through difficult moments. The appreciation we hear from people who visit the Art House gets us quite excited.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

Fundraising for non-profit organizations is a must but more difficult now, and large sponsorships are scarce. We try to make most of our activities self-sustaining and appreciate every member and every dollar we get. Thank you to all our members and volunteers!

Any advice for business owners? Dedication - passion - flexibility! What's in store for the future of your business?

Hopefully, continued growth, exciting exhibits, additional art classes. We're also planning to develop a birthday party program as well as art badges for Girl and Boy Scouts. In addition, we are working to give our Store a facelift with new artists and favorite artists as well as new product. Come visit us; there's always something going on!

Book explores life in Ford's Rouge plant

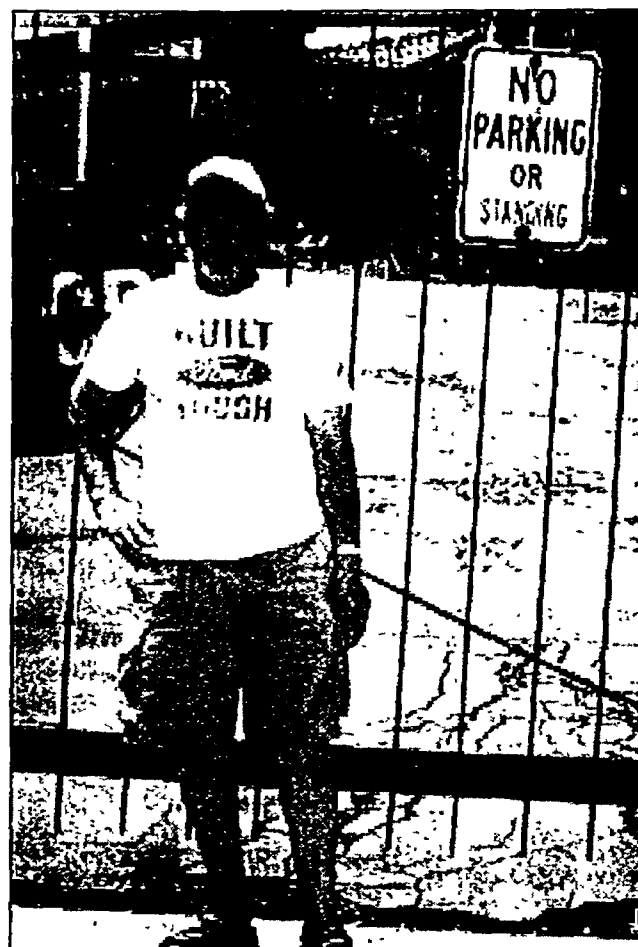
The automotive industry in Michigan plays a vital role in many lives not only for those who live downstate in the Detroit area but also many of those who are now retired from the "big three" and call northern Michigan home. Through many decades the automotive industry of the "big three" was good to them.

Ralph Moore, author of "Uncle Henry's Ford Rouge" remembers when working as a millwright at the Ford Rouge plants was sometimes dangerous, challenging, and amusing with interesting characters and situations he shares with his readers in his recently published book. These are never-before-told stories about Dearborn's famous Ford Rouge complex and the colorful characters who kept it operating under difficult and hazardous conditions.

Moore will be signing copies of his book at 2 p.m. on Nov. 28 at Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road in Northville.

"I was inspired to write this book after reading a Monday, March 8, 2004 article in the Detroit Free Press about how Detroit's 'blue collar' working class was fading away," Moore stated. "If we're all about to 'fade away' I want to leave behind a written record of what life was like working for one of Detroit's greatest automotive facilities."

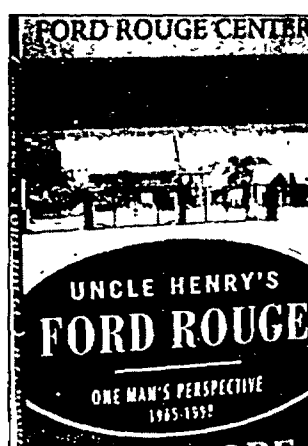
Moore spent 33 years working for Ford's and Rouge Steel. During his career, he worked in 15 different buildings at the Rouge Complex. He eventually became a licensed millwright. In 1990, after Ford sold its steel division,



Ralph Moore will be signing copies of his book, "Uncle Henry's Ford Rouge," on Nov. 28 at Northville's Barnes & Noble.

