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'Peter Cottontail' auditions

The Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main, Northville) is holding auditions for "The Adventures of Peter Cottontail" for children 8-16 years old at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17. Participants will be asked to sing "Do-Re-Mi" from "Sound of Music" with an accompanist and read a poem or monologue, no longer than 90 seconds (does not have to be memorized). Phone (248) 349-8110 for more information.

Play euchre, fight leukemia

The Northville Sports Den is hosting a Euchre Tournament and Silent Auction to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society on Thursday, January 14. Registration for the Euchre Tournament begins at 6:30 p.m. and the tournament will begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person with cash prizes awarded for first, second and third places. From 6 p.m. to the end of the tournament, 10% of all food revenues will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. For more information, call (248) 231-5872.

'Mimi' author signing books

Northville educator Sue Beth Balash will appear at Barnes & Noble for a special storytime and signing of her new children's picture book, "Mimi the Inchworm" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20. The store is located on the northwest corner of Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township. "Mimi the Inchworm" is the charming story of how the smallest creatures can have a large positive influence on the world around them. Following a reading of her story, the author will sign copies of her book as well as facilitate a craft with the children.

2009:

State hospital land purchase dominates



Christine Farrell cast her ballot the afternoon of Aug. 4 at Precinct 1 in Northville at Moraine Elementary over the bond proposal for the former state hospital property on Seven Mile Road. By noon there were more than 80 ballots cast at Precinct 1.

Economic woes also make news

JANUARY

Northville Township officials were informed that developer REIS, a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company, plans to harvest some trees in the near future on the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property. This is completely legal under the consent judgment agreement signed by both parties last July. REIS does not have to adhere to the township's woodlands ordinance, per the agreement.

Judith Wollack finished out her second term with Northville's school board last month. Instead of running for a third term, she is fully devoting herself to a new challenge. Wollack's eight years of service with the school board were instrumental in preparing her for the job she now holds as executive vice president for the Wolverine Human Services in Detroit.

In an effort to become more responsive to their constituency in 2009, Northville Township trustees are considering initiating a 45-minute informal Coffee Hour prior to regularly scheduled monthly board meetings. The Coffee Hour would take place from 6:45-7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. No business decisions would be made or public policy set at these gatherings. The board recently initiated study sessions that take place outside of the monthly meetings so that trustees can talk about township issues on a more informal basis.

Northville students shared their reflections on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of peace, unity and service to others during a special "Unity in the Community" event on Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 19. Community members were welcome to attend the gathering, which will take place at 7 p.m.

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The former state psychiatric hospital property remained in the news throughout 2009 as Northville Township residents voted to purchase the majority of the acreage from developer REIS in August.



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Pat Devulder hauled in her flowering plants after one of the Northville Farmers' Market wrapped up. The market was in operation every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through October. Devulder owns a farm in Grass Lake, Mich.

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First Friday walk to feature unique items made of wood

Live painting event slated at Northville Square Market

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

The Northville Art House has something special to offer for tomorrow's First Friday Art & Fashion Walk with its exhibit "Made of Wood: Multiple Perspectives" opening tomorrow. (This month's event is actually a "Second Friday" opening due to the New Year holiday on Jan.

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Joan Painter Jones' contribution to the show is called "Park Place."

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at Genitti's Little Theatre, 112 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

■ Richard Marinucci, 54, a 31-year veteran of the Farmington Hills Fire Department, was sworn in Jan. 5 by Clerk Sue Hillebrand as the new deputy director of fire service for the Charter Township of Northville Fire Department. The position of fire chief has been open for more than a year since former Fire Chief William Zhmendak retired in March 2007.

■ Northville children from suburban Northville and inner-city Detroit are joining forces to learn about world hunger and, most importantly, do something about it through the Kids Against Hunger Michigan Coalition "Michigan Project." The seven food packaging events, which will take place between Jan. 27 and April 7, will bring together young people from different experiences and cultures to work and learn at Detroit area landmarks.

■ Although it's mostly legal, residents are still protesting developer REIS' decision to begin timber harvesting on the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property on Jan. 9. Township resident Steve Emsley said a soil erosion expert from Wayne County contacted him since he heads up the group Citizens for Public

Accountability and Responsible Development (CPARD) to say that a soil erosion permit had not been obtained by the developer for the property. It's not yet known, however, how much, if any, removal of trees will affect the soil.

■ Following protests by residents in the Edenderry Hills subdivision about a special assessment district proposed to replace roads in the subdivision, Northville Township officials are reviewing the township's special assessment district policy. Under the new proposed policy, once an assessment cost is determined owners would be notified by mail about an informational meeting.

■ With double-digit unemployment and foreclosures at an all-time high in the consumer market in Michigan, it's no surprise that long-term financial stability was named the top priority for the city of Northville.

February

■ After waiting for months, Northville Township officials learned Monday that Schoolcraft College officials have decided to scrap plans to build a \$30-million-plus public safety education building in the township. The facility, that would have trained police and fire personnel, would have been located north of Five Mile Road and west of Ridge Road. The deteriorating economic climate was cited as the reason for the decision.

■ It may be several weeks before the death of Northville's



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Danielle Strachan led her daughter Gabriella, 18 months, down a snowy slippery hill at Northville's Cass Benton Park last winter. The Strachans had recently moved to the area from Florida.

Don Joseph Ausman is known. The 22-year-old Michigan State University student was found dead in the Spartan Village apartment in East Lansing at 9:15 a.m. Jan. 28. Results from an autopsy performed the following day by the Ingham County Medical Examiner's Office were inconclusive, and toxicology reports are pending, according to MSU Police Sgt. Florene McGlothlin-Taylor.

■ The Northville Record has a new look starting with the Feb. 5 issue. The changes are a result of feedback from readers in e-mail surveys and local interviews over the past four months. The design has been updated, and inside readers will find new features on "Education" and "Neighbors," pages about the special events in readers' lives.

■ Northville's Star Manor Nursing Home receives some top awards in the industry. The facility at 520 W. Main Street was named one of the top five nursing homes in the state out of more than 400 facilities. The honor was presented by the U.S. Consumer Guide for the state of Michigan. Medicare's five-star rating for the first time

gives consumers a national system to compare the quality of care for loved ones. Star Manor received five stars. The home also received an excellence award from In-House Hospice Solutions Jan. 8.

■ Power outages in Northville homes spark outrage among city residents. Janet Malinowski lived without electricity in her home for three days with the temperature at 38 degrees before calling her son to come stay with him in December. She was one of several residents who showed up at a Feb. 2 city council meeting to complain about the power outage that began about 5 a.m. Dec. 28 and lasted almost 120 hours in some locations of the city.

■ If Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed state budget cuts unveiled last week are approved by the state House and Senate, it would mean a shortfall of more than \$400,000 for the Northville school district's 2009-10 year. Currently, Northville receives \$8,439 per pupil from the state, which is approximately 85 percent of the district's revenue. For this school year, there was a \$56 per pupil increase. Northville chose to set those funds aside instead of allocating them.

■ The Northville Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution allowing officials to sign a letter of intent with a purchase price of \$23.5 million for about 323 acres of the former state hospital property on Seven Mile Road from developer REIS-Northville.

March

■ A Northville family makes a North out of their son's death, with Don's Friends raising funds for the Alternative Spring Break program. At the time of his death, Northville resident Don Ausman had \$67.57 in his checking account, and he had just written a check for \$65 to send to a charity.

■ A pilot skateboarding program at Hillside Middle School will open this year in the summer months only. The Northville Parks and Recreation

Department received a letter Jan. 28 from Dave Bolitho, assistant superintendent of administrative services for Northville Schools, that the Board of Education will support the pilot program in the school's tennis court area.

■ A federal judge in Detroit on Feb. 25 rejected a bid by Michigan horse racing tracks to overturn a 2004 statewide ballot initiative that prevents the tracks from installing slot machines without a statewide referendum. U.S. District Judge Avern Cohn rejected claims that Proposal 1, which voters approved by a 58-42-percent margin, created an unconstitutional gambling monopoly for Detroit's three casinos and Michigan Indian tribes, which were exempted by the initiative. A lawsuit was filed in 2008 by Northville Downs, Mt. Pleasant Meadows and Great Lakes Quarterhorse Association against Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Attorney General Mike Cox and MGM Grand Detroit Casino.

■ Northville landmark business Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant and Little Theater is the first recipient of the Northville Public Schools "Community Appreciation Award" created to recognize local businesses and community organizations that through their support help enrich the lives of Northville students.

■ Northville Township board members seem confident that a purchase agreement on a portion of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property will be finalized with developer REIS-Northville by the March 20 deadline. The firm has said it will sell a large portion of the 414-acre parcel to the township for \$23.5 million. The land is next to the 100 acres already donated to the municipality by REIS.

■ At a Northville Downtown Development Authority Boundary Expansion meeting, board members will review possible areas where the DDA may expand its boundaries in downtown Northville, a discussion that has been going on for several years. The DDA may encompass the Civic

Complex, although no decision has been made yet by DDA board members. The complex includes city hall, the Northville District Library, the Northville Community Senior Center and the area behind city hall.

■ Mark Nottley, principal, government consulting, for Rehmann Robson, a Farmington Hills consulting firm, said the city of Northville may want to consider cutting its staff soon to save money. Nottley addressed city council in a special meeting Monday night. He has been working on a citywide organizational review for six months, interviewing most of the full-time employees and some part-time employees.

■ Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, (R-Livonia), who chairs the Task Force on Transparency in Wayne County and the commission's Ways and Means Committee, conducted a public hearing Monday at Livonia City Hall with hopes of starting a process where county government can become more transparent, that is, publicly accounting for every tax dollar that is spent. Anyone who has access to the Internet may soon be able to access county budget expenditures online.

April

■ After several weeks meeting in closed session, the Northville Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution that will allow officials to sign a purchase agreement to acquire a majority of the 414 acres of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property from developer REIS. However, voters will still have to approve a ballot initiative to complete the transaction.

■ Arbor Hospice will celebrate 25 years of caring with a May 9 Celebration of Life anniversary event at Community Park in Northville Township. Those attending will be encouraged to plant a flower, bush or tree in memory of a loved one.

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■ State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) invites residents to a town hall meeting in Northville to discuss buying Michigan-made products and services provided by local businesses as a way of supporting Michigan's workers and strengthening our state's economy. The event will be held April 13 at the Northville District Library.

■ With state shared revenues down and a shortfall of about \$639,000 calculated for fiscal year 2009-2010, city of Northville officials are considering cutting staff from 54 to 46. In his budget message Monday night to city council, Pat Sullivan, city manager, said this next fiscal year begins the most uncertain financial time period for the city since 1991. Although they won't be leaving until the first of July, city of Northville administrators are already informing staff members of about 10 layoffs that will start with the new fiscal year. The police department was hit hard, with the full-time records clerk, one full-time police officer and all part-time officers faced with job losses. The city will also cut its full-time assessor and at least two full-time clerks in the front office.

■ Several cost-containment measures were approved for the proposed 2009-10 budget by Parks and Recreation Commission members April 9. Plans are to cut the full-time senior programmer at the Northville Community Senior Center and a full-time Parks and Recreation Department programmer. The department also plans to lay off two of its maintenance staff members

during non-peak months of the year. It will hire a part-time operations coordinator to assist Traci Sincok, department director.

■ The Northville school district is becoming more energy efficient. In just a year's time, the cost avoidance savings is nearly \$250,000. Last year, the district signed a five-year contract with Energy Education Inc. in Dallas. With 1,300 clients nationwide, the firm helps provide effective training to implement behavioral and organizational change substantially reducing energy consumption without purchasing new equipment.

May

■ A local prosecutor Tuesday issued a warrant for the arrest of Kim Capello, Oakland County Commissioner and former Novi mayor pro tem, for indecent exposure involving an incident that occurred April 18, according to Tom Lindberg, Novi's deputy police chief. Capello, 56, was arraigned in the 52-1 District Court and pleaded guilty in front of Judge Dennis Powers. Judges Brian MacKenzie and Robert Bondy disqualified themselves from the case. Capello says alcohol played a role in his recent arrest for indecent exposure. He pleaded guilty May 5 to the incident. A Novi woman involved in the incident was arraigned May 8.

■ A Detroit district court judge rejected a lawsuit filed by a local religious organization against Northville Township last week, saying that the group failed to obtain a final decision from the township in the matter before filing a lawsuit, said Tim Wilhelm, attorney for the township in the case.

■ The \$1-million Edenderry Hills subdivision paving project is moving forward, despite the fact that several township

residents are expressing their discontent with the special assessment district cost. The goal of the project is to improve the roads in the 45-year-old neighborhood.

■ A Wayne County Circuit Court judge dismissed an Open Meeting Act lawsuit filed against Northville Township trustees on May 12, saying the officials did not violate the law. The case was Citizens for Public Accountability and Responsible Development vs. Northville Township.

■ Council adopted the city budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 at its May 19 meeting, reducing its staff from 54.5 down to 46, which represents a 15.6 percent cut. The layoffs start July 1.

June

■ Residents from Highland Lakes Condominium Association are now protesting the township's proposed purchase of a good portion of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property from developer REIS. The condominiums are located across the street from the property.

■ The Northville City Council approved a resolution to publish a Notice of Intent to issue bonds for the \$2-million streetscape project for the downtown area at its June 1 meeting. The project is designed to replace the more than 30-year-old sidewalks and update street amenities.

■ The State of Michigan experienced a heavy shortfall of \$600 million in its school aid fund, as of the fiscal year ending Sept. 30. John Street, director of business and finance for Northville schools, said the loss equates to \$370 per pupil, totaling \$2.6 million for the district.

■ Supporters of the pur-



Northville native Gia Warner and her band performed June 26 in the Town Square as part of the Friday Night Summer Concert series.

chase of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property gathered Monday evening to rally support and funding for their cause. With checks being made out to POF, Preserve Our Future, a fundraiser for the cause took place at George's Senate Coney Island Restaurant on Haggerty Road south of Six Mile Road. Supporters hope Northville Township residents will vote yes on a ballot proposal in the Aug. 4 election to purchase a portion of the property from developer REIS.

July

■ About 50 people came to tour the portion of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property last Sunday afternoon that Northville Township residents will have a chance to vote on the purchase of this summer.

■ On June 23, Northville Township resident Ray Foley, a business manager for Chrysler Financial, won \$657,969 at the 40th Annual World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. He won the amount during a no-limit hold 'em game.

■ Northville Public Schools' staff and services for the coming year have been cut, as the state's weakening economy continues punishing school districts statewide.

■ City council members may tweak a few aspects of a \$2-million sidewalk and landscape replacement project in Northville before work is to begin next spring.

■ The Buy Michigan Now Festival, a local buy-local initiative with the goal of promoting the purchase of Michigan-made products and use of Michigan-based services, will take place in downtown Northville next week.

■ Members of the Northville Downtown Development Authority are forging ahead with plans to expand the district's boundary.

■ Whether they are for or against the township's bid to buy a chunk of land from developer REIS, residents came out recently to voice their opinion at a special Town Hall Meeting. Residents will vote on a ballot question about the property in the Aug. 4 special election.

■ Northville Township Board of Trustees members invite the public to attend a special meeting tonight (July 30) about a land grant. The meeting is designed to review an application to be submitted to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for a land acquisition grant. The property consists of about 45 acres at the former site of the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

■ Northville school improvement projects totaling \$35 million have been completed. The 2004 bond issue covered the expenditures.

August

■ In one of the most contentious elections in the history of Northville Township, the yes votes won in a special election Tuesday on a bond proposal to purchase 232.5 acres from developer REIS for \$23.5 million. Yes votes totaled 3,253 or 54.56 percent. No votes stood at 2,709 or 45.44 percent. It's been a long time coming, but now that the special election is over, Northville leaders can begin to make plans for the former state hospital property.

■ Residents who live on

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Jan 23	My Fair Lady (1964)	Edwards Café & Caterer, 115 E. Main	Jan 9
Jan 30	The Thomas Crown Affair (1968)	Starring the Gallery, 118 W. Main	Jan 16
Feb 6	The Philadelphia Story (1940)	Orin Jewellers, 101 E. Main	Jan 23
Feb 13	Roman Holiday (1953)	Ruby's Homestyle Restaurant, 160 E. Main	Jan 30
Feb 20	Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939)	Wine Sync, 122 W. Main	Feb 6
Feb 27	That Touch of Mink (1962)	Alexander's Custom Clothiers, 124 W. Main	Feb 13
March 6	Charade (1963)	Sincerely Yours, Inc., 110 N. Center	Feb 20
March 13	Paris When It Sizzles (1964)	Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Ct.	Feb 27
March 20	Vertigo (1958)	Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main	March 6
March 27	Easter Parade (1948)	Gardenmews, 202 W. Main	March 13

Tickets (\$3/ticket) are available for purchase exclusively at ticket-sponsor locations. The Movies at the Marquis series is open to all guests five years and older. The historic Marquis Theatre is located in downtown Northville at 135 E. Main Street. For more information and updates on the 2010 Movies at the Marquis series, visit www.downtownnorthville.com or call 248-349-0345.

