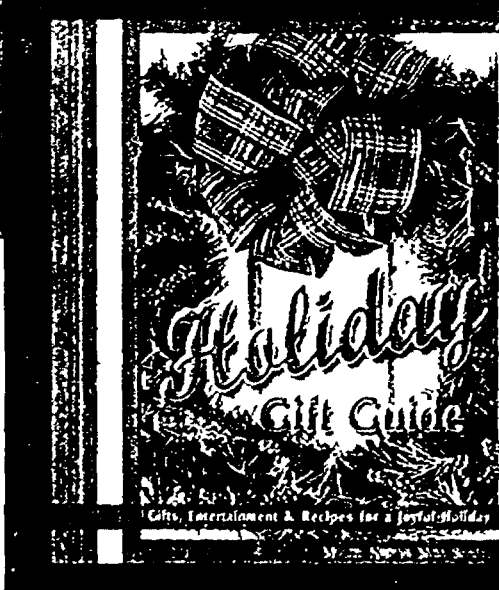


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Northville High's holiday concert

The choirs of Northville High School will present their holiday concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 14-16 at the school (45700 Six Mile Road). The high school band will be included on several selections. Northville High School is the home of an outstanding choir program that has been the recipient of numerous state awards.

Tickets are \$7 and are sold Monday-Friday at the high school ticket office from 2:15-3 p.m.

Lunch with Santa

Santa will be visiting the Northville American Legion Post 147, 100 W. Dunlap, Northville from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11.

It is a busy time of year for Santa and he wants to make sure all the boys and girls have a chance to visit with him and have their picture taken with him before Christmas Eve. Santa loves pizza and cookies so the American Legion will be serving these all afternoon. Bring the family for photos with Santa (picture available immediately for a small donation). While the little ones wait their turn to talk to Santa, various craft tables will be set up for the children to make souvenirs of their visit. Santa's helpers this year are the Northville Girl Scouts.

This event is free for all children (donations to benefit local veteran's programs always appreciated). For more information contact Shawn Ray, director of the American Legion Riders of Post 147 at (248) 880-9757.

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Send us your favorite holiday photos for a chance to win a prize.

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Contest ends midnight Dec. 31. Share your holiday spirit with others! Go to hometownlife.com.

Guys Night Out set tonight



SUBMITTED BY CHRIS VAN CAM

Area men are invited to come shop in downtown Northville from 6-9 p.m. tonight during the annual Guys Night Out holiday event. Pictured at a previous year's festivities are, from left: Thom Barry, Terry Marrs, Lon Conery, Greg Presley, Tom Gallagher, Mark Lebeis, David Field and Steve Caulkins. The guys meet promptly at 6 p.m. at Rock-on-Main by the Town Square. They spend about 30 minutes at five places, including Van Dam's Boutique, Dancing Eye Gallery, RePurpose and Starring "The Gallery." Men must wear a festive hat, and it's open to all males. (Sorry, no women allowed.) It is suggested that men have dinner before their arrival. "We serenade each shop as we leave with a rousing chorus of 'We wish you a merry Christmas!' Presley said. "We are actually quite good. We call ourselves Bad-Back Beat."

Northville Township issues new bills for winter taxes

SMART millage accidentally applied

On Dec. 2, the Northville Township Treasurer's Department announced that staff had accidentally issued incorrect winter 2010 tax bills.

The tax bills were mailed to the residents Dec. 1. On the tax bill, a millage of 0.59 (59 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the Wayne County Transit Authority was incorrectly applied.

The township does not participate in the Wayne County Transit Authority, also known as the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART). Therefore, the millage should not have been applied to the winter 2010 taxes.

The township finance department reissued new winter 2010 tax bills Tuesday. Any overpayments will be refunded. Township staff apologized for any inconvenience this mistake may have caused residents.

"Organizations often make mistakes," said Chip Snider, township manager. "But I think we're ultimately judged by how fast we correct those mistakes and diminish any inconvenience to the taxpayers."

Snider said Thelma Kubitsky, assistant township manager and finance director, and her department did an efficient job of correcting this mistake.

"The lesson that was learned by it will not be lost," he said. "Therefore, in my mind, that's what the most important thing is about a mistake is not losing the lesson."

Those who have any questions regarding this matter can contact the tax department at (248) 348-5810.

City council selects lower increase of millage rate

\$40,000-\$50,000 shortfall expected

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville City Council members announced Monday night that they will make use of the city's unlevied millage next year to help deal with the budget shortfall.

Pat Sullivan, city manager, said that because property values are not supposed to decrease as much as expected, city administration and

council have decided that a Headlee Amendment override will not be necessary.

The council has decided to adopt the Citizens Budget Committee's Alternative B plan that was presented Nov. 1 after meetings that began Aug. 9.

Alternative B also shows personnel and non-personnel cumulated expenses to be reduced by 10 percent.

The administration can levy 0.8824 mill without

having a special election.

Sullivan said the city has received information from Wayne and Oakland county Equalization Departments that indicates that Northville's taxable value will not drop that much for the upcoming year.

"In fact, Oakland County residential property values are projected to increase slightly, and there is a 1.7-

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Local schools chief search down to two

BY NATHAN MENOIAN
CORRESPONDENT

The search for a new public school superintendent is almost over. The Northville school board has narrowed its list of 17 candidates down to two.

Shawn Lewis-Lakin and Mary Kay Gallagher were selected as the final candidates after last week's final set of four candidate interviews. The former was interviewed Monday night; Gallagher will be interviewed today from 8-9 p.m. in the Northville High School Forum following a reception from 7-8 in the school's library.

The applicant search began last August, and the interview process began in October.

Gallagher is the assistant superintendent of Instructional Services with Northville schools. Lakin is the school superintendent of Manchester County public schools.

Three other late finalists included: Joseph Redden, a former superintendent from Cobb County Schools in Georgia; Dr. Catherine Cost, an assistant superintendent from Farmington public schools; and Dr. William DeFrance, superintendent from Eaton Rapids public schools.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, the school board will hold a special call meeting to deliberate on their final decision. They expect to announce their selection at that meeting.

Dr. Marilyn Price, Northville school board president, felt last week's interviews with the final four candidates went smoothly, and said they were well attended by the community, staff members and administrators.

"Each candidate was individually interviewed," said Price. "The same questions were asked to each of them. Questions focused on community involvement, finance and budget, curriculum and instruction, staffing and per-

sonnel, as well as leadership qualities."

This has been the first search for a superintendent undertaken by the district in quite some time. Dr. Leonard Rezmierski has been Northville's school superintendent since 1991. He began serving the district in 1976 as director of Special Education.

Price believes that Rezmierski's accomplishments and hard work will long be remembered throughout the district. She added that the new superintendent would be facing even more intense challenges due to the current economy.

"From the interviews we've held, it was good to hear how other districts are handling the same challenges, and each candidate came prepared to share creative ideas on the best way to tackle them," Price said. "Nothing about the superintendent's job ever gets any easier."

The board will also travel to Manchester County next week to visit with Lakin at his office. And though Gallagher works in the Northville district, the board will take time for a visit to her office as well.

"Both candidates are tremendously committed individuals, and are very competent and capable. I have a great deal of confidence that can make a selection that's good for Northville," Price said. "We are focused solely on the readiness of the individual's ability to assume the position."

Dr. Michael Wilmut, regional president of Michigan Leadership Institute, hired by the school board to assist in the search for a new superintendent, was also at last week's interview meeting.

"Things went very well, and the board expressed great appreciation for all four of the candidates," said Wilmut. "We took comments from the audience, and afterwards the board unanimously voted

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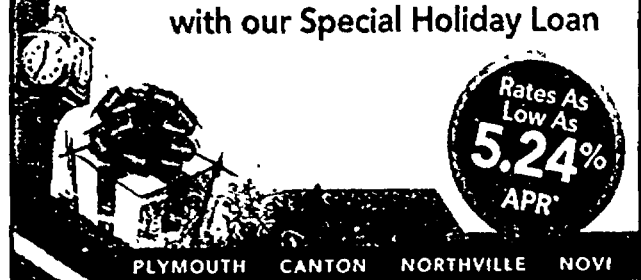


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An increase in trespassing at the 400-acre property in Northville Township, much of it by area teenagers and young adults, has alarmed Judge Michael Gerou at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Judge: Old hospital is not a place for 'harmless night out'

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Law enforcement officials have a message for ghost-hunters, history buffs and thrill-seekers who might be considering a trip to the Northville State Hospital: Don't go there.

An increase in trespassing at the 400-acre property in Northville Township, much of it by area teenagers and young adults, has alarmed Judge Michael Gerou at 35th District Court in Plymouth, who said he doesn't want to see young people get into legal trouble over what they might consider a harmless night out.

The hospital property is in a bad state of disrepair and is dangerous, the judge said, and township police make regular arrests there.

"It can be very, very expensive for them and it can also give them a criminal history," Gerou said of trespassing defendants, adding that the "vast majority" of people in his courtroom charged with hospital trespassing are young adults with no crimi-

'It can be very, very expensive for them and it can also give them a criminal history.'

JUDGE MICHAEL GEROU, said of trespassing defendants

nal history.

Gerou, one of three judges at the court, said he was given 10 or 12 hospital trespassing cases in a single day last week.

Northville Township Police Chief John E. Werth, who is also the director of public safety, said his officers arrested 78 people on trespassing charges at the hospital in October and November.

The maximum penalty for trespassing is 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine. Gerou said those charged in district court can expect to be sentenced to several days on work detail and fines and costs of \$400 or more.

"The consequences are pretty significant, and it's a criminal offense, and you only have a clean record once," he said. The cases are usually decided through plea agreements, Gerou said; none of the hospital trespass-

ing cases he's seen have gone to trial.

Werth and Gerou said there's typically an increase in trespassing by thrill-seekers around the time of Halloween. Aside from Halloween-season incidents, Werth said, hospital trespassing overall increases slightly from year to year.

The hospital on Seven Mile, formally known as the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital, was closed by the state in 2003. The property, the target in 2008 of a failed annexation attempt by the city of Livonia, is owned by Northville Township, which is bound by a consent judgment to tear the buildings down within eight years, Werth said.

The property is also visited by would-be thieves looking for scrap metal to sell, Werth said. Scrapppers are also regularly arrested there, he said.

It's also been the site of more dangerous activity, the chief said. An armed trespasser accidentally shot himself in a leg, and ended up losing it, a few years back, and a would-be scrapper was once wounded by a shotgun blast fired by a security guard working for the previous owner, a local developer.

Werth said the property is constantly monitored and that police make extra patrols at times when trespassing activity is likely to increase.

"There's nothing on that property that is worth seeing," Werth said. "We have a zero-tolerance policy on anybody who is trespassing on that property."

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Artists featured at Providence Park gallery

BY ANNETTE JAWORSKI
CORRESPONDENT

It was the first time since her diagnosis that Linda Shady dressed for a visit to the Assarian Cancer Center. Wearing a soft black velvet jacket with dressy slacks and heels, that night she paid particular attention to her hair and make up. She wasn't preparing for treatment. Instead, she and 13 other artists attended a reception in their honor at the Nancy Fox Gallery.

"I was on cloud nine. I felt like the belle of the ball," the Milford resident exclaimed.

The art exhibit "For the Love of Paint" was the brain child of instructor, Janis Madias. Her enthusiasm and patience with all skill levels allowed students to blossom. Impressed with their talent and artistic growth, Madias pursued the next step — arranging their own show at the Nancy Fox Gallery with an evening reception to kick it off.

"I begged to have this show. I kept at it, asking 'Can we please do this?'," Madias said. The response to the reception proved that art and cancer treatment can mix.

Although the class is not limited to cancer patients, many of the students are patients or cancer survivors. Others artists are staff members who decided to join, such as Barbara Rice, who noticed the class while volunteering at the center.

Members are quick to embrace, encourage as well as critique each other.

"That's what's fun about this environment, everyone has a different style. That excites me that I can learn from other people," said Shady. "I never saw a group of people who could work together like this to make this art show happen."

Shady's cancer treatment was a low point in her life, physically and emotionally.

Accustomed to an active and ambitious lifestyle, the diagnosis put a stop to many of her dreams and activities. For several months during treatment she was wheelchair bound. Putting the paintbrush in her hands helped to lift her depression and gave her new purpose.

"I'm so driven to learn, that I just don't want to miss it. I started to keep a notebook, because I don't want to forget anything. It's not so much like a hobby for me. It's like I found a new life."

Elena Weissman, manager of the Healing Arts Center, empathizes. "Cancer is tough," she said. Those at the Healing Arts Center want to help patients cope by offering programs that focus on the person, not the disease.

"She (or he) can come to the art class and they're not a cancer patient, they're a person," she added. "It's about seeking beauty wherever you can."