Moore transferred to Rouge Steel, where he retired in 1998. He now resides on the Upper Black River near Onaway.

Former auto writer for the Detroit Free Press, Joe Guy Collier writes, Ralph Moore provides a look at one of the world's most significant manufacturing operations through the eyes of the working man. "Uncle Henry's Ford Rouge" is sure to bring back memories for anyone who worked in an auto plant.



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BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

When Rita Stubbs moved out of her three-story condo last January into a two-bedroom apartment at Abbey Park at Mill River, she was finally relieved from climbing the stairs.

"I have never been so comfortable in any place in my life," the 82-year-old said. "It reminds me of home. The only things missing are the stairs."

Stubbs loves participating in Nintendo Wii bowling tournaments, playing bingo and coming and going in her own car for shopping and doctors appointments — and said she is happy and safe in her new home.

With nine new residents moved in this month and more on their way, more seniors are choosing the luxury retirement community, Abbey Park at Mill River in Lyon Township.

The vast 195,000-square-foot luxury retirement community has all of the necessities for a comfortable, active senior lifestyle — 24-hour staffing, a medical alert system, dining room, café, theater, chapel, library, hair salon, fitness center and full-facility generator.

"It's a whole lot more than bingo around here," said Tamra Ward, Abbey Park Administrator. "Anything our seniors are willing to do, we make available to them. We keep them as active as they can be for as long as possible so they can maintain their independence."

Never a dull moment

A typical week at Abbey Park kicks off on Sunday with an elegant Champagne Brunch, all-faiths church service and relaxing time with family and friends.

Then it's on manicure and pedicure Mondays, Wii bowling league Tuesdays, dinner night out Wednesdays, ice cream social Thursdays, Happy Hour Fridays and Grand Kids Day on Saturdays once a month.

Every day of the week is filled to the brim with planned entertainment or trips, a two-course dining menu and activities to encourage

seniors to live for the best of their lives.

"I'm busy all the time," Stubbs said. "We love going out on the bus on Wednesdays to dinner. We've been to the South Lyon Hotel, the Cantina and most of the restaurants in the area."

Family visits at Abbey Park are strongly encouraged. Stubbs said many of her grandchildren attend every Grand Kids Day and look forward to visiting. Her family in Salem Township and Novi are just a phone call or short drive away.

"All eight grandchildren that live nearby came to the grandkids day," Stubbs said. "The ones that can get around love to go up in the playroom and they like to play the piano. They love it."

Trips once a month to the casino, attendance at local plays and visits to the shopping mall are just the cusp of activity going on at Abbey Park.

"I have never been so comfortable in any place in my life. It reminds me of home."

— Rita Stubbs
Abbey Park at Mill River resident

Like a community all their own, residents operate a small Country Store with basic grocery and personal items, and participate on a council that weighs in on the daily menu and activities schedule.

"People call my office looking for their loved ones and say they're never in their rooms," Ward said. "There's so much to do here that most of our residents are busy socializing, watching a movie, playing a game of cards or something else going on that day."

With the standard of living at an all-time high in Lyon Township, Abbey Park fits right in with a well-maintained outdoor landscape and a vast indoor entranceway, complete with fireplaces, comfortable sitting area, water fountain and piano.



Rita Stubbs gets cozy in her two-bedroom apartment at Abbey Park at Mill River.

Affordable luxury

The service at Abbey Park is similar to what you'd find in Lyon Township and South Lyon — businesses going the extra mile with friendly staff and affordable prices.

Residents have access to a number of complimentary conveniences that are often an added expense at other retirement communities. On a daily basis, staff offers to make beds, empty trash and prepares two delicious meals. Once a week, Abbey Park residents are treated to a full cleaning service of their apartment, including bed linens and towels.

