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Shopping mystery

The 23 businesses and restaurants have been selected in downtown Northville's "Solve the Mystery: Find the Blue Spruce" holiday shopping promotion. Find the "Blue Spruce" outside a store, pick up your calendar and get it stamped.

Prizes will be as follows:

- * Get 20 days stamped to be entered into the Grand Prize drawing — a \$500 Gift Certificate from Orin Jewelers.

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For those who can't find the blue spruce, four locations will offer a hint — Wine Sync, Ruffles or gg Boutique on Main Street and Sincerely Yours on Center Street. A Facebook account can be accessed by searching for "Blue Spruce in Northville."

Meeting canceled

In the absence of any submissions to the Northville Township Zoning Board of Appeals, the Dec. 16 meeting has been canceled. Based on recent direction from Meadowbrook Islamic Center Board members, Silviri Architects in Ferndale have postponed a revised request on behalf of their client for zoning variances to build a parking lot for the Islamic center on Eight Mile Road near Silver Springs Drive until the Jan. 20 ZBA meeting or later. The plan is to reduce the request from 42 parking spaces in the residential area to less than 35 spaces.

Craft, bake sale

Northville American Legion is holding a craft and bake sale from noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 100 W. Dunlap, Northville.

Events slated

The Northville Community Senior Center (303 W. Main Street) Christmas Luncheon will take place at noon on Dec. 17 with music, songs, Santa Claus telling a Christmas story and pictures with Santa available. Bring a gift for a grab bag with a value of \$5. Register by Dec. 8 by calling (248) 349-4140.

Tribute to honor soldiers who served in World War II



Northville Township resident Fred Millard shows off some of his World War II memorabilia. He will be featured in Keith Famie's film about World War II veterans that premieres this month.

Northville resident to star in filmmaker's new work

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Fred Millard still gets a little teary-eyed when he talks about his World War II days.

The 85-year-old Northville Township resident will be one of the veterans featured in Novi filmmaker Keith Famie's film *Detroit, Our Greatest Generation*, coming Dec. 13 to the Fox Theatre in downtown Detroit.

Millard, who has lived in the township for 40 years, was a member of the oldest and most decorated infantry division in the U.S. Army and was a survivor of the first wave on D-Day on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944. A lot of those soldiers didn't make it.

He was presented with two Purple Hearts for his injuries — one when he stepped on a mine, one when he was shot in the left arm. The late Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, his personal hero, presented the Purple Heart for his first injury. He laughs that he received the other one in the mail.

Millard met Famie when he came to Willow Run

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Novi filmmaker Keith Famie filming "Detroit, Our Greatest Generation," which will be shown at the Fox Theatre in Detroit on Dec. 13

WHERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Tickets for the Dec. 13 90-minute film *Detroit, Our Greatest Generation* at the Fox Theatre in Detroit are available for \$23 and \$33 through Ticketmaster or the Fox Theatre box office. VIP tickets are \$150 per person, with limited availability. The VIP reception will be 5:30-6:45 p.m., with doors open for reserved seating at 6:45 p.m. Detroit rocker Mitch Ryder and singer/songwriter Stewart Francke will perform with the U.S. Army Military Band 338. There will also be a special Andrews Sisters USO Revue. Checks can be made payable to the Yankee Air Museum, a 501(c)(3) organization. A 58-minute version of the film will air at 8 p.m. Dec. 16 on WDTV-TV (Channel 4), with a repeat airing at 2 p.m. Christmas Day. For more information, call (248) 869-0096.

State board meets about hospital land grant

Award would lower purchase price by \$2M

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Results of the decision weren't available at press time, but a state board was slated to make a decision on a \$7,053,700 land acquisition grant for Northville Township yesterday.

Members of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board met yesterday in Lansing to discuss whether to award the grant.

The money would go toward the purchase of some of the acreage at the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital site on Seven Mile Road.

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said if the grant is awarded, it would reduce the purchase price on the \$23.5 million piece of property by \$2 million.

Last August, residents passed a millage that will fund the purchase of the property, which township leaders would like to turn into a passive park.

"Coupled with the facts that the cleanup costs are supposed to be lower than expected and the interest rate on the bond rate is going to be only 4.13 percent instead of an estimated 5.5 percent, the awarding of this grant would mean a win-win for the township," Abbo said.

Margie Banner, township trustee, and Grant Trigger, a representative of REIS-Northville, the developer who owns the property, drove to Lansing yesterday to be present for the meeting.

REIS-Northville is a partnership between developers Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company.

MORE THAN \$35 MILLION AVAILABLE

According to blogs on the Web site m-bike.org, the board was to make funding recommendations on park development and land acquisition projects across Michigan yesterday.

Lana Pollack, board chair, said about \$25.7 million is available for land acquisition and about \$9.7 million is available for development projects.

Not all projects will be funded, at least this year, as more than \$59 million in land acquisition requests and more than \$26 million in development requests were under consideration.

Known as 09-174 Northville Township Linear Park Acquisition, the request is for the acreage to be owned by the township to become a linear park be linked to the Wayne County Hines Parkway and Southeast Michigan Green Trails Network.

Check the Record's Web site, www.northvillerecord.com, for updates on the board's decision.

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Northville officer doing better after car crash

Brain surgery is performed

A Northville Township police officer is apparently doing better after a tragic motor vehicle accident in the line of duty on Nov. 23.

Officer Richard Babb underwent brain surgery the day of the accident.

He was removed from a ventilator and was in stable condition as of Nov. 27.

"We are encouraged by his improvements," said John Werth, director of public safety for the township.



J. Williams



J. Milligan

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy charged Joshua Nyle Milligan, 22, and James Ryan Williams, 20, both of Ypsilanti, in connection with the 3:50 a.m. Nov. 23 alleged theft of an auto. The police car crash occurred at the intersection of Six Mile

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DDA board discusses making Mary Alexander Court two-way street

No left-hand turn would be allowed from Center Street

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Mary Alexander Court – the only one-way street in downtown Northville – may soon become two-way.

Bob Doyle of JJR Architects, a landscape architecture firm in Ann Arbor, presented a proposal in favor of the change at the Northville Downtown Development Authority's Nov. 17 board meeting.

The recommendation is part of the DDA's \$2-million street repair and landscape project expected to begin next spring.

"This is the direction we're heading in," Doyle said about considering Mary Alexander Court becoming two-way.

Mary Alexander Court is the street directly behind Town Square that runs parallel with Main Street from Hutton to Center Street.

TRUCK TRAFFIC EASTBOUND ONLY

Although the court would become a two-way street, truck traffic would be allowed to travel eastbound only from Center to Hutton Street. "We would also provide an area where trucks

"The whole idea is to make the downtown more user-friendly. I think two-way traffic is a step toward that goal."

GREG PRESLEY, DDA chair

can load and unload," Doyle said.

"The dimensions are quite tight in there, so we're recommending parallel parking rather than angle parking," Doyle said.

Angle parking is currently used on the court. Also, seven parking spaces would be lost with the change.

The new design would provide a continuous pedestrian pathway from Center Street to Hutton Street.

CHAIR LIKES RECOMMENDATION

Greg Presley, DDA chair, said he believes two-way traffic will help the businesses along Mary Alexander Court.

"The parallel parking will lend itself more to outdoor dining," Doyle said.

Pat Sullivan, city manager, said he would like to ask business owners in the CadyCentre



JOHN HEDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

City planners are considering making Mary Alexander Court a two-way road in downtown Northville. The road runs parallel, and just south of, Main Street. Currently it's a one-way road running to the west.

Building at Cady and Center streets if they think the two-way street concept is a good idea.

"This (the two-way concept) has been considered for probably 10 years," Presley said.

Doyle thinks making the court two-way is more visitor-friendly.

But, "There may be a creative solution we haven't come up with yet," he said.

Jim Long, DDA board member, said he doesn't think the two-way-street idea is worth the headache. But board members Mayor Chris Johnson and Margene Buckhave like it.

"I think two-way traffic on Mary Alexander is an idea whose time has come," said Lynda Heaton, board member.

Lou LaChance, board member, also likes the two-way street proposal.

"Two-way traffic would help getting out of the parking lot," on the south side of Mary Alexander Court, said Mary Starring, board member. "People get confused. We don't have any other one-way streets in Northville."

Ken Roth, school board president, said he wonders if making the court two-way will really increase foot traffic and business traffic.

"I think additional steps need to be taken," Roth said.

"The whole idea is to make the downtown more user-friendly," Presley said. "I think two-way traffic is a step toward that goal."

Sidewalk amenities are also planned as part of the new design.

Bob Buckhave, downtown business owner, said he's all for sidewalk amenities, but that there's a dollar value to every parking space.

City council members will weigh in on the two-way street proposal for the court in the future.

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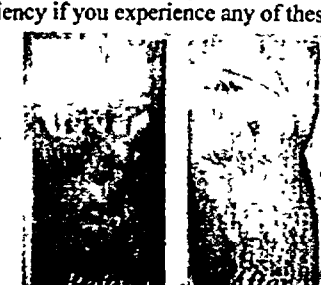
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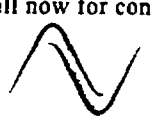


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FILM

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Airport in May 2008 for a photo of area World War II veterans, which gave Famie a chance to start meeting people who would be in his new film.

His memory is vivid about his war experiences, and he's going to speak to a local school group about it Dec. 8.

"When the bow ramp dropped in the Higgins boat, we were trained to move and move fast," Millard said. "Didn't matter if the guy in front of you got shot. We were instructed to keep going. Unfortunately, I stepped out into seven feet of water. I can tell you something, too — I'm not seven feet tall."

He and his wife, Shirley, are looking forward to the film premiere.

FILM TAKES MORE THAN YEAR

Famie has been working on the film for at least 14 months, more than 80 hours of film. It includes 25-30 people with speaking parts and about 50 who help tell the story.

He calls it a celebration. Famous broadcaster Tom Brokaw offers a short message near the beginning of the film. Attorney General Mike Cox, Rep. John Dingell and Holocaust survivor Sam Offen will be at the Dec. 13 premiere. And hundreds of World War II veterans and their family members will attend.

"It's a proud moment for all of us in Detroit and especially that generation in Detroit to be recognized by Tom Brokaw," Famie said.

The Fox Theatre seats about 5,000, Famie said, and less than 2,000 tickets have been sold, so there are plenty of tickets still available.

"The film is also about what it's like for this generation to get old," Famie said.

Famie's father, Albert, who died seven years ago, was a B-17 bombardier in the Army Air Corps before the U.S. Air Force existed. He served in the Aleutian Islands off the coast of Alaska during World War II. He's in the film.

"There are so many lives that we're going to touch with this film," said Famie, who added

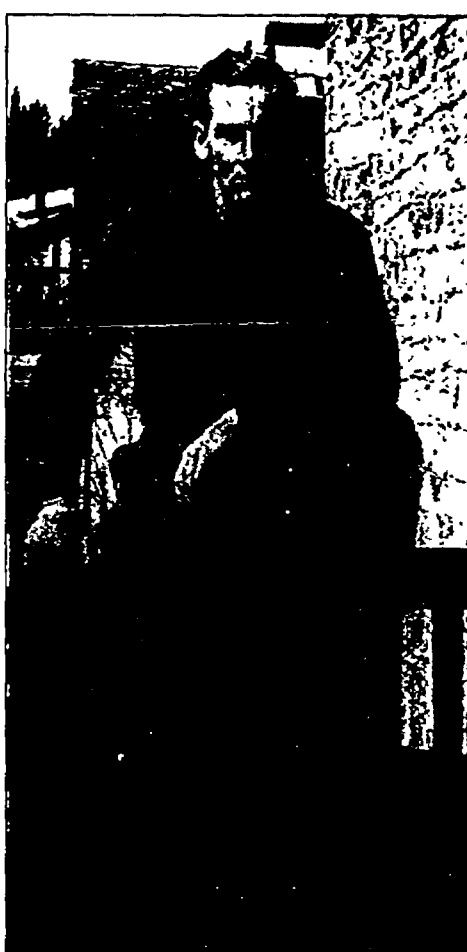


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The young Fred Millard in Germany while he was a U.S. Army soldier during World War II.

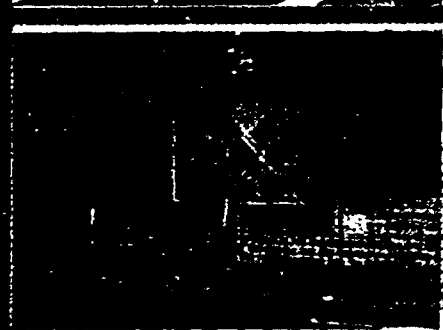
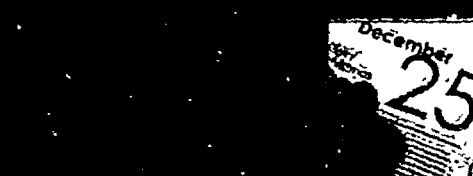
that about 1,500 World War II veterans are dying every day.

"We've lost six since we started the film," he said. "I'm excited for the film to be seen and for these veterans to feel thanked. When they're gone, we're going to miss them."

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DAZZLE YOUR GUESTS WITH HOLIDAY ETIQUETTE TIPS 101

You've spent the entire day cooking the perfect holiday feast. But it's an hour before your guests arrive, and you find yourself standing in front of the table, listening to a little nagging voice in your head.

Does the knife go on the left, fork on the right, or is it the other way around? Is that centerpiece too tall? Should I go ahead and put food on table before guests arrive, or do I wait until everyone gets here?

If you can't answer those questions, don't feel alone. In today's eat-on-the-run world, you're not the only one to flunk holiday etiquette.

"Table manners have become a lost art," says etiquette expert Jill Slatter. "Think back 15 or 20 years ago, families gathered every evening for a proper meal. But these days we're all stretched so thin juggling work, school and home, most folks don't have time to sit down together, so when holidays roll around no one's sure what to do at a formal meal."

Slatter is an etiquette coach at Greensboro, N.C.-based Replacements, Ltd., touted as the world's largest supplier of old and new china, silver, crystal and collectibles. The company is bombarded with questions this time of year from folks looking for a crash course in proper manners and table settings. Based on the most frequently asked questions, Slatter offers this quick holiday etiquette 101 to give you

insight that will dazzle your guests.

Set the perfect table

- Forks to the left, knives and spoons to the right. Only set out utensils that will be used for various courses. "If you're not serving soup or salad, you certainly don't want an extra spoon or fork in your place setting," Slatter says. "Not only will those get in the way, the extra utensils may confuse your guests."
- The bread plate goes on the left of the dinner plate, glasses on the right.
- Wait to pour. Water glasses should be the only glasses filled before your guests arrive. Iced tea, wine and other beverages should be poured once everyone is seated. Wine should be filled halfway, not to the rim.
- Salad and bread should be the only food on the table when your guests arrive.
- Courses are generally served in the following order in the United States: appetizer, soup, salad, main course, dessert.

Are you the hostess with the mostest?

- Remember, the hostess always sits last.
- Unscented candles are a great part of holiday decor, but should only be lit during the evening. "Another thing to keep in mind, flickering candles are more than a distraction, those can cause headaches," warns Slatter. "That's why you never want to place burning candles directly in front of your guest, and make sure you situate the flame below eye level."



- Centerpiece too tall? Sure those flowers you spent hours arranging are pretty, but will only get in the way if your guests have to crane their necks to look at each other. Make sure your guests can see over any table adornments.
- Passing isn't just in football. Always pass food around the table counter clockwise to the right and refrain from serving yourself first. Always pass the salt and pepper as a set, even if you're only asked for one.

Be a gracious guest

- Avoid the smear. Female guests should blot their lips before sitting down at the table. This will keep you from getting lipstick stains on linen napkins or glassware.
- Wait for the signal. Your host will let you know when it's okay to begin eating. They may make a prayer or statement or start by passing a dish.
- If you're not sure which utensil to use with each course, start on the outside and work in toward the plate.
- If you need to excuse yourself temporarily, gently place your napkin in your chair.
- Signify you're finished with the meal by placing napkin to the left of the dinner plate, and your fork and knife side by side diagonally across your plate with the sharp side of the knife blade facing inward and the fork tines down.

"One of the most panicked questions we hear concerns what to do if

you accidentally break a piece of the host's dinnerware," adds Slatter. "You should certainly offer to replace the broken piece especially if it has sentimental value for the host or hostess."

Slatter says don't lose hope if your host doesn't know the name of the pattern or the manufacturer—you can always take advantage of Replacements' free pattern identification service.

If you're still in doubt about holiday etiquette 101, a cheat sheet is just a mouse click away. You can find place setting guides outlining the correct layout for all meals at www.replacements.com, under the site's "neat things" tab. With these tips in mind, you're sure to throw the perfect gathering.

— Courtesy of ARAcontent

Clarification

On the Nov. 12 Thanksgiving Traditions holiday page A4, the story, "A twist on tradition," should have read:

"Completely submerge the bird in a large container for about six days." Executive Chef Jim Moschini of the Culinary Arts Institute at the Art Institute of Novato does not recommend the use of a paint bucket for this task. He also recommends refrigerating the turkey at all times during the brining process.

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EDUCATION



Dr. Rezmierski (second from right) with his wife, Dr. Virginia Rezmierski (center), was surprised with the 2009 MASA Region 9 Superintendent of the Year Award at a recent Northville Board of Education meeting. There to present the award were (from left) William Hamilton, Joan Sergeant and Barb Lott, along with Chris Wigent (far right).

Dr. Rezmierski recognized as Superintendent of the Year

Widely respected by colleagues, school parents and community members for putting the needs of Northville students first, Northville Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski has been named the 2009 Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA) Region 9 Superintendent of the Year.

Rezmierski was recognized at the Nov. 10 Northville Board of Education meeting where he was presented with a plaque from MASA. MASA Region 9 is comprised of the 82 school districts in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties (except for Detroit). All of the finalists from MASA's 10 regions will automatically be considered for the State Superintendent of the Year honor, to be announced this month. The State Superintendent of the Year then becomes eligible for the 2010 American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National Superintendent of the Year award, announced in February.

"Len is one of the most talented, dedicated and deep thinking superintendents I have had the pleasure of working with throughout my 28 years in education," said Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (WCRESA) Superintendent Chris Wigent in a letter nominating Dr. Rezmierski. "I continue to be impressed with his commitment to the profession, and it is clear to so many that he always keeps what is best for students in the forefront of his decisions."

The seven members of the Northville Board of Education nominated Rezmierski for the Superintendent of the Year honors. In the application the board noted, "During his 18 years as superintendent, our district has doubled in size and we have built and renovated many buildings to accommodate our growing Northville Public Schools family. More importantly, we have grown in our capacity to educate each child and to improve as an organization. We believe our focus on learning, collaboration and service will be an integral part of Dr. Rezmierski's legacy."

In a joint letter nominating Dr. Rezmierski for the award, Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo, City of Northville Mayor Chris Johnson and Northville Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jody Humphries wrote, "Under (Rezmierski's) leadership, the Northville schools continue to be the focal point of our community; a community that embraces the high academic standards and quality of our school district, and enjoys the spirit involved in all the activities our school children provide to the community."

Those nominating Rezmierski for the Region 9 Superintendent of the Year honors noted a

multitude of accomplishments in his 18 years as Northville's superintendent including his vision that created the "Instructional Support Team" concept, which identifies and addresses early learning needs in students in their regular classrooms before more serious problems develop; his work in creating the Galileo Leadership Consortium, an innovative leadership development program for educators; and his commitment to community service, which has helped fuel the extraordinary involvement of Northville's students in local, regional and international efforts to make the world a better place.

"I am honored and humbled to be recognized with this award," Rezmierski said. "During these challenging times for public schools in Michigan, I am very fortunate to work alongside the best and brightest our state has to offer, from my fellow public school leaders across the state, to my outstanding Northville Public Schools colleagues, as well as our incredible board members, students, school families and community members."

"I have been blessed in my 40 years as an educator to have the support and counsel of so many incredible individuals who share my passion for public education; most especially my family and my wife, Virginia."

Before taking on the duties as superintendent of Northville Public Schools in 1991, Rezmierski served as the district's executive director of Special Education for 15 years. In addition, Rezmierski has taken on leadership positions in numerous state and national professional organizations over the years including as vice president, president and past-president of MASA; two terms as president of the Tri-County Alliance of Superintendents; as president of the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children; and as a member of the National Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors. He is currently serving his second term as president of the Wayne County School Superintendents Association and recently completed MASA's voluntary professional development and credentialing program for Michigan K-12 superintendents called The Courageous Journey.

On hand to present the Superintendent of the Year award to Rezmierski at the November 10 Board of Education meeting were WCRESA Superintendent Chris Wigent; Dr. Joan Sergeant, executive director of the Tri-County Alliance of Superintendents; Barb Lott, superintendent of Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools and current president of the Tri-County Alliance; and William Hamilton, superintendent of Walled Lake Consolidated Schools and former director of Curriculum for Northville Public Schools.

Local high school tragedy opens doors for discussion

BY NATHAN MENOIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Northville High School was shocked and saddened by the recent suicide death of one of their 11th grade students.

Once the community and high school students were informed of the tragedy, which occurred in northern Michigan a few weeks ago, the district faced a delicate decision: Whether or not to allow four scheduled high school performances, that same week, of the play "Romeo and Juliet," which deals with the topic of teen suicide.

"Romeo and Juliet" is a regular part of the ninth grade English curriculum. The district said it is their hope that the school community will take time to reflect on the seriousness of teen suicide.

Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, Northville school superintendent, upon hearing the sad news, called the district's Crisis Planning Team together to meet with staff and administrators on how to best to help students and families deal with the sudden loss of one of their students.

He said they articulated a plan that included a gut-wrenching decision to go ahead with the play.

Present at the meeting were high school counselors, psychologists, social workers, and eight local clergy. The ongoing safety, health and well being of the students were major parts of the discussion. It was decided the best way to help the situation was to not cancel the play, and to also include a message at the close of each performance, given by the assistant principal, one of the actors in the play.

The message given to the audience chronicled the sadness of the situation, and also spoke to the moment, saying to students in attendance, that often times, teens and adults have thoughts of suicide.

Students were encouraged to let their parents, or teachers, social workers, and counselors know when they need to talk about their feelings on the subject of death and other difficult topics, rather than hold them in.

'Suicide and teen suicide is a very difficult issue, for which students need to have ways and opportunity to discuss their feelings on such matters.'

DR. LEONARD REZMIERSKI, Northville school superintendent.

Rezmierski felt it was a very powerful message that coincided with the tragedy of the situation.

"Suicide and teen suicide is a very difficult issue, for which students need to have ways and opportunity to discuss their feelings on such matters," he said.

"We are all deeply saddened by the loss of this young man. He was a student in our district and we take what happened very seriously," Rezmierski added. "I met with the family and found it personally very humbling in offering sympathy."

The high school has an open door policy for all students to speak with counselors, the principal, a social worker, and any member of the staff when it comes to personal and emotional matters.

"Parents, as well, are very much welcomed to call the school and speak with any staff member in regards to their questions, or about their students," Rezmierski said. "If parents want to visit the school, classroom, they're welcome. We're committed to helping parents and students deal with the tough issues facing families and children today."

Rezmierski said he is pleased with how quickly everyone responded so passionately in dealing with the tragedy.

"We're all human and no one thinks less of you in sharing your thoughts," he said, referring to students who may be hesitant to open up about their feelings.

Lynn Mossian is special services director in the Northville district. She says the high school's open door policy is unique.

"The kids know it's the place to go and get support whenever they need to," she said

A year ago, the district developed practices to deal with suicide threats, and the act itself.

And beyond that, Mossian said, "when we see someone who is failing, there are interventions we can put in place."

There is a buddy 'peer program' at the high school that students can take advantage of. Someone that will help introduce them around and get them acclimated to the school, especially if they're new to the district.

"We don't have depression groups because we're not a clinical setting. But we have procedures in place that we respond to for students with emotional issues," Mossian said.

"Parents who have concerns can always call the principal, the counseling department at the building level, or myself at the central office, if they're looking for ways to help, especially if they feel their child's behavior is changed or sullen."

Rob Watson, Northville high school principal, was careful to say that the school itself is dealing with the matter as openly as it can, while being sensitive and respectful to the grieving family.

He said that there are times when students will have 'suicide ideation,' which is thinking about the act of suicide.

Watson struggles with the fact that many hurting students don't feel as if they can open up to anyone. He wishes he had better ways to reach out to students just to let them know there are people in the school and the community who honestly care about their well being.

"You have to take it seriously when a student says they want to hurt themselves, or commit suicide. That's when we contact the parents and help them get in touch with the right people that very day," Watson said.

"We can't help kids who don't share their thoughts with anyone," he said. "The hardest to reach are ones who don't say anything about what they're feeling."

Nathan Menoian is a free-lance writer living in Milford

Northville accepting alternative learning student nominations

Northville Public Schools is accepting parent nominations for testing for Alternative Learning Programs for Students (ALPS), the school district's gifted magnet program housed at Amerman Elementary School with continued programming at Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools. Parents who believe their child exhibits exceptional academic ability and has a need for alternative programming may want to consider requesting an assessment.

Students who can be referred for ALPS testing include:

- Second grade students living within the school community and those who plan to enroll in Northville Public Schools for the 2010-11 school year.

- Third, fourth and fifth grade students who are not currently enrolled in Northville Public Schools, but live in the school community and plan to enroll for the 2010-11 school year. (All currently enrolled third and fifth grade students are already scheduled to be

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For more information regarding ALPS testing, as well as copies of the ALPS brochures and parent nomination forms, please visit the school district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us. Some information about the Cogent (ITBS) and ability (CogAT) tests used to determine ALPS placement is available at www.riversidepublishing.com. Since these are protected tests, very little information can be shared.

tested.)

- New fourth grade students who enroll in Northville Public Schools after June 2009.

Nominated second graders will be tested Jan. 25-28 from 7:45-9:45 a.m. Parents are responsible for providing transportation to the testing location, which is the Northville elementary school where their neighborhood is

assigned. Students should arrive a few minutes early to be ready to begin testing promptly at 7:45 a.m. For those students not currently enrolled in Northville Public Schools, parents also will be responsible for picking up their student after testing at 9:45 a.m.

Third and fifth grade students will be tested beginning the week of Feb. 1. Newly enrolled fourth graders, or those who wish to enroll in Northville Public Schools for the 2010-11 school year, also will be tested beginning the week of Feb. 1.

Nomination forms for students other than third and fifth graders currently enrolled in Northville Public Schools must be received by Friday, Dec. 18. Completed forms should be sent to the ALPS Office, Room 104, Northville Public Schools, 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167 or faxed to (248) 347-6928.

Visit the district website or contact Beth McGlennen or Janice Henderson at (248) 344-8467.

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GABRIELLE ADAMCZYK

Age 12, passed away November 23, 2009. She was born on August 19, 1997, in Ann Arbor. She was a student at Hardy Elementary School in South Lyon. Gabrielle is survived by her parents Stephen Adamczyk, Laura Lee (Adon) Staeble, her twin sister Elsa Rose, brother Andrew, grandparents: Edward and Gloria Weyman, Steven and Helen Adamczyk; sister-in-law Marsha (Pat) Mandia; cousins: Amy, Audrey and Lavonne; and her caretaker Sharon McGuire. Visitation was held on November 29, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Therapeutic Riding Inc., 4715 E. Joy Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105 or the Shriners Hospital for Children, 434 Temple, Detroit, MI 48201. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

JOYCE ALBERS

Age 77, passed away on November 24, 2009. Joyce was born on January 9, 1932 to the late Chester and Elsie Counts. Joyce is survived by her loving husband Henry Albers; children: Vicky (Bill) Finn, Kelly (Mike) Kuzma, Bill (Diane) Bowman; granddaughter Nikki and grandson Sam; twin sister Jean Lee; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sisters Wanda and Vivian. A memorial gathering will be held on Friday, December 4, 2009 from 3-9 pm at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake St., South Lyon. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 11:00 am at Phillips Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be sent to Apple Blossom Hill Adult Foster Care, Hartland, MI. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

JAROLD HARDING CANFIELD

Age 90, died on January 21, 2009 at his home in Littleton, Colorado. He was born on October 15, 1918 in New Hudson, Michigan to Elsie (Harding) and William Goldy Canfield on the farm that his great-grandfather had taken up from the U.S. government in 1833. He graduated from New Hudson High School and attended Michigan State University. He was drafted into the Army in 1941 and was stationed at various forts in the Puget Sound area. He married Jennetta Olive Dobbs "Janet" of Victoria, B.C., Canada April 3, 1945 in Seattle, Washington. They moved to South Lyon in December 1945 upon his discharge from the Army. Harding retired from Ford Motor Company in 1980 after 42 years, having worked first on the line at the factory in Milford, then as a supervisor and the last 20 years in the office in Production Control at Rawsonville. Harding was an active member of First United Methodist Church in South Lyon, helped out on his brother, John's farm in New Hudson until 1997, traveled extensively with Janet, and enjoyed gardening his entire life. In 1997 Janet and Harding moved to Littleton, where he was active in Columbine United Church, the local NCHA hikers/campers group, and Kiwanis. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Janet, his parents, and his sister, Mary Elizabeth. Harding is survived by his son, Edward Harding Canfield (wife Vicki) of Littleton, Colorado, daughter, Nancy Louise Peterson (husband Leonard) of Aurora, Colorado, and grandchildren, Jessica Lynn Canfield and Holly Nicole Canfield. He is also survived by his brother, John Lucius Canfield and by nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held February 3 at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colorado. Memorials in Harding's name may be made to Columbine United Church, 6375 S. Platte Canyon Road, Littleton, CO 80123 or Kiwanis Club of Columbine, P.O. Box 620243, Littleton, CO 80162. Arrangements have been made through Aspen Mortuaries, Lakewood, Colorado.

