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Grief seminar

Harry J. Will Funeral Home is sponsoring a one day grief seminar, From Grief to New Hope, from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Jan. 9. This workshop will be conducted by John O'Shaughnessy from New Hope Center for Grief Support. All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar which is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Harry J. Will Funeral Home is located at 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. For registration information, call New Hope Center for Grief Support at (248) 348-0115 or view our website www.newhopecenter.net

St. Mary blood drive

The American Red Cross will sponsor a Community Blood Drive at St. Mary Mercy Hospital from 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 29, in the auditorium. The American Red Cross encourages area residents to join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers to donate blood.

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred. Receive a special Red Cross long-sleeve t-shirt, a \$5 cafeteria voucher and register to win round trip tickets for two anywhere in the U.S. and a \$500 hotel voucher (must be 18 years or older to win trip)! St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan. For directions or additional information, please visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Peak performance

Dr. Ken Stopa will hold a peak performance workshop at 7 p.m. on Feb. 4 at the Northville Library, covering chiropractic, nutrition, diet, exercise and some sports studies that he has done himself.

Admission is free; a partner is encouraged as they will be able to participate in partner stretching and trigger point therapy.

Monthly meetings open to all fathers

Maurice Aouf and his son, Tanner, of Northville work on an exercise together during the All Pro Dads Breakfast Meeting "Launch Your Kids" at St. Paul Lutheran Church School.

St. Paul's Lutheran School starts All-Pro Dad program

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

St. Paul's Lutheran Church School staff in downtown Northville knows the area has a lot of great dads. Now, they are teaching them how to be All Pro Dads in a new local program patterned after a national one.

On Dec. 17, the first one-hour program, "Launch Your Kids," took place at the school at 8:40 a.m., with former astronaut Jim Bagian of Northville serving as the guest speaker.

The monthly meetings, which are open to dads and their children in all communities, features a continental breakfast, guest speaker, raffle prizes and activities to strengthen the father-child bond.

The first meeting also included a

Former astronaut Jim Bagian, who now works for the Veterans Health Administration, with the St. Paul Lutheran Church School students he spoke to on Dec. 17 at the first All Pro Dads Breakfast Meeting at the Northville school. The next breakfast, which is open to all dads and their children, is tentatively slated for 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 22.

Elementary Science Teacher of Year named

A long-time Northville educator with a passion for teaching and science, Thornton Creek Elementary School first grade teacher Christiane Modrack is the Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA) 2010 Elementary Science Teacher of the Year.

"I'm an opportunist when it comes to science," Modrack said. "I use the first grade science curriculum and every day science phenomena to create shared experiences with my students that we can then read about, write about, sing, draw, and think mathematically about. Science often becomes the core learning experience that morphs through all the disciplines."

Throughout the school year, Thornton Creek teachers and students from kindergarten through fifth grade take advantage of the outdoor classroom for bird-watching hikes, scavenger hunts (seeing not collecting), and student service-oriented development and maintenance of the natural habitat.

"Many of us can remember exactly where we were when man walked on the moon," Modrack said. "So it is that children remember a peeping chick pushing out of its shell; the six sides of a snowflake seen under a magnifying lens; the piercing call of

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All in a 'row'

Rowers put their backs into helping families fight health crises

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

More than 200 people last week rowed to the rescue of two local families facing serious illnesses and medical expenses this holiday season.

The Million Meter Row, a three-day row-a-thon on nine rowing machines, raised more than \$8,000 to help Tom Lazorka, of Plymouth Township, and Donna, of Northville Township, who asked that her last name be withheld, through difficult times.

"I'm kind of overwhelmed," said Lazorka on a recent Saturday at Plymouth CrossFit, where the row-

Plymouth CrossFit partner Dave Finlay, right, and gym regular Jason Swafford kept motivated with a little competition of their own.

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a-thon was in full swing. "I can't thank them ever enough. It helps me keep battling and get through this."

Lazorka was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in September and has been undergoing chemotherapy. A manager at a Kroger supermarket in Westland, he's been out of work for 10 weeks, though he hopes to return early next year.

"I'm shocked at the turnout. It's great, and we've had a lot of fun so far," said Lynne Phetteplace, a friend of Donna and her family. She and Donna know each other through Farrand Elementary School, where they send children; other members of the school community participated in the benefit.

Donna was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, a bowel disease, last spring, was hospitalized for much of the summer and underwent five surgeries, Phetteplace said.

Tom Lazorka and his wife, Laurie, have three sons; Donna and her husband have two girls.

Both families have health insurance, but not all expenses are covered. Donna, for example, has used up her prescription benefits for the year, and one medicine alone will cost \$710 for this month.

Dave Finlay, a trainer and part-owner of Plymouth CrossFit, said he'd planned to do a local fund-raiser, something participants would know was for the benefit of a neighbor or someone they might meet at the grocery store. When the situations of the Lazorkas and Donna and her family were brought to his attention,



Dave Finlay, a trainer and one of the three partners at Plymouth CrossFit, looks over his gym recently during the Million Meter Row, a fund-raiser for two local families.

Finlay said, they became the obvious choices.

Plymouth CrossFit, which has been open for about a year and a half at Farmer and Amelia in Plymouth,

recently changed its name from The Training Station.

The gym was busy recently as members rowed side by side with friends and supporters of the two families.

The nine rowing machines, three borrowed from Joust CrossFit in Ann Arbor, were laid out across almost the entire width of the gym, and row-a-thon participants clustered nearby, waiting their turns on the machines. A buffet table was set up nearby, and T-shirts were being sold for the occasion.

"He's been knocking out a thousand at a time," said Bridget Werdengeller of her husband, Scott, who said he had rowed about 8,000 meters by just before 1 p.m. The Werdengellers are gym members and don't know either family.

"I think it's great," said Scott Werdengeller. "I hope it can raise enough money to make a difference."

The row-a-thon had started Dec. 10 when a competition — a 100,000-meter race — between the hockey teams at Novi Catholic Central, Plymouth Salem and Plymouth high schools began. Catholic Central won the race, and both CC and Plymouth reached 100,000 meters in under an hour. Salem's time was just over an hour. All three teams train at Plymouth CrossFit.

The Lazorkas' 16-year-old son Tyler is a defenseman for Plymouth. He appreciated his teammates' support for his father.

"I thought it was a good idea," Tyler said. "I know they have my back."

The Lazorkas also ben-

efited from a recent bowling event sponsored by Kroger, and from a benefit hockey game between teams of Plymouth Canton Hockey Association coaches, which was held Friday.

"We just have a lot of friends that have come to our aid," said Laurie Lazorka. "Hockey families are the best families." The other two Lazorka sons, Adam, 20, and Parker, 12, also play hockey.

In addition to the high school hockey teams, the Stingrays, a PCHA youth team, also rowed, racking up another 50,000 meters. The million-meter mark — that's 621 miles — was reached about 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Finlay said.

Angela Nolan was there Saturday with daughters Raleigh and Lilli, and some of Raleigh's fellow Brownie Girl Scouts from Farrand, who were taking their turns on the rowing machines. Donna and her family are "just the nicest people in the world," she said.

"I really felt strongly about helping the family without it feeling like we're just handing them charity," Nolan said.

Contributions to the Charitable Fund for Donna can be made through the Community Financial Credit Union in Plymouth.

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short video of the movie "Apollo 13" with Tom Hanks and Kevin Bacon. "We're already working on the January program," said Terry Tarp, a St. Paul Lutheran Church School dad who is organizing the new series.

INVOLVED IN TWO MISSIONS

Tarp explained to the audience that Bagian, who lives in Northville and has four children, was part of two shuttle missions while an astronaut. He is also a researcher, flight surgeon, engineer and now works for the Veterans Health Administration.

Bagian said that the world had just started sending humans into space when he was a boy, and that's when he decided he wanted to be an astronaut when he grew up.

Even though he thought it would be unlikely that he'd ever actually become an astronaut, he attended engineering school, became a pilot, then went to medical school.

"I figured nobody gets to be an astronaut," Bagian said. "It's like thinking you can be president of the United States. It's a ridiculous thing to think about." But, eventually, he decided to apply to be an astronaut on a shuttle mission.

"And, what do you know - I got selected," he said. "I was lucky, but you make your own luck to a certain extent. I always tried what I needed to do in school to do my best. You might not always get an A, but only you know if you did your best."

Bagian said the important thing is to try, whether it's trying out for a school sports team or applying to become an astronaut.

"If you don't take that first step, you can't get to the next step," he said.

WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT

Bagian also said that it's key to find out what's important in your life. "My kids are the most important thing in my life," he said. His youngest is a senior at Northville High School. "I've been to the White House and met a couple of presidents, but my children have been the high point or pinnacle of my life."

He said another key to success in life is to not become overwhelmed by lofty jobs or projects.

"No matter how tough a job seems or how big it is, you have to cut it up



Former astronaut Jim Bagian of Northville talks shuttle missions to a group of fathers and their children at the first All Pro Dads Breakfast Meeting Dec. 17 at St. Paul Lutheran Church School in downtown Northville. The monthly meetings are open to all dads.

into bite-size parts," Bagian said. "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time."

Also, remember that people need help to achieve their goals, and that many accomplishments come from a team effort.

"There are literally 40,000-50,000 people involved in getting a shuttle together to launch," Bagian said.

BECOMING AN ASTRONAUT

Bagian said the minimum requirements for being eligible to apply for a space program mission is a master's degree or preferably a doctorate in

engineering or a "hard" science, such as physics or chemistry (not biology).

"If you're a pilot, you have to have a bachelor's degree and at least 2,000 hours of flying experience and a graduate of test pilot school," he said. "The vast majority of astronauts didn't go to school to become an astronaut. They studied what they had a passion for because if you enjoy what you do you never 'work' a day in your life."

Bagian offered a few glimpses into what it's like to be inside a space shuttle. The temperature can rise to as high as 100 degrees at takeoff, as the exterior of the shuttle can get as

hot as 2,500 degrees, and it can dip to about 56 degrees while in orbit. Astronauts use baby wipes to clean themselves while in orbit, because if they tried to spray water on themselves it just balls up.

"It just clings to you," he said.

"We ask the company Johnson & Johnson to pull a few cases off the line before they spray the baby powder scent into the containers," he said.

Bagian explained that there are pilot astronauts and mission specialist astronauts. He was a mission specialist. He even came up with a cure for space motion sickness.

HOW TO BE AN ALL PRO DAD

1. Love your wife.
2. Spend time with your kids.
3. Be a role model.
4. Understand your children.
5. Show affection.
6. Enjoy your children.
7. Eat together as a family.
8. Discipline with a gentle spirit.
9. Pray and worship together.
10. Realize you're a father forever.

All Pro Dad is the fatherhood program of Family First, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening families. For more information or to join the All Pro Dad team, call (800) 956-8300 or go to AllProDad.com. Moms can visit iMom.com. Parents can also go to FamilyFirst.net and FamilyMinute.com. There's also a link to the St. Paul's Lutheran program on the All Pro Dad Web site under Monthly Breakfast Meetings. The next program has been tentatively slated for 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 22 at the school at 201 Elm Street in downtown Northville.

One exercise during the meeting had dads tell their child present why they are proud of them. Then, the child told their dad why they are proud of them. "I'm proud of you because you're an Eagle Scout," said Douglas Tischler of Novi.

"I am proud of you because you help other people, especially younger kids," said his father, David Tischler of Novi.

"I think this is a great program," David Tischler said. "I've actually done some of the Ford Field outings (that the All Pro Dad program has annually in Detroit) with the kids. It's a good opportunity for kids and dads to focus on each other."

ALL PRO DADS PROGRAM

Tarp, who has three children, said dads often don't communicate with their children as much as moms. "We're not always as open as we might want to be," he said. "The whole idea behind the All Pro Dads program is to show your kids that you appreciate them and talk about them. Obviously, as dads we have to have a measure of discipline, but we also have to focus on building relationships, keeping conversation open-ended and encouraging our kids."