The community's apartments vary from one or two bedrooms with or without a den, kitchen, living room, bathroom and walk-in closet options. An emergency pull cord is accessible in each room of the apartment in case a resident needs assistance from a nurse. Each apartment has an enclosed patio or balcony as an added safety feature, and all top floor apartments have cathedral ceilings as an added amenity. Even heat, water and basic cable are included.

Stubbs said she recommends Abbey Park as a comfortable place to live, and welcomes any opportunity to make new friends.

"I'm definitely, positively absolutely at home," she said. "My kids come to visit and say 'Mom, we sure made the right decision when you decided to move here.' I just love it. They treat me wonderful."

Recent News

Abbey Park is now on Facebook

Check out Abbey Park's Facebook page at www.facebook.com, search: "Abbey Park at Mill River" to become a fan. Check out photos from year-round events, offer feedback or keep up on scheduled events.

Kudos to senior spellers

At a recent Livingston County Senior Spelling Bee, the regional finalist was an Abbey Park resident. Three residents participated in the finals after preparing in mock spelling bees for almost two months.

Happy ever after

At Abbey Park at Mill River's sister community in Grand Blanc, residents Dora Mayo and Joe Ashley recently married in the community's lobby after a courtship of one year.

Mayo moved into Abbey Park November 2008 after losing her husband of 57 years and four of her five children. Ashley moved in weeks later after losing his wife of 63 years. After meeting in Abbey Park, the two are now inseparable and happily married.

Grandkid's Day a success

At Grandkid's Day on Nov. 7, children enjoyed coloring and games in the activity center, puzzles in the café, letting loose in the playroom, Nintendo Wii bowling, a movie and ice cream and a presentation about safety dogs!

Bowling banquet

Abbey Park at Mill River recently held its second annual Nintendo Wii Bowling Tournament with an awards banquet and trophies. Congrats, winners!



A group of seniors prepare for a trip into town on the Abbey Park bus.

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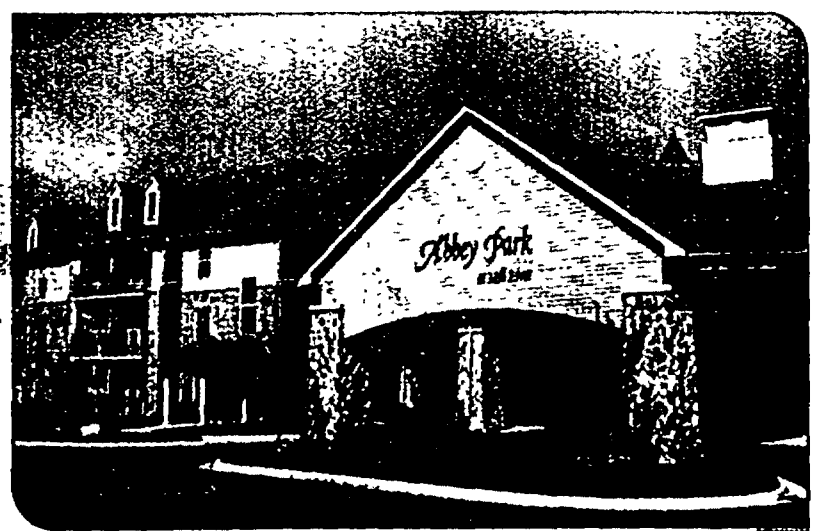


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Home weatherization help's available

Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Michigan Department of Human Services, the Wayne County Weatherization program offers income-eligible homeowners free weatherization services such as installing insulation, sealing of drafts and inspection of gas appliances and checking furnaces for carbon monoxide. This program helps reduce overall housing costs for the resident while increasing energy efficiency.

While funding levels vary from year to year, there has been a weatherization program in Michigan since 1974. Each year, about 4,000 eligible homeowners and renters benefit from the program.

Any low-income homeowner or renter may be eligible if they meet current federal poverty income guidelines. Gross income in the last 90 days from application date are as follows:

Family Size	Income Level
1	\$5,662
2	\$7,404
3	\$9,155
4	\$11,025
*add \$5,400 per additional person	

The service is provided free of charge to those who qualify. Family Independence Program (FIP) and Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI) recipients are automatically qualified for the program. Before any weatherization services can be provided, the landlord or manager of the rental building must sign a landlord agreement. An application is filled out; a pre-inspection of the home is completed by a certified inspector, work is performed by a licensed contractor and a certified post inspector will inspect the completed work on the home.