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Napier Road, a gravel road on the westernmost edge of Northville Township would be speed limit posted to 25 mph. State law says if a speed limit is not posted, the limit is 55 on gravel roads. Many of the residents ride their horses down the road, and they say speeding vehicles and trucks scare the animals. The township board passed a resolution on June 15, 2006, in support of lowering the speed limit to 35 mph on Napier Road.

■ Michigan State Police Lyon Township Substation deputies responded to a car-versus-horses crash on Eight Mile Road west of Napier Road on the morning of Aug. 15. According to deputies, a car struck and killed two horses that had escaped from their pasture.

■ Come this September, all elementary, middle and high school entrances will be locked once class is in session. Visitors, parents and late-arriving students will need to be buzzed in.

■ The Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce's festival, LEBFEST!, which took place in downtown Birmingham the last two years, is moving to Northville Aug. 28-29.

■ The worsening state economic picture over the past four to five years has forced the Northville Public Schools and other school districts to make drastic budget reductions. This 2009/10 Northville Public Schools reduction includes a major change in the district's Transportation Program. Only elementary students living at or beyond the 1.0 mile and secondary students living at or beyond 1.5 miles will receive bus service.

September

■ Northville Township planning commissioners are taking a look at what the future might hold for two rather large parcels on the west side of the community. With the School Correctional Facility, the women's prison, closed on the west side of Beck Road north of Five Mile, and the Revival Outreach Center, a church, owners closing on its property nearby various scenarios are being explored.

■ The Northville District Library, after being closed from Aug. 24 to Sept. 3, has expanded its Youth Area to include an



A dance troupe performed during the annual Victorian Festival parade in September.

extra 120 shelves and two new computers.

■ Northville Township officials are working on creating a volunteer committee to start reviewing possibilities for the former state psychiatric hospital property. Mark Abbo, township supervisor, and Marjorie Banner, township trustee, will be collecting names of those interested in joining the committee in the coming weeks.

■ Northville city leaders are using some creative financing to further the Historic Mill Race Village's General Store project this fall. On Sept. 8, city council members voted to use about \$12,000 of its Public Improvement Fund for remaining utilities and work on the General Store. The city is also providing \$5,750 to be in a grant-matching program with the historical society on a dollar-to-dollar basis to complete interior work on the store.

■ Council OKs the reallocation of breakage money derived from the Northville Downs race track. The city will still keep \$137,996 to maintain the city's financial stability.

■ A week before city of Northville election petitions must be filed, only two candidates are running for two council seats, and the mayor is running unopposed.

■ The Northville community is still reeling from the death of Dr. Karl Francis Stockhausen, who died Sept. 13 at the age of 28 from melanoma. More than 800 attended the (Sept. 19) funeral at Our Lady of Victory Church.

■ The Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Weekly Newspapers have an exciting new feature designed to forge a more collaborative relationship with readers. Get Published, which launched Friday (Sept. 18) on our Web site, hometownlife.com, allows readers to publish stories and photos in a special area devoted just to them.

■ Some say the estimated \$800,000 cost is too high to construct a walk-through from the Marquis Parking Lot south of Dunlap Street to Lot Street and that the money could be used for other purposes. The project has been considered since the early 1990s, and \$550,000 would come from the Northville Downtown Development Authority's budget.

October

■ Even though national financial gurus have said recently that the U. S. recession is over, the Charter Township of Northville officials plan to lay off 13 people next year. The cuts represent a 15 percent reduction in staff.

■ Northville businessman Bob Buckhave announced that he is running for city council this week. Buckhave, 68, a native of Royal Oak, has lived in Northville for nine years. He grew up in Brighton and graduated from Howell High School.

■ Billed as Have a Heart for Hunger and organized by a committee of Northville volunteers, an anti-hunger event Nov. 7 at Northville High School will include a soup supper, meal packing and concert by "newgrass" Band Mountain Heart.

■ Hundreds of Northville school students are allowed to ride a school bus again due to a reinstatement of the "walk back" option. Elementary school students living within 1.0 mile of a bus stop and high school students living 1.5 miles from a bus stop will be able to "walk back" to a bus stop and ride the same bus home to their designated stop. Parent Brenda McMahon initiated a petition



Community activist Carol Poenisch was named 2009 Citizen of the Year by members of the Northville Chamber of Commerce in October.

asking district leaders to reverse their decision on the issue. The petition stated that if the decision was not reversed, parents who signed would keep their children home on Count Day, representing a \$238,000 loss of revenue to the school district.

■ A Northville Township man's proposal to give \$640,000 to the municipality to prevent proposed police officer layoffs died on the table Thursday (Oct. 22) after the township attorney said conditions that went along with the gift made it a no-go. David Sneath, who is reportedly one of the top Michigan lottery winners, has made large donations to other groups within the community, according to John Werth, director of public safety.

■ In recognition of her longtime community activism, Carol Poenisch has been named the 2009 Citizen of the Year by members of the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

■ Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Reznierski is struggling to fathom why Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a public school aid bill that would put serious financial clamps on districts across the state. The bill, which calls for a cut of \$165 per pupil and the veto of \$51.5 million for 51 eligible districts including Northville and Novi, is part of the governor's plan to help balance the budget.

■ State school money is vanishing faster than Northville school administrators ever thought possible, and the resulting predictions are dire. Northville schools are losing \$4.3 million in state aid, amounting to 7.5 percent of the budget.

■ Northville students are coming down with confirmed cases of the flu in notable

amounts. As of last week, 86 confirmed cases were reported, with between seven and 18 students from each grade. Most were reports of the typical flu virus, while six were H1N1, the swine flu.

November

■ Five Northville Township police officers and two dispatchers slated to be laid off will now get to keep their jobs following a closed board of trustees session Monday night.

■ Incumbents Jim Allen and Michele Fecht were reelected to the Northville City Council, with Mayor Chris Johnson capturing his 12th term in office. Joe Hige, running unopposed, was elected to the school board.

■ Five hundred petitions, with 2,741 names of voting-aged residents and other supporters, including teachers and bus drivers, were collected, collated, bundled, copied, tied with red ribbon and delivered to the state capitol last week to persuade legislators to restore adequate funding to the Northville school district.

■ The bond rate for the purchase of a portion of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property will be locked in at 4.13 percent instead of the projected 5.5 percent. With the lower rate, a homeowner will pay about \$139.50 a year instead of about \$150 a year for the millage to pay for the purchase.

■ Baseball broadcasting legend Ernie Harwell attracted smiles at the newly owned Empire Deli when he paid a visit to his friend and new owner of the deli, local sports broadcaster Ron Cameron.

■ The numbers of absences due to influenza outbreaks are down in Northville Public Schools. But the bad news is the

district doesn't expect that trend to continue.

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

■ Northville Township residents came to a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to protest proposed changes at the Meadowbrook Islamic Center on Eight Mile Road east of Silver Springs Drive. The center's leaders want to construct a 42-space parking lot.

■ Leaders are seeking input on the school district's financial future by hosting four community forums in light of recent state budget cuts. The forums will be on Dec. 1, 3, 7 and 14.

December

■ The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board met after press time, but a decision was expected on a \$7,053,700 land acquisition grant for Northville Township. The money would reduce the purchase price of the \$23.5 million worth of land at the former state hospital property by \$2 million.

■ A Northville Township police officer is reportedly doing better after a recent motor vehicle accident in the line of duty on Nov. 23. Officer Richard Babb underwent brain surgery the day of the accident.

■ The Northville Downtown Development Authority Board discusses making Mary Alexander Court a two-way street.

■ Dr. Leonard Reznierski was recognized as school superintendent of the year in Michigan.

■ A state board voted to award a \$4-million land acquisition grant for Northville Township last week. Actually, the award totals about \$7 million, but there is a \$4-million cap on awards recommended to the governor by members of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The board will award the remainder of the grant request the following year.

■ Salvation Army contributions are down this year, according to Army leaders. The goal for this year for the local district is \$316,000.

■ Northville public schools had \$4.3 million in state aid slashed from their current budget last October, and administrators say the district is facing 2011-12 \$2 million in cuts for 2011-12.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

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EDUCATION

Northville schools net praise, recommendations

A Quality Assurance Review Team for the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI) is recommending Northville Public Schools receive district accreditation. This means the district is recognized across the nation as a quality school system.

From Dec. 6-9, 2009, the school district hosted the eight-member Quality Assurance Review Team from the AdvancED Accreditation Commission, the national organization that confers the NCA CASI accreditation seal. Over three days, the team of trained professionals from across the state and nation:

- Reviewed district documents and performance data.
- Interviewed more than 270 district, school, and community stakeholders including district and school administrators, Board of Education members, teachers, students, school parents, and business and community leaders.
- Conducted site visits to seven of the district's school buildings.
- Observed district and school practices including attending one of two daylong District School Improvement Team meetings.

Before departing, the review team shared an overview of its findings — including commendations and recommendations — with district leaders and school board members and announced that it will be recommending Northville Public Schools for NCA CASI district accreditation.

The recommendation will be reviewed and acted upon by the national AdvancED Accreditation Commission when it meets in June. Once approved the district's accreditation will be for a five-year term with regular monitoring of progress and reporting occurring during the term.

In 2007, Northville's six elementary schools, two middle schools and two special education center programs joined Northville High

DETAILS

AdvancED is the parent organization for the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) and the National Study of School Evaluation (NSSE). NCA CASI and SACS CASI are accreditation divisions of AdvancED. Dedicated to advancing excellence in education worldwide, AdvancED provides accreditation, research and professional services to 23,000 public and private schools and 4,500 school districts in 30 states and 65 countries. For more information about the district accreditation process, visit www.advanc-ed.org.

School in earning individual school NCA CASI accreditation.

"District accreditation supports Northville's ongoing, overarching goal for student learning and provides a nationally-recognized mark of quality for our district and all the schools within our district," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "Our students and families are the ultimate beneficiaries of this rigorous process. When an entire school community is aligned and focused on a shared vision for learning, students thrive."

"The enthusiasm with which our teachers and staff have embraced the accreditation process as an opportunity to learn and grow as educators is a demonstration of their unwavering commitment to ensuring that every student succeeds."

In its exit report, the Quality Assurance Review Team commended Northville Public Schools for its extraordinary culture of respect and pride among its stakeholders, its strong shared leadership, and its systematic and

systemic approach to continuous improvement through the District School Improvement process.

"From the superintendent and his central office staff to the school principals and their staffs, there is stakeholder support for the work they do and their commitment to student achievement and overall excellence," the team commented in its exit report. "Not only are parents and community members proud of their schools, but they value and appreciate the well-rounded education students are receiving. Pride and support is evident through the authentic involvement of stakeholders in a variety of activities."

In addition, the team's report included two areas for improvement. The first recommends the district strengthen the alignment between its vision and its Graduate Profile/Adult Roles expectations by clearly defining measurements or assessments to determine if students are meeting these high expectations. In 1994, the Northville Board of Education adopted five areas of core knowledge and skills it believes all Northville graduates must master before they graduate. These Graduate Profiles/Adult Roles, which in essence characterize what society expects of contributing adults and future leaders, include being an analytical thinker, effective communicator, quality contributor, continuous learner, and world-class citizen.

The team's second recommendation encourages the district to expand its current system for assessing student learning by incorporating greater use of formative assessments. These are assessments for learning and are used during teaching units, rather than at the end of a unit or course. This type of evaluation helps students and teachers get immediate feedback on learning so that adjustments can be made prior to the end of the unit of study.

District officials will be developing plans to respond to and address these recommendations. In two years, the district must report to AdvancED its progress in addressing the team's recommendations.

In its report, the team also acknowledged the challenges faced by Northville Public Schools in maintaining its extraordinary level of excellence given the impact Michigan's dire economy is having on school funding levels.

The purpose of the district accreditation process is to more closely align student performance across Northville's elementary, middle, high school and special education programs. Through the process the district's various stakeholders collaborate in reviewing the quality of the district's systems, the success of each individual school, and their collective contribution to student learning.

In preparation for the on-site visit, a team of Northville educators and administrators from across the district spent several months completing a Standard Assessment Report, designed to serve as a valuable self-assessment and as a tool for the school system to prepare for the Quality Assurance Review. The report and site visit document performance on a set of standards, which serve as the foundation for the accreditation process. In order to maintain accreditation, school districts must meet these standards, engage in a process of continuous improvement, and demonstrate quality assurance through internal and external review.

"Northville Public Schools is a great school district," said Board of Education President Ken Roth. "We believe strongly that the NCA district accreditation process will help make us even better. Students win when the entire district commits to examining all of its processes and systems to determine how we can improve to benefit the students we serve."



GOT TALENT?
SHOWCASING HURON VALLEY'S YOUTH

The competition is now open to any student with a Kensington Lakes Activities Association connection.

Talent showcase returns

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD
STAFF WRITER

"Got Talent?" is back.

The Huron Valley's competition for school-age performers that debuted last spring is returning — and this time students from surrounding communities are invited, too.

The grand prize is \$1,000.

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade with any Kensington Lakes Activities Association connection — either through attending a KLAA school, living in one of the districts, taking lessons at a studio in one of the districts or having someone in their performing group that does — can participate. In the first Got Talent? competition, a Huron Valley Schools connection was required.

The KLAA includes Huron Valley, Brighton, Fenton, Grand Blanc, Hartland, Holly, Howell, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Pinckney, Plymouth, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Waterford and Wayne-Westland school districts.

"It's very exciting that we opened it up to so many more school districts. The first time we had interest from all over — Livingston County, throughout Oakland County — but those students couldn't be in it," said Leah Ohmer, executive director of the Huron Valley Council for the Arts. The HVCA is partnering with Huron Valley recreation and community education, as well as Milford Music, to host the event.

Registered contestants start with an open audition on Jan. 23 at Highland Middle School. Judges will choose 30 to 35 top acts to advance to the semifinals on Feb. 27 at Lakeland High School, and from there 15 to 20 competitors will advance to the finals on April 17 at Milford High School. The semifinals are open to the public at no charge, but the final competition will be a ticketed event.

Got Talent? registration fees are \$20 for solo acts and \$40 for group acts, but register by Jan. 8 and the fees are reduced to \$10 for solo and \$20 for group.