CLARENCE "CHAPPIE" CHAPMAN

Age 87, passed away November 23, 2009. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was born on February 5, 1922, in Brighton, to the late Fred and Lillian (Wooding) Chapman. He moved to South Lyon 55 years ago. He was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon. Chappie is survived by his wife of 67 years, Betty Chapman; his children: Tom (Jean) Chapman, Raymond (Bev) Chapman, Kenny Chapman; grandchildren: Todd (Jilly) Chapman, Tracie Chapman and Kerth Long, Bridget (Jake) Rullema, Brandon (Samantha) Chapman; great-grandchildren: Adam and Ryan; and his dear cousin Joan Fackelman. He was preceded in death by his brother Tom. A funeral service was held on Nov. 28 at the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

WILLIAM PATRICK CLEMENTS

Age 59, passed away Nov. 5, 2009. Graveside service Monday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m. at South Lyon Cemetery. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



PAMELA K. CUTTY

Pamela Kay Cutty, 53, of Key West, FL, passed away Friday, November 20, 2009 at her residence in Key West, FL. Pam was born August 27, 1956, in Pontiac, Michigan, the daughter of Edward and Dorothy (Ashby) Derocher. Surviving is her husband Jim Cutty of Key West, FL; daughter, Kris Wilson and husband Andy of Livonia, MI; granddaughter, Riley Wilson; mother, Dorothy Derocher; brother, Edward (Cathy) Derocher; sisters, Debbie (Bud) Barnett, Kim McCallan, Jackie (Junior) Grosinski, Pat (Glen) Holt; Dear friends, Jill, Nate, Zack, Huff. Preceded in death by her father; sisters, Sherrie Jean Derocher, Brenda Phillips. Memorial services will be held Monday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Milford United Methodist Church, 1200 Atlantic Milford, MI. The Dean-Lopez Funeral Home is entrusted with all funeral arrangements.

MARJORIE GOIT

Age 93, died Sunday, November 22, 2009 in the care of her family. Memorials to Hospice of Michigan. For further information please call. 248 684 6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

DOROTHY J. HOOGEESTEGE

84, died Nov. 28, 2009 in Traverse City. Funeral services will be on Fri., Dec. 4 at noon at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. View full obituary at www.wolfeoneill.com.

CARL LEE LIDDY JR.

62 of Cadillac, MI formerly of Howell, MI. Son of Carl Lee Liddy & Colleen Burwell, brother to Lee Liddy, husband to Frances Liddy, father of Rich & Eric Liddy, grandfather to many grandchildren. He worked as a machinist at Numatics in Highland, MI for 30+ years and loved raising white German shepherd dogs. A memorial service will be held at 12:00 PM on Friday, December 4, 2009 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel with gathering to begin at 11:00 AM. Please leave a message of comfort to Carl's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guestbook at: www.borekjennings.com

MARIE FRANCES (FLYNN) MASTEN

Age 88, Nov. 20, 2009. Funeral held Tues. at St. James Church, Novi. Family would prefer a Mass or memorial donations in her name to Alzheimer Assoc. Online condolences: www.obrienlivanfuneralhome.com

EVA A. MCCARTHY

Age 96, of Northfield Twp., passed away November 30, 2009. For arrangements, please call PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon or go to www.phillipsfuneral.com

CAROLE SUE MCLEAN

Age 77, of South Lyon, passed away Nov. 25, 2009. A private service will be held. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

NICHOLAS JOHN PLENNERT II

Age 36, passed away November 23, 2009. A Memorial service was held on November 27, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

DONNA L. SHANNON

Age 58 of White Lake. Beloved daughter of Donato and Norma Spong; cherished mother of Mathew (Kelly) Shannon and Lauren Ferency; loving grandmother of Dayton Ferency and Brody Shannon, dear sister of David (Cyndi) Spong. A retired Dance and Physical Education Teacher at Hillside Middle School, Northville, Donna was a 2 time Fulbright Scholar, professional jet ski racer and loved golfing, cooking, the beach and her family. Arrangements were handled by the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, White Lake. Memorials to Memorials to UMCC, Office of Development, 301 E. Liberty, ste. 130, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 Altin Infusion Fund. Visit www.mem.com to share a memory.

LILA M. SLAY

Age 69, passed away November 21, 2009. A Burial service was held on Nov. 24, 2009 at Christian Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

LOUISE (DESCHUTTER) SOAVE

Age 81, Nov. 26, 2009. Funeral held at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Nov. 30. Donations may be made to Arbor Hospice, St. Patrick's Church, American Cancer Society, or Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Condolences: www.obrienlivanfuneralhome.com

MARILYNN M. TAYLOR

Age 72, previously of Northville, passed away Nov. 28, 2009. Funeral Service held last Wed. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. She was laid to rest at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Contributions to Karmanos Cancer Institute appreciated.

BETTY JANE UTLEY

Age 81, Nov. 27, 2009. Grandmother of Troy (Ragan) Wilson & great-grandmother of 3. Predeceased by husband, Charles; son, James; brother, Floyd & mother, Dorothy. Services were previously held. www.obrienlivanfuneralhome.com

JAKE CULLEN WEISENBERGER

Age 17, passed away at home November 23, 2009. He was born on August 13, 1992, in Pontiac, to Richard and Charlene (Compton) Weisenberger. Jake is survived by his loving parents Richard and Charlene Weisenberger; his brother Richard Weisenberger Jr.; grandparents Richard and Mary Krzykowski. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Richard and Margaret Weisenberger. A funeral service was held on November 25 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARGARET ELIZABETH WISEMAN

Age 92, passed away November 26, 2009. She was born on November 23, 1917, in Plymouth, to the late John Ferdinand and Elizabeth (Scheunemann) Bakhaus. She worked at the South Lyon Herald for many years and was a devoted member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Margaret will always be remembered as a loving and caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a true friend to all. Margaret is survived by her loving children: Cheryl (Lee) Mayo, Kent (Cheryl) Wiseman; grandchildren: Tammy Angel, Matthew Addington, Brett Addington, Michael and Jonathan Wiseman; great-grandchildren: Gabrielle Angel, Isaac Angel; siblings: Frances (Ray) Manzel, Roy (Velma) Bakhaus, sister-in-law Hildreth Bakhaus. She was preceded in death by her brothers: Edward Bakhaus and John (Roma) Bakhaus. Visitation was held Sunday, and Monday, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

WEDDING



Anderson & Burt

Monica Anderson and Brandon Burt, both of Chicago, were married Aug. 1, 2009, in St. John's Chapel.

The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Denise Anderson of Novi and a graduate of Michigan State University.

The groom is the son of Christopher and Theresa Burt of Brighton and an engineer graduate of Kettering University.

Father David Howell officiated the ceremony. The bride's attendants were Melissa Affholter, Beth Polchowski, Sarah Affholter, Sara Dionise, Laura Burt and Veronica Burt. The groom's attendants were Ryan Burt, Matthew Gerwin, Ryan Watson, Bill Pare, Eric Renda, and Garrett Anderson.

A reception was held at the Inn at St. John's. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Chicago.

ENGAGEMENT

Stringer & Mowat

Patricia Hathorn Stringer, of Northville, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Lynn Stringer, also of Northville, announce the engagement of Amy Elizabeth Stringer, to William Henry Mowat III, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Mowat Jr. of Seabrook Island, S.C., formerly of Ridgefield Conn.

The bride-to-be graduated from Northville High School in 1993, received her bachelor of art degree in anthropology from the University of Michigan in 1997, and a master of architecture degree from Columbia University in 2005. She is a freelance designer in New York City.

The groom-elect graduated from Ridgefield High School in 1993, received his bachelor of fine arts degree in architecture from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1998, and a master of science in architectural design from



Columbia University in 2005. He is a partner at Associated Fabrication LLC in Brooklyn, New York.

A spring 2010 wedding is planned in Brooklyn.

Northville Township resident to run for Michigan Senate

Has lived in Northville for a decade



M. Kheibari

He told Northville City Council members at their Nov. 16 meeting that it costs more than \$35,000 a year to house a prisoner in the state — about

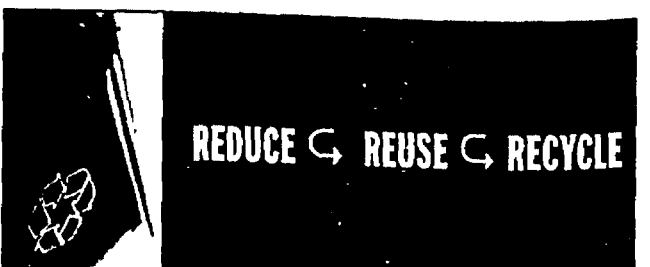
three times the national average.

The candidate, who lives in the Highland Lakes Condominium complex, vows to not cut school budgets and doesn't believe in just "doing the minimum" as an elected official. He is interested in such issues as the economy, the state budget, education, health care and the environment.

"I will go to farms, factories and police stations to see what people want," Kheibari said. "I'll be a fighter for your rights."

To contact Kheibari, e-mail him at votekheibari@yahoo.com.

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Cremation: A popular end-of-life option

Dear Savvy Senior,
I am interested in learning more about cremation and would like to know what religions allow it. I understand cremation is a lot cheaper than a standard burial, but born and raised Catholic, I'm not sure the church allows it. What can you tell me?
Guilty Catholic

Dear Guilty,
Almost all religions accept the practice of cremation including Roman Catholics. In fact, statistics show that about one-third of all Catholics today are opting for cremation versus the traditional casket burial. Here's what you should know:

GROWING ACCEPTANCE

Over the past 30 years the cremation rate in the United States has grown by leaps and bounds, jumping from only 6 percent in 1975, to 19 percent in 1995 to nearly 40 percent today. And by 2025, that number is expected to reach over 55 percent.

After forbidding cremation for centuries, the Catholic Church began allowing it back in 1963. However, it still prefers the traditional burial. Other religions that allow but discourage cremation include the Mormon Church, Reform and Conservative Judaism and Southern Baptist Convention, while Protestant Churches are much more accept-

ing of the practice. Religions that forbid cremation are Islam, Jewish Orthodox and Eastern Orthodox churches.

CHEAPER OPTION

There are various reasons for the increased rate in cremation - personal preference, it's environmentally friendly, uses less land, it's easier to arrange - but the biggest reason is money. Cremation can cost one-tenth (depending on the services you choose) of what a funeral and cemetery burial brings, which averages around \$10,000 today.

MORE CHOICES

Many people think that crema-

tion limits your funeral options but it actually gives you more choices. With cremation, you can still have a funeral or memorial service of your choice, either with the body before cremation or without. After the cremation process there are options on what to do with the remains which include: scattering, being kept by the family, placed in a mausoleum or columbarium niche, or buried in a cemetery plot or on your own property depending on local ordinances. Personal memorials can also vary, but could include an urn, plaque, headstone, a simple marker or nothing at all. (Note: The Catholic Church prohibits

scattering of ashes or keeping them at home. They believe the cremated remains should be buried or entombed.)

PREPLANNING

To assure your final wishes are honored and to prevent your loved ones from having to make decisions and arrangements at the time of your death, you should choose a cremation provider (most funeral homes provide cremation services) and prearrange your cremation and funeral or memorial service. The prearrangements should also be noted in your will and advance directive (if you have one), and be sure to tell your family and clergy. Also note that pre-

planning doesn't have to include prepaying, so be very careful before you put any money down. To help you locate a cremation provider in your area, look in your local yellow pages under "cremation" or "funeral" or visit www.cremation.com.

Savvy Tip: For more information on cremation and funeral planning contact the Funeral Consumers Alliance, a nonprofit consumer protection organization that provides free publications and can answer all your cremation questions. You can find them at www.funerals.org or call 800-765-0107.

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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In the swim

Enjoying a Wednesday morning water aerobic class at the Recreation Center at Hillside are instructor Amy McCullough, left, and Melissa Kosztowny, Theresa Naumann, Peggy Oynoian, and Sharon Rayburn. The Wednesday morning classes continue from now through Dec. 16 and then Jan. 6 to March 10 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. For more information on classes sponsored by Northville Parks and Recreation, call 248-349-0203.



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About 130 people take part in the annual Thanksgiving luncheon on Nov. 12 at the Northville Community Senior Center.



Holiday luncheon

Polly Banwell enjoys conversation with some friends during the annual Thanksgiving luncheon at the Northville Community Senior Center on Nov. 12. About 130 seniors from Northville and Northville Township got together that day for the usual turkey fare and musical entertainment.



Jerry Mittman helps serve pumpkin pie during the Nov. 12 Thanksgiving luncheon held at the Northville Community Senior Center.

Fall fun day

The first Fall Fun Day took place on Oct. 17 at Thayer's Corner Nature Area on Napier Road in Northville Township. The event included making scarecrows, carving pumpkins and going on a hayride. About 50 people attended. The Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area would like to thank Northville Lumber for providing the wood for the scarecrows and George Butch for donating the pumpkins. The group hopes to make the day an annual event. A cleanup day on Oct. 8 attracted 58 volunteers, including 30 Northville High School Honor Society students and 16 Schoolcraft College Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members, plus 12 local residents. The group spread wood chips, cleared trails and dead trees, redid landscaping around the house, organized the parking area, made paths and replanted the roses around the carved wooden statue of a heron. The group needs a skidster, sawgall, shop vacuum, axe and an electric circular saw if anyone wants to make a tax-deductible donation to the nature area. Call Marv Gans at (734) 420-0790.





Puppeteer Kevin Kammeraad shares the stage with his friend Jacob during a recent performance at the Northville District Library. Kammeraad's show brought some silly songs and games to a few dozen kids and their parents and encouraged them to utilize the resources of the library.



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Puppet show

Kids enjoy Kevin Kammeraad's puppetry presentation at the Northville District Library on Nov. 10.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rolling along

John Felix bowls with a group from the Northville Community Senior Center at Novi Bowl on Thursday, Nov. 19. The group meets at 10 a.m. and has openings for additional bowlers.

Owl Prowl

Maybury State Park will host an Owl Prowl at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 (meet inside the concession building). Enjoy a roaring fire, owl calling and stories as the Friends of Maybury try to entice resident owls to respond to an artificial call. The free program is suitable for all ages; donations gratefully accepted. Reservations are not required but a motor vehicle permit is required. Phone (248) 347-0899 for more information.



PHOTO BY JULIE MANTAY | NORTHVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Community well

A handful of volunteers, from left: Janice Johns, Carolyn Brown, Donna Moak and Theresa Anderson, in Northville recently improved the area around the community well on South Main Street in downtown Northville. Their efforts included adding several plantings to the area and maintaining the area. "It is amazing what they accomplished," said Julie Mantay, chair, City of Northville Beautification Commission. "I grew up here, and I do not recall the area ever looking so beautiful. Their efforts have helped to make Northville a beautiful place in which to live, work and visit." The area also received a Beautification Commission Award due to the volunteers' work.



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Memorial tree

Members of the Northville Garden Club, from left, Karin Amrein of Novi, Nancy Vaghy of Northville, Ruth Whitmeyer of Northville and Barbara O'Brien of Northville, met recently to see a \$15,000 22-foot-high tree being planted at Mill Race Village. The tree was a gift of Gary Kohs of Birmingham in memory of his parents, George and Geraldine of Northville. Geraldine Kohs was a past president of the Garden Club. The tree, a tri-color beech, was selected, brought to the village and planted by workers from Michigan Tree Service of Roseville. The tree, which came from Oregon, was purchased from Ray Wiegand's Nursery & Garden Center in Macomb, according to Mark Stroh, a certified arborist from Clinton Township and owner of the tree service.



Civic Concern's Roxanne Barrick, right and Joyce Blue begin to organize all the Christmas gifts assembled for the charity's families last year at the Northville Township Finance Building on Six Mile Road.

Civic Concern looking for folks to adopt a family

BY JOHN HEIDER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Civic Concern would like your family to help its clients with some of their basic needs this Christmas season. The hope is that those who can donate will be as enriched as those that receive gifts in the Santa Network program.

The Adopt-a-Family (or Santa Network) program has been administered for years through Civic Concern and tries to assure that all of the 150 families that receive help through the Northville charity have some of their basic needs met through the donations of volunteers. With gifts of coats, mittens and warm clothes, the hope is that the families can then concentrate on fulfilling a few gifts to their kids from Santa.

Northville Civic Concern Director Marlene Kunz said, "It's an annual program that we do. It's adopt a single person, an elderly person or a family. Ours is a needs list, not a wish list. It's basically what they need for Christmas."

The charity begins to match individuals, families, churches

and civic groups with those in need beginning in November, and they're given specific information on the needs of the clients so that gifts can be better tailored to them. Donators are given ideas of what the families' favorite colors are and what size clothes they need.

"Hopefully we can find an adoptive donor, an angel-donor, so that we can enrich their lives a bit by being able to get them something that they need," Kunz said.

The day Civic Concern distributes the gifts to its clients is rapidly approaching, and Kunz realizes that not all will have the time or ability to adopt an entire family and meet their needs, so she suggests different levels of donations.

"This will be on the 12th of December, and we still have a need so we're opening this up to the public and if they would like to participate by giving a gift card and not adopting a whole family," Kunz said. A small gift can mean a big difference in these difficult economic times. "That gift card could help with someone getting gasoline for their car."



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Santa Claus sits with Jordan Wilcox and Kynadee Bonner during last year's Northville Civic Concern annual Christmas distribution day. More than 100 local families' gift needs were met that day by Northville school, church, and scout groups — and needy families stopped by to pick up the gifts to make their holidays brighter.

Northville Township resident Pam Buck knows the importance of Civic Concern. "My daughter is a single mom with four kids and I don't think she'd have a Christmas if it wasn't for the adoptive donors," she said. "The gifts are just overwhelming really, unbelievable. She's already starting to worry and I say, 'Don't worry, it'll work out. You'll be able to get a few things.' To know, just to know that that's going to be there for her, the extra things, for under the tree."

The program is clearly designed to meet some of the basic needs of the clients, but it doesn't take over the role of Santa for the kids' of Civic Concern clients. It allows them to have the room and financ-

ing to go out and get those gifts their kids want while the necessities are met by the adopting families. "It's actually so mom and dad can put something under the tree from Santa. So that that whole feeling is still there and they can have that pride," Kunz said.

Kunz notes that the Santa Network effort doesn't have to be a one-shot deal for local residents looking to help out the needy. "Thanksgiving and Christmas are when people really dig in their pockets and remember that these people really need them. However, these families are hungry 52 weeks out of the year. If you're unable to donate your time to our Santa Network, please know that you can donate non-perishable items to our

YOU CAN HELP

Approximately 60 families need to be adopted for this holiday season. If you can help out, Northville Civic Concern is located at 42951 W. Seven Mile Road in the Highland Lakes shopping plaza. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday for food donations. Its phone number is (248) 344-1033.

Non-perishable food and personal care items for Civic Concern can also be dropped off in the city of Northville at the UPS store on South Center, Genitti's Hole in Wall on Main Street or Cassel's restaurant in Highland Lakes.

Monetary donations can also be mailed to Northville Civic Concern, P.O. Box 323, Northville, MI 48167.

food network. We need you all year. They're the clients' Santa Network all year round."

With emotion filling her voice, Buck said about her daughter's need: "And I've been there on Christmas morning; I've sat there and

watched her have a nice Christmas because of Civic Concern. They've helped her."

John Heider is the staff photographer for the Northville Record and Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 437-2011, ext. 225, or jheider@gannett.com.

Taking steps



Rosemary Krest, right, teaches a line dance class at the Northville Community Senior Center on Nov. 9. The class meets every Monday at 11 a.m. at the center on W. Main.



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Participants of a Monday morning line dance class at the Northville Community Senior Center follow the instructions of teacher Rosemary Krest as they learn new techniques.

Holiday luminaries to light way for First Friday event

Michigan Doll maker Charlie Patricolo will show off her holiday dolls tomorrow evening at "The Gallery" during the First Friday Art & Fashion Walk.



Painted trays by artist Jan Robb will be on sale at the Northville Art House.



Handcrafted Christmas trees by Charlie Patricolo will also be for sale at Starring "The Gallery."

Doll maker to come to Starring 'The Gallery'

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Downtown Northville will be all aglow for tomorrow's First Friday event.

Called the Candlelight Walk, luminaries will line the downtown sidewalks for the art and fashion walk from 6-9 p.m., with many other events going on downtown.

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

The Holiday Art Market will continue at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street. Beverages and light snacks will be served from 6-9 p.m.

Hand-crafted work in pottery, fiber, jewelry and painting will be for sale by well-known local artists, including Jan Sadowski, Marilyn Grinnell, Katherine Wickersham, Shadia Zayed, Beth Jones and Jan Robb to name a few. These top-notch artists have been asked to supply unique items especially priced for holiday gift giving.

Author Steve Fahdi will be on hand to sign his inspirational book, "Words to the Rescue." Lucky winners of a raffle for area baskets and pieces of artwork donated by some of the area's best local artists will be announced at a drawing at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased until just before the drawing.

The Fifth Annual Holiday Art Market will continue through Dec. 12.

DOLLS AT STARRING 'THE GALLERY'

Whimsical holiday dolls will come to life from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow at Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main Street.

Doll maker Charlie Patricolo, who used to make dolls in the mountains of western North Carolina and now lives in southeast Michigan, has been making dolls for more than 40 years.

She's been practicing the art seriously for the past 15 years.

Her sole purpose for this work is to spread smiles and joy. Patricolo will have her whimsical dolls dressed for the holidays.



Parents are invited to bring their children to the Northville Senior Community Center from 6:30-9 p.m. tomorrow for a First Friday Pajama Party that will include age-appropriate games, a movie and a snack. Bring a pillow, blanket and \$7 for each child.

Visitors to the gallery tomorrow can enjoy a holiday beverage and snacks and enter to win one of Patricolo's whimsical trees.

ILLUMINATION FOR EDUCATION

At 6 p.m. in the Old Church Square at North Center and West Dunlap streets, the All-A-Glow Illumination for Education event will take place. Shoppers are encouraged to buy tree lights from the Northville Mom's Club, with proceeds going to local students. Choirs from Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools will perform, and complimentary hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

GARDENVIEWS TRUNK SHOW

Gardenviews at the southwest corner of W. Main and Wing streets will host a trunk show for jewelry designer Janet Kinkade from 6-9 p.m. during First Friday.

Also, 10 percent of sales that evening will go to Northville Civic Concern, the local food bank, said Lou Mascolo, owner.

Kinkade painstakingly developed her process for handcrafting her Jewel Kade's

pewter-framed charm ware.

"The result is unparalleled," said Sophia Fisher, lead stylist for Jewel Kade. "An artist who collects ideas everywhere she goes, her designs have decorated us in everything from vintage to urban chic to pop culture."

Fisher said as a sought-after designer who is a wife and mother of five, Jewel Kade springs from the deepest parts of Janet's soul, and it's her spirit of hope and beauty that connects with people throughout her collection.

Jewel Kade was founded in 2008 and is already a highly recognizable jewelry brand, appearing on programs such as American Idol, the Ellen Degeneres Show, and the Today Show.

Exclusively from Kinkade, JK charmware is distinguishable for its pewter work, hand-cut glass and intriguing materials and designs. Jewel Kade is run by Kinkade and a team of industry professionals - and offered through stylists nationwide.

OTHER GALLERIES

Northville Gallery at 123 E. Main Street, Dancing Eye

Gallery at the corner of Main and Center streets as well as clothing boutiques and other downtown shops will be part of the First Friday event.

PAJAMA PARTY

Children ages 5-10 can wear their pajamas and have some fun tomorrow night. No need for a baby-sitter for those who want to come downtown to shop.

The idea is for the parents to drop off the little ones and enjoy the First Friday Art & Fashion Walk festivities in downtown Northville.

The pajama party will take place from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street. The cost is \$7 per child, and preregistration is recommended, as space is limited, by calling the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203.

Children are asked to bring a pillow with them, and maybe a blanket, too, so they can get comfy while they watch a movie. The evening will also include age-appropriate games and a light snack.

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Coat check

Colleen Williams of Northville's Women with a Purpose helps look for a coat for a little boy and his father during a Nov. 7 coat distribution the local organization had at Hillside Middle School. Community members bought or donated more than 450 gently-used coats, including hats, gloves and scarves, about 900 items were donated. Northville Civic Concern notified its list of families that organization serves about the coat distribution date, and they came in droves to the school. Some families came the day before during setup. The balance of the coats left after the distribution went to PBJ Outreach and to the Clothes Closet at Holy Family Church in Novi.



NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to csstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville- Novi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit hollyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
ADOPTIVE PARENT NETWORKING MEETING
Time/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 dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com

Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service
ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian

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

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.
WALKING IN THE PARK
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington

Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)
Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards.

CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016

SINGLE PLACE MINISTRIES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.
Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org

First United Methodist of Northville

A Stephen Ministry church
Location: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or fumc-northville.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
Details: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation. Crafters and Vendors are needed.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565
SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study, 10 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 or e-mail to office@mbccc.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Sermon: Having a Plan
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
YOGAFIT CLASSES
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Monday
Details: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session.
MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays
ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Sermon: The Pre-Season, Rev. Art Ritter
Waltonwood Worship Service
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Dec. 6

Cookie Walk

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Dec. 12
Men's Breakfast
Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Dec. 9
Children's Christmas Party
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Dec. 6

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-9030
SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY
8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)
WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT
7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Location: Novi
Contact: www.novijewishcenter.com e-mail: rabbis@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@oak-pointe.org or call the church.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road
Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
PRESCHOOL/KIDS CHOIR
Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-2621 or 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) 305-5924 or Kris Endreszl (248) 946-4080

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"Pinocchio"

The Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main, Northville) presents on stage the musical "Pinocchio," the story of a wooden puppet that becomes a real boy. Showtimes are 2:30 p.m. Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27-30 and Jan. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24. Tickets are \$8.50; no children under 3 years of age. For more information, call (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillamarquistheatre.com.

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

Releases, Waivers and Settlements

Settlement agreements are necessary "comfort documents" for business attorneys. They allow us to sleep at night when parties sign them. The purpose of a settlement document is it puts to rest - forever - all of the uncertainties of a particular dispute or claim.

There are several types of settlement agreements for a whole host of different reasons; some are waivers for minor misdeeds, others are complete blanket releases for major catastrophes.

It is important to understand that upon execution any settlement arrangement, you cannot change your mind. Unless there was material fraud or misrepresentation involved, a settlement agreement is a legally binding contract.

If you are presented with a "release" or a "waiver" that requires your signature, it is important to understand just what are you giving up in return? Is it your right to sue someone? The right to work in a particular job or geographic region? The right to discuss the underlying dispute or the other

party? Most importantly, do you understand the ultimate ramifications - say in two or 10 years - of giving up whatever it is you are forgoing?

A prenuptial agreement is a form of "settlement" agreement. The parties agree that in the event of a divorce, the terms of this agreement will control whatever alimony will or will not be paid and how the parties' property will be distributed. An employee's severance agreement is a form of "settlement agreement". The employee and employer agree to provide a particular remuneration in exchange for certain prohibitions upon the employee (such as the right to sue, to talk about the employer, or work in the same industry for a period of time). An insurance settlement is another form of settlement. The parties agree that in exchange for \$X, the recipient agrees not to make any further claim against the insured for the underlying wrongful act.

The "comfort" is pretty obvious, right? If the agreement is binding, you know that the matter is put to bed. But, what happens if you realize that you made a big mistake long after you signed the contract? Things do change over time. Maybe your injuries were not apparent at the time you agreed not to

sue the driver of that bus that you hit you.

In most instances, there is nothing you can do. You must understand that when you settled with your former employer or business partner, this is permanent. You will not get your pound of flesh because you were paid \$X. If you changed your mind, most likely you agreed to (a) repay the \$X, (b) pay the attorney fees of the party you settled with, and (c) a penalty for breaching the terms of the agreement. Yikes.

In addition to being comfortable with your release of rights in a settlement, you should also understand these documents in their entirety. Many times these agreements are based on a previous "form" document used by an attorney in a completely different dispute. It may not be tailored to your particular matter. Be sure that there are no particular aspects of your released rights that the other party may not be aware of. These can be negotiated.

If someone is willing to "buy" his or her comfort, a simple revision is probably not out of the question. Remember, if you do not negotiate the particular provisions of the release or waiver, you will end up being bound by your silence. Do NOT ever think that "it won't be a

problem" or "it's minor, they won't know".... once it's signed, that document is signed.

Most attorneys will tell you that a good settlement is one where neither side is happy. Very rarely do people receive exactly what they want in any release or settlement. In my opinion, the hardest part of a settlement is understanding the entirety of what was given up; thinking of the short-term ramifications rather than long-term. Finally, always keep your emotions in check, you do not want to cloud your judgement because you're angry or upset.

All waivers, releases and settlements have "shoulda, woulda and coulda" written all over them if you're not prudent. Don't let that happen to you.

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CHURCH

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St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 453-0190
Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent
Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6
Details: The service, which follows a format popularized by King's College of the University of Cambridge, England, alternates readings from Scripture with the singing of songs and carols appropriate for the season of Advent. Members of the church's music ministry, including Children's and Youth choirs, Handbell Choir, Parish Choir, and contemporary group SonShine, will come together to present the music for the service, under the direction of Minister of Music Julie Ford. Jeremy David Tarrant, Organist-Choirmaster at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Episcopal) in Detroit, will play the church's Gabriel Kney pipe organ. Although the concert is free of charge, attendees are encouraged to give generously to a free-will offering. Benefits from the concert will be donated to the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. Gleaners, which was founded in Detroit in 1977, distributes more than 28 million pounds of food annually through its five Metro-Detroit distribution centers.

St. John Lutheran

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com
SATURDAY WORSHIP
Time: 5:30 p.m.
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Time: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville
Contact: (248) 349-3140
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills
Contact: www.uufarmington.org
YOUTH INTERFAITH JOURNEY
Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays
Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUFC Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced

around the globe. This program compliments the mission of UUFC Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all.
Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

SERVICE BROADCAST

Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES (45 and older)

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.

SINGLE FOCUS MINISTRIES (35-50 years of age)

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.

SINGLE PURPOSE CONNEXIONS (20-30 years of age)

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.

