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ON THE RECORD

Relay for Life kickoff rally

On March 4, the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Northville will officially get underway as event volunteers and participants gather at the Northville Township Firehouse (45745 Six Mile Road) for a kickoff rally to launch their fund-raising efforts for the year.

Although the Relay For Life of Northville is more than two months away, now is the time to get involved. Residents are invited to attend the kick-off celebration to learn more about the upcoming Relay For Life and how they can become part of an exciting overnight event that can lead to world with less cancer and more birthdays. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the event runs from 6:30-7:30. Light refreshments will be provided.

Relay For Life is the Society's signature event, dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds to fight cancer. Teams of family, friends, and co-workers camp out overnight, taking turns walking the track.

Donations can be made to this local Relay For Life event by visiting www.relayforlife.org/northville. Community members can also start or join a team by following the links to this local Relay event on www.relayforlife.org.

For more information on how you can get involved or about the kick-off event, contact Nicole Abdilla at (248) 663-3410 or nicole.abdilla@cancer.org.

"Annie" to aid Zambians

The musical "Annie" will be performed March 5-6 by the Oak Pointe Players of Oak Pointe Church, including Chuck Gaidica of WDIV whose daughter Riley plays Annie. The net proceeds will go to Living Hope International, a non-profit organization that runs an orphanage in Zambia, Africa.

Show times are Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 per child; \$10 per adult and a limit of \$30 per family. Call Oak Pointe Church at (248) 912-0043 or visit www.Oakpointe.org for more information.

Oak Pointe Church is a non-denominational community located at 50200 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi.

Teach your dog how to help you perform chores



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bernese mountain dog owners Carla Cook, left, with Charlie, and Adriana Chefan with Guinness will be showing their pets at the dog show at Cobo this weekend and utilizing them to demonstrate their "drafting" or cart carrying abilities. Cook is from Northville and Chefan is a Novi resident.

Local dog owners, breeders head for DKC Dog Show this weekend

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Adriana Chefan doesn't have to worry about buying more than she can carry at Northville's Farmers' Market.

That's because she has Guinness, a Bernese Mountain Dog who can pull a cart loaded with her purchases at the May-November outdoor market.

Chefan, of Novi, will take Guinness to Cobo Hall for the annual Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show this weekend.

He will be displaying his carting talent, known as drafting, in several presentations called "GO Drafting!" with other dogs. The presentation was developed by Carla Cook of Northville Township, dog breeder and co-owner of Guinness along with Chefan.

Cook will also have her 2-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog Charlie in this weekend's presentations.

The presentations will be at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 and 3

p.m. both Saturday and Sunday at the DKC Show.

Chefan and Guinness were featured on an episode on drafting on the cable TV show Animal Planet and on WXYZ-TV Channel 7 on Tuesday.

Guinness is 7 years old. "He's considered a veteran now," Chefan said.

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC

Chefan, who works as a receptionist at DePore Veterinary Hospital in Bloomfield Hills, is a passionate educator when it comes to her favorite breed, and is excited to help Cook present "GO Drafting!" demonstrations as a new element to the DKC Dog Show.

"This is a group of people with different breeds who have gotten together to teach the public about drafting," Chefan said.

"We want to get everybody excited," she said. "It's something new at Cobo. This is the first time they've ever had any-

DOG SHOW

TICKET INFORMATION

The Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show Saturday and Sunday at Cobo Center, presented by Purina, allows visitors up-close and personal time with breeders, owners, handlers and more than 3,000 dogs from the 161 breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Children under 2 are admitted free. Family packs (two adults, three children) are \$35. Group rates are available. Dogs will be on display from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with special events run throughout the day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, go to www.detroitkennelclub.com.

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Northville schools, employees feel pain

BY NATHAN MEMOLAN
CORRESPONDENT

The long drawn-out talks and political bickering about state aid cuts to schools is over, but just for now, as the harsh realities of the state's economic woes have come to roost in Northville schools.

Personnel cuts affecting several Northville schools were approved at the February 9th school board meeting. On Monday, the cutbacks began.

Marilyn Price, board president, said it was very painful to have to make cuts impacting Northville school employees and their jobs.

"We made approximately \$750,000 in cuts to the budget for this year out of a \$2 million shortfall,"

MARILYN PRICE,
school board president

"We made approximately \$750,000 in cuts to the budget for this year out of a \$2 million shortfall," Price said.

Specific to Hillside, a half-time office clerical/aide was cut and a categorical classroom aide was transferred to an open position at the high school.

She said the opening at the high school was created when 1.5 FTE (full-time

equivalency) paraprofessionals were laid off, and current employees were transferred to fill positions funded through Title I, and other available federal funding.

There will be a reduction of services at the schools, but the district was able to help preserve jobs by using available alternate funding, according to Price. One custodial position was also reduced.

Elementary school media teachers were cut by 1.3 FTE. Those cuts impact the planning time of the elementary media teachers resulting in responsibilities being shared between schools and the loss of one full-time position and part of another.

"Each elementary school also lost a .5 custodial position and each middle school and the high school lost 1.0 custodial positions for a total of six custodial FTEs," Price said.

"Morale was impacted by both the custodial cuts and the media teacher reductions. District funding for the high school music accompanist was also cut."

At Tuesday evening's Finance Subcommittee meeting, discussions focused on district funding support for athletics and co-curricular activities.

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School district pulls Wadsworth release

Mackinac Center claims it violates campaign law

BY CAL STONE
EDITOR

The Northville Public Schools district pulled from its Web site a press release regarding the candidacy of Joan Wadsworth, school board vice president, for the State Representative 20th District seat after being notified by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy that the posting may be a violation of the state



Wadsworth

campaign finance law.

Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski, who initially gave the directive to have the release put on the Web site, said it was not done to champion

Wadsworth but rather to inform the public about her position on the board.

"When she decided to run, we wanted to clarify what her role was on the board," said Rezmierski. "There was no malice. We always provide informa-

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CLARIFICATION

Following Bob Langan's column on taxable value and SEV in the Feb. 18 edition, a reader replied:

• In Paragraph 7 he says that the hypothetical property was purchased for \$20,000 and held 10 years to reach a capped tax value of \$12,900.

• Following in Paragraph 8, he states that the increased "... taxable value (\$12,900) is not only less than the SEV (\$20,000) but also less than the 'hypothetical' SEV (\$15,000)."

• Using the Paragraph 3 definition of SEV "...as 50 percent of a property's true cash value (or fair market value)", the math would indicate that the property's current fair market value is \$40,000. But his next words are confusing where he says the hypothetical SEV is \$15K (that is, fair market value is \$30,000). He does not define "hypothetical SEV" or explain.

Mr. Langan responded with this clarification:

The answer to the question is that 'hypothetical' SEV is the SEV that would result if an appeal lowered the SEV from the assessed SEV to reflect the true cash value of the property. I chose to call it 'hypothetical' because in this example the SEV is set much higher and so 'hypothetical SEV' represents the resultant SEV if this property owner were to appeal the assessment, and win.

I compiled the information for this column from several sources: "2010 Michigan Taxpayer's Guide" published by the Michigan Legislature; Michigan Department of Treasury State Tax Commission Bulletins; "A Guide to Your Property Taxes, Proposal A" published by Oakland County Equalization, and many, many other articles written by other practitioners.

March First Friday event to feature artists-teachers show

'Art Under the Influence' slated through March 27

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

For the March First Friday Art & Fashion Walk, members of the Northville Art House staff will present "Art Under the Influence: The Relationship between Teacher and Student and Art." A reception will take place from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow at the Art House at 215 W. Cady Street. The exhibit will run through March 27.

ARTISTS' TALK SLATED AT 8 P.M.

Artist-teachers affect future artists. For Leonardo, it was Verrocchio. For Henri Matisse, it was Gustave Moreau. Relationships create dialogue, and that dialogue translates into each individual artist's creative output.

Illuminating the importance of artists' influences on each other, "Art Under the Influence" will showcase work of teachers, current students and alumni from the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. The work presented in the show reflects the influence of countless intimate conversations that take place between mentor and mentee over the years of formal training and searching.



Canton artist Theresa Latour will display her mandalas, such as this one titled "Akron," in an exhibit at Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main Street, opening tomorrow.



COURTESY NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Don Kilpatrick's "Punching Bears" will be featured in the "Art Under the Influence" exhibit opening tomorrow at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street.

Artists in the show will talk about their work at a special presentation at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

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

STARRING "THE GALLERY"

At Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main Street, the First Friday event will feature an exhibit titled "The Mandala." Theresa "Resa" Latour of Canton will return to the

gallery with her display of mandalas. Derived from the Sanskrit word for circle, or the concept of completion, mandalas are symbols of the sacred in many faiths. Latour has found that for her creating circular designs is a personal and spiritual process. Some of her mandalas are inspired by 16th and 17th century decorative fonts and typefaces. Many represent people, places or events in her life.

Her exhibit opens tomorrow, with the artist being on hand at a reception from 6-9 p.m. Come meet Latour and see her fascinating work.

VAN DAM'S BOUTIQUE

At Van Dam's Boutique, 111 E. Main Street, an upscale women's clothing shop, will have a Willow Trunk Show from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow during the First Friday event. Women can view the entire Willow spring line and pick their favorite pieces in all their favorite colors. For those unfamiliar with Willow, it is a line of cotton sweaters and separates all made in the U.S. Refreshments will be served. For information about additional businesses that will be involved in or support the First Friday Walk, go to www.downtownnorthville.com.

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Downtown Northville to have electric-car charging stations

Department of Energy grant will fund pilot project in city



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Electric cars like General Motors' 2011 Chevrolet Volt will soon be seen at charging stations in downtown Northville thanks to DTE Energy and a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

The city of Northville has been selected by DTE Energy for a pilot project to construct some charging stations for electric vehicles.

The Northville Downtown Development Authority board's Parking Committee was informed of the project several weeks ago, and funding for the installation of the stations will come from a Department of Energy grant. The stations will be a few feet high and be positioned at street light locations on Main Street. The exact locations of the two charging stations have not yet been determined.

Designed for a quick charge for electrical-vehicle users who are shopping, dining in downtown Northville, the stations will have 240-volt chargers that can re-charge a car in about two hours, according to Lori Ward, DDA executive director.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCITED

DDA Parking Committee members, as well as the rest of the board members and city staff, are excited that Northville has been selected to receive the charging stations in this pilot project.

Ward said that in the future, electric cars will drive over a charging pad in a parking space to re-charge their batteries.

The city is also considering installing some 110-volt charging stations in parking lots in the future, such as the one on the southwest corner of Center and Cady streets, for longer-term charging. The 110-volt chargers take about six hours to charge an electric-car battery.

The city will pay for the electricity required for the charging stations initially, which is only about 10-11 cents per kilowatt hour, according to Ward, who said four plug-ins will be installed in the project.

CHEVY VOLT COMING

Ward said General Motors plans

to manufacture about 60,000 of the Chevrolet Volt electric car next year, and city of Northville staff members are hoping that perhaps the automaker will lease a demo car to the city as part of the pilot project.

"The police station is possibly interested in using one," Ward said. Kristin Zimmerman of General Motors came to the DDA Parking Committee meeting in January to talk about the plug-in project.

"This is exciting," said Carolann Ayers, DDA board member. Ward said GM chose three test markets for the charging stations for the Chevy Volt — California; Washington, D.C.; and Michigan.

John Casey, a member of the DDA Parking Committee, said representatives from Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler may get involved in Northville's plans for electric-car battery plug-in stations in the future as well.

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Hillside Middle School teacher receives science award

Dwight Sieggreen honored with Service to Science

After 41 years devoted to creating a love of science and learning among his students, Hillside Middle School seventh grade teacher Dwight Sieggreen has been named a 2010 National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Distinguished Service to Science Award recipient.

The award is presented each year to honor NSTA members who, through active leadership and scholarly endeavor over a significant period of time, have made extraordinary contributions to the advancement of science education and teaching. Sieggreen will be presented with the award during the NSTA National Conference Teacher Awards Gala on March 19 in Philadelphia.

"Mr. Sieggreen's hands-on, minds-on approach to middle school science is well known and respected throughout the nation," said Hillside Principal Jim Cracraft. "His classroom is always filled with laughter, ques-

tions and abounding with curiosity from his enthusiastic seventh graders. His many stories of adventures in the Amazon, Tanzania, Fiji, and Arctic Alaska keep students enthralled with the possibilities of careers in the life sciences.

"Mr. Sieggreen asks many questions of his students and promotes inquiry, creativity and research. Along with his colleagues, he has been key in creating hands on learning opportunities at Hillside, such as the Animal Room, Frog Nursery, Animal Docent Program, Bird Sanctuary and the Hillside Woodlands, to further augment the science experience for students."

Sieggreen joined Northville Public Schools 38 years ago as a teacher at Moraine Elementary School. He also taught at Northville's Silver Springs Elementary School, Meads Mill Middle School, and Cooke Middle School before joining Hillside when it opened in 2000. He is a member of the National Academies Teacher Advisory Council; the Sally Ride Science National

Advisory Board; and the Fulbright Memorial Fund Master Teacher Program International Advisory Board, as well as a NOAA Teacher at Sea Alumni. Sieggreen is the 2008 Walter Chrysler Crystal Award recipient; the 2007 DCAT (Drug, Chemical & Associated Technologies) Association NSTA "Making a Difference" Award recipient; and the 2006 ING Unsung Hero Award and Daimler Chrysler Gold Award recipient. He also is a Michigan Mentor for the Presidential Awards Program; the Toyota Tapestry Ambassador and Toyota Advisor to Michigan; a member of the Detroit Zoological Society Education Task Force; past president of the Michigan Science Teachers Association; past president of the National Association of Presidential Awardees for Excellence in Science Teaching; past president of the National Middle Level Science Teachers Association; and a past board member for the NSTA.

"This much deserved recognition by the NSTA is reflective of a life-time of dedication by Dwight Sieggreen to the school children of Northville and science education," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "His authentic and relevant les-

sons and the passion with which he shares this knowledge is an inspiration for his students and his colleagues. We are truly fortunate to have Dwight Sieggreen as part of the Hillside teaching team."

Sieggreen said he is honored by this recognition from his peers at the NSTA and appreciative of the support he has received over the years from his colleagues at Hillside and across the school district, in particular Principal Jim Cracraft.

"Science is a part of all our everyday lives and I try to bring that thought to the students I teach," Sieggreen said. "I love teaching science because it is an active endeavor. It is a high interest area for students and there are always new things to discover. Kids have questions about the natural world and want to understand how their world works. I have had so many wonderful students over the years who have gone on to do great things in life. It has been a most rewarding career for me."

He added, "The most important thing I want kids to take away from my classroom...I want them to like school, like learning, like their teachers and learn how to be successful."



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ON CAMPUS

Lawrence Technological University

Four Northville students -- Jamie MacLennan, Tyler McCarthy, Scott Parsons and Ryan Sailer -- were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 2009 semester. To be named, a student must maintain at least 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Western Michigan University

The following Northville students graduated December 2009:

Kerry Czarniecki, bachelor of science, early childhood professional education; Caitlin Donovan, bachelor of science, early childhood professional education; Randi Easley, bachelor of arts, English; secondary education; Jordan Fylenenko, bachelor of arts, public relations; Ilyssa Golani bachelor of business administration, Spanish and sales and business marketing; Kelly Long, bachelor of science, elementary professional education; Megan Maclean, bachelor of science, family and consumer science teacher education; Lauren Martinez, bachelor of arts, film, video and media studies; Brian Patrick, bachelor of business administration, electronic business design; Eric Smith, bachelor of business administration, marketing; Robert Terrell, bachelor of arts, social studies; secondary education; and Vicente Vasquez, bachelor of science, geology.

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NEF Board of Directors: (l to r, back) Art Fischer, Chris Johnson, Mark Knoth, Kyle Johnson, Todd Knickerbocker, Mark Cousino; (front) Dr. Karen Paciorek, Kim Cooke, Eric Barritt, Amy Storm, Judy Wollack, Jim Sourges and Dr. Leonard Rezmierski. Not pictured are Jay Dunkerley and Mike Poterala.

Northville Education Foundation elects three new board members

The Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) recently welcomed three newly elected members to the NEF Board of Directors at their meeting on Jan. 25. The newly-elected directors serving three-year terms are Chris Johnson and Kim Cooke. Kyle Johnson will serve a one-year term filling a recently vacated position on the Board. Each member brings a wealth of community involvement and commitment to the mission of the Northville Educational Foundation (NEF). The NEF is recognized as a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.

The mission of the NEF is to "attract, manage and distribute charitable gifts to provide educational opportunities that enhance Northville Public Schools' commitment to excellence."

The NEF Board of Directors manages the business and oversees the finances of the Foundation. The Board of Directors are Northville Public School district residents and have volunteered to serve without compensation.

DONATE

Donations to the NEF from families, businesses and community members may be sent to: Northville Educational Foundation c/o Northville Public Schools - Jan Purtell, Educational Foundation Facilitator 501 W. Main Street, Room 310, Northville, MI 48167

Contributions to the Northville Educational Foundation are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law and acknowledgements for all contributions are sent for tax purposes.

Questions or requests for more information also may be directed to Jan Purtell at: Phone: (248) 344-8458

E-mail: NEF@northvilleschools.org

Web: www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/educational-foundation.asp

Northville Public School employees, families and community members contribute to the Northville Education

Foundation (NEF)'s funds to help support a variety of academic and enrichment programs offered by Northville Public Schools that cannot be supported by the district's operating funds such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Writing and Poster Contest.

The fundraising programs of the NEF include the Corral Club and Tribute/Memorial gifts to honor individuals who have contributed to the educational excellence of Northville Public Schools.

The newly-elected Board members will serve with the current NEF Board: Eric Barritt, president; Todd Knickerbocker, vice-president; Mark Cousino, secretary; Amy Storm, treasurer, and directors Mark Knoth, Jay Dunkerley and Michael Poterala. Ex-officio members also serving on the Board are Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent; John Street, director of Finance; and Dr. Karen Paciorek, appointed as the liaison between the Northville Educational Foundation and the Northville Public Schools Board of Education.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Summer Connections

Information regarding Summer Connections 2010 is now available on the Northville School District website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/instruction/summerconnections.asp.

Look for information available at spring parent/teacher conferences this week at the middle and high school levels, as well as at elementary conferences in April.

The expanded Summer Connections (Summer School) program is offered for K-12 students through Elementary Summer Connections, Middle School Summer Connections and High School Summer Connections (including online courses).

Registration for all programs begins May 3.

New this year: Come join Summer Connections for additional Enrichment Program classes, which are offered in two-week blocks. Students can sharpen skills in their favorite subject, explore one of their interests or just have some fun. Registration for Enrichment Classes begins on May 3, 2010 and ends on May 28. As with all Summer Connections programs, classes offered are contingent upon sufficient enrollment, so families are encouraged to register early. Registration forms will be available on the website as well, prior to the registration period.

Questions may be directed to the Northville Public Schools Summer Connections Office at (248) 344-8447.

Kindergarten notice

Northville Public Schools is now accepting Kindergarten enrollment for fall, 2010. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 1, 2010, please contact your local elementary school for kindergarten enrollment information. The Northville Public Schools kindergarten sessions

are half-day programs, offered in the morning or afternoon. School phone numbers are as follows:

Amerman (248) 344-8405
Moraine (248) 344-8473
Ridge Wood (248) 349-7602
Silver Springs (248) 344-8410
Thornton Creek (248) 344-8475
Winchester (248) 344-8415

Please note that attendance boundary information is located on the school district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/boundary-maps.asp. If you have further questions, please contact the Northville Public Schools Office of Instruction at (248) 344-8447 or visit www.northville.k12.mi.us. A parent meeting for incoming 2010-11 Kindergartners will take place at each school during April and May 2010.

Wondergarten

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs offers a program called Wondergarten for the remaining half of the Kindergarten day. This half-day program, specifically designed for Kindergarten children, is offered at each elementary school, space permitting. It is scheduled either in the morning, from the start of the school day until afternoon Kindergarten begins, or from morning Kindergarten dismissal until the end of the school day.