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SHIRLEY ALDRICH

October 13, 1925 to December 20, 2009. Funeral was December 23, 2009 at Holy Family Church, 24505 Novi. Memorials to Holy Family Church. Online condolences at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JAMES E. ANDERSON, DDS

Age 65, passed away December 20, 2009. He was born on Feb. 17, 1944 at Havershaw Hospital in South Lyon, MI to Edward and Louise Anderson. He grew up in South Lyon and Northville, MI. He graduated from Northville High School Class of 1962. He attended GMI in Flint and graduated from University of Michigan Engineering School with a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1966. For his pre-dental studies, he attended Wayne State University in Detroit and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Jim graduated from the U. of M. Dental School with a D.D.S. degree in 1975. He moved to Cocoa, FL in 1975 where he had a busy dental practice for 33 years. Jim had a wide range of interests and continued learning and planning for new experiences his whole life. Jim loved all animals, but especially Boxer dogs. He enjoyed traveling all over the world and being near water. Survived by his devoted mother, Louise Berdan of Titusville, FL; sister Patricia Ann (Gary) Cooper of South Lyon, MI; Aunt Anne M. Cooper "Aunt Peg" of Winter Haven, FL; step-sister Patricia Essettine of Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada; nephews: Steven Cooper of Howell, MI, Paul Cooper of Marietta, GA; several great nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 29, at 1 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association or your local Humane Society. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

**NAOMI J. ATCHINSON**

Our loving Mother, beloved grandmother and dearest friend quietly and peacefully passed away at home in the care of Roger and Shaleen on December 25, 2009. Naomi Atchinson (Nee Huston-Mott) of Northville, MI, born on August 25, 1911 in Canton MI, was preceded in death by her "true love" Orson (2001), husband of 67 years & dearest son, Richard (1997). Survived by son Roger (Shaleen); grandchildren Amy (Darrell) Atchinson-Whittaker, Adam Atchinson, Angela Atchinson, Alizabeth Atchinson, Douglas (Pam) Atchinson, Susan (Matt) Lohman; 11 great grandchildren and daughter-in-law Pat Atchinson. Naomi was raised on a farm in Canton, MI and attended the one room school still standing as a historical marker for the city of Canton through the 8th grade. After graduating from Plymouth High School in 1932, she attended and graduated from Ypsilanti Normal College (Eastern Michigan University) in 1932. Orson and Naomi were married during the great depression on January 20, 1934 and in 1942 moved to their home of 53 years on Orchard Drive. During the following years, Orson and Naomi were active in many businesses and social organizations. Naomi enjoyed gardening, golfing, bridge, euchre, plays at the Fisher Theatre, dancing to the sounds of the big bands from the 40's and most of all her family and many lifelong friends in Northville. Grandchildren remember sleepovers, motor home rides and vacations in Northern Michigan at Lost Lake Woods, where Grandpa and Grandma entertained and spoiled their grandchildren with toys, numerous recreational items, and affection. Naomi's activities included being a life member in Northville's Garden Club, Women's Club and Mother's Club. While attending their son's high school sporting events, Orson and Naomi co-founded the Northville social group known as the "Friday Night Group" which consisted of other parents and friends and continued for years after all kids were out of school. The family home on Orchard Drive had an "open door" policy and was a frequent stopping place for their neighbors and lifelong friends in Northville for impromptu visits for a quick Euchre game or a beverage to discuss current events in Northville. Naomi was recognized for her kindness, loyalty as a friend and a person who never spoke an unkind word about anyone. She was a strong believer in doing unto others as they would do unto you and her life long approach of being kind rewarded her with countless friendships from people of all ages and walks in life. Naomi will be missed by all who knew her, especially her family and her dear friends. Visitation will be held Friday from 2-8 pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday 11am at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street, Northville, in lieu of flowers contributions to the First Presbyterian Church or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.

KAYE L. APRIL

Of South Lyon, MI. Age 66, passed away on December 28, 2009. Services were held at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel.

MARY E. BERTERA

Age 88, of Northville, passed away Dec. 28, 2009. A funeral service was held last Wed., Dec. 30, 2009 at Salem Bible Church. She was laid to rest at Thayer Cemetery in Northville. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

DONALD R. COBB

Age 61, of South Lyon, passed away December 23, 2009. He was born, May 30, 1948 in Corbin, Kentucky, to the late Curtis and Georgia (Tucker) Cobb. He was a proud Veteran, serving in the Air Force during the Vietnam war. Donald is survived by his cherished wife, Karen of 17 years, his loving Mother-in-law, Norma Mucker, his beloved children, Michelle (Jac) Matthews, Jeff Sexton, Tammy (Nathan) Harris, his grandchildren, Alexander, Shawn, Katelynn, Alyssa, Gabe and James. He is also survived by his siblings, Doyle Cobb, Linda Sloat, Regina (Dennis) Gumluk and three nieces and one nephew. A private family service will be held in the future. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

**ELSIE MAE "DOLLY" CUMMINGS (WILDER)**

Past away on 12-29-09 at 88 years old due to a heart attack. Born to Grant and Rhoda Wilder in North Dakota on 12-5-21. She was married to Robert J. Cummings, Sr. for 57 years. Dolly was a life long resident of Northville. She graduated from Northville High School in 1940. Her children are: Frank Rodocker (Sue) (Milford), Marcia (Rodocker) Weaver (Wolverine Village), Robert Cummings, Jr. (Northville), and Scott Cummings (Westland). She is also survived by her sister, June Wilder of Northville. She had 6 Grandchildren and 19 Great-Grandchildren. She worked for Ex-cello for many years as a Final Inspector. Was an active and dedicated 12 Oaks Mall Walker for 25 years. At 88 she was still walking 10 miles a week. Until recently she was walking 6 times a week. Many of her walking friends were always amazed at how youthful and vibrant she was. Her visitation will be Sunday January 3rd at Casterline's Funeral Home in Northville from 2 to 8pm. Services are on Monday January 4th at 11:00am followed by a procession to Rural Hill Cemetery. Donations can be made to the American Heart Association.

JACQUELINE J. CWIK

Age 61, passed away Dec. 26, 2009. A Private service will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

GLADYS JEAN DEAKINS

Age 86, passed away January 2, 2010. Gladys was born on April 29, 1923, to the late Clarence and Gladys Hardwick. She enjoyed fishing, golf and traveling. Gladys is the beloved mother of: Richard (Kathy), Carolyn (Rod) Townsend, Patricia (Billy) Hough, Diana, Thomas (Linda), Robert (Jeanette), Jack (Catherine), Pamela (Alan) Noga, and Wendy Deakins, 22 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Harry Deakins Jr. in 2004, and her daughter Patricia Hough in 2008. Visitation was held on Monday, January 4, 2010 from 3-8pm at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A funeral service was held at 11:15am on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, 205 E. Lake St., South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

GEORGE J. DORCHAK

December 19, 2009. Age 83. Funeral was Dec. 21, 2009 at St. Anne's Church, Livonia. Donations to Angela Hospice. Online condolences at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

RUTH L. ENGLISH

Dec. 29, 2009. Age 86. Funeral was Dec. 30 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. In lieu of flowers donations to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Online sympathy messages www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

CHUCK J. GROSS

December 22, 2009. Age 68. Funeral was December 28, 2009 at St James Church, Novi. Donations made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JUNE R. HAUTAMAKI

Age 86, of Brighton passed away on Monday, January 4, 2010. Care entrusted to the Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton, 810-229-9871.

DELORES THERESA (MCCARTHY) HOLINSKI

Went into the loving hands of Our Lord on January 3, 2010. A Funeral Liturgy will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2099 N. Hacker Road in Hartland Twp. on Friday, Jan. 8, at 10:30AM. Burial will follow at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Thursday 2-9PM. Rosary Thursday 7PM. Memorials may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or for Masses to be prayed in her name at St. John's. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

ROBERT J. HOLTEN

December 26, 2009. Age 74. Funeral was Dec. 29, 2009 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations to Fox Run Benevolent Fund, Capuchins or St. John Hospice. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

HAROLD HOTELLING

December 29, 2009. Age 64. Funeral was January 4, 2010 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Troy. Memorials to Forgotten Harvest, 21800 Greenfield Road, Oak Park, 48237. Condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

**JOHN ANGLE JESSEN "J-BO"**

Age 60 of Highland, died suddenly of Deborah Bauer-Jessen, Loving father of Rebekah (John) Zenk, & Thomas (Medora) Bauer. Grandpa of Cole & Abbie. Dear brother of Dr. Terry (Debbie) Jessen. Also survived by his closest and dearest friend Ed Lynch, along with an abundance of other friends. John is preceded in death by his parents Richard & Mary Jane Jessen, and his brother Tommy Jessen. John graduated from Wauwatosa East High School, he worked for many years and raised a beautiful family. He loved and gave freely, and in turn was loved by many. John was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and dear friend. He was very active in his community and served for years on the Joel/Jeremy Board. He also spent many years delivering Meals on Wheels. John was an avid golfer and shared many good times on the course. Funeral Service will be Friday 12 noon at Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 North Harvey Lake Road, Highland. Visitation will be Thursday 1-8pm at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Interment Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford. Contributions may be made to the Cole & Aiden Education Fund. Please share memories at: www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com

THELMA M. KENNEDY

December 20, 2009. Age 91. Funeral was December 23, 2009 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations to Angela Hospice or to Fr. Fred Foundation. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

WALTER M. KENT

Age 87 of Brighton, formerly of Lansing and Northville, passed away peacefully in Howell December 27, 2009. He was the beloved husband of 55 years to Christine; loving father of daughters Patricia of Brighton and Holly (Tom) Korbitz of Colorado Springs, CO. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins; special long time friend Carolyn Wickham of East Lansing and many other dear friends. He was predeceased by his parents Esther and Claude Kent, brother Charles, nephew Robert, and niece Diane; long time best friend Jack Wickham of East Lansing. Walter was a graduate of Eastern High School in Lansing. A World War II veteran serving in the Philippines. After his discharge from the Army, he continued his education, graduating from Ferris State College. He was employed by the State of Michigan for 34 years, retiring from Maxey Boys Training School in Whitmore Lake in 1984. Cremation arrangements were made through Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors in Brighton. Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made in Walter's name to a charity of choice. For further information please phone 810-229-2905 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MICHAEL J. LANZETTA

Age 67, of Milford, passed away Dec. 31, 2009. A funeral mass was held Tues. 1/5/10 at St. Mary Catholic Church. He was laid to rest at Milford Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

**NANCY E. MAYO**

Age 74, of Brighton, passed away, December 28, 2009. She was born on April 14, 1935, in Detroit to the late Richard and Margaret (Wood) Beasley. Nancy was a kind, caring and generous woman who always put the needs of others before her own. She was a former Girl Scout Troop leader and a long time Big Wheel employee. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her family and friends. She is survived by: her beloved husband Bick of 56 years, her loving children, Lee (Cheryl) Mayo, Eileen (George) Sparrow, Kathleen (Jerry) McLean, Linda (Michael) Swiencki, Jean (Bob) Connor, Mark (Karen) Mayo, Colleen (Jesse) Flores, Brian (Kathy) Mayo, 27 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Nancy is also survived by: her siblings, George Beasley and Mary Kay Nowakowski and many nieces, nephews and loving friends. She was preceded in death by her grandchildren Joshua Buck Riley, Wayne Moose, her mother Margaret Muhihihi, her father Richard Beasley, her stepfather James Muhihihi and her brother Richard Beasley. Visitation was held on Wednesday, December 30, from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, December 31 at 11:00 a.m. with final visitation at 10:15 a.m. at the New Hudson United Methodist Church. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

GEORGIA (HELEN) MICHALAK

December 21, 2009. Funeral was Dec. 29, 2009 at St. Gerald Church, Farmington. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

RUSSELL JOSEPH MILLER

December 19, 2009. Age 90. Funeral was held December 30, 2009 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations may be made to The Capuchin Soup Kitchen. View online condolences at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

ROLAND J. MUIRHEAD

Age 85, of Salem Township, passed away January 1, 2010 following an extended illness. Roland was born on December 4, 1924, in West Bloomfield, to the late William and Emma (Oswald) Muirhead. Roland retired from Washtenaw County Road Commission after 26 years of service. He farmed his land on Angle Road his entire life. Roland was the beloved father of: Susan (Donald) Warthman, Rolie, O'Neill, Daryl (Frances), and Dorian (Lisa) Muirhead. He leaves behind 12 cherished grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. He will also be dearly missed by his faithful friends Bill, Tom, and Frank. He adored his beloved dog Spanky. He was preceded in death by his wife Lillian and brothers Basil and Douglas. He had a difficult journey, but he did it his way. Visitation was held on Sunday, January 3, 2010 from 3-8pm at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A funeral service was held at 11am with final visitation at 10:15am on Monday, January 4, 2010 at Phillips Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Huron Valley Humane Society. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

GEORGE ROBERT**"BOB" ORLICKI**

Dec. 20, 2009, Age 80. Husband of late Evelyn. Father of Mike (Sue) and Mark (Leonor). Brother of Ed, Ted and Isabelle. Memorial Service will be private. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MARY JEANNE PEABODY

Age 86, Dec. 30, 2009. Funeral was Jan. 2, 2010 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations to American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online sympathy messages www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

ROBERT L. PISCOPINK

Of Highland died peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday, January 2, 2010 at Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit. He was 47 years old. Robert was preceded in death by his father Robert Joseph Piscopink (d.1990). Robert is survived by his beloved wife Maura (nee. Danehy); loving children Benjamin, Robert, Jr., Elizabeth, and Benjamin; mother Patricia Marie Piscopink; parents-in-law Robert and Maureen Danehy; sister Karen (David) Hale; brother David (Jody) Piscopink; brother-in-law Bob (Stephanie) Danehy; sister-in-law Leslie Danehy. Also survived by several loving nieces, nephews, extended family, colleagues and friends. Funeral Mass was from Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland, January 6th. Father Leo Luko officiated. For further information, contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford at 248 684 6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

**JOSEPH MICHAEL RICHMAN**

Age 21 of Milford, died in a tragic snowmobile accident on January 3, 2010. He is survived by his parents, Michael and Mary Richman, his sisters, Lisa Richman and Kelly (Jeremy) Mihalic, and his nephews, Kaleb and Matthew Mihalic. Also leaves his grandparents, Betty and Levie Richman, many aunts, uncles, cousins, including his cousin and dear friend, Ben Richman, dear friend Kris Bruce and many other dear friends and co-workers at Scott Dodge. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Ann & Joseph Harkins. A Funeral Liturgy will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Rd., Milford, on Thursday, January 7, at 11AM. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford. For further information contact Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

FRANCES "FRAN" SYROKA

December 26, 2009. Age 90. Beloved wife of Frank for 70 years. Funeral was January 2, 2010 at St. Regis Catholic Church, Bloomfield Hills. Online sympathy messages at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MARSHALL R. VICKERS

Age 70, of New Hudson, passed away Dec. 25, 2009. A Memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

IRA "IKE" WADDELL

December 24, 2009. Age 80. Funeral was December 31, 2009 at Corpus Christi Church, Detroit. Donations to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital. Online condolences at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JAMES E. WILKINS

December 20, 2009. Age 65. Funeral was December 28, 2009 at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, Novi. Donations to Elk Country Animal Shelter or U of M Pancreatic Cancer Center. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

ROBERT S. WILKINSON

Age 77, formerly of Northville, passed away in Tennessee on November 13, 2009. Survived by his wife, Joan; six children: Diane (Ken) Wilkinson of New York City, NY, Suzanne (Van) Wilkinson of Orlando, FL, James Wilkinson of Richmond, VA, Tracy (David) Hamill of Ann Arbor, MI, Marianne (John) Wilkinson of Northfield, MA, Laurel (Hans) Wilkinson of Dundas, ON and 8 grandchildren. Memorial Service to be held at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church on January 12, 2010 at 10:00 am.

JAMES DAVID WITTSTOCK

Age 79, of South Lyon, passed away December 31, 2009. James was born on September 20, 1930, in Detroit, to the late Clarence and Henrietta Wittstock. He served in the U.S. Army at the Pentagon. James was a proud Christian, who enjoyed providing any service he could for his community. He was a member of the Bible Believers Church and will be missed dearly by his congregation. James is survived by his sisters: Peg (Charles) Westerfield, Mae Van Sickle, and Shirley Lyons; several nieces and nephews, and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his brothers Henry and Clarence Jr. Visitation was held on Monday, January 4, 2010 from 2 - 8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A committal service was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2009 at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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

OUR VIEWS

In dash for funds, state overlooks real school needs

It's called Race to the Top. But perhaps there's a better name. Belated Stroll to the Top, perhaps. Or, how about Mad, Aimless Dash to the Top?

Whatever. Last month's show in the state Legislature is further proof that you might better watch sausage being made than laws being fashioned.

We are talking about a process that preceded a deal finally reached that will may allow the state to grab \$400 million that is being dangled before it by the federal government in the hopes of improving public school education.

In a state that is as financially damaged as Michigan, it's hard to criticize an attempt to get a chunk of our income tax dollars returned to us. Still, it's worth noting that most of the talk of wasteful federal spending disappeared when there was a chance for Michigan to belly up to the trough. In Lansing, the debate was seldom about whether the federal spending made sense. That might have been a debate worth having,

If these guidelines, programs and reforms — ranging from increasing charter schools to merit pay for teachers and state takeovers of failing schools — are so important, then why weren't they already put in place?

since those federal expenditures only add to the federal debt.

Instead, the debate centered more on how to put together a plan that met federal guidelines by the January deadline.

In other words, all the talk about local control and

keeping the federal government out of our lives went out the window as soon as the promised check was large enough.

The Race to the Top money is only available to states that agree to meet reform standards set by the federal government. Some educators in Michigan contend the state already has several in place, although perhaps not in the exact format favored by the feds.

But here's the deal. If these guidelines, programs and reforms — ranging from increasing charter schools to merit pay for teachers and state takeovers of failing schools — are so important, then why weren't they already put in place? Instead, the measures were bounced around in a Ping Pong game in which politicians on both sides postured and politicked before finally reaching an agreement.