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

LEARNER'S BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries Office

SINGLE'S BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day

Details: Offering will benefit the 2009-2010 Motor City Makeover on May 15. Dr. Jerry Smith, past music director at Ward, to serve as guest conductor. Motor City Makeover involves transformation of two homes in the metro Detroit area, culminating with a move-in party for the families and a block party at the end of the day. All welcome to attend; volunteers do not need to be a member of Ward Church to participate.

Contact: (248) 374-7400

It is gut check time in southeast Michigan

'Gut check time' is a phrase used throughout the sports world to describe a moment where the outcome of an action is not left to fate, a superior talent or a bad call by a game official. It is a time where inner drive and sheer will lock arms to plunge forward through a wall of resistance in order to realize the victory that lies ahead. It is a phrase not limited by gender, socioeconomic income, political affiliation or successive wins by a reigning powerhouse.



Lee Meadows

Coaches' who have experienced the thrill of victory, the agony of defeat and the frustration of a rainout, recognize that moment when it's time to put aside the fear and concentrate on the feat. Something in their psyche understands that what appear to be insurmountable odds is nothing more than a rough task that requires a sharp focus. As the leader of the effort, they know that victory is just a matter of digging

below the personal uncertainty and finding that shiny pearl of confidence. It is an intangible quality that, when triggered, creates an unstoppable momentum for individual and collective achievement.

While the phrase is referenced as part of the language of sports, it does resonate in the world of business and with just as much emotional impact.

It is gut check time here in southeast Michigan. The cascading effect of a recovering economy has more than taken its toll on the line share of businesses, school districts, city services, retail outlets, fast food restaurants and everything in between. There are times when it appears that our state is an overmatched wrestler being thrown to the mat for the 10th time, but somehow managing to get that shoulder up before the referee finishes counting to three. There is an untapped resilience fighting its way back from the brink and the breakthrough will not come by way of a bolt of lightning from above, but by way of a collective drive from within.

It is gut check time! The signs of recovery will only be realized through the collective efforts of business, education and government, discarding all fear, and leading the charge through the clouded mist that has blinded us to many opportunities. As a state that shares access to the largest grouping of fresh water lakes in the country, and knowing that states in the southwest would kill for just one of the Great Lakes, what opportunities are being overlooked because our focus and success has always been with four-wheeled, fuel-powered transportation? The automotive focus helped to create a lifestyle envied by many, but did not prepare us for what we perceived to be a global sprint, but turned out to be a marathon. As more runners appeared, we found that we were outpaced due to a lack of preparation and training. We cannot afford the luxury of last place.

It is gut check time! What appears to be a mad scramble toward the finish line is, in actuality, a rush to start over by running as fast as possible toward a line that keeps mov-

ing. It would be easy to give up and hope that somebody, something or some event will alter the race so that we have access to the inside track. It is the kind of wishful thinking works well in a holiday movie, but does little to stir the juices or fire the passion of willful intent. When the odds are against you, the stakes are higher and the success is far more gratifying. Success is not a matter of luck, but a matter of wider persistence that creates luck and seizes opportunities. The road ahead cannot be seen in the rear view mirror of a proud past, but must be realized in stain free windows that show what we can become.

It is gut check time!

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The Yerkes House decorated for the holidays.



Don McColloch is Father Christmas.



Charlene Helen Berry on dulcimer.

Christmas Walk



Heidi Nielsen opens the sing-a-long.



Members of the Victory Hand Bell choir from Our Lady of Victory Church play holiday carols.

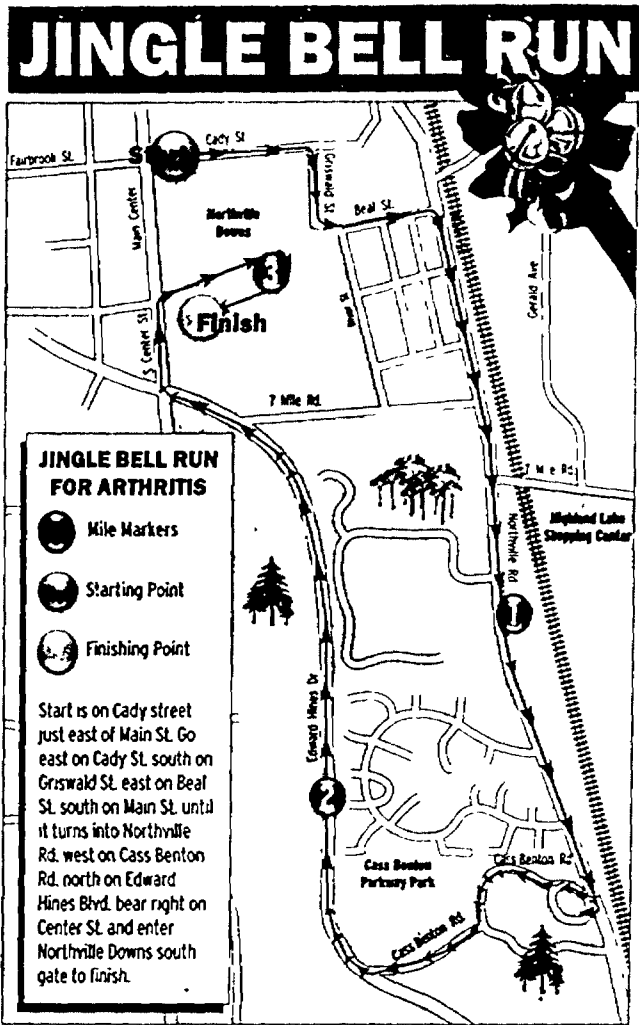
Bells were ringing and voices were singing last Sunday when the Northville Historical Society and Mill Race Village hosted their annual Christmas Walk. The Village buildings were open from 1-4 p.m. and decorated for the holidays as they would have been in the 19th century. Docents explained the history of each building and demonstrators were on hand to show how blacksmithing, rug hooking and weaving were done in times gone by. The Victory Hand Bell choir from Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville performed a concert of holiday music in the New School Church followed by a family Christmas carol sing-a-long. Father Christmas was on hand to help with the singing and greet the children. Charlene Helen Berry played the dulcimer in the Cady Inn while visitors enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate. The wreaths and pine roping adorning the Village were from the Northville Garden Club. Photos courtesy of Abbie Holden.



Jean Bemish and Mary Jane McCrory demonstrate rug hooking.



The Jingle Bell Run/Walk is a family-run event for any age.



Jingle Bell Run/Walk combats arthritis

All funds raised during the Dec. 5 Jingle Bell Run/Walk go to support the Arthritis Foundation.



Be sure to mark calendars for Saturday, Dec. 5 in Northville. For the first time since its inception, the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis race will be offered on Saturday morning rather than Sunday as in past years. Race organizers are offering a new route this year but will still start and end at Northville Downs Race Track. The 5K race begins 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. Overall male and female winners will receive running attire from new balance and First place winners in each category will a Dick's Sporting Goods gift card. All funds raised during the Jingle Bell Run/Walk go to support the

Arthritis Foundation. For every dollar raised, 91 cents goes to support research initiatives at Michigan universities, create and sustain state-wide exercise and self-help programs, and cover tuition costs for the week-long residential camp, Camp Dakota, designed for Michigan children with arthritis and related diseases. Current sponsors of this year's Jingle Bell Run/Walk include WCSX, Fox2 Detroit, Metro Times, Whole Foods, Busch's, Bigby Coffee, Great Harvest Bread Company, Bo's Smokehouse, Qdoba, GNC, Brookdale Senior Living, Summit Sports, Dick's Sporting Goods and Senior Orthopedic Rehabilitation. 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.

Country star Aaron Tippin to play benefit for injured soldiers

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Country music singer Aaron Tippin, known for his patriotic-themed music, will be headlining an upcoming Christmas show that will benefit soldiers injured in Iraq and Afghanistan. Tippin will perform his songs at Operation Injured Soldier's inaugural Christmas Spectacular Dec. 11 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The event, which begins at 7 p.m., will help the South Lyon-based non-profit organization's efforts to send injured soldiers and their families on vacations, to sporting events, and on hunting, fishing and camping trips. The trips are provided at no cost to the soldiers. According to Operation Injured Soldier's Pam Bijansky, who also owns Parkside Cleaners in South Lyon, this is the biggest fund-raiser the group has ever held. She said the reason they decided to do it is because more and more soldiers are coming home with injuries suffered in America's two current wars. Many of the soldiers are suffering from post traumatic stress disorder caused by head injuries, and have had a difficult time adjusting back to everyday life. The point of Operation Injured

OPERATION INJURED SOLDIERS CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

- When: 7 p.m., Dec. 11
- Where: Laurel Manor in Livonia.
- Tickets: \$75 (includes dinner)
- More info: For more information about tickets or sponsorship, call (248) 437-1144 or visit www.injuredsoldiers.org.

Soldier, according to Bijansky, is to help with that adjustment, and help the soldiers and their families reconnect. "There is just a huge, huge need. People don't even understand," Bijansky said. "It's not just the soldier, it's their families. If they have drifted psychologically, they need a family vacation. They need to bond again as a family." Bijansky said many of the trips the group is able to send the soldiers and their families on are donated. However, the group still has to pay for transportation and other related costs. "We have had so many people step up with time shares and guided hunting trips, but we had to turn them down because we couldn't afford to send the soldiers," she said. And that is why Bijansky is hoping for a good turnout at The Christmas

Spectacular. Her goal is to get 1,000 people to attend the event. She believes Tippin's star power will help. Tippin agreed to do the show when members of Operation Soldier and some of the soldiers attended one of his concerts earlier this year. He was already scheduled to be in the state to do a Dec. 12 show in Roscommon. Bijansky is also still looking for a local choir that might be interested in singing Christmas carols during dinner. Tickets for the show are \$75, which includes a full dinner. There will be a cash bar available. Bijansky said the group is still looking for corporate sponsors for the event. Currently Hines Park and Abbey Park at Mill River are the two main corporate sponsors. "Every penny goes back to our guys," Bijansky said. People can also buy tickets and donate them so injured soldiers can attend the event and see Tippin perform. "A lot of people have already donated their tickets. Half of the room will literally be filled with our injured heroes," Bijansky said. For more information about tickets or sponsorship, call (248) 437-1144 or visit www.injuredsoldiers.org.



Country music star Aaron Tippin will be singing his patriotic songs at Operation Injured Soldier's Christmas Spectacular Dec. 11 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

On Thursday, December 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held on the 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds at the Township Civic Center located at 41405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The 2010-2011 CDBG allocation for Northville Township will be approximately \$106,000.00. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to fund eligible activities and projects that benefit low and moderate income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of blight and slums, aid in ADA compliance, and/or address an urgent community development need. All interested citizens are invited to attend and provide views and proposals concerning the 2010-2011 CDBG Programs. For additional information on the program or the proposed 2010-2011 allocations, please contact Delores Bowden, CDBG Coordinator, at 248-348-5800, ext 10500.

**SUE A HILLEBRAND
CLERK**

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**NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE**

**CODE OF ORDINANCE ZONING AMENDMENT
CHAPTER 170 ARTICLE 40 AND 41**

The Board of Trustees adopted amendments to Chapter 170, Articles 40 and 41 at a Regular Meeting held November 19, 2009. The amendment to increase the Zoning Board of Appeals board members from five (5) to seven (7) and eliminate the need for an alternate ZBA board member will become effective January 4, 2010.

A complete copy of the adopted amendment are available in the Clerk's office at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and on the Township Website www.northville.mi.us

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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**CITY OF NORTHVILLE
December 2009 BOARD OF REVIEW**

Notice of Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the City of Northville, Wayne/Oakland County, Michigan will convene on December 15th 2009 at 4:00 P.M. at the Northville City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48176. This meeting will be held in accordance with MCL 211.53b for the purpose of:

Changes in Taxable Value due to a newly recognized Ownership Transfer as provided for under MCL 211.27a(3) as amended by PA 415 of 1994, which are treated as clerical errors.

Clerical Errors of Mutual Mistakes of fact as provided under original MCL 211.53b(1).

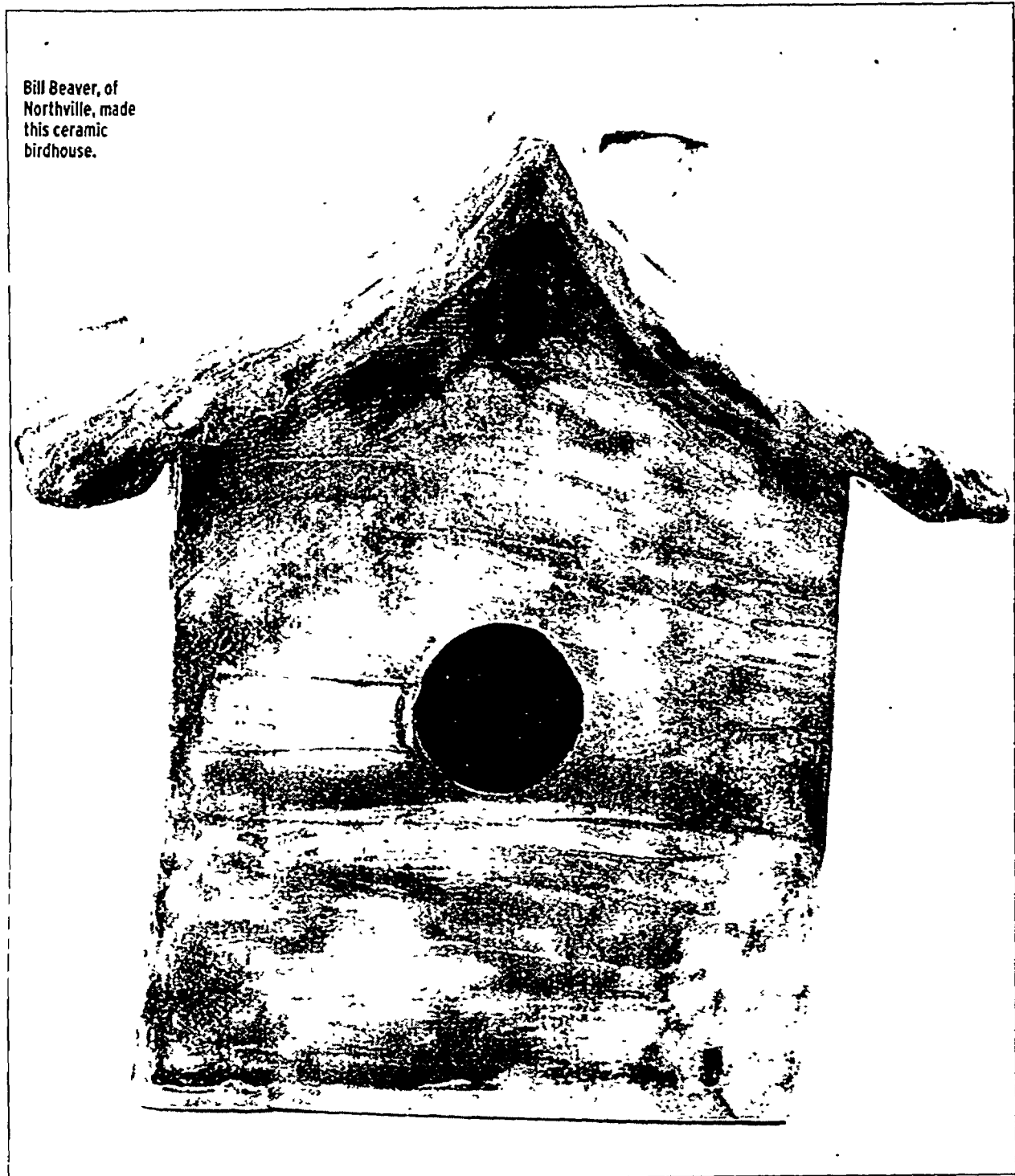
Appeals of "Homestead" or "Qualified Agricultural Property", as provided for under MCL section 211.7c and 711.7c as amended by PA 237 of 1994.

Appeals for Poverty Exemption for the current year (2009), as provided for under MCL section 211.7u and amended by PA 74 of 1995.

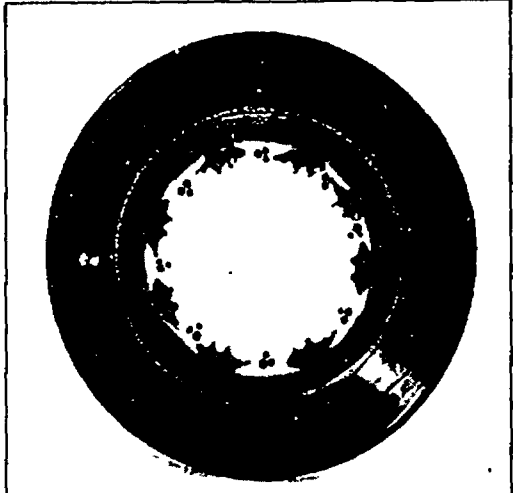
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TAX DEPARTMENT**

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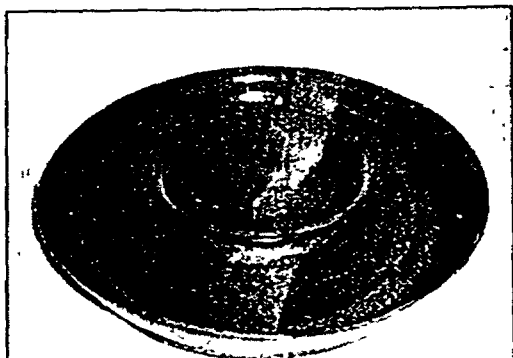
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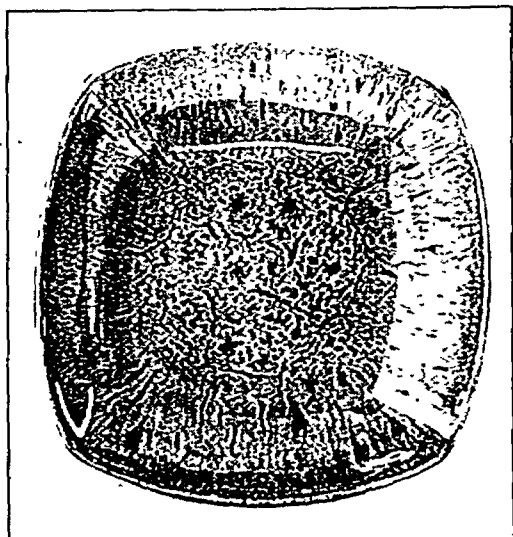
Bill Beaver, of Northville, made this ceramic birdhouse.



Jo Sheibels' holiday-theme plate.



Carmen Kuoshnourd designed and created this piece.



A plate created by Jo Sheibels.

Northville artists featured in The Potters Market

Northville artists featured at annual event

The 34th annual Potters Market will take place Dec. 4-6 in Madison Heights. Four Northville artists -- Bill Beaver, Nancy Guido, Carmen Kuoshnourd and Jo Sheibels -- will be featured.

Presented by the advanced ceramics students of Oakland Community College Royal Oak campus and guest potters, this annual event will take place at the UF & CW Union Hall at 876 Horace Brown Drive, one block south of 13 Mile Road, between I-75 and John R.

Admission is free and parking is free. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday; 10-6 Saturday; and 10-5 Sunday. A special preview sale of the Potters Market takes place Thursday, Dec. 3 from 6-9 p.m. Admission to the preview sale is \$10.

The pottery sale features 135 potters offering nearly 40,000 pieces of pottery ranging from pots, vases, platters, tiles and mugs to bird baths, jewelry, ceramic framed mirrors, sculpture, lamps, tile-topped tables and just about every product

possible in clay. More than 9,000 customers over the three-day weekend.

This selection of ceramics range from functional to decorative to whimsical and include products in stoneware, earthenware, porcelain, raku and smoke fired pottery of every size. In addition, a popular bargain feature of the sale is the bulk area. Pottery priced from \$5 to \$25 -- and nothing higher -- is found here, such as mugs, tiles, garden art, whimsical items and vessels of all descriptions. There are thousands of items on display in this area alone.

"The reputation of the Potters Market is for outstanding creativity and craftsmanship but it is also known as the place to get the best prices on such outstanding work, prices range from \$5 to \$400," says Charlie Blosser, the founder and organizer of the Potters Market and head of the ceramics technology program on the Royal Oak Campus of Oakland Community College.



Sue Mullins and Bill Beaver work on creating bowls.

Northville's Nancy Guido crafted this jar.

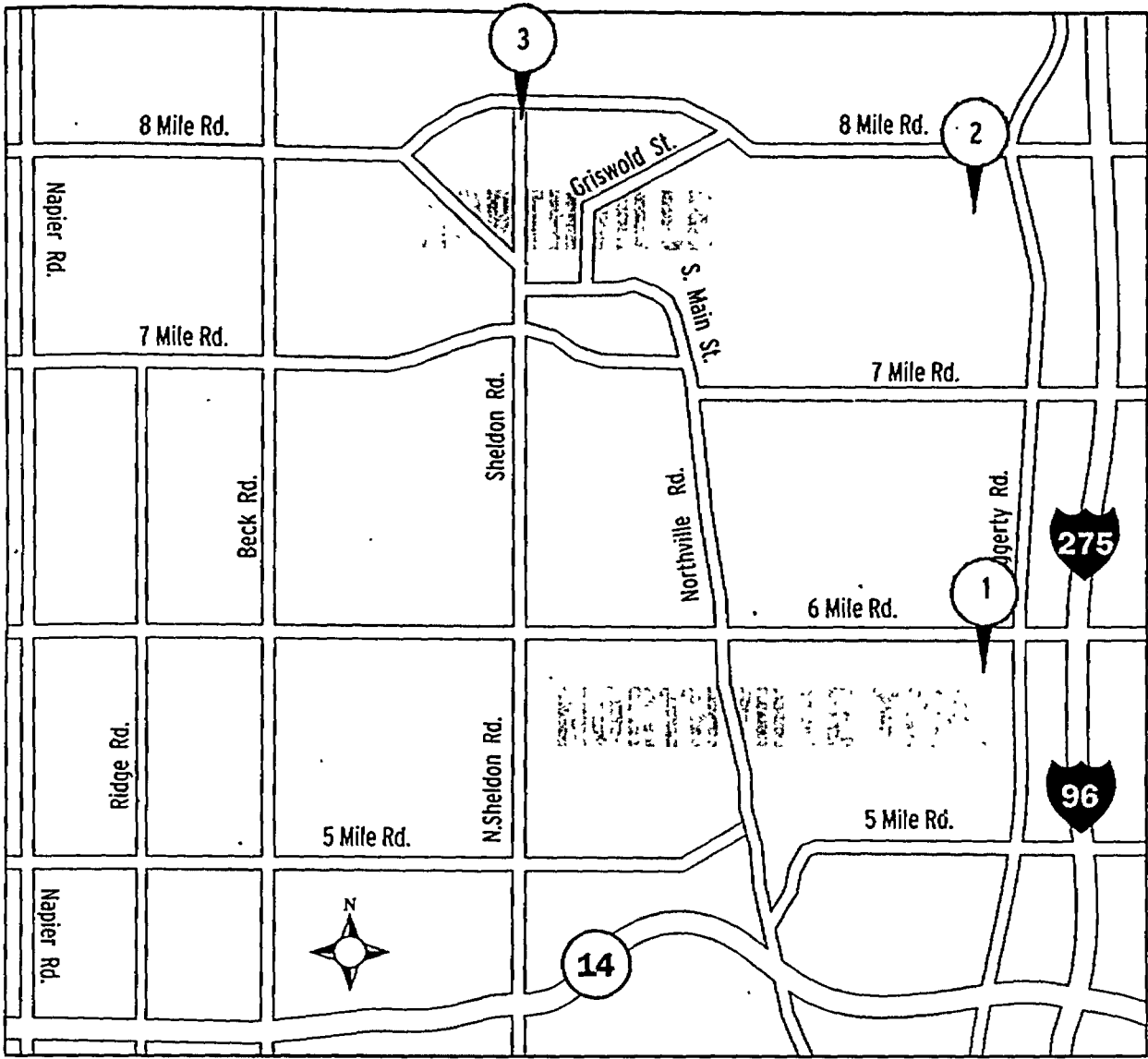


Nancy Guido works with the raku kiln.



Three vessels created by Nancy Guido.

PUBLIC SAFETY



NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

Urinating in public

1A 25-year-old Northville Township man was arrested for an outstanding warrant when he was caught urinating in public at 8:10 a.m. on Nov. 24 at the Mobil gas station at 39425 Six Mile Road. Another officer was called to assist a police lieutenant at the station who said that as he pulled into the parking lot of the station that he saw the man walk over to a nearby dumpster and begin urinating in full view of customers in the lot. Checks revealed two outstanding warrants out of Canton and with the Michigan State Police. The lieutenant, who was in plainclothes, noticed that the man's truck, which had an improper plate and was impounded, had a bro-

ken steering column. He was also charged with urinating in public.

Larceny from Kohl's

2A 20-year-old Northville man and a 20-year-old Novi man were arrested for theft from Kohl's department store at 20155 Haggerty Road at 2:40 p.m. on Nov. 27. A store detective watched as the Novi man selected a tie and conceal it in the sleeve of his coat. The loss prevention employee also saw the Northville man select a sweatshirt and conceal it under his own sweatshirt. The tie was valued at \$32, and the sweatshirt was valued at \$56. Also, an 18-year-old Livonia woman was arrested for shop-

lifting at the same Kohl's store at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 28. The woman stole three shirts, two sweatshirts and a pair of sunglasses totaling \$111.20. The woman selected the items from the junior department, entered the fitting room and concealed them in her purse.

Drunk driving arrest

3A 56-year-old Novi man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 10:14 p.m. Nov. 20 at W. Eight Mile Road and Center Street. An officer was parked in the lot at Amerman Elementary School facing east when he saw what appeared to be a motorcycle tipped over at the inter-

section of Eight Mile Road and Center Street. He pulled out and saw that the man was struggling to right the bike. The man said he had been at the light and that the driver in front of him made a traffic move that had caused him to lose his balance, falling to his right. The officer could smell alcohol on the man's breath and noticed that his speech was slurred. He stated that he had been at the American Legion and was on his way home. When asked how much head had been drinking, his response was "too much." A preliminary breath test showed the man's blood alcohol level was about twice the legal limit.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

THE SAFETY ZONE

Holiday decorating safety guidelines

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and now that the meal is over, many of us will be setting up decorations for the holiday season. The Northville Township Fire Department has experienced an increase in trauma related emergencies as a result of holiday decorations. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), emergency rooms will treat nearly 12,500 people for injuries related to holiday decorations and Christmas trees. Before you set-up decorations for the season, consider this safety advice.

LIGHTS

Setting-up lights can be fun but mostly challenging. Lights can pose a risk of electrocution. When setting up lights, make sure they have been tested by a reputable agency, such as Underwriter Laboratories (UL). Never connect more than three lengths of lights to an extension cord. Never use electric lights on a metal tree or object. Don't use nails or staples to secure lights, rather use hooks or an insulated staple. Look for frays or tearing on lights, if found do not use the light set. Finally, if you feel compelled to go on your roof to install lights, do so when the roof is dry and have at least one other person outside assisting you.

TREES

Christmas trees are beautiful and are the center piece for many families' homes during the holidays, but they can pose a safety threat as well. Whether you have a real tree or an artificial, both have the potential to catch fire. If you purchase a real tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree will have strong needles that will not break when bent, nor will the needles fall off the tree when the tree is tapped on the ground, and the most important indicator that you are purchasing a real tree that is fresh, is that the tree is green.

CANDLES

Nearly everyone will feel compelled to use candles during the holidays. The fire department does not discourage the use of candles, but you do need to be aware of the risks. Candles start almost 12,000 fires a year in the U.S. These fires cause nearly 200 deaths and more than \$150 million in property loss. If you use candles, never leave them unattended while in use. Keep candles away from trees and other flammable objects. Place all candles in a location where they can't be knocked or blown over. Take this advice and use it to help ensure a safe holiday season. The Northville Township Fire Department would like to wish everyone in the Northville community, a safe and happy holidays.

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

Remember that a real tree must always have fresh water to prevent it from drying out. An artificial tree should have a "Fire Resistant" label located on the box or on the tree. This does not mean that the tree is fire proof; only that the tree can be extinguished quickly if it catches fire. All trees should be set-up away from fireplaces and place the tree out of the way of high traffic areas in your home. Finally, use non-combustible materials when trimming the tree and use ornaments that are not sharp and don't break easily.

Pets to breathe easier in Northville

What would you do if your pet was overcome by smoke in a fire? Now, fire rescue squads at both the city of Northville and Charter Township of Northville are receiving animal rescue oxygen masks through a donation from Invisible Fence of Tri-County in Wixom. First responders will soon be equipped with masks after

their 2 p.m. Dec. 9 training session and demonstrations. Fire department personnel will demonstrate how the masks are used on pets at the township fire department at 45745 Six Mile Road. Although the number of pets that die in fires is not an official statistic kept by the U.S. Fire Administration, industry Web sites and sources have

cited an estimated 40,000-150,000 pets each year that die in fires, most succumbing to smoke inhalation. In most states, emergency responders are unequipped to deal with the crisis. The donation of these specially designed and potentially lifesaving animal oxygen mask sets will enable Northville rescue squads to efficiently adminis-

ter oxygen to a stricken pet. Invisible Fence's commitment to pet safety extends beyond electronic pet containment by funding deserving projects that help save pets' lives. Suzette Swies Invisible Fence donation coordinator in Wixom said the pet oxygen masks come in three sizes and also work on cats and birds.

CRASH

FROM PAGE A1 and Haggerty roads when two police cars were in pursuit of the stolen vehicle. Police learned later that the car had been stolen from Van Buren Township in June. One police officer decided to block the intersection during the chase, and the other officer hit the patrol car. During the pursuit, Officer Daniel Jones and Babb were involved in the crash. Jones is currently in good condition. Babb, the one who was hit, was more seriously injured.