To further extend the school day, Kids' Club is offered from 7 a.m. to the start of school and from school dismissal until 6 p.m.

Program Request Forms are available on the district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood beginning March 13. The enrollment period is March 15-31. Please contact the Early Childhood office at (248) 344-8465 if you have any questions or concerns. Specific offerings are dependent on enrollment; space is limited.

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Northville senior Anthony Adamowicz has his head shaved by Jon at Jack's Barber Shop as his teammates watch. The Mustangs' swim and dive team stopped by the barber shop's new location to have their heads shaved Feb. 19 in preparation for KLAAs post-season action.

Jack's Barber Shop, a downtown Northville tradition, relocates

A downtown institution has moved.

Jack's Barber Shop has a new location but the same downtown Northville feel in the Old Church Square property at the corner of Center Street and Dunlap, directly across the street from Casterline Funeral Home.

I made a stop in their new, airy, light and open shop recently. It was reassuring to see Father David Brock from Our Lady of Victory in Dave's chair, one of the partners of the traditional barbershop, along with Jon. Father Dave said Jack's Barber Shop is like the town of Northville, "charming, fun and like an old pair of loafers, just extremely comfortable."

To celebrate the move and out of loyalty and support to current and new customers, Dave and Jon reduced the price for a haircut from \$15 to \$10 for the month of February. Jon said with a grin, "Tom, if you write an article about the shop for the Novi News and Northville Record, tell the readers if they bring in your column, the price will be \$10 bucks through March." Dave chimed in his good natured way, "we will find out just how many people actually read what you write!" The entire barber shop broke into hardy laughter as Dave continued to clip away.

As I waited for Jon, my regular barber, there was a steady stream of customers as the four barber chairs turned over between Dave, Jon, Sarie and Sally. Jon told me the first cut for young tykes is their specialty and that they gladly honor and accept all competi-

tors coupons.

David Crittenden, "a seven year and one day" regular at Jack's, along with his 13-year-old son, Adam, appreciates the "good fun and the traditional feel at Jack's Barber Shop. David went on to say he valued the "commitment to the community from this shop." He continued, with his hand sweeping to include all the barbers, "good citizens and good people all."

Bob Buckhave, the landlord of Jack's new digs, was glad to have the new tenants and to help keep a Northville landmark service in our downtown. "Jon and Dave could have pulled up roots and left Northville after their previous landlord sold their shop to new owners. It speaks volumes about their character that they wanted to remain serving the good people of Northville and Novi" Buckhave concluded.

Jack's is a place to relax, hear a good story or to share in the town gossip. One customer joked, "It is like a slice of Mayberry RFD, you almost expect to see Don Knotts and Ron Howard as Barney Fife and Opie Taylor to bounce through the shop's door any second -- it has that sense of wholesome goodness about it."

Tom Bancroft, an engineer, comes all the way from England to get his locks trimmed at Jack's. "Not really, mate, but this England native has made Jack's his regular stop since moving to Northville four and half years ago," he said. "The shop has a small town, back home village feel to it. And at \$15 U.S., it is a bargain to boot."

To show Jack's is willing to

change with the times, a huge flat screen TV is on order and will be installed soon.

Dave, one of the partners, is also the Commander of Northville's VFW Post and, along with Jon, is always willing to give back to the community.

So, if you are a Jack's regular, their new location is only a few hundred feet west of their old location. Make it a point to stop by. It is a new place but the jokes are just as corny and bad as before. If you are new to town and looking for a good cut and a place to relax -- stop on by, tell the crew a bad joke for me.

And before or after your haircut at Jack's, stop by the other Courtyard Shops, KB Jewelers, Hunter's Orthodontics, Broughton Music and True North. To complete the day, a hamburger at the Starting Gate Salon next door or a great cup of coffee at Tuscan's Cafe across the street will remind you why you love downtown Northville.

Remember, hair cuts are discounted to \$10 -- if you bring this article -- through the end of March. Come on and show Dave and Jon just how many of you read The Northville Record, The Novi News and this column. Just think, if you get a haircut and save \$5 bucks a head, when you are done reading the paper, it has greater value than lining your bird cage. Hey, in these tough times, \$5 bucks saving is worth listening to the bad jokes at Jack's!

Tom Watkins is a Northville resident who enjoys much of what our town offers. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

DOG SHOW

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thing like this. We want to get the concept of drafting out into the public." Cook said all handlers will be from Michigan in the demonstrations.

WHAT IS DRAFTING?

Drafting is an activity where dogs can either work individually or in teams of two or four where they pull carts.

In competition, sometimes there's nothing in the carts.

But, at home, drafting dogs can help their owners with chores, such as carting soil or wood chips around the yard.

"I have friends who own a horse farm, and their dogs help them pull carts of hay or chopped wood," Chefan said.

"It's very cool. It's so handy."

The annual Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show draws 60,000-65,000 people from Metro Detroit and surrounding areas to Detroit's Cobo Center. This year marks the show's 60th anniversary.

ANIMALS LIKE IT

Do dogs enjoy pulling things?

"He does," Chefan said about Guinness. "I wasn't sure how he was going to take to it at first. We started training him when he was about 1 and a half years old. Different clubs put on drafting clinics."

The Heart of Michigan Bernese Mountain Dog Club has two clinics, one in South Lyon and another near Grand Rapids.

Cook said all types of breeds can learn drafting -- from small dogs to big dogs.

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SCHOOLS

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"With a \$7 million projected shortfall for next year, we'll continue looking at many other areas too," Price said.

Community feedback from the 'Managing Our Future' Forums held last December provided district administrators plenty of input on what programs and services to keep, and what to scale back or cut.

John Street, business and finance director for Northville schools, broached the topic of the financial implications of school transportation at Tuesday's Finance Subcommittee meeting. Another topic, just as challenging, was covered as well.

"My agenda is to start board

members thinking about the athletic programs and extra curricular programming for the various clubs and activities," he said.

Some of the options suggested by parents range from increasing pay-to-participate, or cutting back on sports already offered, or wondering if each athlete should pay the full and actual cost of playing in a specific sport.

"Additionally, many students and parents have asked why those participating in athletics should be the only ones paying extra. So we discussed whether students in after-school clubs and activities should be paying for their individual involvement," Street said.

The Finance Subcommittee discussions, as well as those from the Administrative Services, and Instructional

Services meetings were aimed at the district's budget options for 2010/11 covering athletics, co-curricular clubs and activities.

The three subcommittees met Tuesday evening, each being comprised of board members and district administrators.

Street said the Administrative Services Subcommittee, which met first on Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., received and discussed additional information on the financial implications of the school transportation program.

No final decisions were made at any of Tuesday's subcommittee meetings. All decisions need full board approval. The next school board meeting is set for March 9.

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

PATRICIA (MAYNES) KERNS

Pat passed away at the age of 83 at Brighton Gardens Assisted Living in Northville. She is preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Robert Kerns. Pat was a graduate of Gwinn Michigan High School. She moved to Detroit to attend the Henry Ford Hospital Nursing School and Wayne State University. She became an RN and worked at Henry Ford Hospital and later as a public health nurse in Detroit. Later, she obtained Master Degrees in Math and Education from U of M. She taught high school math in Allen Park and later in Bloomfield Hills. Pat changed careers again in her forties and became a nursing instructor at Henry Ford Community College where she worked until retirement. Pat and Bob spent their retirement years mainly in Northville MI but also enjoyed Camp (their cottage on Big Shag Lake near Gwinn), and later a summer house they built in Sugar Springs near Gladwin MI. Pat was an avid reader, a seamstress, and enjoyed traveling. She was very active even as she aged and would walk the halls of Brighton Gardens after she became too frail to take daily outdoor walks. Pat was an amazing, loving woman who had many good friends and was loved and endeared by many people over the years. Relatives and friends knew that they could count on her for love and support. She will be missed by her children, Jim (Becky) Kerns, Tom (Mary) Kerns, and Jennifer (Tom) Prescott. Pat has 7 grandchildren; Betsy (Jack) McCann, Rachel Kerns, Bill Kerns, Tricia Kerns, Robert Prescott, Andrew Prescott, and Edward Prescott. We will all miss her. Visitation will be Thursday March 4 from 5:00 to 8:00pm and from 10:00 to noon Friday followed by the funeral at Casterline in Northville. She will be interred at Glen Eden Cemetery in a double crypt with her husband Bob. They will be placed head to head

THERESA ANTIONETTE KOSLAKIEWICZ (NEE FLAGA)

Age 82, died Feb. 23, 2010. A Funeral Mass was held Feb. 27 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

LAVERNE L. KULLING

Age 67, of Wixom, passed away suddenly Feb. 24, 2010. Funeral service held Feb. 27 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions would be appreciated to the Arthritis Foundation or Meals on Wheels.

GLENDAVID LOUIS PERRY

Age 90, died Feb. 25, 2010. Survived by wife Mabel; children: Jack (Carol), Ron, Tim (Kelly); 2 grandchildren & 3 great-grandchildren. Private family services were held. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.

IVAN PETER SHADKO

Age 95, of Novi, passed away Feb. 23, 2010. Beloved husband of Lena. Loving father of Frederick and Jacqueline. Private services held. Contributions to WSU Student Scholarship Fund. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home.

SYLVIA DORTHEA SROKA, NEE STRZESZEWSKI

Age 83, longtime resident of South Lyon, passed away February 25, 2010. Sylvia was born on May 29, 1926, in Detroit, to the late Thaddeus and Sophia Strzeszewski. Brave wife, mother, grandmother and friend; Sylvia is survived by her loving husband of 63 years James; sons: Jimmy (Judy Vroman), Corey (Jolayne); daughter: Kerry (Frank) Jarvis; grandsons: Joshua Jarvis and Adam Sroka; and grandpup Zamboni Sroka. A memorial gathering was held on March 2, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Funeral Mass was held March 3 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made St. John Health Foundation - Hospice. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



MR. GERARD "JERRY" JOSEPH SWEENEY

Augusta, GA - Mr. Gerard "Jerry" Joseph Sweeney entered into rest on Monday, January 11, 2010. Jerry was a former parishioner of St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church in Milford, Michigan. Jerry is survived by his loving wife Marie; his sister Mary Catherine; his five children: Dianne, David, Patrick, Mark and Greg; his son in law Michael; his three daughters in law: Kirstin, Shelli and Ellen; and his five grandchildren: Allison, Emily, Connor, Kaitlyn and Maureen. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church with Father Ron Anderson celebrant. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to Knights of Columbus Council # 8495 Building Fund, 315 Gardenia Dr., Evans, GA 30809. Thomas Potteet & Son Funeral Directors, 214 Davis Rd., Augusta, GA 30907 (706) 364-8484 Please sign the guestbook at www.thomaspotteet.com



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be with
you in this
time of
grief.

DR. THOMAS H. HESLIP

Age 76, of Northville, passed away February 23, 2010. He was born September 19, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan to Arthur and Rosemary (Higgins) Heslip Thomas a resident of Northville for most of his life, was united in marriage to Mildred E. Jones on April 21, 1956. He received a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University; and most will remember him as the owner of Northville Veterinary Clinic, located at 7 Mile and Napier, for 42 years. An active member of OLV, he was also a member of American Veterinary Medical Association and Michigan State University Alumni Association. Dr. Heslip loved his family, and especially adored his grandchildren. He enjoyed traveling; and whether it was cross country in his motor home or a trip to his cabin at Stuart Lake in the U.P., the time was always shared with his family. Another of his favorite pastimes was tailgating at MSU football games. He also enjoyed gardening and baking. He is survived by his beloved wife Mildred E. Heslip; his children Kathleen (George) Buckham, Maureen Karmolinski, Michael Heslip, Brian (Elizabeth) Heslip, Kevin (Deb) Heslip, Mary (R. Michael) Stuart, Timothy (Amy) Heslip, and Margaret (Paul) Perry; his siblings John (Marlene) Heslip, Patrick (Diane) Heslip, Richard (Patricia) Heslip, Michael Heslip, and Mary (Donald) Koscielnick; his sister-in-laws Etva Heslip and Judy Heslip; 22 grandchildren; and 1 great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers James, Robert, and William, and his sister-in-law Colleen. A Funeral Mass was held Friday, February 26, 2010 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church of Northville. Father Denis Theroux officiated the service. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit, MI 48223 Arrangements were entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

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NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday Friday, 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

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service

with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of

Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

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

Faith Community Presbyterian

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

First Baptist Church of Northville

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

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchof-novi.org
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E. NICKOLAS "NICK" BRIDGES

Age 77 of Milford and Champion, Michigan, and a former resident of Negaunee, Michigan and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, died on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Mr. Bridges practiced Law in Negaunee, Michigan for many years. He began DeFant & Bridges law firm with Michael DeFant--the practice later became Bridges & Collins, and today Bridges & Bridges. He served as the Negaunee City Attorney for nearly thirty years and was a charter member of the Michigan Commission For The Blind. He is survived by Marilyn, his beloved wife of fifty-four years; daughters, Marilyn (Jeff) Keating of TX and Caroline Bridges of Negaunee; sons, Nickolas E. Bridges of Milford Twp. and Lloyd Bridges of Negaunee; and grandchildren, Matthew, Melanie, and Heather Keating. Brother of the late Charles (Violet), Richard (the late Rose), the late Lloyd (the late Barbara), Don (the late Shirley) Bridges; brother-in-law of William (the late Carol) Brink, the late Donald Robert Brink, and Sally Mellon; many nieces and nephews and dear friends Memorial Service was held February 27, 2010 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford. Chaplain Bob Finkbeiner of Arbor Hospice officiated. Memorial contributions encouraged to: Foundation Fighting Blindness and the National Parkinson Foundation. For further information, please phone: 248.684.6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

DR. THOMAS N. HESLIP

Age 76, of Northville, passed away February 23, 2010. He was born September 19, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan to Arthur and Rosemary (Higgins) Heslip. Thomas a resident of Northville for most of his life, was united in marriage to Mildred E. Jones on April 21, 1956. He received a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University; and most will remember him as the owner of Northville Veterinary Clinic, located at 7 Mile and Napier, for 42 years. An active member of OLV, he was also a member of American Veterinary Medical Association and Michigan State University Alumni Association. Dr. Heslip loved his family, and especially adored his grandchildren. He enjoyed traveling; and whether it was cross country in his motor home or a trip to his cabin at Stuart Lake in the U.P., the time was always shared with his family. Another of his favorite pastimes was tailgating at MSU football games. He also enjoyed gardening and baking. He is survived by his beloved wife Mildred E. Heslip; his children Kathleen (George) Buckham, Maureen Karmolinski, Michael Heslip, Brian (Elizabeth) Heslip, Kevin (Deb) Heslip, Mary (R. Michael) Stuart, Timothy (Amy) Heslip, and Margaret (Paul) Perry; his siblings John (Marlene) Heslip, Patrick (Diane) Heslip, Richard (Patricia) Heslip, Michael Heslip, and Mary (Donald) Koscielnick; his sister-in-laws Elva Heslip and Judy Heslip; 22 grandchildren; and 1 great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers James, Robert, and William, and his sister-in-law Colleen. A Funeral Mass was held Friday, February 26, 2010 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church of Northville. Father Denis Theroux officiated the service. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit, MI 48223 Arrangements were entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

PHILIP J. KIRKPATRICK

Whitmore Lake, MI, age 73, born May 16, 1936 journeyed from this earthly life to his eternal reward in heaven to receive the blessing of "well done, good and faithful servant" on February 24, 2010. He has lived the last 40 years with his wife, Cleta (MacDonald) Kirkpatrick in Whitmore Lake, MI. He is survived by his wife Cleta (MacDonald) Kirkpatrick of 48 years, his daughter Sheila Boyer (Dan), his son Daniel Kirkpatrick (Lori) and his daughter Kelly Huige (Kurt) and six grandchildren who will all dearly miss their dad and grandpa. Born in McCarron, MI to Goldie Kirkpatrick, mother of English descent and to Carl Kirkpatrick father of Irish/Swedish descent, both who preceded him to glory, he was also a brother to Stanley Kirkpatrick and Carlene Askew (Frank). Early on he helped his father with farming and a sawmill before going to serve his country in the Korean conflict (peace time). Upon returning, he married his sweetheart, Cleta and lived in Sault Ste. Marie, MI doing carpenter work with his father, working on the last Sault lock that was built and working for Kincheloe Air Base in Kinross, MI. He then moved to the greater Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County area to be a union commercial finish carpenter, where he also built several houses, including one in Beulah, MI and ending up in Whitmore Lake, MI, finally retiring in 1995. Hobbies included hunting, fishing, flying model airplanes, entertaining the grandkids and enjoying quality times with good friends and family. More important, he was a good husband and father. He was a quiet man but his Christian faith and lifestyle spoke volumes along with a strong Free Methodist heritage, serving his church in many capacities. Visitation will be held at Borek-Jennings Funeral Home in Hamburg, MI on Friday evening March 5, 2010 from 4-8 PM and 1 hour prior to his funeral service, 11:00 AM Saturday March 6, 2010 at Green Oak Free Methodist Church, Brighton, MI (was a member there for 38 years) with burial following in Hamburg Cemetery, Hamburg, MI and a funeral dinner for all to attend at Green Oak Free Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions are requested to be made to Green Oak Free Methodist Church, 10111 Fieldcrest Drive, Brighton, MI 48116. For further information contact Borek-Jennings at 810-231-0200 and online guestbook at: www.borekjennings.com

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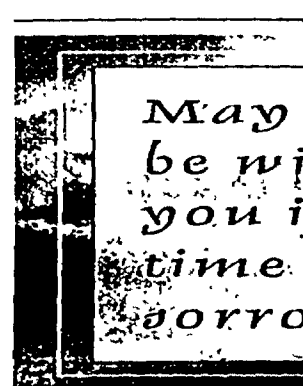
Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

PATRICIA (MAYNES) KERNS

Pat passed away at the age of 83 at Brighton Gardens Assisted Living in Northville. She is preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Robert Kerns. Pat was a graduate of Gwin Michigan High School. She moved to Detroit to attend the Henry Ford Hospital Nursing School and Wayne State University. She became an RN and worked at Henry Ford Hospital and later as a public health nurse in Detroit. Later, she obtained Master Degrees in Math and Education from U of M. She taught high school math in Allen Park and later in Bloomfield Hills. Pat changed careers again in her forties and became a nursing instructor at Henry Ford Community College where she worked until retirement. Pat and Bob spent their retirement years mainly in Northville MI but also enjoyed Camp (their cottage on Big Shag Lake near Gwin), and later a summer house they built in Sugar Springs near Gladwin MI. Pat was an avid reader, a seamstress, and enjoyed traveling. She was very active even as she aged and would walk the halls of Brighton Gardens after she became too frail to take daily outdoor walks. Pat was an amazing, loving woman who had many good friends and was loved and endeared by many people over the years. Relatives and friends knew that they could count on her for love and support. She will be missed by many. She is survived by her 3 children, Jim (Becky) Kerns, Tom (Mary) Kerns, and Jennifer (Tom) Prescott. Pat has 7 grandchildren; Betsy (Jack) McCann, Rachel Kerns, Bill Kerns, Tricia Kerns, Robert Prescott, Andrew Prescott, and Edward Prescott. We will all miss her. Visitation will be Thursday March 4 from 5:00 to 8:00pm and from 10:00 to noon Friday followed by the funeral at Casterline in Northville. She will be interred at Glen Eden Cemetery in a double crypt with her husband Bob. They will be placed head to head

MR. GERARD "JERRY" JOSEPH SWEENEY

Augusta, GA - Mr. Gerard "Jerry" Joseph Sweeney entered into rest on Monday, January 11, 2010. Jerry was a former parishioner of St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church in Milford, Michigan. Jerry is survived by his loving wife Marie; his sister Mary Catherine; his five children: Dianne, David, Patrick, Mark and Greg; his son in law Michael; his three daughters in law: Kirstin, Shelli and Ellen; and his five grandchildren: Allison, Emily, Connor, Kaitlyn and Maureen. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church with Father Ron Anderson celebrant. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to Knights of Columbus Council # 8495 Building Fund, 315 Gardenia Dr., Evans, GA 30809. Thomas Potteet & Son Funeral Directors, 214 Davis Rd., Augusta, GA 30907 (706) 364-8484. Please sign the guest-book at www.thomaspotteet.com



May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

THERESA ANTIONETTE KOSLAKIEWICZ (NEE FLAGA)

Age 82, died Feb. 23, 2010. A Funeral Mass was held Feb. 27 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

LAVERNE L. KULLING

Age 67, of Wixom, passed away suddenly Feb. 24, 2010. Funeral service held Feb. 27 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions would be appreciated to the Arthritis Foundation or Meals on Wheels.