To see if you qualify and how to apply for weatherization, call the local weatherization office in your area.

Wayne County Weatherization - Serving Inkster, Westland, Romulus, Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, Sumpter, Van



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Partners are the U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Program and the Michigan Department of Human Services Weatherization Program.

The Oakland Livingston Human Service agency offers weatherization help in those counties. The low-income Home Weatherization program is a free service funded by the Federal Department of Energy (DOE) and administered by the Michigan

Department of Human Services (DHS). The program provides free energy conservation services for eligible low-income households.

DHS contracts with OLHSA to operate the program. The agency determines applicant eligibility, performs the necessary inspections and contracts with qualified, licensed and insured private contractors to complete the work. These services reduce energy use and lower utility bills, thus creating more self-sufficient households.

Energy savings services may include:

- Combustion appliance testing
- Installing ceiling insulation/ventilation
- Sidewall and floor insulation
- Interior sealing of major cold-air infiltration, areas utilizing blower door technology

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- Recorded deed with name and address
- Recorded Land Contract
- Mobile home owner must provide: Title with applicant's name
- Renters must have landlord: Complete and sign landlord agreement
- Provide proof of ownership (see homeowner above)
- Provide a couple of rental or lease agreement signed by both landlord and applicant

For more information on the OLHSA Weatherization Program, call (248) 209-2760.

Check with lawyer on spouse's signing

Q: I am wondering whether or not I can get out of a foreclosure proceeding because my wife did not sign the mortgage documents and they still foreclosed on me.

A: It all depends upon the facts, but in a recent case out of the U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit, located in Minnesota, the court found that in this particular case, the wife knew of the intent to mortgage the homestead



Robert M. Weisner

with the bank prior to its execution. The wife, in that case, retained the benefit of that mortgage by using the proceeds to pay off a previous construction

loan which she had signed and was obligated to repay and to obtain release of the construction loan's accompanying mortgage. The court also found that the bank significantly changed its position in reliance on the validity of its mortgage by lending substantial sums in exchange for the lien on the property. The court found that the couple should be estopped from now claiming that the mortgage is void in order to keep their home since they did not dispute the validity of the mortgage until four years after it was executed when they were facing foreclosure. Obviously, each case is unique on its own facts and you are best advised to check with a lawyer in your own state in regard to the possible ramifications.

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 17-21, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	
3848 Brumfield Ave	\$170,000
3011 Garden Ct	\$92,000
Birmingham	
657 Coolidge Rd	\$115,000
519 E Lincoln St	\$70,000
742 Emmons Ave	\$390,000
982 N Adams Rd	\$40,000
1188 Puritan Ave	\$460,000
Bloomfield Hills	
130 Guilford Rd	\$540,000
2078 W Bend Ct	\$550,000
4130 Wakefield Dr S	\$165,000
Bloomfield Township	
6025 Gilbert Lake Rd	\$420,000
1330 Oxford Rd	\$300,000
882 Tartan Trl	\$235,000
Clarkston	
6470 Enclave Dr	\$290,000
4517 N Easton Rd	\$225,000
7516 Ridge Valley Dr	\$195,000
Commerce Township	
4315 Creedmore St	\$105,000
5330 Riverwalk Trl	\$195,000
Davisburg	
5682 Hillsboro Rd	\$38,000
10850 Rattaiet Lake Rd	\$180,000
Farmington	
33933 State St	\$147,000
Farmington Hills	
33437 Arnold St	\$115,000
34705 Bridgeway St	\$100,000
23789 Coe Ave	\$150,000
29510 Glenhurst St	\$135,000
24596 Glen Orchard Dr	\$170,000
28382 Kendallwood Dr	\$199,000
26424 La Muera St	\$160,000
21225 Parker St	\$208,000
28793 Pellersburg St	\$240,000
35076 Red Pine Dr	\$155,000
29623 Shenandoah Dr	\$240,000
29545 Sierra Poni Cr	\$80,000
21331 Tully Ave	\$115,000
27996 W 11th Ave	\$40,000
Lake Orion	
43100 Cl	\$55,000
17515 Mill Ct	\$299,000
587 W Pontiac Ct	\$135,000
Northville	
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21620 Garfield Rd	\$395,000
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Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. Please RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