ARRAIGNMENT WAS NOV. 25

Milligan was charged with motor Vehicle — unlawful driving away, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison; carrying a concealed weapon, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison; and receiving and concealing

stolen property, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison. Williams has been charged with assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer causing serious impairment, a 15-year felony; second degree fleeing a police officer, a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison; and operating with a suspended license causing serious injury, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison. In addition, both defendants have been charged with delivery/manufacture of marijuana, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison. The arraignment on the warrants took place on Nov. 25 at 35th District Court in Plymouth before Judge James Plakas. Plakas entered pleas of not guilty and set an exam date for 8:30 a.m. tomorrow at 35th District Court. Plakas ordered both defendants to be held on \$5 million dollar bond and remanded to the Wayne County Jail.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

The following ordinance amendment was introduced at the November 19, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE SECTION 104-3. Responsibilities of adults and minors.

Paragraph G of the existing Ordinance replaced with:

G. A peace officer who has reasonable cause to believe a person less than 21 years of age has consumed alcoholic liquor may request consent from the person to submit to a preliminary chemical breath analysis. In the event the person refuses consent to a preliminary chemical breath analysis, the peace officer may detain the person at the scene and request a search warrant compelling the person to submit a breath sample, blood sample or urine sample. The results of a preliminary chemical breath analysis or other acceptable blood alcohol or urine alcohol test are admissible in a criminal prosecution to determine whether the person less than 21 years of age has consumed or possessed alcoholic liquor.

In paragraph N of the Ordinance, the following definition should be added:

BODILY ALCOHOL CONTENT: An alcohol content of 0.02 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath or per 67 milliliters of urine.

Complete copies of the proposed changes are available in the Clerk's office at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:40 P.M., Monday through Friday and on the Township mail to: Website@twp.northville.mi.us This amendment will be presented at the Board of Trustees December 17, 2009 Regular Meeting for adoption.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTED

The following ordinance amendment was adopted at the November 19, 2009 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. This Ordinance will become effective upon publication December 3, 2009

The Chapter 139 – 20 Outdoor Water Use Restrictions

The Charter Township of Northville, through its contract with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, is obligated to take steps to insure that whenever possible, the use of the municipal water system shall be used during the non-peak hours of 12 AM (EDT) to 6 AM (EDT) To satisfy contractual commitment, the following municipal water use restrictions are in effect

A. For those properties in the Township that are serviced by an underground irrigation system, outdoor watering, including the sprinkling of lawns and landscaping, shall be only done during the non-peak hours of 12 AM (EDT) to 6 (EDT)

B. Properties with an even numbered address shall be allowed to irrigate on even numbered dates within the month

C. Properties with an odd numbered address shall be allowed to irrigate on odd numbered dates within the month

D. A water user may manually irrigate landscaping, provided the irrigation is not connected to an underground system and is attended and monitored by the water user, at any time other than during the hours of 6AM (EDT) and 10AM (EDT)

E. If the above provisions create a practical hardship for a municipal water user, the municipal water user can petition the Director of Public Services or his/her designee, asking for relief from one of the above referenced restrictions. The petition shall set forth the requested relief, and shall detail the extraordinary circumstances that would justify the requested relief, as well as the duration of the requested relief. The Director of Public Services or his/her designee can grant or deny or modify the petition, taking into consideration the contractual obligations of the Township, as well as the articulated circumstances of the petitioner. The decision of the Director of Public Services or his/her designee shall be final

F. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions, as set forth in paragraphs A through D, without obtaining relief, as provided in paragraph E, shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction, in accordance with the provisions of Section 139-21 of the Chapter

A complete copy of the adopted amendments are available in the Clerk's office at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and on the Township Website www.twp.northville.mi.us

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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Listings: Etc. includes Meetings; Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks and Rec; Volunteering; Support Groups; Clubs and Groups; and Health Events. Please visit our Web site (hometownlife.com) to view the complete listing.

Submit: Send item submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Old Village School

City of Northville

CITY COUNCIL

DATE: First and third Monday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

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

Location: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.

Contact: downtownnorthville.com

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Location: City Hall

HOUSING COMMISSION

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

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION

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

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

DATE: First Monday of every month
Time: 8 a.m.

Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.

Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

Northville Township

PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: Last Tuesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile Road

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Third Thursday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

Location: Township Hall

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

DATE: Third Monday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center

Location: 303 W. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-4140

THURSDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m. TOPS; Massage by appt.

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11 a.m.: Cribbage

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

FRIDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie

MONDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxyrise

11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

7:15 p.m.: Tai Chi

TUESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

WEDNESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxyrise

11 a.m.: Strength Training

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Bridge; Walking Club

1 p.m.: Cribbage

7 p.m.: Bridge

CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.



Sweet work

Rangel Orthodontics of Northville collected 200 lbs of Halloween candy that will be shipped in care packages along with hand written notes from the local community to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan via Operation Gratitude. Dr. Rangel gave the children \$1 for every pound they donated and then matched \$1 per pound for Northville Civic Concern with a cash donation of \$200 to help local families in need. Rangel Orthodontics has also started a food drive running through Dec. 15 to benefit Civic Concern's Food Pantry and is also collecting unwrapped new toys for the USMC "Toys for Tots" program. For every item donated you will receive a raffle ticket to enter into a Food & Toy Drive/ Nintendo Wii Contest. The contest is open to anyone who wants to help those less fortunate in the community.

Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

ADULT 50+ FUN CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

TIME/DAYS: 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome.

Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN BASKETBALL

TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday

Location: Senior Community Center

Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

HEALTH WALKING

DATE: Monday-Friday

Time: 8-10 a.m.

Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

PILATES CLASS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

BUNCO

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month

Details: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.

FRIDAY FLICKS

Time: 1 p.m. every Friday

Details: Cost is \$1.

LIBRARY LINES

Northville District Library

Location: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall

Time/Day: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Contact: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.

The library will be closed for Thanksgiving, Nov. 26 and reopening at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 27.

Teen Books, Chat & Chow

TIME/DATE: Monday, November 23 @ 4 pm

DETAILS: Join us for a discussion of Ying Chang Compestine's "Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party." All teens, 6th through 12th grade are invited to join in.

Little Me Storytime

TIME/DATE: Friday, November 20 @ 10:30 am

DETAILS: Little ones, babies to 2 years, along with parents and caregivers can enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. No registration needed.

Holiday Choral Concert

TIME/DATE: Tuesday, December 1 @ 7 pm

DETAILS: Enjoy a performance by the Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan, performing an a cappella vocal concert in Renaissance costumes. Please call 248-349-3020 to register.

PARKS AND REC

Northville Parks and Recreation

Location: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School)

Contact: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities call (248) 349-0203 or visit northvilleparksandrec.org

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

DATE/Time: 7 p.m. second Wednesday, every other

month beginning in Jan.

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road

OPEN FAMILY BASKETBALL

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. every Sunday Sept.-April

Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Details: \$2 Per person

OPEN 40+ BASKETBALL

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday

Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Details: \$3 Per person

OPEN ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. every Thursday

9 a.m. noon every Saturday Sept.-April

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$4 Per person

OPEN BADMINTON

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$9 Per person, includes birds. Competitive style

Badminton, all skill levels welcome, 8 Courts

OPEN PICKLEBALL

Time/Date: noon every Monday; 6-8 p.m. every Saturday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$3 Per person Monday

\$4 Per person Saturday

OPEN TABLE TENNIS

Time/Date: Noon-4 p.m. every Saturday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$5 Per person, 8 tables available, All skill levels welcome

OPEN CO-ED 50+ VOLLEYBALL

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon every Mon, Wed, Fri

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$1 Per person, all skill levels welcome. Bring your friends

OPEN 50+ PICKLEBALL

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. every Monday

Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Details: \$2 Per person, Paddles and balls available

Contact: (248) 449-9947 for more info on all above open activities.

VOLUNTEERING

ARBOR HOSPICE

Details: Seeking compassionate, caring individuals to join our Volunteer Team in support of patients and families by holding a hand, sharing a story, or creating a special moment. Take the first step in this life-affirming experience by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator. **Contact:** (248) 348-4980 or mgrysko@arborhospice.org.

Art House Store

Location: 215 W. Cady St.

Details: Looking for volunteers to work four hours per month, receive 10 percent off store purchases.

Contact: (248) 344-0497

Friends of the Northville District Library

Details: There are openings for our Board of Directors. The Friends are volunteers who promote reading, support programs in the library and financially support projects not covered by the library's budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and serve on a committee. If

interested, send a letter to Paul Snyder, president of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

Time: Day and evening training classes

Location: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield

Details: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training.

We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is needed.

Contact: Mary, (800) 770-9859

Meals-On-Wheels

DATE: Ongoing

Time: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Details: Permanent and substitute drivers needed.

Contact: Eileen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna (248) 348-1761

Northville Arts Commission seeks Commissioners

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month

Location: 215 West Cady Street

Details: Seeking volunteer Commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House. The mission of the Art House is to enhance the community by providing culture and arts in a central and appropriate location. Candidates need only to have a passion for expanding the arts in Northville! Committees are formed to assist in the development and facilitation of Art House educational programs, events and exhibitions.

Contact: (248) 344-0497, e-mail info@northvillearts.org or visit northvillearts.org.

Susan B. Galli Angel Fund

Details: Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic has created a fund to assist families in need with medical expenses for their pets. The fund is in memory of a longtime client, Sue Galli. All donations are welcome so we can help as many pets as possible. Please make checks payable to Hidden Spring Vet Clinic SGA Fund. Mail to: 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

Contact: (248) 349-2598

Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Program

Details: In as little as two to four hours a week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free, 18-hour/three-day training program is provided.

Contact: (800) 882-5720 Ext. 8361 or (248) 967-8361 or visit <http://vna.org>.

YWCA of Western Wayne County

Details: The YWCA is looking for volunteers to assist with office help, after-school programs, building projects, communications and marketing in various locations throughout western Wayne County.

Contact: Tabatha Manuel (313) 561-4110 Ext. 20 or tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org

Support Groups

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SUPPORT GROUPS

Angela Hospice Groups

Location: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia

Contact: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

GENERAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

New Hope Center for Grief Support

Details: The groups meet on a regular basis in various locations. All services for offered at no cost.

Contact: (248) 348-0115 or go to <http://newhopecenter.net>

CIRCLES OF HOPE

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

Location: First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville

Details: Ongoing support group for widows and widowers; group divides into three sections depending on stage of grief; meets same time as children's support group

NEW HOPE FOR KIDZ AND TEENS SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

Details: Meets at the same time and location as adult group; for children ages 3-18 who have lost a loved one; kids divided into different age groups.

STARTING AGAIN

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month

Location: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road

Details: Ongoing support group for widows and widowers who are facing the empty nest, either still working or recently retired.

WAYFARERS

Time/Date: 2-3 p.m. second Wednesday of each month

Location: Ward Presbyterian Church, Room A107

Details: For semi-retired or retired widows and widowers.

THE LUNCH BUNCH

Time/Date: Noon third Wednesday of each month

Details: This is a monthly lunch group for widows and widowers; locations vary, call Ed Drost at (734) 261-8045 for more information.

PARENTS OF HOPE

Details: Small groups for parents who have lost a child are offered at some of our From Grief to New Hope workshops. Monthly support groups are also offered at the following times and locations:

LIVINGSTON COUNTY PARENTS OF HOPE

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month

Location: Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 9455 Hilton Road, Brighton

OAKLAND COUNTY PARENTS OF HOPE

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of each month

Location: Orchard Lake Community Church, 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake

From Grief to New Hope

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays nights

Location: First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville

Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support will be offering an eight week grief workshop. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Tuesday nights.

Contact: For registration information call the church at (248) 626-3620. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115.

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Mondays

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church located at 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Details: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church is sponsoring a free, eight-week grief workshop, open to the community and presented by John O'Shaughnessy from New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses.

Contact: (734) 453-0326 x 221.

Psychotherapy and Counseling Services, Northville Counseling Center**ANXIETY/AGORAPHOBIA/PANIC ATTACK SUPPORT GROUP**

Time/Date: Second Wednesday of each month

Details: Call (734) 420-8175 for more information.

CO-DEPENDENCY CLASS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. every Tuesday

Details: The focus of each session will be helpful for those who came from a dysfunctional, co-dependent or alcoholic parent situation. Various topics presented each week with time for sharing, guidance and supportive tools. Cost is \$12 per session.

Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center

Location: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads

Contact: For more information, and to register, call (734) 462-4443, e-mail wrc@schoolcraft.edu or visit schoolcraft.edu/wrc.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

Location: Women's Resource Center, Room 225 McDowell Center

Details: Open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce; first meeting each month is group discussion; second meeting features a guest speaker; no fee or registration required.

Space for Changing Families

A nonsectarian community service of the National Council of Jewish Women/Greater Detroit Section

Divorce Support Group

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday

Location: Hooper Evaluations Building, 26400 Lahser Road, Suite 306, Southfield.

Details: Help for men and women dealing with the many conflicted feelings regarding divorce and separation. Led by a trained facilitator, Andy Mather. Fee is \$5 per session. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0



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Toddler time

Michelle Kromm, at left, receives a ball from Tuula Buckland, 2, at a recent Drop-in Toddler's Time play time at the Northville Community Senior Center. The play time, which runs on Tuesdays from 10-noon, gives toddlers and their parents the space and equipment to enjoy a morning's activity. Kromm's son Nathaniel Ewasek, 2, is at center.

Widowed Friends Support Group

Details: Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit is a peer support group.

Contact: For more information, call Marilyn at (586) 739-9406

Widowed Men**Meet for Breakfast**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays

Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia (1/4 mile north of Five Mile Road)

Details: This is an informal peer group where men have an opportunity to meet with other widowed men who are ready to help you cope or become involved in the other activities planned by Widowed Friends of AOD.

Contact: Dick (313) 534-0399.

Young Adults

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday

Details: Susan McKenna, a life coach, author and motivational speaker, is hosting a support group exclusively for young adults (high school through 20's). The major issues that this age group deals with are issues with parents; anxiety and/or depression; lack of motivation or low self esteem; relationship problems. A group support system which will offer discussion, information and offer ways to encourage problem solving tools will motivate those wishing to be happy and successful. Sessions are \$12

Contact: Register by calling 734-420-8175

CLUBS AND GROUPS**AAUW, Northville/Novi Branch**

Contact: For information e-mail Harriet Sawyer, membership Vice President at sawyerh@wowway.com or call (734) 420-3270.

Beautiful Singles Hiking

TIME/DAY: 9:30 a.m. first and third Sunday of the month

Location: Maybury State Park

Details: Join singles of all ages for hiking and other activities.

Contact: <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/BSHiking/> or Bill at (586) 909 6938

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

Contact: Tom James of Northville Camera at northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net or Northville Arts Commission (248) 449-9950

Gardeners Of Northville and Novi

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month, Sept.-May

Location: Northville Art House at 215 W. Cady Street, Northville

Details: Visitors welcome.

Contact: Marcia (248) 349-2352 or visit gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Great Books Discussion Group

Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington Road

Details: Discuss novels, plays, poetry and nonfiction. Reading Poetry by Mark Strand. Goody Night.

Contact: (248) 349-3121

Northville Book Club

Time/Date: 7 p.m. one Friday per month

Location: Solid Grounds Coffee House, 133 W. Main St., Suite 222

Details: Reading "The Autobiography of My Mother" by Jamaica Kincaid.

Contact: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

Northville Democrats Club

Contact: www.northvilledems.com

NDC MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND HOLIDAY PARTY

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8

Location: The Cady Inn at Mill Race Village on Griswold in downtown.

West Oakland Dems Holiday Banquet

Time/Date: 6:30 Dec. 15

Location: Kim's Gardens Restaurant on Novi Rd. near Grand River

Details: Tea and cash bar at 6 p.m., turkey buffet with all the trimmings at 6:30; \$15 per person, paid before Saturday, Dec 12. Send reservations to Cynthia Churches, CPA, 32969 Hamilton Court, Suite 138, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 489-0780

NDC Officers and Board of Trustee's Meeting

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Jan. 10

Location: Home of Chuck & Susan Nichols, 44099 Deep Hollow Circle, Northville Township.

Details: Although this meeting is primarily for the Club's officers and trustees, all Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP at 248-465-1995 or at SCraig27@comcast.net if you will be attending.

NDC Showing of "An Inconvenient Truth"

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12

Details: Pizza and salad restaurant in downtown Northville. Stay tuned for further details.

Northville Genealogical Society**RESEARCH HELP**

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. every Monday and by appointment

Location: Northville District Library, Local History Room

Details: Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members.

Contact: Tille Van Sickle (734) 595-7806 or <http://rootsweb.com/~mings>

MONTHLY MEETING

Time/Date: 1:15 p.m. computer genealogy class, 2:30 p.m. general meeting, second Sunday of month.

Location: Northville District Library, Carlos Meeting Room, 212 W. Cady St.

Northville Women's Club**IT'S ALL IN THE PRESENTATION-CYNTHIA PICKENS**

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Dec. 4

Location: First Presbyterian Church

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Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Dec. 18

ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATED FILMMAKER LINDA CHAPMAN

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Jan. 8

Location: First Presbyterian Church

PARLOR GAMES MIXER

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Jan. 22

Location: First Presbyterian Church

Contact: Karen Poulos (248) 349-4684 or wpkp@comcast.net

TEA PARTIES-DIANA KRESEL

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Feb. 5

Location: First Presbyterian Church

LINCOLN ASSASSINATION-JERRY MAXWELL

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Feb. 19

Location: First Presbyterian Church

STAGING YOUR GARDEN-EVERYTHING GROWS

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. March 5

Location: First Presbyterian Church

ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. March 19

HEALTH EVENTS**Botsford****AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER PROGRAM**

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, second Monday of each month

Location: Botsford Cancer Center located at 27900 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills

Details: Are you experiencing skin, facial and nail changes during your cancer treatment? Botsford Hospital's Cancer Center is offering an American Cancer Society program called Look Good... Feel Better that provides information and cosmetic advice to women battling cancer. This program is a free, supportive, informative and enjoyable first step toward renewed self-esteem, self-confidence and emotional recovery for female cancer patients undergoing radiation or chemotherapy. The session includes hands-on instruction on makeup, skin care and suggestions for using wigs, turbans and scarves. It also includes tips on nail care during treatment. Further, a makeup gift bag will be donated to all participants. Sessions are limited to 12 people and are open to any woman undergoing cancer treatment in the area. Pre-registration is required. Look Good... Feel Better is offered through a partnership of the American Cancer Society, the Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association and the National Cosmetology Association.

Contact: For more information or to register, please call Jeri Davis, MSLW, at (248) 473-4813

TAI CHI CLASS

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m., every Wednesday

Location: Botsford Hospital-Community Room of the Zieger Administration and Education Building

Details: Looking for a way to improve health and relieve stress? Don't miss Botsford Hospital's offered with Dr. Alex Green, a Botsford pathologist. The class meets from in the. The first class you attend is free and each additional session is \$5.

Contact: For questions about this program, please contact Dr. Green at ajgreen@botsford.org or call (248) 471-8729.

LYMPHEDEMA CLINIC

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Details: A comprehensive lymphedema clinic in conjunction with Botsford Hospital's comprehensive lymphedema management program. The clinic helps patients with lymphedema or venous insufficiency gain control of their lives through education, exercise, self-massage techniques and compression garments

Contact: (248) 471-8120.

FREE Health Awareness Seminar

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Tuesday nights

Location: Health for Life Chiropractic, Highland Lakes Plaza, 43059 7 mile Rd., Northville

Details: Meet Dr. Ryan Cooper and see how Chiropractic can help reach varied health care goals.

CONTACT: (248) 449-1630 or RyanCCooper@gmail.com or www.hflchiro.net Please RSVP

Flu Shots

Time: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Location: Wayne, 33030 Van Born Road, at Venoy, (734) 727-7100. Walk-in days are Mondays and Thursdays.

Appointments only on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Fridays

Location: Taylor, 26650 Eureka Road, east of Inkster Road, (734) 955-3900. Walk-in days are Mondays and Thursdays. Appointment only days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Location: Dearborn, 6450 Maple, west of Schaefer Road, south of Warren Road, (313) 216-2201. Appointment only on Thursdays.

Details: The Wayne County Department of Public Health offers flu shots for residents at its clinics below. Cost of flu vaccine is \$15. Pneumonia vaccine is offered for \$35.

Medicare (Part B) and Medicaid are accepted

Contact: (734) 727-7000

Strength Training Classes

Location: American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap, corner of Center Street

DATE: Mondays and Fridays

Details: Diane DiVita offers Strength Training classes (light weights with a little yoga stretching) for adults.

Contact: For more information, call Diane at (248) 344-0928 or visit trianglesix@sbcglobal.net.

Psychotherapy and Counseling Services

Location: Northville Counseling Center

Contact: (248) 348-1100 or (734) 420-8175 to register.

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LOCAL OPINION

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

OUR VIEWS

Buy local: Make holiday purchases in Northville

Many people will be cutting back on spending this holiday season because of the economy.

They have less money for gifts, decorations and festive foods than they have had in past years. Some may even be cutting out gift-giving entirely.

That isn't all bad. Simpler celebrations may mean people will focus more on the true meaning of each holiday.

However, people still need to purchase food even if they don't host extravagant parties. And, many people invariably will still buy gifts for their loved ones, even if they spend less than they have in the past.

We encourage readers to shop locally this holiday season, whether it be for food or gifts or both.

By doing so, they will help local businesses, which, in turn, will benefit them.

If every Michigan household spent \$10 each week on Michigan-made products, \$37 million would be put back into the local economy on a weekly basis, according to the grassroots Made in Michigan Movement.

More money is kept in the community because locally owned businesses purchase from other locally owned businesses, service providers and farms. Purchasing locally helps other local businesses to grow.

When businesses grow, they hire more people. Small local businesses are the largest employer nationally.

Local businesses also support the local community, donating money and/or services to local schools and service organizations benefiting local children and other residents.

And, customer service is usually better. Local business often are willing to order items specially for customers or offer more services than national chains.

Businesses in Northville, encouraged by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority, have been pushing a "shop Northville" agenda for ages now. Local business owners understand it makes good economic sense to buy locally.

The local shopping started on Black Friday, the traditional start to the Christmas shopping season. When you make your holiday shopping plans, plan to buy as many gifts on your list as possible from local merchants.

Your gifts will not only benefit your loved ones, they'll also help the local economy and put local merchants in a better position to survive and, we hope, thrive in the new year.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

COMMENTARY by TOM WATKINS: Schools – stop whining and change and innovate

I could not disagree more with the first point. For many students in Novi, senior year is a chance to take AP courses and explore electives, which gives them a better idea of where to head when going off to college. Cutting the 12th grade would be ridiculous.

tigersfannovi

I must say that I am intrigued by going radical. While some of the ideas above are good, there are tons of hurdles and extraneous issues that must be resolved. Also, how do we start from scratch without the approval of the MEA? :-)

rebeleightone

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you want for Christmas this year?



"I want time with my kids."
Dave Jerome
Northville



"Peace in my family."
Kathy Abbosh
Milford



"A happy family gathering.
We're all getting together
at our daughter's in
Minnesota."

Terry Mittman
Northville



"I'd like to have our troops
out of Afghanistan and Iraq
and back home in the United
States of America."

Richard Carbott
Northville Township

LETTERS

Support the home team

When you drive a vehicle from a foreign manufacturer you cut off your nose to spite your face. You destroy your home value, threaten your employment and reduce your school funding — and that's just for starters.

Manufacturing is the heart of the economy, and the automotive industry is by far the largest element of manufacturing. George Bush chose to ignore many things like Katrina, financial oversight and manufacturing, to name just a few. Along with Cheney and Greenspan (at least he admits it), they chose to let the old boy network of short-sighted greedsters run amok. Meanwhile, Cheney and Bush love big oil, that is their wealth. What market forces? This toxic economic soup created the catastrophic Bush Depression — some call it a recession because they don't include the affect of trillions of dollars sacrificed by Americans, multiplied throughout the world.

Jennifer Granholm, to be fair to the other party, is just like George; she does nothing. Quite frankly, Jim Hiller with his grocery stores has done more for Michigan than Granholm can dream of. Blown away yet? While the ship sinks she is courting foreign automotive companies, and that's on a good day. What's wrong with fighting every day for the home team?

Someone in the world (all over the world) has to build 70 million (and growing) new vehicles every year. That is a lot, and it is not going away. Why not us? Have the leaders of the Big Three also been short-sighted greedsters for decades? Absolutely, but do we really want to send our standard of living overseas to spite them? Is the mess really this simple? Manufacturing is the heart of the economy; anyone that tries to tell you differently is a liar.

Go ahead, cut off your nose — at the neck. Or support the home team.

Mark Ritchie
Northville

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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Mail: Letters to the Editor, Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178.

Fax: (248) 437-3386.

E-mail: cstone@gannett.com.

Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com.

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

LEBFEST! kudos

On behalf of the Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce, I would like to personally thank and extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Northville city officials, business owners and residents for their unparalleled support of this year's LEBFEST! Lebanese Festival.

As many know, the tiny Mediterranean country of Lebanon, which celebrates its 66th Independence Day this week, has always been a refuge, an open home for different religions, nationalities, and peoples. Similarly, as Northville and southeast Michigan are home to many with Middle Eastern roots, LEBFEST! offered not only a weekend for us to gather and rejoice in the splendor of our rich culture, heritage and traditions — but to also share these treasures with the thousands that attended, both Lebanese and non-Lebanese alike.

The beauty and charm of downtown Northville reminded so many of us of the aesthetic Lebanese capital Beirut, known as the Paris of the Middle East. We were so

pleased with the warm reception and great enthusiasm LEBFEST! received from across the city of Northville. We extend to the City Manager's Office and departments, Parks & Recreation Division, Northville Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Authority, and so many others — our gratitude and appreciation for embracing our festival, and for their tireless efforts in supporting and insuring that LEBFEST! at Town Square would be the great success that it was.

LEBFEST! was a dream whose seeds were rooted long ago and witnessing this dream continue to blossom is personally rewarding. We are so very grateful to all who nourished and helped fuel its realization. It goes without say the multitude of thanks we send to both our Festival Grand Marshal: HBO sports personality Emanuel Steward, and our Honorary Festival Chairperson: Lt. Governor & Mrs. John D. Cherry, as well as our very special guests: The Voice of the Detroit Red Wings Karen Newman and Miss Michigan USA Rima Fakih. Their support, coupled with the selfless work and dynamic leadership of Team:LEBFEST, the 2009 festival co-chairs, the Festival Host Committee members, the LACC Advisory Board of Directors, and our sponsors, vendors, and performers proved to be immeasurable.

The successful experience of LEBFEST! could not have happened without the contributions of so many, including this newspaper, WDIV-TV Channel 4 News chief meteorologist Chuck Gaidica, Chef Hass of Sweet 220, Alan Verstraete of Wine Sync, John Casey of Poole's Tavern, and The Tom James Gallery of Fine Art. We also wish to recognize the generous support of community leaders, especially Traci Sincok, Patrick Sullivan, Lori Ward, Chiefs Gary Goss and James Allen, and Jody Humphries. Again we say thanks and we look forward to an even bigger and better Lebanese Festival at Northville Town Square in 2010!

John Akouri
General chairman

Be a Tigger not an Eeyore this season

As the holiday season begins, I reflect on this old saying: "I was complaining about my desire for a new, expensive pair of shoes — until I met the veteran with no legs."

With the nation fighting a war on two fronts, unemployment in excess of 15 percent, the state budget still in a mess, home foreclosures becoming the norm, college tuition skyrocketing, wages disintegrating and job losses rolling in like a roaring tsunami while the new jobs are added in teardrops, it would be easy to lose sight of all that we have to be thankful for.

Yet, as we look around our neighborhood, state, nation and the world we can reflect on the glass being half full rather than half empty. Let us choose the half-full view.

Attitude or what we think today is what we often become tomorrow. We cannot predict

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or often times control what will happen to us — but we can control how we react to life as it hits us.

I reflect back in a commencement speech I gave to the graduates of Schoolcraft Community College (our great community colleges, that give many a second chance at an affordable college education, are something to be thankful for). I told the grads they will not be able to control everything that life throws at them but they have total control about how they react to it.

In my address I used two of my favorite characters from Winnie The Pooh, the ever depressed Eeyore and the manic Tigger, to drive home my point. Eeyore's attitude is always dark, negative and without hope — "Oh, well, I lost my tail. I guess I will never find it," Eeyore would whine.

On the other end of the spectrum, Tigger was bouncing all over the place with a big "whoohoo!" singing, "bouncy, bouncy, fun, fun fun fun fun

— the most wonderful things about Tigger is — I'm the only one — whoohoo — I'm the only one!"

It is all about attitude, a can do spirit or, as my old boxing coach would remind me "it is not how many times you get knocked down in life or boxing that counts, but rather, how many times you get back up!"

GIVING MAKES YOU FEEL THANKFUL AND ALIVE!

I recently was bell ringing for the Salvation Army and was touched by the generosity of my neighbors as they reached deep to give to those in need. I was equally touched by the smiles and the good wishes offered by friends and strangers that passed the red kettle (if you're feeling thankful, and if you are able, go to www.usc.salvationarmy.org and contribute to the Salvation Army now).

Then I got home and opened my mail and smiled as the former *Detroit News* columnist and friend, Pete Waldmeir, reminded me that "no kid should go with-

out a smile on Christmas." The Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund has been making sure all children for decades can have a merry Christmas. You can help by calling (313) 237-0034 or go to www.detroitgoodfellows.org.

Sure, there are troubles in our world, nation, state and neighborhood and families — but if we look around, think half-full Tigger thoughts and find ways to give back, we will find that there is much to be thankful and grateful for in our lives.

So, this holiday season let's not only give thanks, but reach out and give to those that are less fortunate than we are. Choose to be Tigger not Eeyore.

Rather than wishing for the new pair of shoes, donate the money to a worthy cause. I guarantee it will give you a lighter step and even greater joy.

Tom Watkins is a former state superintendent of schools, 2001-05, and is now an education and business consultant in the U.S. and China. See his China Bridge article at: www.dome-magazine.com. He can be reached at: tdwalkins@aol.