Meaningful education reform likely won't come out of such brinkmanship and last-minute sessions. But at least there will be a shot at getting some big federal money earmarked to Michigan.

Meanwhile, where is that gusto and single-mindedness on educational matters that the state lawmakers continue to duck? The state government has moved at glacier-like speed when it comes to controlling public education benefit costs that will eat up most of not all of any new funding that may someday appear.

As it is, these costs continue to escalate even while the state slashes away at school funding. The most glaring example is the teachers' retirement plan, the cost of which is 100 percent controlled by state lawmakers, although it is paid out of local school budgets. Lawmakers from both parties refuse to address this issue.

They have also sat by quietly while the length of a school year steadily declines. At a time when global competition requires an educated populace, we fall further behind other developed nations in the amount of time a student sits in a classroom.

The quality of that time is another matter, one that deserves serious study, which wasn't the case less than two weeks ago when lawmakers threw together their compromise package for the federal government.

When the feds play a fiddle, our lawmakers dance. If only they responded as quickly to the needs of Michigan residents.

COMMUNITY VOICE

"What is your favorite part of winter?"



"Sledding and playing in the snow."

Shae Bradley, 12
Northville



"Sledding, making snowmen and snowforts and having snowball fights."

Paige Zimmer, 12
Northville



"Spending time with the family and sledding down the hill and then drinking hot chocolate."

Sandor Piszar
Northville



"Christmas is always fun. Also sledding and going on jumps."

Jacob Piszar, 13
Northville

LETTERS

Mad about McCotter mailing

I, like most readers of this newspaper, was the recipient of your mailing last week. This mailing was sent using the franking privileges afforded members of Congress. This means that the preparation, publication and mailing of this flier were paid for by the taxpayers of this country.

I believe the content of your mailing violates the spirit of the franking privilege, if not, in fact, the letter of the law. It is not unusual or unexpected to find self-promotion on the part of the legislator in these mailings — "Here I am at the ribbon cutting for the new Daycare Center in Smithville" (even though I voted against this appropriation in Congress, I'll take the press). And a mailing devoid of political positioning is never to be expected, but this mailing is 100 percent Republican party line drivel.

It is full of half-truths, untruths and the kind of hyperbole one has come to expect from the most right wing of the Fox

commentators, or from the Divine Sarah herself. Almost every bullet in your mailing can be easily debunked, and while you never use the widely discredited term "Death Panels," you hint around the edges to imply that such things would exist under the provisions of the health care bill.

Content such as this clearly is of the "paid political announcement" ilk, and should not be funded by taxpayer dollars.

You asked in your mailing for your constituents to share their thoughts about the most important issues to be addressed. For me, the most important issue is to do whatever is necessary to make quality, affordable, health care available to all Americans. As a first step in this process, I believe we need to replace legislators who only spout party views and are opposed to any progress toward this critically important objective.

John D. Webster
Northville

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Stop the whining and fix the hole now

COMMENTARY

Mitch Albom, *Detroit Free Press* columnist and best-selling author, knows how to go about fixing a hole in a roof. How come the governor and Legislature can't figure it out?

In a recent story (*Free Press*, Nov. 22, 2009), Albom writes passionately about the need to provide the warmth and support to feed people down on their luck and in much need. He writes about the generosity of people from around the country and world that helped patch a hole in the roof of the Trumbull Avenue Presbyterian Church.



Tom Watkins

This building was a place that provided shelter for people who are homeless and far too often forgotten. The building provided the shelter, the people

provided the care. One could say Albom's story was symbolically about stopping the rot that has become synonymous with the decay of Detroit and Michigan. Clearly, it was much more than just a feel-good story of people coming together to accomplish something bigger than each of them alone — to stop the rot in a church roof.

It was a reminder, particularly at this spiritual time of the year, of what is truly important in life — helping our fellow man.

What Albom did was identify a problem and set about mobilizing support to solve it, by making the plight known and identifying the people and resources needed to fix it.

The work that Albom undertook when he set out to solve the problem of Lord's decay was truly doing the "Lord's work" by helping the least among us. He did not blame others for the neglect that allowed the hole to develop; he did not point fingers at those who could have fixed the hole in the past. No, he saw a problem and took action to fix it.

You can call Mitch Albom many things. He is an award-winning columnist, a best-selling author, the sidekick to Kenny on WJR radio, a sportswriter and a decent human being and good

man. Perhaps a word not typically assigned to Mitch Albom is "leader." Yes, in my mind, he is a leader.

Leaders see a problem and believe it can and should be addressed. Yet they do more than identify a problem. They lead others to believe as they do that the problem should and can be solved. A leader is flexible and strong enough to accept that others, too, can have good ideas even if they do not share the same political brand, come from the same faith, share the same skin pigmentation or have great economic means. As a leader, Albom mobilized an army of believers who were able to solve a problem that was left to fester for years. Because of Albom's values, beliefs, faith, leadership and action, one small corner of the world has become a better place. People's lives are better because of him and his army. In my mind and heart, that is leadership.

Margaret Mead, the noted anthropologist, reminds us that "a small group of thoughtful people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Albom, through the gift of his heart and words, helped rally people to change the world, one hole in the roof at a time. Yet, as I read Albom's new book, *Have a Little Faith*, and his recent column, I wondered why our elected leaders are unable to fix the state budget mess that is the "hole in the roof" of our great state. We have known for years that the hole in the state budget is there and is growing bigger. Yet, rather than fixing the hole, we have ignored, neglected and patched over — hoping the problem would miraculously disappear.

As the budget hole grew bigger, our leaders, rather than finding the right combination of cuts, reforms and taxes, simply gathered more buckets to catch the rain of despair while casting blame on others.

Now, through inaction and neglect, the budget hole has grown and our children and the "least among us" are feeling the pain. Rather than mobilizing the people

to fix the hole, our leaders have returned to their partisan corners and are hurling insults and blame at each other. All the while, the hole gets bigger and the human collateral damage becomes greater.

Our Lansing leaders, unlike Albom, have yet to set about developing a shared vision and common-agenda plan of action. Albom, the Rev. Henry Covington and his congregation at the I Am My Brother's Keeper Ministries (which took over the Presbyterian building and turned it into a place of service as well as worship) have offered a powerful lesson to the governor and legislature. It started with a belief that something was wrong and needed to be fixed. It was mixed with the values and beliefs of other people until an army was mobilized that was unstoppable. It not only fixed the original problems, resources were left over to correct other ills.

They have demonstrated the lesson taught by Mother Teresa: "Hands that serve are more sacred than lips that pray."

Albom asks, "What if our beliefs were not what divided us, but what pulled us together?"

What indeed.

As the year comes to an end and Michigan still suffers from a leaky roof drowning our schools and communities from Marquette to Monroe, you have to wonder if Albom and Covington and his congregation are available to help with the governor and legislature to consp. fix Michigan's never-ending leaky roof.

Albom and Covington have once again demonstrated that faith, beliefs, integrity, values and, yes, leadership matter — because a hole in the roof never fixes itself.

To help them, you can donate to: Aholeintheroof.com and SAYDetroit.org or contact Mitch Albom malbom@free-press.com.

To fix Michigan's "hole in the roof," call your state representative, senator or Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Tom Watkins is an education and business consultant in the U.S. and China and served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools from 2001-05 and state mental health director from 1986-90.

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

Open intoxicants arrest

1 A 22-year-old Livonia man was arrested for having open intoxicants in his vehicle at 12:56 a.m. on Dec. 20 at Haggerty Road and Danielle Drive.

While on patrol, an officer was driving through the Meijer parking lot when he observed what looked to be a 40-ounce bottle of Miller Light beer sitting between two vehicles. He then saw two males approach one of the vehicles, with the male on the passenger side of the vehicle picking up the bottle and enter the vehicle. The man was arrested after the two left the parking lot in the vehicle.

\$500. The coin box was valued at \$60.

Retail fraud arrests

3 A 35-year-old Detroit man, a 17-year-old Detroit woman and a 33-year-old Detroit woman were arrested for shoplifting at Kohl's at 20155 Haggerty Road at 2:50 p.m. on Dec. 22.

Loss prevention employees watched as the man and two women concealed items of clothing and perfume in bags and in a stroller. The subjects went in and out of the store at least twice, emptying stolen items into the trunk of their vehicle. Merchandise totaled \$1,955.70.

Breaking and entering

2 A 38-year-old resident of Seven Mile Road (50001) was the victim of a breaking and entering that occurred between 11 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. on Dec. 21 at her home.

The woman said that when she returned home she discovered that someone had broken into her home through the side entry door.

The only items that were taken were a cherry wood jewelry box and a cherry wood coin box from the top of a dresser in the master bedroom. Inside the jewelry box were two class rings, two white gold wedding bands with no stones and other jewelry of little value.

The side door and door jamb were damaged beyond repair. The jewelry box was valued at \$250. The rings were valued at

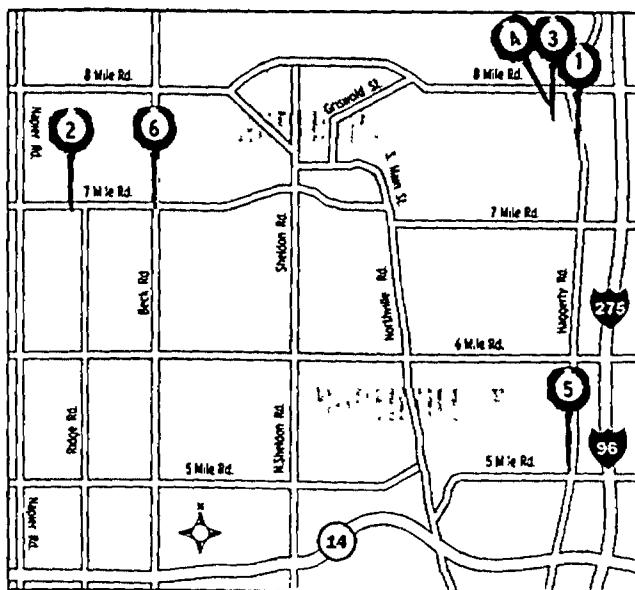
Theft from Meijer

4 Police were dispatched to the Meijer store at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 23 about an unidentified man stealing a bottle of Jack Daniels Single Barrel whiskey and a bottle of Burnett's Watermelon valued at about \$54.94.

Loss prevention saw the man hide the two bottles of liquor inside his coat. When approached by the store detectives, the man dropped the liquor in the parking lot and fled across Haggerty Road. Officers checked the area but could not locate the suspect.

Driving, no license

5 A 43-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 7 a.m. on Dec. 24 at Five Mile and



Haggerty roads. The man was apprehended when police ran his plate while he was at the Sunoco gas station. The plate on the vehicle had also expired. He also provided an insurance certificate that had been altered and had no proof of registration.

Police could smell alcohol and noticed that the driver's speech was slurred and his eyes were bloodshot.

Larceny investigation

A Northville Township resident hired a home health care company out of Whitmore Lake to assist in taking care of her 64-year-old husband who has Alzheimer's disease. Two 18-year-old males from Wixom who were employed by the company have been working at the home for several months. Sometime in December the wife noticed items missing from their home and contacted the Northville Township Police Department.

A police investigation discovered that many of the residents' items were sold to a pawn shop in Howell by the two employees. The police investigation is ongoing.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

Operating intoxicated

6 A 23-year-old Battle Creek man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:59 a.m. on Dec. 26 at Seven Mile and Beck roads.

The man was arrested when police saw his vehicle cross over the yellow line, cross over the fog line twice and weave within its own lane. The driver also drove through the flashing red light at Seven Mile and Beck roads without coming to a complete stop. The man also put his vehicle in park before the vehicle had stopped moving when pulled over by police.

Cheers to Your Health

THE SAFETY ZONE

the day. Gradually improve to include healthy food/ingredients in lunch and dinner.

Turn off the TV/computer and get outside. Rake leaves, shovel snow, or mow your lawn, think about how much money you will save by not contracting these tasks out.

Walk more by using the stairs or parking your car further away from buildings.

Workout in your home by using a DVD program such as P90X or talk to people that workout often and ask for their advice (always consult your physician before beginning a workout program).

Commitment starts with you.

A good way to stick with your commitment is to be motivated. What motivates you to be healthy? Is it your family or friends? Did something happen to you where you are now forced to live better in order to sustain life? What about your career? Take me for example; I'm motivated to be fit because I know my job as a firefighter can be extremely demanding and physical, therefore I am committed to fitness and healthy living because the Northville community is depending on me. Look within yourself, find what motivates you and commit to a healthier lifestyle in 2010!

Jason Raschke is a firefighter with Northville Township. He can be contacted at jraschke@twp.northville.mi.us.

The New Year is finally here which means we can throw away the old and bring in the new. This is a great time of year, people get inspired to make changes in their lives and start resolutions. Unfortunately, most resolutions are not met or kept. One of the most common resolutions is to lose weight or live a healthier lifestyle. I believe that losing weight and living healthy should not be a resolution, but a way of life, or a commitment.

Here are some reasons you should start living healthier today:

- Reduce your risk of heart disease, diabetes and stroke
- Prevention of osteoporosis and fractures as you age
- Reduced stress
- Improved self esteem
- Your memory can be enhanced

These are all excellent reasons to get off the couch or put down the potato chips, but most people don't know where to begin. I recommend not running to the grocery store and buying nothing but fruits and vegetables, and then go directly to a gym and purchase an expensive membership. You need to start small and gradually work on being healthy.

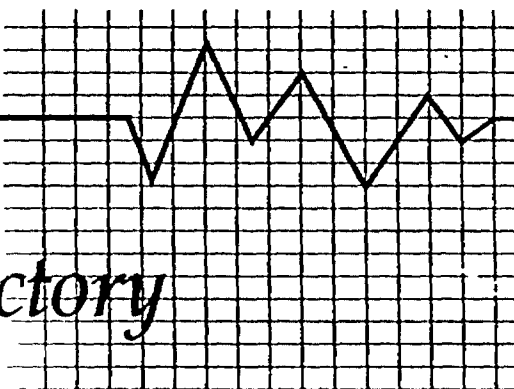
Some good ways to begin are:

If you smoke, STOP. I don't need to tell you all of the negative aspects of smoking, the bottom line is smoking is one of the worst things you can do to your body.

Start by making breakfast your most healthy meal of

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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holysfamily-novi.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.crosspointe-meadows.org

Sunday Worship:

11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study,

Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

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

Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m.
Worship Service

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian

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

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month
Christmas Eve Service: 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptist-churchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpres-novi.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

WALKING IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)
Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards.
Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

SINGLE PLACE MINISTRIES

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

First United Methodist of Northville

A Stephen Ministry church
Location: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or fumcnorthville.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: 8, 9:15 and 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.

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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

Acoustic Concert Coffeehouse

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 23
Details: Join Meadowbrook's own guitarist, Floyd Raeon, for an acoustic/folk concert with Judy Insley and Almost Perfect. Smoke and alcohol free entertainment awaits your

family, friends and neighbors in Fellowship Hall; doors open at 7:30 p.m.; light refreshments between sets. Tickets are \$10 presale and \$12 at the door.

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY

8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT

7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

Novi United Methodist

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion

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

PEACE VIGIL

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church

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

ADVENT SERVICE

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

Oak Pointe Church

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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) 453-0326, ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

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

SATURDAY WORSHIP

Time: 5 p.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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

Wednesday Bible Study:

7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service.

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 347-7778

MASS SCHEDULE

TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

MOTHERS GROUP

Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. monthly, first and third Wednesday through May 19, 2010
Location: St. James Parish Hall A

Details: We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith in order to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as article discussion, crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. Free childcare is available but children are also welcome to join their mothers during meetings.
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DOWNTOWN EVENTS

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.downtownnorthville.com or call (248) 349-0345.



IMAGE COURTESY PRUDY VANNIER

Museum piece

Prudy Vannier of Northville Gallery at 123 E. Main Street created a hand-painted ornament that was chosen to decorate the 2009 Smithsonian Institute Christmas Tree, which is located in the institute's Renwick Gallery. The ornament was on display through the month of December.