GLENDAVID LOUIS PERRY

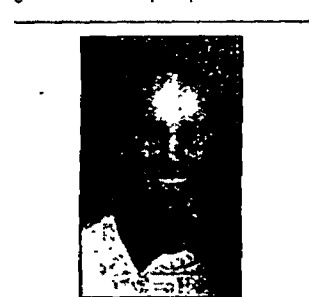
Age 90, died Feb. 25, 2010. Survived by wife Mabel; children: Jack (Carol), Ron, Tim (Kelly); 2 grandchildren & 3 great-grandchildren. Private family services were held. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.

IVAN PETER SHADKO

Age 95, of Novi, passed away Feb. 23, 2010. Beloved husband of Lena. Loving father of Frederick and Jacqueline. Private services held. Contributions to WSU Student Scholarship Fund. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home.

SYLVIA DORTHEA SROKA, NEE STRZESZEWSKI

Age 83, longtime resident of South Lyon, passed away February 25, 2010. Sylvia was born on May 29, 1926, in Detroit, to the late Thaddeus and Sophia Strzeszewski. Brave wife, mother, grandmother and friend; Sylvia is survived by her loving husband of 63 years James; sons: Jimmy (Judy Vroman), Corey (Jolayne); daughter: Kerry (Frank) Jarvis; grandsons: Joshua Jarvis and Adam Sroka; and grandpup Zamboni Sroka. A memorial gathering was held on March 2, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Funeral Mass was held March 3 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made St. John Health Foundation - Hospice. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



DOG SHOW

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thing like this. We want to get the concept of drafting out into the public." Cook said all handlers will be from Michigan in the demonstrations.

WHAT IS DRAFTING?

Drafting is an activity where dogs can either work individually or in teams of two or four where they pull carts.

In competition, sometimes there's nothing in the carts.

But, at home, drafting dogs can help their owners with chores, such as carting soil or wood chips around the yard.

"I have friends who own a horse farm, and their dogs help them pull carts of hay or chopped wood," Chefan said.



SCHOOLS

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"With a \$7 million projected shortfall for next year, we'll continue looking at many other areas too," Price said.

Community feedback from the 'Managing Our Future' Forums held last December provided district administrators plenty of input on what programs and services to keep, and what to scale back or cut.

John Street, business and finance director for Northville schools, broached the topic of the financial implications of school transportation at Tuesday's Finance Subcommittee meeting. Another topic, just as challenging, was covered as well.

"My agenda is to start board



Northville senior Anthony Adamowicz has his head shaved by Jon at Jack's Barber Shop as his teammates watch. The Mustangs' swim and dive team stopped by the barber shop's new location to have their heads shaved Feb. 19 in preparation for KLAA post-season action.

Jack's Barber Shop, a downtown Northville tradition, relocates

A downtown institution has moved.

Jack's Barber Shop has a new location but the same downtown Northville feel in the Old Church Square property at the corner of Center Street and Dunlap, directly across the street from Casterline Funeral Home.

I made a stop in their new, airy, light and open shop recently. It was reassuring to see Father David Brock from Our Lady of Victory in Dave's chair, one of the partners of the traditional barbershop, along with Jon. Father Dave said Jack's Barber Shop is like the town of Northville, "charming, fun and like an old pair of loafers, just extremely comfortable."

To celebrate the move and out of loyalty and support to current and new customers, Dave and Jon reduced the price for a haircut from \$15 to \$10 for the month of February. Jon said with a grin, "Tom, if you write an article about the shop for the Novi News and Northville Record, tell the readers if they bring in your column, the price will be \$10 bucks through March." Dave chimed in his good natured way, "we will find out just how many people actually read what you write!" The entire barber shop broke into hardy laughter as Dave continued to clip away.

As I waited for Jon, my regular barber, there was a steady stream of customers as the four barber chairs turned over between Dave, Jon, Sarie and Sally. Jon told me the first cut for young tykes is their specialty and that they gladly honor and accept all competi-

tors coupons.

David Crittenden, "a seven year and one day" regular at Jack's, along with his 13-year-old son, Adam, appreciates the "good fun and the traditional feel at Jack's Barber Shop. David went on to say he valued the "commitment to the community from this shop." He continued, with his hand sweeping to include all the barbers, "good citizens and good people all."

Bob Buckhave, the landlord of Jack's new digs, was glad to have the new tenants and to help keep a Northville landmark service in our downtown. "Jon and Dave could have pulled up roots and left Northville after their previous landlord sold their shop to new owners. It speaks volumes about their character that they wanted to remain serving the good people of Northville and Novi" Buckhave concluded.

Jack's is a place to relax, hear a good story or to share in the town gossip. One customer joked, "It is like a slice of Mayberry RFD, you almost expect to see Don Knotts and Ron Howard as Barney Fife and Opie Taylor to bounce through the 'shop's door any second -- it has that sense of wholesome goodness about it."

Tom Bancroft, an engineer, comes all the way from England to get his locks trimmed at Jack's. "Not really, mate, but this England native has made Jack's his regular stop since moving to Northville four and half years ago," he said. "The shop has a small town, back home village feel to it. And at \$15 U.S., it is a bargain to boot."

To show Jack's is willing to

change with the times, a huge flat screen TV is on order and will be installed soon.

Dave, one of the partners, is also the Commander of Northville's VFW Post and, along with Jon, is always willing to give back to the community.

So, if you are a Jack's regular, their new location is only a few hundred feet west of their old location. Make it a point to stop by. It is a new place but the jokes are just as corny and bad as before. If you are new to town and looking for a good cut and a place to relax -- stop on by, tell the crew a bad joke for me.

And before or after your haircut at Jack's, stop by the other Courtyard Shops, KB Jewelers, Hunter's Orthodontics, Broughton Music and True North. To complete the day, a hamburger at the Starting Gate Salon next door or a great cup of coffee at Tuscan's Cafe across the street will remind you why you love downtown Northville.

Remember, hair cuts are discounted to \$10 -- if you bring this article -- through the end of March. Come on and show Dave and Jon just how many of you read The Northville Record, The Novi News and this column. Just think, if you get a haircut and save \$5 bucks a head, when you are done reading the paper, it has greater value them lining your bird cage. Hey, in these tough times, \$5 bucks saving is worth listening to the bad jokes at Jack's!

Tom Watkins is a Northville resident who enjoys much of what our town offers. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

It's very cool. It's so handy.

The annual Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show draws 60,000-65,000 people from Metro Detroit and surrounding areas to Detroit's Cobo Center. This year marks the show's 60th anniversary.

ANIMALS LIKE IT

Do dogs enjoy pulling things?

"He does," Chefan said about Guinness. "I wasn't sure how he was going to take to it at first. We started training him when he was about 1 and a half years old. Different clubs put on drafting clinics."

The Heart of Michigan Bernese Mountain Dog Club has two clinics, one in South Lyon and another near Grand Rapids.

Cook said all types of breeds can learn drafting -- from small dogs to big dogs.

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members thinking about the athletic programs and extra curricular programming for the various clubs and activities," he said.

Some of the options suggested by parents range from increasing pay-to-participate, or cutting back on sports already offered, or wondering if each athlete should pay the full and actual cost of playing in a specific sport.

"Additionally, many students and parents have asked why those participating in athletics should be the only ones paying extra. So we discussed whether students in after-school clubs and activities should be paying for their individual involvement," Street said.

The Finance Subcommittee discussions, as well as those from the Administrative Services, and Instructional

Services meetings were aimed at the district's budget options for 2010/11 covering athletics, co-curricular clubs and activities.

The three subcommittees met Tuesday evening, each being comprised of board members and district administrators.

Street said the Administrative Services Subcommittee, which met first on Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., received and discussed additional information on the financial implications of the school transportation program.

No final decisions were made at any of Tuesday's subcommittee meetings. All decisions need full board approval. The next school board meeting is set for March 9.

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

NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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

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Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or www.holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 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.
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appointment

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 10:15 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 WOW 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: 277 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchof-novi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
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Holy Day: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; First Saturday 9 a.m.
Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.
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St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Promotion:
Janet Yim, of Farmington, has been promoted to information services director at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. Her role will include strategic information services planning to bring forth technology solutions to support the safety and care of patients and associates.

Yim joined St. Mary Mercy in 2006 as an information services project manager and has been instrumental in successfully implementing a multitude of clinical & financial systems. Prior to St. Mary Mercy, Yim worked for Trinity Health in Information Services for 14 years. She also worked for Sinai Hospital, Detroit, and Eaton Rapids Community Hospital, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

Yim holds a bachelor of science degree in public relations from Central Michigan University.

New medical staff:
* Mohammed Ogaily, MD, FACP, (of Northville) Oncology-Hematology, received his degree from the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland.

He completed his residency at Albany Medical Center, Albany, New York, and Hematology and Medical Oncology fellowships at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology. He is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology, American Medical Association, American College of Physicians, and the Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology. Ogaily's office, Center for Advanced Medicine & Surgery, is located at 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton; (734) 365-5154.

* Michael Rosen, MD, Internal Medicine, received his degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit. He completed his residency at Sinai Hospital, Detroit, Michigan. He also completed an Internal Medicine/Hypertension fellowship at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, Connecticut. Rosen is board certified in Internal Medicine and a member of the American Society of Hypertension and American

College of Physicians. His office, Infinity Primary Care, is located at 20276 Middlebelt Road, Suite 7, Livonia; (248) 477-8000.

* Bruce St. Amour, DO, (of Belleville) Emergency Medicine, is the Graduate Medical

Education Residency Program Director of Emergency Medicine for St. Mary Mercy Hospital. He received his degree from Michigan State University, East Lansing. He completed his residency at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM) at Midwestern University, Chicago. St. Amour is board certified in Emergency Medicine and a member of the American Osteopathic Association, American College of Emergency Physicians, and American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians. St. Amour is located at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia; (734) 655-2727.

Helping Haiti
St. Mary Mercy Livonia Emergency Medicine physician Jeff Chapman, DO, of La Salle, with a team of nine others, traveled to Haiti and donated his time and medical expertise to treat more than a thousand victims.

Through his Healing Touch Ministry, founded by Chapman and his wife, Carolyn, he traveled to Haiti and along with his team, assisted 1,500 wounded in the week he was there. Armed with medicine, intravenous antibiotics, supplies for splinting, casting, wound care, and lidocaine donated from the St. Mary Mercy pharmacy, the team traveled from "tent city" to city addressing anyone who needed attention. "Everybody was basically crushed," said Chapman. Bilateral tibia and fibula fractures. Open wounds. Hip and hand fractures. "All you can do is triage them and work as fast as you can," he said. Chapman has aided in 33 other countries on medical mission trips and commented, "This is the worst disaster I've ever seen. We worked sun up to sundown and took care of as many as we could."

Chapman has been employed with St. Mary Mercy since 2003. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine, holds a master's of public health in epidemiology, and is certified through the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.



The last 300 feet of climb towards the summit of 19,200 feet.

Northville man hikes to Kilimanjaro summit

Accomplished feat for his 59th birthday

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

For most people, birthday celebrations amount to a few presents, thoughtful or funny greeting cards and perhaps dinner at a nice restaurant. But Steve Jochmans of Northville Township decided to do something a little more exciting on his 59th birthday last month. He joined a group that hiked to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa, in south-eastern Africa.

This was his second trip to the country.

Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest free-standing mountain in the world at 19,200 feet that is not associated with a mountain range.

"This trip was to celebrate my 59th birthday while testing and challenging my physical abilities," Jochmans said. "I was going to do it when I turned 60 but decided not to wait."

He started the climb on his birthday — Feb. 5. The climb took seven days, with a day and half to come back down.

OLDEST PERSON ON TEAM

"I was the oldest of a seven-person ascent team that endured not only lack of oxygen at the higher altitudes but also winds of 50-plus mph and frigid temperatures." He said during the day the sun was often intense, and due to the thin air at higher altitudes, the UV rays proved to be too intense as some of



PHOTO COURTESY STEVE JOCHMANS

Steve Jochmans of Northville Township climbed with a group to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa, for his 59th birthday last month.



Climbing the granite and lava rocks at 18,000 feet.

them suffered sunburn and even sunstroke.

They also occasionally suffered from AMS (altitude mountain sickness), which causes shortness of breath,

headaches and nausea, as they ascended toward the summit.

"At times eating was difficult, but we knew the importance of consuming high

amounts of carbohydrates for the climb," Jochmans said. He was well-prepared for the trip, however, as a marathon runner and triathlete for about 25 years. "I've always been fit and looking for challenges," he said. "This seemed like something I wanted to do."

He had been to Africa on a safari, and Mount Kilimanjaro fascinated him because of its uniqueness and the history of the mountain.

WHAT DID JOURNEY MEAN TO HIM?

"This was the most incredible and challenging adventure of my life," Jochmans said. "Words and emotions cannot describe the personal feelings and insight I gained from the climb and the lifelong relationships I made with the other six climbers as we shared a special moment in our lives."

Four of the climbers were from Tel Aviv, Israel, and have invited Jochmans and his wife to come for a visit next year. A brother and sister from Atlanta were also part of the group.

Jochmans said some technical portions of rock climbing and scrambling tested the climbers' abilities, but it was all worth it once they all reached the summit.

"The views were as if you were looking down from the heavens above," he said. "It was really quite exciting — truly the trip of a lifetime."

Jochmans is considering asking the Northville District Library staff if he can share some of his 186 photographs and experiences at a future talk at the library.

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

Failed to stop for guard

1 A 17-year-old Monroe woman was cited for failing to stop for a crossing guard at the intersection of Six Mile and Ridge roads by Ridge Wood Elementary School at 8:40 a.m. on Feb. 8.

The crossing guard said the woman, who was driving a silver SUV, turned right in front of her without even slowing down from eastbound Six Mile Road onto southbound Ridge Road.

The owner of the vehicle informed police that he had loaned the SUV to his granddaughter.

The woman said she had been in Northville to drop off a friend at the high school, that she got lost and was trying to find her way back to the expressway. She said she did not see the crossing guard.

The violation is a misdemeanor.

Marijuana possession

2 A 20-year-old Plymouth man was arrested for possession of marijuana at 10:41 p.m. Feb. 10 at Six Mile and Northville roads.

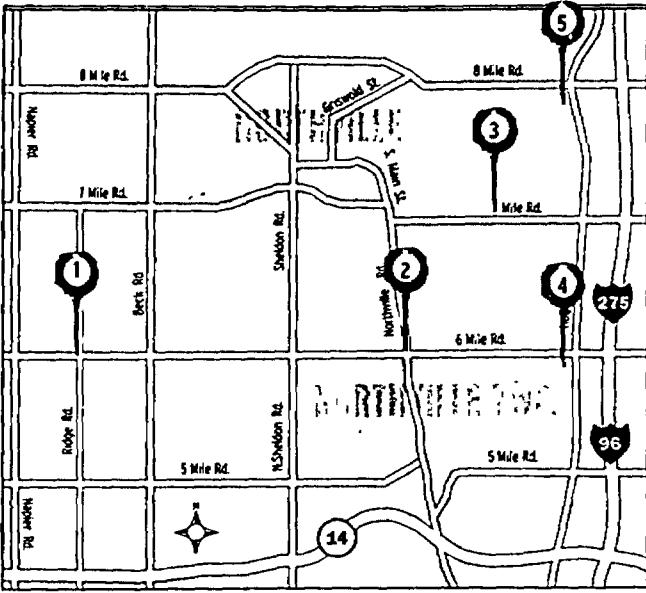
An officer parked in the Waterford Bend location of Hines Park after closing stopped a truck that pulled into the area.

While speaking with the four occupants of the truck, the officer could smell the odor of burnt marijuana. Police found three baggies on the Plymouth man, who was a passenger in the back seat of the truck.

Suspended license driver

3 A 41-year-old Northville man was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 3:17 a.m. on Feb. 11 at 41000 Seven Mile Road.

While watching the traffic signal at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, police saw a driver turn on a No Turn on Red sign from southbound



Haggerty Road onto westbound Seven Mile Road.

The driver could not produce his proof of insurance certificate and said he had recently moved to the area and had not yet changed his address on his driver's license.

He said he had three speeding tickets on his driving record. His license had been suspended due to an unpaid speeding ticket out of Plymouth.

The man told police that he had recently paid the ticket but had no clearance paperwork.

Shoplifting at CVS

4 A 51-year-old Inkster man was arrested for retail fraud at the CVS Pharmacy at 16855 Haggerty Road at 4:24 p.m. on Feb. 12.

Police were contacted by dispatch about a subject being chased on eastbound Six Mile Road from the CVS Pharmacy at Six Mile Road.

The suspect was apprehended and ordered to the ground at gunpoint as he was running westbound across Haggerty Road and then trying to hide behind a van.

Stolen goods were recovered after the man dropped a large

bag with the following items: four bottles of Remy Martin cognac, two electronic thesauruses, two calculators, two voice recorders, one electronic label maker, 41 greeting cards and one gift bag.

Items totaled \$630.03. The man was found to have a warrant for his arrest out of the Westland Police Department for breaking and entering.

Shoplifting at Meijer

5 A 42-year-old Detroit man was arrested for retail fraud at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road at 3:45 a.m. on Feb. 14.

Police were dispatched to the store about a man who had taken an unknown bottle of liquor, concealed it and left the store when confronted by management.

The man got into his vehicle and fled southbound on Haggerty Road.

The man stole one bottle of Remy Martin cognac valued at \$31.49.

Livonia police were able to apprehend the driver at I-96 and Inkster Road.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

Forensic scientist compares real life to television shows

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Guy Nutter of the Michigan State Police doesn't have much use for *CSI* TV shows.

"The lighting in *CSI* is way off," he told an audience of more than 50 on the evening of Feb. 23 at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. The shows also have jacks of all trades, whereas Nutter is with the Trace Evidence Unit and more of a specialist.

He's a forensic scientist and crime scene investigator with the MSP Northville Forensic Science Laboratory on Seven Mile. Nutter works on evidence for many crimes, but generally only visits homicide scenes.

The nearly 11-year state police veteran described linking victims and suspects to crime scenes. The state police operate seven labs, including one in Marquette in the Upper Peninsula. His lab serves more than 150 police and fire agencies in southeast Michigan.

He applies science to the law, using scientific principles and technology to objectively assist in crime solving. Sometimes, a suspect is exonerated.

"My job then is to help that jury come to a conclusion," he said of court testimony.

According to Nutter, "there is no typical day, it's never the same thing." He visits two to four crime scenes most months.

"Every crime that's committed eventually is brought to our laboratory," he said, adding that DNA can now be found through touched objects, which has boosted evidence available to solve property crimes.

Nutter spends more time in the lab than at crime scenes. He showed sketches, notes and photos used. Investigators begin outdoors, in case weather changes, and move inside. A Northville lab trailer has all equipment to process a crime scene.

He showed a scene where a prostitute was murdered, and the killer used bleach to clean the carpet, destroying its color.

"The criminals aren't always the smartest, which makes my job easier," Nutter said.

He also talked about a case in which a Canton man murdered and dismembered his wife, with investigators using chemicals to find blood under the repainted basement floor surface.

Nutter emphasized through a series of photos looking at points of entry and exit, as well as body location.

He was asked about evidence kits for Detroit Police Department crimes, a backlog taken over by all state police labs.

"The situation is kind of dire right now and we're way backed up," Nutter said.