Although a new show is a huge undertak-



PHOTOS BY ELENA WEISSMAN

Artist Lyn Shady of Milford welcomes granddaughter Courtney Shady, grandson Brandon Shady and friend Judy Barr at the opening night artist reception at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

FEATURED ARTISTS

Several artists are taking part in the "For the Love of Paint" exhibit at Providence Park Hospital: Barbara Couyoumijian, Julie Couyoumijian, Etsuko Kishi, Junko Ota, Deborah Ploski, Marcia Ploski, Barbara Rice, Henya Rachmiel, Lynn Shady-Renard, Jane Toomajian, Marilyn Wolff, Chikako Yamada, Annette Jaworski and Jed Bromfield.

ing, Weissman acknowledged the effort is so worthwhile. "It's great to see people have pride in the work. It's exactly what we want them to feel."

Many students of the class like Junko Ota have produced amazing artwork with no previous training or background. Others like Marcia Plosky and Henya Rachmiel have previously used watercolors and other mediums, but are excited to be promoted in their own show.

"I think that anyone that has seen it for the first time will assume the artist has had a lot of practice. I've seen a lot of great work has come out of that class," noted James Tester, program coordinator and CAM therapist. "The passion to create is in that group."

Barbara Couyoumijian's artwork expresses her passion in bright colors and native dress. She enjoyed artistic activities, but somehow life and raising family didn't leave much time to pursue it. "I've always wanted to do watercolor."

She joined her sister-in-law Julie Couyoumijian, a cancer survivor, in class about two years ago and has participated

ever since.

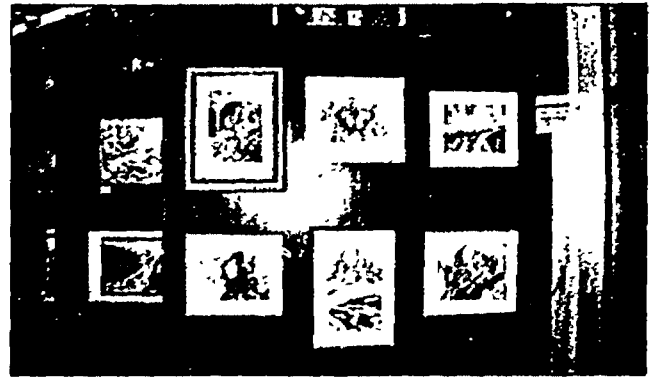
"I love how our personalities mix. I'm still learning, even though I knew fundamentals... It gets me out of the house and connects me with other people," she said.

The concept of The Healing Arts is to promote health in mind, body and spirit. Not a typical facility, it's a place where photography and knitting groups meet; healthy cooking and yoga classes are held. A massage can be scheduled. A ceramic workshop is located on the lower level, staffed by Judy Beresh. The pottery made there has also been featured in the gallery earlier this year.

The building itself is inspiring. Massive two-story windows provide a tranquil view overlooking a pond. Inside the courtyard area, where yoga classes are held, water features are surrounded by stonework. The art gallery is adjacent to the atrium. The upper level classroom also enjoys a view of the pond. The overall intent throughout the building is to provide a calming refuge.

Serious treatment goes on here as well, and is the basis for the center. Cancer patients check in for the radiation and chemotherapy treatments. The infusion center is located to the right of the spacious indoor atrium. Doctors' offices are located on the second floor at Newland Medical Associates.

"For the Love of Paint" artwork will be on display until the end of December. The public is welcome to browse the free gallery during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Madias' classes are held Mondays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Assarian Cancer Center located in the Providence Park complex on Grand River Avenue in Novi. For more information on classes call (248) 465-5155.



Some of the artwork on display. More than a dozen artists contributed to the gallery, which runs through the month.



Art instructor Janis Madias receives a gift on opening night of the show "For the Love of Paint" at the Assarian Cancer Center at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

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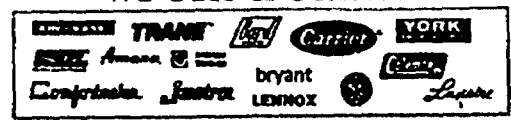
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Mike Mullen (left), Northville freelance creative director and award-winning printmaker, presents Library Director Julie Herrin (right) and Library Endowment Chairperson Barbara Glover (center) with the first print off the press of his limited edition linocut entitled *The Roots of Wonder*. Mullen donated 100 prints to the library to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Library Endowment Fund. The sepia toned prints will be awarded to the first 100 donors of \$100 or more to the fund during the 10th anniversary. The print is available for viewing on the main level of the library.

Northville Library Endowment Fund celebrating 10th anniversary

Northville District Library is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Library Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund was established in 2001 in order to provide a permanent source of income above and beyond the library's basic revenues to ensure continued excellence in the programs and services of the library. Contributions are pooled with others and invested to earn income.

To help mark the occasion, a new Library Giving Tree has been added in the library entryway to honor donors. Engraved leaves and rocks acknowledge individuals or groups who have made gifts to the library. The tree was made possible in part by a large donation by the Friends of the Library. In addition, a special limited edition linocut has been designed and donated by Northville artist Mike

DETAILS
Endowment Fund brochures and donor forms are available at the library, or visit the library's website: www.northvillelibrary.org. You can call Library Director Julie Herrin with any questions about the Fund at (248) 349-3020. Library hours are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Library Board member. "Contributions of all sizes are welcome, as they will grow over time. We hope that the endowment will become an increasingly significant source of enhancement funding for the library."

Generous gifts from Northville resident Christine Hinkle and the family of John J. Carlo enabled the Library's Board of Trustees to establish the Endowment Fund 10 years ago. In 2002, the Carlo family provided \$25,000 as matching funds, and the community donated more than \$42,000. The fund has grown to almost \$300,000 today.

The fund is a separate fund within the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, thereby qualifying donors for the Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit for up to 50 percent of the gift, subject to certain limits.

Mullen to commemorate the event. The first 100 donors of \$100 or more to the fund during the 10th anniversary year will receive a signed, numbered print.

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to bring back Lakin and Gallagher."

Willmot has already spoken with the other candidates informing them they were not selected for further consideration.

"Even after the board's final decision in mid-December, I'm committed to help with the orientation of the new superintendent, and will also be available to them during the next 12 months," he said.

This week the board held two separate community receptions for Gallagher and

Lakin at the high school providing an opportunity for parents and school staffers to personally meet each candidate. Afterwards the board conducted a final interview with the two finalists.

Joan Wadsworth, school board vice president, took time to share her impressions of last week's interviews.

"This was my first experience being involved in this type of search. The process went very well and I am pleased with the progress that was made in Northville's search for a school superintend-

ent," Wadsworth said.

She believes the final two candidates showed great insight and judgment, both very important traits for a school superintendent to have.

"The good thing about Dr. Rezmierski giving his retirement notice so early was that it gave us time to do a good search," Wadsworth said.

"Then, whoever the final candidate is can finish out this school year where they are at."

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New NEF website details \$300,000 in school grants

The Northville Educational Foundation has launched an expansive new website — www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org — that details in words and pictures how the Foundation is supporting academic and enrichment programs to benefit Northville Public Schools students. For the 2010-11 school year, the Foundation has allocated \$300,000 to address immediate instructional needs across the school district and to support educational enrichment programs for students and teachers.

The new website also offers an on-line donation option through Network for Good, an independent nonprofit organization that provides easy, secure and affordable on-line fundraising services to other nonprofits. By simply clicking on the "Donate Now" button on the Foundation website, donors are quickly linked to a secured page on the Network for Good website where they can make a contribution to the Northville Educational Foundation using a credit card.

"We encourage school parents and community members to visit the Northville Educational Foundation's new website to find out what we are all about and how we are helping make a difference for Northville Public Schools students," said Foundation President Eric Barritt. "Most importantly, during these very challenging economic times, we encourage everyone to consider how they can support the Foundation and its mission to continue the educational excellence in Northville Public Schools."

Other features of the new Foundation website include:

- **Learn About NEF** — Details regarding the Northville Educational Foundation's history, mission, Board of Directors, and its 2009-10 Financial Review summary conducted by Plante & Moran, as well as answers to frequently asked questions about the Foundation and its programs.

- **What We Support** — Descriptions of the programs the Foundation supports and how these efforts are enhancing educational excellence in Northville Public Schools, as well as sustaining the foundation on which the district's programs are built. For the 2010-11 school year, the Northville Educational



Northville Educational Foundation President Eric Barritt (seated) shares the many features of the Foundation's new website (www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org) with board members (l to r) Jim Sourges, George Fekaris and Todd Knickerbocker.

ABOUT THE NEF

Established in 2000, the Northville Educational Foundation is a Michigan nonprofit organization committed to providing support for programs that enhance educational excellence and strengthen learning experiences for students in the Northville Public Schools. The Foundation raises, professionally manages and, in partnership with Northville Public Schools, distributes donated funds to supplement and enrich educational programming. Donations to the Foundation's "General Unrestricted Fund" enable the Foundation to apply the funds where they are most needed as determined by the Board of Directors. Contributions to the Foundation's "General Endowment Fund" are restricted so that the principal amount remains in the endowment fund, and proceeds from investments can be used to support programs in the future. For more information about the Northville Educational Foundation and how you can become involved, visit the new website at www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org or contact Foundation Facilitator Jan Purtell at NEF Northville Educational Foundation or (248) 344-8458.

Foundation Board of Directors has ensured that 85 percent of the \$300,000 granted to the school district will go to address immediate instructional support needs that will impact learning across the school system.

- **Ways to Give** — Details regarding the many ways individuals, community groups and businesses can give to the Foundation such as joining the Corral Club; contributing to the Thank Northville Public Schools Staff for a Great Year program; making a tribute gift in honor or memory of an individual; planned giving; gifts of stocks or securities; and in-kind donations and sponsorships.

- **Success Stories** — Personal stories from

donors about what inspires them to give to the Northville Educational Foundation, as well as stories from teachers and students about how this support is making a difference in classrooms and programs across the school district.

- **News & Events** — Details regarding recent media coverage and upcoming Foundation events, such as the holiday shopping day on Friday, December 3, at the Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro in downtown Northville, which will benefit the Northville Educational Foundation.

The new Foundation website also offers an easy link to the Northville Public Schools website, as well as the district's individual school and program websites.



SARA BLOOMBERG

From the left: Alekya Vinta, Ozair Arfi, Allison Hige, Parker Schmitt, Liyana Woodford and Aaron Stathakis.

Northville Middle School students learn life lessons

The spirit of giving is in the air in Shirley Klokkena's eighth grade English classes at Meads Middle School. While English is the main subject students are also receiving an unexpected lesson in giving back to others. They are reaching out this holiday season to raise money for Covenant House Michigan, a Detroit-based shelter for homeless and at-risk youth. What started as a writing assignment about "My Michigan Hero" transformed into a fundraising project, "Sweets for the Streets" that connected their writing essay.

Students donated candy, sold it for \$1 apiece and sold it to fellow students at school. The students found a donor who would match what they raise and started Sweets for the Streets Nov. 3 and to date has raised several hundred dollars.

ABOUT COVENANT HOUSE MICHIGAN

Covenant House Michigan helps thousands of homeless and at-risk young people every year. In addition to food and shelter, Covenant House provides job development services and crisis intervention to its residents and other young people. The agency operates an outreach van that drives through metro Detroit-area neighborhoods and offers on the spot assistance to homeless and other needy youth. Through a partnership with the Detroit Public School, Covenant House Michigan operates three second chance high schools, Covenant House Academies, to offer dropouts and at-risk youth the opportunity to obtain a high school diploma. Over 900 youth are enrolled each year. For more information on Covenant House Michigan, call (313) 463-2000 or log on to www.covenant-housemi.org.

"I wrote a sample essay and shared it with my class about how heroes are not born heroes they are made every day," said the Covenant House as an example about the making of a hero," said Klokkena. "The most beautiful part is the trust and camaraderie we've built. We trust that each participant will be honest by paying

a dollar for every piece of candy taken." In addition to their English lesson, the students are learning valuable life lessons in generosity, honesty and working together toward a common goal. Sweets for the Streets continues through Dec. 16, and a special check presentation is planned at Covenant House Michigan.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Senior All-Night Party

Don't miss out on the 2011 Senior All Night Party. This special Northville tradition brings the halls of Northville High School alive with a magical setting. A surprise theme is kept under wraps all year and is unveiled the week of the party. The evening includes dinner, snacks, entertainment, activities, a T-shirt and prizes. It takes place following graduation on Sunday, June 5 from 9 p.m.-3 a.m. at NHS. The cost

is \$70, but will go up to \$85 on Jan. 1 — so buy your tickets now. Wooden mustangs are also available for \$45. This unpainted wooden horse is personalized by you and displayed at the party. The sky is the limit as far as decorating to reflect your senior. It can be decorated with photos, sportswear, name tiles, props, etc. Take the horse home for your own graduation celebration.