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- Losing weight
- Saving more and spending less
- Visit a foreign country
- Volunteer to help the less fortunate
- Start (or finish) writing that novel
- Quit smoking tobacco
- Be more environmentally-friendly
- Reduce stress
- Spend more time with the family
- Read more, watch less television

— Metro News Service



Many parents choose to spend more time with their family as their New Year's resolution each year.

PARTIES POPULAR THE WORLD OVER COME NEW YEAR'S EVE

New Year's Eve is one of the most festive nights of the year. After 364 days, many Americans let loose on the final night of the year, and the first morning of the New Year.

With those celebrations comes many traditions, from watching the ball drop to popping the champagne corks to kissing your significant other at the stroke of midnight. Those traditions are well known to many Americans who anxiously await the final day of the year. But the United States isn't the only country that looks forward to December 31. The following is how partygoers across the globe celebrate in select countries each New Year's Eve.



Counting down the last seconds of the year with some bubbly is a New Year's tradition across the globe.

Germany

Germans celebrate "The Holy Sylvester" in honor of Pope Sylvester I. Communities host a local party known as a "Sylvester Ball." Though Germany's celebrations are not as grandiose as those in the United States or Scotland, many German celebrators do light off fireworks of their own come the stroke of midnight.

Australia

New York City's Times Square is the pilgrimage of choice for American revelers each New Year's Eve. For Australians, the pilgrimage has a decidedly more laid back feel, as many typically head to the beach to ring in the New Year. Since the month of December marks the beginning of summer in Australia, many Australians, who, thanks to time zones, are the first to ring in the New Year, party hard as the clock approaches midnight on December 31 (enjoying a fireworks display set off from the Sydney Harbour Bridge) and continue doing so until dawn. Then on New Year's Day, a public holiday throughout the country, many Australians enjoy picnics or camping out at the beach.

Brazil

The place to be in Brazil is Rio de Janeiro, which recently won the right to host the 2016 Olympic Games. Rio de Janeiro's New Year's preparations begin early in the morning for a massive party on the beach come nightfall. Fireworks are eventually a part of the celebration, going off at midnight and lasting for roughly 30 minutes thereafter. Though originally more of a religious celebration, New Year's in Rio de Janeiro is similar to Times Square in New York City, annually attracting millions of tourists for the festivities.

England

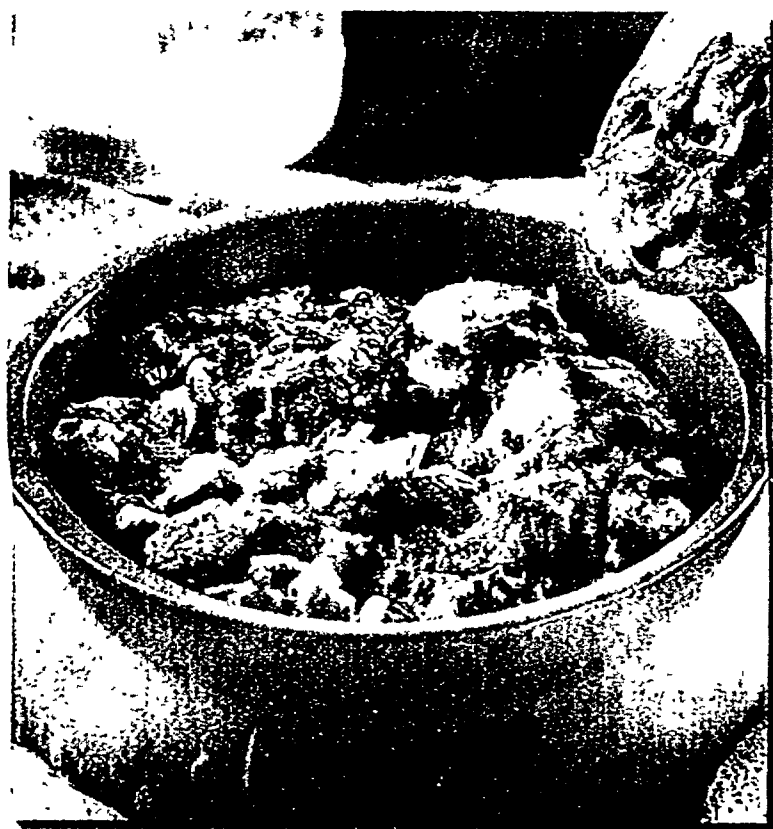
England's New Year's celebration is perhaps the most similar to the celebration in New York City. Londoners traditionally visit Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus, waiting for the sound of Big Ben's famous chime at the stroke of midnight before breaking into a rendition of "Auld Lang Syne." Fireworks are also set off near the famous London Eye, a massive ferris wheel-like device located just along the Thames River in the Lambeth section of London.

Scotland

Arguably one of the biggest New Year's celebrations in the world, Scotland's celebration is known as the Hogmanay. A four-day festival in the nation's capital of Edinburgh, the celebration offers live music, parades and fireworks, with the culmination of the festivities coming on New Year's Eve, when a massive street party is held on Princes Street in the heart of the city. When the clock strikes twelve, fireworks burst out into the air from Edinburgh Castle.

— Metro News Service

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8 ounces cheddar cheese, grated
8 ounces Jack cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 400°F.
Thaw dip over night in refrigerator or in the microwave on high for 5-6 minutes.
Spray baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray.

Using 4-inch diameter biscuit cutter, cut 3 smaller tortillas out of each tortilla. This can be done quickly by stacking the tortillas.

Lay out 15 of the 4-inch tortillas on baking sheet.

Mix grated cheddar and jack cheese together. Place 1 tablespoon of mixed cheeses on each tortilla.

Place 1 tablespoon dip on top of cheeses.

Top with another 4-inch tortilla, pressing down lightly to flatten.

Place baking sheet on lower rack of the oven for 4 minutes.

Carefully flip over each quesadilla with spatula, returning to oven for 2-3 minutes.

Remove from oven. Cool for 2-3 minutes before transferring to serving platter.

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Place wrapped tips on a baking sheet. Bake for 3 minutes; flip and bake an additional 2-3 minutes.

Serve immediately.

— Courtesy of Family Features

time, but really enjoy a more hands-on approach, another great, time-saving tip involves impressing your guests with party-perfect appetizers that you make simply by adding a few homemade touches to prepared products. Here are few ideas that will allow you to truly enjoy your guests, while leaving them wondering how you ever found the time to prepare all the delicious food.

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10 8 inch flour tortillas

1 box Omaha Steaks Spinach and Artichoke Dip

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Elementary school teacher Sue Beth Balash of Commerce Township is thrilled to be a published author.



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New author pens 'Mimi the Inchworm'

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD
STAFF WRITER

A race between two brothers, an inchworm questioning its purpose in life and the backdrop of the Tahquamenon Falls in Michigan's Upper Peninsula set the stage for the first book by Commerce resident and Northville school teacher Sue Beth Balash.

"Mimi the Inchworm," is a reminder that everyone is special, unique and important, said first-time author Balash, who teaches third grade at Ridge Wood Elementary School in Northville. Balash makes her home in Commerce Township's Lake Sherwood subdivision.

Balash got her inspiration for "Mimi the Inchworm" from a family vacation to Tahquamenon Falls State Park a couple years ago. Her two sons, David and Evan, had raced along the path in the woods toward the falls. After David got there first, Evan was feeling kind of down, she said, until he found an inchworm. As the boys' focus shifted from the race to the little worm, the "Mimi" story began to emerge.

"That inchworm brought such joy to Evan. He left with the biggest smile on his face. And while I watched the boys play with the inchworm, a story began to unfold in my head," Balash said.

The story develops with a dragonfly overhearing Mimi sigh as two boys — David and Evan — run past her. After Mimi tells the dragonfly that she feels she's too small to matter, the dragonfly points out that it's simply not true.

"The dragonfly convinces Mimi that all living things have a purpose," she said. "Kids hear it and can know they can all make a difference, too."

"Mimi the Inchworm" is geared to ages 4-8.

Balash said she has always loved writing and reading, and made books an important part of her own children's lives — and her students' lives — as well. Though she always has "a bunch of children's stories" churning around in her head, a fellow teacher convinced her that "Mimi the Inchworm" was one that definitely deserved to be put on paper and submitted for

publication. She was thrilled when Northville-based Nelson Publishing and Marketing picked it up.

"Nelson only publishes stories with a message, usually about making a difference," she said.

When the first copies of "Mimi the Inchworm" arrived at Balash's house recently, she was driven to tears.

"I cried when it was delivered. It was the neatest thing, knowing I had achieved one of my personal goals," she said. "I've always enjoyed being a wife, mother and teacher — but something was eating away at me. I wanted to do more, to be an author. And now I am one."

And though "Mimi" is finished, that doesn't mean Balash's urge to write has been satisfied.

"As soon as it was done, I knew I wanted to do another," she said.

"Mimi the Inchworm" is available through www.amazon.com, www.barnesandnoble.com, www.suebethbalashbooks.com or www.nelsonpublishingandmarketing.com.

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Unity in the Community

MLK Day event focuses on Dr. King's call to always do what is right

"The time is always right to do what is right" — Martin Luther King, Jr.

These inspiring words from Dr. King are the theme of the third annual "Unity in the Community" event being hosted by Northville Public Schools on Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 18.

Community members are welcome to attend the gathering, which will take place at 7 p.m. at Genetti's Little Theatre, 112 East Main Street in downtown Northville. The evening will feature readings by student winners of the district-wide writing contest based on this year's theme — "The time is always right to do what is right."

King spent most of his life urging others to live in harmony and do what is right. Students participating in the contest were asked to write an essay, letter or poem or create a poster or project describing what they think needs to be done to achieve peace and harmony in our community and world. The deadline for entries was Dec. 14.

Nine writing contest winners will be selected including one from each of the district's six elementary schools' fourth and fifth grade entries, and one each from Hillside Middle School, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School. Two winning posters or projects selected from entries by the school district's special education center program students at Cooke and Old Village schools will be displayed on the cover of the "Unity in the Community" event program.

All winners receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond provided by the Northville Educational Foundation. The foundation is recognized as a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization whose primary mission is to encourage and manage contributions for the benefit of Northville Public Schools. Contributions from school district employees, families and community members are helping the foundation support academic and enrichment programs — such as the "Unity in the Community" event — offered by Northville Public Schools.

The Jan. 18 "Unity in the

Community" event also will feature songs celebrating King's message of peace and unity sung by Northville High School choir students. A special presentation by Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) Superintendent Chris Wigent will focus on the importance of the education of our nation's young people in realizing King's vision. Wayne RESA is a regional educational service agency that provides a broad spectrum of services and support to Wayne County's 34 school districts (including Northville Public Schools) aimed at improving student achievement and maximizing economies of scale in staff development, purchasing, and administrative services.

"The writing and poster contest, along with the Unity in the Community event, provides an opportunity for our students, school families and community members to reflect on how Dr. King's legacy of peace, unity and service to others still has so much meaning for us today," said Lynne Mossolan, director of Special Services for Northville Public Schools and chairperson of the school district's Martin Luther King Day Planning Committee.

"Dr. King's words — 'the time is always right to do what is right' — are particularly poignant during these challenging times for our state, our nation and our world," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "I am confident the writings and artwork our students create will offer hope for a brighter future and inspire us all to step forward and do what is right on behalf of our fellow citizens." Admission to the "Unity in the Community" event is free. However, in keeping with King's wishes that we should act in service to others, those attending the program are encouraged to contribute a non-perishable food or household item for donation to Northville Civic Concern to help those in need in the Northville community.

For more information about the "Unity in the Community" event, contact the Northville Public Schools Special Services Office at (248) 344-8453.

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Learning about Nepal



Moraine Elementary fifth grade teacher Christina Witter talks to an assembly on Dec. 4 about her experiences of being part of a group from MSU who traveled to Nepal last summer to teach and learn about the country. Dressed in Nepali garb, Witter brought up students through her presentation who would demonstrate clothing, crafts and culture that they'd learned from Ms. Witter's teachings at the school.