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

New art gallery opening

Art & Ideas Contemporary Art Gallery & Studio, a new art gallery and teaching studio located between Plymouth and Northville, is holding its grand opening on Dec. 5 under director and owner Mike Tolinski, and artist-in-residence, teaching artist Shaqe Kalaj. The gallery, located just north of Plymouth's Old Village, will be showcasing over 40 of Kalaj's drawings at this first opening and exhibition, which will be followed periodically by new openings and shows of Kalaj's work throughout 2010.

Functioning also as a "teaching studio," Art & Ideas has also scheduled small art classes to begin in February, 2010, where one-on-one attention by Kalaj will be the key feature. She has taught several such classes to adults and children for over a decade.

The grand opening on Saturday, Dec. 5, will include a short talk by Kalaj at 7:30 p.m., followed by music, food, and socializing (until 11 p.m.).

Art & Ideas is located at 15095 Northville Rd. in Plymouth Township, in Provincetown Center. It's across from Phoenix Lake, just north of the eastbound Five Mile Rd. intersection, right at the intersection where northbound Edward Hines Drive ends at Northville Rd. For a map, directions, and other details, see www.artandideastudio.com or call 734-420-0775.

Too busy to bake this holiday season?

A Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi will feature dozens of homemade cookie varieties as well as other holiday goodies such as breads, candy, fudge, cookie mixes and much more.

Tables laden with cookies and treats will fill the church Fellowship Hall. All cookies and treats are homemade. No store-bought varieties will be offered. Cookies will be sold for \$8

per pound. Boxes and gloves will be provided. Other homemade treats will be individually priced. Pre-boxed, wrapped cookie assortments also will be available for purchase.

Admission is free. Numbers for admission will be distributed beginning at 8 a.m. with free coffee provided to those waiting in line. Doors will open at 9 a.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road between 8 and 9 Mile roads in Novi. For further information, contact www.mbcc.org or the church office at 248-348-7757.

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.

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, hand-made 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.

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

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

Arbor Hospice office relocates

Arbor Hospice recently moved its Western Wayne office from 331 N. Center

Street in Northville to 40500 Ann Arbor Rd. E, Suite 102 in Plymouth. The move places Arbor Hospice in an area where the organization has seen a growing number of patients.

"Not only does this move place us in a more central location, but it also allows us to expand our office space," said Gloria Danna Brooks, president and CEO.

A nonprofit organization, Arbor Hospice has provided care to terminally ill patients and their families throughout southeast Michigan for 25 years. Care is provided by

a team of trained caregivers in patient homes, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and in Arbor Hospice's 26-bed inpatient facility in Ann Arbor.

Arbor Hospice cares for patients of all ages, from infants to the elderly, and their services reach Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties, with offices in Ann Arbor, Woodhaven and Plymouth.

For more information, visit www.arborhospice.org or call (888) 992-2273.



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Holiday decorations

Members of the Northville Garden Club recently decorated a stone design donated by the club at the Allen Terrace Senior Center. Pictured, from left, are Patty Page, club president; Evelyn Harper, Annie Nichols, Kate Uberti, Julie Mantay, Marjorie Faessler and Barbara O'Brien.

Schoolcraft readies for 'King Lear' after 'Butterflies' performances

The Theatre Department of Schoolcraft College recently dropped the curtain on a very successful fall season with all six performances of Leonard Gershe's "Butterflies Are Free" playing to sold-out crowds.

Four local performers made up the cast of the very popular comedy. Alexander Freeman, a resident of Garden City, played the role of Don, a handsome young bachelor who wants a place of his own away from his over-protective mother, played by Rebecca Himm of Northville, so he moves to a cramped cold-water flat. His kooky neighbor, Jill, who was played by Stephanie Lee of Westland, wants to live a life free of commitment and responsibility; and after meeting the bachelor, she proposes to remove the connecting door to their two apartments.

Now the Theatre Department's focus turns to Shakespeare's "King Lear." Auditions for the play will be held Tuesday, Jan. 12 and Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Auditions are open to all students, faculty, staff and the general public. There are more than 30 roles that will need to be filled for "King Lear."

For more information about the auditions, please call 734-462-4440 ext. 5270.

"King Lear," one of Shakespeare's most well-known plays, is another play about family relationships. In it, one father with three daughters and another father with two sons all deal with love, friendship, loyalty and treason, common and relevant themes even today. This edited version of "King Lear" is easy to understand with grand-scale production and memorable scenes.

Tickets for "King Lear" are already on sale. Dinner



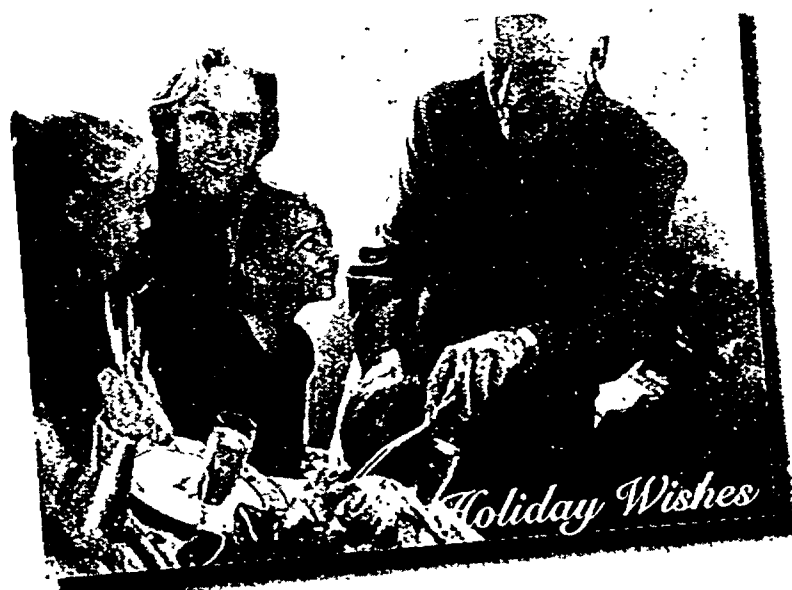
Northville's Rebecca Himm as Mrs. Baker and Stephanie Lee as Jill in Schoolcraft's "Butterflies Are Free" production.

Theatre performances will be Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20 and Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27. The evening will begin with dinner in the VisTaTech Center at 6:30 p.m. and the play will begin at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre. Tickets for the dinner theatre performances are \$24 per person. The final two

performances of "King Lear" will be Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10 at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre. Tickets for the play only are \$12 per person.

Tickets for "King Lear" can be purchased in person at the Schoolcraft College Bookstore, at www.sbcoffice.com, or by calling (734) 462-4400 ext. 4596.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Marquis Theatre

Location: 135 E. Main Street, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-8110 or visit our website www.northvillmarquistheatre.com

"Pinocchio"

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Jan. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 23-24, 2:30 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: Tiram! Su, 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 Well 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. Dunlap, Northville - 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



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Treat time

Father Christmas was able to treat these two young boys from Plymouth to some candy canes at the Nov. 22 Christmas Walk at Mill Race Village in Northville. The village hosts a Christmas Workshop this weekend.

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

Mill Race Historical Village

Location: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field
Details: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct.
Contact: (248) 348-1845
Weekly Events
(*Grounds closed to public)
Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #770; 6:45 p.m. Wolves Den 712
Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 4:15 p.m. Cadettes #1368
Saturday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Children's

Christmas Workshop; Noon-4 p.m.

Private Party
Sunday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Kings 8th; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scouts Crew #8
Monday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Hands-Around Quilters; 6 p.m. Boy Scout Pack 755 Den 1
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #834; 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats
Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

Solid Grounds CoffeeHouse

Location: 133 W. Main St.
OPEN MIC NIGHT
Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday
ROGER PONDER & DELL SMITH (blues and folk singer/songwriters)
Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday
CAROL SMALLWOOD (classical guitarist)

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday

SINGLES MINGLE (socialize with local singles in a relaxing environment)
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month
Contact: (248) 348-9737

Northville Sports Den

Location: Northville Town Square, West Main Street
Contact: (248) 347-5993 or www.northvillesportsden.com
MY TRIVA LIVE
TIME: 7:30 p.m. Mondays
OPEN MIC WITH GREG STRYKER
TIME: 9 p.m. Tuesdays
KARAOKE WITH CHIP
TIME: 9 p.m. Wednesdays
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
TIME: 10 p.m. Saturdays
CHURCH PROGRAM

TIME: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Details: 10 percent of your bill back to your church with proof of church's program

The Art House

Open 1-5 p.m. every Thursday-Sunday; 1-9 p.m. on "First Fridays" of the month.
Location: 215 Cady St.
Details: Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.
Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or northvillearts.org
FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK & CANDLELIGHT WALK
Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Dec. 4
PRESCHOOL CLASS
Time/Date: 1:30-2:30 p.m., Fridays
Details: Wear grubbies, as these classes can be messy! Preschool Art Exploration (Experiment with Mixed Media) Age: 3-5 yrs Fascinated by shiny, sticky & gooey stuff? The joy of creative thinking & self-expression are brought to life using paper, paint, clay and glue. Together, construct projects that develop fine motor skills & enhance creative development. Materials fee of \$6 payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Laginess. \$33/\$43 per session
LEARN TO DRAW
Time/Date: 1:30-2:30 p.m., Saturdays
Details: Drawing and Illustration. Ages 5-9 years. Bring a favorite toy and learn how to draw! Or a still life of fun objects will be set up for the students. Learn to draw from life objects. Look past what an object seems to be and instead see the myriad of shapes and color that comprise our visible world. Students will develop illustration techniques: line drawing, shading, stippling and use various materials in their exploration of this fundamental artist skill. Supply list will be provided to the student.

Also a great class for home-schoolers. Instructor: Dawn Johnson \$50/\$60 per session

CREATIVE KIDS

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. second Saturdays
Details: The joy of creative thinking and self-expression are brought to life in this class. Art activities including drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media will be offered in conjunction with the current professional exhibits on display in the Art House Gallery.
Instructor: Staff Age: 5-10 years \$18/\$20 per date.

POTENTIAL POTTERS

Time/Date: 9:30-10:30 a.m., Saturdays

Details: Invent new shapes while exploring hand building techniques using clay. Encourage small motor development and hand-eye coordination, creating and molding animals, figures, cups or boxes with stoneware. All work will be glazed and fired using food safe materials. Materials fee of \$10 payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Laginess Age: 4-7 years \$40/\$50 per session

INTERMEDIATE SCULPTURE

Time/Date: 11-12:30 p.m., Saturdays

Details: Expand knowledge of ceramics as you explore sculpting techniques and begin to use a potter's wheel! Express yourself creatively as you make action figures; wild, wacky or realistic animals; or caricatures of yourself or friends in clay! These are just a few of the possibilities you can create as you stretch your imagination with ceramic stoneware. Your creations will be finished using clay slips and fired, using food safe glazes. Materials fee of \$10 payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Laginess, Age: 8-13 years, \$50/\$60 per session

YOU CAN PAINT WITH WATERCOLORS!

Time/Date: 4-5:30 p.m., Thursdays
Details: Learn balance, composition, color and value as you experiment with watercolor to create original pieces of art on a small scale. No prior drawing or painting skills are necessary! Material fee of \$2 per session, payable to instructor. Instructor: Julie Woodard, an accomplished artist. Age: 10-15 yrs \$18/\$20 per class

DRAWING AND ILLUSTRATION FOR BEGINNER AND INTERMEDIATE

Time/Date: 4-5:30 p.m., Mondays or 3-4:30 p.m., Saturdays

Details: Look past what an object seems to be and instead see the myriad of shapes and color that comprise our visible world. Students will develop illustration techniques: line drawing, shading, stippling and use various materials in their exploration of this fundamental artist skill. Supply list will be provided to the student. Also a great class for home-schoolers. Instructor: Dawn Johnson Age 10-15 yrs

CLASSES FOR THE FAMILY EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS IN YOUR ART

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m., Sundays

Details: Learn to let go of preconceived notions and embrace serendipity, exploring a whole new visual world! This class will explore the use of alternative materials in art, applying both non-traditional media and traditional media in non-traditional ways. You will experience drawing a live model in addition to a still life setting as we loosen up and have fun with new approaches to creating art! This class is for anyone from middle school to old school. All supplies provided. Material fee of \$15 payable to instructor. Instructor: Award winning artist, Jeff Cancelosi, Age: 12 and up \$66/\$72 per session.
ADULT SCULPTURE WORKSHOP
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Fridays
Details: This beginner and intermediate class will teach the basics of ceramic sculpture. Students will be able to work on a subject that interests them... face, figure, or animal. All sculpture will be finished with oxides or slips and fired in a kiln. Please bring several photos or ideas to the first class. \$15 Material Fee per session, payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Laginess \$98/\$108 per session

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Northville's Buckminster's wins approval on liquor license transfer

Downtown pub set to open in December

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

The new downtown Northville restaurant Buckminster's won approval to have a liquor license transferred last week, with the spot slated to open sometime next month.

Formally to be called Buckminster's Public House at 102 E. Main Street, the transferred Class C liquor license will come from the Lone Start Steakhouse on Ford Road in Westland. The transfer includes a Sunday liquor sales application.

Janette Gunther will be the sole owner of the restaurant, with her daughter, Kimberly, serving as the operator and manager of the restaurant. Her son, Blake, will assist in running the restaurant.

The restaurant on the south side of East Main Street just east of Center Street will be nonsmoking and seat about 50 people. No live entertainment is planned, but the pub will have satellite radio and cable TV.

Hours will be 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Thursday; 11:30-midnight Friday and Saturday; and noon-8

p.m. Sunday.

City of Northville Chief of Police Gary Goss said that the addition of this transferred liquor license means the community now has 17 establishments with on-premise liquor licenses.

Janette Gunther's former husband, Kim Gunther, used to own the Lower Towne Grille in Plymouth, but the restaurant failed. He later tried to make a go of another restaurant, Gladstone's, in the same community, but that also closed.


He also had numerous citations from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission due to a lack of liquor liability insurance, a check written to the commission that had insufficient funding and a January 2007 arrest for driving while intoxicated.

Commissioner John Buckland asked Gunther what his involvement in his ex-wife's business would be, and he stated that he would simply be handling the buildout of the restaurant.

He explained to the local Liquor License Review Committee that because he and his wife were recently divorced the new restaurant needed to be in her name. Gunther

The restaurant is being designed as a neighborhood family business and will serve salads, appetizers, sandwiches and desserts from Edward's Café & Catering across the street.

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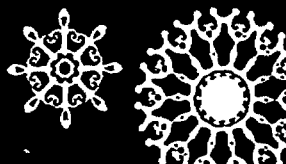
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Tree of Life on display beginning Nov. 21

For many shoppers who frequent Laurel Park Place in Livonia, the Angela Hospice Tree of Life is a sight they instantly recognize. The annual Tree of Life offers individuals the chance to remember and honor their loved ones during the holidays, by placing angel ornaments on the trees when they make a donation to Angela Hospice.

For Livonia resident Maureen Mullins, it is not only the beautiful trees and lighted display that are familiar, but the thousands of names that grace the little gold angels. Maureen works in medical records at Angela Hospice, and has talked with countless family members of the many patients whose charts she has processed.

"Being in medical records I see every name that comes

through here," said Mullins, who is also a hospice volunteer. Tree of Life has become a tradition for her own family, just as it is a tradition for many in the community.

"It is interesting to see the names of patients I recognize from many, many years ago," she said. "Their families still pay tribute to them by putting an ornament on the tree. It is almost overwhelming to see."

Many Angela Hospice supporters visit the Tree of Life each year and attend the opening ceremony, which is open to everyone in the community as well. This year's opening will take place Saturday, Nov. 21, at 11 a.m., and include a performance by the Angela Hospice choir. The Tree of Life is located inside Laurel Park, near the Von Maur store.

"I think it's a happy way of remembering people," said Mullins. "People associate losing someone with angels, and it's a way of remembering the people they've lost in a public way, to show they meant something to someone."

Last year over 4,000 angels decorated the seven trees at Laurel Park Place, each angel representing someone who is loved and thought of at this special time of year. Mullins noted how the Tree of Life has grown in the years she has been involved, and it has become more meaningful to her own family as well. Mullins helps to set up the display with her husband and daughter, along with other Angela Hospice volunteers. She also takes the opportunity to hang angels in memory of her loved ones, including her

father and godmother who were both served by Angela Hospice.

"When we started this event 22 years ago, we couldn't have imagined it growing into what it is today," said Sister Mary Giovanni, president, CEO, and founder of Angela Hospice. "I am pleased to be able to provide this opportunity for people to do something special for their loved ones, even those that are no longer with us. I am moved and grateful that so many people take this time to support Angela Hospice programs as well."

The Tree of Life will be on display during mall hours from Nov. 21 to Dec. 24. For more information on the Tree of Life, contact Angela Hospice events coordinator Barb Iovan at 734-953-6045, or visit www.AskForAngela.com.



Volunteers Barbara Keppen of Livonia and Stella Smith of Plymouth attended last year's Tree of Life opening ceremony, along with events coordinator Barb Iovan of Livonia.

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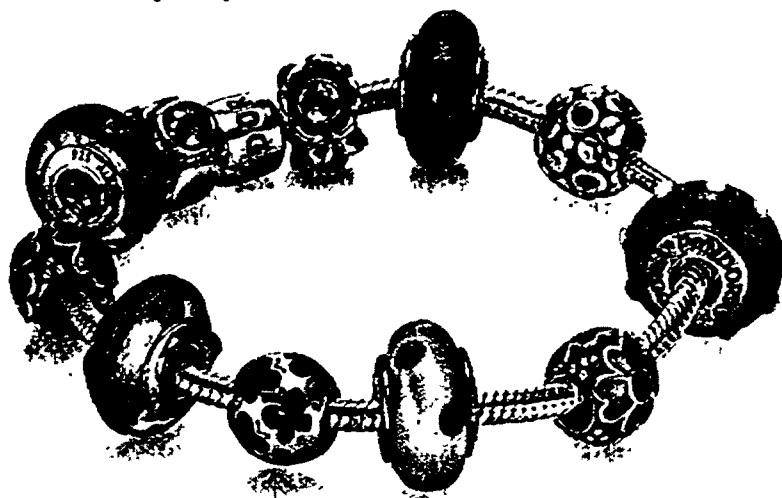
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Northville author reveals how Ford Motor Company helped war effort

Latest book his third on Big Three automaker

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Timothy J. O'Callaghan worked for Ford Motor Company for almost 40 years.

The 79-year-old Northville resident has now had his third book on the Big Three automaker published, with this most recent one taking a look at how the company helped the war effort.

The book, "Ford in the Service of America: Mass Production for the Military During the World Wars," was published by McFarland & Company.

"This is the only book ever published that relates the entire story of Ford Motor Company's contribution to America's effort in winning both World War I and World War II," O'Callaghan said. "Not even Ford Motor Company has written about their total efforts."

HISTORY OF ACHIEVEMENTS

The book reviews the history of the Ford's achievements during the two wars. It shows how in addition to well-known contributions like Jeeps, Eagle Boats (350-foot long submarine chasers) and B-24 Liberators (made at the Willow Run plant) Ford also produced key products, such as squad tents, the ultra precision gun director, tanks and plane engines, helmets and body armor.

O'Callaghan said Eagle Boats were a major undertaking that received a lot of publicity in World War II, but Ford only built two before the armistice, even though it had a contract to build 120.

"The Navy needed something," he said. "They had coastal boats, but they were wooden, and they didn't have any range — they couldn't go more than maybe 150 miles. The Eagle Boats could go 1,000 miles. Ford had never built boats before, and these were built at the Rouge Plant in Detroit."

The book also covers contributions made by all Ford plants, Village Industries and overseas operations.

These accomplishments are written about in detail and illustrated with company photographs O'Callaghan gathered from the thousands of records and photographs in the archives of the Benson Ford Research Center of The Henry Ford in Dearborn.

HIS LONGTIME EMPLOYMENT

Born in Hammond, Ind., in 1930, O'Callaghan worked for Ford from 1951-1990, mostly in field sales. For the last 18 years, he was a regional manager for fleet operations in the Midwest region, working in dealership development.

"We identified areas where we could use new dealers or relocate dealers," he said.

His father, Wilton, a native of Washington, D.C., worked for Ford as a distribution man-

ager for Lincoln Mercury in Washington, then was transferred to an assembly plant in McCutchan, N.J., just outside New York City.

Timothy O'Callaghan spent four years in the U.S. Army, then started as a grade one clerk in the Ford maintenance department.

"One thing led to the next, and I got into the sales office. I ended up as an assistant sales manager for Lincoln Mercury in Chicago, then I was transferred to the Ford division," he said.

He attended Seton Hall College in New Jersey under the G.I. Bill, studying business management nights, which took him seven years.

He worked in several different cities for Ford, and he and his wife, Doris, have lived in the Detroit area since 1976.

"We moved eight times in 13 years," he said. "This is the longest we've lived anywhere. When we moved here, I knew I could plant a tree."

They have four children, seven grandchildren and are members of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville.

O'Callaghan became interested in Ford aviation about 10 years before he retired. He received a lot of his historic photos from the family of Steve Hudek, who had a huge photographic collection of Ford aviation efforts.

"When he died, the family knew I wanted the photos and sold me about 5,000 prints and negatives," O'Callaghan said.

In the early 1980s, O'Callaghan worked Mondays as a volunteer at the Benson Ford Research Center, helping the photo curator.

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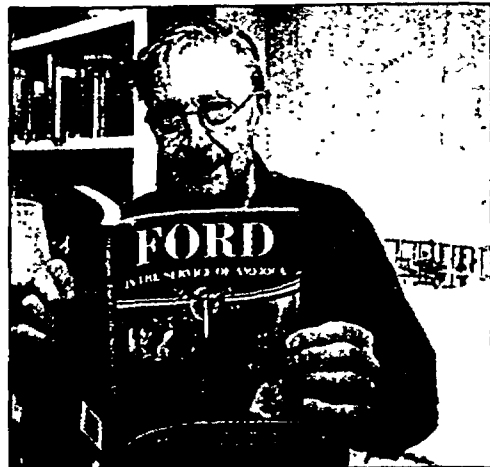
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He also donated a lot of photos to the center.

TWO OTHER BOOKS WRITTEN

O'Callaghan has written two other books on Ford — "Henry Ford's Airport," in 1995, which takes a look at Ford's flying past, and "The Aviation Legacy of Henry & Edsel Ford" in 2001.

As a Ford historian, he believes his latest book is especially rel-



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Northville resident and Ford aviation historian Tim O'Callaghan has written his third book on the automotive company — this one called "Ford in the Service of America," about Ford's production efforts during World War I and World War II.

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"I think it is uniquely timely considering all of the Congressmen and other people of note who have been so adamant in trashing the automotive industry and willing to let it fail," O'Callaghan said. "My book dem-

onstrates the impact American industry, especially automotive as represented by the Ford story, had on the war effort. Without them (the Big Three), it is doubtful that we would have won."

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Mustangs hockey squad earns two triumphs

Season starts off with a bang for Northville skaters

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs boys hockey team came into the season with high hopes, returning six players from last year and a fresh coaching staff to help lead the way.

Those hopes paid off in the first two games of the season as the

Mustangs skated to a 2-0 record thanks to some impressive power play.

The Mustangs notched their first win, 3-2, over Rochester United during the opening day of the Metro Invitational. On day two of the tournament, Northville collected its second win, 3-2, over the Lake Orion Dragons.

"Team defense, goal tending, power play and penalty killing have played a key role in Northville's first two wins this season," stated head coach Jeff Hatley.

Against Rochester United—a team that advanced to the state quarter-finals last year—the Mustangs had to force the game into overtime to earn the victory. Joe Close, a junior forward, earned two goals in the contest, including the game-winning point.

Northville earned two power play goals on three attempts in the contest, showing that their special teams play could make all the difference this season.

Earning the victory between the posts was David Ketelhut, a junior goalie.

Against Lake Orion, the Mustangs didn't need overtime to earn the victory, just the shooting of Tyler Marotta, who netted the game-winning goal with less than two minutes

to play in the contest.

Once again, the Mustangs relied on the penalties of the other team to make their job easier, scoring two on the power play and earning just two penalties of their own throughout the contest.

Sean Bretz, a junior goalie, earned the victory in the game.

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



PHOTOS BY CHARLIE NEVES

Fullback Niko Palazeti celebrates the Shamrocks' 10th state title and first since 2003. Palazeti finished the game with 146 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

CROWNED!

Shamrocks run away with state championship

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

In an extreme clash of styles, Catholic Central used brute force to conquer finesse to capture the school's 10th State Championship.

The Shamrocks knocked off pass-happy Sterling Heights Stevenson 31-21 thanks to a stingy defense and a ground game that racked 360 yards while holding the Titans to minus-five yards.

"It was a fantastic year," said head coach Tom Mach. "It was a very, very tough game. We knew Stevenson was an excellent football team in all areas."

"I feel fantastically fortunate to be in this situation. I thank all my kids for doing such a great job. They were one of the best football teams I've coached as far as camaraderie, hard work, getting along and sacrificing for each other."

The running back tandem of inside-bruiser Niko Palazeti and outside speedster Anthony Capatina carries most of the load. Palazeti carried 34 times for 146 yards, while Capatina racked up 188 on 20 carries. Both scored two touchdowns each.

"It's like pure joy," said Palazeti. "It's indescribable. It's the greatest feeling in the world."

It was the second-best output of the year for Capatina. He ran for more than 200 yards against Livonia Franklin.

"It's amazing," said Capatina. "It's the best feeling I've ever had in my life."

The game started in favor of the Titans. A long kickoff and a 32-yard pass on the first play from scrimmage by star quarterback Jason Fracassa set up a field goal just moments into



The Shamrocks gather together after winning the state championship with a 31-21 victory against Sterling Heights Stevenson on Saturday at Ford Field.

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the contest for Stevenson.

But it would prove to be the only points of the half for the Titans.

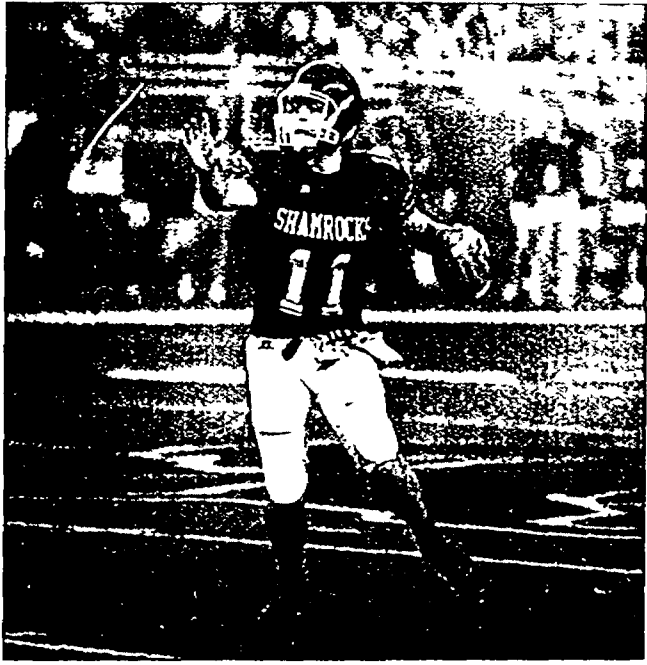
The Shamrock offense pounded out a possession time advantage of 17:29 to 6:31 for the Titans in the first half alone.

The opening drive for the Shamrocks featured seven runs by Palazeti and four by Capatina, finished off by a two-yard run by Capatina with 4:30 remaining in the opening quarter.

Following a three-and-out by Stevenson, the ground-pounding continued.

This time Capatina toted the

Please see **SHAMROCKS, B2**



SIO SMITH

Catholic Central quarterback Sam Landry drops back for one of his six pass attempts in his team's 31-21 win against Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Gatt boots way to best of All-Area boys soccer team

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Built to compete, Detroit Catholic Central senior Josh Gatt got past opponents with a combination of speed, ball work and muscle. He had 22 goals and 14 assists this fall as a midfielder and 50 goals and 35 assists over his career with the Shamrocks.

"Josh is a great attacking player with the ability to go to goal from anywhere on the field. He was our top finisher and our top point man this year," coach Joe Nora said.

He was named to the Dream Team in 2008 and 2009, and was both a first-team All-State and first-team All-Catholic League member for each of the past three seasons. He will play at Indiana University next fall.

FIRST TEAM

Tom Duquette, Novi

A senior goalkeeper, Duquette led the Wildcats by posting 11 shutouts and a 0.55 goals against average in 20 games between the posts. His performance earned him second-team All-State honors and got Novi to the state quarterfinals before losing 1-0 to eventual Division I champions Birmingham Brother Rice.

"Tommy played so well this year that he allowed us to be in every game and then he brought it up to another level in the state tournament and we were able to ride his great play all the way to the state quarterfinals," coach Brian O'Leary said. "In the first game of Regionals, in our shootout win over Troy Athens, he saved a breakaway during the game, a breakaway in overtime and he stopped two PKs in the shootout."

William Schwartz, Lakeland

Schwartz was the tip of the Eagles' claws this fall, dismantling the competition for 17 goals and four assists to tie Lakeland's single-season scoring record. He earned All-State, All-Region, All-District and All-Conference honors.

"Great offensive player, can score right or left footed, dangerous inside the 18 and able to get shots off with defenders hanging all over him," coach Mark Janssen said.

Curt Green, South Lyon

The Lions' captain and team MVP, Green is a three-year starting defender for South Lyon's squad, including the team's 2007 KVC championship season as a sophomore. Playing defense didn't keep Green from contributing on offense, as he contributed one goal and eight assists this fall, combining for four goals and 18 assists in his high school career.

"He is a threat to score even as a defender, along with running the defense," coach Tracie Senter said.

"He will be playing in college next year and plays club for the Derby County Wolves. He is first-team KLA, first-team All-District, first-team academic All-State and our team MVP."