In June, Smithsonian staff asked members of the Society of Decorative Painters to paint ornaments that are interpretations of any of 77 paintings that are part of the permanent collection in the newly renovated Renwick Gallery. Each member was allowed one submission, which had to be painted on a 4-inch by 6-inch piece of wood provided by the society, so that all are uniform in size. Out of the submissions, 500 were chosen to be displayed. Vannier's ornament is a small corner of a 1920 oil painting called "Tohickon" by Daniel Garber. The Society of Decorative Painters is an international organization of painters, designers, teachers and hobbyists. The headquarters are in Wichita, Kan., although members are in nearly 50 countries. In the past, Vannier has had ornaments on several Presidential White House Christmas trees as well as others at the Smithsonian and Library of Congress. For more information about Vannier's work, go to www.prudysstudio.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Scholarship deadline March 5

Community Financial will be awarding 11 \$1,000 scholarships in April.

Applications can only be made online by going to <http://scholarships.egrant.org>, creating an account and logging in. Read the guidelines for "Community Financial Margaret Dunning and George Lawton Scholarships." If you qualify, complete just one application; you will be considered for both scholarships.

Deadline to submit four copies of your application is March 5.

Headquartered in Plymouth, membership in Community Financial is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency. With more than 43,000 members, Community Financial provides financial services to members at eight branch locations and through a variety of automated and online services. For more information, visit the credit union web site at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

UPS store collects for Toys for Tots

With a combination of generous contributions from its employees and customers, the Northville UPS store collected over \$1,000 for the Toys For Tots Literacy Fund this past holiday season. The Toys for Tots Literacy fund is exclusive to UPS Stores, said Mike Ladwig Northville store owner. In co-operation with the United States Marines, the UPS stores collect money during the holidays, and contribute the money to the Toys For Tots fund, but instead of buying toys, the money goes to buy books for the less fortunate kids in our community.

"Our walls are decorated with over 200 Marine teddy bear pledge cards," said Ladwig. "These generous contributions will buy over 1,000 books for needy children in our community."

In 2008 the contributions from the Northville UPS store were in the top 10 UPS of stores in the country.

"I am confident the over \$1,000 in contributions this year will again rank very high," said Ladwig. "This is a testament to the outstanding generosity of the UPS store's employees and the generous neighbors in our Northville, Novi and Plymouth community that frequent our store."

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 Thursday, 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 faced by entrepreneurs, 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 & Associates, 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.

Self-development shows you're focusing on long run

The practical side of self-development is rarely viewed through the lens of business outcomes. It was, typically, angled as a nice-to-do, fuzzy-wuzzy activity that ranked just below the corporate Nerf Ball tournament. Occasionally, it was dusted off during the annual performance appraisal discussion as a checklist of unrelated tasks that lend further credence to it being taken as seriously as a Flava Flav critique of the Six Wives of Henry the VIII.

During the years of corporate benevolence, millions of dollars were allocated to the pursuit of knowledge enhancement, skill acquisition and self-improvement as part of the employee benefit package. The corporation took responsibility for making the resources available, and it was the employee's option whether or not to seize the opportunity. As an unseen, intangible occurrence, self-development was a source of conversational awkwardness between managers and employees that, oftentimes, was relegated to the last topic discussed after you finished talking about the other 'important' stuff. The perceived softness of self-development is what triggered the hardened resistance from so many business sectors. When the skills, bought and paid for by the organization, rarely resulted in any demonstrable change in behavior or outcome, what followed was the collective perception that it was a waste of time and it 'didn't take.'

One of the arguments advanced by the 'experientialists' is that experience is the best teacher and that the best devel-



Lee Meadows

opment occurs when you actually grab a tiger by the tail as opposed to chasing it through a video game. The flip side of the argument is found in the writings of the 'reflectionists' who believe that reading, discussion and critical thinking are the path to true self-development. Far from thinking about self-development is the overworked, overstressed, 9 a.m.-to-midnight employee, whose primary concerns are the hallucinations that come from lack of sleep. Somewhere in the middle of the debate, the pendulum swings between self-seeking advancement and reactive business necessity. Is it better to immerse oneself into a self-designed, inner-driven broadening of skills and knowledge? Or, is it better to wait until the organization identifies what you need to (quickly) learn and direct you toward that activity?

At a time when external venues stretch the once unshakeable foundations of business, all roads lead inward. The practical side of business demands a concrete, connected path to survival and growth. The monetary reward that comes from putting in long hours will stagnate when left unbalanced by personal attention to self-development. There is more than a compelling notion that has business leaders rethinking how they approach the design and delivery of business outcomes. When practical necessity dictates a different mindset from business leaders, it rightfully fol-

lows that employees are expected to make the same shift. The only difference is that the benevolence of the organization will not serve as the platform for the shift in mindset. The demonstrated willingness of the employee to broaden their knowledge base and master new skills will send a clear message that they are thinking beyond the long hours and focusing on the long run.

Self-development was never a waste of time, as it is sometimes portrayed, but was maligned by hundreds of wasted activities that never connected with the business cycle. The real path to self-development is in identifying those activities that connect both knowledge and skill to some kind of business problem. Hypotheticals make for great legal, philosophical and psychological debates, but rarely lead to practical business solutions. Active engagement in individual self-development is a message to the organization that you are paying attention. Keep in mind - from the organization's point of view, insisting that you learn something new is the equivalent of being told to wear a belt with your pants so your underwear don't show. You're supposed to already know it.

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Participating artists are Larry Cressman, Darcel Deneau, Gary Eleinko, Todd Erickson, Larry Fox, Joe Fugate, Joan Painter Jones, Mike Kapetan, Teresa Petersen, Victor Pytko, Gene Smith, Joe Trippi and Larry Zdeb.

The show will open with a reception from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow.

Art House Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. For additional information, call (248) 344-0497, or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.

NORTHVILLE SQUARE MARKET

At Northville Square, 133 W. Main Street, Art & Fashion Walk attendees can watch local artist Janisse Lahti Larsson paint a scene of Northville from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow.

Lahti Larsson has had a lifetime of study and practice that she brings to every work she touches.

Whether creating a painting live at a wedding or event or transforming a child's bedroom into a northwoods mural of trees and rivers, she always leaves her special touch.



Todd Erickson's piece "Trail Head" will be featured at the Northville Art House.

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Be sure to check out the "Paint the Night" page for more information on this innovative new Fine Art Entertainment concept or head to the contact page for a detailed quote on a mural or trompe l'oeil concept. For more information, go to www.janisselarsson.com.

FOOD AVAILABLE, TOO

While at the market, Art & Fashion Walk participants will also be able to enjoy the art of food. There will be tastings going on during the evening throughout the market located on the mezzanine level.

VAN DAM'S BOUTIQUE

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For more information, call (248) 449-4282.

STICK AROUND, SHOP LATE

Other galleries and stores will be staying open until 9 p.m. as well in case shoppers want to see some other post-holiday sale items. At Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main Street, holiday items will be 60 percent off, and Baekgaard goods will be 40 percent off from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow. For more information about participating stores and restaurants that are part of the monthly First Friday Art & Fashion Walk, go to www.downtownnorthville.com.

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BIRTH



Ethan Shields

Bryan and Gayle Shields, of Katy, Texas, announce the birth of their son, Ethan Dennis Shields, born July 8, 2009, in Houston, Texas. Grandparents are Peggy and the late Dennis Shields of Northville Township, and Alan and Sheryl Jones of Boca Raton, Fla.

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Drew Baldwin stepped up to lead the Northville Mustangs against the Milan Big Red last week, scoring 17 points to help his team to victory and the Chelsea Holiday Tournament title.



Northville wins Chelsea Holiday Tournament

■ Boys basketball squad beats Chelsea, Milan for title

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

All the Northville Mustangs boys basketball team asked for from Santa Claus this year was consistency. The members of the team must have been good this year, because the jolly fat man delivered and Northville sped away with two victories in the Chelsea Holiday Tournament and walked away as the only undefeated team and the tourney champions. Northville toppled Milan, 59-45, in the second game of the tournament after beating Chelsea, 47-36, the day before.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will hit the hardwood come Friday when they visit the Livonia Stevenson Spartans to open up Central Division play. The game is slated for a 7 p.m. tip-off.

"You always worry about a letdown after a big game especially coming back the next night," said Northville coach Todd Sander. "For the most part, our effort was there though it took us

awhile to get going. Once we started doing the little things on defense and rebounding, we experienced success."

The Mustangs and Milan kept the game tight through the first quarter, trading the lead back and forth until the buzzer sounded and Northville held a one-point, 16-15, lead heading into the second quarter. There, Northville outscored Milan, 13-8, for a little bit of breathing room at halftime, leading 29-23.

The third quarter found Milan rebounding nicely, outscoring

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PART III 2009: Year in Review

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Last week's 'Northville Record' highlighted the winter and spring 2009 prep sports seasons. This week, we take a look at the fall teams

Northville Football

It was a heck of a year for Northville Mustangs football. Tough losses, but so many rewarding wins to offset them. The Mustangs earned their first trip to the playoffs since the departure of Clint Alexander in 2005. Second-year head coach Matt Ladach showed that Northville is planning on being a team to contend with in the coming seasons.

The Northville Mustangs opened their season with a 10-0 win over the Pinckney Pirates. The Mustangs kept their opponent scoreless with two turnovers and a strong defensive line-up, including junior free safety Trei Walton and senior middle linebacker Dan Stern. The win put Northville at a 1-0 record to start the season.

The second game of the season saw Northville fall to the Grand Blanc Bobcats 21-14 at home. The Mustangs tried for a fourth-quarter comeback but didn't quite make it. Their record for the season evened out to 1-1 with the loss.

Against South Lyon, the Northville Mustangs fared better, winning the KLAAC Central opener for both teams with a 34-14 victory. The Mustangs

brought their record to 2-1.

A third victory was earned by the Mustangs against the South Lyon East Cougars, getting them halfway to a playoff spot - for which six wins were needed. Northville beat the Cougars 30-7, bringing their record to 3-1.

The Livonia Stevenson Spartans handed the Northville Mustangs football team a loss - in fact, a shut-out - in a 31-0 game. The loss dropped Northville to a 3-2 record.

Northville beat Novi 14-8 in overtime to win the Brown Jug in the annual battle between the two schools, the first time in eight years the Mustangs took possession of the milk jug. The win also meant Northville took second place in the KLAAC Central Division, with a 5-2 record overall and a 4-1 record in the division.

The Mustangs lost their next contest to the John Glenn Rockets, 41-13. The loss upped the stakes for a playoff spot, making it necessary for Northville to earn their next win to make the playoffs. The team record stood at 4-3 for the season after the loss.

The Northville Mustangs football team came through to earn a spot in the state playoffs with a win against the Walled Lake Northern Knights. Northville won 23-12 in a dramatic game in the rain that included a 93-yard record-breaking reception caught by senior wide receiver Jack Gibson. The Mustangs went on

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Successful seasons

■ High expectations, motivation drive boys swim team

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Rich Bennetts knows what it takes to win.

In 1999, when Bennetts took over the Northville boys swimming and diving program, he didn't know what the future would hold. He did know that if his teams wanted to win, they'd work hard.

They've done that, and winning has followed. Since 1999, including two meets so far this year, Bennetts has led the Mustangs to an 84-16-1 record.

"I always try to motivate the boys on becoming better swimmers and better young men," said Bennetts. "We have a saying that is 'Do something to improve yourself today.'"

That could mean working extra hard at practice, getting an A on an exam, or taking out the garbage at home without being asked. I try to get the boys to understand that the lessons they learn on the pool deck can, and will, carry over to the other things in your life if you do them every day."

The key to all improvement is repetitive hard work. The Northville Mustangs are well aware of what that is. The squad typically starts their day with morning practice from 5:15 until 7 a.m. Those practices include weight lifting and other "dry land" exercises such as medicine balls, sit-ups, push-ups, lunges, wall

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Mustangs win Franklin Invitational

■ Nick Mudar wins 100th career match

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It's a fairly relaxing and scenic drive when taking the trip down Merriman Road to Livonia Franklin High School. Of course, it's that much nicer on the way home when you have a team championship trophy on the bus with you.

Just ask the Northville Mustangs wrestling team, which notched a team tournament championship at the Livonia Franklin Invitational last Saturday. The squad, coached by Bob



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team poses with the team championship trophy after winning the Livonia Franklin Invitational last week. The squad, led by coach Bob Boshoven, earned places in 13 out of 14 weight classes.

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BOYS HOOPS

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Northville 13-10 in the stanza but still trailing the Mustangs 39-36. Northville took advantage of the fourth quarter, finding their stride and kicking their offense into high gear as they pounded out 20 points to Milan's nine. All nine of Northville's field goals in the fourth quarter came off of fast breaks or low-post scores.

The Mustangs were led in the contest by Andrew Baldwin, who scored 17 points—including three 3-point field goals—in the winning effort. He added six rebounds.

"Andrew Baldwin displayed some guts tonight," said Sander. "He's been battling the flu for a week, and was pretty sick. We weren't sure how much or what we would get out of him, but he again showed that he's a gamer."

Bryce Groshek added 14 points and Brett MacDonald added a career-high 11 points and four rebounds.

Andre Duffin, a sophomore, led the Big Reds with 22 points. Senior C.J. Luvene had 13 points for Milan.

Against Chelsea the day before, the Mustangs had little trouble earning victory. The squad found themselves

tied, 14-14, at the end of the first quarter, but climbed to a 24-19 lead by halftime and didn't look back.

While Chelsea kept the first half close, the second half was all Northville. The Mustangs outscored the Bulldogs, 12-6, in the third quarter and led by at least 10 points throughout the majority of the fourth.

The difference in this game and the losses Northville has suffered this year, said Sander, is the defense and the way the team prepared.

"They really bought into the game plan, and executed what we needed to do," said Sander. "Chelsea's offense is difficult to defend as they can knock down open shots but look to back cut all the time."

Senior guard Tim Hasse was the leader on the floor, pouring in 17 points—10 in the second half alone—and pulling down seven rebounds. Junior guard Al Myers added a career-high 10 points in the victory.

"It was great to see Tim Hasse get it going again," noted Sander. "He continues to be one of our hardest workers in practice, and his efforts continue to pay off."

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

Northville girls basketball splits weekend at Chelsea

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

A loss can definitely ruin a holiday break, but the pain can be numbed mighty quickly with a victory. Just as the Northville girls basketball team.

The squad, coached by Todd Gudith, took a tough 39-38 loss to Chelsea last Tuesday before bouncing back the very next day to earn a 49-39 win over Milan.

"Playing our second game in less than 24 hours and after such a disappointing effort the night before, we had no idea how our girls would respond," admitted Gudith following the Milan victory. "They came ready to play this afternoon."

The Mustangs relied heavily on an outstanding second-quarter showing, outscoring Milan 16-4 to take a 22-12 lead heading into halftime and didn't bother to look back.

Despite Milan's top scoring threat, guard Lindsay Lammers, hitting two early three-point shots, the Mustangs were able to keep control of the game from the start of the second quarter through the end of the contest. The only hiccup was the first quarter when Northville was trying to find its feet and Milan took an early 8-6 lead. "Our girls did a good job defending Milan's scoring threats," said Gudith. "They followed our game plan very well."

Northville was led on the floor by senior Julia Ramey and junior Katie Giacomini, who scored 10 points each. Ramey added seven rebounds to her total while junior Megan Gertley hauled down



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Julia Ramey helped the Mustangs to a victory over Milan last week with 10 points and seven rebounds. Ramey is a three-year varsity player for Northville.

eight boards in the win.

"I think senior Julia Ramey had her best effort of the season today," said Gudith. "She scored. She defended. She rebounded. She's been kind of quiet for us this year, but as a senior we've talked to her about giving us that kind of play every time. In the fourth quarter especially today, she looked to control us on offense and make plays when we needed one. That's what a three-year varsity player should be doing."

Northville climbed to 3-2 on the season with the victory.

The day before their win over Milan, the Northville

Mustangs were shaking their heads in disappointment after their loss to the Chelsea Bulldogs, 39-38.

Chelsea's defensive pressure kept the Mustangs from finding any offensive flow and the Bulldogs slowly chipped out a lead and held on for the win. Northville led after the first quarter, 8-6, but watched as the Bulldogs slowly pulled away, earning an 18-16 advantage at halftime and keeping it tight with a 28-26 lead at the end of the third.

The final tally, however, failed to show the heart the Mustangs poured into the game. Senior point guard

Tori Wright battled flu-like symptoms throughout the day, giving up her starting job to sophomore Meredith Williams before coming off the bench in the second half to give it her best effort.

Chelsea, at one point in the third quarter, jumped to an eight-point lead with a 10-0 run against Northville. The team, however, fought back, cutting the lead back to two points heading into the fourth quarter and even taking a six point lead, 36-30, in the early minutes of the final stanza.