Support the Class of 2011 and purchase Northville City Car Wash gift cards for \$20

for five carwashes; a savings of \$5. With the holidays fast approaching, these make great stocking stuffers. To purchase, please contact Germaine Hoppens at ghoppens@aol.com. All forms and contact information can be found at www.northville.k12.mi.us/nhs under "Latest News" click on "Senior All-Night Party Forms". Parents, you can help make this evening a special one to remember by volunteering your time, many types of opportunities are available.

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A PASSION for HEALING

Families flock to Three Cedars Farm for Country Christmas celebration

Photographs with Santa and much more

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

One could say it's one of the area's hidden gems.

Three Cedars Farm comes alive during the holiday season, with families flocking to the Six Mile Road at Angle Road location.

The farm is located in Salem Township but has a Northville mailing address.

It also has a pumpkin patch, a corn maze that draws as many as 40,000 people each year and fall items for sale in the gift shop in October. They also have 10 private bonfire sites on the property.

It's only open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the Christmas season for its Country Christmas.

Children can have their photo taken with Santa for a \$10 donation to South Lyon's Active Faith Community Services, a nondenominational charity for local families. Plus there's a gift shop, loads of animated figures, a doughnut hut where hot and cold apple cider and hot chocolate is served, a children's play area and Christmas tree and greenery sales.

CELEBRATING EIGHTH YEAR

Owned by Gary Whittaker and his wife, Sherry, the farm is celebrating its eighth year of operation this year.

The Whittakers also rent the top floor of the barn on the property, where the photos with Santa are shot, in September and October only. "We had three weddings here this year," Whittaker said.

The area can also be rented for corporate parties, Halloween parties, birthday parties and square dances.

"I've been collecting items for years," Whittaker said, including some animated skaters that once graced a window at the former Hudson's department store on Woodward Avenue in Detroit built in 1964. Plus, they only have three weeks to set it all up following the fall season.

HOW THEY ACQUIRED THE FARM

Whittaker started building a house in South Lyon in 1986. He's in the packaging business and has been vice president of Industrial Packaging for 36 years. He used to stop at McDonald's for coffee on his way to work.

While at the fast food restaurant he met a man named Fred Verran, who passed away about 15 years ago.

"He was 50 years older than me, but we became best friends," Whittaker said.

When he passed away, Verran's sons wanted the Whittakers to buy the family farm, which was in a state of disarray.

The house is 150 years old, and squirrels were infested in the walls. The barn, which used to house 65 dairy cows, had been boarded up since the 1960s.

"We ended up buying the farm, not thinking of ever living here, but just buying the 51-acre farm as an investment."

They started fixing it up for their three children's weddings, and all three children were married at the farm.

Then someone suggested that they grow pumpkins.

"I'm a city boy, so I don't know too much about farming, but we bought a tractor and a hay wagon, and that's how we started out," Whittaker said.

"It is funny that people don't know we're out here," he said. "But people have really supported the farm, and we've really tried to put a lot back into it." There's no admission charge or parking fee.

"We try to keep it (the cost) reasonable for families," Whittaker said.

Mary Anzalone from Manchester comes every year. This year, she was with her 4-year-old granddaughter, Meredith Baughey.

Cynthia and Craig Velicevic of Northville were at the farm Sunday with their 1-year-old daughter, Avery.

"We came to the pumpkin patch, but this is the first time we've been for a visit with Santa," Cynthia said. "It's amazing."

"It's very nice," Craig said.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS, TREES

Christmas wreaths are \$15, \$20 and 50 feet of roping for \$35. Christmas trees range in price from \$40-\$90. "We get them from a farm in the middle of the state," said employee Jeff White. Ryan Thomason has worked there about six years.

Daniel and Diane Zaremski of South Lyon brought their 2-year-old grandson, Cooper Schmitt, to the farm. He wants Stinky, a Matchbox garbage truck that talks, for Christmas. Cooper's parents, Jake and Nicky Schmitt of Grand Blanc, also brought 11-month-old daughter, Kennedy. The Zaremskis' 6-year-old grandson, Peyton Schmitt, wants some Kung Zhus, which are Ninja hamsters.

"They bump into each other and fight," he said.



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Tanner, 4, left, and Jayden Docis, 6, enjoy a moment with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Salem Township's Three Cedars Farm on Dec. 3. Located along Six Mile Road, Three Cedars' owners Gary and Sherry Whittaker have decorated their farm and welcomed children to meet with Santa every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 19.



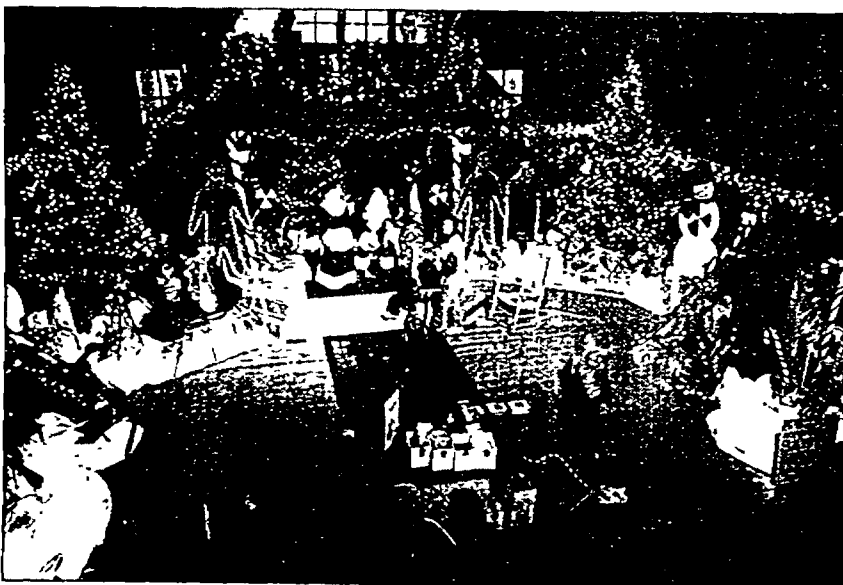
Jillian Boonstra, 8, of Livonia, checks out the lighted holiday display at Three Cedars Farm as she waits to meet with Santa on Dec. 3.



The farm's lighted holiday display.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Three Cedars Farm is located at 7897 Six Mile Road, Northville. Hours of operation for the Country Christmas activities are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 19. Photos with Santa are available for a \$10 donation to Active Faith Community Services from 4-8 p.m. Friday, 1-7 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (248) 437-8200 or go to www.threecedarsfarm.org.



The interior of Three Cedars Farm's barn displaying its Christmas decorations.



A creche display outside Salem Township's Three Cedars Farm.



Three Cedars' employee Matt Martin throws a log on the fire outside the Salem Township's business on Dec. 3 as children met with Santa inside. Martin was tending the farm's Christmas tree sales.

Western Wayne County study reveals children and families in great need

Northville part of assessment

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Children and families in Western Wayne County are hurting, and a new study shows the statistics.

Ann Kalass of Northville Township, executive director of Starfish Family Services in Inkster, said she believes the Nov. 15 Community Poverty Forum hosted by the nonprofit was the first time that the nonprofit has convened this type of forum.

"Our intention is to continue this effort once or twice a year with similar conversations," she said.

The event at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus followed a demographer's community needs assessment that looked at Western Wayne County.

FOURTEEN COMMUNITIES REVIEWED

The 14 communities assessed included Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Wayne, Westland, Taylor, Inkster, Garden City, Redford, Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.

"These communities were selected because they aligned most with the Starfish service area," Kalass said.

"As an agency that's serving several thousand children each year, we feel like we have to play a leadership role in bringing people together to understand the condition of at-risk children and families in Metro Detroit."

Kalass said people need to be educated about the depth of need that exists.

Starfish commissioned an organization called Data Driven Detroit to perform the needs assessment.

"We wanted to find out what the stressors and barriers are that affect lower-income families," she said.

The nonprofit also wanted to find out where the families live so they can better target their services.

Kurt Metzger is the director



STARFISH FAMILY SERVICES

Ann Kalass of Northville Township, executive director of Starfish Family Services in Inkster, spoke at a Nov. 25 Community Poverty Forum the social service provider hosted at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The forum followed a study Starfish commissioned Data Driven Detroit to perform on families in 14 communities in Western Wayne County.

of Data Driven Detroit, and he presented the findings from the study.

MANY RECEIVE FOOD STAMPS

In the second half of the presentation, Liz Gershoff, an associate professor at the University of Texas-Austin,

talked about how poverty impacts children.

The forum ended with a panel discussion that also included Jack Kresnak, president of Michigan Children, a Lansing policy and advocacy group for children in the state, and Carlynn Nichols, direc-

tor of Children's Initiatives, a Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

Kalass said the study showed that 40 percent of Wayne County families receive food stamps. Also, nearly half of all Wayne County children age 5 and under are in food-stamp households.

Thirteen school districts serve the study area. Almost half of those have graduation rates below 75 percent.

POVERTY RISING IN SUBURBS

Metzger said nationally that poverty rates are rising faster in suburban communities than in inner cities.

One quarter of those living in Inkster and one fifth of those living in Dearborn have incomes below the federal poverty level of about \$20,000.

In Inkster, half of children age 5 and under live in homes with incomes that are below the federal poverty level.

Starfish will give out 400 food boxes this month to families in its service area.

About 90 people attended the forum from many different types of organizations, including local higher education institutions, social service providers, hospitals and health care providers, members of local government and more.

"It was a fabulous cross-section of all of the organizations that are working to support children and families in Wayne County," Kalass said.

For a copy of the report, contact Starfish Family Services at (734) 728-3400.

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percent CPI (Consumer Price Index) multiplier that will apply to all parcels where the taxable value is below assessed value," Sullivan said. He said the city expects only about a 1-percent drop in taxable value on property next year, as opposed to 12 percent projected earlier.

Sullivan said it appears that a lot of this difference has to do with the way the two counties are treating foreclosure sales. In the past, the burden of proof was on the municipality to establish if, for example, a home was vacant and in a state of disrepair and should be discounted.

"Now, the counties are taking the approach that they are not applying the lower values on those foreclosures to the sales study," Sullivan said.

The property sales study ends Sept. 30. Then there is a further adjustment the counties make for all of the sales that came in last year after Sept. 30, but before the Board of Review in March.

"When that adjustment was applied, that's what brought our taxable value and assessed value to slightly less than the break-even point," Sullivan said. "This changes our course on how we want to implement the budget committee's recommendations."

NEXT THREE FISCAL YEARS

Sullivan said the city must still address about a \$1.2 million budget shortfall over the next three fiscal years. About half of that \$1.2 million was to be made up in cuts, while the other half was to be made up in millage rate adjustments.

But the millage rate adjustments were only to keep tax revenues roughly where they are right now or

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PAJ SMULLEN, city manager

slightly below the 2010-11 level.

"If we don't experience the drop in taxable value, we will not need the millage rate adjustment in order to keep taxes at the current level," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said if the projected 1-percent drop in taxable value holds, the city will only need \$40,000-\$50,000 to receive the same amount of revenue this year as last year.

CITY RECOMMENDATION

"Our recommendation is that we use part of our unlevied millage this year to keep revenues stable," he said. The budget committee had wanted to levy three- or four-tenths of a mill. "We project with our shortfall that we will only need one- or two-tenths of a mill, and that decision can be made at budget time when we know exactly where our taxable values will be. We will not need a Headlee override to balance our budget."

However, the millage rate increase only addresses keeping tax revenues the same. "It doesn't help us with the issue of cutting \$600,000, so our current expenditure level gets down to the current revenue level. The hardest part of the job is budget cuts, and this still has to be done. We still have to go to our employee groups and seek concessions," Sullivan said, as well as make cuts elsewhere.

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Livonia Public Schools Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program to Out-of-District Students

Three seats are open to students entering 7th grade in winter 2011
 Three seats are open to students entering 8th grade in winter 2011
Limited Registration window: Dec. 6, 2010 – Jan. 6, 2011

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Middle School Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (MACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2010-11 school year, second semester. This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience. Registration will open from Dec. 6, 2010 - Jan. 6, 2011 at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Rd, Livonia 48150 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. All candidates MUST meet the MACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, Contact Doug Coates at Churchill High School at 734-744-2650 ext. 46132

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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: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 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

Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael Zuehl, associate pastor

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit d1cnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional

worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study
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 Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.nwhepoecenter.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

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

Faith Community Presbyterian

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

First Baptist Church of Northville

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

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-0971 or visit firstpresville.org
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Walking in the Park
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)
Details: Group meet for lunch afterwards.
Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

Single Place Ministries

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

Christmas program

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17
Details: The Christmas program will also be a guest day, introducing new members. The program is "Holiday Music", presented by Jill Engerer.
Contact: Virginia Martin at (248) 349-3064.