Giovanni Sturla, CC

Keeping his opponents on their toes, Sturla burned the competition with his speed while scoring four goals and earning six assists this fall. He earned All-District and All-Catholic League first-team honors as a midfielder for the Shamrocks.

"Gio had an amazing year, he was able to dominate the outside mid all year. He worked real hard to take his game to the next level and it showed all season," coach Joe Nora said.

Sean Deters, Lakeland

An All-District and All-Conference sweeper for the Eagles, Deters had been a force for Lakeland's varsity defense since his freshman year.

"Very smart player on the field. Great field presence and vision," coach Mark Janssen said.

Jon Bauer, Novi

As Novi's captain, Bauer was an All-State honorable mention as a midfielder for the Wildcats, often matching up with the opposition's best playmakers while contributing to both his team's offense and defense.

"He was the heart and soul of our team. Was a tireless player that could run and play physical for the entire 80 minutes. His fitness level and work ethic were like no other player I have ever coached at Novi and he was an outstanding captain," coach Brian O'Leary said.

Doug Beason, Northville

A four-year starter for the Mustangs, Beason was the team's MVP and leading scorer with 12 goals this fall. He was named third-team All-State, as well as All-District and All-Conference.

"Had a tremendous career. Great career. Just unbelievable speed and the knack for scoring timely goals," coach Henry Klimes said.

Brandon Cameron, Northville

A captain for the Mustangs, Cameron was the defensive centerpiece for the KLA Central Division champions, who allowed 28 goals on the season while holding opponents scoreless in 10 games.

"Definitely our tower of power in the back," coach Henry Klimes said. "Heart and soul of the defense, back there with some young guys

Please see **SOCCER, B3**

It wasn't much different 30 years ago

Catholic Central coach reflects on first state title

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Tom Mach knows the weight of a state championship ring. He has nine of them at home, and a 10th on the way thanks to this year's title.

He doesn't like to talk about which team was the best; instead, he talks about what made them all alike. Great running. Great defense. Great teamwork.

But when Mach talks about this year's team, it reminds him of one team in particular: the 1979 state championship Shamrocks.

Sure, 30 years seems like a long time between teams to see very many similarities. Jimmy Carter was president. A stamp cost 15 cents. Gas was a mere 86 cents per gallon.

But the Shamrocks weren't

much different than they are today.

"We had great senior leadership on that team, and great senior leadership on this team," said Mach. "This year's team reminds me a lot of that year."

Mach took over the Shamrocks program in 1976. Back then, a state championship wasn't even a blip on his radar. He was in his 20s, hoping to keep his job at the helm of the program by putting up a few wins. It wasn't a bad year in 1976. The team went 7-1, though no playoff berth.

In 1977, the Shamrocks were 5-3. In 1978, they went 7-2.

And then, in 1979, an undefeated regular season pushed the Shamrocks into the playoffs. They were the real deal, too, earning five shutouts throughout the first nine

games of the season, including one against DeLaSalle. In the playoffs, the Shamrocks toppled Dearborn Fordson, 26-8, before beating Hazel Park, 13-0.

Then came the state championship. Escanaba, a powerhouse in Class A football at the time with a state championship that came in 1981, has earned its way to the final game. Mach and his coaching staff did what they knew best: they ran the football and relied on the stingy defense of the 1979 squad. The end result? A convincing 32-7 victory over the Eskymos.

Mach remembers it well. The excitement. The adrenaline. The team that brought him his first ring.

The names flow from his mind as though he still coached them. Aaron Roberts



CHARLIE NEMES

Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach now has a ring for every digit on both hands thanks to his team's 31-21 win against Sterling Heights Stevenson.

and Mike Lewis were just two that he mentioned.

That year's team had the moxie. They had the drive. They had the belief.

"This year's team had all the same characteristics," Mach

said. "Another very similar characteristic is that this team, like that team, got along very well. They believed in each other. It was more than just a team, it was a family." Mach, since the first day of

the 2009 season, preached tradition to anyone who asked him about his squad. They looked to the past to determine what their future could be.

No matter the differences between 1979 and now, Mach knows what keeps the Shamrocks advancing to the playoffs, and what keeps them winning state championships.

"It's the leadership," he said. "It's the same as it was in 1979. Here it is, 30 years later, and we have leaders keeping everyone focused on the goal. You can have all the talent you want, but the leadership is what matters most."

And with Tom Mach at the helm, leadership is never in short supply, especially after 30 years.

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



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Catholic Central fullback Niko Palazeti soars into the end zone for one of his two touchdowns against Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside

Palazeti, Capatina are Shamrocks' best backfield ever

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It takes a lot for Catholic Central coach Tom Mach to outright say an aspect of his football team is simply the best he's ever coached.

That comes from three decades of coaching experience and 10 state titles. But Mach didn't hesitate when asked about the rushing capabilities of fullback Niko Palazeti and halfback Anthony Capatina this year.

"They're the best one-two punch we've ever had out of the backfield," admitted Mach.

And why wouldn't he? Palazeti lit up the highlight reel starting with the first game of the season and continually put up 100-plus yards per contest until a shoulder injury sidelined him for two weeks. Capatina stepped up and started to carry that 100-yard title, rushing through and around defenders without a hint of hesitation.

When all was said and done, Palazeti finished his season with nearly 1,300 yards rushing. Capatina? Almost 1,400.

"They're incredibly talented runners," said Mach, who described Palazeti as "Mr. Inside" and Capatina as "Mr. Outside" because of their differing running styles. "Niko earned every one of those yards. All of them were inside and all of them were hard fought."

Palazeti proved to be quite the bruiser this year, plowing through just about anyone who tried to get in his way.

"Capatina has a nose for holes, and he makes yards for himself," Mach said. "He has the ability to get around a defender. He's quick and he's got a great vision on the field."

Jukes and speed kept Capatina rolling along all season. His 189 yards in the state championship game were an exclamation point added to the end of an outstanding season.

The respect the two running

backs have earned from their coach, their teammates and their opponents is one they share between each other as well. "For me it's pretty easy because Niko does all the dirty work," said Capatina. "When they get sucked inside, I can just go right outside. It makes my job a lot easier."

Palazeti disagreed. From his point of view, Capatina's job is much harder.

"(Capatina) takes a lot more athletic ability," he said. "I just run into people. I help him go, and he helps me."

Heading into this season, Mach made no qualms about running the same style of tough-nose football he has been running at Catholic Central since 1976 when he took over the program. Lots of running, lots of expectations from the defense and lots of pride and tradition.

With a quarterback like Sam Landry and a strong receiver corps, there is no doubt the Shamrocks could have tried to move to a more spread-like offense and throw the ball like many high school teams are doing.

Mach disagrees. "That's the way we play football," he said. "They can take their spreads (offenses) and do whatever they want. We have to be able to do what we have to do in our concepts."

And what a concept it is. Play defense. Run the football. Win a state championship.

"It's something you dream about," said Palazeti. "I was talking to a fullback from the '98 team, and he told me to leave the playoffs with a win. Only one team can do it. That's the greatest thing in the world. To actually feel that and accomplish that is a dream come true. It's a little overwhelming right now, but it's an absolute dream."

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Catholic Central's Anthony Capatina cuts up field during the title game.

SHAMROCKS

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ball five times with Palazeti carrying four times and finishing it off with a one-yard plunge barely more than three minutes into the second quarter.

Stevenson put together a solid drive on the next possession, but wound up missing a 34-yard field goal.

The same thing happened to the Shamrocks, when Justin D'Agostino's 35-yard field goal was blocked.

The final major momentum switch of the half came via a blocked punt by Scott Byrne, giving the Shamrocks the ball at the Titan 14 with 2:18 remaining in the half.

Four plays later, Palazeti scored from the one for a commanding 21-3 halftime lead.

"We were really tired of hearing about how CC was over and CC was soft now that they made the move to Novi," said Palazeti. "We came out here and wanted to prove that we're a physically dominating team. Even though we might not have as much athletic ability as other teams, we can still win by sheer brute force."

Stevenson made its best run in the third quarter, holding the CC offense off the scoreboard.

A 20-yard field goal by David Brown and a 75-yard pass from Fracassa to D.J. Merzhan pulled the Titans within one score. Fracassa also hit Marcus Beaurem for the two-point conversion to trail 21-14.

But the Shamrocks got things rolling again with their third 12-play drive for a score.

The key play of the drive came with CC facing a fourth-and-one from its own 30. Quarterback Sam Landry snuck the ball for two yards for the first.

"He talked me into it, so I'll let him tell you about it," said Mach at the post-game interview. "That was a key, key play."

"I just talked to (Jeff) Sherman, our center, and just said, 'We can get it can't we?' He said, 'Yeah, of course,' said Landry. 'I told coach Mach and he trusted us, and we got it.'"

Seven plays later, Capatina followed a Palazeti block on the edge for a nine-yard score and a 28-14 lead.

On the next play from scrimmage for Stevenson, defensive back Andrew Nelson stepped on front of a receiver on a deep ball for an interception.

"Fracassa stared down the receiver so I just made a play on the ball," said Nelson. "Either one of us could have got it. I just made a play on the ball."

"They're a really good offense. We had to play really hard and we did, and I think we played really well."

The ensuing drive resulted in a 35-yard field goal by D'Agostino for a 31-14 lead with 6:55 remaining.

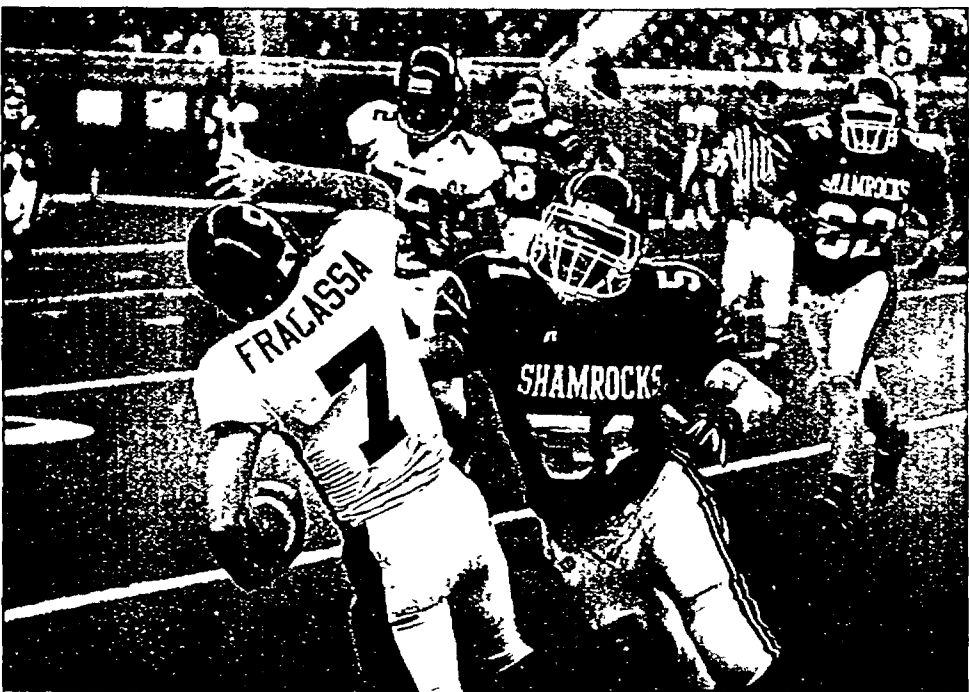
Fracassa led his team on one more scoring drive by connecting with Justice Wright on a three-yard pass with 4:19 remaining, but he was picked off by Mike Kinville with 10 seconds remaining to end the game.

The 21 points was the lowest



CHARLIE NEMES

It was an all hands on deck effort Saturday as Detroit Catholic Central brought home its 10th state championship trophy by knocking off Sterling Heights Stevenson 31-21.



CHARLIE NEMES

Defensive end Brandon Tammaro tracks down Sterling Heights Stevenson quarterback Jason Fracassa.

scoring output by Stevenson for the year.

"CC is a very good team," Stevenson head coach Rick Bye said. "Their secondary was faster than we thought."

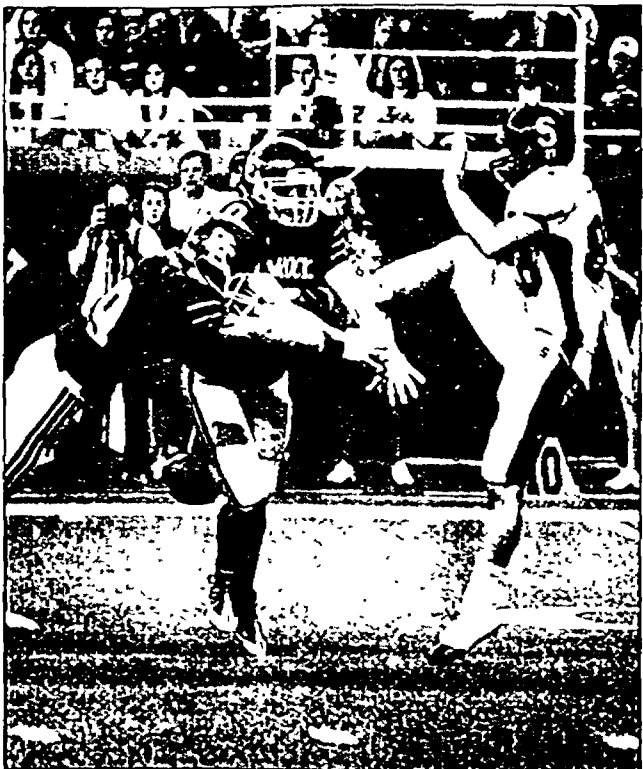
"No excuses, they beat us."

Fracassa finished 15 for 34 with 293 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

The win earns Mach his 10th State Championship at CC. It was also the first title since moving to the school campus to Novi and first since 2003.

"They're all the same, but this one in particular, since we're experiencing it now, is a great, great feeling," said Mach. "You hate to pick out one over the other because all those other guys on the other teams did a tremendous job to get their State Championship also."

"Every one of our coaches mentioned the fact that they had one of the greatest year coaching these guys. They were very unselfish young men."



CHARLIE NEMES

Anthony Seling and Scott Byrne converge on Stevenson punter Michael Puzzuoli during the Shamrocks' win on Saturday at Ford Field.

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SOCCER

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wrapped around him. One of our most consistent players."

Alashe Fatai, Northville

With All-District and All-Conference honors under his belt, Fatai was second on Northville's squad in each offensive statistic, scoring 10 goals as a center midfielder this season.

"Just a tremendous midfield player, great vision," coach Henry Klimes said. "Most of our big wins, he had something to do with. He's one of the best players in the state."

David Wuesten, South Lyon East

Leading the Cougars from the midfield with four goals and five assists, Wuesten was an overall bright spot for the second-year program.

"He was an exchange student from Germany that played in every game. He demonstrated outstanding ball skills and the ability to change his style of play to help the team," said coach John Delplace. "His attitude towards the game, his team and opponents was an excellent example of good sportsmanship."

Brian Herron, Novi

With none of Novi's starting defenders returning from 2008, Herron was counted on to keep the Wildcats' opposition from getting open looks on the net and keeping the ball out of the middle.

"He was a great defender that is fantastic at winning battles in the corners from his left defense position," coach Brian O'Leary said. "He missed the last two games of the regular season and we lost both. But when he came back, we made a long run in state tournament. I would always match him up on the other teams top forward."

SECOND TEAM

Joey Zywoil, Northville

Third on the Mustangs' squad in goals with five, Zywoil also had eight assists as a midfielder for the Central Division champion Northville team.

ALL-AREA SOCCER

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Josh Gatt, CC senior

FIRST TEAM

Tom Duquette, Novi senior

William Schwartz, Lakeland junior

Curt Green, South Lyon senior

Giovanni Sturla, CC senior

Sean Deters, Lakeland junior

Jon Bauer, Novi senior

Doug Beason, Northville senior

Brandon Cameron, Northville senior

Alashe Fatai, Northville junior

David Wuesten, South Lyon East senior

Brian Herron, Novi junior

SECOND TEAM

Joey Zywoil, Northville junior

Jordan Selva, South Lyon senior

Doug McGinn, Novi senior

Ben Lang, Lakeland junior

Dan Morris, South Lyon junior

Kale Howell, Milford senior

Wes Harding, CC senior

Brandon Hess, CC senior

Nick Peper, Northville junior

Chase Jabbori, Novi sophomore

Kaito Li, Novi senior

HONORABLE MENTION

CC - Sr. Cole Borland

Lakeland - Sr. Matt Saliccioli

Sr. Sean Carrigan, Sr. Naveed Firoozgan

Milford - Jr. Devon Rusas, Jr.

Devon Newell, So. Dylan Polcyn,

Jr. Beau Prey

Northville - Jr. D Dan Yutzy

Novi - Sr. Nick Bowser, Sr. Chris Slack

South Lyon East - Sr. D Matt McGinnin, Sr. D Nick Mancuso,

Sr. D Brian McElroy.

Jordan Selva, South Lyon

With speed and muscle, Selva had three goals and four assists for the Lions this season. He is one of South Lyon's all-time leading point earners with 38 (14 goals, 24 assists). A three-year starter and forward, Selva was also on the All-KLAA team.

Doug McGinn, Novi

A constant threat in the Wildcats' offense, McGinn captained the team and used his speed to regularly mix with the team's midfield play without losing ground on his forward position assignment.

Ben Lang, Lakeland

Nearly every win the Eagles

had this season was a result of Lang's steady goalkeeping, as the junior provided nine shut-outs for the Lakeland squad, earning himself All-District and All-Conference honors.

Dan Morris, South Lyon

In his first varsity season, Morris made an immediate impact, tallying seven goals and four assists to lead the Lions this fall. He had a two goals against Plymouth Salem's All-State netminder Sasha Miskovic in a 3-2 upset that inevitably cost the Rocks the division title. He also earned All-District honors.

Kale Howell, Milford

A second-year captain for the Mavericks, Howell led the team in scoring and proved to be the best player on the team in the eyes of his coach, John Murnahan.

Wes Harding, CC

Harding was a leader for the Shamrocks, backing the team in a competitive Catholic League with five shutouts and a 0.94 goals against average.

Brandon Hess, CC

Using his speed, passing skills and one-on-one abilities, Hess helped orchestrate CC's offensive success throughout the season, earning three goals and five assists to create a trio of terror for the Shamrocks opponents alongside Gatt and Sturla.

Nick Peper, Northville

Earning All-Conference honors, Peper played tremendous defense for the division-champion Mustangs.

Chase Jabbori, Novi

Coming off a 12-goal freshman campaign, Jabbori was a marked man most of the season as teams double- and triple-teamed him. He continued to break free of opposing defenders with his quickness and ballhandling, continuing to be an offensive power for the Wildcats.

Kaito Li, Novi

Li created offensive options for himself and his teammates throughout the season as a midfielder for the Wildcats. His steady work ethic allowed him to be in the position to keep the Wildcats in games where his team's formation would break down.

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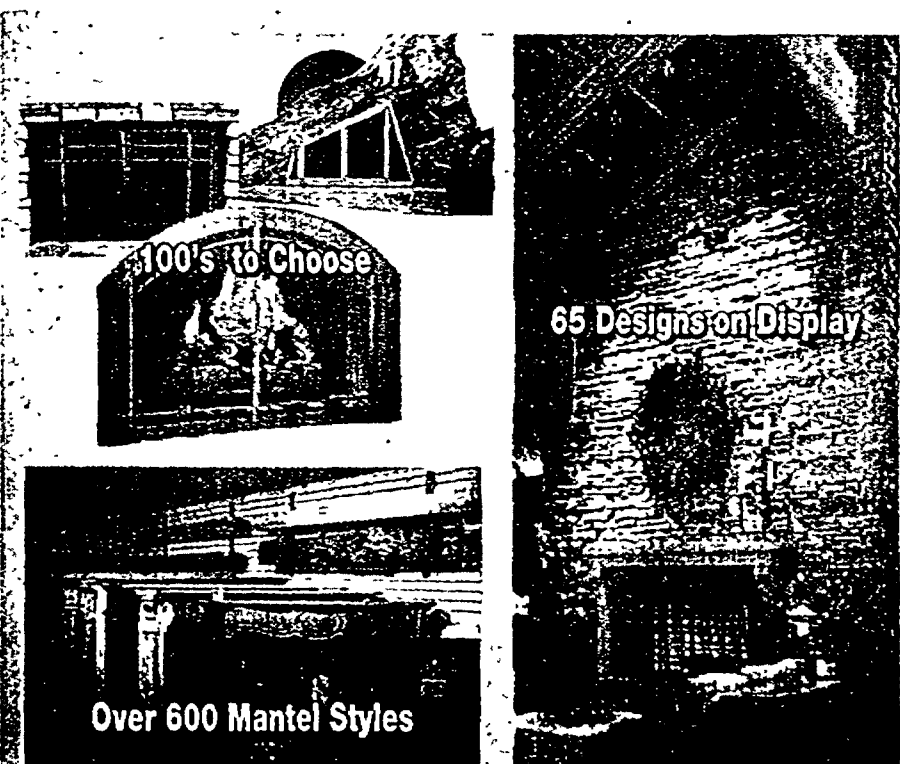
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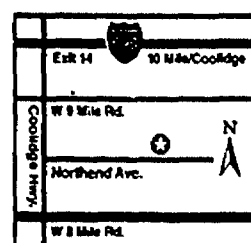
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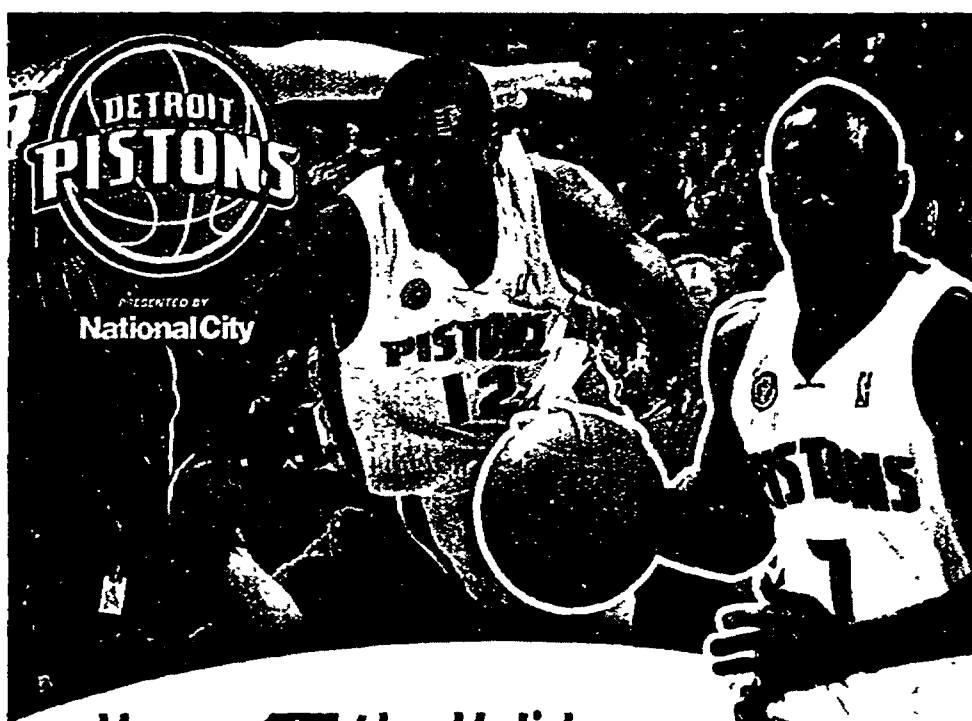
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LET'S GO TO WORK

Dubé aces Player of the Year honors

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

After winning the State Championship as a freshman at No. 2 singles, CC's Joe Dubé has had only two losses in two years, both coming in the State Finals at No. 1.

His 59-2 record and a second-consecutive runner-up finish at the State Finals earned Dubé All-Area Tennis Player of the Year honors.

"Joe's accomplishments have been nothing short of outstanding the past three years," said head coach Joe Stafford. "But what is more impressive is the way he has done it. He is a really humble person and he conducts himself with maturity beyond his years. Joe always keeps his cool on the tennis court and he is a great example of how to play the game the right way."

The Shamrock junior earned his third-straight league title, third-straight regional title and earned All-Catholic for the third-consecutive year.

"He's an all-court player," said Stafford. "He always hits the right shot at the right time. You don't get any free shots against him."

"He can get you down and keep you down."

Not only does Dubé win consistently, but he does so in dominating fashion. Among his wins this season, he won 26 sets 6-0.

"He always plays at a high level," said Stafford. "It's really tremendous. He's able to stay relaxed in big points."

"It's been great for CC to have him as part of the team."

FIRST TEAM

With such loaded teams from the area, making the All-Area First Team is comparable to a Dream Team from around the state.

Eric Guindi, CC

The Shamrocks sophomore capped off a 30-1 season with a State Championship at No. 4 singles. Along the way, he earned the regional title and All-Catholic honors.

"Eric was dominant all season long," said Stafford. "He really improved his skills from last season. He is so mentally tough. He never

Player of the Year

Joe Dubé, CC junior

First Team singles

Eric Guindi, CC sophomore
Melvin Joseph, Northville senior
Tim Wasielewski, Northville senior
Kevin Renehan, East sophomore
First Team doubles
Nathan Farooq and Greg Richard, Novi
Kyle McGuire and Jason Carless, Novi
Vishnu Venugopal and Chaitanya Kanitkar, Novi

Second Team

Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindi, CC
Steve Irvine, Northville
Peter Zhang, Novi
Carson Crandell, Novi
Kevin Hodges, CC
Bill Bell and Andrew Cho, Novi
Evan Gatz and Anthony Rossi, Northville
Brandon Kosinski and Zach Wisniewski, CC
Patrick Bowers and Ryan Delacy, CC
Honorable Mention
Novi - Pavan Rao, Alex Brizard, Ani Ravi and Zhao Wang.

East - Chris Kyanka and Tudor Bahmata.
Northville - Nick Kalweit, Matt Salterfield, Phil Lee, Jordan Blough, Alex Hsu, Albert Chen, Bryce Groshek, Austin Weaver and Rahul Raj.
Lakeland - Conner Matteson and Tyler Morsehead

quits and never shows any negative emotion and always gives a 100-percent effort."

Melvin Joseph, Northville

The Mustang senior held his own against some of the best talent in the state. He finished runner-up at the KLAA Conference meet and at regionals. He earned a win at the State Finals and finished 19-11. Ten of his 11 losses came to players who reached at least the semifinals at States.

"Melvin is an amazingly hard worker on and off the tennis court," said head coach Matt Stetson. "He fights hard for every point within every match, and his hard work and determination has made him one of the top players in the state. He will

play tennis at Wayne State next year."

Tim Wasielewski, Northville

Next in the singles order for Northville was Wasielewski, a senior. He finished 23-6, with three of those losses coming to the eventual State Champion. Wasielewski was the regional champion and went all the way to the semifinals at State before losing 7-5 in the third set.

"Tim is an incredible fighter," said Stetson. "He had surgery in July that kept him out of tennis all summer and then he fought back to be one of the top players in the state. He has incredible tenacity to fight through the pain early on in the season and even fight through cramps in the final match of his career at the State tournament."

Kevin Renehan, South Lyon East

The East sophomore had quite a season for the Cougars. He finished 22-2, earning a KLAA Conference title along the way. His only losses were to Joseph from Northville and to the No. 1 seed at the regional tournament. He avenged the loss to Joseph in the conference finals. He took first place in three of the four tournaments the Cougars played in. "Kevin is a very talented tennis player," said coach Matt Admiraal. "He has really learned how to construct points this year and plays smart tennis. He is not only a very good tennis player, but he is also a great team member, a very hard worker, a great student and he has a great attitude."

Nathan Farooq and Greg Richard, Novi

The No. 1 doubles team for Novi featured a pair of juniors who compiled a 27-3 record. Farooq and Richard collected a KLAA Conference title, regional title and made it to the State semifinals. All three of the losses on the year came to the eventual State finalist teams.

"Nathan Farooq and Greg Richard were one of the best doubles team in the state this year, and they came within points of winning a State Championship," said head coach Jim

Hanson. "They had many outstanding wins during the season, and just may be the best doubles team to ever play at Novi High School."

Kyle McGuire and Jason Carless, Novi

The No. 2 doubles team featured a senior in McGuire and a freshman in Carless. The duo combined for a 24-6 record and a run to the semifinals at the State Finals. The two earned a pair of tournament titles during the season, the KLAA title and regional titles along the way to a 24-6 record.

"Kyle's aggressive play at the net and Jason's steady backcourt game produced many big wins for the Wildcats this year," said Hanson. "They came very close to beating the State Champions from Ann Arbor Huron on two different occasions."

Vishnu Venugopal and Chaitanya Kanitkar, Novi

Novi senior Venugopal and junior Kanitkar were the third doubles team to make a run to the semifinals at the State Finals. They compiled a 28-3 record at No. 3 doubles, earning titles in a pair of tournaments during the season, a KLAA title and a runner-up regional finish.

"Their 28 wins exemplified just how dominate this duo was at this flight," said Hanson. "Two of the three losses were to the State Champions from Ann Arbor Huron."

Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindi, CC

The seniors put together a 30-2 season that ended with a runner-up finish at the State Finals for No. 3 doubles.

"Nick and Robbie have great chemistry on the court and worked together to have a really successful season," said Stafford. "Nick and Robbie were State Finalists, regional champions and Catholic League champions this year."

SECOND TEAM

Steve Irvine, Northville

The Mustang senior racked up a 26-4 record at No. 3 singles. He was

the conference champion and runner-up at regionals. He was the No. 3 seed at the state tournament and fell in the quarterfinals.

Peter Zhang, Novi

The Novi senior went 15-13 at No. 2 singles. He collected a title at the Rochester Invite and finished runner-up at the Port Huron Northern Invite.

Carson Crandell, Novi

The Wildcat senior handled top chore for singles, going 11-15. He was a four-year player at Novi and won a title at the Port Huron Northern Invite and finished his career 74-29.