Turnovers made the difference, however, and the Bulldogs tied the score with 1:20 left in the game and earned the win on the last shot of the game as Chelsea's Rachel Coopridge put in two shots from the charity stripe, despite only hitting 3-of-8 free throws in the entire contest.

"This was a game on paper in which we were favored," said Gudith. "But we made too many mistakes with the ball tonight. We had trouble handling their pressure. All of our guards have to be confident with the ball in their hands. Their pressure took us completely out of establishing any offensive rhythm."

Fouls also hurt the Mustangs, which forced the team to use combinations of players that have not practiced much together and found some players in positions they are not accustomed to.

Northville was led by senior Katherine Jansen, who had 10 points, and Giacomini, who had nine.

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

WRESTLING

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Boshoven, found 13 of the 14 wrestlers winning at least two matches each.

The standout performance on the day, however, came from Nick Mudar, a senior captain who grapples at 171 pounds.

Mudar not only earned an individual championship in his weight class, he was also noticed as the tournament's most outstanding wrestler for the upper weights. Mudar came into the tournament and put on an outstanding show, earning his 100th career victory in the process.

Other individual winners were Steve Widzinski at 215 pounds, and Jon Nelson at 152 pounds.

Two Mustangs placed second in the tournament. Bob Lahiff was runner-up in the 189-pound weight class, while Josh Wright took second at 145 pounds. Taking third was Ian Stirton at 103 pounds along with Harry Eicholtz, who wrestled well and took just a single loss to celebrate his 18th birthday,

ON TAP

The Northville wrestling team is scheduled to be back in action when South Lyon and Howell come to town at 5:30 p.m. next Wednesday.

at 140 pounds. Kevin Lerner was also third, finishing with a loss to the eventual champion in the 135-pound division.

George McClymont, 130 pounds, and Greg Lorrain, 125 pounds, each took fourth in the respective weight classes, while Justin Umin took fifth place at 189 pounds and Alex Hoffman took sixth at 119.

An addition also needs to be added to the last Northville wrestling results article as it failed to mention Widzinski earned a victory in his match against John Glenn High School. Widzinski won in the 215 pound weight class, earning him two wins via pin on the day.

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SWIMMING

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sits, step-ups and leg lifts. The athletes then go to school for the day and then come back at 2:30 p.m. for afternoon practice in the pool that runs for just over two hours.

"On a typical day, we swim about 10,000 yards, which is over seven miles," noted Bennetts.

The hard work is paying off. Beyond the team winning 84

percent of their dual meets since Bennetts' arrival, the post-season and individual results have been noteworthy, too.

The team has sent swimmers to the state finals meet each year that Bennetts has been coach. The team's best finish was a third place in 2007. The team also took fourth in 2006, sixth in 2008 and seventh in 2005.

Individually, the hard work has paid off for many Northville swimmers under

Bennetts' tutelage. Since 1999, many Northville tankers have been able to make the transition to swimming in the collegiate ranks. Chris Keady went to Cornell, Brand Farris went to Penn, Joe Lunn, Will Bickle and Brody Bickle all swam for Army while Chris Culkin went to Whittenberg, Jon Bardsley to Grand Valley State, Jake Lane went to Adrian, Scott Whitbeck went to Kalamazoo (and is a coach at State University of New York New Paltz), Steve Yutzky to Case Western Reserve (and is now an assistant coach there) and David Whitbeck went on to swim as an All-American for Case Western Reserve.

Such high-quality swimmers come from high-quality programs. Bennetts is proud of the way his kids respond to the expectations put on them.

"We set high goals as a team and coaching staff every year because it is my philosophy that you must set high standards for the kids so they know that they are here to work and anything less than their best effort is unacceptable," he said.

It hasn't always been college-bound swimmers and wins for Bennetts, however. In 2002, Northville boys swim-

ming team was on some lean times. They had 12 swimmers and one diver on the team. Dual meet wins were hard to come by just because of the depth other team's had over the Mustangs.

But they didn't give up. Instead, they put up the best numbers they could and went on to finish third in the highly-competitive Western Lakes Activities Association. The team, said Bennetts, believed in what he was telling them and did their best to live up to the expectations.

"The early years were rough, but those 12 guys that stuck with it in 2002 built the foundation of the success we had in 2005, 2006, 2007 and so on," said Bennetts.

Northville returned some top-quality swimmers for the 2009-2010 season and Bennetts' expectations haven't dropped a bit. So far this season, with a 2-0 mark, the team is living up to everything expected from them.

And why not? It's a proven formula of success and, if Bennetts and the Mustangs have a say, it's going to stay that way.

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

The following ordinance amendment was adopted at the December 17, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Trustees. This ordinance became effective upon approval.

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

Paragraph G of the existing ordinance is replaced with:

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

In paragraph N of the ordinance the following definition is added:

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

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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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February 18, 2010
March 18, 2010
April 15, 2010
May 20, 2010
June 17, 2010
July 15, 2010
August 19, 2010
September 16, 2010
October 21, 2010
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
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Friday, November 26	Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, December 23	Christmas Holiday
Friday, December 24	Christmas Holiday

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to the first round of playoffs to face the Livonia Stevenson Spartans, who earlier in the season held them to a scoreless game.

The Mustangs lost in the first round of the playoffs to Livonia Stevenson. Their season results included second place in the division, and a 6-4 record.

Eight Mustangs players earned All-Conference honors. Nicco Buffone, Kyle Galdes, Akshar Patel, Dan Stern and Justin Umin were All-Conference seniors, while two juniors, Jon Alandt and Mike Wegzyn were also picked to be All-Conference players. One sophomore, linebacker Brett MacDonald, also made the All-KLAA cut.

Northville Boys Soccer

No one gave this team any credit heading into the season, but the Mustangs made a point of showing everyone that no matter how down you think Northville is in soccer, it's never down so far that it can't win a division title.

A split week left the Northville Mustangs boys soccer team with an even 2-2-2 win-loss-draw record. The team lost 2-1 to Churchill and won 2-0 over Plymouth High School two days later.

They upped their record to 4-2-2 with two more wins the following week over South Lyon East and Stevenson. South Lyon East was first kept scoreless for an 8-0 Northville win, then rival Stevenson fought hard, keeping Northville to a 1-0 victory.

The Northville boys' soccer team added mixed results to their record the next week, with two losses and a tie. The kickers fell to Salem, 2-0, then tied Novi, 1-1, and lost again to Saline, 2-0, to round out the week.

The win column of the Northville Mustangs boys' soccer team's record jumped up again with three more victories. The Mustangs beat South Lyon, 3-0, before giving South Lyon East the same treatment in a 3-1 game, then squeaking past Canton, 1-0.

Northville triumphed over two more teams to win the KLAA Central Division crown. They beat the Novi Wildcats in a 3-2 victory, then shut out the South Lyon Lions, 7-0 in the contest that won the division title for Northville.

In a district tournament game against South Lyon, the Northville boys' soccer team earned a 6-0 victory for the first round of districts. They previously finished fourth in the KLAA with losses to Livonia Churchill and Grand Blanc.

A loss to Salem ended the Northville boys' soccer team's season in a 2-1-0 game against the Rocks. It was the second round of the district playoffs. They ended up with an 11-7-4 record. They collected the Central Division title, second place in the Kensington conference, and fourth place in the KLAA over the season.

Two Mustang boys' soccer players earned All-State honors. Junior midfielder Fatai Alashe was chosen for second-team All-State honors and senior forward Doug Beason

was selected for the All-State third team.

Northville Boys Tennis

It was a great year for the Northville tennis team, which started out laden with talent and only got better. The squad, coached by Matt Stetson, finished 11th in the state to show that Northville tennis is still as strong as ever.

The Northville Mustangs boys' tennis team landed second- and third-place spots in a busy week of invitational. They took third place in the Port Huron Northern Invitational, second place in the Northville Quad Invitational a few days later, and third again in the Grand Blanc Invitational two days after that. Senior captain Steve Irvine starred for Northville, racking up a personal 8-1 record across the three meets.

The boys' tennis team came back with a dual-meet victory at Salem High School, winning 7-1. The team won every flight except for first doubles.

In a visit to South Lyon the following week, the boys' tennis team beat both schools handily, winning against South Lyon, 9-0, and South Lyon East, also 9-0.

A dual meet match to decide the KLAA Central Division title between the Northville Mustangs boys' tennis team and the Novi Wildcats ended up going to top-rated Novi, in a score of 6-3.

The Mustangs were back and strong with two shutouts against Walled Lake Northern Knights and the Brighton Bulldogs, winning every flight, 9-0 for each school.

Northville boys' tennis players won their conference to round out the season, heading to state final competition. The Mustangs won the KLAA Kensington Conference trophy, scoring 29 points over rival Novi with 28 points. They then scored 22 points in regional tournament play, tying them with Novi for second place, behind Detroit Catholic Central in first place with 28 points. All three advanced to state finals.

The Northville Mustangs boys tennis team ended their season competing against the best in the state in the Division 1 state tournament, and came away with an 11th-place finish. The team earned eight points in the two-day tournament.

Northville Girls Volleyball

Implementing new styles of play is always difficult for a team, but the Northville Mustangs volleyball squad learned quick and became a fast and furious opponent by the time the district tournament rolled around. With such a strong finish on the year, one can only wonder how much will carry over for the formidable Mustangs next year?

The Mustangs volleyball team went to the Saline High School Invitational and came back winless, fighting for several losses and a few split games. First-year coach Amanda Yaklin said the girls were adapting to a tougher, more aggressive style of play she is demanding of them.

Results of tougher training showed as the Mustangs' girls volleyball team placed second in the 12-team Berkley Volleyball Invitational after

a rocky start to their season. The Mustangs fell in the final round to the John Glenn Rockets in a close two-game matchup, 29-27, and 25-22.

The Mustangs took a number of losses, including against Salem in a four-game series and Novi in a three-game series, before heading to the Hartland Tourney. There, they took third place in pool play, losing to Warren Mott and Traverse City, then beating Alma. In the quarterfinals of the invitational, the Mustangs beat Trenton, then lost in three games to Monroe.

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team split their next games against South Lyon and South Lyon East, finishing their divisional season with a 4-6 record. The Mustangs won over South Lyon East Cougars in three games, 25-7, 25-19, and 25-11. Two days before that, the South Lyon Lions beat them out in a tough five-game series. Northville won two and lost three of the games.

In a five-game cross-over match against Walled Lake Western, the Northville girls team ended up losing the match, winning the first two games but losing the last three.

Northville Girls Golf

There are always high expectations for the Northville Mustangs girls golf team. There's good reason for it, too: The girls golf team is always full of talented players who know how to win. This year was no different.

The Northville girls' golf team took fifth at the Seaholm Tournament at Oakland Hills North Golf Course out of 22 teams. A previous dual match against South Lyon East was rained out.

The girls golf team next won a dual meet over rival Stevenson in the Central Division, scoring 175 to Stevenson's 223 at home. They didn't fare as well at the Ann Arbor Tournament later in the same week, finishing 10th in a field of 19 teams, with a score of 373.

The Northville Mustangs girls' golfers won over Novi next, in a 182-193 victory. A divisional dual match with Plymouth Salem was canceled.

In two matches with the South Lyon East Cougars, the Northville girls' golf team beat them twice. Northville outscored the Cougars 169-208 and 164-211, then moved on to take seventh place in the Grosse Ile Tournament, scoring 357 points in the 23 team tournament.

The girls golf squad beat KLAA Central Division rival Stevenson 180-212, and were handed another victory when the Salem Rocks forfeited their match due to lack of players. The win put the division title in their sights, with only Novi and South Lyon between Northville and the title.

The Northville Mustangs girls' golf team scored at the season's best, earning a chance at the state tournament by winning the KLAA Kensington Conference and regional tournament titles. The team was defending their conference crown from 2008, playing at home.

In the state finals, the Northville Mustangs girls' golfers finished sixth in Division 1 competition. They scored a two-day total of 735

points, four strokes out of the top 5 places.

Northville Boys Cross Country

Talk about an awe-inspiring season. The Northville Mustangs boys cross country team came into the year not knowing what to expect. They had high hopes, but the pundits didn't have much faith. The boys showed that the only opinion that matters is the final score, and shocked plenty of opponents this season.

Frank Griffiths was a standout, earning himself All-State honors in a season that was applaud worthy.

The Northville Mustang boys cross-country runners took fourth at the south Lyon Invitational with 119 points. The Novi Wildcats won the meet with the low score of 40 points.

The Mustangs boys' cross-country team bounced back a little at the Rochester Adams Invitational, where they finished with 51 points to earn second place. They trailed the first-place team, Brighton, which had 28 points. The Mustangs' leading scorer was Frank Griffiths, with a time of 16:48, second overall in the invitational.

They next took fourth place in the Bath Invitational, scoring 139 points to finish behind Rockford, Saline and Haslett. The Mustangs' top finisher was Trent Johnson, in 17:05, followed by Matt Sierra, 20th in 17:17.

Mustang runners took fourth place at the Michigan State University Invitational with a 194-point total, behind Novi, Forest Hills Eastern and Okemos. The tourney hosted 42 teams. Northville's leading runner was Frank Griffiths, who took 15th place with a time of 16:56. Earlier in the week, the Mustangs won a division showdown against the Salem Rocks, 20-43.

A match with Novi ended badly for the Northville Mustangs boys cross-country team, who lost 42-16 against the rival Wildcats. They rebounded the same week with a third place finish in the Catholic Central invitational, with 81 points. They finished behind Pinckney with 36 points and Catholic Central with 46 points.

The Northville boys' cross-country team had a good showing at the Portage Invitational, placing eighth out of 41 teams. The team collected 287 points with a strong pack effort, as four runners turned in times below 17 minutes: Frank Griffiths, Trent Johnson, Matt Sierra and Chad Cini. The runners also shut out South Lyon East at a dual meet with a 15-50 win earlier in the week.

The Mustangs cross-country boys team performed a second shutout against the Livonia Stevenson Spartans with another 15-50 win. The meet also offered up new record times for many Mustangs, 20 of who recorded their personal bests.

At the KLAA conference championships, the Mustangs boys' cross-country team took fourth place with a score of 67, behind Canton with 66, Plymouth with 63, and first-place Novi with 34. They were led again by Frank Griffiths, who recorded the best time of

any Northville runner in 16 years, finishing in 16:10 for second place.

Individually, Frank Griffiths qualified for state finals competition. The Mustangs team did not go to finals, taking fifth in their regional tournament with 105 points. Griffiths finished fourth overall at the regional meet, with a time of a flat 16 minutes, earning a spot in his third state finals.

Senior Frank Griffiths finished the year with All-State honors, placing 28th with a time of 16:19 in windy conditions at the Michigan International Speedway for state finals.

Northville Girls Cross Country

It's just sick to think how good the Northville Mustangs girls cross country team is going to be next year. This year they were young, inexperienced and full of the need for varsity training. By the time the season came to a close, they were feared in every dual meet and tournament. Northville cross country has a very bright future.

At the Rochester Adams Invitational, the Northville Mustangs girls cross-country team took fourth place, behind winner Brighton, which had 54 points. The Mustangs' score was 110 points, behind Rockford, Saline and Rochester Adams. Sophomore Gina McNamara led the team with a career best time of 19:27, winning her first place in the invitational.

The Northville Mustangs girls' cross-country runners took sixth place in the KLAA Invitational in September, and while individual girls chalked up their season- and career-best times, the team garnered 154 points, behind Brighton, Novi, Pinckney and Walled Lake Western. Gina McNamara took fifth overall with a career-best time of 19:17.

A loss and a win were added to the Mustang girls' cross-country record, first falling to the Plymouth Salem Rocks 20-39. They followed it with a fourth place in the 39-team Spartan Invitational with a score of 249 points.

The Mustangs girls' runners struggled in a dual meet with Novi, losing 22-33 to the Wildcats. They bounced back at the Catholic Central Invitational a few days later, finishing third overall in a field of 14 teams, with a score of 110 points.

The Northville girls' cross-country team took 10th place at the Portage Invitational out of 39 teams. Leader Gina McNamara was the first Mustang to finish with a time of 19:01. The team also won a dual meet with the South Lyon Cougars 15-50.

Sophomore Gina McNamara broke the course record at Northville's home course, Cass Benton, with a 19:10, also her all-time best result, against the Livonia Stevenson Spartans in a 15-47 dual meet win.