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Moraine Elementary students Adam Menzies and Ben McHugh chuckle as they try on Nepali boy hats called "topis" as their teacher Christina Witter gave an assembly about her 2009 summer teaching trip to Nepal with a group from MSU.



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After school

Meads Mill sixth-graders Brianna Nayh, left, and Sarah Ptashnik play a game of tether ball during a Nov. 19 after-school activity. Meads students also got to attend a dance in the school cafeteria.



PTA holds bake sale at Capitol

The Michigan PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) State Office held a symbolic bake sale at the Capitol Building in Lansing Dec. 2 to voice its opposition to the current cuts to education funding in Michigan. A group of parents from Northville joined more than 50 parents from other School Districts across the state. The highlight was Northville's giant, cake-sized cupcake with a price tag of \$4.3 million, the amount the local school district stands to lose if these cuts are not reversed. Although no one bought the cupcake, the event was reported on by the local media, keeping this important issue in front of people. Liz Borzym, a Northville parent and LAN (Legislative Action Network) representative, baked the cupcake. When asked if she could reveal the recipe, she said, "It's a secret family recipe, but I can tell you it's vanilla, with a pinch of sarcasm, and a whole lot of hope. Hope that our legislators and governor are listening, and will restore these ridiculous, mid-year funding cuts!"

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

MacLennan wins \$2,000 Lawrence Tech scholarship

The Michigan Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE) announced that Jamie MacLennan of Northville is the winner of this year's Lawrence Technological University Scholarship. MacLennan is attending Lawrence Technological University.

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Northville grad on Jeopardy

Fifteen of the country's brightest college students, including Northville's Surya Sabhapathy who attends University of Michigan have been selected to compete in the prestigious "Jeopardy!" 2010 College Championship.

Schools represented in the 2010 tournament range in size from the 2,000-student Lewis & Clark College in Oregon, to the University of Michigan with 42,000 undergraduates. Since 1989, more than 160 colleges and universities have been represented in the tournament, with nearly \$3 million in cash prizes awarded to the participating students.

The contestants for the upcoming 22nd college championship will start off the New Year by taping 10 shows in Los Angeles in January. The two-week competition is scheduled to be broadcast starting Monday, Feb. 1 through Friday, Feb. 12, with the winner taking home a grand prize of \$100,000.

The "Jeopardy!" contestant coordinators recently traveled the country searching for the best collegiate "Jeopardy!" players and auditioned thousands of prospective student candidates for the championship.

In the first week of the competition, each player will appear in one of the five episodes. The winners of each of these shows, along with the next four highest money earners, will go on to the semifinals. In the second week, the nine semifinalists will compete in three episodes for a place in the two-game final match. The second place contestant is guaranteed a minimum of \$50,000, and third place pockets a minimum of \$25,000. Semifinalists receive \$10,000, and players eliminated in the first week receive \$5,000.

All Aglow 2009

Mothers' Club of Northville announced its 15th annual holiday fundraising event, All Aglow - Illumination for Education. All Aglow raises funds to enhance the lives of Northville school children. From now through Dec. 31, help illuminate Northville by purchasing tree lights as a symbol to honor or memorialize family members, friends, teachers or someone who has touched your life.

Donation levels are Diamond \$100, Ruby \$50, Emerald \$25, Sapphire \$10 and Pearl \$5.

Checks should be made payable to Mothers' Club of Northville and sent to Deena Wierzbicki, 45518 White Pines Drive, Novi, MI 48374. Please include honoree/memorial information, donor's name, address and telephone number. For more information, please contact Ms. Wierzbicki at mdwierzbicki@hotmail.com.

Mothers' Club of Northville is a nonprofit organization that has been working to support Northville school children since 1935. Through its fundraising last year, it was able to donate more than \$30,000 to Northville schools for academic enrichment and community outreach.

Donations needed for staff appreciation

This year's Staff Appreciation Luncheon Committee is seeking donations, both monetary and food, for this year's event. Contributions this year are less than half of what they have been in previous years, so we are seeking parent assistance in helping recognize the efforts of Northville High School's dedicated staff.

Once again, the luncheon is scheduled for first semester finals week - Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. The luncheon menu consists of salads, finger foods (appetizer-type dishes), some main dishes and desserts. Organizers are also seeking monetary donations for the purchase of paper products / supplies.

If you are interested in donating food, please contact Michele Fecht at mmfecht@aol.com or (248) 344-9412. Checks for donations should be made out to NHS PTSA and mailed to Michele Fecht, 324 South Wing Street, Northville 48167.

Market Scrip program

Hillside Middle School is now participating in Hiller's Market Scrip Card program. Activate and load money on your new Scrip Card at any Hiller's Market using cash, credit and debit cards, or checks in amounts from \$5 up to \$1,000. You can do this at Customer Service or right at the checkout lane before the cashier begins to scan your purchase. Then use your Scrip Card to pay



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ROBERT K. CARROLL

Age 79, of Ann Arbor, passed away Dec. 14, 2009. Dear father of Cindy (John) Carroll-Shier and Celeste Carroll-Schmidtke. Loving brother of Patricia Sekles. Adored grandfather of Dylan and Ryan Schmidtke. A funeral service was held Dec. 17 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

WILLIAM J. DUFFY

Age 79, December 16, 2009. Funeral was held Monday, Dec. 21 at St. Patrick Church, Brighton. Memorials may be made to St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

Online sympathy message: www.obrienfuneralhome.com

STEPHANIE ANN FLEMING

Age 88, December 17, 2009. Funeral held Saturday, Dec. 19 at St. James Church, Novi, followed by a service in Joliet, IL on Monday, Dec. 20.

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PATRICIA A. HAUSER

Age 73, of Northville, passed away on December 16, 2009. She was born on December 27, 1935 to Jay and Iva (McCoy) Grayheck. She was united in marriage to Richard E. Hauser on May 18, 1956 and they spent 53 loving years together. Patricia received her Masters in Early Childhood Education from Oakland University. She worked as an administrative assistant for Nissan Research and Development. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville for 24 years. Patricia was very active in the church; she was a Stephen Minister and also the Chairperson of the daycare center for several years. She was a member of the Pad Hat Society, and an active volunteer with the Red Cross. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and loved doing yard work and gardening. Patricia is survived by her husband Richard; her children, Jeffrey Hauser, Polly (David) White, Jan (Loretta) Hauser, and Celia (Bruce) Contratto; her brother, Larry Grayheck; and her grandchildren, Joe, Contratto, Ana Hauser, and Clair Hauser. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Ronald Grayheck. A memorial service was held Wed. Dec. 23 at the First United Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck officiated the service. Contributions would be appreciated to the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. 8 Mile, Northville, MI 48167 or the American Diabetes Assoc., PO Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

SUSAN JEAN JOHNSON

Age 48 of Milford, December 16th, 2009. Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford. For full obituary details please visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

ALLEN W. LUNDY

Age 62 of Highland; passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family, Friday December 18, 2009. Beloved father of Pamela, Karen, Allen and Eric. Dear son of Georgia and brother to Ima, Carl, Pete and Donna. Grandfather to 8 grandchildren. Memorial service entrusted to Temrowski Family Funeral Home in Fenton.

S. JEAN MORRISSEY

Age 83, December 1, 2009. Formerly of Birmingham, MI & Kihai, Maui. Funeral 11:00 Monday, December 28 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. 248-348-1800. Memorials to St. John Hospice.

Online condolences: www.obrienfuneralhome.com

JOSEPH L. NORTH

Age 55, passed away December 16, 2009. A funeral was held December 19, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. View the online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

CAROL JEAN PERSICHINI

Age 58, passed away December 17, 2009. She was born on October 30, 1951, in Highland Park, to the late Harry and Jean (Sorenson) Graycraft. On Sept. 29, 1973, Carol married Victor Persichini. Carol is survived by her husband Victor; children: Tammy (Ken) Cole, Keith, Kristin, Marcie, Joe, Mike Persichini; grandchildren: Alexis, Zora, Caitlin, Kurtis; and her brothers: Ron and Mike. A funeral service was held on December 21, Monday, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

FRANK SCULLY

Age 90, December 16, 2009. Funeral was held Saturday, Dec. 19 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or The Elephant Sanctuary.

Online sympathy message: www.obrienfuneralhome.com

CARMELENA "CARMIE" STAUP

Age 86, and a former resident of Livonia passed away on Dec. 21, 2009. She is survived by her daughter, Linda (Mike) Mauck of Brighton; sons, Bob (Sarah) Staup of Royal Oak, Randy (Sandy) Staup of TN; grandchildren, Crystal (Christopher) Blair, Scott (Keri) Staup, Kelly (Mike) Cannon, Jeff (Laura) Mauck, Eric (Krista) Mauck; ten great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and dear friends. She was preceded in death by a brother, Russel Guarniere. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 10:30 AM with Deacon Jim Gendron officiating. Burial will follow at Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Association. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

DAVID STEVENS

Age 60, of Milford and White Lake. Passed away 12/03/09 in Las Vegas where he lived since 1993. Beloved son of Rny and Margaret Stevens. Loving father of David, Lorraine and Melissa. Devoted brother to Marsha Ann Marie and Bruce. Grandfather to Nathan and Owen. Favorite uncle to many and a friend to all. Appreciated his community and left a legacy of thought and smiles.

TEACHER

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a Killdeer feigning a broken wing to protect its young; or ice storm covered branches that magically light up like a Christmas tree in the afternoon sun. As a teacher, it is thrilling to share these experiences with my students."

The award is presented each year to a Michigan elementary school teacher who models best practices, inspires students, demonstrates leadership, and exhibits a passion for science and for teaching. Modrack will be honored during an awards ceremony at the 2010 MSTA Conference on March 5 at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing.

"Chris is an exceptional example of one who considers herself successful when she has made others around her successful," said Thornton Creek Principal Sharon Irvine. "Her enthusiasm and leadership has made a huge impact on the warm, inquisitive and nature-oriented culture of Thornton Creek."

"Chris is forever mindful of the whole child and integrates her science lessons around the physical, emotional and cognitive components that make students successful today and tomorrow. Through the medium of science, students understand themselves in new ways and their significant connection to the world. This is an amazing foundation for all of the problem-solving skills they

will need throughout school and life."

Modrack joined Northville Public Schools more than 30 years ago fresh out of college as a teacher at Amerman Elementary School, where then Principal William Craft encouraged her, and the entire staff, to be innovative and try new ideas. She later moved to Silver Springs Elementary School where she taught for 18 years before moving to Thornton Creek when the school opened in 1994. Over the years she has taught students from Kindergarten through fourth grade including participating in a three-week teacher exchange with a British primary teacher.

"Chris Modrack is an outstanding teacher and this recognition is well deserved," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "Her love for teaching and science creates excitement and a love for learning among her students, and serves as a source of inspiration for her colleagues at Thornton Creek and across the district."

It is Modrack's passion for science that influenced her decision to move to Thornton Creek where wetlands border the school's back lot. She credits the efforts of retired Thornton Creek teacher Mary Culik, as well as the school's staff, parents, students and district leaders, with transforming the wetlands into an outdoor classroom that offers a perfect backdrop for science experiential learning.

How to make home a safer place for seniors

Dear Savvy Senior

My parents have lived in the same house for more than 40 years and plan on living there the rest of their lives. The problem is, their house is two-stories and isn't very practical for seniors. What resources can you recommend that can help my elderly parents stay safe and stay put, on a limited budget.

Safety-Conscious Sue

Dear Sue,

Your parents are like most seniors in this country. They want to stay living in their own home as long as they're physically capable. But for many seniors in their 70's and beyond, staying put can present some real safety challenges. Here's what you should know.

Every year in the U.S. about 7,000 elderly people die in home-related

accidents, and millions are seriously injured. Falls are the leading cause of injuries, but the elderly are also at risk for being burned by the stove or scalded by hot water. To help make your parent's home a safer, more age-friendly place to live, here are some tips and resources that can help.