Kevin Hodges, CC

The Shamrock sophomore went 18-12 at No. 2 singles. He was a regional and Catholic League finalist, made the quarterfinals at the State Finals and earned All-Catholic honors.

Bill Bell and Andrew Cho, Novi

The No. 4 doubles team for Novi went 24-7. The sophomore duo won titles at two regular season tournaments, won the KLAA Conference title and finished runner at regionals before reaching the semis at the State Finals.

Evan Gatz and Anthony Rossi, Northville

The No. 1 doubles team for the Mustangs finished 17-11. They finished runner-up at the KLAA Conference meet and at regionals.

Brandon Kosinski and Zach Wisniewski, CC

The juniors earned a 20-9 record at No. 2 doubles for the Shamrocks. The two were regional and Catholic League finalists as well at reaching the quarterfinals at the State Finals.

Patrick Bowers and Ryan Delacy, CC

The seniors compiled a 27-5 record at No. 4 singles. The regional champions made a run to the semifinals at the State Finals.

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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. 23-2 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 Coutts, South Lyon.

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Maxwell jumps to top of All-Area volleyball team

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

The centerpiece of the Eagles' successful season, Lakeland senior Lauren Maxwell earned various individual tournament honors throughout the season, as well as All-Region, All-Conference and a nomination for All-State.

As a setter, Maxwell served up her teammates for 1,199 assists while earning 164 kills and 90 aces of her own. Defensively, she also made 414 digs in leading the Eagles to a 40-12-3 record, KLAA Association championship and district title.

"She is one of the best players in the state. She runs our offense smoothly, distributes the ball to all of our attackers and makes them successful," coach Jen Nighswander said. "She makes a bad pass a good one and also contributes with her effective jump serving and her attacking abilities."

FIRST TEAM

Maggie Hannon, Lakeland

Although the competition based their defense on this 6-foot, 2-inch middle blocker, Hannon still had a 48.4 kill percentage, which earned her 383 kills on the season. Her height also contributed to 89 blocks as she earned All-Region and All-Conference honors.

"Maggie was the most efficient attacker in the area this year. With her height, she was extremely hard to defend," coach Jen Nighswander said.

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Lauren Maxwell, Lakeland senior

FIRST TEAM

Maggie Hannon, Lakeland junior
Erica Robb, Novi junior
Ciara Schultz, Lakeland sophomore
Laura Subject, Novi junior

Kelly Maise, Northville senior

Alicia Kalik, South Lyon junior

SECOND TEAM

Allison Hoomaian, Novi senior

Ashley Fields, Milford senior

Adrien Allward, Milford senior

Lyndsay Tyler, South Lyon junior

Rachel Zinkosky, Northville junior

Rose Deren, Lakeland junior

HONORABLE MENTION

Northville - Sr. Christy Mueller, Fr.

Rebecca Martin

Novi - So. Katie Enright, Sr. Christine Mech

South Lyon - Sr. Alexandria McNeill, Jr.

Raele Buddenborg

South Lyon East - So. Devyn Flack

"She was the go-to player no matter the situation we were in. If we needed a point, we got her the ball. Teams would defend us based on her and this would create opportunities for our other attackers."

Erica Robb, Novi

As an outside hitter, Robb was a statistical leader in most categories for the Wildcats. With 482 receptions, 362 kills, 311 digs, 82 blocks and 60 aces, this All-Region and All-

Conference junior was a force behind Novi's success regardless of where she was on the court.

"Erica has been a solid force for us in all areas of the game," coach Julie Fiset said. "She is a great hitter, server and defensive player. She is a great athlete and a pleasure to coach."

Ciara Schultz, Lakeland

A right-side attacker, Schultz was a key player in the Eagles' Association title both offensively and defensively. The sophomore had 417 digs, 249 kills and 73 aces in earning All-Region and All-Conference honors.

"Ciara is a phenomenal all-around player. She can also set, but we didn't need her to do so this year," coach Jen Nighswander said. "She played all the way around for us, including serve receive and has a very effective jump serve. She is a lefty, so is hard to defend coming from the right side of the court and also is always matched up with the other team's best attacker for blocking responsibilities. She was key to our success this season."

Laura Subject, Novi

Any time Novi was looking for a point, the Wildcats got the ball to Subject, who was able to set up her teammates for kills without tipping off the opposing defense. Although this All-Region/Conference setter/libero amassed 717 assists on the season despite missing 20 games with a severely sprained ankle, Subject also led the team with 89 aces while contributing 201 digs.

tributing 201 digs.

"Laura is a tremendous athlete that doesn't doubt her abilities or her teammates," coach Julie Fiset said. "She is an extremely hard worker and is very dedicated to the sport and her team. She was a huge attribute to the team and fun to be around."

Kelly Maise, Northville

Maise led the Mustangs in nearly every statistical category a year after setting the school record with 484 kills. Prior to districts, this outside hitter had 322 kills, 299 digs and 88 aces, leading the team in all three categories.

"She led our team in aces, serve percentage, kills, kill percentage and serve receive percentage. Kelly Maise was our lead contributor to earn every victory we had this year," coach Amanda Yaklin said. "She was our primary serve-receive passer in all six patterns, she hit from every position on the court, she was All-Conference and All-Region. She has a strong jump-top serve. Kelly has a passion for volleyball and will be impossible to replace."

Alicia Kalik, South Lyon

As the Lions' all-purpose setter, Kalik set her teammates up with 601 assists. At 6-feet, Kalik also had 51 kills and 66 blocks, while getting low for 198 digs and perfecting her serve with 46 aces.

"We run a 5-1 with Alicia setting all the way around. Not only is she an excellent setter, but she is a great blocker and a strong defensive player," coach Renee Dutcher said.

SECOND TEAM

Allison Hoomaian, Novi

This outside hitter not only led her team in spirit, but by example as well, contributing in every match to earn 330 kills, 175 digs, 69 blocks and 48 aces en route to All-Region and All-Conference honors.

Ashley Fields, Milford

Fields led the Mavericks in several areas as a middle blocker, knocking 326 kills and 58 aces past her opponents while blocking back 163 kill attempts on defense.

Adrien Allward, Milford

With 602 digs, Allward was the defining vision of a libero for the Mavericks. She was also effective offensively, serving up 41 aces on the season.

Lyndsay Tyler, South Lyon

Court movement is important for any team and this setter kept the ball alive for the Lions, making 331 passes and 246 digs on the season while adding 163 kills at the net.

Rachel Zinkosky, Northville

As a setter, Zinkosky led her team with 453 assists and was third in serving aces with 40 heading into the district match against Novi.

Rose Deren, Lakeland

Using her efficient pass and dig skills, Deren proved while she is one of the top local liberos, providing 612 digs for the Eagles.



Claddagh supports CC

The Claddagh Irish Pub in Lansing hosted a motor coach full of fans for the Division I semi-final state championship football game played Nov. 21 at Lansing Everett High School. Detroit Catholic Central Dads' Club organized the motor coach to travel to the game to support the Shamrock team in its effort to win its 10th state championship in football. Prior to the game they visited The Claddagh Irish Pub in Lansing. Jim Govan, a Catholic Central Dads' Club board member, stated, "What a wonderful way to support our young men, our football team and our sponsor of this year's St. Patrick's Day Ireland Raffle. It's a great day to be a Shamrock!" Brian Pell, general manager of The Claddagh Irish Pub welcomed the group and hosted a wonderful pre-game event. Pell said, "We are happy to be involved and be a part of the community here in Michigan." The Catholic Central Dads' Club would like to thank The Claddagh Irish Pub for their sponsorship of this year's St. Patrick's Day Ireland Raffle. The drawing will be held at The Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia on St. Patrick's Day March 17, 2010. The Claddagh Irish Pub is located at 17800 Haggerty Road, Livonia; (734) 542-8141.

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NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

Boys Basketball

All games are at 7 p.m.

Tue	12/08/09	Walled Lake Western
Fri	12/11/09	@ Walled Lake Northern
Thu	12/17/09	@ Livonia Churchill
Fri	12/18/09	Saline
Fri	01/08/10	South Lyon
Tue	01/12/10	@ Salem
Fri	01/15/10	Northville
Tue	01/19/10	Livonia Stevenson
Fri	01/22/10	@ South Lyon East
Tue	01/26/10	Plymouth
Fri	01/29/10	@ South Lyon
Tue	02/02/10	Salem
Fri	02/05/10	@ Northville
Tue	02/09/10	@ Livonia Stevenson
Fri	02/12/10	South Lyon East
Fri	02/19/10	KLAA Playoff
Tue	02/23/10	KLAA Playoff
Fri	02/26/10	@ KLAA Playoff
Tue	03/02/10	@ KLAA Crossover

Girls Basketball

All games are at 7 p.m.

Fri	12/04/09	@ Saline
Tue	12/08/09	@ Walled Lake Western
Fri	12/11/09	Walled Lake Northern
Tue	12/15/09	Walled Lake Central
Thu	12/17/09	Livonia Churchill
Fri	01/08/10	@ South Lyon
Tue	01/12/10	@ Salem
Fri	01/15/10	@ Northville
Tue	01/19/10	@ Livonia Stevenson
Fri	01/22/10	South Lyon East
Tue	01/26/10	@ Plymouth
Fri	01/29/10	South Lyon
Tue	02/02/10	@ Salem
Fri	02/05/10	Northville
Tue	02/09/10	Livonia Stevenson
Fri	02/12/10	@ South Lyon East
Tue	02/16/10	@ KLAA Playoff
Thu	02/18/10	KLAA Playoff
Mon	02/22/10	@ KLAA Playoff
Wed	02/24/10	@ KLAA Crossover

Ice Hockey

Home games at Novi Ice Arena

Home	12/04/09	6 p.m. @ Northville
Wed	12/09/09	6:30 p.m. Livonia Stevenson
Sat	12/12/09	6 p.m. @ Walled Lake Western (Kensington Valley Ice House)
Mon	12/14/09	6:30 p.m. Plymouth
Fri	12/18/09	6:30 p.m. @ Clarkston Invite - Davison
Sat	12/19/09	6:30 p.m. @ Clarkston Invite - Clarkston or Cranbrook
Wed	12/30/09	6 p.m. @ Livonia Franklin
Fri	01/08/10	7 p.m. @ Calumet
Sat	01/09/10	7 p.m. @ Hancock
Wed	01/20/10	6:30 p.m. Livonia Churchill
Mon	01/25/10	6:30 p.m. South Lyon
Sat	01/30/10	7 p.m. @ North Farmington
Wed	02/03/10	8 p.m. @ Livonia Stevenson
Fri	02/05/10	8:30 p.m. @ Salem
Mon	02/08/10	6:30 p.m. Northville
Fri	02/12/10	@ MIHL Showcase
Sat	02/13/10	@ MIHL Showcase
Thu	02/18/10	@ KLAA Conference Crossover
Thu	02/25/10	@ KLAA Association Crossover

Boys Swim and Dive

Sat	01/09/10	9 a.m. @ Laker Invitational at West Bloomfield HS
Sat	01/14/10	6 p.m. South Lyon
Thu	01/16/10	9 a.m. @ Lakeland Invitational
Thu	01/21/10	6:30 p.m. @ Northville
Thu	01/28/10	6 p.m. Salem
Thu	02/04/10	7 p.m. @ Livonia Stevenson
Fri	02/05/10	@ Oakland County Diving at Waterford Mott
Sat	02/06/10	@ Oakland County at Waterford Mott
Thu	02/11/10	7 p.m. @ Walled Lake Northern
Fri	02/19/10	5 p.m. @ KLAA Division Diving
Sat	02/20/10	12 p.m. @ KLAA Division Meet
Fri	02/26/10	5 p.m. @ KLAA Conference Diving
Sat	02/27/10	12 p.m. @ KLAA Conference Meet
Tue	03/09/10	@ MHSAA Regional Diving
Fri	03/12/10	@ MHSAA Finals
Sat	03/13/10	@ MHSAA Finals

Boys and Girls Bowling

All meets are at 3:30 p.m. unless noted

Tue	12/08/09	@ Brighton (4 p.m. Century Bowl)
Wed	12/09/09	Grand Blanc (Westland Bowl)
Mon	12/14/09	Northville (Town & Country)
Thu	12/17/09	@ John Glenn (Super Bowl)
Tue	01/05/10	Wayne Memorial (Novi Bowl)
Wed	01/06/10	Clarenceville (Novi Bowl)
Mon	01/11/10	@ Plymouth (4 p.m. Super Bowl)
Wed	01/13/10	Canton (Westland Bowl)
Tue	01/19/10	@ Salem (4 p.m. Super Bowl)
Thu	01/21/10	Mott @ Novi 3:30PM
Tue	01/26/10	@ Northville (Novi Bowl)
Thu	01/28/10	John Glenn (Super Bowl)
Mon	02/01/10	@ Wayne Memorial (Town & Country)
Thu	02/04/10	Clarenceville (Super Bowl)
Wed	02/10/10	Plymouth (Westland Bowl)
Thu	02/11/10	@ Canton (Super Bowl)
Tue	02/16/10	Salem (Novi Bowl)
Tue	02/23/10	@ KLAA Conference Tournament (Town & Country)

Competitive Cheer

Sat	12/05/09	9 a.m. Novi Winter Warm-Up Invitational
Mon	12/07/09	6:30 p.m. @ Quad Crossover @ Hartland
Sat	12/12/09	@ CCCAM Invite
Wed	01/06/10	6:30 p.m. @ Quad at South Lyon
Sat	01/09/10	9 a.m. Novi Cheer Invite
Wed	01/20/10	6:30 p.m. @ Quad at Livonia Stevenson
Sat	01/23/10	10 a.m. @ Grosse Ile Invite
Sat	01/30/10	1 p.m. @ Northville Invitational
Wed	02/03/10	6:30 p.m. Livonia Stevenson
Sat	02/06/10	9 a.m. @ Kensington Conference Tournament at Franklin
Sat	02/13/10	10 a.m. KLAA Association Championship
Sat	02/20/10	@ MHSAA Districts
Sat	02/27/10	@ MHSAA Regional

Wrestling

Sat	12/05/09	9 a.m. @ Adrian Maple Invitational
Sat	12/12/09	9 a.m. @ Herm Wilkinson Classic (Howell)
Fri	12/18/09	@ Oakland County Wrestling
Sat	12/19/09	@ Oakland County Wrestling (Milford)
Wed	12/30/09	9 a.m. @ Oxford Team Tournament
Wed	01/06/10	5:30 p.m. @ KLAA X-Over Quad Salem/Plymouth/Canton (Plymouth)
Sat	01/09/10	9 a.m. @ South Lyon Invitational
Wed	01/13/10	5:30 p.m. @ KLAA Quad SL East/Stevenson/Salem (South Lyon East)
Sat	01/16/10	9:30 a.m. @ Manning View Invite
Wed	01/20/10	5:30 p.m. KLAA Quad Stevenson/Northville/South Lyon (Novi Fieldhouse)
Sat	01/23/10	9 a.m. @ Holt Invitational

Wed	01/27/10	5:30 p.m. @ Livonia Stevenson
Wed	02/03/10	5:30 p.m. @ KLAA Team Championship Quad (West)
Sat	02/06/10	@ KLAA Individual Championship
Wed	02/10/10	@ MHSAA Team Districts
Sat	02/13/10	@ MHSAA Individual District
Wed	02/17/10	@ MHSAA Team Regional
Sat	02/20/10	@ MHSAA Individual Regional
Fri/Sat	02/26-27/10	@ MHSAA Team Final
Thu-Sat	03/04-06/10	@ MHSAA Individual Final

Boys Skiing

All meets are at 4 p.m.

Tue	01/12/10	@ West Bloomfield (Alpine Valley Ski)
Wed	01/13/10	@ St. Mary Preparatory School
Thu	01/14/10	Brother Rice
Tue	01/19/10	Lakeland
Wed	01/20/10	Hartland @ Alpine Valley Ski
Thu	01/21/10	@ Walled Lake Central
Thu	01/28/10	@ Walled Lake Northern
Mon	02/01/10	@ Milford
Tue	02/02/10	Walled Lake Western (Alpine Valley Ski)
Thu	02/04/10	Divisional Championships
Mon	02/08/10	KLAA Championships
Thu	02/11/10	Regional Championships
Tue	02/16/10	SEMSL League Championships (Mt. Holly Ski)
Thu	02/18/10	MHS Round-Up Invitational

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Boys Basketball

All Games at 7 p.m.

Tue	12/08/09	@ W.L. Northern
Tue	12/15/09	W.L. Western
Thu	12/17/09	@ John Glenn High School
Tue	12/29/09	@ Chelsea High School
Wed	12/30/09	@ Milan High School
Fri	01/08/10	@ Stevenson High School
Tue	01/12/10	South Lyon High School
Fri	01/15/10	@ Novi High School
Tue	01/19/10	@ South Lyon East H.S.
Fri	01/22/10	Salem High School
Tue	01/26/10	Wayne Memorial High School
Fri	01/29/10	Stevenson High School
Tue	02/02/10	@ South Lyon High School
Fri	02/05/10	Novi High School
Tue	02/09/10	South Lyon East H.S.
Fri	02/12/10	@ Salem High School
Fri	02/19/10	@ KLAA Playoff
Tue	02/23/10	KLAA Playoff
Fri	02/26/10	@ KLAA Playoff
Tue	03/02/10	@ KLAA Crossover

Girls Basketball

All games at 7 p.m.

Tue	12/08/09	W.L. Northern
Tue	12/15/09	@ W.L. Northern
Thu	12/17/09	John Glenn High School
Tue	12/29/09	@ Chelsea High School
Wed	12/30/09	@ Milan High School
Fri	01/08/10	@ Stevenson High School
Tue	01/12/10	@ South Lyon High School
Fri	01/15/10	Novi High School
Tue	01/19/10	South Lyon East H.S.
Fri	01/22/10	@ Salem High School
Tue	01/26/10	@ Wayne Memorial High School
Fri	01/29/10	@ Stevenson High School
Tue	02/02/10	South Lyon High School
Fri	02/05/10	@ Novi High School
Tue	02/09/10	@ South Lyon East H.S.
Fri	02/12/10	Salem High School
Tue	02/16/10	@ KLAA Playoff
Thu	02/18/10	KLAA Playoff
Mon	02/22/10	@ KLAA Playoff
Wed	02/24/10	@ KLAA Crossover
Mon	12/07/09	@ Howell Super Bowl 4 p.m.
Sun	12/13/09	@ W.L. Northern Wonderland Lanes 1:30 p.m.
Mon	12/14/09	@ Novi Town & Country Lanes 3:30 p.m.
Thu	12/17/09	@ Plymouth Super Bowl 3:30 p.m.
Tue	01/05/10	Canton High School 3:30 p.m.
Wed	01/06/10	Salem High School 3:30 p.m.
Mon	01/11/10	@ Clarenceville Super Bowl 4 p.m.
Wed	01/13/10	@ John Glenn Westland Bowl 3:30 p.m.
Tue	01/19/10	@ Wayne Super Bowl 4 p.m.
Thu	01/21/10	@ Milford Super Bowl 3:30 p.m.
Tue	01/26/10	Novi High School 3:30 p.m.
Thu	01/28/10	@ Plymouth Super Bowl 3:30 p.m.
Mon	02/01/10	@ Canton Town & Country Lanes 3:30 p.m.
Thu	02/04/10	@ Salem Super Bowl 3:30 p.m.
Wed	02/10/10	@ Clarenceville Westland Bowl 3:30 p.m.
Thu	02/11/10	@ John Glenn Super Bowl 3:30 p.m.
Tue	02/16/10	Wayne Memorial High School 3:30 p.m.
Tue	02/23/10	@ Conference Finals TBA

Cheerleading

Mon	12/07/09	@ Grand Blanc High School 6:30 p.m.
Sat	12/12/09	@ Stoney Creek High School TBA
Wed	01/06/10	@ South Lyon High School 6 p.m
Sat	01/16/10	@ Rochester HS TBA
Wed	01/20/10	@ Stevenson High School 6 p.m
Sat	01/23/10	@ Brighton High School TBA
Sat	01/30/10	Northville Invitational 8 a.m.
Wed	02/03/10	Quad Meet 6 p.m.
Sat	02/06/10	@ Conference Meet TBA
Sat	02/13/10	@ Association Meet TBA
Tue	02/09/10	@ Livonia Churchill 6:30 p.m.
Thu	02/18/10	@ W.L. Central 6:30 p.m.
Sat	02/20/10	@ Conference Meet 9:30 a.m.
Sat	03/06/10	@ MHSAA Regionals TBA
Fri	03/12/10	@ MHSAA State Finals TBA

Gymnastics

Wed	12/16/09	@ Plymouth High School 6:30 p.m.
Wed	01/06/10	@ Farmington High School 6 p.m.
Thu	01/14/10	@ Brighton High School 6:30 p.m.
Sat	01/16/10	@ Farmington High School 9 a.m
Tue	01/19/10	@ Canton High School 6:30 p.m.
Sat	01/23/10	@ Salem High School 9:00 a.m.
Wed	01/27/10	@ Livonia Churchill 6:30 p.m.
Sat	01/30/10	@ Adrian High School 10 a.m
Thu	02/04/10	@ Salem High School 6:30 p.m
Sat	02/06/10	@ Canton High School 9:30 a.m
Tue	02/09/10	@ Livonia Churchill 6:30 p.m.
Thu	02/18/10	@ W.L. Central 6:30 p.m.
Sat	02/20/10	@ Conference Meet 9:30 a.m.
Sat	03/06/10	@ MHSAA Regionals TBA
Fri	03/12/10	@ MHSAA State Finals TBA

Boys Hockey

Fri	12/04/09	Novi High School 6 p.m
Thu	12/10/09	@ Howell 6:50 p.m.
Fri	12/11/09	South Lyon High School 6 p.m.
Wed	12/16/09	Brighton High School 6 p.m.
Mon	12/28/09	@ Lakeview High School 8 p.m.
Tue	12/29/09	@ Holiday Invitational TBA
Fri	01/08/10	@ Ann Arbor Pioneer H.S. 4:50 p.m.
Sat	01/09/10	@ Ann Arbor Pioneer H.S. TBA
Wed	01/13/10	@ Stevenson High School 6 p.m.
Fri	01/15/10	W.L. Western 6 p.m.
Sat	01/16/10	@ Roosevelt High School 7:20 p.m.

Fri	01/22/10	@ Churchill High School 6 p.m.
Wed	01/27/10	Franklin High School 6 p.m.
Fri	01/29/10	Salem High School 6 p.m.
Sat	01/30/10	@ Plymouth High School 2:30 p.m.
Wed	02/03/10	@ Canton High School 6 p.m.
Fri	02/05/10	Roosevelt High School 6 p.m.
Mon	02/08/10	@ Novi High School 6:30 p.m.
Thu	02/11/10	@ Showcase Invite TBA
Fri	02/12/10	@ Showcase Invite TBA
Sat	02/13/10	@ Showcase Invite TBA
Tue	02/23/10	@ KLAA Crossover TBA
Thu	02/25/10	@ KLAA Crossover TBA
Tue	03/02/10	@ MHSAA Regionals TBA
Thu	03/04/10	@ MHSAA Regionals TBA
Sat	03/06/10	MHSAA Regionals 3 p.m.

Boys swimming and diving

Thu	12/10/09	Brother Rice High School 6:30 p.m.
Thu	12/17/09	@ Churchill High School 6:30 p.m.
Thu	01/07/10	Stevenson High School 6:30 p.m.
Sat	01/09/10	@ Salem High School noon
Thu	01/14/10	@ Salem High School 6:30 p.m.
Sat	01/16/10	Northville Quad noon
Thu	01/21/10	Novi High School 6:30 p.m.
Tue	01/26/10	Canton High School 6:30 p.m.
Thu	02/04/10	South Lyon East H.S. 6:30 p.m.
Thu	02/11/10	@ Brighton High School 6 p.m.
Fri	02/12/10	@ MISCA Meet TBA
Sat	02/13/10	@ MISCA Meet TBA
Fri	02/19/10	@ Division Diving TBA
Sat	02/20/10	@ Division Meet TBA
Fri	02/26/10	@ Conference Meet TBA
Sat	02/27/10	@ Conference Meet TBA
Thu	03/04/10	Last Chance Meet 6:30 p.m.
Tue	03/09/10	@ MHSAA Regional Diving TBA
Fri	03/12/10	@ MHSAA State Finals TBA
Sat	03/13/10	@ MHSAA State Finals TBA

Wrestling

Wed	12/02/09	@ Catholic Central High School 2 p.m.
Sat	12/05/09	@ Grand Blanc High School 9:30 a.m.
Wed	12/09/09	@ Catholic Central High School 5:30 p.m.
Sat	12/12/09	Northville Invitational 9 a.m.
Wed	12/16/09	Quad Meet 5:30 p.m.
Sat	12/19/09	@ Franklin High School 9 a.m.
Wed	01/06/10	@ Quad at Franklin 5:30 a.m.
Sat	01/09/10	@ Adams High School 9 p.m.
Sat	01/09/10	@ Rochester Adams (Invitational) 9 a.m.
Wed	01/13/10	Quad Meet 5:30 p.m.
Sat	01/16/10	@ Stevenson High School 9 a.m.
Wed	01/20/10	@ Quad 5:30 p.m.
Sat	01/23/10	@ Dexter High School 8 a.m.
Sat	01/23/10	@ Wayne County Championships 9:30 a.m.
Wed	01/27/10	@ Quad at South Lyon 5:30 p.m.
Sat	01/30/10	@ Dakota High School 9 a.m.
Wed	02/03/10	@ KLAA Association Championships TBA
Wed	02/10/10	@ MHSAA Team Districts TBA
Sat	02/13/10	@ MHSAA Districts TBA
Sat	02/20/10	@ MHSAA Regionals TBA
Thu	03/04/10	@ MHSAA State Finals TBA
Fri	03/05/10	@ MHSAA State Finals TBA
Sat	03/06/10	@ MHSAA State Finals TBA

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Northville Strictly Business

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Using the Trager approach to relieve stress

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

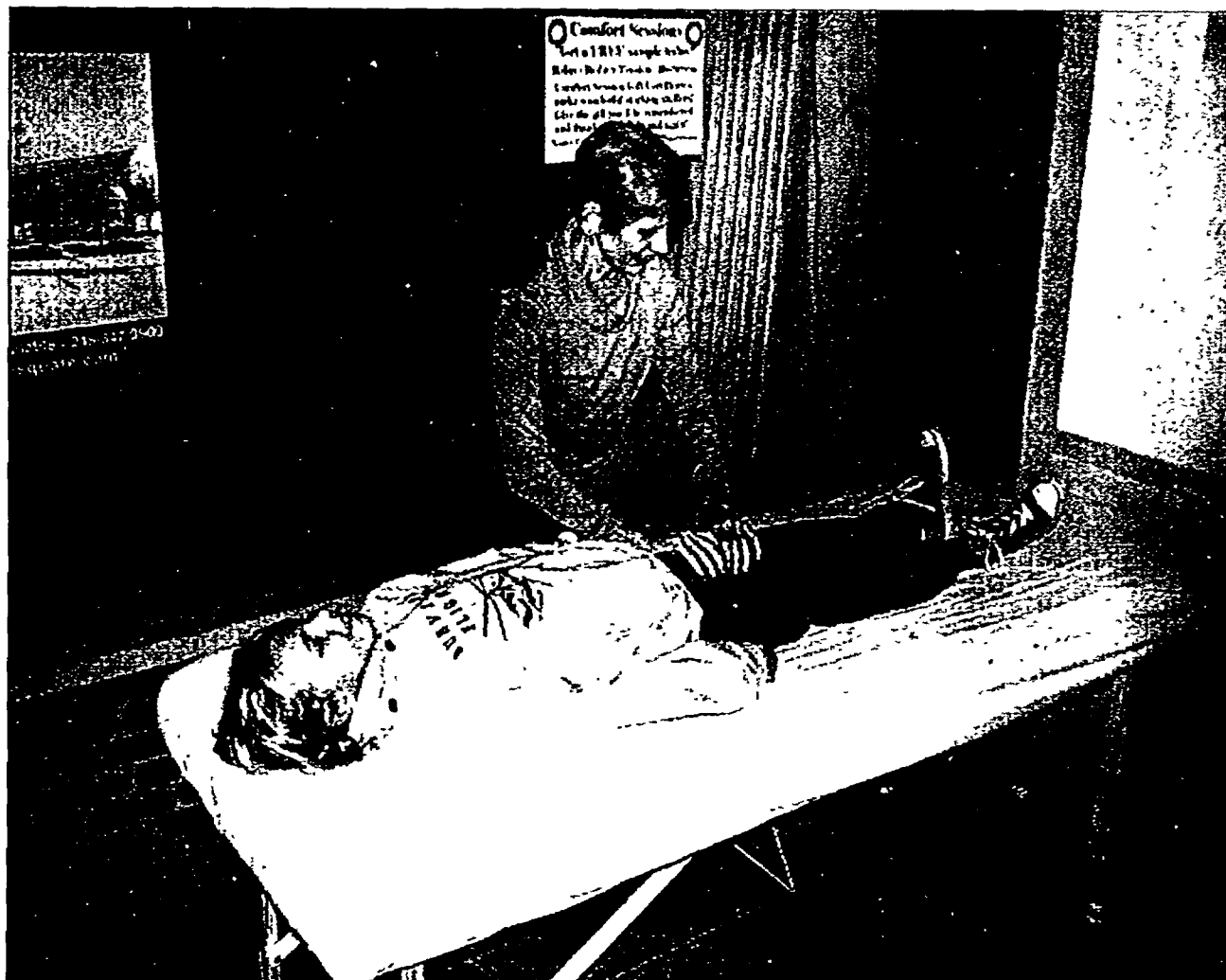
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How did you first decide to open your business?