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Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@added-value.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

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Career Seminar

There will be a free 59-minute Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Keller Williams Realty, 36642 Five Mile, Livonia. Questions regarding start-up cost, commission and success potential will be answered. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve your seat.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a Certified Graduate course on Sales & Marketing for Remodelers on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builders Professional Group, will present strategies that will help remodelers build a positive reputation within the community and customers who will provide future leads. This course counts toward National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) designations CGA, CGR and

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Registration is \$155 for members of the NAHB Professional Remodelers Council, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org

Investors to meet

Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland will hold a monthly general membership meeting Thursday, Dec. 10, at MSU-Management Education Center, 811 Square Lake Road, Troy. It will include 5:30-7:15 p.m. networking; 6:15-7:15 p.m. Early Bird session; 7:15-7:30 p.m. general meeting; 7:30-9 p.m. speakers' presentation. For details, visit www.reiaoflankland.com or call (800) 747-6742.

The panel of experts includes: Bruce Redman, lawyer with Redman Law Firm, specializing in real estate since 1994; Suzanne Taube, in the mortgage lending industry for the last 25 years, working for companies like Countrywide, GMAC and Kaplan; Ellen Mahoney, with Loss Mitigation Consulting Services LLC, who has more than 26 years of experience in real estate and finance providing assistance to individuals assessing options pertaining to residential real estate.

There will be a question and answer time.

Q: I am in the process of selling our house, and we are willing to give "concessions." Will the appraiser take that into consideration in terms of the purchase value of the house?

A: It all depends upon the appraiser, but it also depends upon the type of concessions that you are giving. If, for example, you are selling a condominium and are agreeing to pay assessments for a number of years on behalf of the new purchaser, that may not be something that reflects upon the value of the home. I can tell you that banks are very skeptical of appraisers these days given the mortgage meltdown and you should clear your proposed appraiser with several lending institutions, if at all possible, and make sure that your prospective purchaser has got the right person.

Robert M. Weisner 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 bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 10-13, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton		Livonia		Northville		Redford		Westland		2050 N. Carlson St		580,000	
48172 Chesterfield Dr S	\$305,000	32240 Rush St	\$80,000	39646 Dun Rove Dr	\$233,000	46346 Westbriar Ct	\$225,000	2050 N. Carlson St	\$80,000	38478 Palmer Rd	\$55,000	580,000	
46549 Crosswick	\$252,000	10417 Bassett St	\$180,000	18355 Fiddlers Cv	\$142,000	12852 Brady	\$9,000	38478 Palmer Rd	\$55,000	8168 Randy Dr	\$70,000	580,000	
		35030 Elmira St	\$171,000	40948 Knightford Rd	\$235,000	18239 Denby	\$45,000	31140 Riviera Dr	\$207,000	2180 Stockmeyer Blvd	\$16,000	580,000	
		19535 Fitzgerald St	\$256,000	19531 Northridge Dr	\$55,000	9074 Fenton	\$178,000	2656 Treadwell St	\$16,000	626 Van Liew St	\$35,000	580,000	
		18362 Glastonbury Dr	\$300,000	39498 Northwind Ct	\$271,000	11360 Garfield	\$175,000	2220 W. Adams St	\$120,000	7325 Woodview St	\$55,000	580,000	
		12660 Haller St	\$179,000	355 Orchard Dr	\$70,000	9965 Hazen	\$63,000	7325 Woodview St	\$55,000	7385 Woodview St	\$18,000	580,000	
		18957 Harrison Ave	\$177,000	370 Yertes St	\$157,000	20428 Woodworth	\$35,000						
		30235 Hoy St	\$200,000										
		9166 Newburgh Rd	\$160,000										
		29601 Puritan St	\$158,000	48311 Hittop Dr E	\$365,000	7428 Afield St	\$64,000						
		8926 Roslyn St	\$100,000	15032 Maplewood Ln	\$150,000	39100 Forest Creek Dr	\$175,000						
		14655 Sessanna St	\$160,000	590 S Main St	\$230,000	7445 Hartel St	\$86,000						
				12653 Wendover Ct	\$290,000	32233 Merritt Dr	\$89,000						