GET INFORMED

Your first step is to learn where the potential hazards lie in your parent's house and what you can do to reduce them. A good place to do this is at the Home Safety Council's Web site (www.mysafefhome.net) where you can take a house tour that points out the possible dangers room-by-room. Many of the changes the site suggests are simple and inexpensive, like removing clutter and

throw rugs to avoid tripping, installing brighter bulbs in existing light fixtures to improve vision and adding grab bars to the bathroom for support.

GET AN ASSESSMENT

If your parents have medical issues like chronic arthritis or poor vision, ask their doctor to prescribe a home evaluation by an occupational therapist who specializes in home modifications. They can analyze the potential challenges and shortcomings of your parent's home to come up with a plan that you, a handyman or a contractor can easily follow. Many health insurance providers, including Medicare, will pay for a home assessment. However, they will not cover the physical upgrades to the home.

WAYS TO PAY

If your parents need or want to make substantial changes to their home, but don't have the cash to pay for them, they should consider taking out a home equity loan. Another possibility is a reverse mortgage. Available to people over 62, a reverse mortgage will let your parent's convert the equity in their home into cash that doesn't have to be paid back as long as either one of them are living there. But the fees can be substantial, so be sure to speak with a financial planner before taking out this type of mortgage. For information on ways you can tap into your home equity, go to www.longtermcare.gov, a site run by the Department of Health and Human Services.

If funds are scarce, contact the Area

Agency on Aging (call 800-677-1116 or visit www.eldercare.gov to find your local office) near your parents, and inquire about home modification loans and services available to seniors. Many state and local communities have low or no-interest loans, tax credits or other programs to those with low or moderate incomes.

In addition, get in touch with Rebuilding Together (www.rebuildingtogether.org, 800-473-4229), a national nonprofit organization that repairs and modifies homes of older, low-income homeowners to help them age in place.

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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OUR VIEWS

Make holiday season one of peace and love

The presents are purchased (though perhaps not yet paid for), holiday cookies are in the oven and Christmas is almost here.

And our hope for the season is that everyone makes it special, according to what it means to them.

Many people scaled back their spending for this Christmas. Some were forced to because they were laid off or had their job eliminated; others chose to because of uncertainty about the future economy.

While economists might disagree, spending less on Christmas isn't such a bad thing.

Consider the first Christmas. Jesus — God's only son — was born to poor parents, peasants, in a stable among animals, the Bible says. There was no Christmas tree, no presents, no special foods.

Maybe these religious aspects aren't your cup of tea, or perhaps you celebrate another holiday tradition, such as Kwanza, Hanukkah or the winter solstice. Then again, to you, the holidays may be more about family, about spending time with your loved ones. Certainly that's a wonderful aspect of the season, regardless of whether you follow a religious or secular observance.

The wise men, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, did not visit Jesus while he was in the stable, but in a house when he was a toddler, according to biblical scholars.

The reason we celebrate Christmas is because of Jesus' birth, unpretentious as it was.

Jesus was God's gift to humankind, the Bible says. He took the punishment for everyone's sins so that, through faith in him, people can live eternally in heaven.

That sometimes gets lost in our modern-day celebration of Christmas, with

its frenzy and excess.

Perhaps a simpler, less commercialized observance will help us remember the reason for the season.

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People celebrate the holidays for a variety reasons they need only understand themselves. But the great thing about the holidays is that it offers an opportunity to think of someone, or some thing, other than one's self.

Some ring bells for the Salvation Army, while others feed the homeless at shelters around the areas, and still others donate toys to the U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots campaign and the local organization Northville Civic Concern.

For those folks in civic organizations and church groups, the meaning behind the holiday season is found in helping others. We are all richer, we are all blessed by the work they do.

While there are those who simply want to go it alone, too many of them are forced into that position due to infirmities, both physically and mentally caused. They deserve a brighter holiday, too.

Whatever your beliefs, whatever your reasons, whatever your manner of celebrating the season, our hope is that you will take the next very few days to share your holiday good will with someone who may find little cheer this year.

And our wish is that you, your friends and families are filled with the peace and love of the season, in all the ways you choose to observe it.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How was the year 2009 for you?



"It was wonderful - personally and professionally. I had a banner year."

Christa Williams
Northville



"The year 2009 was a very good year. The weather was beautiful, too."

Bob Ahern
Northville



"Well, as a retiree, health problems were of concern. I don't like all the spending the government's doing. Wish we'd get employment back first."

Ken Kress
Northville



"Down, then up. But the kids are all healthy and working, so I can't complain."

Connie Quinn
Northville

LETTERS

Concerned by school cost-cutting suggestions

After attending the Dec. 14 Managing Our Future forum at the Northville High School, I am a bit concerned at some of the comments I heard from fellow parents in our community. Some of the suggested cost-cutting measures promoted by parents included lecture-style courses in high school of 100-200 students, to help "prepare students for college," valuing bus transportation over extracurricular activities such as drama and band, and reducing time for teachers to prepare for their child's education.

The most concerning part was the amount of talk regarding teachers' salary and benefits. To hear them talk, you would think that teachers were amongst our society's upper class. While school funding is a concern, it should not be the sole responsibility of educators to correct this problem. For without a highly-qualified teacher in each classroom, it would simply be a collection of stuff as opposed to a learning environment. As such, teachers' salaries and benefits should be the bulk of a district's budget, and I would be concerned if it wasn't. I am curious how many of these parents, who are so quick to offer up an 8-percent cut in salaries for NPS employees (as that would be needed to cover the \$4 million dollar cuts the district faces) would be willing to donate 8 percent of their wages to the education of our community's children.

Jason Tar
Northville Township

Hillside principal change

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Hillside's assistant principal, Mrs.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Heidi Capraro, will be on medical leave from Hillside Middle School beginning Jan. 4, 2010. While she is on leave and to ensure a safe and smooth transition for our students at Hillside until she returns, we will have an interim assistant principal to assist with the day-to-day administrative support for students and staff.

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Issac Cottrell has agreed to serve as the interim assistant principal during Mrs. Capraro's leave. Mr. Cottrell is a seventh-grade science teacher at Hillside and has been the football and track coach at Hillside for a number of years.

Mr. Cottrell has successfully taught social studies, math and science at the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade levels and has taught at HMS for the past eight years. Prior to coming to Northville, Mr. Cottrell taught middle school for five years at Concord Public Schools and was varsity assistant football coach

at Concord and at Northville High School. Mr. Cottrell is a graduate of Alma College and holds a master of arts degree in education from Spring Arbor University. Mr. Cottrell and his wife, Alicia, have two children, and reside in Jackson, Mich.

Hillside will continue to be run efficiently and safely and I will work closely with Mr. Cottrell as he begins his interim role. I appreciate Mr. Cottrell's willingness to help out during this time and I believe it will be beneficial for our students to have a Hillside staff member who is already known to students and parents assist in the daily administrative duties necessary to run a large suburban middle school. Mr. Cottrell's teaching responsibilities will be met by a long-term substitute until Mrs. Capraro returns.

Ms. Patricia Kolinski will begin working with Mr. Cottrell this week in the classroom and will begin teaching classes on Jan. 4. Ms. Kolinski taught fourth grade at Amerman for the 2008-09 school year and is highly qualified and certified to teach middle school science. We are looking forward to Ms. Kolinski joining our staff. Ms. Kolinski has been working this week with Mr. Cottrell to learn about the students and begin taking over the class when we all return from break. To ensure a smooth classroom transition Mr. Cottrell and I will continue to monitor student progress and work closely with Ms. Kolinski and team 7A.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me directly at (248) 344-8493. Best wishes for a wonderful and relaxing holiday season with your families and friends.

Jim Cracraft
principal, Hillside Middle School

Educational excellence and educational genocide

We were exposed to the worst and the near best recently in metro Detroit. What a difference a few miles make. Detroit schools sink to a new low while West Bloomfield's International Academy soars.

Parents, teachers, politicians and educational officials from Detroit to Lansing were rattled to the bone as it was revealed that fourth- and eighth-graders in Detroit Public Schools scored the worst in the nation in math according to national test scores. The Detroit scores on the National Assessment of Education Progress, a rigorous national assessment, were the lowest in the test's 40-year history. Among fourth-graders, 69 percent scored below basic levels, as did 77 percent of eighth-graders. Results show 77 percent of eighth-graders and 69 percent of fourth-graders lack basic math skills.

Yet, a few miles down the road in the upscale suburban Bloomfield Hills school district, the International Academy, which emphasizes a global baccalaureate curriculum, was named the second best public high school in the nation, according to the

annual Best High Schools list by U.S. News & World Report. The magazine looked at more than 21,000 public high schools in 48 states and Washington, D.C. Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Va., a suburb of the nation's capital, was named No. 1.

The International Academy's No. 2 designation was based on the College Readiness Index, which included scores on Advanced 9 through 12 from several Oakland County districts. Enrollment in the affluent district includes 60.4 percent white students, 36.4 percent Asian, 1.9 percent black and 1.3 percent Hispanic. The DPS system is predominantly African American and poor. Separate and unequal was supposed to end decades ago.

Clearly, the overwhelming majority of the students at the International Academy have had a better start in life than the majority of the children that attend Detroit schools.

The man in charge of DPS, Robert Bobb, understands that teaching and learning trumps and must drive the financial decisions in any high quality school. He also realizes that the academic deficit for the children in DPS is far greater than the fiscal deficit that he inherited and which soars into the hundreds of millions.

Bobb is unearthing the ugly truth that DPS has been about: power, control, politics, jobs and adults and NOT about teaching, learning, children and quality education.

Let's be clear, everyone, regardless of where you live and work, should be very worried about adults failing the children of Detroit. A child without a solid education today will be an adult without a future tomorrow. Our state prisons are jammed with functionally illiterate, educational failures of the past. Uneducated children will reappear as illiterate adults in your neighborhood or place of business unless nothing short of a crusade is undertaken to beat illiteracy and school failure in Detroit.

What is happening in Detroit is nothing short of educational genocide. Hopefully, the atrocity exposed will force bold action that puts our children's needs above adults.

Two spotlights were on Michigan — one that we should aspire to for more of our students and one that should make everyone stand up and say, "No more!"

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NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

Drunk driving arrest

1 A 20-year-old Van Buren Township woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 6:02 p.m. Dec. 17 at Haggerty and Eight Mile roads.

While conducting a report on a property damage accident north of Danielle Street at the Meijer store service drive entrance, the officer discovered that the driver of the at-fault vehicle had been drinking.

The officer smelled alcohol inside the woman's vehicle and noticed that her eyes were glassy and bloodshot. She said she had consumed one regular-sized beer an hour ago.

Operating drunk

2 A 23-year-old Northville Township man was arrested for drunk driving at 1:57 a.m. Dec. 18 at Seven Mile and Harbour Village Drive.

While on patrol, an officer noticed that the driver of a vehicle with deeply tinted front windows was traveling east on Seven Mile Road near Northville Road.

The man could not provide any proof of insurance for the vehicle.

The man said he had just been to Deadwood Bar and Grill and was en route to drop off his passenger.

He stated that he had consumed two Miller Lights at the bar. The officer could smell alcohol coming from inside the vehicle.

Larceny from auto

3 A 36-year-old Novi woman reported that her driver's door window was smashed and her purse was stolen in the parking lot of Northville Christian Assembly Church at 41355 Six Mile Road between 8:45 and 11:45 a.m. on Dec. 18.

The purse contained her driver's license, credit and debit cards, two checkbooks, a watch and cash.

The vehicle window was valued at \$200; the purse was valued at \$40; a Seiko watch was valued at \$120. There was \$200 cash in the purse and a wallet valued at \$10.

Disorderly/obscene conduct

4 A 30-year-old Livonia man and a 22-year-old woman were cited for disorderly/obscene conduct for having sexual intercourse in a vehicle at the Northville Downs race track at 301 S. Center Street at 7:23 p.m. on Dec. 16.

An officer noticed that a vehicle in the parking lot was moving, indicating it was occupied. As he walked up, he could see scurrying movement in the third row rear seat area of the SUV.

As he shined his flashlight inside the vehicle, he could see a man and woman covering themselves up as they sat up in the rear seat.