While competing as a nationally ranked runner throughout the 1990s, I overused and injured my body. As the years passed I found myself trapped in a body that was uncomfortable, tense and stressed. Trager has allowed me to reduce excess tension and move more fluidly, with less effort with the result that I'm once again enjoying the physical activities I love. I became certified in Trager specifically so I can share this work with others and offer them the benefits Trager has provided me.

Why did you choose this area for your business?

Since I live in Northville, it was the perfect and logical choice for me.



Nancy Cassel, Comfort Sessions, works on a client during free demonstrations Friday at Northville Square.

What makes your business unique?

The Trager approach is unique among many varied and different physical modalities. My passion for sharing this incredibly simple and

therapeutic approach makes my business truly unique.

How has it changed since you opened?

I've met more people in the

Northville and surrounding area and find them to be delightful.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

The current state of the economy has people feeling stressed about money, their jobs and their housing situations. My business is to help people relax and feel more comfortable. I'm

DETAILS

Business Name: Nancy Cassel Comfort Sessions
Address: Eight Mile and Taft roads, Northville
Your Name/Title: Nancy Cassel/ Certified Trager Practitioner
Your Hometown: Northville
Business Opened When: Third quarter 2009
Number of Employees: One
Hours of Operation: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday with evening and weekend hours as needed to meet customers' schedules.
Your Business Specialty: Trager Comfort Sessions
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intentionally keeping my prices low so that the cost of therapeutic relaxation won't add further stress to already strained budgets. I hope more and more customers will realize the value they can receive from my services.

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

The Trager approach is appropriate for all ages from children to adults. I foresee my business including clients of all ages. Children and teens in sports, dance and gymnastics can recover more quickly from injury and can dissolve holding patterns before they became entrenched. Adults can learn to relax, release tension, stress and holding patterns and move more freely and easily. I look forward to my continued growth in this practice.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Attorney enjoys historic office

Attorney Sandra Hughes O'Brien, who moved her practice from Plymouth to Northville last March, said clients are enjoying her new office. O'Brien Law Office, PLLC, is located at 302 W. Main Street in an historic Victorian home at the corner of Main and High streets. O'Brien, who handles trusts and estates, said the location has housed professionals since 1917 — initially physicians and now attorneys. O'Brien can be contacted at (248) 924-3411.

Oakland County offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in December offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Start a Business is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. The class runs from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location and pre-registration, visit our website at oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$30. No refunds.

Pre-Business Research — Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? The class is held on Tuesday, December 8, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For

location specifics and pre-registration, visit our website at oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. Presented by The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County's Business Center, Market Research Department, and Research Librarian. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

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Prepared food sales benefit MS society

For the next two weeks, macaroni and cheese and corned beef and cabbage will bear the name of Deena Lisak — and all profits from sales of both dishes at Hiller's Markets (including the Hiller's store on North Center Street) will help the Achievement Center at the Multiple Sclerosis Society through Dec. 14.

In an economy where prepared foods are garnering more attention than restaurant meals, Good Deeds in the Making was created by Hiller's Markets as a way to inspire consumers to purchase high-quality, ready-to-eat meals while feeling good about contributing to worthy local causes.

All profits from sales of these dishes go to local charities chosen by the dish honorees. This is the sixth round of the program, which was created in September and will continue into the new year. Dishes and cause to come:

Dec. 15-Jan. 1: Robbie Timmons' turkey meatloaf and Paula Tutman's shepherd's pie. Cause: CANTER and Children's Tooth Fairy Foundation
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Public Market open

Most people think of Farmers' Markets as strictly a summer event; but not anymore. The Northville Square Public Market at 133 W. Main opened on Nov. 12 and will be open Thursdays through Saturdays throughout the year featuring food vendors and local artisans.

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First Friday Art Walk

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Jingle Bell Run/Walk

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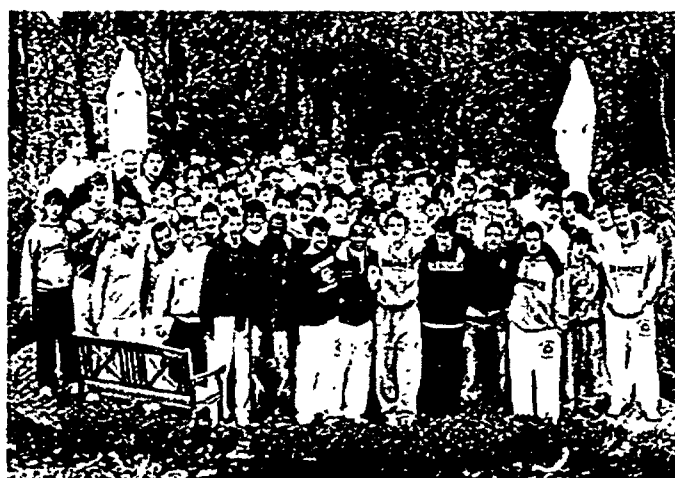
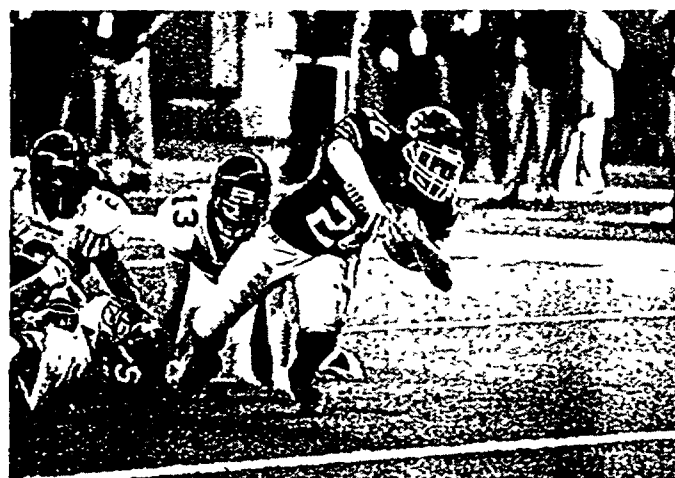
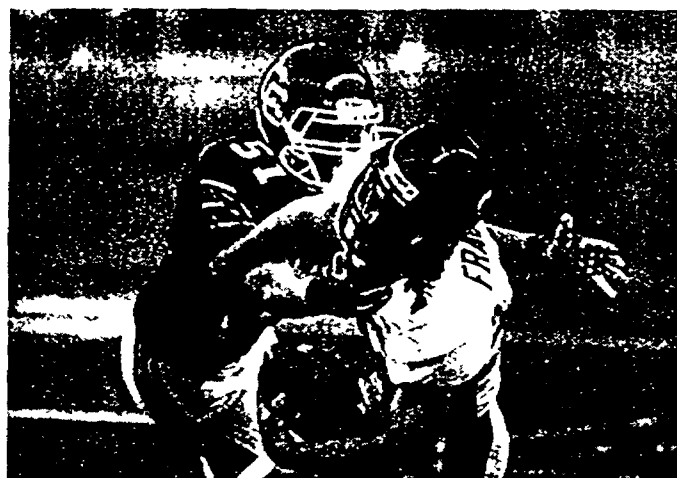
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STOP BEING DRAINED BY A CO-WORKER



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Some people will tell you to avoid a co-worker who drains you. People with a psychological bent often suggest detaching.

That's a pipedream," comments librarian Gina Gallo of Sophie B. Wright Charter School Library in Lacombe, La. She also states that avoiding the person will create stress for you.

"We don't have the choice of disengaging," remarks Raphael Lapin, president of Conflict Management Inc., in San Jose, where he consults worldwide with large organizations, including difficult individuals and teams. If you must work face-to-face, you need specific tactics to deal with them.

Lapin, author of "Working With Difficult People" (DK Publishers, \$8.00), maintains that difficult people are motivated by "the intent of dominating you. . . . Unless you have a process of your own, you are likely to be drawn into playing the game their way."

IDENTIFYING

Recognizing behaviors that cause you to feel drained is a first step. Gallo, who's worked where teachers constantly complained, identifies them as people "who, when you say hello, can't just chit-chat. They always have to bring you into their personal life or drama. This information is always horrible and it's draining. They're often people who bring their personal problems to work. Those unhappy with one aspect of their job let one thing kill the job."

Caroline Miller of Bethesda, Md.'s Caroline Miller Coaching L.L.C., coaches people to make their work environment as positive as possible. She says to watch for people who:

- "don't always have a smile on their face;
- "use critical, contemptuous and cynical words; and
- "treat other people with contempt, cynicism and eye-rolling."

COUNTERACTING

You have more alternatives than you think to keep a co-worker from draining you. Lapin remarks, "You have to deal with it and not allow it to continue." For example, he advises people who blame other people to "engage them in problem-solving to solve their own problem by saying, 'Let's talk about ways to streamline the process.' If your co-worker is defeatist, respond with, 'What specifically makes you think it won't work? Give

me some ideas about how we can improve on it.'"

Miller would agree, recommending that you elicit their opinions: "Create more questions where you put things out that are more positive, such as 'What do you think of this?' and 'How do you think this would play out?'"

However, some people don't think quickly on their feet, especially when they're in conflict. Lapin advises that you "delay your reaction and give it some thought . . . at least a few minutes. Think of yourself as a coach, not a judge. Ask yourself how you can coach the person to be more effective and productive. Fill the process vacuum in a quiet and powerful way."

Gallo uses a very different method. She says that you can focus on being positive even if you're not an optimist. When someone complains, change the focus with, "You know, I'm having a great day. Maybe I can help." She observes that people who drain other people aren't focused on the work. Drawing them into it will compel them to redirect their thinking. She says that even small questions can be effective. If the bad news is that the person's brother was fired, she advises turning that into something positive, such as, "Oh, your brother got fired? I am so sorry. Thank goodness we still have jobs."

Sometimes being subtle won't change the focus. In that case, Gallo recommends, build a bridge to



Librarian Gina Gallo engages colleague Darryl Cook in conversation at Sophie B. Wright Charter School Library in Lacombe, La. Her tips on handling draining co-workers are exceptional.

the work by saying, "Maybe we can talk about that later, but right now, I would like to give all of my focus to this project." If the person rambles, Lapin says to "interrupt, summarize their relevant points and then ask a closed-ended question to regain control."

That's what it's all about -- regaining the control you let slip away.

(Dr. Mildred L. Culp welcomes your questions at culp@workwise.net. Copyright 2009 Passage Media.)

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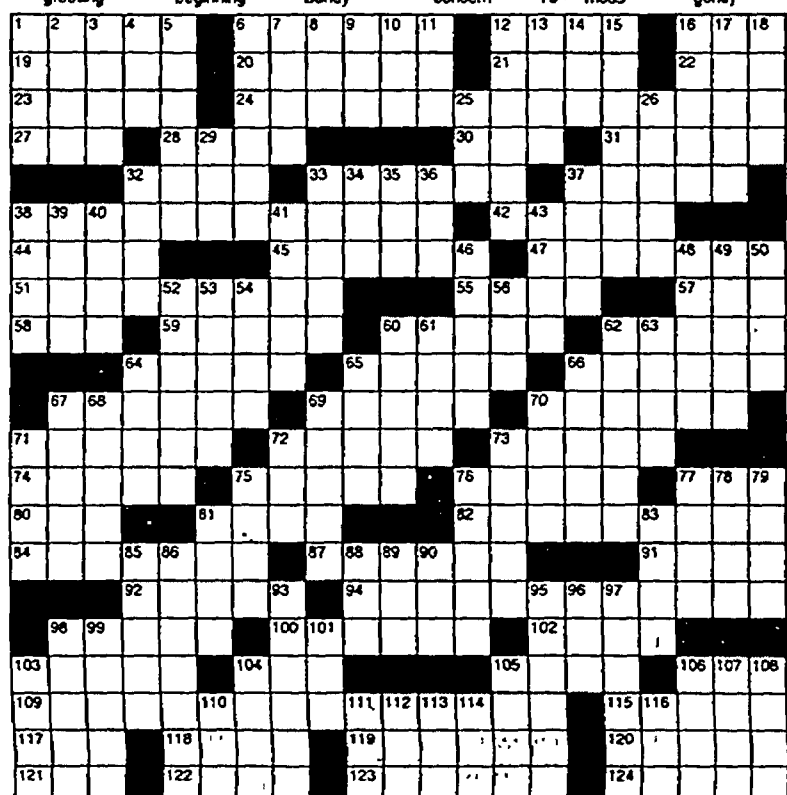
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Campaign boosts smoke alarms, sprinklers in fighting fires, deaths

Roughly 84 percent of civilian fire deaths occur in homes, according to the National Fire Protection. NFPA is endorsing U.S. Fire Administration's Install, Inspect, Protect Campaign and urging residents to install smoke alarms and sprinklers.

To prevent these deaths, USFA, a division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is sponsoring a nationwide Install, Inspect, Protect Campaign designed to raise awareness about how working, properly installed smoke alarms can lower a person's chances of dying in a fire. NFPA is supporting this critical effort to reduce injuries and the loss of life.

"Smoke alarms are one of the greatest fire protection devices of our time and have significantly contributed to the decline in home fire fatalities since the late '70s," said James M. Shannon, president of NFPA. "But it's not enough to randomly put up one smoke alarm and forget about it. In addition to placing smoke alarms in recommended areas, they must be kept in good working order, which includes testing them monthly, changing batteries at least once a year, and making sure that they are never disconnected."

"In addition to smoke alarms, fire sprinklers can further reduce home fire deaths because it is simply not acceptable to say that roughly 3,000 deaths per year are OK when we know we can do better," added Shannon.

If a there is a reported home fire, the risk of dying decreases by about 80 percent when sprinklers are present.

"If a fire breaks out in your home while you're asleep, how will you know? Having a working smoke alarm is like having a fire safety official on duty in your home, 24 hours a day," said Deputy U.S. Fire Administrator Glenn A. Gaines. "Working smoke alarms will alert you to the fire and we know conclusively, a residential sprinkler system can help put the fire out." Gaines added, "smoke alarms and sprinklers are able to provide residents the time



it takes to get everyone out of the house, before firefighters have to come in."

NFPA offers the following tips on smoke alarms:

As a minimum, install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may require additional smoke alarms to provide a minimum level of protection.

For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

Wireless battery-operated inter-connected smoke alarms are now available.

An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection both types of alarms or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms are recommended.

Choose a smoke alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.

Smoke alarms should be installed away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should not be closer than 10 feet to a cooking appliance.

A smoke alarm between 10 and 20 feet of a cooking appliance must have a hush feature, which temporarily reduces the sensitivity of the

alarm, or be a photoelectric type.

Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.

Make sure everyone in your home knows the sound of the smoke alarm.

Smoke alarms with non-replaceable batteries are designed to remain effective for 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away. For smoke alarms with any other type of battery, replace batteries at least once a year. If that alarm chirps, replace only the battery.

Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms with 10-year batteries and hardwired alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.

Visit the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition's Web site (www.homefiresprinkler.org) for information and tips on sprinklers.

Organizations in partnership with the U.S. Fire Administration's Install, Inspect, Protect Campaign include the American Fire Sprinkler Association, Burn Institute, Everyone Goes Home, Fire and Emergency Manufacturers and Services Association, Fire Department Safety Officers Association, Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, Home Safety Council, International Association of Black Professional Firefighters, International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Women in Fire & Emergency Services, NASFM Fire Research and Education Foundation, National Association of Hispanic Firefighters, National Association of State Fire Marshals, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, National Fire Protection Association, National Fire Sprinkler Association, National Volunteer Fire Council, and SAFE KIDS Worldwide.

For more information on the Install, Inspect, Protect Campaign, visit www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms. For additional information on fire prevention and safety information, visit www.usfa.dhs.gov or www.nfpa.org.

N. Carolina may pass Michigan population

Q: I am curious whether Michigan maintains its status as the eighth most populous state in the country and what the forecast may be.

A: Unfortunately, the only states that lost population in 2008 were Rhode Island and Michigan, although, Michigan



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is still above nine million people. It is possible that Michigan will be overtaken by North Carolina in the next year or so and, of course, no one knows for sure what the future holds in terms of additional population in Michigan.

Q: Why is it so difficult for me to get a good appraisal on a home, which I need in order to buy and get financing?

A: Frankly, the problem for appraisers these days is not only an issue regarding their past credibility, but the lack of sales, the number of foreclosures and short sales, and the paucity of comparables in order to give a decent appraisal. The house may well be worth much more than what the neighboring houses have sold for at auction and/or foreclosure, which poses a problem for the lending institution and, of course, the appraiser. Hopefully, things will get better.

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HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

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

Canton

46661 Arons Way	\$174,000
45441 Allegany St	\$170,000
3958 Berkeley Ave	\$172,000
7296 Burdett St	\$171,000
45055 Coatsman Ct	\$150,000
7090 Copper Creek Cir	\$122,000
6868 Devonshire Dr	\$162,000
1561 Dunce Dr	\$202,000
7544 Embassy Dr	\$234,000
44607 Fair Oaks Dr	\$173,000
6655 Fox Hills Rd	\$186,000
43488 Gert Dr	\$130,000
50777 Hanford Rd	\$269,000
216 Hendrix	\$295,000
2129 Lone Wolf Ln	\$97,000
5670 N Beck Rd	\$95,000
8541 Newbury Ct	\$405,000
44435 Newburyport Dr	\$45,000
6933 Pittsford St	\$190,000
2342 Premier Ln	\$288,000
39415 Scottsdale Dr	\$149,000

45124 Seabrock Dr	\$263,000
2426 The Crossings Ln	\$366,000
968 Wildwood Ln	\$171,000
Garden City	
32718 Cambridge St	\$70,000
33123 Donnelly St	\$13,000
29174 Florence St	\$138,000
Livonia	
27623 Six Mile Rd	\$175,000
19233 Auburndale St	\$140,000
9152 Cardwell St	\$45,000
36264 Club Dr	\$50,000
33160 Curtis Rd	\$155,000
8874 Deering St	\$120,000
18211 Deering St	\$65,000
34623 Fairfax Dr	\$275,000
19198 Fairlane Ct	\$32,000
16563 Fairway St	\$153,000
34836 Grove Dr	\$235,000
19289 Hardy St	\$129,000
31088 Hathaway St	\$105,000
32623 Hees St	\$106,000
11723 Inkster Rd	\$117,000
18552 Irving St	\$60,000
11750 Lathers St	\$60,000
29058 Lori St	\$136,000
37573 Northland St	\$335,000
19012 Norwiche Rd	\$123,000
16617 Park St	\$149,000
35244 Parkdale St	\$123,000

36707 Pinetree St	\$128,000
19009 Sunset St	\$120,000
35801 W Chicago St	\$131,000
Northville	
18898 Bella Vista Ct	\$1,500,000
44717 Deep Hollow Dr	\$525,000
49018 Freestone Dr	\$350,000
41848 Ladywood Dr	\$175,000
16400 Morningstar	\$130,000
16376 Mulberry Way	\$293,000
49428 N Glacier	\$228,000
40541 N Northville Trl	\$180,000
48999 Rainbow Ln S	\$301,000
42508 Ravina Ct	\$218,000
39765 Rockcrest Cir	\$103,000
19447 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$238,000
42253 Waterwheel Rd	\$236,000
44524 White Pine Cir E	\$410,000
20329 Woodcrest Blvd	\$325,000
16935 Yellowstone Dr	\$390,000
Plymouth	
44651 Albert Dr	\$166,000
15175 Amber Ct	\$172,000
377 Arthur St	\$332,000
9136 Baywood Dr	\$197,000
13935 Covington Dr	\$453,000
12056 E Hills Dr	\$333,000
784 Forest Ave	\$225,000
11822 Fox Ridge Dr	\$230,000
42601 Hammit Ln	\$100,000

1434 Pennman Ave	\$212,000
11400 Pinehurst Rd	\$226,000
8872 Quail Cir	\$265,000
47890 Thorpe Dr	\$390,000
14863 Thorndike Dr	\$186,000
45870 Turtlehead Dr	\$235,000
45280 Woodleigh Way	\$255,000
Redford	
9560 Berwyn	\$79,000
12074 Columbia	\$50,000
20372 Gaylord	\$62,000
11399 Lenore	\$58,000
9551 Levene	\$150,000
12879 Levene	\$70,000
19919 Negaunee	\$190,000
12880 Tecumseh	\$72,000
Westland	
36523 Deerhurst Ct	\$108,000
450 Dover Crescent Ct	\$168,000
32516 Fairchild St	\$100,000
8336 Gary Ave	\$93,000
32512 Genesee St	\$17,000
32026 Harvard Dr	\$171,000
34851 Hazelwood St	\$80,000
424 Ravencrest Ln	\$175,000
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HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 24-28, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills

63 De'Avan St	\$52,000
2067 Hempstead Rd	\$101,000
205 Jotham Ave	\$70,000

Beverly Hills

18171 Buckingham Ave	\$295,000
32200 Roseleaf St	\$310,000
18700 Walmer Ln	\$165,000
18640 Warwick St	\$185,000

Birmingham

1283 Bird Ave	\$424,000
1996 E Mellon Rd	\$107,000
17000 Latham St	\$530,000
948 Madison St	\$426,000
2435 Radnor St	\$227,000

Bloomfield Township

7971 Fox River Dr	\$175,000
856 Foxhall Rd	\$220,000
1810 Marie Cir	\$255,000
5130 Provincial Dr	\$320,000
456 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$115,000
7950 S Hammond Lake Dr	\$450,000
6408 Snowshoe Cir	\$838,000
7027 Woodbank Dr	\$223,000
7832 Woodcreek Way	\$415,000

Clarkston

6649 Amy Dr	\$168,000
8350 Brookstone Ln	\$225,000
9635 Darnsbury Rd	\$120,000
8035 Deerpark Rd	\$245,000
6452 Enclave Dr	\$240,000
7760 Kingston Ct	\$320,000
9985 Maple Valley Dr	\$278,000
7271 Pine Knob Rd	\$264,000

Commerce Township	
2891 Coll Ct	\$470,000
1526 Commerce Shrs	\$270,000
2132 Jason Dr	\$299,000
8379 Lapoon St	\$89,000
1746 Pondview Ln	\$237,000
3786 Ranya Dr	\$400,000
5295 W Hamston Ct	\$250,000
Farmington	
33218 Oakland Ave	\$88,000
22566 Power Rd	\$166,000
Farmington Hills	
32846 Ardwick Rd	\$168,000
32228 Craftsbury Rd	\$160,000
21895 Onarga St	\$95,000
30022 W 12 Mile Rd	\$36,000
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16571 Cass Lake Rd	\$52,000
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2664 Brentwood Dr	\$260,000
766 Camilla Blvd	\$149,000
1040 Indianpipe Rd	\$279,000
2916 Regency Dr	\$153,000
2829 Walden Park Dr	\$235,000
Lathrup Village	
18625 Bungalow Dr	\$175,000
18200 Ramsgate Dr	\$140,000
Milford	
3062 Berkshire Ct	\$300,000
154 Noble St	\$82,000
200 S Garner Rd	\$262,000
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45611 Addington Ln	\$316,000
45219 Bartlett Dr	\$285,000
12204 Brookshire St	\$379,000
41818 Browstone Dr	\$122,000
24097 Hickory Grove Ln	\$205,000
40971 Woodingside	\$97,000
23643 N Rockledge	\$46,000
25573 Portico Ln	\$110,000
23361 Whitehall Dr	\$442,000
Oakland Township	

4202 Bold Wides	\$258,000
5526 Murfield Dr	\$650,000
3571 Tremont Cir S	\$95,000
Oxford	
1131 Brookside Ct	\$185,000
437 Glen Eagles Ct	\$147,000
288 Stony Lake Dr	\$192,000
Rochester	
148 Fernside Ave	\$142,000
254 Glenwood Dr	\$345,000
313 Linwood Ave	\$130,000
1003 River Mist Dr	\$239,000
Rochester Hills	
2177 Avoncrest Dr	\$150,000
233 Coldiron Dr	\$190,000
2543 Dover	\$265,000
1150 E Auburn Rd	\$175,000
1923 E Auburn Rd	\$120,000
1147 Celsam Ave	\$262,000
1634 Kingsmere Cir	\$118,000
2633 Lambeth Park	\$300,000
2503 New England Dr	\$210,000
3263 Primrose Dr	\$222,000
2053 Roche He Park Dr	\$192,000
725 Snowmass Dr	\$251,000
1444 Tracey	\$125,000
2518 Wortham Dr	\$180,000
South Lyon	
318 Harvard Ave	\$107,000
25430 Wilford Rd	\$207,000
Southfield	
17228 Dorset Ave	\$23,000
17531 Evans St	\$92,000
28125 Gables Dr	\$32,000
24639 Los Ln	\$90,000
30071 Pleasant Trl	\$141,000
20300 Roseland St	\$60,000
25302 Saint James	\$108,000
26749 W Carnegie Park Dr	\$44,000
Troy	
1582 Brookwood Dr	\$177,000
442 Carter Dr	\$175,000

1425 Raleigh Pl		\$200 000
4576 Rivers Edge Dr		\$475 000
3420 Tothill Dr		\$296 000
733 Trombley Dr		\$108 000
2788 Winter Dr		\$135 000
	Walled Lake	
14104 Adri Cir		\$133 000
31103 A'Leza Dr		\$148 000
6202 Chesapeake Cir		\$80 000
	Waterford	
5944 Andersonville Rd		\$225 000
2630 Compton Dr		\$232 000
3257 Harbours Blvd		\$450 000
1364 Hillcrest Dr		\$66 000
2641 Lansdowne Rd		\$340 000
1570 Larchmont Ave		\$148 000
283 N Roslyn Rd		\$44 000
2269 Overridge Ave		\$42 000
940 Scott Lake Rd		\$60 000
2647 Sunclear Ave		\$57 000
1702 Tecumseh Ave		\$100 000
1457 Tell Dr		\$104 000
2730 Voorhees Rd		\$16 000
3154 Whitfield Dr		\$95 000
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5395 Claridge Ln		\$157 000
2900 Dandree Ave		\$170 000
2511 Empire Dr		\$55 000
7601 Mapleton Ct		\$271 000
2999 Moon Lake Dr		\$131 000
2128 Rhine Rd		\$165 000
5167 W Bloomfield Lake Rd		\$215 000
5980 Willow Rd		\$96 000
	White Lake	
9195 Gladys St		\$80 000
264 Horizon Rd		\$175 000
9062 Longcroft Dr		\$50 000
8889 Nature View Cir		\$118 000
464 Rosano Ln		\$233 000
	Wolverine Lake	
876 Wolverine Dr		\$250 000



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TOYOTA SEEKS TO REGAIN DOMINANT FORM IN MARKET

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Here's the 2010 Sienna minivan. Toyota unveils the 2011 version of it at the Los Angeles Auto Show.



By Dale Buss

Much is made of how awful the U.S. auto market has been for the last year or so for the domestic Big Three, but Toyota has been suffering badly right along with them, encountering its most significant sales slump in the several decades it has been in the American market.

Now, however, Toyota is fighting back in a number of ways – with new products, new investments in its dealership network and manufacturing infrastructure in the United States, and a new determination to out-hustle the sluggish pace of U.S. sales recovery to the leadership position to which it had become accustomed.

For one thing, Toyota will stage the world premiere of the all-new 2011 Sienna minivan at a press conference at the 2009 Los Angeles Auto Show in early December. The minivan market has been largely an afterthought for Toyota for a few years, given that Chrysler and Honda have dominated the segment.

But it looks as though minivans will continue to be a significant part of the U.S. marketplace, given their unique combination of fuel efficiency and passenger and cargo utility. And if Toyota is going to participate in a vehicle segment, the company typically wants to do things right. Thus the new Sienna.

Meanwhile, while the auto market is going through one of its worst downturns

in years, Toyota dealers are putting their money on the future.

So far this year, Toyota dealers have invested \$800 million in new facilities designed to meet the high expectations and growing needs of customers. Over the past five years, they have laid out \$3.3 billion in dealership improvements and have committed another \$2.2 billion in the next two years.

"An investment of this magnitude is a strong indication of our dealers' confidence in Toyota products, as well as their long-standing commitment to meet customer expectations," said Ernest Bastien, vice president of retail market development for Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.

Currently, 400 dealers, or 33 percent, have completed all-new state-of-the-art facilities, with another 200 onboard to open new dealerships by 2012.

And at a time where Midwestern manufacturing is waning, Toyota also is putting its money where its mouth is by kicking off production of the Highlander sport utility vehicle, Toyota's 12th North American-built model, at the company's plant in Princeton, Indiana. The \$450 million investment is part of the adjustments Toyota began last year in order to better utilize manufacturing capacity.

Production of the Tundra pickup,

originally in Indiana, was consolidated last fall in the Tundra plant in Texas. Since then Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana (TMMI), which also builds the Sienna and Sequoia, has been preparing for the Highlander.

"Highlander production gives us better use of our capacity and demonstrates our continued commitment to the U.S. and the state of Indiana," said Wil James, TMMI senior vice president.

TMMI reacted to several months of slow production by retaining all of its 4,200 workers, who were further trained and improved manufacturing processes.

"The result is long-term sustainability of this factory, which is important to our customers, team members, suppliers and the local community," James said.

TMMI now represents a \$3.7 billion investment. The addition of Highlander boosts production at other Toyota plants such as West Virginia, where the 6-cylinder engine is made, and at nearly 250 of Toyota's North American suppliers.

One reason Toyota is pointing toward

the future these days is that the present, in terms of the sales picture, still isn't so hot. For October, Toyota reported sales of 152,165 vehicles in the U.S., nearly precisely flat with a year ago.

Still, the result represented something of a victory for Toyota, whose American executives have been suffering for more than a year nearly every bit as much as their counterparts with U.S.-based companies from the awful market.

According to Edmunds.com calculations, Toyota's incentive spending in October was down about 15 percent from a year ago and yielded the same level of absolute sales.

Toyota's inventories, while still below where executives would like them on an absolute level and in terms of days' supply, comprise a nearly ideal mix. In October, 86 percent of vehicles sold were 2010-model-year, while last October, only 69 percent of vehicles were 2009-model-year.

Nevertheless, only three Toyota division vehicles contributed year-over-year sales increases: Prius, RAV4 and Tundra.

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