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: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-May)
Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor
Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)
Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)
Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays
Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@fumcnorthville.org

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
Lakes Baptist Church
Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake
Livonia Church of Christ
Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.
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: Better Than You
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

Vespers

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.
Details: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar and piano.
Cookie Walk
Time/Date: 9 a.m. Dec. 11
Sunday School Program
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Dec. 19

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 on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

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, Novi
Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
ReNew Life Group Ministries
Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspective.

Women's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Men's Life Groups Ministries
Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations for both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road
Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
Preschool/Kids Choir
Time/Date: 7:15 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

Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth
Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org

Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Sunday Dec. 12
Details: The service, which follows a format popularized by King's College of the University of Cambridge, England, alternates readings from Scripture with the singing of songs and carols appropriate for the season of Advent. Members of the church's music ministry, including Children's and Youth choirs, Handbell Choir, Parish Choir, and contemporary group SonShine, will come together to present the music for the service, under the direction of Minister of Music Julie Ford. Although the concert is free of charge, attendees are encouraged to give generously to a free-will offering. Benefits from the concert will be donated to the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. Gleaners, which was founded in Detroit in 1977, distributes more than 28 million pounds of food annually through its five Metro-Detroit distribution centers.

St. 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
St. John's Episcopal Church
Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

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DOROTHY E. DOMANSKI

Age 82, passed away November 29, 2010. A memorial service was held on December 4, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



ALLAN L. PRESSLER

Age 68, passed away December 3, 2010 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on September 24, 1942, in Bay City, son of the late Harry and Betty (Holtforth) Pressler. Allan was an avid reader, a museum enthusiast and a proud U.S. Navy veteran. He is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara Ann; his daughters: Tamara (Brent) Ely and Melissa Pressler. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Sydney, Tyler, Aize, Jason, Corde, Khalil and his siblings: Judy Stevenson and Steve Pressler. Visitation was held on Monday, December 6th from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday, December 7th from 3-8 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 8th at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Graveside services were held at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township, where military honors were rendered. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Kidney Foundation or the American Diabetes Association Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

ILA MARIE OAKS

Age 97, of the Springs at Whitefish, died Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, Montana. Ila was born on December 2, 1912 in Lapeer County, Michigan to Raymond Walker and Nina (Bearinger) Walker. Ila's father, Ray Walker, who was interested in machinery had a Lapeer foundry build a dredge, then was hired to dig drains in fields located in the thumb part of Michigan to prevent flooding. A move to Birmingham, Michigan, in what is now Troy, Michigan, presented a new opportunity for Ila's father to open a gravel pit operation. After several successful years in the gravel business, Ray transferred the operation over to his son, and then retired with Nina to their cabin in Red Oak, Michigan; known to the family as UpNorfus (named by one of Ray and Nina's grandsons). From a young age Ila wanted to be a teacher. She attended Oakland County Normal Training School in 1930-1931, and started her teaching career during the Great Depression at the age of 18. Wages were small at that time, earning just \$675 for nine months of teaching, but Ila was passionate about her career. She later graduated from Wayne State University and taught in various Michigan schools for more than 26 years. All the activities Ila joined in were related to the educational system. Because Ila enjoyed teaching music, arts and crafts, she remembered the time that her father sat her down and explained that those teachers of music, arts and crafts were often the first to be let out of their jobs. So Ila became a first grade teacher, and was discouraged from ever moving from that position. Many of her students over the years have written notes of thanks for her tenacious desire that they learn to write legibly, read and understand words, and especially to work beyond their potential to achieve their goals. Many will miss Ila's inventive and artistic talent as well as her enthusiastic involvement. Ila married Jerold E. Oaks, a school friend of her brother, happily living together for nearly 67 years. Ila is preceded in death by her husband, Jerold, and son Robert Earl Oaks. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Oaks Tucker and husband Tom of Kalspell, and son James E. Oaks of Orrstown and wife, Shirley Oaks, Pennsylvania; nine grandchildren including two who reside in the Flathead Valley; twelve great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. At her request, there are no services planned for Ila. The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Angel's Place, 25240 Lahser Road, Suite #2, Southfield, MI 48033. Their email address is: http://angelsplace.com/ Johnson - Gloschal Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Ila's family. You are invited to go to: www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Ila's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

VERONICA FRANCES ROSE

Age 102, of New Boston, formerly of Northville, passed away 11/25/2010. Donations would be appreciated to the American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements entrusted to: Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

ELSIE ZAPOLI

Crossed over on December 6, 2010 at the age of 98 in South Lyon. Elsie was born in White Pine, Ontonagon County of Michigan on January 20, 1912. Elsie was one of four children born to Robert and Ida Kivela. Elsie married William Zapoli on May 31, 1941 and resided in Detroit for over 50 years. Elsie is preceded in death by her husband William Zapoli, (January 15, 2006), and her son, Robert Zapoli, (November 20, 2009). Elsie is survived by her daughter, Linda Stevens, (Richard), Granddaughter, Amy Rasegan, (Scott), Great-Granddaughter Daphne Rasegan, and Granddaughter, Melanie Hayes, (Casey), Great-Grandson, Avery Hayes, Great-Granddaughters Grace and Josie Hayes, all residing in South Lyon. Elsie was a Charter Member of the Finnish Center Association and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, local 58 Retirees Association. A Memorial Service will be held at the South Lyon Senior Care & Rehab Center of South Lyon, on Saturday, December 11th at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Rod Rhoad, from the oak Pointe Church will officiate at the service. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARCIA J. DREFFS

Age 72, passed away Dec. 6, 2010. Visitation Dec. 9, Thurs. 3-7p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Funeral Mass Fri., Dec. 10 at 11a.m. at Old St. Pat's Catholic Church, 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd., Ann Arbor, MI.

KENNETH WAYNE EVERSOLE

Age 61, of Canton, MI passed November 29 after a long battle with Leukemia and Lymphoma. He is survived by his beloved wife Chris, of forty one years; their children Dawn (Paul) Hahn, and Dustin Eversole; one grandson Logan Hahn; Stepmother Edward Hines; Four brothers, Corbin (Ernestine), Roger (Valerie), Michael and Jesse; two sisters Marcella Lueck and Kathy Eversole (Dan Butcher); Numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents Corbin Eversole and Kathleen Hines; siblings Helen; Earnest Ray and William Raymond. Ken proudly served with the 101st Airborne Infantry in Vietnam. Visitation was held Sunday, December 5, 2010 from 2-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI. Funeral Service was held Monday, December 6, 2010 at 11am with In State 10:30am at Resurrection Parish, 48755 Warren Rd. Canton. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the CLL Global Research Foundation (www.cllglobal.org)



ARTHUR GERISH

Age 82 of Northville, December 4, 2010. Beloved husband of the Janet. Loving father of Bruce (Bridgett), Susan, David and Amy (Steve) Katz. Dear brother of Evan C. (Susan). Dear brother-in-law of Edwin (Leri) Hancock and Joan (Donald) Clark. Proud grandfather of Kristin, Katelin, Evan, Kayla, Colin, Brianna and Hannah. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Founder and President of Gerish Building Co. Mr. Gerish was awarded the 2004 Developer of the Year Award by the SE Michigan Builders Assn. Long time youth baseball and basketball coach in the Plymouth/Canton community. Member of the Alma College Board of Trustees. Visitation Tuesday 5-9 PM and Wednesday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Thursday 10 AM until 11 AM Funeral at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (at Gottfredson). Interment at Rural Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Alma College Baseball Endowment Fund or the charity/church of your choice. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

AMY M. POWERS

Age 32, passed away Dec. 1, 2010. Visitation was held on Friday, December 3, from 4-8p.m. with a funeral service at 8p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

OBITUARY POLICY

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Or fax to: 313-496-4968
Attn: HTWobits

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Deadline: Tuesday at 10 a.m. for Thursday

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

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

GERALDINE A. LEHR

Age 74, died Nov. 29, 2010. Visitation was held on Dec. 2, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral was held on Dec. 3, at Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ann Arbor, MI. Online Guestbook: www.pnmpfuneral.com

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
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 UUCF 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 UUCF 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
Lifelong Learning Forum
 Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays
 Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most.
 Contact: (248) 478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespans
Multi-Generational Services
 Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Fridays

Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 Location: 40000 Six Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978
Christmas Bellfest
 Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 11
 Location: Sanctuary
 Details: The Detroit Handbell Ensemble, along with area handbell choirs, will perform in concert, featuring the beautiful music of the Christmas season. No ticket needed
Christmas Concert
 Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12
 Details: Join Chancel Choir, the Orchestra and the Music Ministries as they present One Holy Night, admission is free.

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 WJAZ Word Station.
Single Point Ministries (45 and older)
 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 Connections (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

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Worship

Brighton

LORD of LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
 5051 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114
 810-227-3113
 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship
 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
 Rev. Dale Hedblad, Pastor
 www.lordoflifeelca.com

HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
 www.hsroc.net
 at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.
 810-231-9199
 Fr. John Rocus, Pastor
 Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
 Please visit our Shrine of Our Lady and Book & Gift Shop

Milford

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Me. Synod
 620 General Motors Rd., Milford
 Church office: (248) 684-0895
 Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Jun-Aug - Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.
 Monday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
 The Rev. Richard E. Pape, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD
 VISITORS WELCOME!
 133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5695
 Pastor Steve Swartz
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
 Youth Adults & Seniors Groups: Social Events
 Aerial Gym, 5th grade and Middle School Group begins
 Wednesday, Sept. 15, 8:15 - 8:35 p.m.
 Website: milfordbaptist.org

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
 9 Mile & Meadowbrook
 Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 will resume September 13
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m., Monday 7:00 p.m.
 Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
 NOVI
 46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
 Reverend George Charnley, Pastor
 Parish Office: 347-7778

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375
 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.
 Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor
 248-348-2652
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375
 Weekend Hours
 Saturday 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
 Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
 Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor
 Fr. Michael Zwick, Associate
 Parish Office: 348-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

Farmington Hills

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA
 Farmington Hills • 23225 Gill Rd. • 248-474-0584
 Between Grand River & Freedom
 Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday Worship & Sunday School
 9:00 a.m. Traditional/Choral
 11:15 a.m. Contemporary
 Sunday School - all ages 10:15 a.m.

SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C.
 1250 South Hill Rd. Just south of downtown Milford
 (248) 685-3560 www.AboutSouthHill.com
 Kids' Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Middle and High School Groups Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
 Call about our current small group studies.

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 44400 W 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345
 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.
 www.faithcommunity-novi.org
 WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM
 "Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
 40700 W Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175
 Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am
 Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am
 Rev. Ann Webber, Rector
 holycrossnovi@gmail.com

WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
 11166 S Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380
 248-887-1218
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile
 248-348-7757 • www.mbcoc.org
 Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
 Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

OAK POINTE CHURCH
 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
 Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.,
 Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
 Casual, contemporary service
 Phone (248) 912-0043
 www.oakpointe.org

Highland

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH
 2350 Harvey Lake Rd. (248) 887-4556
 Contemporary Service
 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays
 Men's Bible Study & Breakfast:
 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:15 a.m.
 3rd-8th Grade Youth Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.
 Pastor Nick Ruffer

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
 120 Bishop St., Highland off Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-59
 • Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 • Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 • Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 Pastor Danny Milon
 889-7253 or 887-4566

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 680 W Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357
 248 887-1311 • www.myhumc.com
 Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
 Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Night - Wed. 8:45 - 8:00 p.m.
 Plus Young Adults, Recovery Groups & Kids, Grief & more

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
 3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland (248) 887-5364
 Rev. Leo T. Luko, Pastor
 Mass Schedule: Saturday 5 p.m.,
 Sunday, 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Mon-Fri 8 a.m.
 Holy Day, 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.; First Saturday 9 a.m.
 Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.
 or by appointment. (248) 887-1339

New Hudson

NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
 57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165
 Phone 248-474-9108
 Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.
 Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister
 Website: http://www.newhopeu.org

NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 56730 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson MI 48165
 (248) 437-6212 • Gerald S. Hunter, Pastor
 Sunday School & Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.
 Worship - 10:30 a.m.
 www.newhudsonumc.org

Northville

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 41355 Six Mile Road
 248-348-9030

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 (248) 349-1144
 777 West 5 Mile Road • (8 Mile and East Road)
 Worship Times: September - May 9:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
 Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.
 Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Jeff Skurgen, Associate Pastor
 www.fumcnorthville.org

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville
 248-453-0190
 Sunday Worship:
 Traditional: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
 Contemporary: 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
 Nursery & Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. services
 www.wardchurch.org
 Service Broadcast Sunday 11 a.m.
 WRDT-AM 560 The WJAZ Word Station.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 133 Orchard Dr., Northville
 WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
 Church 349-2621, School 349-3610
 Religious Education 349-2559
 Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

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 200 E. Main St. at Hudson • (248) 349-0911
 Worship & Church School • 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
 Children Available at All Services
 Youth League Prog. Wed. 4:15 to 5:30 M-Sat. M
 Singing Praise Ministry - Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
 Rev. W. Earl Child, Senior Pastor
 www.fpcnorthville.org

South Lyon

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod)
 Pastor Terry Nelson
 437-8810 • 486-4335
 Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile
 Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.;
 Adult Bible Study 9 a.m.

Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon (east of 9 Mile Road)
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
 Refuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
 Youth at 6:30 p.m.
 Rev. David Brown, Pastor
 248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

The Church of Christ
 21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
 248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
 Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
 Rob Callicott, Pastor

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
 10774 Nine Mile Road
 Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582
 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
 Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) OF SOUTH LYON
 Sunday School 11:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Nursery Care Provided
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 248-437-2875 • 206 E. Lake (10 Mile)
 Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kiddle, Pastor

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
 Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pkwy.
 at Liberty St.
 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
 All Classes 9:00
 Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-2289

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
 60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
 Phone: 248-437-2983
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
 Senior Pastor: Rob Frenous / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Meale
 Website: www.fbcsothlyon.net
 Email: fbcsothlyon@fbcsothlyon.net

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
 28900 Pontiac Trail (just south of Silver Lk. Rd.)
 Contemporary Worship, Bible-Based Messages
 Saturday Service 6:00 PM
 Sunday Services 9:30 & 11 AM
 248-486-0400 • www.crossroadsnet

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760
 Sunday Worship: 8:15, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
 9:40 a.m. Sunday School
 Nursery Provided
 Reverend Sondra Wilkobe
 southlyonfirstumc.org

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 22183 Pontiac Trail (behind Jazwares and Gym)
 10 a.m. Sunday Celebration
 Pontiac Trail and 9 Mile (between Shopping Center
 (Nursery & Children's programs)
 Office 248-486-4400
 www.solidrocksouthlyon.org

BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH
 Gathering in Jesus Name
 601 S Lafayette St. • South Lyon, MI 48178
 Sunday 10:30 and 1:30
 Thursday 7:00 p.m.
 Mike Rogers, Pastor
 734-347-1983 pastor cell
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Bell-ringers needed

The Plymouth Corps of the Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers during the holiday season. Ringing continues until Dec. 24. To volunteer at Hiller's in downtown Northville or at the Northville post office, please contact Judy Kohl at (248) 348-2678 or by email at fakoh@aol.com.

Swearing-in ceremony

Several local elected officials will be sworn in to office during a ceremony at the Novi Civic Center on Monday, Dec. 20.

Wendy Potts, Oakland County Circuit Court judge, will conduct the proceedings for 38th District Michigan State Representative Hugh Crawford; his wife, 9th District Oakland County Commissioner Kathy Crawford; Mike Kowall, 15th District State Senator Mike Kowall; and his wife, 44th District State Representative Eileen Kowall.

"Hugh and I feel that our swearing-in should be in the heart of the City we represent rather than Lansing or Pontiac,"

said Kathy Crawford, "and we gladly welcome everyone to attend.

A reception will be held at 6 p.m. in the Civic Center atrium followed by the swearing-in at 6:30 in the council chamber.

Intern for Kowall

State Senator-elect Mike Kowall (R-White Lake) is offering several internship positions effective Jan. 1. The positions are for his Senate office in Lansing.

Interns will provide assistance to Senator-Elect Kowall and the people of the 15th State Senate district. Responsibilities will include but are not limited to: answering phones, drafting written correspondence to groups and individuals, monitoring legislation, attending meetings, and conducting research. Additional responsibilities may be assigned, as warranted.

Candidates for these positions should possess excellent communications skills, specifically writing and telephone skills. Legislative experience and a basic understanding of com-

puter office programs, such as Microsoft Word and Excel, are helpful.

This is an unpaid position. Hours are negotiable and school credit can be arranged.

"This is an excellent opportunity for a young person to get an 'insiders' understanding of the Legislature and the legislative process," Kowall said.

Interested individuals are encouraged to send a resume and writing sample to: State Senator-elect Mike Kowall; Attn: Mike Murray, Chief of Staff; P.O. Box 30036; Lansing, MI 48909; or b email to contact@murrcomm.net

Loss of a loved one, a legal perspective

If you have recently suffered the loss of a loved one, attorney Ron Thompson of Thompson-Platte at 6 p.m. on Jan. 19 will offer a legal perspective regarding the many issues someone might face when someone they love dies. These include minimizing tax consequences, dealing with decedent's creditors, methods to best protect surviving family members and the issues involving updating wills and trust.

This free seminar will be offered at New Hope Center for Grief Support at 315 Griswold, Northville. Seating is limited; call (248) 348-0115 to register.



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Christmas Cookie Walk

Homemade holiday cookies in dozens of varieties will take center stage Saturday, Dec. 11, at the second annual Christmas Cookie Walk held at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi. Candy, breads, fudge, cookie mixes and pre-boxed wrapped cookie assortments will also be for sale. The cookie walk offers busy holiday shoppers the opportunity to enjoy homemade cookies, candies and baked goods without taking time from their busy schedules to make their own. Cookies are \$8 per pound with other items priced individually. Each participant will receive a box (or as many boxes as needed) and gloves to walk among tables laden with trays of holiday cookies and other delights. Doors open at 9 a.m., but entry numbers will be distributed starting at 8:30 a.m. Free coffee and "broken cookies" will be served to those waiting in line. Admission is free. New this year will be an opportunity for visitors to tour Meadowbrook's Meeting House (sanctuary) decorated for Advent. Guides will share information about the history and architecture of the church. Tours will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run throughout the cookie walk. Proceeds from the event go to the church and its missions. Meadowbrook Congregational Church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads in Novi. For further information, contact the church office at (248) 348-7757 or www.mbccc.org.

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Heise announces Lansing info

State Representative-Elect Kurt Heise has named his legislative and constituent relations assistants for his Lansing office.

Heather Lombardini will be serving as Heise's legislative assistant and office director and will be responsible for all legislative initiatives and committee activities. She currently serves as legislative assistant to State Representative Kim Meltzer of Macomb County.

Lombardini previously served as chief of staff to former State Senator and State Representative Laura Toy of Livonia, and has worked as a legislative assistant to former House Speaker Chuck Perricone.

Sue Brams will serve as Heise's constituent relations assistant. She currently works

for State Representative Marty Knollenberg, and served eight years as a political director for United States Congressman Joe Knollenberg.

"I'm proud to have two highly-talented and capable women serving the people of the 20th House District in Lansing," said Heise. "Ms. Lombardini and Ms. Brams have more than 20 years of combined experience. They know the legislative process, and they excel at constituent service."

Heise's Lansing office will be located in Room N699 in the Anderson House Office Building. His main Lansing number will be (517) 373-3816 and his toll-free number will be 1-855-REP-KURT (1-855-737-5878). His email address will be kurtheise@house.mi.gov.

"As promised, our team will hit the ground running on January 1," Heise said.

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

LOCAL

"Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs"

Time/Dates: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 11 and 18; Jan. 18, 15 and 22; Sundays, Dec. 12, 19 and 26; Jan. 2, 9, 16 and 23; Mondays-Thursdays, Dec. 27-30.

Location: Marquis Theatre, 135 East Main, Northville

Details: Snow White befriends seven lovable and comical dwarfs, survives the Evil Queen, and meets her Prince Charming. Come see this fun, musical with lots of singing and dancing. Tickets for all public performances are \$8.50. Group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more. Please, no children under the age of 3.

Contact: (248) 349-8110 or visit northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Live nativity scene

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18

Location: downtown Northville, under the pavilion (across from the Marquis Theater and Sizzling Sticks)

Details: Presented by Lighthouse International Church -- Come experience a reenactment of the birth of Christ this Christmas season, complete with live animals. Bring the whole family out for a special evening that will enhance your holiday spirit. Hot chocolate and treats will be available for the kids.

December Garden Club Meeting

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. (social hour)

Monday, Jan. 10

Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street

Details: "Caring for Roses" with Beth Liskiewicz from Steinkopf Nursery
Contact: Visit gardenersnorthville-novi.org or call Fran Gunderson at (248) 349-6457

Christmas Tea

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Dec. 20

Location: Greenmead, Alexander Blue House, Livonia

Details: Bring one dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies with several copies of the recipe to share. Bring one of your treasured Christmas Ornaments and be ready to tell what it means to you. Committee: Nancy Couch Nowak, Sue Daniel, Grace Colter.
Contact: (248-477-7375)

Northville Events

Tinsel & Treasures

Times/Dates: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; 9-5; and 11-4 Dec 10-12

Location: Northville Community Senior Center

Details: Admission is \$3 for adults; free for children 12 and under. No strollers. Come and indulge yourself in the unique shopping experience offered by the Handcrafters Shows. Better described as an artisan market, Handcrafters offers an environment filled with 75 artists and craftspeople from around the country. From the personable faces to the



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Christmas in the Village

Mill Race Village will ring with the sound of music from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. Our Lady of Victory Bell Choir will perform in the Old School Church. Get in the Christmas spirit during a sing-a-long of your favorite carols. Father Christmas will make an appearance. Relax in the cozy Cady Inn. Enjoy a hot beverage and cookies while listening to Charlene Berry play the hammered dulcimer. Hear carolers strolling the Village, and music emanating from the various buildings with Al Smitley playing Civil War era Christmas carols on his banjo. Buildings will be open with docents on hand to share the building's history. Watch the blacksmith, weavers, and rug hookers demonstrate their craft. The new General Store will be open for holiday shopping. There is no admission charge and the event, sponsored by the Northville Historical Society, is open to the public. Contact (248) 348-1845 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday or visit www.millracenorthville.org.

one-of-a-kind items, one is sure to find something for themselves and others. So throw on your most comfortable pair of "shopping shoes" and come explore greatness of Handcrafters Shows and its artists and craftspeople.

Christmas in the Village

Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12

Location: Mill Race Village

Details: Traditional sing-along, tea room. Buildings open with docent tours.

Northville Nite -

Family New Year's Eve Party

Time/Date: 4:30-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: Happy New Year! Join us for our Luau theme and hula into 2011. Spend your New Year's Eve celebrating with the community and your friends. Enjoy activities like crafts, face-painting, huge inflatable games, and much more.

Northville Rotary Club will be selling hot dogs. Make sure you stay until 8:00pm because you can't miss the New Year's Eve countdown! Early registration (on or before Dec. 23) is \$2 for 1-2 year olds; \$10 for 3-17 year olds; \$5 for 18 and older.

Guys On Ice

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31

Location: Tipping Point Theatre

Details: Life, love and the one that got away highlight this bold, fresh and unique musical comedy about ice-fishing buddies from Wisconsin who share a love of good bait, cold beer and the Green Bay Packers. Afterglow party with appetizers provided by Rocky's of Northville; beer, wine and a toast close to midnight. After-show entertainment with guitarist Jarrett Cogswell. Tickets are \$75 and include the chance to win something shiny from Orin Jewelers; \$45 for season pass holders; \$30 of ticket price is tax-deductible.

Contact: (248) 347-0003 or email tix@tippingpointtheatre.com for your reservation.

American Legion

Location: Northville American Legion Lloyd H. Green Post 147, 100 W. Dunlap

Contact: www.americanlegionpost147.org.

Slider Nite

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays

Details: Open to the public (including children); \$1.50 each for a slide or fries

Steak & Rib Nite

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. every first and third Fridays of the month

Details: public welcome

Contact: Cris Doering, Auxiliary president, (734) 756-7043

The Art House

Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville

Hours: 1-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-9 p.m. on first Fridays of each month

Details: Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.

Exhibit: Erik Olson, An Outside View

Time/Date: opening reception 6-9 p.m. Jan. 7; exhibit continues through Jan. 29

Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering.

Mill Race Historical Village

Location: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field

Details: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday-Friday. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-October

Contact: (248) 348-1845

(*Grounds closed to public)

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #737

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 4:15 p.m. Girl Scouts #1368; 6 p.m. Rehearsal

Saturday: 5:15-7:15 p.m. Wedding*

Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Christmas in the Village with special family activities and buildings open; 1-4 p.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 6:30 p.m. Venture Crew #8

Monday, 7 p.m. Lions Club

Tuesday, 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

Maybury State Park

Location: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads) State Park

motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually (\$6 annually for seniors 65 and older).