At the KLAA conference meet, the Mustangs girls' cross-country team took second place, earning 63 points behind only Salem, which had 55 points. Two days later, they secured their reputation with a victory in the Larry Steeb Invitational with 22 points.

The Northville Mustangs girls' cross-country team qualified for state finals, after coming in second in the regional race with 71 points, behind only Pinckney with 54 points. Gina McNamara was again the top scorer, with a time of 19:03 for fifth place overall. Freshmen Katie Vandervoort and Alex Rodriguez also finished in the top 15, earning All-Regional honors.

In state competition, the Mustangs girls cross-country runners finished 21st in a field of 28 teams, not as high as they hoped after suffering from illnesses and injuries.

Northville Girls Swimming

Northville always seems to have a great corps of swimmers at its disposal, and this year was no exception to that rule. The girls swimming and diving team entered the season with big goals, and met them. One memorable moment that will go down in the history books was the win over Stevenson—just the second in the past 25 years.

The Northville Mustangs girls' swimming and diving teams started out their season with a victory, 106-80 over the Walled Lake Northern Knights in a dual meet.

They beat the Stevenson Spartans in a close win, 96-90, making the contest only the second time in 25 years Stevenson fell to Northville in swimming and diving. The meet was decided by the final event, the 400-meter freestyle relay. Northville swimmers finished second and third to earn the victory.

The Northville girls' swimming and diving team dominated the Salem Rocks in a 114-72 matchup on their way to a division title race. A slew of first, second and third place finishes in each event kept Northville out of their opponents' reach.

The Mustangs girls' swimmers and divers won a matchup with the Canton Chiefs, 106-80, after a tough dual meet against Novi, which Northville lost.

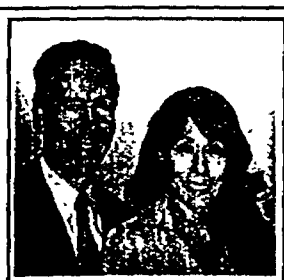
They came back with two dominant wins over South Lyon and Livonia Churchill in separate meets. Against South Lyon, Northville racked up a 105-81 win, while the Chargers went down a few days before, 118-65.

The Mustangs girls swimming and diving team beat out the Brighton Bulldogs in a dual meet to end their regular season, outscoring Brighton 99-87 before moving on to championship swimming.

In divisional competition at Novi High School, the Mustang girls' swimmers and divers took third place in the KLAA Central Division, showing improvement in their personal times. They came in behind Novi and Livonia Stevenson.

The Northville Mustangs girls swim and dive team next went to the KLAA championship meet, swimming to a third place finish behind champion Novi and second-place Livonia Stevenson. Eight swimmers and two relay teams qualified for the state finals.

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Consumers Energy, DTE outline winter assistance plans for their customers

With the official start of winter just around the corner, it's important that we begin preparing ourselves and our houses for the colder weather. DTE Energy and Consumers Energy offer a number of programs to help customers with their energy bills. Payment assistance programs offered to customers include: a medical emergencies program to postpone shutoffs in the event of a medical issue; and a shut-off protection plan to spread future bills out over the year, and to include equal monthly payments on an unpaid balance in order to avoid a shut-off.

Some consumers and all senior citizens, regardless of their income, also qualify for DTE Energy's Winter Protection Plan. This program protects these customers from shutoff between Nov. 1 and March 31. During this period, customers must pay a portion of their estimated annual bill plus regular payments on any past-due bills. After March 31, the required bill payments will increase to cover winter bills. For more information on any of these programs, call Consumers Energy at (800) 477-5050, and DTE Energy at (800) 477-4747.

Many assistance programs are available by calling 2-1-1 at United Way. Weatherization help is available for low-income residents. These programs help with caulking, weather stripping, and insulation. Another program that is available is THAW, the Heat and Warmth Fund, which helps people facing a shut-off who have exhausted all federal and state funding programs.



The state offers assistance with energy bills through the State Emergency Relief Program in the Department of Human Services. This program is available to DHS clients and non-DHS clients. For more information, call the Energy Assistance Hotline at (800) 292-5650, or visit your local DHS office. State Department of Social Services for Wayne County is located at 2929 Russell St. in Detroit. You can reach

that office by calling (313) 396-0200. Visit these Web sites to learn more about the help that is available:

DTE Energy: <http://www.dteenergy.com/residentialCustomers/billing-Payment/paymentPrograms/payAssistance.html>.

Consumers Energy: <http://www.consumersenergy.com/welcome.htm>.

United Way of Southeastern Michigan: www.uwsem.org/. THAW, the Heat and Warmth Fund: http://www.thawfund.org/how_help/index.html.

State Emergency Relief Energy Assistance Programs: <http://www.michigan.gov/heatingassistance/0,1607,7-215-33211-105989--,00.html>.

Heed standards on board votes

Q: At a recently held condominium board election, the current board president had all ballots affixed with a label identifying the co-owner. I maintain this is a violation of privacy. How a member votes should not be known to anyone other than the voter. Am I not correct?

A: Although your voting should be kept confidential, condominium association voting procedures are uniquely different from other nonprofit corporations. Sometimes each unit vote is weighted by the "percentage of value" assigned to the unit as set forth in the



Robert Meisner

master deed so the unit number must be identified to properly calculate the votes. Also, the bylaws often require that the ballot must be signed by the "designated

voting representative" for the unit and the signature on the ballot must match the association's records for the person authorized to cast the vote and to keep track of who submitted each ballot to ensure there is no duplicate voting for a single unit. Also, since delinquent units often are ineligible to vote, the identity of the unit is needed for that purpose. To maintain confidentiality, the association should appoint and swear in two inspectors of the ballots to tabulate the votes and report the tally. You should consult an experienced community association attorney to analyze your specific condominium document requirements to ensure that your rights are fully protected, however.

Q: I frequently review your column as it relates to property in southwest Florida with particular emphasis on Naples. Are things getting any better in residential sales?

A: Based upon a recent visit to Naples in September-October of 2009, it appears that the bottom has not been reached. Property along the coastlines has depreciated approximately 25 percent with property more inland having depreciated between 40 and 50 percent. A number of developers are experiencing extreme financial duress and are walking away from the properties much like the case in other areas of Florida and around the country. Foreclosures are increasing, and, while the rental market appears to be strong, the real estate market is weak. Many contractors who went to Florida to find work have been laid off and the economy, even in the Naples area, is suffering.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit rmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 14-18, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills		
615 Alberta St.	\$131,000	
3050 Catalpa Ct.	\$19,000	
66 Delevan St.	\$100,000	
3551 S. Shummons Cr.	\$150,000	
Beverly Hills		
22140 W. Valley Woods Dr.	\$240,000	
Birmingham		
1695 Bowers St.	\$90,000	
2795 Buckingham Ave.	\$150,000	
1460 Cole St.	\$159,000	
1821 Hazel St.	\$121,000	
809 Ruffner Ave.	\$355,000	
1935 Sheffield Rd.	\$177,000	
Bloomfield Township		
730 Watt's Rd.	\$370,000	
Clarkston		
7605 Bitterbush	\$250,000	
4731 Cobden Ln.	\$73,000	
4820 Eagle Springs Ct.	\$400,000	
8270 Foster Rd.	\$650,000	
5851 K. Inglisher Ln.	\$164,000	
9108 Lakebush Dr.	\$395,000	
6600 Trillium V. Ridge Ln.	\$61,000	
Commerce Township		

Farmington		
4090 Forest Edge Dr.	\$155,000	
1696 Nacoma	\$350,000	
5421 Wentworth Dr.	\$240,000	
Farmington Hills		
33925 Macomb Ave.	\$243,000	
22906 Power Rd.	\$83,000	
Lake Orion		
31053 Applewood Ln.	\$242,000	
28127 Belcrest St.	\$190,000	
25358 Castlereigh Dr.	\$170,000	
39252 Kennedy Dr.	\$255,000	
21790 River Ridge Trl.	\$164,000	
36856 W. 12 Mile Rd.	\$100,000	
28301 W. 13 Mile Rd.	\$250,000	
Lakeland Village		
2382 Brabant St.	\$178,000	
177 Four Seasons Dr.	\$125,000	
2009 Fullwood Dr.	\$162,000	
430 Waldon Rd.	\$132,000	
Millford		
27124 Ekorado Pl.	\$75,000	
18500 Saratoga Blvd.	\$105,000	
Northville		
271 Bensfield	\$174,000	
653 Sweetbriar	\$85,000	
Novi		
29054 Boulder Cir.	\$105,000	
1110 Washington Cir.	\$170,000	
Westland		
45603 Addington Ln.	\$301,000	
5097 Almay St.	\$402,000	
41369 Baker St.	\$285,000	
22555 Cranbrooke Dr.	\$90,000	
46808 Kingsley Ln.	\$330,000	

Orchard Lake		
26363 Mandalay Cir.	\$395,000	
40525 Oakwood Dr.	\$173,000	
41615 Tamara St.	\$100,000	
24451 Venice Dr.	\$285,000	
Oxford		
3761 Indian Trl.	\$550,000	
Rochester		
570 Lakes Edge Dr.	\$249,000	
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3106 Paradise Trl.	\$65,000	
1047 S. Coats Rd.	\$135,000	
943 Watersmeet Dr.	\$251,000	
Rochester Hills		
810 Plate St.	\$29,000	
903 W. Third St.	\$290,000	
South Lyon		
3078 Avalon Rd.	\$100,000	
2426 Blockton Rd.	\$172,000	
3135 Brandon Ct.	\$230,000	
1302 Brook Ln.	\$90,000	
1096 Canyon Creek Dr.	\$630,000	
1555 Charter Oak Dr.	\$40,000	
1863 Jenny Ln.	\$122,000	
1862 Marlowe Ave.	\$75,000	
223 South St.	\$100,000	
Southfield		
61060 Preakness Blvd.	\$290,000	
1131 Shetland Dr.	\$230,000	
23422 Spy Glass Hill	\$297,000	
417 Walnut Dr.	\$170,000	
Troy		
2232 Camelot Dr.	\$187,000	
3672 Carmel Dr.	\$185,000	
2586 Portobello Dr.	\$210,000	
2325 Tall Oaks Dr.	\$430,000	
3174 York Dr.	\$152,000	
Waterford		
327 Shore Brook Ln.	\$148,000	
West Bloomfield		
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5031 Deyers St.	\$103,000	
5197 Eldridge Dr.	\$60,000	
1376 Fieldcrest Dr.	\$65,000	
2081 Lone Birch Dr.	\$218,000	
1275 Oregon Blvd.	\$121,000	
2994 Orisego Rd.	\$55,000	
4270 Stanley Ct.	\$35,000	
6058 Waterfront Dr.	\$175,000	
White Lake		
3091 Brewster Ct.	\$175,000	
5477 Centerbrook Dr.	\$245,000	
6785 Colony Dr.	\$180,000	
5860 Cromwell Rd.	\$165,000	
3651 Elder Rd S.	\$210,000	
6861 Essex Ct.	\$400,000	
4317 Walnut Woods Dr.	\$210,000	
4651 Wetland Dr.	\$113,000	
7055 Woodingham	\$80,000	
Westland		
8835 Cove Ct.	\$170,000	
8890 Twin Lakes Dr.	\$188,000	

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Canton		
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47801 Hastings Rd.	\$333,000	
1821 Lone Wolf Ln.	\$125,000	
45814 S. Stonewood Rd.	\$157,000	
Garden City		
28533 Block St.	\$35,000	
1757 Cardwell St.	\$25,000	
Livonia		
32033 Delaware St.	\$102,000	

Northville		
14300 Hillcrest St.	\$140,000	
19515 Merriman Ct.	\$34,000	
19628 Stamford Dr.	\$195,000	
Plymouth		
41804 Waterfall Rd.	\$350,000	
Redford		
736 Kellogg St.	\$54,000	
576 N. Harvey St.	\$203,000	
Westland		
18610 Glenmore	\$51,000	

Westland		
19584 Imperial Hwy.	\$85,000	
18302 Kinloch	\$50,000	
19726 Olympia	\$57,000	
25525 W. Seven Mile Rd.	\$95,000	
Westland		
719 A. Dunn Ridge Dr.	\$150,000	
34460 Marina Ct.	\$180,000	
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Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, training, company profit share, commission structures. Questions will be answered. Please call (734) 459-4700 to reserve your free seat 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at Keller Williams, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Boot Camp Sales Training on six Monday mornings, Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1, 8, and 15, from 9-11 a.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Dave Tear, Head Coach of Sales Coaches' Corner, will present suggestions on how to set expectations and stay in control of the sale; how to ask the tough questions and qualify your prospects; how to stop selling on price and start making money; how to stop relying on prospects to return on their own and how to get prospects off the fence.

Registration is \$750 per person for all six sessions. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents a Certified Graduate course on Building Codes, Standards and Guidelines on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Don Pratt, CGR, CGB, of Wake-Pratt Construction,

will present how to successfully navigate building codes, standards and guidelines. The course is based on the International Residential Code (IRC) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Residential Construction Performance Guidelines. This course counts toward CGA and GMB designations. Registration is \$155 for members of BIA's NAHB Professional Remodeler, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present its economic forecast luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Avenue in Sterling Heights.

Featured guest speaker is David Crowe, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. He will address the economic issues facing the home building industry during 2010.

In conjunction with this event, industry awards will be given to BIA's 2009 President Darshan S. Grewal of Singh Development LLC and the other award honorees. Registration fees are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members with advance reservations made by Jan. 22; \$60 for members after Jan. 22, and \$75 for guests. Registration fees include entry to BIA's Builders & Remodelers Trade Show at the same location from 10:00 a.m. to noon. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

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Consumers Energy, DTE outline winter assistance plans for their customers

With the official start of winter just around the corner, it's important that we begin preparing ourselves and our houses for the colder weather. DTE Energy and Consumers Energy offer a number of programs to help customers with their energy bills. Payment assistance programs offered to customers include: a medical emergencies program to postpone shutoffs in the event of a medical issue; and a shut-off protection plan to spread future bills out over the year, and to include equal monthly payments on an unpaid balance in order to avoid a shut-off.

Some consumers and all senior citizens, regardless of their income, also qualify for DTE Energy's Winter Protection Plan. This program protects these customers from shutoff between Nov. 1 and March 31. During this period, customers must pay a portion of their estimated annual bill plus regular payments on any past-due bills. After March 31, the required bill payments will increase to cover winter bills. For more information on any of these programs, call Consumers Energy at (800) 477-5050, and DTE Energy at (800) 477-4747.

Many assistance programs are available by calling 2-1-1 at United Way. Weatherization help is available for low-income residents. These programs help with caulking, weather stripping, and insulation. Another program that is available is THAW, the Heat and Warmth Fund, which helps people facing a shut-off who have exhausted all federal and state funding programs.



The state offers assistance with energy bills through the State Emergency Relief Program in the Department of Human Services. This program is available to DHS clients and non-DHS clients. For more information, call the Energy Assistance Hotline at (800) 292-5650, or visit your local DHS office. State Department of Social Services for Wayne County is located at 2929 Russell St. in Detroit. You can reach

that office by calling (313) 396-0200. Visit these Web sites to learn more about the help that is available:

DTE Energy: <http://www.dteenergy.com/residentialCustomers/billing-Payment/paymentPrograms/payAssistance.html>.

Consumers Energy: <http://www.consumersenergy.com/welcome.htm>.

United Way of Southeastern Michigan: www.uwsem.org/.
THAW, the Heat and Warmth Fund: http://www.thawfund.org/how_help/index.html.

State Emergency Relief Energy Assistance Programs: <http://www.michigan.gov/heatingassistance/0,1607,7-215-33211-105989--,00.html>.

Heed standards on board votes

Q: At a recently held condominium board election, the current board president had all ballots affixed with a label identifying the co-owner. I maintain this is a violation of privacy. How a member votes should not be known to anyone other than the voter. Am I not correct?

A: Although your voting should be kept confidential, condominium association voting procedures are uniquely different from other nonprofit corporations. Sometimes each unit vote is weighted by the "percentage of value" assigned to the unit as set forth in the



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master deed so the unit number must be identified to properly calculate the votes. Also, the bylaws often require that the ballot must be signed by the "designated

voting representative" for the unit and the signature on the ballot must match the association's records for the person authorized to cast the vote and to keep track of who submitted each ballot to ensure there is no duplicate voting for a single unit. Also, since delinquent units often are ineligible to vote, the identity of the unit is needed for that purpose. To maintain confidentiality, the association should appoint and swear in two inspectors of the ballots to tabulate the votes and report the tally. You should consult an experienced community association attorney to analyze your specific condominium document requirements to ensure that your rights are fully protected, however.