He talked about fiber analysis, noting clothing fibers end

up on cars in hit and runs. He showed footwear and tire track analysis, in which investigators look for unique patterns of wear. Fingerprints are still heavily used.

Nutter recalled a Westland man, missing for seven years, whose body was excavated in a suspect's backyard. That came about because of a drug bust and a talkative criminal who knew of the body and didn't want to go to prison, he said.

He also worked on the so-called "thrill kill" of Daniel Sorensen.

"It was a fun case to work," said Nutter, who added the body was dumped near his lab and although badly burned could be identified.

"They weren't very good at hiding the identity," he said.

Nutter recommended a Google search and such Web sites as www.aafs.org for those interested in learning more or pursuing a forensic science career.

The library program was part of the "Everyone's Reading" program, which has area residents reading Scott Turow's legal thriller *Presumed Innocent*.

"I thought it was outstanding, yet another example of the outstanding opportunities this library provides," said Geoff Smereck of Garden City. Smereck, a lawyer, was impressed with Nutter's knowledge level.

The common cold

Last week I started to feel fatigued. I remember getting up Tuesday morning and going about my daily business. Throughout that day I started to get tired but didn't think much about it. I also remember that I was going to exercise and play hockey that night but I decided not to because I felt so tired. The next day I woke up with a scratchy feeling in my throat and a runny nose. At this point I knew I was doomed. I had contracted a cold. This week, I am going to explain to you what a cold is, how you can prevent it, and what you can do to treat it.

The common cold is a virus which is spread through surface contact and the air. The cold is mostly seen during the winter but people can catch it throughout the year. Symptoms include a runny nose, nasal congestion, sneezing, cough, headache, or muscle aches. There is no known proven cure for the cold.

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The best way not to get a cold is through prevention. The most effective form of prevention is hand washing. This is the best way to prevent the spread of germs. You should also disinfect surfaces of high use such as telephones, doorknobs, and remote controls. Another way to avoid catching a cold is to boost your immune system. Boosting your immune system can be done by simply drinking water, eating healthy, and getting plenty of sleep.

Treating a cold is the same as heightening your immune system. The only proven way that you will feel better is by drinking plenty of fluids (water, sports drinks) and getting ample amounts of rest. Over-the-counter medicines will only help you feel better; they will not get rid of the virus. Chicken soup has been used to treat a cold and this could be beneficial

because, chicken soup contains heat, fluid, and salt which may help fight off the virus. Whatever you do to treat a cold, you need to know that a cold last between 7-10 days so nothing will cure you instantly.

Colds are common and everyone is bound to have one sometime in their life. The Northville Township Fire Department responds to many reports of people experiencing symptoms of a cold. Most of the time when we respond to people experiencing symptoms and that is just that, but sometimes people show complications associated with a cold such as pneumonia. If you are experiencing symptoms of a cold that do not improve over a couple of days, call 911 and let the fire department evaluate your condition and treat you.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2010 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010:	8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Administrative Meeting 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2010:	9:00 a.m. until finished for Deliberations
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010:	8:00 a.m. Final Administrative Meeting

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2010, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2010 Real and Personal Property Assessments: WAYNE COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. OAKLAND COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 18, 2010. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2010 taxable or assessed value.

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OUR VIEWS

Heed former governors' advice, state office candidates

Former Govs. John Engler and James Blanchard were in Livonia last week offering advice to current and future state leaders.

Speaking at Michigan State University's Michigan Political Leadership Program at Laurel Manor, the two former political adversaries agreed that Republicans and Democrats must work together to turn Michigan's economy around.

The state can't afford politics as usual any longer. That includes partisanship so polarizing that problems remain unsolved and elected officials who'd rather serve themselves than their constituents.

Blanchard said candidates should run because they love Michigan, not just themselves. "Make sure you want to serve," he told them.

These are wise words. We hope everyone running for a state office or

considering running for a state office takes them to heart.

This is an election year. Michigan voters will choose a new governor as well as state senators and state representatives.

The state can't afford politics as usual any longer. That includes partisanship so polarizing that problems remain unsolved and elected officials who'd rather serve themselves than their constituents.

The state faces a projected budget deficit of \$1.5 billion next budget year and high unemployment for at least another two years, among other problems.

Elected officials work together to find ways to balance the budget but still provide essential government services.

That means state lawmakers must be willing to lead by example and do their share to cut costs, like giving up their lifetime health care benefits.

The August primary is five months away, and candidates are just beginning to file. We hope both parties attract candidates willing to work across the aisle and put the state's needs ahead of their own.

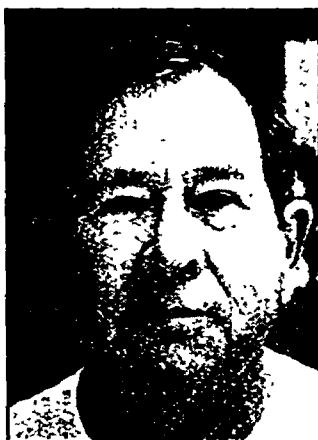
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Do you have any plans to take a vacation this winter?



"I'm going to Mexico in February - to Cancun for the first time, and I'm excited about it."

Jim Tucker
Canton



"Very possibly. We've got two sons who are moving this winter who we want to help out. But, after that, hopefully."

Gary Water
Farmington Hills



"I wish I did. I really don't have time this winter working two part-time jobs, but maybe this summer the wife and I will be able to get away."

Richard O'Hare
Northville



"I wish I did. I've got two kids, one in Seattle and one in Vegas. And with all this commotion going on with the safety concerns on airplanes, I've been reluctant to fly. Perhaps next winter I'll be able to get away."

Gene Fogel
Northville

LETTERS

An open letter to our congressman

People in our district are starving, struggling to maintain health care, struggling to put food on the table, yet you continue to stand clearly in the way of bipartisan reform or any attempt to achieve it. The current health care system is broken, no Republican plan has been put forth that will stop or even slow down the crisis ... yet you continue to "just say no"! Furthermore your written word and speech to the American people really shows how aloof you are as you continue to use your command of the English language to speak over the heads of many of your constituents with your choice of words and political double-speak. "Obfuscate," "devalues," "abet." Really, congressman? Is this how you think those in your district really speak? Your intelligence is clear but your pushing it is painfully alienating.

Congressman McCotter has published a piece on RedState.com in which he says Republicans "must not accept" an invitation from President Barack Obama to attend a health care summit.

In the editorial, McCotter writes: "Designed to obfuscate this truth and devoid of any attempt to establish a shared, bipartisan principle for reform, the Obama administration's summit constitutes a ShamWoW! infomercial for incrementally socialized medicine that threatens Americans' health care; imposes double taxation on most Americans who are

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responsibly trying to save for their future during this painful recession; devolves private health insurance companies into government-dictated utilities; and further erodes the public's waning faith that their government institutions are truly representative.

"Consequently, with due respect for the president and ultimate respect for the American people, the Republican leadership has no choice. It must NOT accept the administration's disingenuous summit invitation to 'negotiate.'

To accept would abet a deceit upon the people; and violate the principle that transparency in government exists to reveal the

truth and promote the public's confidence in their representative institutions, not to foster misperceptions and subvert the public's confidence in their representative institutions."

The latest effort of Congressman McCotter is to stand clearly in the way of, a bipartisan effort by the president to find a solution to the health care crisis. During a recent meeting with Republican legislators, President Obama was constantly reminded by them that he had campaigned on an idea that health care discussions should be open and televised ... well he listened. He is now having an open discussion with legislators from both sides of the aisle in an effort to get some combined bipartisan solution to the health care crisis that is causing some to see up to 39 percent increases in their premiums. Great ... about time, right? Not according to our Congressman.

Congressman McCotter has opted to urge his fellow Republican legislators to stay home and refuse the offer! His use of the key phrases such as "socialized medicine," "doubled taxation" and "threatens Americans' health care" ... are further examples that our congressman chooses the road to divide American voters with scare tactics and hot blooded phrases rather than look at the issue and offer solutions. A true example of an out of touch politician that needs to be replaced!

Derek Pennington, Livonia
Michigan 16th District

School district needs leaders who can cut waste, prioritize

BY BLAKE GOVAN

GUEST COLUMN

Once again, all of the Northville Public Schools board members show that they lack integrity and leadership by not providing the best education for the students in this school district. After attending last Tuesday's (Feb. 16) school board meeting, they demonstrated that students have to suffer because the "adults" running this district cannot cut the waste before cutting further into the classroom.

Take for instance that the board approved only a couple of weeks ago, at the request of Dave Bolitho, assistant superintendent for Administrative Services, the purchase of a new pickup truck to replace aging trucks in the operations department. I thought we were suffering a financial crisis? If Wayne County Road Commission has to operate on fewer trucks for snow removal due to budget cuts, why can't Northville do the same? Perhaps the funds for this purchase came from cutting a secretary from Hillside Middle School, taking someone who has direct contact with students and goes over and beyond the call of duty to help a student with an injury from the playground or assist them when they are ill. Instead, a pickup truck to clear snow was purchased, but what impact does that have on the learning environment in the classroom?

I find it intriguing how the board and administration put all this time and effort into hosting community budget forums, but yet did they even listen to the feedback from parents, teachers and the community? Apparently this is not the case. At the board meeting, several individuals spoke up about the cuts and asked if the board in any way

could cut elsewhere or make the cuts less severe. After listening to all those comments, the board did not make one change to the proposed cuts that were outlined for the evening. Every board member passed the proposed cuts without even first discussing an alternative cut or not eliminating a position.

Why waste the community's time if the school board is only going to follow the agenda that they want to follow? Instead of putting in all this time and effort, it could have been spent more wisely on perhaps not approving a new truck purchase, or asking Dr. Reznierski to renegotiate his contract with no more luxury ride of his company vehicle and monthly allowance and taking a 5-percent pay cut. It's interesting how Dr. Reznierski gives a speech at the high school commencements ceremony about taking initiative, having integrity and good leadership skills. Yet, he seems to be having trouble leading by example. It all starts with the man in the mirror. As the superintendent of Northville Public Schools and the voice of the students, he should be leading by example and making sacrifices in providing the best education for his students.

The school board would like to implement a 2-percent pay cut across the board. First off, some staff members have already taken a pay cut; shouldn't others who have not taken any significant cuts be forced to start paying up? If the bus drivers, food service and custodial staff are all paying a larger increase of their wages into health care,

why are the administrators not taking a burden of the cut as well? Cutting programs and necessary staff to run the office and library is not the answer in solving these budget problems. Savings can be obtained from pay and health care cuts. Wouldn't someone rather take a cut than lose their job completely?

The school board over the past few years knew that funding was shrinking for schools and cuts would be needed in order to balance the budget. In fact, the board continued voting all in favor for pay increases for the administrators of 2 percent every year. Now the board would only like to retract only one of those 2-percent pay increases. A higher savings could be obtained if a higher pay cut was implemented to make up for the unnecessary increases over the past few years just for administration.

School officials have come up with the idea of discontinuing morning bus transportation for the high school and both middle schools for a cost savings. Is Dave Bolitho not already aware of the traffic congestion around these schools in the morning? Is he also not aware that at both intersections of Six Mile and Beck roads and Six Mile and Sheldon roads that there is no left turn signal? With a much larger traffic volume due to transportation cuts and these left turn signals not implemented, wouldn't this pose a threat of increased accidents with students and parents hurrying to school and perhaps trying to outrun the lights? Studies continue to show that a school bus is the safest way to transport students safely to school. I believe NPS would jeopardize the safety of students if the board approves this plan. The

risk of injury or death of a student going to school dramatically increases no matter how much police presence there may be.

If the school district works on efficiency for all of its operations and services, along with continuing to evaluate the amount of bus stops along routes and making adjustments as needed, more savings could be obtained then cutting morning transportation.

Before the end of the school board meeting, board Vice President Joan Wadsworth announced her run for the Michigan House of Representatives 20th District seat in the upcoming election of this year. Wadsworth stated that she would bring to Lansing a deep understanding and commitment to public education. However, if she cannot cut the waste in this district and prioritize services and programs that are vital to students education here in NPS, what kind of a representative would she make in Lansing? She has voted unanimously on giving the administration pay increases while she knew budget cuts were coming. Is she really fiscally responsible?

The school board members and superintendents need to step up to the plate, put politics aside and begin assessing every angle of this district so that students can receive the best education. If any of the board members or superintendents feel that they cannot meet these guidelines, then I would ask them to resign. An individual who has the leadership and integrity to cut excessive waste and spending and be able to prioritize programs and services is necessary for this district to move forward.

Blake Govan is a graduate of Northville High School's Class of 2009. He can be reached at Blake535@aol.com.

EVENTS

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First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St.
 Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpres-northville.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 Church of Northville

A Stephen Ministry Church
 Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.
 Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org
SUNDAY WORSHIP
 Times: (September-June) 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.; (July and August) 8:30 and 10 a.m.
 Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Rev. Jeff Sturgeon
Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m.
Healing Service: 4 p.m. First Monday of every month
Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday for fourth-12th grades.
Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday for all women
Men's Club: 8 a.m. the second Saturday
Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third Monday

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
 Contact: (248) 349-0565
Sundays
 Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship
Livonia Church of Christ
 Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia
 Contact: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

Meadowbrook Congregational

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
 Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
 Sermon: Having a Plan
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon
 Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship
 Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays
Asking Questions adult education class
 Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays
Cross Walk
 Time/Date: 5 p.m. April 2
 Details: Join us in a somber remembrance of Christ's final walk; from Meadowbrook Congregational Church to Novi United Methodist.
Maundy Thursday
 Time/Date: 6:14 p.m. April 1
 Details: Potluck and worship service

Northville Christian Assembly

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

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 Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

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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.
 Contact: Kris Endreszl (248) 946-4080

St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
St. John Lutheran
 Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
 Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjoh-lutheran.com
Saturday Worship
 Time: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship
 Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School
 Time: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

Unitarian Universalist

Church of Farmington
 Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills
 Contact: www.uufarmington.org
Youth Interfaith Journey
 Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays
 Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUJCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalist philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program complements the mission of UUJCF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all.
 Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978
Sunday Worship
 Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

Service Broadcast

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

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Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.
Single Point Ministries (35-50 years old)
 Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.
Single Purpose Connexions (20-30 years old)

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

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

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Learner's Bible Study

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101
Men's Bible Study
 Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office
Single's Bible Study
 Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

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MEETINGS

**Northville Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION**
Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Old Village School

**City of Northville
CITY COUNCIL**
Date: First and third Monday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

**DOWNTOWN Development
AUTHORITY MEETING**
Date: Third Tuesday of each month
Time: 8 a.m.
Location: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.
Contact: downtownnorthville.com

PLANNING COMMISSION
Date: First and third Tuesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: City Hall

HOUSING COMMISSION
Date: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 3 p.m.
Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Date: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION
Date: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: First Monday of every month
Time: 8 a.m.
Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.
Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

**Northville Township
PLANNING COMMISSION**
Date: Last Tuesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Date: Third Thursday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Date: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall

YOUTH ASSISTANCE
Date: Second Tuesday of every month
Time: 8 a.m.
Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road
Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center
Location: 303 W. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-4140

THURSDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9 a.m. TOPS; Massage by appt.
10:30 a.m.: Yoga
11 a.m.: Cribbage
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

FRIDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club
11 a.m.: Poker
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Walking Club
1 p.m.: Movie

MONDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg
10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxyrise
11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance
Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre
7:15 p.m.: Tai Chi

TUESDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club
10:30 a.m.: Yoga
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

WEDNESDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.
10 a.m.: Oxyrise
11 a.m.: Strength Training
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Bridge; Walking Club
1 p.m.: Cribbage
7 p.m.: Bridge

**CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN
VOLLEYBALL**
TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside
Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1 contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

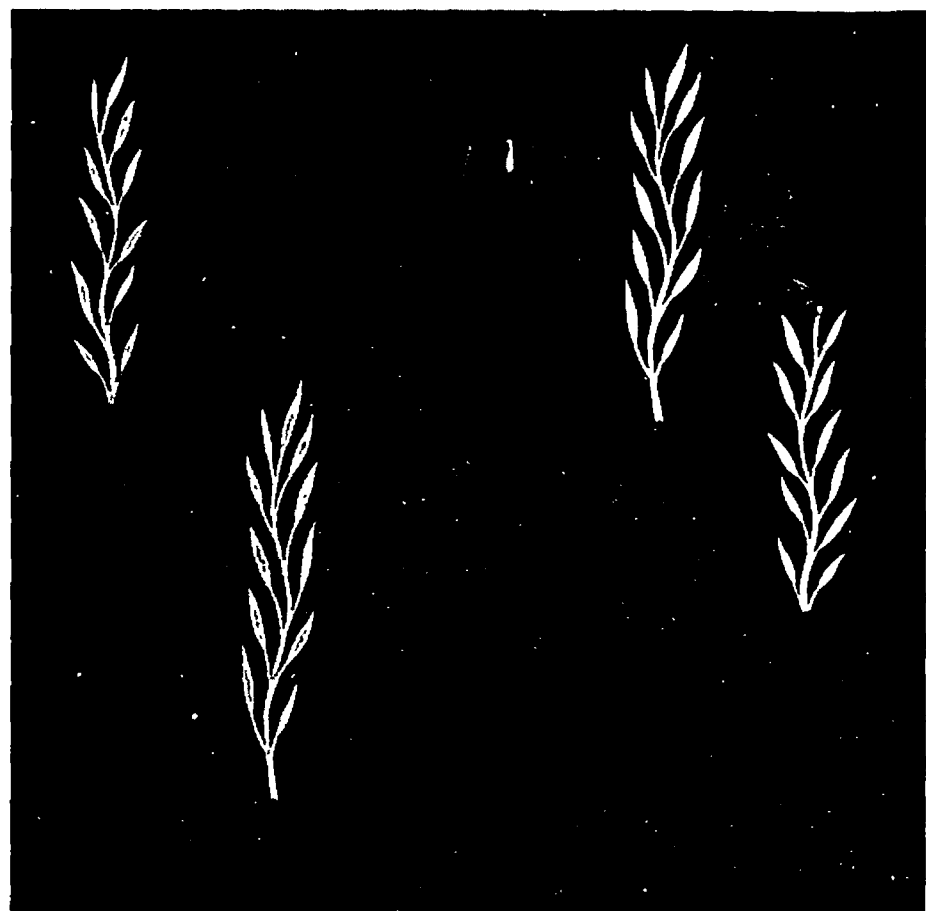
ADULT 50+ FUN CO-ED VOLLEYBALL
TIME/DAYS: 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside
Details: Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome.
Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

**CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN
BASKETBALL**
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday
Location: Senior Community Center
Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1
Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

HEALTH WALKING
Date: Monday-Friday
Time: 8-10 a.m.
Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

PILATES CLASS
Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

BUNCO
Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month
Details: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.



"Haiti Quake" by Matt LeBarre

Art under the Influence

The Northville Art House presents Art under the Influence: The Relationship between Teacher and Student and Art March 5-27 Artist-teachers affect future artists. For Leonardo it was Verrocchio. For Henri Matisse it was Gustave Moreau. Relationships create dialog, and that dialog translates into each individual artist's creative output. Illuminating the importance of artists' influences on each other, Art under the Influence will showcase work of teachers, current students and alumni from the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan. The work presented in the show reflects the influence of countless intimate conversations that take place between mentor and mentee over the years of formal training and searching. With hope for success these vaunted roles become harder to define. The show will open with a reception Friday, March 5, from 6-9 p.m. with an artists' talk at 8 p.m. The show will continue through March 27 during the Art House Gallery hours (Wednesday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m.). For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.



"Goose Girl" by Anthony Kleren

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Women's Club meets

The Northville Women's Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 5 at First Presbyterian Church. The topic of discussion will be "Staging Your Garden - Everything Grows."

Economic Symposium

Natalie Mosher is lead organizer of the 11th Congressional District Democratic Organization's presentation.