The man said that they had recently gotten engaged and met at the track to get something to eat. He admitted that "one thing had led to another" and they ended up in the rear seat of the sport utility vehicle.

Operating intoxicated

5 A woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:49 a.m. on Dec. 12 at Edward Hines Drive and Seven Mile Road.

The woman proceeded through the intersection at Edward Hines Drive and South Center Street without stopping. The woman said she had just left a friend's house, was on her way home, was not familiar with the area and was following her GPS unit.

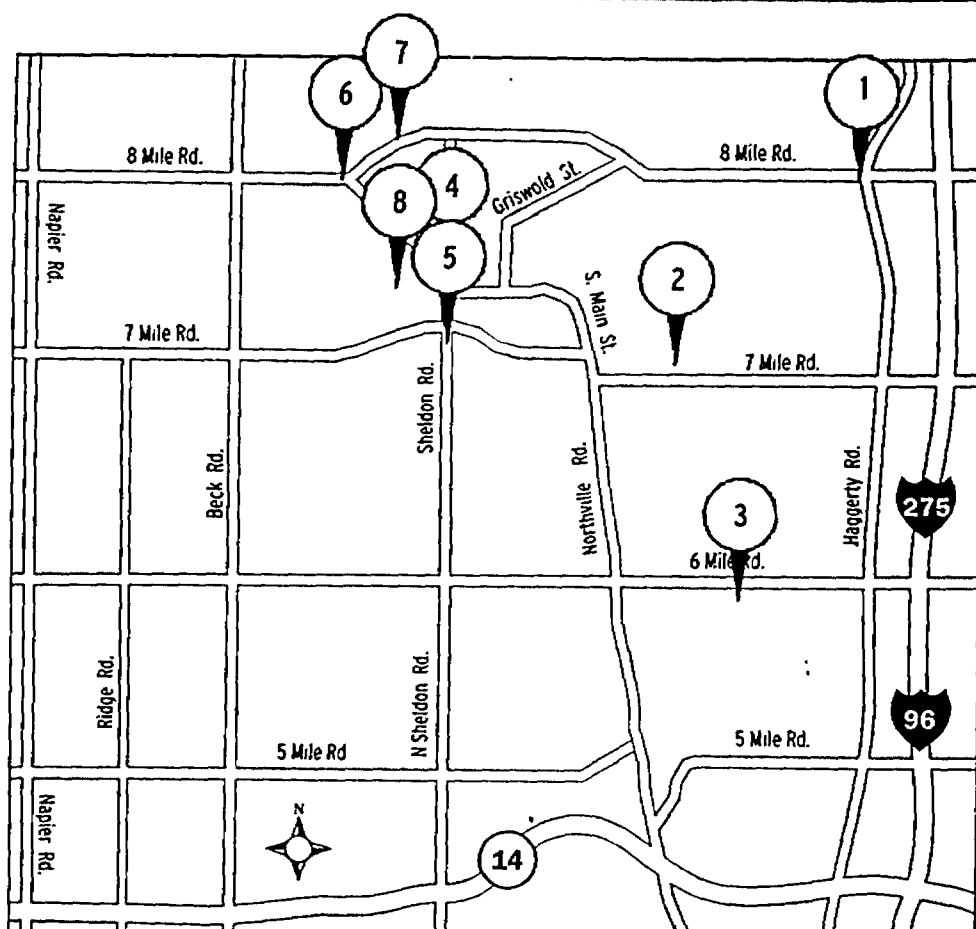
The officer could smell alcohol coming from inside her vehicle. She stated that she had not been drinking, but her eyes were glassy. She later stated that she had had a couple of drinks, but that the last one was a couple of hours ago.

Driving, no license

6 A 37-year-old Northville man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 2:14 a.m. Dec. 11 at Eight Mile Road and Randolph Street.

An officer learned about the man's suspended license when he ran his plate while traveling westbound on Eight Mile Road near Novi Road.

The passenger, a 21-year-old Ferndale woman, also had a warrant for her arrest out of Ferndale. The driver also had an expired



Carrying a Concealed Weapon permit for the pistol under his seat.

Retail fraud arrest

7 A 17-year-old Northville man was arrested for shoplifting at Northville Gourmet at 680 W. Eight Mile Road at 6:49 p.m. on Dec. 5.

Dispatch was informed that a robbery had just taken place, and the owner's son was chasing the suspect northbound on Taft Road. The owner of the store met the officer at the Mobil Gas Station at 710 W. Eight Mile with the suspect in tow.

It was not a robbery, but retail fraud as the man had stolen a fifth of Burnett's Citrus Vodka from the counter and ran out of the store. He said he wasn't going to drink it but had planned to sell it to friends.

Shoplifting arrest

8 A 35-year-old Plymouth woman was arrested for shoplifting at 2:45 p.m. Dec. 4 at Starring "The Gallery" at 120 W. Main Street. The woman stole two pairs of earrings from the store.

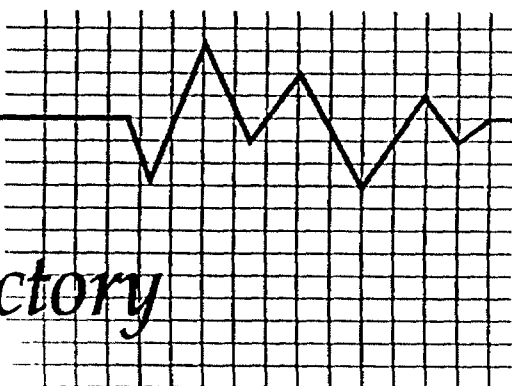
The theft was discovered after an employee from Urban Optiques across the street from the gallery came into the eyeglass store and asked if she could have a bag to put her earrings in. The employee then came over to the gallery and asked if the earrings had been taken from the gallery.

The woman and her male companion were both intoxicated at the time of the arrest.

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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule: TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
ADOPTIVE PARENT NETWORKING MEETING
Time/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 d1cnazarene.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.

Ladies Bible Study

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study

Time/Date: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

Christmas Eve Service

Time/Date: 6 p.m.

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 firstpresville.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.
MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays
Christmas Eve Services
Time/Date: 6 p.m. family; 9 p.m. traditional candle lighting

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

Time/Date: 8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT

Time/Date: 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: rabb@novijewishcenter.com or call (248) 790-6075.

Novi United Methodist

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

PEACE VIGIL

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

Location:

In front of the church

Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

ADVENT SERVICE

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

WORSHIP SERVICES

Time: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

RENEW LIFE MINISTRIES

Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.

Contact: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.

CHARMED INFLUENCE

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Details: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage"

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

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road

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

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 453-0325, ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olynorthville.org

SATURDAY WORSHIP

Time: 5 p.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study

Time/Date: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship

Time/Date: 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 Endreszi (248) 946-4080

St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

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 Universalist philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program complements 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 WNUZ 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.

Contact: (248) 374-5920

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

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NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

State Farm supports Rouge Education Project

Friends of the Rouge recently received \$2,500 from State Farm Insurance Company for support of the Rouge Education Project (Friends of the Rouge's school-based water quality monitoring program).

"The enthusiastic support from sponsors like State Farm Insurance Company is amazing," said Emily Hughes, the Rouge Education Project's Program Manager. "This project is a great opportunity for a business or organization to get involved in a local environmental education initiative." Last year, 10 sponsors helped to support the 2008-2009 Rouge Education Project through the Adopt-a-School campaign. The campaign has attracted over \$50,000 in sponsorships, which supports 23 of the 53 participating schools. Contributions assist with school program registrations, water quality testing equipment, workshop participation, and program t-shirts, as well as the program administration.

"This program is an excellent fit for State Farm because it teaches students about issues that have real-world importance and provides a golden opportunity for them to have a positive, direct impact on their communities and the environment by using and increasing their academic skills," said State Farm Agent Bob Zakar of Dearborn.

Friends of the Rouge hopes to have all of the schools in the project supported by local sponsors. Currently many schools are supported in part by the U.S. EPA's Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project grant.

Walsh winter registration under way

Registration for winter courses that begin Jan. 4 is under way at all Walsh College campuses, with no appointment necessary on Walk-In Wednesdays. Students can enroll now in a new Master of Management degree program and a new MBA master's in finance dual degree program.

Walsh continues "Walk-In Wednesdays", where prospective students can meet with an academic advisor, review transcripts, and register for classes on a walk-in basis at the Troy, Novi, or Clinton Township campuses from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call (800) WALSH-01, or e-mail admissions@walshcollege.edu.

The 33-credit Master of Management (MM) degree offered at the Troy and Novi campuses focuses on a broad spectrum of management

within for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. Human resources, financial management, marketing, information security, project management and communications are among the courses. Students can also select a management concentration of study. For more information and a list of courses, visit www.walshcollege.edu/MM.

A new dual master's degree program in Business Administration (MBA) and Finance (Master of Science in Finance) can be completed within a shorter timeframe than enrollment in each separate degree program. Students are required to take 22 classes for 66 semester credits required for both degrees. The distinctive MBA encompasses accounting, finance, management, and related disciplines. The MSF covers all aspects of finance, a blend of accounting, economics, and finance, and the study of economic theory. For more information and a list of courses, please visit www.walshcollege.edu/MBA-MSF.

Among the new courses are Real Estate Principles, an undergraduate course focusing on residential real estate; and an Entrepreneurship Seminar for graduate students, exploring the entrepreneurial success process.

Oakland offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in January offered at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

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, Jan. 7, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 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.

Fundamentals of Starting 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 9 a.m.-noon on Thursday, Jan. 14. For location and pre-registration,

visit our website at oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$30. No refunds.

Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. The class is held on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 9 a.m.-noon. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit our website at oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds.

Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business - This workshop covers many of the key legal and financial issues faced by both new and existing small businesses in Michigan. The program initially focuses on the many management and liability concerns as well as today's tax consequences. The program also provides solutions and techniques for business concession and individual investment and retirement planning. Presented by Carter & Affiliates, P.C. Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m.-noon. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit our website at oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business - Marketing is an essential of business success. All products/services must be sold to well-targeted audiences with a wide-ranging marketing mix. Our staff/SCORE counselors can guide you through successful techniques and marketing principles helping you to promote your products and services to the most promising customers-your target audience. Presented by The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC). Thursday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m.-noon. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit our website at oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$40 (make check payable to E.M.U.), which includes all materials. No refunds.

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

(AM) Morning Class 9 a.m. to 12/12:30 p.m.

(PM) Evening Class 6 p.m. to 9/9:30 p.m.

February 2010

9 - Pre-Business Research (PM)

16 - Start A Business (PM)

17 - Team SBA Financing Roundtable

23 - Write A Business Plan (PM)

24 - WBE Certification Orientation

25 - Small Business Loan Workshop

The Web site address for Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services Workshops is www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar.



Helping those in need

The staff of Raymond James in Northville had a recent movie night and collected food for the South Lyon-based Active Faith. Pictured delivering the bounty are (from left) Candace Kachin, Ian Waldo, Karin Peters, Tracy Anderson, Lisa Behm, Greg Downey and Todd Knickerbocker.

DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE EVENTS

Northville Nite

Celebrate the New year with a country-western theme and gallop into 2010 at the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School from 4:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31. Spend your New Year's Eve celebrating with the community and your friends. Enjoy activities like carnival games, crafts, face-painting, huge inflatable games, and much more. Northville Rotary Club will be selling hot dogs. Make sure you stay until 8 p.m. for the countdown. For more information, contact Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

Movies at the Marquis series

The Movies at the Marquis Series returns for a limited time only and will showcase 11 all-time favorite classic films every

Saturday night January 16-March 27. Sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford & Urban Optiques Vision and Eyewear. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:45 p.m.). Tickets (\$3 each) are available for purchase exclusively at merchant-sponsored locations.