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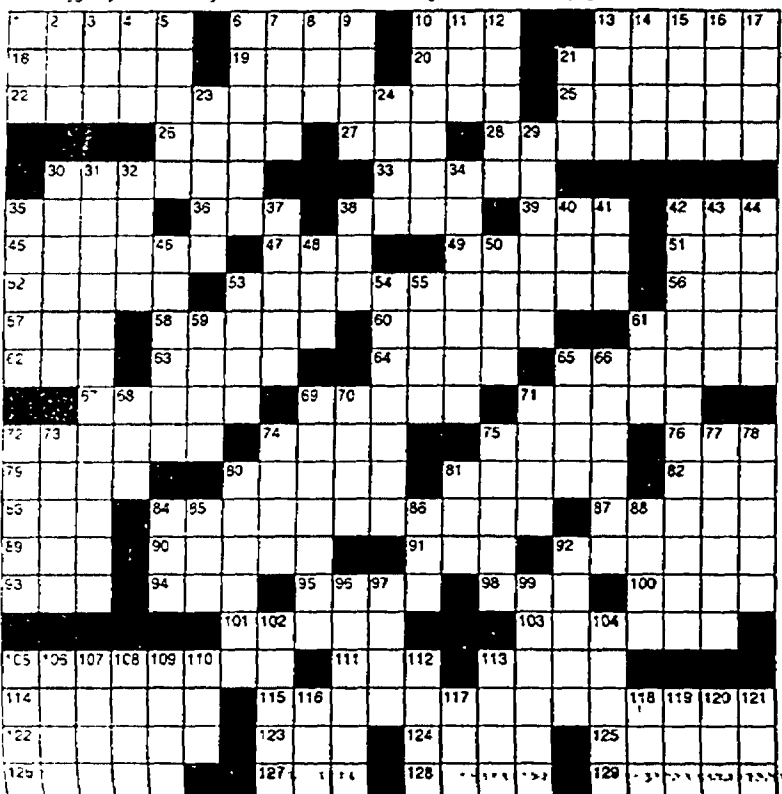
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18 Harden
19 Stephen's son
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21 Kisson's tool
22 Cat show
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26 Carpenter's item
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30 Degraded
33 McGoose's enemy
35 Bungle
36 One of the Marches
38 "I — you —"
39 Write House grip
42 Beret lun
45 Queen of mystery
47 To it like it
49 Winter warmer
51 See 105 Down
52 Slightly

53 Disk of a relative?
56 Branch
57 Swiss canton
58 "— Dawn" (73 song)
60 Moving man?
61 Sir-a-laced
62 71 Across feature
63 Support
64 Not quite adult
65 Kevin of "American Beauty"
67 Renown
69 Board game
71 Casals
72 Messenger
74 "Younger" Springtime (49 song)
75 Exceptional
76 Be a butinsky
79 So be a
80 Wallace of "The Princess Bride"
81 Type of orange
82 Bray
83 Lion's lair
84 A different place to get married?
87 Newscaster
88 Lesley

89 Mythical monster
90 Danby
91 UK honor
92 Steven of "Exit Wounds"
93 Comic Louis
94 JFK info
95 Literary loness
98 Edinburgh
100 Westover or
101 Emily
103 Indiana river
105 Wood-chopping mashup?
111 Married Mile
112 Identical
114 Use logic
115 Like a quick-fingered poker player?
122 Chased rainbows?
123 Competitor
124 "Des —"
125 — coat
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127 TV's "Too Close — Comfort"
128 Deserve
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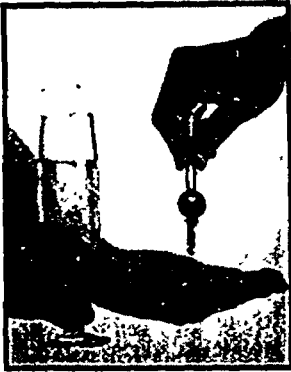
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