Economic Symposium: 2010 -- The Next Steps for Michigan's Future, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 6 at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center (VT 550 Presentation Room) at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

Michigan unemployment has skyrocketed to 14.6%, the highest in the nation. Unemployed auto workers look to redefine their skills and search for work. The green, alternative energy state Michigan strives to become seems to be stalled without adequate funding. Our education system is in financial peril and Michigan is facing the largest deficit in its history. How do we move forward as a State in transition? Come to the symposium to hear knowledge and opinion leaders discuss the way to our future.

Ron Dzwonkowski, Detroit Free Press associate editor, will moderate. Guests include Lou Glazer, Michigan's Future; Dr. Soji Adelaji, Land Policy Institute, Bio Economy; Mark Gaffney, Michigan AFL-CIO; and Rupesh Srivastava, founder of Youngsoft and H2H Solutions.

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Select your choices by 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 5, to be eligible for this year's contest. Go to www.hometownlife.com and click on Oscar Contest.

Looking for Great Homes

American Association of University Women Northville-Novis is looking for a few great Northville homes to feature in its 15th annual AAUW Home Tour. A highlight of the Northville Victorian Festival, the tour will be held for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sept. 18.

Typically homes featured are widely different in architecture and interior design, span three centuries of construction and reflect how families have adapted to 21st century living in a community with a Victorian village at its heart. Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will be answering questions at one home this year.

The home tour is a signature fund-raising event of AAUW which directs its support to advance education in the local, national and international com-



Tea time

The Northville Historical Society will recreate a cozy tea room at Cady Inn on Saturday, March 27, at 2 p.m. Served with antique china, guests will enjoy a variety of delectable sandwiches and desserts with freshly brewed tea. An intriguing display of Victorian clothing at the Inn hints at the 3:30 p.m. presentation to follow: The Gibson Girl: A Day in the Life of the New American Woman® 2000. Juliana Cerra's original one-person program reveals the underpinnings of both fashion and society. From bloomers to ball gown, the Gibson Girl presents an engaging overview of life in 1895. The cost for the program and Victorian tea is \$25; \$20 for NHS members; \$10 for the program only. There will be preferred seating at the program for tea guests. Seating is limited; reserve seats by noon on March 19 by calling (248) 348-1845.

munity. One of the ongoing local commitments is annual scholarship contributions to Schoolcraft and Oakland County Community College in addition to established endowments.

If you would like to discuss having your home on the AAUW Home Tour 2010 or would like to be a Home Tour volunteer, please contact event Chair Dianne McCulloch at dimecul@comcast.net.

Preschool auction

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, located at 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, will be hosting their annual auction event on Friday, March 5, at Genitti's Hole in the Wall, Northville. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. Tickets include a seven-course family-style dinner with dessert, silent auction, cash bar and murder mystery dinner theater. Go to www.academicpathwayspreschool.com for more information or call (734) 546-5246.

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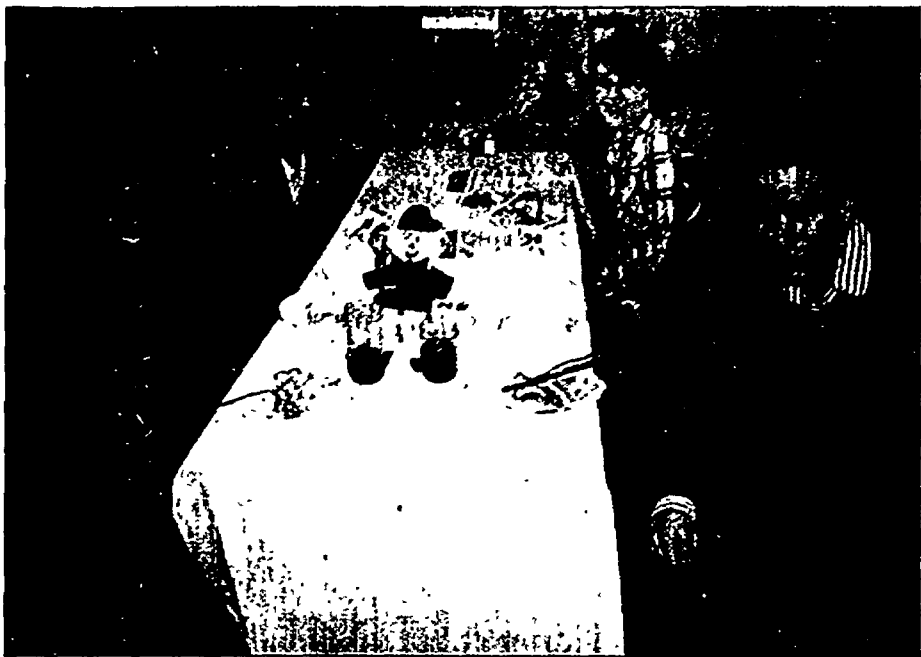
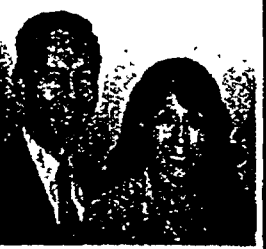


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Blizzard Breakfast

A group of high school students from the Northville/Novi area attended the Blizzard Breakfast at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant on Jan. 30. Proceeds from the event went toward the purchase of an outdoor movie projector for five communities, including Northville. About \$400 was donated, according to Traci Sincoc, director of Northville Parks and Recreation. Pictured, from left, are Shibani Thakore, Megha Vashi, John McCormick, Melissa Finn and Allen Chen, all of Northville High School, and Matt Pilat from Novi High School. The students are from the Northville Interact Club.



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tion when we think it has an impact value to our parents and the community and large."

The release, written on the district's letterhead, was posted around Feb. 17 and taken down on Feb. 25 after a reporter from the Michigan Capitol Confidential called Dave Bolitho, Northville schools' assistant superintendent for administrative services, for a story about the release.

"I couldn't take time at that moment to get legal counsel on the phone before I responded," said Bolitho, adding that the release, which web viewers could view through a link, was taken down around 4:30 p.m. that day.

"It was an oversight," Bolitho said. "Obviously, had we known that there was a conflict, we wouldn't have posted it."

On Tuesday, Rezmierski indicated that the district's legal counsel has said there was no impropriety in posting the release. The superintendent said he would wait for further opinion before deciding whether or not to repost it.

However, Patrick Wright, senior legal analyst for the Mackinac Center, said it was "very egregious" and pointed to a Secretary of State ruling from June 2001, which says web site usage is an expenditure and thus was tantamount to advertising for Wadsworth.

"Why is it a campaign document? That's easy - Wadsworth discusses how much benefit she'll bring to the House of Representatives," said Wright. "At that point, you can't even make a straight-faced argument that that's informational."

Wright said instances like this happen from time to time, and that although school officials are allowed to post information, they're not allowed to say vote for or against a candidate or issue.

"Occasionally, a citizen for or against one side will say the information is inflated, but this is not information," said Wright. "This is way over the line and into the 'hey, this candidate is great - vote for her.'"

Kurt Heise, who is a Republican candidate for 20th District Representative seat, said in release, "Ms. Wadsworth's actions are a serious misuse of her office and the public trust. The parents and children of the Northville School District need to be confident that their trustees

are working for a better education for their children, not for themselves."

Wadsworth said that news of her candidacy had raised questions about what would happen if she resigned from the school board. The release was to let people know that she would fulfill her duties and there was a process in place in case she leaves.

"I suppose I could've done that in my press release, but I didn't," she said. "We just thought that made sense. It's an unsettling time for school districts, and I was concerned that there wasn't something out there that created more anxiety if I resign."

"Her explanation - that the website announcement and school district press release were designed to inform voters what would happen if she wins in November - is laughable," said Heise. "I am requesting that Ms. Wadsworth issue a written apology to her constituents on the School District website, and at the next School Board meeting."

Wadsworth said that several people, including her, reviewed the release. She also received a call from the same reporter who called Bolitho, indicating it was inappropriate to post on the district's website.

"The Mackinac Center says it's inappropriate, but they're not the final voice in this," she said. "I guess someone else needs to make the call."

Wright said it is possible that it was just an oversight, and said the district is OK as long as nobody files a complaint. The secretary of state, state attorney general or county prosecutor could pursue it.

"If the individual who did it is found out, there's a possibility of a misdemeanor, which could include a fine up to \$1,000 and up to a year in jail," said Wright. "And the penalty for the school district could be up to \$20,000."

Wadsworth said that even though it's the district's website and press release, she would personally reimburse the district for any expenses incurred.

"It was definitely nobody's intention to promote me as a candidate," she said.

Wright said the Mackinac Center would "see what shakes out" before determining any future action, adding that his organization probably wouldn't file a complaint.

"We're mostly just monitoring the situation, but we'll keep our options open," he said.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Gardeners Of Northville & Novi Club Meeting

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, March 8

Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St. Northville

Details: Social Time & Garden Lecture on Winter Seed Sowing. Our guest will be Monica Miller. The public is welcome, so come join us for an informative and fun-filled evening.

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

2010 Spring Fest

Date: March 28

Location:

Details: Adults and children are welcomed to celebrate springtime with games, egg hunt, crafts, and a lot of fun activities the whole family can enjoy. Don't forget, age-specific egg hunts

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Guitarist Roy Scoutz

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday

Location: Tirami Su, 146 Centermain Street, Northville
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Tour of Hope

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. March 17; 9 a.m. April 22; 9 a.m. May 20

Location: 315 Griswold, Northville
Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a one hour Tour of Hope in their new home. This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types of grief support services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped, and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough.

Contact: To attend one of the tours, please RSVP to New Hope at 248.348.0115 or email griefhelp@newhopecenter.net.

Early Learning Series

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. March 16

Location: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street

Details: Information series for parents with children ages birth to 5 years returns with Nora Thompson, educational consultant, presenting "What Comes Next? A Dialogue About School Readiness." Free child care for children 33 months and toilet trained (preregister).

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, March 22
Location: Old Village School, third floor Board Conf. Room (unless numbers require a larger room)

Details: A presentation for elementary and middle school parents given by Kids Empowered founder and President Kimber Bishop-Yanke. Other parents and staff are welcomed to attend. There is no charge for attending. RSVP to (248) 344-8453 to ensure adequate seating; those who have not RSVP'd may attend if there are enough seats.

Contact: Nancy Couch Nowak for more information or if you have suggestions, resources, parent awareness events to share: dnancycouch@pol.net or (248) 347-7842.

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Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 5 p.m. Rehearsal

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Sunday: Noon-5 p.m. Private Party in Cady; 1-4 p.m. Private Party in Church

Monday: 10:30 a.m. Northville Garden Club; 7 p.m. Lions Club
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 1 p.m. Girl Scouts #770; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #834
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13 Growing Jobs in Health Care

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Home health aides work with patients who are living at home and provide assistance with everyday tasks, such as eating and bathing. They also help patients follow doctor's instructions for routine exercise.

2006 employment: 787,000;
Projected 2016 employment:
1.17 million; Mean annual wage:
\$20,850

Optometrists check the visual health of a patient. They prescribe glasses or contacts and treat eye diseases or other conditions.

2006 employment: 33,000;
Projected 2016 employment:
36,000; Mean annual wage:
\$101,840

Pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturers produce medications that have been created by scientists and medical experts. They ensure that medication passes all the necessary tests for human consumption as decided by government guidelines.

2006 employment: 292,000;
Projected 2016 employment:
361,204; Mean annual wage: n/a

Registered nurses help patients by treating their conditions or ailments and teaching them how to properly care for themselves. They work in a variety of medical care facilities, including hospitals and clinics.

2006 employment: 2.5 million;
Projected 2016 employment:
3.1 million; Mean annual wage:
\$62,480

*Salary data and employment projections based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Accessed on Jan. 19, 2009.

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Forget all the talk about the recession and the economy — well, at least try for a minute. Think about what you want in a career. On any given day you probably would like to have most or all of the following: Good pay, Opportunity for career growth, A stable industry, and High demand for your work

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In tough economic times, this kind of job sounds like a fantasy. But it's a reality for the health-care industry. Unlike many fields, health care can't be outsourced — unless you want to go overseas to fix your sprained ankle. With a growing population that's living longer, the need for medical personnel continues to rise.

Another attractive aspect of working in health care is that education requirements for various positions range from a high school diploma with some training to advanced medical degrees combined with extensive training.

If you're considering a job in health care, here are 13 jobs that you might want to consider, along with their projected employment growth and mean annual wage, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Emergency medical technicians and paramedics respond to emergency calls as instructed by dispatchers. They arrive on the scene to address medical emergencies, which can require on-site treatment or transportation to a hospital.

2006 employment: 201,000*;
Projected 2016 employment:
240,000; Mean annual wage:
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Police, fire and ambulance dispatchers answer 911 calls and decide what emergency personnel, such as paramedics or firefighters, need to respond to the situation.

2006 employment: 99,000;
Projected 2016 employment:
113,000; Mean annual wage:
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Chiropractors treat patients who suffer from pain or conditions associated with their muscles and bones, most often the spine.

2006 employment: 53,000;
Projected 2016 employment:
60,000; Mean annual wage:
\$81,390

Dental hygienists perform examinations on patients' teeth and gums and assess overall dental health. They often prepare records and reports on patients for the dentist.

2006 employment: 167,000;
Projected 2016 employment:
217,000; Mean annual wage:
\$64,910

Dental assistants prepare the patient before meeting with the dentist and also prepare materials for the dentist to use during the appointment. They are not licensed to perform any dental procedures.

2006 employment: 280,000;
Projected 2016 employment:
362,000; Mean annual wage:
\$32,280

Dentists treat patients for conditions concerning their teeth and gums. They also perform routine checkups for patients in order to prevent any dental problems.

2006 employment: 136,000;
Projected 2016 employment:
149,000; Mean annual wage:
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2006 employment: 7,700;
Projected 2016 employment:
8,400; Mean annual wage:
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Orthodontists treat patients who need braces or retainers to straighten their teeth.

2006 employment: 9,200;
Projected 2016 employment:
10,000; Mean annual wage:
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Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants work in hospitals or health-care facilities, helping patients perform routine tasks such as walking, bathing or eating.

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Realtors share tips on finding just-right pro for sale, purchase of just-right home

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Nancy Austin of Canton's been a Realtor since 1984. She urges buyers and sellers of homes to ask friends and colleagues for the name of a good Realtor.

"I think 95 percent of what I do comes from referrals," Austin said. Her Keller Williams Realty office in Ann Arbor has her serving Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Livonia, Westland and Garden City.

"You want somebody who's full time," she said of a Realtor for buying or selling. Be leery if you hear comments about it being a hobby.

Honesty and integrity are important, Austin said. "I think it's a trust issue. You have to read personalities. If there's a hint of not being honest you don't want to work with them."

The field differentiates between "real estate agent" and "Realtor," with the latter a member of the National Association of Realtors, Michigan Association of Realtors and a local association. Realtors follow a written Code of Ethics, she said.

Austin recommends looking for evidence of additional training, such as the Graduate of Realtor Institute (GRI) and Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) designation. There are others, and those show a Realtor has pursued additional training.

"I think the person should have a passion for their business, not just a paycheck," Austin said. She prides herself on being a good listener, and notes that listening is key to establishing rapport and working well with clients.

Typically, buyers and sellers don't contact the Better Business Bureau on Realtors, Austin said. In addition to referrals from friends and colleagues, local associations like the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors can help.



You also want someone who enjoys the work, she added. "I think it's fun. I like the work."

Austin holds a bachelor's degree in teaching with a biology major from Mercy College, now part of the University of Detroit Mercy. Realtors don't need to have a bachelor's degree to be effective, however, "as long as they know and love the business."

Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of WWOCAR, one of the local associations, agreed with Austin.

"The most important think out there is education," Smith said of knowledge needed to benefit buyers and sellers. "We provide some great education," he added of the Farmington-based WWOCAR.

These days, Realtors need a financ-

ing background, as it relates to short sales and government programs.

"You have to have a network in place to follow through on it," Smith said of a sale. The appraisal system has changed in recent years, and dealing with title companies and mortgage companies takes skill and contacts.

You can ask at an agency if they deal primarily with buyers or sellers, Smith said. "The game has changed a little bit," he said of real estate in recent years. "Today, the market has changed dramatically."

Realtors who succeed have adapted their business models, he said.

Realtor Gary J. Reggish is broker/owner of Remerica United Realty of Novi, a Livonia resident and president of WWOCAR. He noted so many

homes now are short sales, and you need to find an agent educated in the process.

"You don't want to list with somebody where you are their guinea pig," he said. "You don't want them to be learning on you." There's training with designation courses for such sales.

"Experience is key," said Reggish, who's been in the field since 1999 and in real estate investing before that. Newer agents may have time to give on a listing, he said, but you should find out what support system is in place as well.

"What does that office have in place as that go-to trainer?" he said. The professional needs to be well-trained with experience.

Reggish, who earned a bachelor's degree with a double major in biology and physiological psychology from the University of Michigan, agreed a college degree is not required. "Education, training and practical experience is absolutely required," he said.

That's especially true now in changing market conditions, he said. You want a professional, much like a lawyer or doctor, who goes above what additional training is required by law.

You need someone with a passion for the industry, Reggish said.

He agreed referrals are critical for business. You need to look into qualifications, and not just take someone's word a person is qualified. "Professionals sit down and have a consultation with those buyers," Reggish said.

He cited the differences among private sales, short sales and sales of bank-owned properties. The bank-owned properties often now sell for full price or even above, drawing multiple offers.

"A buyer could lose a property that is the best choice," Reggish said in urging hiring a pro well-versed in market conditions.

Document plays a vital role

Q: Can you tell me what is referred to as a Memorandum of Lease and why it needs to be utilized?

A: The purpose of a Memorandum of Lease is to place the world, or, more precisely, subsequent parties to transactions involved in the property on notice of their existence. Some might argue that a Memorandum of Lease is unnecessary because third parties can see, and, therefore, should be aware of a tenant's possession and the possible

rights that might attach under its lease. Possession of the premises is not necessarily consistent with the record title with the register of deeds and merely provides



Robert M. Meisner

a perspective purchaser, lender or tenant with inquiry notice which imposes on the purchaser a duty to investigate. Inquiry notice, however, is not the same as constructive notice to a subsequent taker. Simple inquiry of a record owner is insufficient to apprise third parties of the extent of a tenant's rights under a lease. It is only through recording of a Memorandum of Lease that a third party can actually be charged with having constructive notice of the most critical provisions in the lease. It is best to consult with your lawyer in regard to what action you should take.

Q: We have a member who repeatedly engages in what we consider to be outrageous communications and conduct with the association, its managers and the Board of Directors. His conduct includes vulgar and harassing letters, disruption of association meetings and physical assault of a board member. What can we do about it?