Contact: (248) 349-8390, Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or FriendsOfMaybury.org

Sunrise Networking

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road, Northville

Details: The SNG builds relationships through warm introductions, and encourages its members to attend twice monthly breakfasts along with evening social events. The more familiar the members become with each other, the more the referrals naturally present themselves. The SNG uses their Website to tie all of the members together, creating a complete group of people who are interested in helping each other succeed.

Contact: www.sunriseNETWORKING-group.com/

REGIONAL EVENTS

Holiday Art Luncheon

Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. Dec. 15

Location: Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Details: Presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Featured performer will be professional vocal-

ist Noelle Jacquez who entertain with caroling favorites and lead a sing-a-long to get everyone in the holiday spirit. Tickets are \$15, advance purchase only, and include a gourmet boxed lunch from Jeff Zak Catering as well as the fabulous holiday entertainment. Tickets can be purchased by phone at (734) 416-4278 or by stopping in at the PCAC.

Holiday Camp for Kids

Time/Date: 12:30-3:30 p.m. Dec. 21

Location: Praise Baptist Church, Plymouth

Details: Children ages preschool- elementary are invited to attend Holiday Camp to learn Spanish through winter themed activities, music, games, crafts, food, and more.

Contact: info@bilingualfun.com or 1-877-686-7399.

Jazz @ The Elks

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m. fourth Tuesdays

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, just west of Haggerty Road in Plymouth.

Details: These events are keeping the uniquely American tradition of jazz alive in southeast Michigan. A \$5 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres and live jazz in a beautiful club setting. This month features the Just Jazz Trio with Jerry McKenzie on drums, Matt Michaels on piano and Dan Jordan on bass on Dec. 28

Women's Network Source

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. second Mondays

Location: Real Estate One, 346 N. Lafayette, South Lyon

Details: Networking and education meetings, cost is \$5. Women's Network Source was established to empower, motivate and support women to become successful entrepreneurs. WNS welcomes women curious about exploring whether to start a new business or learning how to grow their current business to attend an upcoming meeting.

Contact: Debra Downing at (248) 252-2952 or downingddd@aol.com

Moondusters Ballroom Dance Club

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. lessons, 8:30-11:30 p.m. dance every Saturday

Location: Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads, Livonia

Details: Lessons are \$6, dance with live music is \$6, cost for both is \$10.

Contact: Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197

Rock Financial Showplace

Location: 45100 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Contact: (248) 348-5600

Great Train Expo

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 11-12

Details: The Great Train Expo is a national traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. \$7 for adults; free for children under 12; admission to the show is cash or check only. However, many exhibitors will gladly accept credit/debit cards for items purchased.

Contact: www.GreatTrainExpo.com

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OUR VIEWS

Tie One On Heed MADD's message this holiday season

Whether it's intentional or not, there's a good chance that many of us have taken the risk once or twice, maybe even more of driving after drinking.

We're not talking about falling down drunk sound like much, but according to Michigan State Police Capt. Monica Yesh, commander of Traffic

According to MADD, in 2008, an estimated 11,773 people died in alcohol-impaired traffic crashes across the U.S. The organization also reports that three of every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash in their lives and on average, someone is killed by an intoxicated driver every 45 minutes. Not a startling statistic, considering that more than 1.46 million impaired drivers were arrested in 2006 - an arrest rate of one for every 139 licensed drivers in the nation.

Safety, having one or two drinks, "does impair judgment."

Each year, during this holiday season, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) conducts the Tie One On for Safety public awareness initiative, to encourage us all to "Drive Safe, Sober and Buckled Up." Tie One On for Safety, originally named the Project Red Ribbon Campaign, was created in 1986 to help heighten public attention to drinking and driving during the holiday season.

The program was designed to encourage the public to become actively involved in the fight against drunk driving by tying a red ribbon to a visible place on their vehicle such as the antenna or side mirror.

The campaign aims to raise awareness about the dangers of drunk driving, and promotes always wearing your seat belt, which remains the best defense against a drunken driver.

It is a campaign we urge our readers to join. According to MADD, in 2008, an estimated 11,773 people died in alcohol-impaired traffic crashes across the U.S. The organization also reports that three of every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash in their lives and on average, someone is killed by an intoxicated driver every 45 minutes. Not a startling statistic, considering that more than 1.46 million impaired drivers were arrested in 2006 - an arrest rate of one for every 139 licensed drivers in the nation.

This is the season when we gather with family and friends to celebrate. It's a time when we ring in the New Year with a toast or two. We are not saying the drinking can't be a part of the revelry. What we are saying is that if you plan to share a bottle of wine over dinner or have a few drinks with a friend at the neighborhood bar, be responsible - not just for yourself, but for others on the road.

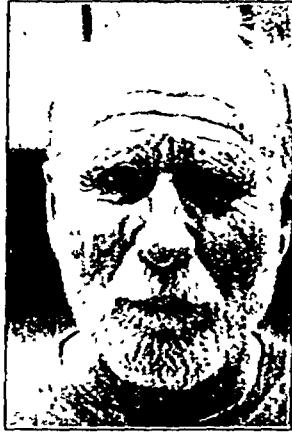
If you're holding the car keys after drinking, you're also holding a life in your hand. You may not reach the state's BAC level of .08 or above for driving while intoxicated, but you can be considered driving under the influence of alcohol-impaired driving - if your BAC is .07 and below. Either way, you shouldn't get in a vehicle and drive.

During this holiday season, one split-second decision can be fatal. Don't become a statistic. Put don't drink and drive at the top of your holiday wish list, not only for you but for your family and friends.

Go ahead: Tie One on for Safety this holiday season.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What kind of Christmas tree do you favor, real or artificial?



"I had artificial trees for years but my cats liked to use them as scratch posts. I had to get rid of one of the two, so I no longer use artificials."

Charlie Wrightman
Northville



"I use artificial trees because I have a small room to set them up in, but I do like the smell of real ones. I might still use some pine tree boughs."

Carol Shields
Northville



"Artificial. We used to be perfectionists in looking for the 'perfect' real tree - now we have one."

Monica Dolg
Northville



"At my age, I like a tree with lights - ready to go. So we use an artificial one and just plug it in."

Bonnie Virag
Dearborn Heights

LETTERS

Airport searches unreasonable

We need to remember most ancestors came to America to be free, not safe. If they wanted safety, along with possible prosecution, they stayed in Europe or Asia. The voyage they took on ships in the 1500s-1800s was far from safe. They came for economic freedom and the adventure of striking it rich or fail trying.

It seems more and more laws are written or agencies created like the TSA in the name of safety that require us to give up our freedoms.

Life is not safe. One can get hit by a car just walking across the street. Yet when I fly these days, I am told to give up my First and Second Amendment rights. I am not suggesting I would ever say I have bomb on airplane. Yet we asked to basically be strip-searched and physically groped by the dreaded TSA, now molesting every 10th person in the name of passenger safety. Not even Europe, Israel or Japan does this to their passengers.

I once carried a pocket knife on planes and felt safer than I do now. If a terrorist did want to hijack a plane, I had my right to bear arms and defend myself and fellow passengers. Yet after the Patriot Act, among the most unconstitutional laws ever, I even have tools taken from me with no reimbursement. How would I ever use a step drill as a weapon? A Cross pen would make a more effective killing tool, yet I can still carry that. That is what happens when governments act as a nanny.

It is ludicrous to think we can ever make the world completely safe from terror or any other tragic event. You can't really live life unless you are willing to take risks and perhaps die. We all eventually die, and it is tragic that there were almost 3,000 deaths along with the 19 hijackers. But we must not lose perspective.

There just are not that many really bad people

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would know to scramble jets and shoot the plane down. So we should spend or invest money in better terrorist intelligence through the CIA and FBI and completely eliminate the TSA to help cut the federal deficit

Doug Klingensmith
Milford

No funding for abortion bill

As a taxpayer, I am opposed to hundreds of millions of my hard-earned tax dollars being used to fund abortion and abortion providers, such as Planned Parenthood, the largest provider in America.

That is why I am a part of the Susan B. Anthony List's Stop Abortion Funding campaign (www.stop-abortionfunding.com) which is working to pass two pro-life bills that would end all federal funding of abortion.

The "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act," a bipartisan bill sponsored by Reps. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey, and Dan Lipinski, D-Illinois, would create a government-wide statutory prohibition on abortion funding, including problematic provisions in the health care bill.

The "Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act" ensures that organizations, including Planned Parenthood, do not receive federal dollars under the Title X federal family planning assistance program. According to the Government Accountability Office, abortion providers have received over a billion dollars in the past seven years alone.

I signed a petition at www.StopAbortionFunding.com to let my representative in Congress know that I expect them to co-sponsor and vote for these two bills. I shouldn't have to be complicit in the destruction of innocent human life when I pay my taxes.

Alice Jo Rainville
Livonia

out there in the world, and 99 percent of us are not hijackers. Only 7.5 million out of 300 million, according to FBI statistics, are bad enough to be locked up in prison or jail or on parole. In 1980 to 2005 there have only been 318 total terrorist events, or one every 29 days. Murder is down 8 percent and crime overall down 5 percent in 2009 compared to 2008.

Travel is meant to be an adventure. Yet anymore I hate to fly, because the way the TSA acts as if everyone is a criminal without any cause or suspicion. They have also forced much business travel to drive much more because of the ridiculously early check-in.

We should ask our newly elected lawmakers to start differentiating between protecting our freedom and stop thinking we want safety. Just Remember Flight 93, and how the 40 passengers did stand up against the terrorist.

The likelihood of another aircraft bombing a building is virtually impossible since the military

GUEST COLUMN

The bubbles pop - Snyder bringing change to Michigan

POP, POP, POP!
Get ready for that familiar sound.

I suspect we are all going to be hearing it here in Michigan and all over America as the first decade of the 21st century comes to an end.

Earlier we experienced the Daddow technology bubble bust. More recently, the pop of the financial and housing bubble was followed by the domestic auto industry bubble. And now, perhaps, the biggest pop of all is about to occur with the implosion of governments on the international, national, state and local levels. Governments made promises to

their workers and citizens that they can no longer afford to keep.

Now we are being forced to let the air out of the bubble - slashing services, cutting pay and benefits or pumping more oxygen into the bubble in the form of tax increases.

Government is the Fourth Bubble. Consider the U.S., Japan, Greece, Ireland and France with their severe fiscal crisis. Spain and Portugal are barely hanging on.

We here in the U.S., once the economic envy of the world, are now borrowing 40 cents of every dollar that our government spends. The American Dream has been curtailed and now there is talk, for the first time in recent history, of our children's generation not being as well off as we once were.

Michigan state government - using duct tape, bailing wire, and

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bubble gum to hold together a state budget - is now nearly \$2 billion in the red. Our previously elected leaders neglected necessary structural reforms.

Local units of government - from school districts, townships to the cities - are headed for an economic

cliff without an infusion of tax revenue, severe reductions in services, debt restructuring and reform.

If you are ready for change in Michigan, here are four reasons to believe it is near:

1 - Change and tough choices are often put off until they can be avoided no longer. That day has arrived.

2 - A crisis is a terrible thing to waste. Because reform has been ignored for so long, state and local government, and our schools are, or soon will be, in a fiscal crisis without action.

3 - We have elected a new governor. Gov.-elect Rick Snyder, who ran promising to "reinvent" Michigan, self-financed his campaign, took no money from the special interest lobbies.

4 - The GOP tidal wave that swept the nation has given all levels of

power in state government to the new governor's party and they can force change.

With the election of Rick "Reinvention" Snyder, it is anticipated that change will be aggressively pursued through an austerity budget program as well as substantial restructuring and painful reforms.

For those who benefit from the status quo, it is going to feel more like "pop goes the weasel."

Coming New Year's Eve, with a change of the guard in Lansing, the pop, pop, pop we hear will not be fireworks, but rather a change coming to government at all levels.

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Tom Watkins

Holiday shopping a breeze in Northville

As the holidays approach, map a route to downtown Northville for truly one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your liStreet Shopping in Northville offers the perfect alternative to big box stores and mega malls. Boutique owners make it their business to stock shelves with hand-picked merchandise tailored to their clientele. Feel good about supporting local stores while getting impeccable personalized service. To help you on your quest, here are 10 top finds available in downtown Northville this holiday season:

1 - Don't Mess with the Mitten merchandise @ Dancing Eye Gallery: T-shirts for men, women and children, as well as fun oven mitts (\$16-\$36), make great gifts for Michigan lovers. Best of all, a percentage of sales support charities in Metro Detroit. Dancing Eye Gallery, 101 N. Center Street, (248) 449-7086.

2 - Faux Fur @ Van Dam's Boutique: Fashionistas always opt for the real deal, except when it comes to fur. Today's hottest trend is all about faux, from mink and leopard to shearing and zebra. You'll find a zoo of choices, including the season's must-have faux fur vests (starting under \$100), at Van Dam's, 111 E. Main Street, (248) 449-4282.