The 2010 Movies at the Marquis Series schedule includes (date/movie/sponsor location):

Jan. 16, North by Northwest (1959), Long Plumbing, Heating, Kitchen & Bath, 190 E. Main

Jan. 23, My Fair Lady (1964), Edwards Café & Caterer, 115 E. Main

Jan. 30, The Thomas Crown Affair (1968), Starring the Gallery, 118 W. Main

Feb. 6, Philadelphia Story (1940), Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main

Feb. 13, Roman Holiday (1953), Riffles Homestyle Restaurant, 160 E. Main

February 20, Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939), Wine Sync, 122 W. Main

Feb. 27, That Touch of Mink (1962), Alexander's Custom Clothiers, 124 W. Main

March 6, Charade (1963), Sincerely Yours Inc., 110 N. Center

March 13, Paris When It Sizzles (1964), Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Court

March 20, Vertigo (1958), Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main

March 27, Easter Parade (1948), Gardenviews, 202 W. Main

The Movies at the Marquis series is open to all guests 5 years and older. The historic Marquis Theatre is located in downtown Northville at 135 E. Main St. For more information and updates on the 2010 Movies at the Marquis Series, visit www.downtown-northville.com or call (248) 349-0345.



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Let's start the New Year off with a bang!

Come join Crossroads Grille and "The funny bald guy" Bill Hildebrandt for a great night of food, drink and laughter!

Dinner served from 6pm to 10pm

Date: January 20, 2010 8PM

Tickets: \$10 advance (\$15 at door)

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www.funnybaldguy.com

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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
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.
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 December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1 for the holidays.
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Time/Date: 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28
Details: Short story sharing. Teens, grades 6-12, read any short story. Tell us about it: read a favorite passage, tell something interesting about the author, discuss why you liked it or didn't like it...anything goes! Check out the Short Story list in the Series Books Binder in the Totally Teen area.
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Winter Storytimes
Time/Date: Varied
Details: For details about winter storytimes, please visit www.northvillelibrary.org or call the library at 248-349-3020. Registration for certain storytimes begins in January.

PARKS AND REC

Northville Parks and Recreation
Location: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School)
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Alyssa Michelle Apostolopoulos
We thank God for every precious moment we spent with you.
We love you.
We miss you.

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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

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OPEN PICKLEBALL

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$3 Per person Monday

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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.

FITNESS HOE-DOWN

Time/Date: 7-10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2

Locations: RCH - Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W.

Baseline; CSC - Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main

Details: 7 a.m. - Cycle, RCH; 8 a.m. - Kick 'n' Abs, RCH; 9 a.m. - Body Pump, RCH; 9:15 - Yoga, CSC; 10 a.m. - Zumba, RCH. Passes welcome or \$10 for all you can handle. Bring your friends to share your workout experience.

Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation at 248-349-0203 or check our website at www.northvilleparksandrec.org

**AAUW at theater**

The Northville Novi AAUW branch enjoyed a night at the Tipping Point Theater in Northville on Dec. 10 for their second annual fundraiser (a sell-out with a waiting list for tickets). The holiday performance, *Every Christmas Story Ever Told and Then Some*, was featured along with appetizers and drinks enjoyed in the theater lobby before the performance. Pictured (l to r) are Mary Starring, Corinne Vincent, Darlene Ursel and Jill Streit. The group's next meeting will be at 6:45 p.m. on Jan. 12 at the Northville Public Library with Sandra Sutherland, emeritus distinguished professor of English, speaking on *Women in Literature*.

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MALAY MEMBER

Snowy fun

Cindy Stanndard heads off on a cross country ski trip at Northville's Maybury State Park on Wednesday afternoon. Many skiers took advantage of last week's snowfall to hit the miles of trails of Maybury.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | NORTHVILLE RECORD

Nick Yonker heads out on cross country skis at Maybury State Park on a recent Tuesday afternoon. Even though Yonker had just moved to Michigan from L.A., he's used to the frigid January temperatures as he grew up on the west side of Michigan.

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Toddle Time

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Hot flashes study

Women who are having bothersome hot flashes and are looking for a non-estrogen based treatment may be eligible to participate in a research study at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center. St. Mary Mercy participates in National Cancer Institute (NCI) sponsored clinical trials through an affiliation with the Michigan Cancer Research Consortium, which is offering this study. The study will help determine if flaxseed, a dietary supplement, is helpful in lessening or stopping

hot flashes in women. Previous studies have shown this alternative to be effective in treating hot flashes.

"Hot flashes are experienced by many women, those with a history of cancer and those concerned about the increased risk for breast cancer. Many of these women do not wish to take estrogen therapy due to concerns about breast cancer," explained Philip Stella, MD, medical director, Saint Joseph Mercy Cancer Care Center. "We hope the research will help us find a better alternative in reducing and eliminating hot flashes."

For more information about this study or

other cancer treatment and prevention trials, please call Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center at (734) 655-2792 or toll-free.

Blood drive

Blood Banks in Southeast Michigan are at dangerously low levels because donations are low. Northville Schools are helping fill this need by hosting a series of Red Cross blood drives, including one from 2-8 p.m. on Jan. 6 at Meads Mill Middle School. Go to www.givelife.org and enter sponsor code: NorthvilleSchools, then select Meads Mill.

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Northville splits week on hardwood

Boys squad led by Eatmon in win over Walled Lake

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs earned their first win of the season, but followed it up with a tough loss just two days later last week.

The squad took a 47-38 victory over the Walled Lake Western Warriors behind the play of senior Makis Eatmon, but followed it up with a loss two days later to the John Glenn Rockets, 44-32.

"Despite the outcome, there were positives tonight," said coach Todd Sander. "Our defense shined at times. Glenn has the ability to score in bunches, and we really contained them for a long time."

Glenn jumped to a 15-10 lead in the first quarter, but the Mustangs closed the gap to 17-14 by the halftime buzzer. Northville was down 28-20 at the end of the third quarter. Northville was led by Andrew Baldwin, who poured in 19 points.

"Andrew continued his streak of solid performances," said Sander. "On Tuesday he was a distributor. Tonight he was a scorer, and we needed that."

The Mustangs won't hang their hats on a loss, however, and will instead focus on the positives. One such high note is a 47-38 win over the Walled Lake Warriors last Tuesday.

The story of the night was the play of senior forward Eatmon, who put in 21 points with a nine-of-10 shooting performance from the floor and a perfect 3-for-3 from the free-throw line. He also had 10 rebounds for a double-double.

Eatmon, who was a starter as a junior last season, showed that his hard work in the off season has paid off so far this year. Eatmon's time in the weight room and playing AAU ball is one of the primary reasons Sander thinks he's been able to step up this season.



Northville's Al Myers (24) goes up for a basket in a victory over the Walled Lake Western Warriors last week.

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The Mustangs will be back in action when they play in the Chelsea Holiday Classic over winter break. The team is slated to play against Milan and Chelsea in the showcase.

Northville also found junior guard Bryce Groshek adding 10 points in the win, while Baldwin notched six points, seven rebounds and six assists.

Northville came out of the starting gates with a 9-0 run in the first quarter that ended in a 9-7 lead before the Warriors were able to tie in up 17-17 at the end of the half.

The Mustangs chipped away,

however, and went up 33-26 by the end of the third and didn't look back.

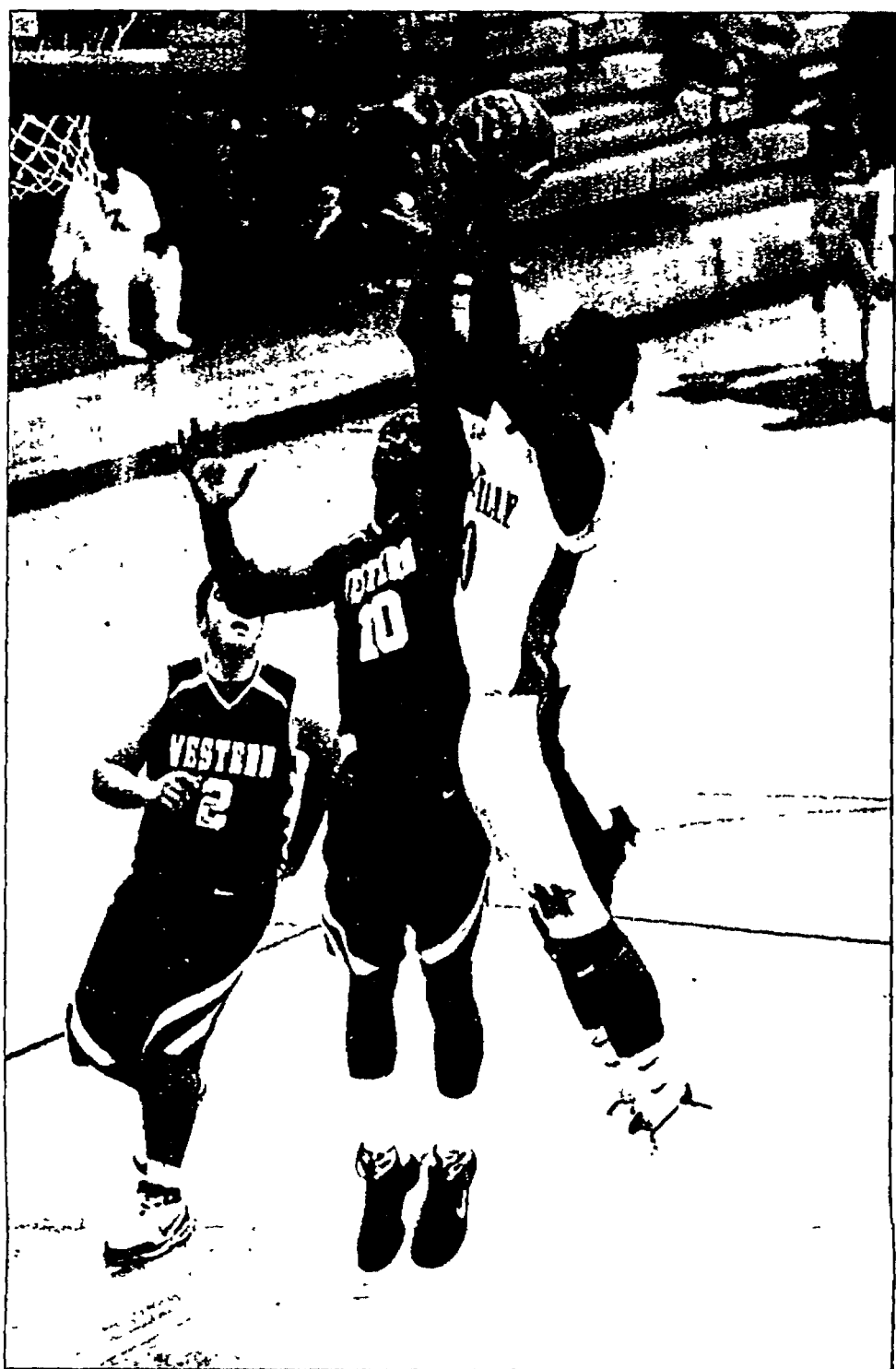
"I was proud of the way we responded in the second half," said Sander. "I thought the first few minutes of the third quarter were key to our success tonight."

Sander said the best part of the night was seeing the way his team played together.

"This was a great team victory," he said. "We were unselfish and found open players. We need to be selfless to be as good as we hope to be this year."

Northville is now 1-2 on the season.

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



PHOTOS BY JANE HASSE

Northville's Makis Eatmon (10), a senior, puts up two points on his way to a career-best 21 points. Eatmon had 21 points and 10 rebounds for his first double-double of the season as he led the Mustangs to a convincing victory over Walled Lake Western last week.

Northville grapplers split pair

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs are making it extremely clear this year: When you hit the wrestling mat against them, you're going to have to bring your best or you're going to lose.

The Mustangs, led by coach Bob Boshoven, earned a convincing win over the Wayne Memorial Zebras last week, 58-12, and took a tough loss to the always-strong John Glenn Rockets, 43-26.

The Mustangs earned wins in 12 of the 14 weight classes when they grappled the Zebras at home last Wednesday.

Northville opened the match off with a void in the 285-pound weight class, but turned it around with a win in the very next match. Starting things off for the Mustangs was Ian Stirton, who earned a win by pin over his 103-pound opponents. Northville fell in

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team will be back on the mat Jan. 6 when they compete in the Franklin Quad.

the following match as Kyle Gutowski fell via pin in the 112-pound weight class.