A: You definitely need to take legal action, including attempting to get a Personal Protection Order and an Injunction. In one case in Maryland, on similar facts, the association sued the member and asked the court to permanently bar the member from using spoken or written words towards any member of the association that harassed or intended to incite a breach of the peace or that verbally harassed or attacked these individuals. The Maryland Court of Appeals ruled that the trial court did have the authority to enter such an order because it did not violate the member's constitutional right to free speech because the order was narrowly tailored to prohibit the member's use of "fighting words" that would tend to incite a breach of the peace or invoke a physical or violent response. In that case, the member regularly used personally abusive language against the association and its board members that was likely to provoke a violent reaction.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 16-20, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	
2237 Alerton Rd.	\$49,000
Beverly Hills	
22536 Melanora St.	\$248,000
32157 White Oaks Trl.	\$463,000
Birmingham	
520 Aspen Rd.	\$637,000
2501 Dorchester Rd.	\$400,000
1728 E. Melton Rd.	\$124,000
1426 Holland St.	\$305,000
545 Madison St.	\$295,000
844 Pierce St.	\$130,000
1208 S. Bates St.	\$325,000
861 Vinewood Ave.	\$308,000
Bloomfield Township	
731 Brookmoor Ln.	\$300,000
3984 Columbia Ct.	\$685,000
4465 Connoisseur Ct.	\$250,000
2800 Farmingdale Dr.	\$515,000
2703 Heatherfield	\$271,000
1836 Hickory Bark Ln.	\$200,000
1036 Home Ln.	\$310,000
2825 Lusher Rd.	\$105,000
523 Newberry Pointe	\$250,000
6580 Red Maple Ln.	\$500,000
338 S. Cranbrook Rd.	\$150,000
850 Shady Hollow Dr.	\$350,000
1277 Timberline Trl.	\$250,000
1009 Top View Rd.	\$222,000
1329 W. Square Lake Rd.	\$55,000
344 Yarmouth Rd.	\$765,000
Clarkston	
6757 Bernick Dr.	\$172,000
412 Circle Pl.	\$175,000
6670 Cranberry Lake Rd.	\$355,000

9136 Crosby Lake Rd.	\$110,000
6080 Eastlawn Ave.	\$100,000
6481 Enclave Dr.	\$265,000
7188 Ingomar Ln.	\$250,000
5856 Mary Sue St.	\$80,000
5303 Parkview Dr.	\$295,000
5383 Parkview Dr.	\$270,000
6608 Ridgeview Dr.	\$88,000
6490 Snow Apple Dr.	\$70,000
8189 Staghorn Trl.	\$199,000
6160 Sunnyside Rd.	\$95,000

Commerce Township	
3730 Elmsia Rd.	\$155,000
4869 Greenview Ct.	\$255,000
8401 Hummingbird	\$230,000
8261 Meridian St.	\$45,000
105 Robin Rd.	\$111,000
180 Rupert St.	\$120,000

Davisburg	
5607 Birch Dr.	\$220,000

Farmington	
21040 Larkspur St.	\$118,000
31609 Shaw St.	\$136,000
33775 State St.	\$139,000
32318 Valley View Cr.	\$178,000

Farmington Hills	
37896 Amber Dr.	\$130,000
29364 Breezeview	\$106,000
36093 Congress Ct.	\$250,000
23249 Elmridge Dr.	\$180,000
29520 Geraldine Rd.	\$196,000
29555 Mullane Dr.	\$256,000
20813 Oaklawn St.	\$91,000
21322 Parklane St.	\$190,000
29539 Pine Ridge Dr.	\$100,000
30195 S. Stockton Dr.	\$63,000
28178 Schroeder St.	\$385,000
29247 Summerwood Rd.	\$246,000
37170 Wendy Lee St.	\$125,000
28836 Willow Creek St.	\$185,000
22712 Wangle Ct.	\$195,000

Franklin	
30725 Roberts Dr.	\$257,000

Lake Orion	
220 Bedouine Ave.	\$132,000
431 Dell Ct.	\$84,000

3631 Green Meadow Ln.	\$212,000
887 Hamlet Dr.	\$65,000
1856 Hunters Ln.	\$100,000
262 Kirkway Ln.	\$340,000
3822 Kossuth Rd.	\$195,000
3984 May Center Rd.	\$259,000
200 Newman Road	\$167,000
537 Renfrew Ave.	\$81,000

Lathrup Village	
17525 Coral Gables Ave.	\$145,000
27375 GoldenGate Dr W	\$105,000
26349 Meadowbrook Way	\$156,000

Northville	
43875 Nine Mile Rd.	\$330,000
41776 Broquet Dr.	\$60,000
20810 W. Glen Haven Cr.	\$85,000
37850 W. Greenwood Dr.	\$200,000

Novi	
45315 Courtview Trl.	\$280,000
27950 Greenbriar Ln.	\$211,000
23818 Nida Dr.	\$157,000
12727 South Lake Dr.	\$50,000
30718 Tanglewood Dr.	\$90,000
49672 Timber Trl.	\$255,000
230 Wainwright St.	\$108,000

Oakland Township	
4837 Carrington Dr.	\$135,000
126 Knorrwood Dr.	\$419,000
3525 Oakmonte Blvd.	\$102,000
120 S. Rochester St.	\$135,000
2561 Sommerlin Ct.	\$320,000

Oxford	
1810 Prestwick Ct.	\$260,000
540 Sandhurst St.	\$196,000
281 State St.	\$210,000

Rochester	
333 Ferndale Ave.	\$515,000
755 Loggers Cr.	\$310,000
962 River Mist Dr.	\$225,000
1040 River Mist Dr.	\$220,000
123 S. Alice Ave.	\$162,000
267 Wingle Dr.	\$530,000

Rochester Hills	
3568 Alida Ave.	\$60,000
1201 Barneswood Ln.	\$178,000
1243 Barneswood Ln.	\$190,000

3112 Baypoint Dr.	\$230,000
6607 Chatham Cr.	\$320,000
2875 Curbertson Ave.	\$165,000
3282 Farnall Dr.	\$255,000
747 Fieldstone Dr.	\$178,000
2702 Forest View Ct.	\$255,000
1837 Galsam Ave.	\$125,000
1024 Hayfield Rd.	\$153,000
2233 London Bridge Dr.	\$50,000
795 Majestic	\$525,000
161 Parsons Ln.	\$178,000
122 Sandalwood Dr.	\$170,000
1285 Sandy Ridge Dr.	\$215,000
3725 Warwick Dr.	\$348,000
2146 Wayward Dr.	\$198,000

South Lyon	
25955 Cobblers Ln.	\$222,000
610 Conington St.	\$123,000
6164 Greenwood Dr.	\$45,000
561 Orchard Ridge Road	\$100,000
608 S. Hagadorn St.	\$60,000
24233 Tara Dr.	\$183,000

Southfield	
28588 Aberdeen St.	\$1,000
1815 Cornell Rd.	\$110,000
29526 Farmbrook Villa Ct.	\$52,000
28755 Monterey Dr.	\$99,000
19032 Nadol Dr.	\$50,000
28262 Red Leaf Ln.	\$13,000
19750 Silver Spring St.	\$100,000
19830 W. 12 Mile Rd.	\$34,000

Troy	
1700 Chatham Dr.	\$263,000
6519 Crabapple	\$313,000
3971 Galtwick Dr.	\$288,000
3962 Mesa Dr.	\$377,000
6926 Mountain Dr.	\$199,000
3792 Newbury Pl.	\$160,000
4665 Squirrel Hill Dr.	\$145,000
2681 Townshill	\$153,000
1250 W. Wattle Rd.	\$225,000
5312 Whiffeld Dr.	\$385,000

Walled Lake	
8103 Addington Dr.	\$82,000
14707 Chesapeake Cr.	\$91,000
2087 Hidden Meadows Dr.	\$171,000

255 Inlet Ct.	\$55,000
2127 Park Place Dr.	\$50,000
539 Winwood Cr.	\$95,000

Waterford	
3359 Alco Dr.	\$249,000
5819 Berkley Dr.	\$35,000
1832 Colonial Village Way	\$38,000
7944 Dvot Dr.	\$99,000
7984 Dvot Dr.	\$65,000
2555 Driftwood Dr.	\$115,000
3350 Fremont Rd.	\$48,000
5064 Harbor Oak Dr.	\$46,000
534 Halciff Dr.	\$60,000
3312 Homestead Dr.	\$74,000
5485 Lake Vista Dr.	\$32,000
195 Lochaven Rd.	\$69,000
3734 Menden St.	\$175,000
4931 Maple Ct.	\$85,000
4697 Medina Ave.	\$105,000
3519 Overton St.	\$112,000
353 Pineland Trl.	\$164,000
4836 Rosseter Ave.	\$56,000
3094 Saint Jude Dr.	\$133,000
4468 Seagum Ln.	\$126,000
2955 Shawnee Ln.	\$125,000
3930 Shelby Ct.	\$52,000
2620 Silverdown Ct.	\$345,000
6095 Southward Ave.	\$172,000
4645 Westlawn Pkwy	\$145,000

West Bloomfield	
7310 Devonshire	\$74,000
4632 Laurel Club Cr.	\$95,000
6405 Noble Rd.	\$225,000
6559 Pembroke Hl.	\$475,000
1686 Poppleton Dr.	\$274,000
5480 S. Pinedale	\$180,000
4091 Shore Crest Dr.	\$250,000
5555 Silver Pond	\$380,000

White Lake	
645 Burgess Dr.	\$270,000
7910 Marqu Dr.	\$210,000
705 Sunnybeach Dr.	\$187,000
8844 Woodshire Dr.	\$150,000

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 9-13, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

Canton	
2680 Brookhaven Rd.	\$177,000
8387 Chatham Dr.	\$460,000
42746 Coling Dr.	\$175,000
2811 Dingleton Cr.	\$140,000
45851 Gainsborough Dr.	\$158,000
4129 Gordon St.	\$144,000
6796 Kings Mill Rd.	\$303,000
6239 Marshall Rd.	\$220,000
168 Nassau Ct.	\$150,000
6990 Pittsford St.	\$146,000
343 Princeton St.	\$170,000
3863 Ravensfield Dr.	\$123,000
42790 Shadowlawn Dr.	\$182,000
46974 Southgate Dr.	\$175,000
46881 Southview Dr.	\$290,000
45354 Stewart Ct.	\$145,000
1653 Trinity Rd.	\$359,000
42299 White Hart Blvd.	\$200,000
1233 Wildwood Ln.	\$172,000
2480 Woodmoor Dr. E.	\$177,000
Garden City	
28541 Beck St.	\$80,000
31420 Beck St.	\$49,000
28814 Elmwood St.	\$73,000

6959 Fairfield St.	\$85,000
31505 Hennepin St.	\$56,000
29584 Rush St.	\$25,000
31764 Windsor St.	\$70,000
Livonia	
15233 Arden St.	\$95,000
36543 Bobrick St.	\$165,000
9979 Cavell St.	\$98,000
11670 Cavell St.	\$35,000
29560 Clark St.	\$45,000
14606 Country Club Dr.	\$102,000
16241 Ellen Dr.	\$275,000
19017 Farmington Rd.	\$175,000
29836 Grandon St.	\$106,000
34021 Hampshire St.	\$107,000
28449 Jacquelyn Dr.	\$106,000
31824 Joy Rd.	\$103,000
36536 Joy Rd.	\$138,000
17428 Parklane St.	\$164,000
19948 Polyanna Dr.	\$115,000
30256 Puritan St.	\$132,000
8735 Russell St.	\$112,000
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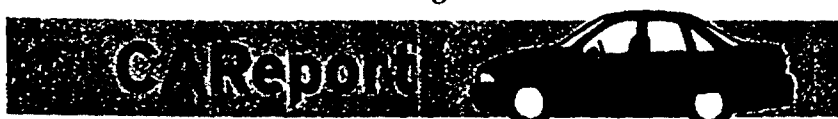
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By Dale Buss

You're not dead yet. That's why you're still attracted as heck to the growling new Chevrolet Camaro even though it makes you feel like you're sitting inside a tunnel and your butt hurts when you drive it. Or you really hate to give up your Z4.

But you're an aging boomer now, and there are more reasons than ever for you to be practical in your automotive choices. That's not just because good mileage and decent cargo capacity make sense for someone who's raised a family and has got a lot of stuff. Unwelcome things have come with "maturity" as well, such as a greater need for comfort and convenience in your vehicle – and less tolerance when you don't have that.

According to AutoTrader.com, here are six 2010 models that offer features for practical boomers that you might want to consider:

2010 Audi A8: This car is big and powerful enough to lull you to sleep once you get comfortable behind its responsive wheel. That's why A8's best feature is its radar-assisted Adaptive Cruise Control.

The option automatically keeps you at the speed that you choose but always at a safe distance – which you also program – from the vehicle in front of you. It's a great check on chronic tailgaters. It allows you flagrant inattention to your speed so that you can TXT more accurately. And if you do

nod off and are about to snuff yourself out, the Audi system first will slow down – then wake you up with an alarm. The rest is up to you.

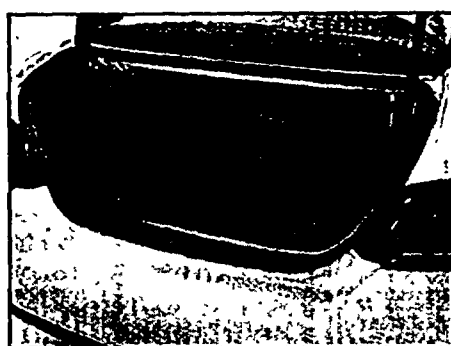
2010 Toyota Avalon: A really mature boomer would tolerate the fact that this full-size sedan is even more boring than most Toyotas. Avalon's awesome trunk is the thing to focus on.

Some competing models do offer more room (such as Ford Taurus's 21.2 cubic feet of trunk space). But Avalon's 14.4-cubic-foot-trunk is elegantly accessed through a low-cut, wide lip so you can shove four sets of golf clubs back there – or all the lifetime supplies of foods from Costco that you want.

A raised compartment on the side will hold a gallon of milk. And Avalon's trunk lid actually rises when you pop it remotely, which many don't do.

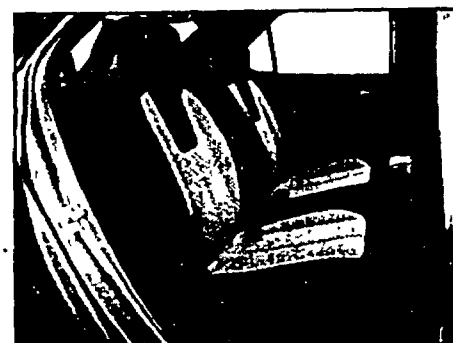
2010 Chevrolet Equinox: Every grandparent learns that grandkids are a mixed blessing. It's not all buying them Sno-Cones and taking them to the zoo. Part of the experience is having to repeat many of the same annoying tasks that you did with your kids.

That's why this crossover's greatest feature is its power child-safety locks for the rear doors that you control from the dash. No more getting your fingers greasy by having to set child-safety locks manually. And when you're out on the town with another couple, it's just as easy to disengage the devices.



The trunk of the Toyota Avalon is spacious and shaped just right for maximum practicality and access.

Got grandkids in the rear seat of the Chevrolet Equinox? Control the childproof locks from the front.



2010 Lexus RX 350: You already know that this crossover drives and rides as smooth as butter – so we won't tell you that. What you might not know is that among the nifty features that makes this vehicle one of the best all-around luxury movers in the market is something just for your aching knees: the driver's Easy Exit system.

When you turn the car off, the driver's seat automatically slides back two inches, and the steering wheel tilts upward and slides forward, to make your egress smoother. And when you re-enter and push the "on" button, the wheel and seat slide back to their memory-set positions.

2010 Ford Taurus: You remember the jelly-bean-shaped original Taurus, right – which became America's best-selling vehicle? Well, Ford finally has come up with a worthy successor to the inspired original with this version of Taurus. It's got lots of nifty features for a reasonably priced sedan, including a cross-traffic

alert system that helps you avoid being sent to kingdom come when you're backing out of your driveway or a parking lot. Sensors in each rear quarter panel detect would-be projectiles and warn you with a light on the corresponding side-view mirror – and then an audible alarm.

2010 Honda Accord Crosstour: We're not sure why Honda chose to include "Accord" in the name of this vehicle because it is not the Accord of your youth. This new model specializes in providing you with significant utility and well-used space without the height and vehicle size that you'd normally have to lug around to get it.

For example, the tailgate opens large and offers a low lift-over height, since you can't throw around tree stumps as easily as you once did. There's also under-floor storage back there and even reversible floor panels so the dirt from your tree stump won't soil the carpet.

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Northville's senior captains who made the state finals: Bobby Lahiff, Jon Nelson, Joe Mudar and Josh Wright.

Northville senior grapplers gearing up

Individual state finals await Mustangs' best

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs had four senior captains all year that took their job seriously. They led by example both on the mat and off. They pushed themselves and their teammates to be their best. They gritted their teeth and never took a match off.

That senior leadership paid off for the Mustangs this year as they turned in some of the best Northville team matches in recent memory. It paid off with dividends for the seniors themselves, who took all the striving, goal-setting and pushing and turned it into an individual state finals run.

The four senior captains are easy enough to recognize

by name if you've followed the Northville sports section this year: Bobby Lahiff, Jon Nelson, Joe Mudar and Josh Wright.

Now, all four will head to the Palace of Auburn Hills starting today and will put their bids in for placing at the finals and, perhaps, getting the chance at a championship.

"My goal at the start of this season was to place top three in the state, and I have worked hard all season at practices," said Nelson, who has compiled a 51-4 record this season. "I also went to many camps and participated in lots of tournaments over the summer to continue to improve during the off-season."

Nelson isn't the only one

with lofty goals. Lahiff set a goal at the beginning of the season of placing in the state finals, as was that of Wright and Mudar. That goal—one that some opponents would have scoffed at considering Northville's difficulty in qualifying wrestlers into the finals over the years—was what drove the four seniors to be the best they could be.

Now that they've made it, the seniors will be looking at their biggest challenges to date.

"States should be the toughest competition I've ever had," admitted Lahiff, who is 51-11 this year at wrestles in the 189-pound division. "We've been training real hard though, and hopefully we'll

start to see that pay off."

Wright agreed. He said that it takes more than just physical prowess to be able to compete with the state's best grapplers.

"I am expecting some tough, physical matches," said the 145-pound wrestler who has earned a scrappy 35-14 record this year. "I expect to have the mental edge to compete with the best wrestlers in the state."

Mudar, who wrestles at 171 with a 54-3 record this year, said that this season has been about so much more than just making the state finals. He said he has memories that he cherishes.

"My favorite memory will always be of the four of us going into regionals and all making it to states," he said. "It was a great day."

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Mustang cagers split week

Boys team enters district tourney this week

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville boys basketball team wrapped up their regular season with a win and a loss last week.

The team, coached by Todd Sander in his second year at the helm, put up a convincing 54-40 victory over the Livonia Franklin Patriots before heading over to Waterford Kettering and losing, 59-56.

Against Kettering, the Mustangs made a point of keeping their fans on their feet. The squad found themselves down early in the contest but came back in the fourth quarter, trailing by two with 4.7 seconds left in the game.

The Mustangs fouled Kettering and sent them to the line with no Northville timeouts remaining and Kettering nailed the free-throw shots and called a time out to plan their defensive scheme with mere seconds left in the contest.

The Mustangs inbounded the ball to Al Myers, who pivoted and threw a deep pass to Tim Hasse on a breakaway run down the court. Hasse nailed the easy lay-up and then caught the ball as it fell through the net, earning a delay-of-game warning with 2.1 seconds left.

Kettering inbounded the

ball, got fouled and made their first free-throw and missed the second. Andrew Baldwin grabbed the rebound, turned and threw the ball toward the hoop as the buzzer sounded.

The crowd gasped. The bench players held their breath.

But the ball fell short.

"It was directly online with the rim but fell a foot short," said Sander of the full-court shot that almost tied the game.

The Mustangs had fallen behind early in the game, down 24-17 heading into the second half of play, but came back strong in the third and fourth quarter to keep it close. The difference in the game was the number of turnovers the Mustangs committed. The team gave the ball away 13 times in the first half and five in the second.

"It was especially frustrating because many of our turnovers were unforced errors," said Sander.

"Kettering plays an unconventional style of defense, but it wasn't like they were going crazy trapping everywhere. We need to be stronger with the ball."

Leading the way for Northville was Baldwin and Hasse, who had 15 points

Please see **BASKETBALL, B2**



Mustang Anthony Adamowicz swims the breaststroke during the Feb. 25 conference finals.



Mustang Glenn Vargo swims at the conference finals at Novi on Feb. 25.



Mustang John Lubisco swims at Novi on Feb. 25 at the Conference Finals.

Northville tankers capture KLAA crown

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Northville parlayed a strong performance in Friday's preliminary heats to unseat Livonia Stevenson as KLAA Kensington Conference boys swimming and diving champion Saturday at Novi.

The Mustangs tallied a team-high 981 points to runner-up Stevenson's 707 and third-place finisher South Lyon's 608 in the 11-school field.

Northville's first-place individual finishers included Nate Lunn, a senior who broke his own 200-yard freestyle record (1:45.25), along with

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diver Kevin Bain, a junior who eclipsed his own mark with a total of 420.60 points.

The Mustangs' 200 freestyle relay team of Lunn, John Bickle, William Greenlee and A.J. Aquino also placed first in 1:29.63.