3 - Alex and Ani Jewelry @ Proverb Studio: These gorgeous, trendy bangles and rings (\$15-\$40) aim to adorn the body, enlighten the mind and empower the spirit. Recently featured in InStyle Magazine, you'll find a great selection at Proverb Studio, 103 Maincentre, (248) 449-6877.

4 - Delux Knitwits @ Loria's: This Canadian line of adorable, functional, and fun character hats and mittens (\$28-\$32) are truly knit-witty. Perfect for the young and



Bangles and rings by Alex and Ani Jewelry, available at Proverb Studio.

young at heart, they sell out every year so pick up some fast at Loria's, 142 N. Center Street, (248) 348-9270.

5 - Silver Love Knots @ Orin Jewelers: You can't go wrong with a gift of jewelry, and this year's top seller is the Sterling Silver Love Knot Collection (starting at \$99). The top quality pieces are timeless yet on trend, and available at Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main Street, (248) 349-6940.

6 - Snowboard Package @ Town & Country Bike & Board: For the extreme sports enthusiast on your gift list, a snowboard, bindings and boots will let them shred the slopes in style. Entry level packages start at \$400, but you'll find the entire Burton line, including the popular V-Rocker shape, at Town & Country, 148 N. Center, (248) 349-7140.

7 - Herbal Thai Massage @ New Body Therapeutics Massage: Who wouldn't love a gift certificate for some

professional pampering? The Herbal Thai Massage (\$100) offers a 90-minute trip to paradise without ever leaving Northville. Or, opt for a natural facial (\$50 and up) with products by Eminence Organics at New Body Therapeutics Massage, 335 N. Center, (248) 348-2770.

8 - Flameless Candles @ Gardenviews: 'Tis the season for parties, and flameless candles (\$9-\$14) make the perfect hostess gift for any holiday gathering. Battery-operated pillars made from glittery white wax set instant atmosphere, and a built-in timer allows you to program the mood to turn on at any time. Find them at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main Street, (248) 380-8881.

9 - Wine Purses @ Starring Gallery: BYOGlamour with unique purses made for women who love their wine. These elegant faux leather handbags (\$34) are designed to hold a single bottle, footed in chrome

to sit atop a table at her favorite restaurant. They come in solids and animal prints, corkscrew included, at Starring Gallery, 118 W. Main, (248) 347-1642.

10 - Jenna Kator Handbags @ gg Boutique: For handbags that blend East Coast style with West Coast attitude, check out the Jenna Kator line. Troy-based Kator is gaining fans around the country with her fashion-forward offerings (\$30-\$100). Find her latest collection in Northville at gg Boutique, 133 W. Main, Suite 243, (248) 348-4442.

Bonus Idea - Bestsellers @ Next Chapter Book Store & Bistro: Still stumped? There's a book for everyone on the shelves of Northville's newest bookstore café. You'll find titles for children, tweens, teens and adults, along with other literary gifts ideas like stationary and Cross pens. Best of all, you can warm up with a hot cup of coffee or tea before heading back out on the town.



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Singing for lunch

Caroline Giese laughs as she gets a hand from a fellow Novi Senior performer and her husband George, right, in re-tying her bow tie. The group were about to perform on Nov. 17 at the center on Meadowbrook for its annual Thanksgiving luncheon.



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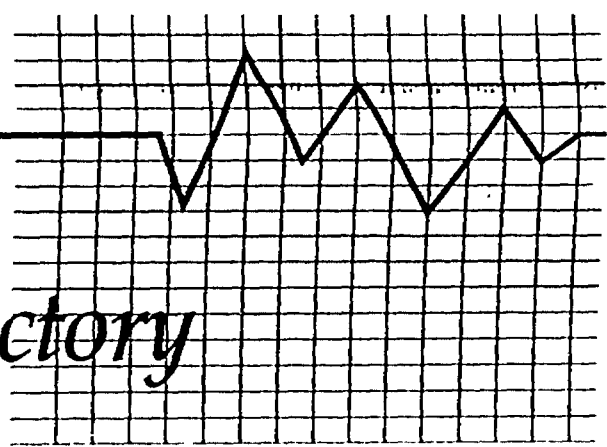
Girls night out

It was Northville resident Penny Stocks' lucky day at the Nov. 12 Girls Night Out shopping event in downtown Northville when she got a kiss from Northville Township Firefighter Jake Laird, left, and City of Northville Firefighter Jeff Sargent for buying mistletoe from them at the Dancing Eye Gallery. Proceeds from the mistletoe sales went to the Firefighters Injured Relief Effort.



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NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

Elder neglect reported

1 A 25-year-old Detroit woman was suspected of elder neglect with an 81-year-old Westland man at 1:50 a.m. on Nov. 25 at E. Main and Center streets.

An officer was dispatched to the area about an elderly man that was walking and appeared disoriented.

The man had fallen and was being helped by two passersby.

The man was bleeding from his chin, nose and the back of his left hand.

It was determined that the man lived at the new Northville Senior Living Center on E. Main Street.

Police found the attendant on duty who was asleep. She said she had not heard the alarm and had been asleep for about 15 minutes at most.

She was sleeping in a room with a young male that was determined to be her son.

Fire Chief Jim Allen said the facility is not licensed by the state as it was classified as "assisted living" and did not provide medical care as a nursing home would.

He said the facility was limited to 17 beds and had previously voiced concern over the residents as they were supposed to be able to support themselves and be

ambulatory.

The next day the woman denied to the manager having her son there.

The officer will be contacting various state agencies to explore the criminal aspect for neglect. The manager said the woman was fired from the facility.

The Family Independence Agency is investigating the case as the man's son, who lives in Northville, has filed a complaint against the facility.

Operating intoxicated

2 A 30-year-old Northville woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:13 a.m. on Dec. 3 at W. Dunlap and West streets.

The officer pulled the woman over because she didn't have her headlights on and was swerving.

The woman was unable to find her driver's license, which was in her right, front pocket.

Her speech was slurred, and her eyes were glassy, and she was unsteady on her feet. Police could also smell alcohol on her breath.

She said she had been at the Eagles and had consumed four or five beers there.

The woman's blood alcohol

was more than twice the illegal limit of .08 percent.

This was her second such offense.

Home invasion reported

3 Police were dispatched to a residence about a home invasion that occurred between 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 26 and 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 27 on Concord Court at a condo where a 58-year-old man and a 48-year-old woman live.

A worker arrived at the condo to find the door smashed in, and the 31-year-old son of the owner was on his way from Plymouth.

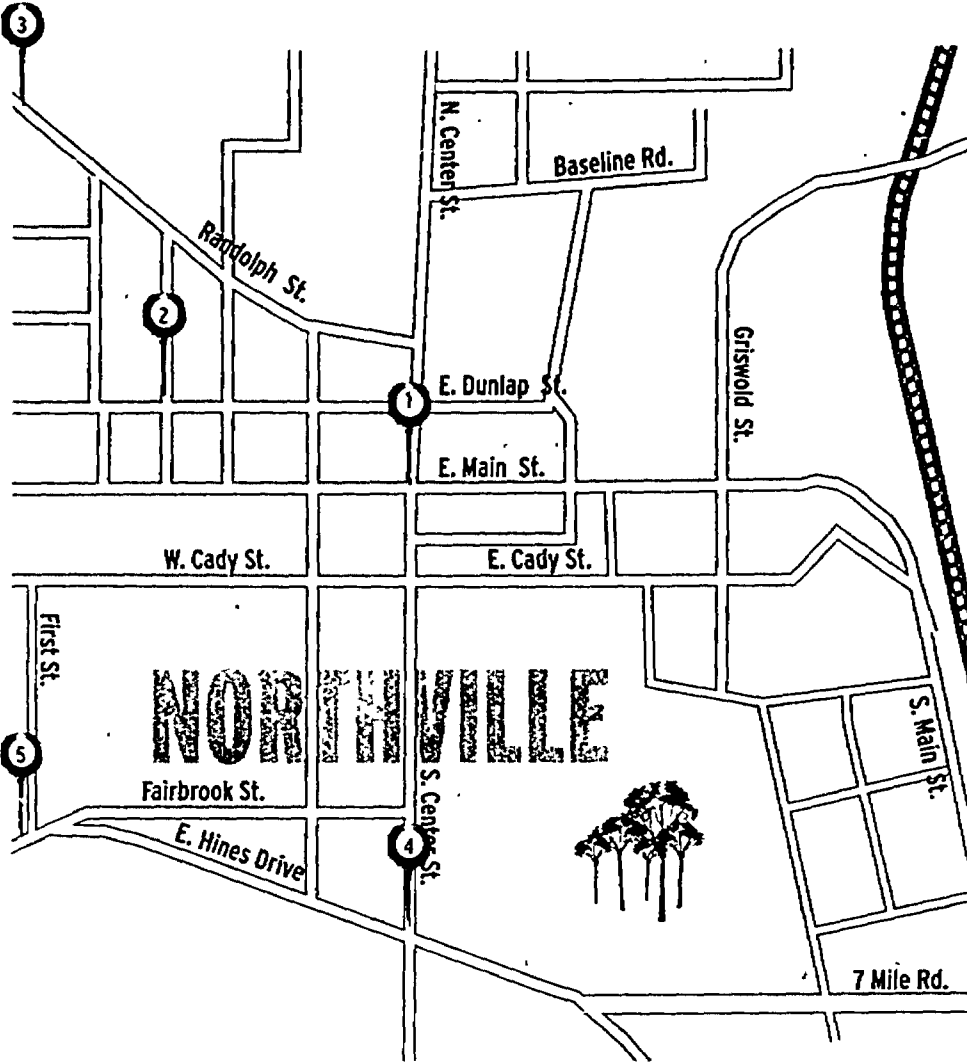
The master bedroom had been ransacked, and jewelry was taken. Two cameras were also missing from the top of one of the chest of drawers and a Nintendo Wii was taken from next to the TV.

Police have identified a possible suspect.

Driving without license

4 Police arrested a 46-year-old Dearborn man for driving on a suspended driver's license at 9 a.m. on Nov. 27 at Edward Hines Drive and Center Street.

The man was pulled over because his vehicle was spewing heavy gray smoke to the point where police could not see the rear of the vehicle.



Drunk driving arrest

5 A 24-year-old Redford woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 3 a.m. on Nov. 27 at Fairbrook Street and Orchard Drive.

Dispatch was advised that a caller was following a possible drunk driver on westbound Seven Mile

Road that was "all over the road."

The woman was swerving and ran the red flashing light at Edward Hines Drive and S. Center Street.

Police could smell alcohol on the driver's breath. She said she had consumed two or three drinks in the last hour and blamed her poor

driving on the fact that she was lost.

She was also unsteady on her feet.

Her blood alcohol level was at least twice the illegal limit of .08 percent.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

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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.

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.

Northville Township PLANNING COMMISSION

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall
YOUTH ASSISTANCE
Date: Second Tuesday of every month
Time: 8 a.m.
Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road
Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center

Location: 303 W. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-4140
THURSDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9 a.m.: TOPS; Massage by appt.
10:30 a.m.: Yoga
11 a.m.: Cribbage
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

FRIDAY

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

MONDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club
9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg
10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxygise
11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

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.: Oxygise
11 a.m.: Strength Training
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Bridge; Walking Club



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Book sale

Walt Schemanske checks out some books for sale down in the Northville District Library Book Cellar on Monday, Nov. 15. The Book Cellar, staffed by Friends of the Library - and whose net proceeds are given back to the library, is open every Monday from 11a.m.-5 p.m. and then 6:30-9. It's also open every Saturday and Sunday from 1:30-4p.m.

1 p.m.: Cribbage
7 p.m.: Bridge
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HEALTH WALKING
Date: Monday-Friday
Time: 8-10 a.m.

Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
PILATES CLASS
Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday
BUNCO
Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month
Details: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.
FRIDAY FLICKS
Time: 1 p.m. every Friday
Details: Cost is \$1

LIBRARY LINES

Northville District Library
Location: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall
Time/Day: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m., Sunday.
Contact: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.