From that point on, it was all Northville. In the 119-pound division, Mustang Alex Hoffman earned a pin, while Greg Lorrain added a technical victory, 18-2, over his foe at 125. The Mustang domination continued as George McClymont collected a technical victory, 19-2, in the 130-pound division while Kevin Lerner added an 11-4 decision into the win column at 135.

Mike Bagian continued the charge, winning by major decision, 12-2, at 140 while 145-pound teammate Josh Wright notched an 11-8 deci-

sion in his favor. Northville's top-ranked Jon Nelson, who is 13-1 so far this year, earned a pin at 152 pounds while Jake Johnson earned a 9-7 decision at 160 and eighth-ranked Nick Mudar, who is 11-2 this year, earned a pin at 171.

Northville finished off the meet with a 16-0 win by Bob Lahiff at 189 pounds and a pin by Steve Widzinski at 215.

Northville didn't have the same level of success against the John Glenn Rockets and took a tough 43-26 loss to their foes.

The Mustangs did, however, earn wins by Wright, Nelson, Mudar and Lahiff. Wright notched a 5-0 decision, while the other three collected pins in their respective weight classes.

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

Mustangs earn two big wins

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team may have lost their opening game of the season, but they played their last two games like their undefeated and unstoppable.

The girls, coached by Todd Gudith, wracked up a 71-38 victory over the struggling John Glenn Rockets last Thursday after defeating Walled Lake Western 46-30 two days earlier.

"I thought our girls played very unselfish tonight," said Gudith of the win over Glenn. "We capitalized on our size and did a good job of controlling the ball under pressure."

The Mustangs had to work against a constantly pressing John Glenn full-court defense. Northville fell behind 3-0 in the opening minutes of the game, but went on an 18-7 run to go up 18-10 by the end of the first quarter and didn't bother to look back.

The Mustangs, who were led by senior Katherine Jansen with 16 points, were in an evenly-matched second quarter and went into halftime leading by 10 points, 33-23. The second half was a different story, however, and the Mustangs blasted out 15 points in the third quarter and 23 points in the fourth to

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team will be back in action when they play in the Chelsea Holiday Classic over winter break. They will play against Chelsea and Milan in the two-day showcase.

earn the 71-38 victory.

"Our girls did a great job converting in transition, which helped us break the game wide open in the second half," Gudith noted.

According to Gudith, the 71 points scored by Northville is the fifth highest total in team history.

Northville was led by Jansen in scoring, while Katie Giacomini added 12 points, Megan Gertley had 11 and sophomore Alex Moynes put in 10 in the winning effort. All 11 players scored in the contest.

Moynes was a monster under the basket, grabbing six rebounds while Gertley hauled in five boards of her own. Assist leader in the game was sophomore Meredith Williams, who had six, while senior guard Tori Wright added four of her own.

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Another victory for Mustangs tankers

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

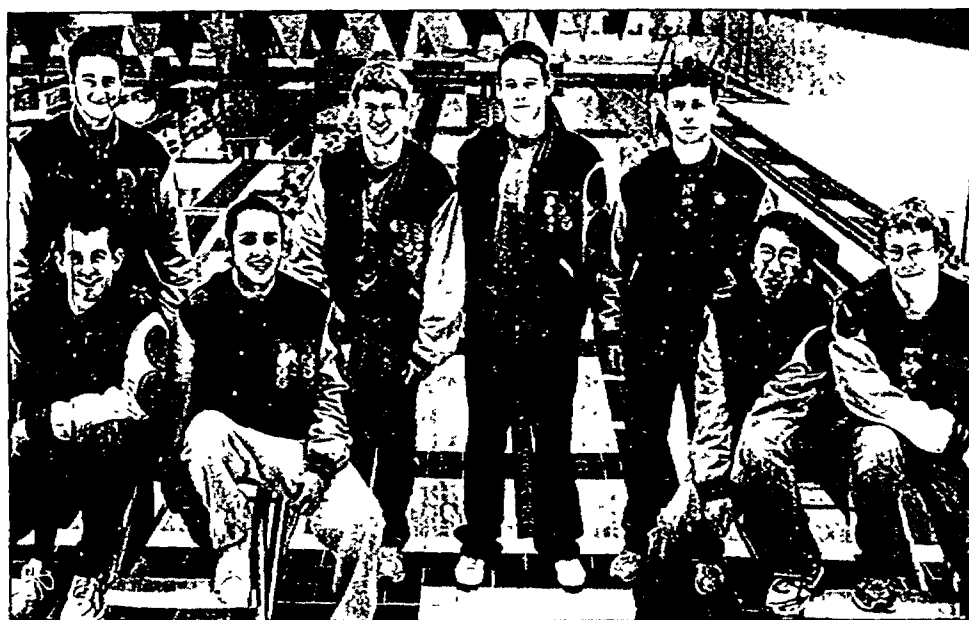
The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team didn't have much trouble earning a win last week.

That's the reality when you're one of the top teams in the state this year, but the Mustangs found ways to make their 148-38 victory over the Livonia Churchill Chargers a little more challenging.

"We were able to move some kids around in some different events and everyone on the team got to participate in this meet, which was nice to see from a coaching standpoint," said Northville coach Rich Bennetts.

Plenty of top swimmers came from individuals in the dual-meet victory, but the story of the night was the 200 yard freestyle relay team of John Lubisco, Nate Lunn, Ryan Winkler and Will Greenlee. The fearsome foursome gave themselves—and their team—and early Christmas present by setting the record for the Livonia Churchill pool by taking first in 1:31.12.

Other top swims came from AJ Aquino in the 200 individual medley, Eric Ostrowski in the 200 freestyle and Lunn in the 50 freestyle. Kevin Bain was the top performer in diving, while teammate Dawson Laabs showcased his talent in



The Northville High School boys varsity swim team began its season the week before Thanksgiving. From left are Chris LaFayette, Nathan Lunn, A.J. Aquino, John Lubisco, Ben Schoenek, Will Price, Bofeng Zhang, and Alex Miller.

ON TAP

The Mustangs swimming and diving team will off until Jan. 7 when they will play host to perennial rival Livonia Stevenson.

the 100 butterfly. John Blickle and Greenlee each swam well in the 100 free, while Chris Lafayette dominated in the 500 free and Bofeng Zhang in

the 100 backstroke. Despite the break heading into the winter break, the Mustangs will not be finding themselves enjoying much in the way of rest and relaxation.

"We are now into our holiday training and when we come out of the break, we will see what kind of team we really have," said Bennetts.

And the Mustangs will have to be at the top of their game

when the break ends. From January 7 through January 16, they will swim top-ranked teams Stevenson, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Zeeland, Grosse Pointe South and Saline, not to mention a Salem squad that Bennetts described as "much-improved and dangerous."

"We have a long way to go, but are working hard and that is key at this point in the season," he said.



Mustang Bofeng Zhang swims the breaststroke.



Mustang Ben Schoenek bursts out of the water while swimming the butterfly in the 200 meter individual medley.

NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball training program

Franklin Road Christian High School will host a six-week spring training for players in grades first through 12th from Feb. 7 to March 21. Franklin Road Christian Head Coach Mike Harris will direct the program in conjunction with

the U.S. Baseball Academy. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching and catching at a cost as low as \$99 for six weeks.

Space is limited. Registration is now under way. For more information, visit www.USBBaseballAcademy.com, or call toll-free 866-622-4487.

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Bill Witek may not have been able to attend the first-ever Alumni Swim and Dive Fundraiser a few weeks ago, but that didn't stop him from putting up a donation.

Witek, who was a tri-captain on the 1973 Mustangs swim team that went on to win a state championship, didn't donate because he's going to be sitting in the stands seeing the new scoreboard in operation. He didn't donate because he has a child in the program or up and coming into it. Witek donated because of the memories he and his teammates made while in the pool at the old Northville High School—now the middle school.

"I have the fondest memories about Northville and the incredible time I had over the four years of swimming there," said Witek of the 1969 to 1973 seasons.

Witek made memories.

DETAILS

For those interested in donating to the event to help purchase a new scoreboard and timing system for the girls and boys swimming and diving teams, please make checks payable to Northville High School and send them to 16957 Lochmoor Circle E., Northville, MI 48168 or e-mail nhssc scoreboard@gmail.com for more information.

His donation was made in memory. Kevin Kelly and Chip Thomas were teammates of Witek's. They both died this past year. His donation will make sure they are a part of the swimming program for years to come.

Joe Lunn has his memories, too. The 2003 graduate wasn't able to make the meet thanks to his military career keeping him in a 12-month deployment overseas, but it didn't stop him from sending a correspon-

dence to the alumni and his former teammates.

"Just thinking of this swim meet brings back a lot of good memories," Lunn wrote. "Morning practices, bus rides, going to Big Boy after meets, team banquets at Gennetti's, the good old days when we ate donuts after Saturday morning practices, driving to and from Eastern Michigan for practices during winter break, and shaving down for the big ones."

The boys swim and dive team may have a slew of members this year, but Lunn was a swimmer when the team had less than 20. They still competed though, pushing themselves to be the best and even topping a few teams despite their low numbers.

"Being on the swim team taught me a lot about dedication and hard work; I learned lessons in the pool that they cannot teach in a class room," said Lunn. "I really enjoyed swimming for Northville."

Memories like those will still

be made this year. And next. Fund-raising events like this one will ensure that the tankers will have the most up-to-date equipment and facilities.

Donations, said Diana Dimitroff, the swim and dive scoreboard fundraiser chairperson, are coming in nicely.

"To date, we are well on our way for fundraising to purchase a new timing and scoreboard system," she said.

But there is still more money to raise. Only a small portion of the \$37,000 needed to purchase and install the new system.

And for those who were a little saddened by the fact they weren't able to make the alumni swim meet this year, Dimitroff said there's no reason to worry. The calendar is already marked for next November for the Second Annual Alumni Swim and Dive Fundraiser.

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Northville makes strides toward new scoreboard

SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 17, 2009 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, December 17, 2009
TIME: 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
PLACE: 44405 Five Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Chris Roosen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
 - Employee Appointment
 - Resolution 2009-176 - Dan Karrick - Eagle Scout
 - Re-appoint Richard Henningsen to N'ville Area Senior Advisory Council - approved
 - Re-appoint Richard Allen to Planning Commission - approved
 - Re-appoint Brian Doren to Zoning Board of Appeals - approved
 - Re-appoint Paul Slatin to Zoning Board of Appeals - approved
 - Re-appoint Michael F. Savant to Board of Review - approved
 - Re-appoint Joseph LoPiccolo to Board of Review - approved
 - Re-appoint David Hursey to Election Board of Canvasser - approved
 - Re-appoint Bill James to Election Board of Canvassers - approved
 - Re-appoint Robert G. Lipmyer to Northville Senior - approved
- Public Hearings: A. CDBG 2010-2011 Budget - conducted B. 2010-2011 FY CDBG Budget approval - approved
- Brief Public Comments: None
- New Business:
 - Main Street Sanitary Sewer - Change Order 1 & Payment #2 - approved
 - Donation to Township - Northville Baseball/Softball Association - approved
 - 2009 Sidewalk Ramp Replacement Project - Payment #1 - approved
 - Proposed Rules for Coldwater Springs Nature Area Linear Park - approved
 - Approval of 2010 Financial Institutions - approved
 - Edenderry Hills 2009 Water Main Improvements - Payment #4 - approved
 - Edenderry Hills Paving SAD - Payment #3 - approved
 - Water & Sewer Forecasts - approved
 - Budget Amendments - approved
 - Police Car Replacements - approved
 - DWSD Water Contract - Amendment No 1 - approved

- Unfinished Business:
 - Edenderry Hills 2009 Water Main Improvements - Additional Engineering Services - approved with conditions
- Ordinances: A. Ordinance Amendment - Adoption - Section 104.3 - approved
- Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$2,345,532.89 - approved
- Board Communication & Reports: Reports were given by Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen.
- Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: None

11. Adjourn: The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. The unapproved draft of the Board of Trustees minutes will be available after December 31, 2009.

Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, MMC

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BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team knows there is no reason to wait on giving themselves a nice Christmas present this year.

That's why they unwrapped for themselves the exact gift they wanted this year with a season-opening victory over the Plymouth Wildcats, 141.95-129.075.

"I am very pleased with our first performance of the season last week," said Northville coach Erin McWatt. "No matter how experienced you are, it always takes one or two competitions to get back in the swing of things and get the jitters out."

To combat that, the Mustangs began working full routines earlier this year as compared to last season.

MUSTANGS

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"Getting the younger girls some in-game experience is what will make our team deeper and give us more options as the year goes on," said Gudith. "We need to gain that confidence on the floor. Scoring 71 is not something

that happens every week."

The Northville girls cage squad didn't need 71 points when they took down the Walled Lake Western Warriors last Tuesday. The squad earned a 46-30 final in their first victory of the season.

Leading the way was none other than Jansen, who put in 14 points to help her team to the win. Gertley added 10 points while Giacomini

on the beam.

The Mustangs won't be resting on the idea that they are unstoppable just because they have a single victory under their belt so far this year. McWatt said the girls will be looking to improve all around during holiday break, especially on the events that they have traditionally struggled in.

"The trick is peaking at the right time and we certainly have many improvements to focus on, but we started off on a high, for sure," she said. "Bars has been a little bit of a struggle area for us in years past, so I'd like that event to be a major focus for us this year."

The Mustangs will be looking to use plenty of youthful energy in their routines, as well. This year there are several new gymnasts on the squad, including juniors Katie Parks

notched nine.

Gertley's presence down low earned her a double-double this week as she pulled down 11 board against the Warriors.

Wright led her team with six assists.

The Mustangs had trouble in the first half with dealing with Western's premier player, which Gudith said was a good learning experience.

"We were close to her, but

and Katy Stojkov and freshman Taylor Dempsey, who McWatt said has years of club experience and could produce some impressive results.

In addition, the Mustangs are expecting a transfer student from the Chicago area at the semester break. Erin Warwood is a freshman this year and comes in looking to add even more talent to the Mustangs.

"This year we're a very experienced team with six seniors (that will be) graduating," said McWatt. "It's comforting to know that we'll have new additions, freshmen like Erin and Taylor, and rookies like Katie Parks and Katy Stojkov, to step up and fill those senior shoes after the season ends."

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not close enough," he said. "We gave her just enough space to feel comfortable shooting. You never want to make a shooter comfortable."

Adjustments were made in the second half when the team switched to a zone defense and held her to just one basket.

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Mustangs bowlers show talent in tough week

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Mustangs knew heading into the Central Division portion of their schedule that they would have to come out fast and furious in order to make their mark.

The girls squad—which is defending as division champions this season—had managed to do just that, continuing an unbeaten run as they toppled Plymouth Salem and Novi, 30-0 and 29-1, respectively.

The boys have found themselves not faring as well, though putting up quite the fight as they lost to Plymouth Salem, 16-14, and tied their cross-town rival, Novi, 15-15. Against the Rock of Plymouth Salem, the girls squad didn't

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs bowling teams will be off during winter break and will hit the lanes in competition again come Jan. 5.

have anything to worry about as they soundly beat their foes in a complete 30-0 sweep. The Mustangs were led by the outstanding bowling of Brittney Bowers, who racked up a 201, while Shelby Curlew added an impressive performance of her own with a 176.

The boys weren't as fortunate, though they put up an intense fight and didn't give up. They eventually fell with the final ball of a multi-game set that led the Rocks to a 16-14 victory. Jake Snow led the

boys team with a 200 while Brad Currier bowled a 190 in the losing effort.

Against Novi, the Mustangs girls weren't able to earn the sweep, but they came as close as they could with a 29-1 victory over their Eight-Mile rivals. Marie Sampson led the way with games of 204 and 199.

The boys looked to be well on their way to victory with the four strikes in a row, and won the first match game. The Wildcats held on, however, and clawed their way back with a second-game victory to tie the score, 15-15, to end the day. Ian Lovdals' clutch 10th frame led the Mustangs to victory in the first match game.

JUNIOR VARSITY

In junior varsity bowling

action, the Mustangs split against the Plymouth Salem Rocks with the girls winning and the boys falling in divisional play. Leading the girls were Jacqueline Bell and Samantha Morrin, while Adam Zimmer and Jon Johnson led the attack for the boys squad.

The junior varsity teams also split against Novi. The girls were led by Lisa Rice with a 159 as they marched to victory. Sara Ramsey shot a 153 in the win. The boys came up short, despite strong scores from Johnson, who shot a 180, and Michael Truong, who recorded a 160.

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TAMMY SUTTON

Coach Sheri Combs and the Northville High School figure skating team at the first competition on Dec. 13.

Mustangs earn big win over Brighton

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

For their game against Brighton, the Northville hockey team forgot they were Mustangs.

For that night, the squad became a wolf pack.

It was a tactic that worked as the Northville hockey team skated to a convincing 5-1 victory over Brighton.

"We talked before the game about how Brighton is a pretty big moose in the field and that we must be like the wolf pack if we are going to take them down," said Jeff Hatley. "One wolf can't do it alone—we must work together and play less one-on-one hockey through

ON TAP

The hockey squad will hit the ice again when they visit play in the Holiday Classic at 8 p.m. this coming Monday and Tuesday before going on a break until January 8.

the neutral zone and in the offensive end."

Northville's wolf pack started off with a defensive stand, holding the score to 0-0 at the end of the first period despite being outshot, 10-4.

David Ketelhut stopped each of those shots in between the posts, earning the victory at goal.

The defense performance fueled the offense as Kyle

Sargent took a pass from Robbie Thornburg and scored with 14:47 left in the second period for a 1-0 lead. The Bulldogs fought back, tying the game just four minutes later on a Northville turnover.

Northville's wolf pack didn't hesitate, however, and came back with a vengeance. Evan Goebel scored what would prove to be the winning goal with 4:21 left in the second period for a 2-1 lead before Tyler Marotta added another tally just a minute later for a 3-1 advantage heading into the end of the period.

In the third period, Northville kept adding to their total as Joe Close scored two to put the game away with assists from Clay Neal on the power

play and one from Marotta. Ketelhut stopped 27 of 28 shots for the win.

The defense stepped up and played an outstanding game, said Hatley.

"Brighton's big line is one of the state's best and Mike Skorzo and Matt Rosari did a great job in keeping them scoreless," he said. "The fourth line of freshman Riley Marotta and senior Scott Vandenburg shifted in with some quality chips to give the team some energy and depth."

Northville is now 3-3 on the season.

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Figure skating team starts season

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

ON TAP

The squad will be back in action when they compete January 18 after taking the winter break off from competition.

Sheri Combs isn't your typical high school sports coach.

It's actually a good thing, because her team isn't a typical high school sports team, either.

Combs is the head coach of Northville High School's figure skating program. The team, which boasts an impressive 19 athletes, is only in its second year of existence at the high school and it is already starting to make some noise.

Last year, Northville's A team finished fifth in the first competition, while the B team was eighth and the C team was seventh.

This year, the A team took fourth, the B team finished fifth and the C team took ninth.

"I am pleased with where our A and B teams finished Sunday," said Combs, who is in her second year as head coach of the team. "The girls skated really well. This is a great way to start our new season."

The A team finished first in the competition's jumps category, fifth in the spins and eighth in moves.

That team is comprised of senior captain Jenna Sutton, junior Chelsea Walker and sophomore Jillian Kastely.

The B team, which finished fourth overall in moves, fifth in spins and seventh in jumps, includes juniors Kathleen Crowley, Katie Gasparotto, Emily Love and Courtney Ring as well as sophomore Rachel Wilson and freshmen Maya Warszawaska and Carolyn Zhang.

The C team finished with a seventh-place mark in moves, an eighth in spins and ninth in jumps.

"Even though the C team finished in ninth place, they worked really hard and will continue to improve as the season goes forward," said Combs.

The C team is made of senior captain Katherine Wilson, juniors Robbie Austin, Kate Gatz and Meghan McGillis as well as sophomore Krista Learman and freshmen Ashley Austin, Bhavana Pabbati, Krista Rodriguez and Jessica Yang.

Combs said that while her team is always looking to earn high marks, the goals this season aren't all victory-based.

"The goal for this year is to have fun, be competitive and do our best to represent Northville High School in a positive way," she said.

The team has just two more regular season competitions left. The first is January 18 at 4 p.m. in Farmington. The second is slated for 4 p.m. February 17 in Farmington. From that point, the girls will move on to compete in the Individual and Team championships in Midland March 27 and 28.

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Former Shamrocks pursuing USHL careers

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It's one thing to lose star players to graduation, but it's another to lose them to a different hockey team.

But Catholic Central coach Todd Carlson didn't even flinch when he was told by two members of last year's state championship team that they wouldn't be back this year.

Brent Darnell and Steven Hensley were standout players from last year's state-title-winning hockey team. Darnell was the team's leading scorer and a runner-up for the Mr. Hockey award. Hensley was one of the team's top defensemen.

Both players elected to forgo their senior seasons at Catholic Central in order to play in the United States Hockey League, a junior hockey league.

According to the USHL's website, the league is focused

on helping players, coaches and officials advance their careers to the college and professional level.

"Because of the extensive practice and game schedule in the USHL, players have an opportunity to develop their skills at an accelerated pace that might otherwise be unavailable," the site states.

And it's working. According to the USHL's site, there are currently 110 players in the National Hockey League that were once players in the junior league. Of the current USHL players, there are 178 players who have committed to college.

Darnell is one of those committed players. He's given his commitment to play for national championship-winning coach Rick Comley and his team at Michigan State University.

"He wanted an opportunity to go to MSU right out

of high school, and thus he needed to play at least a year of junior hockey," said Carlson. "He will play one more year of junior hockey next season, but he is doing very well."

Darnell is playing for the Sioux Falls Stampede in South Dakota. In the 25 games the Stampede has played this year, Darnell has played in 20 of them.

Hensley is playing for the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders in Iowa. He has appeared in 20 games so far this year.

"Steven Hensley was one of our top D men last year," Carlson said. "He is having a solid rookie year and has a minimum of 10 universities contacting him currently."

Carlson said that hockey is a unique sport when it comes to collegiate recruiting and that having a player leave a team his junior or senior year is becoming more and more

commonplace.

"Unfortunately, hockey is not like football, basketball and baseball," he said. "There are such few college hockey programs that they can use junior hockey as an avenue to develop players before they get to school."

Losing a player is always difficult, especially once a coach-athlete bond has been formed over the course of several seasons, but Carlson said that he and his assistant coaches are always happy to see a player—like Darnell and Hensley—move on to the next level.

"The lure of this opportunity is very difficult to pass up and our staff understands this and supports the player and family when they elect to leave," he said.

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Catholic Central splits week

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team will be back in action when they compete in the Motor City Round Ball Classic this Sunday at 3:30 p.m. The game will be held at Detroit Country Day High School.

The Shamrocks will then be off until January 5 when they host Detroit Loyola at 7:30 p.m.

while sophomore center Matt Doneth added 10 points and seven rebounds and junior guard Shea Kettner added 10 points of his own.

The game didn't go as favorably against the Tigers of Belleville. The Shamrocks dropped the game, 61-51, after falling behind by three points in the first quarter and were unable to even the score.

Belleville took a 14-11 first-quarter lead and extended it by halftime, 31-21, and didn't look back. The Shamrock defense adjusted in the second half and the offense found more energy, scoring 16 and 14 in the third and fourth quarters, respectively, but were matched step for step by Belleville, which also scored 16 in the third and 14 in the final quarter of play.

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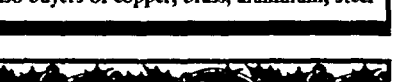
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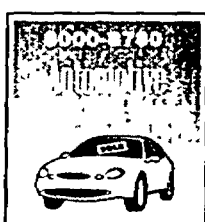
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