"We swam really, really well yesterday, which made today fun for a lot of the guys," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We were able to distance ourselves quite a bit on Friday. So it was fun today."

"William Greenlee had a great meet and Todd Truran swam really well. Really, all guys going

for state cuts, got state cuts, so we couldn't ask for anything more than that. The state meet guys are not really rested or shaved yet, but still swam pretty well. Overall we're real happy. It was a good team effort."

Bennetts will take a sizeable group of swimmers to the Division 1 finals, March 12-13, in Holland.

"We've got the most that we've taken in quite some time, I think since about '06," he said. "We've got 12 swimmers and two divers that will be going, a good solid contingent. We're hoping to do well."

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Girls basketball ends season with 2 losses

Squad prepares for districts

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team took two tough losses to close out their regular season and are now looking to the district tournament.

The squad, coached by Todd Gudith, took a 40-33 loss to Walled Lake Northern after losing, 53-38, to Livonia Franklin.

The Mustangs, who finished sixth in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association this season, fell behind, 21-7, by the end of the first half against the Walled Lake Northern Knights.

"We gave up more baskets in the first quarter than we did the rest of the game," said Gudith. "We missed a bunch of foul shots throughout the game, which would've made the comeback a lot easier."

The Mustangs fought back in the second half, cutting down the lead before giving up several late-third-quarter baskets to the Knights to fall behind by 14 points heading into the final stanza.

Northville buckled down their defense in the fourth, holding the Northern squad to just five points. The pressure proved too little, too late.

The effort was applauded by Gudith.

"Our kids played extremely hard, diving for the ball, fight-

ing to get an extra shot," he said. "The effort was tremendous."

Northville, which fell to 9-11 overall, shot just 8-of-24 from the free-throw line. They were led by sophomore Alex Moynes, who poured in 17 in the losing effort. Senior Tori Wright added seven.

The Mustangs also took a tough loss to Livonia Franklin last week, 53-38.

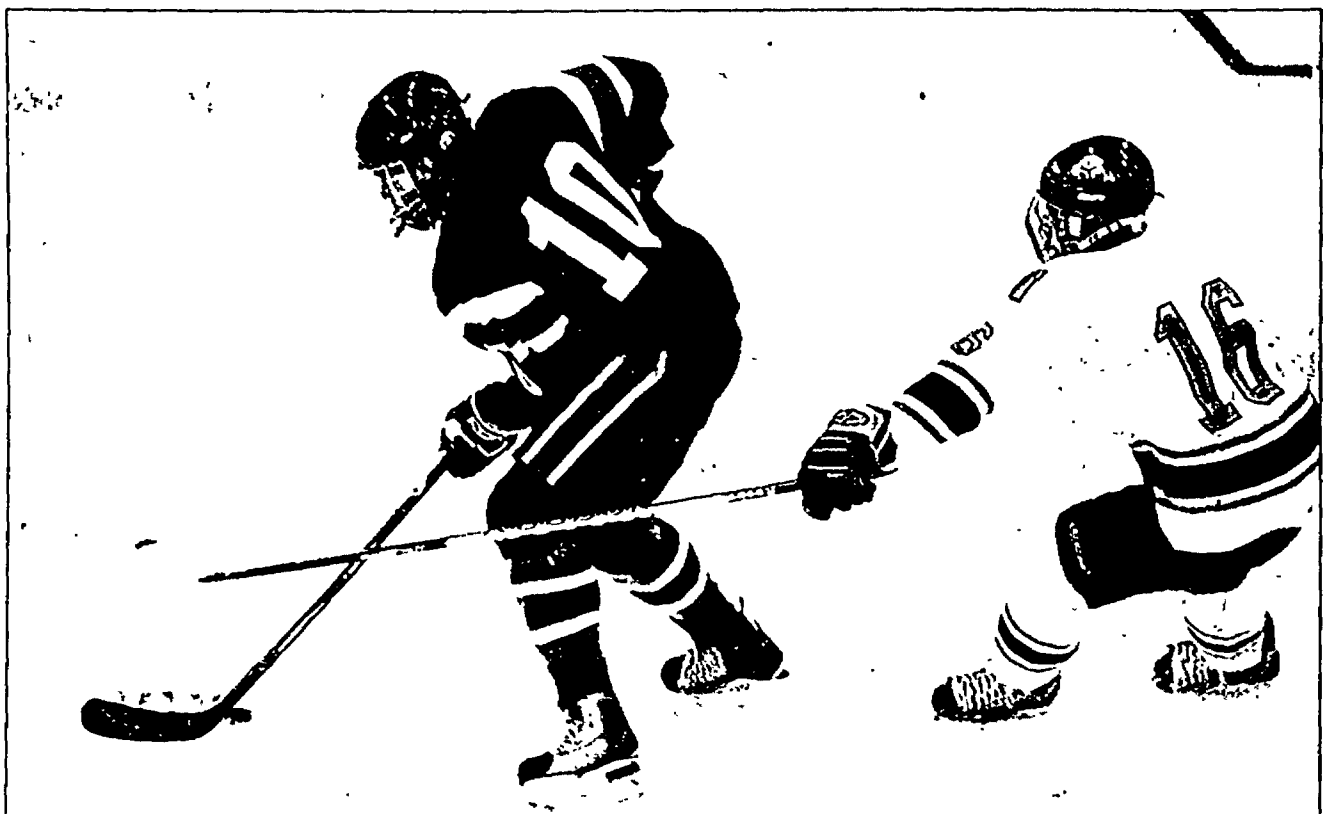
The first half was extremely close, with Northville trailing, 12-10, after the first quarter and 24-22 after two. But the Patriots came out in the second half and broke the game open with a 20-point performance while holding the Mustangs to just seven points.

"Franklin came out ready to take over in the third quarter and that was the difference," Gudith said. "We never responded. We didn't put up a fight in the second half and that's disappointing because we've at least gone down swinging until the end in every game."

Moynes showed the future to be bright for the Mustangs as she poured in 13 points. Wright added 11.

The Mustangs were slated to begin district play this week. Results will be in next week's edition.

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



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Mustang Matt Rosiar checks CC's Jimmy Peplinski during Monday's playoff game at Compuware Arena.

Mustangs collect a tie, loss

Hockey squad ends season plagued with illness, injury

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville boys hockey team found itself suffering from injury and illness last week, resulting in replacement players being asked to step up.

The Mustangs' replacements filled in as best they could, but the Northville skaters weren't able to earn victory in either game last week, losing to Lakeland, 4-2, and tying South Lyon, 4-4.

Northville has been playing shorthanded after losing two key players last week. Senior Mike Scorzo has been out with mono and junior Robbie Thornburg will not be returning this season after suffering a wrist injury.

"Freshmen Riley Marotta and Matt Evasic have done a nice job filling in under tough circumstances and have played well and are getting valuable experience," said coach Jeff Hatley.

Despite the strong play from the freshmen replacements, Northville was only able to skate to a 4-4 tie against an always scrappy South Lyon squad.

Joe Close earned plenty of pats on the back thanks to his gritty last-minute play as he took a pass from Eric Goebel and Mike Maclean and drove it into the back of the net with nine-seconds remaining in the game to tie it, 4-4, and avert the loss.

Close and his line pushed hard against the Lions, who had scored what appeared to be the game winning goal just 35 seconds before.

"Northville would not quit," commented Hatley.

Goebel and Close each had a goal and two assists in the game while Matt Rosiar collected a goal and an assist in the tie. Maclean had two assists and Stephen Champagne had a goal for Northville.

Bretz and Ketelhut split time between the posts to earn the tie.

The Mustangs found themselves taking a 4-2 loss to Lakeland as well last week. The Eagles broke a 2-2 tie in the third period and then tallied an empty-net goal to secure the victory in the waning moments.

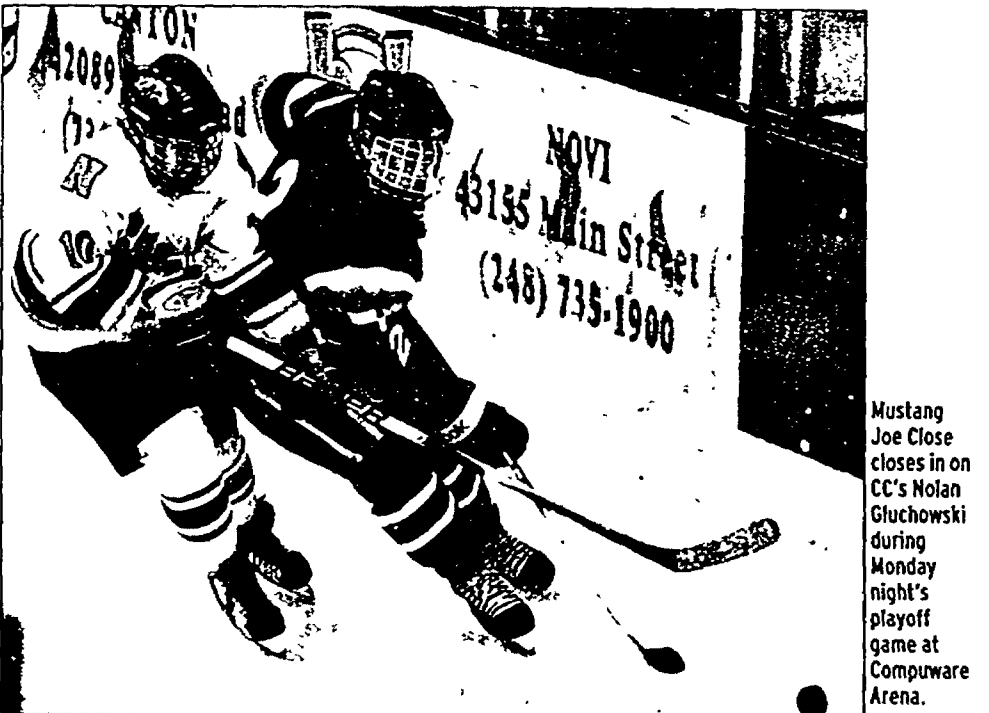
Max McHugh and Clay Neal each earned a goal and an assist in the losing effort, while Cole Brown added an assist.

David Ketelhut and Sean Bretz split the game in net for Northville.

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



Mustang Stephen Champagne brings the puck up ice at Compuware Arena in Northville conference playoff game against Catholic Central on Monday night.



Mustang Joe Close closes in on CC's Nolan Gluchowski during Monday night's playoff game at Compuware Arena.



Mustang goalie David Ketelhut, left, tries to keep Shamrock Eric Fragoso from scoring as he's checked by Kyle Sargent.



Mustang Michael Comben tries to bump Shamrock Ryan Keller off the puck.

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FINAL HEAT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Evan Faletti, Andy Stone, Adam Omer, Nate Wagner), 1:39.55 (meet record); 2. Northville, 1:39.68; 3. Stevenson, 1:40.11; 4. Novi, 1:42.66; 5. Canton, 1:43.42; 6. Plymouth, 1:43.94; 7. Franklin, 1:43.99; 8. Salem, 1:46.02.

200 freestyle: 1. Nate Lunn (Nville), 1:45.25 (meet record); 2. Matt Collingwood (Salem), 1:47.18; 3. Evan Bischoff (SL), 1:48.23; 4. Alex Miller (Nville), 1:48.42; 5. John Bickie (Nville), 1:49.89; 6. Travis Vincent (Novi), 1:49.47; 7. Todd Truran (Nville), 1:51.45; 8. Andrew Ao (Novi), 1:51.63.

200 individual medley: 1. Kellen Schoff (LS), 1:56.14 (meet record); 2. Adam Seroka (Salem), 1:57.08; 3. Joon Chung (Novi), 1:57.29; 4. Ben Schoenek (Nville), 2:01.44; 5. Bofang Zhang (Nville), 2:02.51; 6. A.J. Aquino (Nville), 2:03.11; 7. Omer (SL), 2:03.73; 8. Jay Jin (Canton), 2:04.84.

50 freestyle: 1. Aaren Marecki (LS), 22.22; 2. John Lubisco (Nville), 22.27; 3. William Greenlee (Nville), 22.5; 4. Adam Dabkowski (LS), 22.71; 5. Spencer Miller (Nville), 22.77; 6. Paul Gutu (WJG), 22.82; 7. Patrick Jenner (Canton), 23.17; 8. Brandon Tokarski (Canton), 23.33.

1-meter diving: 1. Kevin Bain (Nville), 420.60 points (11-dive meet record); 2. Will Price (Nville), 418.85; 3. Dan Gironza (SL), 381.60; 4. Cody Roe (WJG), 320.70; 5. Brendan O'Sea (SL), 319.25; 6. Cameron Sawyer (SL), 290.05; 7. Connor McManus (Phy), 262.90; 8. Ryan Kigore (Canton), 259.55.

100 butterfly: 1. Victor Zhang (Canton), 52.90 (meet record); 2. Schoenek (Nville), 53.29; 3. K. Schoff (LS), 53.34; 4. Greenlee (Nville), 53.72; 5. Stone (SL), 54.35; 6. Aquino (Nville), 54.64; 7. Ethan Christensen (Phy), 56.05; 8. Dabkowski (LS), 56.15.

100 freestyle: 1. Marecki (LS), 49.04; 2. Lunn (Nville), 49.20; 3. Collingwood (Salem), 49.34; 4. Bischoff (SL), 49.45; 5. Ryan Winkler (Nville), 49.82; 6. Truran (Nville), 49.96; 7. S. Miller (Nville), 50.15; 8. A. Miller (Nville), 50.35.

500 freestyle: 1. Seroka (Salem), 4:46.20 (meet record); 2. Chris LaFayette (Nville), 4:53.11; 3. Danny Schoff (LS), 4:55.71; 4. Travis Vincent (Novi), 4:56.40; 5. Max Mills (Salem), 4:57.69; 6. Tim Shea (Nville), 4:58.50; 7. Kyle Kemp (Canton), 4:58.98; 8. Bickie (Nville), 5:02.04.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Lunn, Bickie, Lubisco, Aquino), 1:29.63; 2. Stevenson, 1:30.07; 3. Canton, 1:32.70; 4. Novi, 1:32.55; 5. Salem, 1:32.80; 6. South Lyon, 1:33.28; 7. Plymouth, 1:34.84; 8. Franklin, 1:37.07.

100 backstroke: 1. Zhang (Canton), 53.86 (meet record); 2. Lubisco (Nville), 55.66; 3. John Ferrara (LS), 55.87; 4. Jin (Canton), 56.49; 5. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 57.23; 6. Brandon Larkins (LF), 57.25; 7. Faletti (SL), 58.38; 8. Wagner (Nville), 58.46.

100 breaststroke: 1. Omer (SL), 58.97; 2. Chung (Novi), 59.46; 3. Stone (SL), 1:01.06; 4. Jong Min Kim (Novi), 1:02.96; 5. Jake McNamara (LS), 1:03.35; 6. John Dunnuck (SL), 1:03.62; 7. Zhang (Nville), 1:04.45; 8. Anthony Adamowicz (Nville), 1:04.80.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Mohamed Gholami, Dabkowski, K. Schoff, Marecki), 1:14.33 (meet record); 2. Northville, 3:14.51; 3. Salem, 3:19.31; 4. Canton, 3:19.69; 5. Novi, 3:22.15; 6. South Lyon, 3:22.46; 7. Plymouth, 3:25.65; 8. Franklin, 3:34.26.



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The Northville middle schools swimming boys.



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The Northville middle schools swimming girls.

Middle school tankers finish schedules

The Hillside Raiders and the Meads Mill Patriots swim teams both recently completed very successful regular season schedules. The Raiders went 5-1 for the season, with their only loss coming at the meet with the undefeated Patriots, who went 6-0. Both teams competed at the Walled Lake Invitational meet on Jan. 23.

The MISCA state meet was held in Holt on Jan. 29-30. For every event, the swimmers with one of the top 32 times in the state qualified to participate. At the meet the Raiders placed in six events. Swimmers that received medals included Maddy Lonewski, Loren Evans, Megan Cragel, Hannah

Wonfor, Andrew Westphal, Tom Franchi, Cody Fielden, and Christian Yap. Lonewski had a first place finish in the girls 100-yard breast stroke, setting a Hillside record, and second in the girls individual medley relay. Westphal set Hillside records in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events. The Raider swimmers participating at MISCA were Andrew Westphal (captain), Tom Franchi (captain), Brian Storm, Andrew Sarokin, Cody Fielden, John Monterosso, Sho Kikumori, Christian Yap, Loren Evans (captain), Megan Cragel (captain), Maddy Lonewski, Kate Knoth, Carly Stone, Jena Drago, Natalie Filipowicz and

Hannah Wonfor.

The Patriots made a strong showing, placing in 18 MISCA events. Patriot swimmers that received medals included Sarah Lohman, Serena Bian, Jessica Yan, Alexandra Chapekis, Patrick Chen, Anton Travis, Peter Arton, Kevin Zhang, Daniel Brown, Danny Teng, Joshua Liu, Troy Cini, Alan Ruan. Lohman placed second in the girls 100-yard breast stroke. Serena Bian placed third in both the girls 50- and 100-yard freestyle races.

Patriot swimmers who qualified and participated in the meet are Danny Teng, Josh Liu, Kevin Zhang (captain), Daniel Brown, Patrick Chen,

Alan Ruan, Nicholas Buccelleto, Troy Cini, Anton Travis, Peter Arton, John Garrity, Serena Bian, Sarah Lohman (captain), Allie Chapekis (captain), Jessica Yan, Maria Gutowski, Carly Wieszniak and Amanda Learman. The Patriots set school records in the girls 200 medley relay, 100 IM, 50 freestyle, 100 breast and 100 freestyle; and the boys 200 medley relay, 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relay.

The Hillside team is coached by Stacia Gulkewicz, Tara Gavioli and diving coach Dennis Swain. Meads Mill coaches are Amy Balog, Joe Gomez and Heather Lilac.

WRESTLING

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Sometimes the victories have been even a little bittersweet, said Nelson, who has widely been considered one of the state's top wrestlers this season and has been ranked in the top-10 for much of it. He said that no matter the amount of personal success he's had, it still doesn't take away the feeling he gets when he sees his fellow seniors stranded in the stands.

"This season has been very satisfying in many ways but not in all ways," said Nelson. "It was great to see many of my friends and teammates having great individual success this year, especially the younger guys who got to see varsity time. Having personal success myself is nice, but it killed me to see my friends

and teammates getting injured and not being able to compete in their senior season."

But Nelson, Wright, Lahiff and Mudar know that the best way to honor the hard work and sacrifices their fellow wrestlers have made this year is to keep winning. That is exactly what they plan to do.

"I am happy with this season because making it to states was a goal of mine, but I won't really be satisfied unless I'm standing on the podium at the end of the tournament," said Wright.

Wrestling begins today at 2:45 p.m. at the Palace of Auburn Hills in Pontiac, and continues through the championships Saturday afternoon.

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

NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Colts, Stallions player registration

Registration opportunities for new players and cheerleaders interested in playing or cheering for the Northville Colts and Stallions youth football programs will run from March 10-24.

The programs are available for kids between the ages of 8 and 14.

More information is available at the website www.northvilleyouthfootball.com.

The teams upon which the youths will be placed are based on the school district in which he or she resides. The Colts coverage area includes Hillside, Amerman, Moraine and Thornton Creek, while the Stallions area encompasses Meads Mill, Ridgewood, Silver Springs and Winchester.

A limited number of new player open-

ings are available. Placement will be determined via a lottery if the number of registrations exceed capacity.

Mustang baseball camps

The third annual Northville Mustangs spring training baseball camp will be held March 27-28 at the high school baseball field (or inside if inclement weather).

The hitting camp will be held from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday and the pitching/defense camp from 9 a.m.-noon on Sunday.

The camps are for players age 7-14. Cost is \$45 per session if registered by March 18; \$50 per session at the door. The cost includes a camp T-shirt.

Please visit www.northvillemustangbaseball.com to print off your registration form.