Q: I frequently review your column as it relates to property in southwest Florida with particular emphasis on Naples. Are things getting any better in residential sales?

A: Based upon a recent visit to Naples in September-October of 2009, it appears that the bottom has not been reached. Property along the coastlines has depreciated approximately 25 percent with property more inland having depreciated between 40 and 50 percent. A number of developers are experiencing extreme financial duress and are walking away from the properties much like the case in other areas of Florida and around the country. Foreclosures are increasing, and, while the rental market appears to be strong, the real estate market is weak. Many contractors who went to Florida to find work have been laid off and the economy, even in the Naples area, is suffering.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 14-18, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Ann Arbor Hills	615 Alberta St. \$131,000	3050 Catalpa Ct. \$19,000	66 Delevan St. \$100,000	3551 S. Shummons Cir. \$150,000
Beverly Hills	22140 W. Valley Woods Dr. \$240,000			
Birmingham	1695 Bowers St. \$90,000	2795 Buckingham Ave. \$150,000	1460 Cole St. \$159,000	1881 Hazel St. \$121,000
	809 Ruffner Ave. \$355,000	1935 Sheffield Rd. \$177,000		
Bloomfield Township	730 Wattles Rd. \$370,000			
Clarkston	7605 Batter Bush 4731 Cobden Ln. \$250,000	4731 Cobden Ln. \$73,000	4820 Eagle Springs Ct. \$400,000	8270 Foster Rd. \$650,000
	5851 Kingsher Ln. \$164,000	9108 Lakeshore Dr. \$395,000	6600 Triduum V. Hgts. Ln. \$61,000	
Commerce Township				
Farmington	4090 Forest Edge Dr. \$155,000	1896 Nacona 5421 Wentworth Dr. \$240,000		
Farmington Hills	33925 Wacomb Ave. \$243,000	22906 Power Rd. \$83,000		
	31053 Applewood Ln. \$242,000	28127 Belcrest St. \$190,000	25358 Castlereigh Dr. \$170,000	39252 Kennedy Dr. \$255,000
	21790 River Ridge Trl. \$164,000	36856 W. 12 Mile Rd. \$100,000	28001 W. 13 Mile Rd. \$250,000	
Lake Orion	2382 Brabant St. \$178,000	177 Four Seasons Dr. \$125,000	2009 Hillwood Dr. \$162,000	430 Waldon Rd. \$132,000
Lathrup Village	27124 Eldorado Pl. \$75,000	18500 Saratoga Blvd. \$95,000		
Milford	271 Bensfield 653 Sweetbriar. \$174,000			
Northville	21054 Boulder Cir. \$105,000	1710 Washington Cir. \$110,000		
Novi	45603 Addington Ln. \$301,000	51097 Alinari Ct. \$402,000	47369 Baker St. \$285,000	22555 Cranbrooke Dr. \$90,000
	40808 Kingsley Ln. \$300,000			
Orchard Lake	26363 Mandalay Cir. \$395,000	40525 Oakwood Dr. \$173,000	41615 Tamara St. \$100,000	24451 Venice Dr. \$285,000
Oxford	3761 Indian Trl. \$550,000			
Rochester	570 Lakes Edge Dr. \$249,000	620 Market St. \$190,000	3106 Paradise Trl. \$65,000	1047 S. Coats Rd. \$135,000
	943 Watersmeet Dr. \$251,000			
Rochester Hills	810 Plate St. \$29,000	903 W. Third St. \$290,000		
	3078 Avalon Rd. \$100,000	2426 Blackton Rd. \$172,000	3135 Brandon Ct. \$230,000	1302 Brook Ln. \$90,000
	1096 Canyon Creek Dr. \$630,000	1555 Charter Oak Dr. \$40,000	1843 Jenny Ln. \$122,000	1862 Marlowe Ave. \$175,000
	223 South St. \$100,000			
South Lyon	61060 Preakness Blvd. \$290,000	1131 Shetland Dr. \$230,000	23422 Spy Glass Hill N. \$297,000	417 Walnut Dr. \$170,000
Southfield	22105 Nanticoke Ln. \$140,000	18479 Kesh St. \$32,000	29630 Woodhaven Ln. \$151,000	
Troy	2232 Camelot Dr. \$187,000	3672 Carmel Dr. \$185,000	2586 Portobello Dr. \$20,000	2325 Tall Oaks Dr. \$430,000
	3174 York Dr. \$152,000			
Walled Lake	327 Shore Brook Ln. \$148,000			
Waterford	4725 Chares Ave. \$72,000	5031 Davers St. \$103,000	5797 Eldridge Dr. \$60,000	1376 Fieldcrest Dr. \$65,000
	2081 Lone Birch Dr. \$218,000	1275 Oregon Blvd. \$121,000	2994 Otsego Dr. \$55,000	4270 Stanley Ct. \$35,000
	6058 Waterfront Dr. \$175,000			
West Bloomfield	3091 Brewster Ct. \$175,000	5477 Centerbrook Dr. \$245,000	6785 Colony Dr. \$180,000	5860 Cromwell Rd. \$165,000
	3651 Elder Rd. S. \$270,000	6861 Essex Ct. \$400,000	4317 Walnut Woods Dr. \$210,000	4651 Welland Dr. \$113,000
	7855 Woodingham. \$80,000			
White Lake	8835 Cove Ct. \$170,000	8890 Twp. Lakes Dr. \$188,000		

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 7-11, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	951 Foot Hill Rd. \$145,000	47801 Hastings Rd. \$333,000	18211 Lone Wolf Ln. \$125,000	45874 S. Stonewood Rd. \$157,000
Garden City	28533 Block St. \$35,000	1757 Cardwell St. \$25,000		
Livonia	32033 Delaware St. \$102,000			
Northville	14300 Hillcrest St. \$140,000	19515 Werriman Ct. \$34,000	19628 Starford Dr. \$95,000	
Plymouth	4804 Waterfall Rd. \$350,000			
Redford	736 Kellogg St. \$54,000	576 N. Harvey St. \$203,000		
	18610 Glenmore. \$51,000			
Westland	19584 Imperial Hwy. \$85,000	18302 Kinloch. \$50,000	19776 Olympia. \$57,000	25525 W. Seven Mile Rd. \$95,000
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Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, training, company profit share, commission structures. Questions will be answered. Please call (734) 459-4700 to reserve your free seat 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at Keller Williams, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Boot Camp Sales Training on six Monday mornings, Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1, 8, and 15, from 9-11 a.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Dave Tear, Head Coach of Sales Coaches' Corner, will present suggestions on how to set expectations and stay in control of the sale; how to ask the tough questions and qualify your prospects; how to stop selling on price and start making money; how to stop relying on prospects to return on their own and how to get prospects off the fence.

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents a Certified Graduate course on Building Codes, Standards and Guidelines on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

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will present how to successfully navigate building codes, standards and guidelines. The course is based on the International Residential Code (IRC) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Residential Construction Performance Guidelines. This course counts toward CGA and GMB designations. Registration is \$155 for members of BIA's NAHB Professional Remodeler, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present its economic forecast luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Avenue in Sterling Heights.

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In conjunction with this event, industry awards will be given to BIA's 2009 President Darshan S. Grewal of Singh Development LLC and the other award honorees. Registration fees are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members with advance reservations made by Jan. 22; \$60 for members after Jan. 22, and \$75 for guests. Registration fees include entry to BIA's Builders & Remodelers Trade Show at the same location from 10:00 a.m. to noon. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

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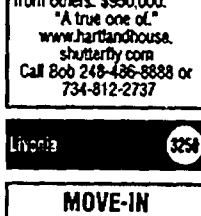
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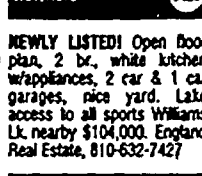
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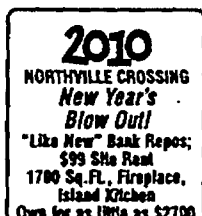
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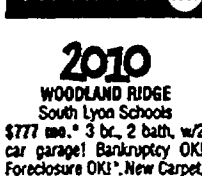
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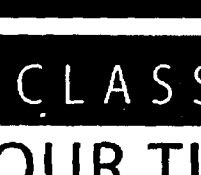
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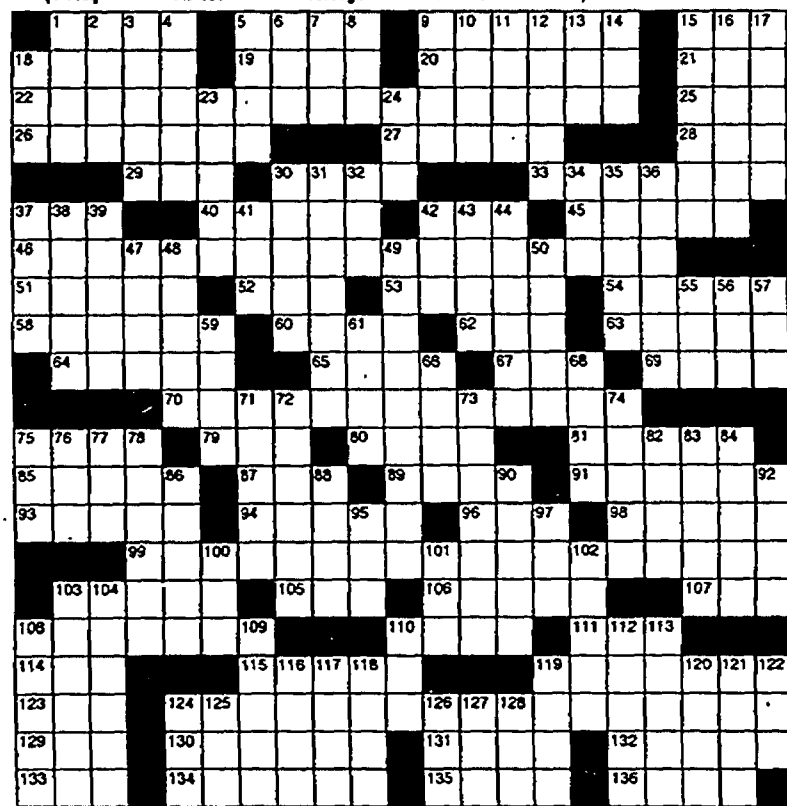
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18 Flynn of film
19 Tart
20 Texas city
21 Flat hat
22 If at first you don't succeed ...
25 Actress Gardner
26 Long-running Western
27 Ed of "Lou Grant"
28 Actor Young
29 Turner or Cole
30 "Yo!" at the library
33 Triangle type
37 — Na Na
40 Build
42 Cartoon cry
45 Nitrous —
46 Save the whales ...
51 Conductor
52 Maggie or Mineo
53 — the Sheriff (74 hit)
64 Spiked the punch
58 Keanu of "Speed"
60 Forsaken
62 Erwin or Gillingham
63 Night noise
64 No-nonsense Athenian
65 Musical
66 Inmate
67 Poem of praise
69 "My Favorite" — (82 film)
70 He who laughs last ...
75 Type of pear
79 Mine find
80 Act like a crabble
81 Sample the
82 Acetivis
83 Trivia or Quaid
87 Unwell
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93 Robert of "The Citadel"
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96 Trife of tennis
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103 See 15 Across
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107 It may be while
108 Gisham characters
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124 Honk if you ...
129 "Cheers" prop
130 Negative terminal
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132 Travis or Quaid
133 — blond
134 "The — Trap" (81 film)
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1 Singer
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71 Coming from Cork
72 Thomas —
73 Literary collection
74 Roberts or Tucker
75 You can retire on it
76 "Ab —" (from the start)
77 DC figure
78 Nook's companion
82 Strike
83 Innsbruck's locale
84 Boredom
86 Tend the fire
88 Expect back
89 Major artery
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By Dale Buss

To date, an estimated 40 new car unveilings, and counting, have been committed to the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) at Cobo Center in January. The 2010 NAIAS continues to attract major automakers along with emerging brands from around the world and the highest level of international journalists from major markets.

"You can feel the excitement building for the 2010 NAIAS as we hear from automakers and journalists alike," said Doug Fox, chairman, 2010 NAIAS. "This show will deliver an incredible lineup of world debuts, evidence that individual automakers are headed to Detroit to showcase their product and their direction in the industry."

Among the unveilings planned for the show are:

Chrysler "Lancia." In a long-awaited unveiling, Chrysler reportedly was planning to unveil the first Chrysler-badged vehicle planned for the U.S. market by Fiat SpA, the brand's new owners. It was expected to be a version of the Lancia small car.

Ford Focus for 2011. A new 2011 Focus is expected to go on sale by late 2010 around the world, and Ford's launch at NAIAS may speak to the unprecedented global nature of the new model, which reportedly will include a

unified, worldwide ad campaign.

Honda CR-Z Hybrid. This two-door, sporty hybrid vehicle previously has been seen only in concept form at the Paris and Tokyo auto shows.

Toyota hybrid concept. The company will unveil "a new dedicated hybrid concept vehicle" at NAIAS. Details weren't available.

Cadillac CTS-V Coupe. This shapely two-door with a V-8 engine will finally be unveiled at NAIAS.

GMC Acadia Denali. GMC is extending the Denali line for the first time to its Acadia crossover for the 2011 model.

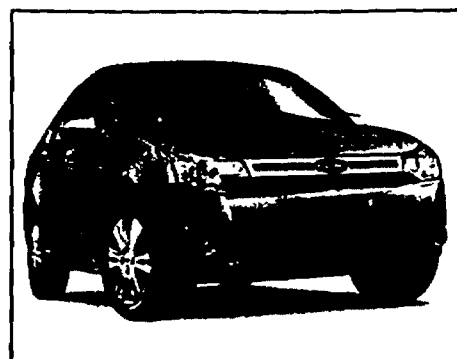
Volvo all-electric C30. The company plans to present "a complete battery electric" C30 with a range of 94 miles, the next step after its unveiling of a prototype last September and toward building a test fleet of 50 vehicles.

Of course, debuts of hybrid and all-electric production and concept models figure prominently in the plans. What's more, dozens of new electric and hybrid vehicles, concepts and components will be on display in OEMs' individual areas, in a new venue called Electric Avenue sponsored by Dow Chemical Co., and in the expanded EcoXperience test-drive track housed in Cobo's basement.

An electricity-powered "green" wave first washed through NAIAS a few years



Here's the 2011 Chevrolet Volt. At EcoXperience at NAIAS, show-goers will be able to ride in the plug-in hybrid.



This is the 2010 Ford Focus. To see the 2011 version for the first time, attend NAIAS.

ago and then intensified tremendously at last year's show, when hybrids and all-electric vehicles became thematic. This year, there's an even bigger focus on electric propulsion -- matching the greater stress now placed on green powertrains by the industry, policymakers and consumers.

A big part of getting the American public to buy into the idea of purchasing electric cars to park in their garages is to get them to test battery-powered vehicles so they can directly experience their appeal.

That's why the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and the Detroit Auto Dealers Association have expanded and enhanced their EcoXperience electric-vehicle test-drive track in the basement of Cobo Hall for NAIAS 2010. They expect to more than triple last year's 15,000 visitors at the inauguration of the display.

For MEDC, the state agency charged with accelerating Michigan's economic comeback, EcoXperience fulfills another purpose: exposing Michigan as a growing hub for manufacturing the batteries and associated systems that are going into these vehicles. So at this year's NAIAS, MEDC has added an Alternative Energy Showcase featuring some of these major component suppliers.

"Both of these things help us promote and articulate to all of the national and international media, and to the general population, that we as a state are investing heavily in the electrification of the vehicle," said Lisa Dancsok, senior vice president of marketing and communications for Lansing-based MEDC.

"It's really a unique way to showcase the auto show, electrification and the battery companies that are choosing Michigan."

Dancsok is counting on a few things to multiply interest in EcoXperience this year. For one thing, it'll be the first time that most international journalists and Detroit-area consumers will be able to ride in a Chevrolet Volt, the highly touted "plug-in" hybrid that General Motors soon will produce.

"That's huge," said Fox, "This car was the star of our show four years ago when it was unveiled in concept form, and now four years later it's driving around the track."

The rest of the EcoXperience fleet is a mix of existing, production hybrids and prototype or in-development "green" models such as Volt, the Ford Escape plug-in, the Chevrolet Equinox fuel-cell model, and the Mitsubishi iMiEV plug-in.

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