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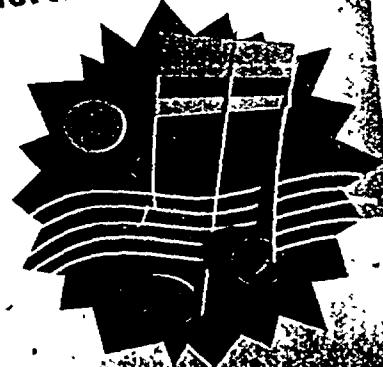
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Catholic Central's grappler's defeated rockford Saturday at Kellogg Arena to earn the Division 1 state title.

CC grapplers tops in Division 1

BY PERRY A. FARRELL
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Hoping to add to its football and cross-country titles this season, Novi Detroit Catholic Central faced a formidable opponent in powerful Rockford, the defending state champion, for the Division 1 wrestling team title Saturday.

Leading, 17-4, the second-ranked Shamrocks then fell behind, 24-17. But coach Mitch Hancock's "little cannons" — led by Matt Thompson at 119 pounds — rallied to claim the championship with a 39-24 victory at Kellogg Arena.

"Incredible — these guys have been training for 365 days for this," said Hancock. "We lost a tough one last year in the quarterfinals. Matt Thompson is a 4.6 student who is going to West Point next year. That's what our program is all about. That kid started wrestling as a freshman. He has the endurance on and off the mat. That's the kind of kid we build at Catholic Central."

The Shamrocks (27-4) lost six matches in row before getting a victory at 103 from Ken Bade, then Todd Melick pinned his opponent to give CC a 27-24 lead.

"We were kind of planning the whole thing out," said Melick. "We were trying not to get worried about it. It's cool being called the little cannons."

Thompson then pinned Chris Barrentine at 119 to secure the championship.

"This feels better than football," said senior Mike Kinville, who was a linebacker on the football team. "We knew they'd come at us with the heavier weights, but our smaller weights have been great all year."

CC — which had won seven previous team wrestling titles, the last in 1988 — forged a tremendous comeback in the semifinals.

Trailing Oxford, 25-3, the Shamrocks scored the next 32 points, riding the

momentum of a pin by Kinville against Nick Hadorn. A streak of seven consecutive victories would eliminate Oxford (30-4), 35-25.

After Kinville won, the Shamrocks won the 103- to 135-pound weight classes.

"We needed to get the ball rolling, and it was important for us to get something going," said Kinville. "We were in that position last year; we were up a lot and Lake Orion knocked us out. Last year I was the last match and we had already lost. I wanted a pin. Nothing else would have mattered."

Hancock said he told his team it had to weather the storm.

"We didn't think we'd be down that much, but when we got the starting weight we knew we'd be in a hole," said Hancock. "I told the guys to allow us to get to our 215 and heavy-weight and we'd get going. Our lightweights have been our anchors all year long. We knew Oxford would be a battle. They are a well-coached team."

No. 4 Rockford (22-6) had advanced to the championship with a 29-25 win over Hartland (28-4).

Brian Richardson, a 12-year assistant under former coach Don Rinehart, said moving one seat over had its challenges. "Don was a fantastic mentor and helped set me up," said Richardson. "He's still a very good confidant — someone I can bounce ideas off."

Anytime you change, there is going to be growing pains. Our team had them, and I had them as a coach. Our team had them as far as getting used to the new guy and doing things my way.

"I honestly think that's the fire we had to get through to get to this point. You care about each and every one of these 28 kids down here and their families, and you want the absolute best for them."

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CC gets final win of regular season

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

BOYS HOCKEY

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks ended their regular season on a high note with a win over the Grosse Pointe North Norsemens last week.

The squad, coached by Todd Johnson, cranked out a convincing 4-0 victory as they prepared to head into the post-season tournament.

The Shamrocks started their scoring off the stick of Eric Winkler, who has been solid all season for his top-ranked squad. He took a pass from Nolan Gluchowski and found the back of the net at the 2:04 mark in the first period of play.

In the second, the Shamrocks added two more tallies to pull away in the contest. Ian Jacobs scored

at 13:58 and Charlie Green added another just 28 seconds later for a demoralizing one-two punch and a 3-0 lead. Earning assists on the plays were Jimmy Peplinski and Ryan Keller, as well as Jacob Downing, who assisted on both scoring plays.

In the final stanza, the Shamrocks added another score with 9:40 left in the game. Downing went from being the game assist leader to the overall points leader as he tallied his own goal for the 4-0 finale. Assisting him was Gluchowski.

Earning the win in goal was Zack Cisek, who only had to stop seven shots on net. The Grosse Pointe North goalies,

on the other hand, were peppered with 45 shots on goal in an offensive style that has suited Catholic Central well this year. Mike Held was credited with the loss, allowing three goals to be scored against him. Chip Wujek stopped 23 shots and allowed one goal in relief of Held.

The Shamrocks were aggressive in the contest, earning seven penalties for 14 minutes. The Norsemens, on the other hand, were penalized just four times.

The Shamrocks were scheduled to open up the post-season tournament against Northville this week. Details will be available in next week's edition.

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

CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Bowling team headed to state finals

The Catholic Central bowling team earned itself a trip to the state finals thanks to an outstanding performance in a very difficult regional last week.

The squad, coached by A.J. Bridges, earned third place with a 4227 score behind Troy's 4302 and Walled Lake Western's 4276. The top three teams in each regional qualify for the state championship tournament, to be held tomorrow in Battle Creek.

The Shamrocks were led by captain Nick Carvalho's 216, 198 and 226 (640), while Matt Nugent shot a 222, 213 and 187 (622) and Eric Pavlov recorded a 208, 194 and a 208 (610). Jeff Conflitti added a 225 and captain Scott Kujawa shot a 201 as their high games.

In the individual regional, the Shamrocks qualified two bowlers to head to the state individual tournament, to be held Saturday in Battle Creek.

Each team was allowed to select six bowlers to compete over six games with the top 10 bowlers in total pin count advancing to the state finals. Catholic Central's Tom Zahari and Pavlov finished third and fourth, respectively, earning a berth to the finals. Zahari shot a total of 1337 with games of 202, 257, 207, 239, 210 and 222. Pavlov shot a total of 1332 with games of 210, 224, 227, 191, 244 and 236.

Basketball falls to DeLaSalle

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team fell last week to DeLaSalle in the second round of the Catholic High School League championship tournament.

The Shamrocks kept the game tight against DeLaSalle, which advanced to fight for its sec-

ond-straight CHSL title, but didn't have enough to completely take control of the game and fell, 61-50.

DeLaSalle led the game, 13-6, after the first quarter as the Shamrocks struggled from the floor. By the time the half ended, the Shamrocks found themselves trailing, 27-17. Playing catch-up wasn't in the cards for the Shamrocks, who fell behind 49-34 in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter before fighting back to make it a 49-42 game. DeLaSalle hit two 3-point field goals and took away any hope of a comeback before sealing the game on free-throw shots.

Kyle Cooper led the Shamrocks with 20 points. Catholic Central fell to 10-8 with the loss.

Ski team finishes eighth in state

The Catholic Central Shamrocks skiing team finish eighth overall out of Division I boys teams at the state finals last week.

The squad earned 200 total points, while state champion Traverse City Central scored just 64 points and second-place Grand Blanc scored 144.

Top finishes from the Shamrocks included Damon Rottermond's third-place in the giant slalom while teammate Ian Pierce finished 39th. Jim Herzog was 43rd overall, followed by Kyle Tarter's 46th, Mike Spillaine's 54th and Jim DiMilia's 62nd-place finish.

In the slalom, Spillaine was the top Catholic Central finisher with 31st, followed by Dimilia in 32nd, Tarter in 34th and Herzog in 45th. The other skiers did not finish that event.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Painter's Place showcase for artist Dunphy

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

Painter's Place is my studio and gallery where I paint and display my art work. I paint local scenes, paintings of my trips, and flowers. I accept commissions to do house portraits in oil or watercolor, and people portraits in oil and watercolor. I also can be commissioned to paint a special painting for a specific place in a person's home. At Painter's Place I have available many Northville prints and note cards and paintings on glass and tile.

How did you first decide to open your business?

I have painted for most of my life and had a studio in my home where I also had sittings for portraits. I also traveled around the state for local and regional art shows including six years in the juried Ann Arbor Art Fair. I was invited to become a partner in Gallerie 12 in Plymouth with eleven other local artists. This was a successful venture for all of us. I also found that I enjoyed displaying my paintings in a gallery.

Why did you choose this area?

In the early 1970's while I was still a partner in Gallerie 12, I was contacted by the owners of Eve's Art Forum in Northville to teach pen and ink drawing. Eve's Art Forum was located above the Marquis Theater where I also rented studio space. Having a studio



Caroline Dunphy of Northville's Painter's Place on Center Street.

away from home had many advantages, and after Eve's Art Forum closed I moved to three rooms at the back of two businesses on Center Street. I continued to give art lessons there and eventually moved to my current building which was, many years ago, the

Oldenburg Grocery Store. What makes your business unique? It is unique for a few reasons. I paint in several media: oil, watercolor, acrylic, and pen and ink. I also paint a variety of subjects: landscapes, flowers, people, and animals. Some of my paintings reflect

many of my European trips especially to the gardens of Monet, Cezanne, and Renoir in France. Another unique feature of my business involves giving lectures and demonstrations to garden clubs, art clubs, school art classes, and women's clubs.

DETAILS

Business Name: Painter's Place
Address: 140 North Center Street, Northville
Your Name/Title: Caroline Dunphy/artist, owner
Your Hometown: Northville
Business Opened When: 1976 as Painter's Place
Number of Employees: just myself
Hours of Operation: noon-4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; some Saturdays by appointment
Your Business Specialty: works of art
Phone: (248) 348-9544

A subject that many people find interesting is "A Day in the Life of Monet." It is also unique because I have been in business for over 35 years in Northville.

How has it changed since you opened? When I first opened a studio and gallery in Northville, I taught many classes for adults and children. Now I enjoy having people come into my studio to see what I am painting and to talk about art. I no longer teach art classes. But I also give of my talent whenever I can in order to benefit Northville.

Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?

One of my more recent portrait sittings involved having two Keeshond dogs come to my Studio for a sitting. They are wonderful, big dogs. The male made himself at home lying down on the carpet, but the female was so interested in what

was going on at my doorway, that it was difficult to see her face. Fortunately, I had some photos and was able to complete the portraits.

How has the recent economy affected your business? I have found that the economy has made people cautious about using their discretionary funds for art. Many of my customers take more time to make decisions about buying fine art.

Any advice for business owners? My advice is to get to know the people in our area. In stressful economic times like these the importance of customer service becomes absolutely essential. What's in store for the future of your business?

I plan to continue providing fine art to my current customers and to new customers as the economy improves. I also will continue to seek new ways to bring fine art to the attention of people in our community.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cassis sponsors bill to protect privately-employed workers from forced unionization

State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) introduced legislation in the Michigan Senate last week to protect privately-employed individuals, like home health care and day care providers, from being forced to join a union.

"Times are tough for small business owners, and they should not have to worry about being forced into a union because they may receive a payment by the state for their services."

"Private business owners, like many child day care providers, have taken a risk to go out on their own. In today's economy, we should be encouraging more people to start their own businesses. Small business owners should not have the state take money from them to support a union that the workers don't know, didn't want and will never see any benefit from."

In December 2008, approximately 40,000 home day care owners in Michigan received notices in the mail that they were now members of the newly-formed Child Care Providers Together Michigan union, which is a joint venture of the United Auto Workers (UAW) and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

SB 1173 was referred to the Senate Families and Human Services Committee for consideration.

Schoolcraft College offers seminars for small business owners, entrepreneurs

Schoolcraft College's Small Business and Technology Development Center is offering several seminars in March that cater to the unique needs of entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Reservations are required. To reserve a seat for these or any other SBTDC seminars, call (734) 462-4438 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/bdc/sbtde_seminars.asp for registration instructions. All of the seminars are held at the VisTaTech Center on Schoolcraft College's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. The Entrepreneur Series includes:

* Starting a Business: Wed., March 10, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., or Wed., March 24, 6-9 p.m., \$30

* Business Legal Issues: Tues., March 16, 9:30 a.m.-noon, \$40

* Writing a Business Plan: Wed., March 17, 9:30 a.m.-noon, \$40

* Marketing Your Business: Thurs., March 18, 6-9 p.m., \$40

* Finance: Wed., Feb. 24, 6-9 p.m., or Wed., March 31, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$40

In addition, the SBTDC will offer "Working for Yourself: The Ins and Outs of Becoming a Consultant, a Contractor, or other Service Provider," Wednesday, February 24, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and again on Wednesday, March 24, from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$40.

A brand new course, "Whale Hunting: Landing Big Sales and Transform Your

Company," will be held Friday, March 12, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This course provides a nine-step, team-sales approach to closing deals using existing resources to better serve large accounts. The cost of this course is \$299.

Women: Create Your New Economy

Women's Business Network will host "Create Your New Economy!" business and networking expo on March 20 at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford.

The all-day event will include eight dynamic women presenting pertinent information on the legal, financial, marketing and other important aspects of running a business. Pointers for success and how to make an excellent personal impression on prospective clients will also be presented. Several example makeovers will be completed. There will be numerous opportunities for networking with other local women professionals throughout the day. The organization expects 100 attendees. The cost of attendance is \$45 per person, or \$120 for three tickets, if registered by March 1. Thereafter, tickets will be \$55 per person. Lunch provided by Baker's of Milford is included in the ticket price.

Vendor space is available to promote your business to attendees. The cost for an eight-foot table display is \$30, plus the cost of admission. Vendors may choose to share their space and the rental cost among multiple businesses if desired. Each vendor in attendance will be responsible for the cost of admission.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Debra Downing at (248) 252-2952 or downingddd@aol.com.

Oakland offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars 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.

Fiscal Fitness for the Growing Business - Fiscal Management Tools for the Non-financial Manager - Wednesday, March 10, 8 a.m.-noon

This workshop provides the business owner an in-depth look at the essentials of using financial information to make effective decisions about improving their business performance. Topics include Ways to improve your company's cash flow, How to use the balance sheet and income statement to diagnose business problems and opportunities, how breakeven analysis helps you make better pricing and business decisions and How to insure you have enough working capital to support growth. The fee is \$50. No refunds.

Fundamentals of Starting a Business - Thursday, March 11, 9 a.m.-noon

This 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 fee is \$30. No refunds.

Wine Glow & Spaghett Dinner

March 9
 Benefit for Transition Center scholarships.
 Tickets: \$35 per person (\$18 tax deductible).
 Wine Glow 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets and information at 734-462-4443 or www.schoolcraft.edu/transition.

College Concert

March 13
 The college's Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Improvisation, Choral Union, Synthesizer Ensemble and soloists perform at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Tickets available at www.scbboxoffice.com or 734-462-4403.

Kids can discover their creative side

March 16
 Open House for Kids on Campus Summer Camp programs at 5:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Parents and kids (grades 1-12) can meet instructors, see demonstrations, and sign up for summer sessions. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/koc or 734-462-4448.

Emmanuelle Boisvert and Pauline Martin in concert

March 19
 Violinist Boisvert and pianist Martin perform as part of the Friday Evening Concert Series at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for students) available at www.scbboxoffice.com. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or 734-462-4403.

"King Lear"

Weekends in March and April
 Tickets for the Dinner Theatre performances March 19-20 and 26-27 are \$24 per person. Dinner 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center, performance 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre. Tickets for the April 9-10 performance only are \$12 per person. Tickets and more information at www.scbboxoffice.com.

Exhibit and author visit explore 1967 riots

March 8-26
 "Smoldering Fire of Civil Unrest" exhibit, on loan from the Detroit Historical Museum, weekdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. "Motown Burning" author John Jeffire speaks March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu or 734-462-4422.

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BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
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The language of taxes and accounting can be a foreign one. With itemized listings, financial reports, payroll and other documents, having a professional around for support is a key to staying on top of taxes each year.

The staff at Brenda W. Smith & Company is not only fluent in tax planning, preparation and general accounting; they're well versed in friendliness and professionalism.

Brenda W. Smith & Company has been serving the West Oakland and Livingston county communities for 25 years, offering support to individuals, families, small businesses and corporations, non-profits and community groups on all accounting and tax issues.

"We're very sensitive to the struggles that people are going through right now," said Brenda Smith, CPA and firm owner. "We've handled all these tough situations that people are experiencing. There probably isn't a tax situation out there that we haven't seen. People are often hesitant to seek out an accountant. It's almost like we speak a foreign language. We are different at Smith and Company; we don't talk in tax forms. We work with our clients to make sure they understand their taxes and are well represented."

Financial accountability year-round

Smith's talented staff works year-round with clients to comply with state and federal laws while staying on top of tax paperwork long before filing season.

Timothy Dilworth, EA, CPA, Brad Gilliatt, staff accountant, and Laurie Mathis, bookkeeper, are all available to clients full time, while Amy Haselhuhn, CPA and Jessie Mehl are available part time for support. A seasonal staff of

professionals including CPAs and Enrolled Agents round out the firm family.

"We have depth of experience," Smith said. "On any account, there is more than one person for reference. We use a team-oriented approach for all clients. There's always someone who can answer questions and can give a client peace of mind."

The firm boasts a New Hudson location on Grand River Avenue just minutes from Milford, Novi and Wixom, and another location in downtown South Lyon to further convenience its South Lyon and Whitmore Lake clients.

Specializing in small businesses, the firm supports its clients on everything from start-up to producing financial statements for bank loans.

"Smart planning is worth it in



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Brenda Smith, CPA (center) provides expert tax and accounting services along with her full-time staff (from left) Laurie Mathis, bookkeeper, Timothy Dilworth, EA, CPA and Bradley L. Gilliatt, staff accountant.

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the long run," Dilworth said. "We guide our clients through the process of setting up their tax ID numbers and getting registered with the state if they're collecting sales tax. We're QuickBooks ProAdvisor certified, the tax software used by 90 percent of small business. We offer just about any accounting service except for actually cutting the paychecks."

Connected to the community

A long-time resident of South Lyon, Smith is dedicated to her community and surrounding areas. She currently sits on the board of Active Faith Community Services in South Lyon, is a member of the Huron Valley and South Lyon Area chambers and served as past president of a Lions Club.

"We have many clients where we work with the grandparents, parents and children," Smith said. "I do taxes for people who played under my desk while their parents were having their taxes done years

ago. We're professional, the work is done right and we're not stuffy. From a teenager's first tax return though the complicated estate tax returns of the grandparents, we can do work for your entire family."

Brenda W. Smith & Company also supports local non-profit clients, including baseball leagues, local chambers, band boosters and other parent-run organizations.

The firm is also quite acclimated with technology, offering a great Web site with free resources and a secure portal for clients. The site, www.bwsmithcpa.com, hosts a free

Information Station with tax, business and financial strategies just a click away.

Especially in these challenging times, Brenda W. Smith & Company understands the plights of local taxpayers and strives to change their situations for brighter financial outcomes.

"People are being forced to do things that they never thought they'd do," Smith said. "They're taking out of their 401Ks and their IRAs; they're short selling their houses and facing foreclosure. These things generate tax consequences. We work with our clients to minimize any negative effects to make the best out of a bad situation and pay the least amount of taxes possible in the process."

Smith said nine times out of 10, the situation is not as bad as perceived.

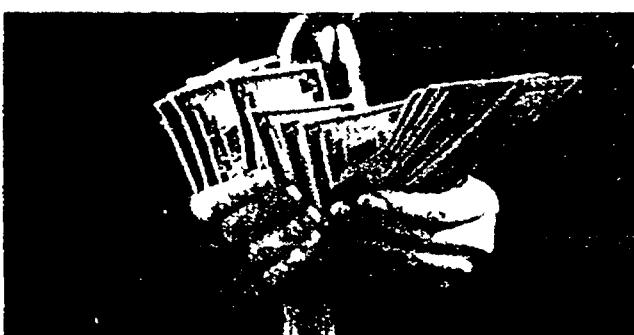
"We don't pass judgment, we figure out the best path to proceed to help our clients sleep at night," she said. "Call us, we can help."



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