Little Me Storytime
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10

Details: Babies to 2 years, along with caregiver, enjoy music and simple stories. No registration needed.
Kid's Holiday Crafts Event
Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11
Location: main floor meeting room at Northville District Library
Details: Bring a new or gently used book/s or make a small cash donation for the purchase of books. In exchange, children will make holiday crafts and gifts to bring home. The books will be donated to Detroit-area underprivileged children.
Holiday Crafts for Kids
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14
Details: All ages are invited to make a festive jingle bell bracelet. No registration needed.
Frosty's Birthday Party
Time/Date: 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15
Details: It's Frosty the Snowman's birthday party - but where's Frosty? Enjoy this delightful show with lots of audience participation, side-splitting comedy, magic and an appearance by the guest of honor himself. All ages welcome. 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk five minutes prior to program. Tickets not available in advance. Due to space limitations, library activities cannot accommodate special groups.
Kidz Time for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Graders: Warm Winter Reads
Time/Date: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16
Details: Fun after school program featuring stories, games and crafts. Please register at (248) 349-3020.
Teen Books, Chat & Chow
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Court of Appeals: Judges cannot impose their own morality

An interesting decision was issued this week by the Michigan Court of Appeals in the divorce case of White v White. In White v White, a divorce case out of Macomb County Circuit Court, the parents divorcing had not resolved who was to have custody of their children. Ultimately, if the parents cannot decide who is to have custody, a judge or arbitrator will make the final decision. However, prior to the time of trial, the parents in White finally did reach a decision on all issues, including custody.



Wendy Alton

When the parents submitted their final divorce judgment to the judge spelling out all of the issues of custody, parenting time and child support, the judge required that the follow-

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ing provision be inserted into the judgment: "Each parent affirms that neither parent shall entertain unrelated members of the opposite sex overnight while the children are in their care." This was not a provision that the parents wanted in the judgment, but the judge explained that "it's morally important for the children to develop in an environment that's conducive to marriage," and told the parents that "if you don't want to teach your children morals, I will." The parents appealed this decision to the Court of Appeals.

The Court of Appeals has ruled in the past, in the divorce case of Muller v Muller, that a judge could impose a restriction on parents regarding overnight visits from the opposite sex during their parenting time,

but only if it was in the best interests of the children. In the case of Muller, that particular restriction was actually something one of the parents actually desired. The Court of Appeals has also ruled, though, in Truitt v Truitt, that occasional overnight visits from the opposite sex do not render a parent morally unfit as to warrant a change in custody.

In this case, however, the Court of Appeals noted that there was no evidence or testimony that the parents actually wanted that type of restriction in their divorce judgment. Nor was there any evidence that any such behavior was negatively affecting the children. Instead, the judge required the restriction and "insisted on the provision because of its own personal views of morality."

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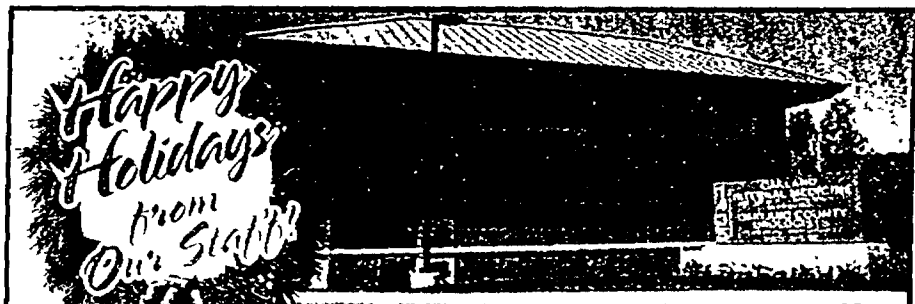
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Mustang boys basketball returns seven

Squad has good depth, looks win division and conference

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

There's no doubting that the Northville Mustangs boys basketball team is returning plenty of experience to the floor this year. The squad, coached by Todd Sander in his third season as head coach, lost two seniors from last year in Makis Eatmon and the sharp-shooting Tim Hasse. The squad, however, has seven returning players and four of them were starters at various points last season. Seniors Bryce Groshek, Andrew Baldwin and Al Myers are each entering their third year on the varsity team.

"I like our depth," said Sander. "We've learned in our pre-season scrimmages that we

can play a variety of different players and different styles. This should be to our advantage."

The team also has seniors Levi Perry and Ryan Owen back this year, as well as juniors Jeff Gertley and Brett MacDonald. Other juniors on the team include Andrew Poterala, Jeffrey Hewlett, Mitch Alameddine, Andrew Wright and Ryan O'Callaghan. The lone underclassman is sophomore Nick Raad.

"We've had tremendous work ethic early on in our practices," notes Sander. "Our players are really pushing each other to get better."

The team hopes to earn titles at the Central Division, the Conference and the District tournament levels. However, that's a tall order when looking at the schedule.

"Our biggest challenges will be the intense

ON TAP

Coach: Todd Sander

Last year: 9-12

Key Returning Players: Jeff Gertley, Brett MacDonald, Levi Perry, Ryan Owen, Andrew Baldwin, Bryce Groshek and Al Myers

Biggest Challenge: Intense competition in the KLA Central Division

Quote: "I like our depth. We've learned in our pre-season scrimmages that we can play a variety of different players and different styles. This should be to our advantage."

competition in the KLA Central," Sander said. "I believe it is the toughest and most balanced division in the KLA. Stevenson and Novi are both blessed with talent, including multiple players that will have offers to play at

the next level. There won't be any easy games in the division."

The team is motivated by the challenge though, said Sander. The players hope to use their experience and their depth to reach their goals, which they plan to take one step at a time.

"We are trying to get our players to understand that every game, our first opponent is Northville," Sander said. "If we, as a team, are not appropriately focused and motivated about the immediate tasks facing us, the on-court opponent will not matter. We need to work together and hold each other accountable to not get complacent or dis-interested. We want to strive for perfection every possession every game."

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



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The Northville High School varsity cheerleading team - L-R--Arielle Iafate, Rachel Polanski, Morgan Breault, Allie Hartnagel, Katie Morris, Kyra Dahring - takes part in a Dec. 6 home meet invitational.

Mustangs set sights on state championship tournament

Cheerleaders return 12 members from last year's squad

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

With 12 returners from last year's squad of 19 that won the KLA Central Division title, took second in the Kensington Conference, the KLA and the district tournament, there is no doubt that everyone has high expectations for this year's Northville Mustangs cheerleading squad.

The team, led by Mindy Gentz in her seventh year as Northville's coach, just needs to work on tweaking a few aspects before they can meet those expectations.

"Our greatest strength is our talent level," said Gentz. "What we need to strengthen is our mental toughness and competitive drive."

The team is expected to follow the lead of several returning seniors and juniors who were key in last year's success--each of whom compete in all three rounds of the team's performance. Morgan Breault, a senior, earned all-conference,



The Northville High School varsity cheerleading - including Morgan Breault, Rachel Polanski, Arielle Iafate, Rensy Wu, Alex Saad leap into the air as it takes part in a Dec. 6 home meet invitational.

all-district and all-region honors last year. Allie Hartnagel, a senior, was all-conference and all-district, while juniors Rachel Polanski, Delaney King and

Megan Callahan all earned all-district nods last season.

This year they will be leading a squad of 19 that includes Castille Asmann, Kyra Dahring,

Clare Else, Suzie Gutowski, Abby Hayek, Kelsie Hoffman, Arielle Iafate, Alyssa Kowalski,

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Northville takes first loss of season

Hockey team scores first, but can't beat Farmington Unified

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

You can't win them all, especially when your schedule is as tough as the Northville Mustangs boys hockey team this year.

The Mustangs, coached by Jeff Hatley, took their first loss of the season, bowing to Farmington Unified, 4-1, last week.

"(The team) had their shut-down game going early, but Farmington Unified rallied back with a strong second period to get the win," noted Hatley.

Northville, which is now 3-1-1 on the year, scored first as Joe Close and Clay Neal combined on assists and fed the puck to Matt Sopha. Sopha fired the shot home, putting his squad up, 1-0, in the first period.

Unfortunately, that was the last time the Mustangs would score while Farmington Unified managed to get everything going in their direction. Unified's Kyle DeMaagd scored first on a powerplay to tie the game before Peter Kusek and Caleb Wright each scored in the second period to put their team up, 3-1, heading into the final stanza. In the third, Farmington added to the score, notching one off the stick of DeMaagd for the 4-1 final. Assists were credited to Farmington's Caleb Wright (3), Scott Newell (2), Peter Kusek (2), Derek Reid (2) and Ryan Murray.

Earning the win between the posts was Farmington's Keith Ladouceur, making 22 saves on the night. David Ketelhut took his first loss of the year, despite making 31 saves for the Mustangs.

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

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The Northville Mustangs hockey team will be back in action when they visit Trenton Saturday at 3 p.m. before visiting Livonia Stevenson Wednesday at 8 p.m.

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Katie Morris, Morgan Pistolessi, Alex Romano, Alex Saad, Katie Step and Rensy Wu.

The team will be focusing on increasing the difficulty of their material, which is an aspect that scores points from the judges, as well as increasing the number of competitors they have on the floor.

To reach those goals, Gentz said her team needs to focus on daily hard work, dedication and setting short-term goals that will build toward the team's overall goal.

The squad is already having some success this year, finishing third in their first competition with 706.104 points from the judges. Hartland, a perennial powerhouse in cheerleading, took first in the competition with 754.9968 points while Canton was second with 737.718. Finishing fourth was Waterford Kettering with 550.7120.

"This is a good starting point for the team

ON TAP

Coach: Mindy Gentz
Last year: Division champions, Conference runner-up, Association runner-up, District runner-up, Regional qualifier
Key Returners: Morgan Breault, Allie Hartnagel, Rachel Polanski, Delaney King and Megan Callahan
Biggest Challenge: Breaking into the top four at regionals in order to advance to the state finals
Quote: "Our greatest strength is our talent level. What we need to strengthen is our mental toughness and competitive drive." Mindy Gentz, head coach.

and we will only improve from here," Gentz said.

The JV team, which has 26 members this year, finished second behind Hartland. Canton was third and Kettering was fourth.

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Northville dancers have strong showing amid tough competition

Squad snags two top-five finishes

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville dance team went up against some of the best competition in the state last week and came away with two top five performances at the Great Lakes Dance Championship.

The championship, held in Rochester Hills, found the team taking fourth overall in the large varsity jazz category with an all new routine to the music "Bullet Proof." The

ON TAP

The next competition for the Northville Mustangs dance team is the NDA Motor City Spirit Championship Sunday at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

squad also took fifth in the hip hop division with their routine set to "Egyptian Lover."

In the jazz category, the Mustangs went up against 25 other high schools.

Taking first was Utica Eisenhower, a traditional powerhouse in competitive dance, while Chippewa Valley took second, Seton third and Dakota was fifth.

"This was their first time performing this dance, and the

competition was fierce," said Northville coach Tracy Kielb of the jazz routine.

In the hip hop division, Eisenhower finished first while Royal Oak was second, Romeo was third and Pennfield was fourth. Northville's fifth-place finish was done with a choreographed jazz hip hop style while the teams placing at the top performed what Kielb called "street hip hop."

The team also participated in the non-scored Oakland Dance Festival held at Farmington Harrison. They performed "Bullet Proof" and a new contemporary routine called "The Story."

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2nd annual wrestling tourney Saturday

Pins will scatter the mats of the Northville High School gym on Saturday as the Mustangs host the second annual Todd Schoenheide Invitational Tournament at 9 a.m. The wrestling team rides on the spirit of their fallen teammate, who was killed by a drunk driver on April 10, 2005.

"What a great event for the Northville community and wrestling family. It means a lot to the team and program to host a tournament in honor of Todd," says Coach Jeff Balagna.

During his junior year, Schoenheide was killed less than one month after wrestling at the MHSAA Regional Championship. An avid 17-year-old cyclist, Schoenheide was returning from a Sunday afternoon bicycle ride to Ann Arbor with friends when he was struck at the intersection of Plymouth-Ann Arbor and GOLFREDSON ROADS.

Todd's father, Dale, and Hans Creuse appreciate the opportunity to bring different teams into Northville," said Assistant Wrestling Coach Bob Boshoven. "It's an opportunity for wrestler's friends and families, who wouldn't normally get to see them wrestle to come out on a Saturday and see some great competition."

"I think it's pretty amazing the NHS wrestling team has chosen to remember Todd in this way. It's a wonderful tribute to the caring fun-loving person he was. He died doing one of his favorite activities because of a drunk driver. I'll always wonder what might have been." Besides wrestling and cycling, Todd also played varsity football and was actively involved in Boy Scouts.

"It is hard to believe it has been over three years since the tragic events in 2005. We make every effort to keep him in our prayers and part of the program. The wrestling team has done a wonderful job reaching out to Todd's family, keeping them involved," added Balagna.

The Northville High School is located on Six Mile Road, east of Beck Road. Featured teams will include Northville, Walled Lake Western, Redford Union, Lakeland, Marysville and Ann Arbor. "It's a nice opportunity for us to bring different teams into Northville," said Assistant Wrestling Coach Bob Boshoven. "It's an opportunity for wrestler's friends and families, who wouldn't normally get to see them wrestle to come out on a Saturday and see some great competition."

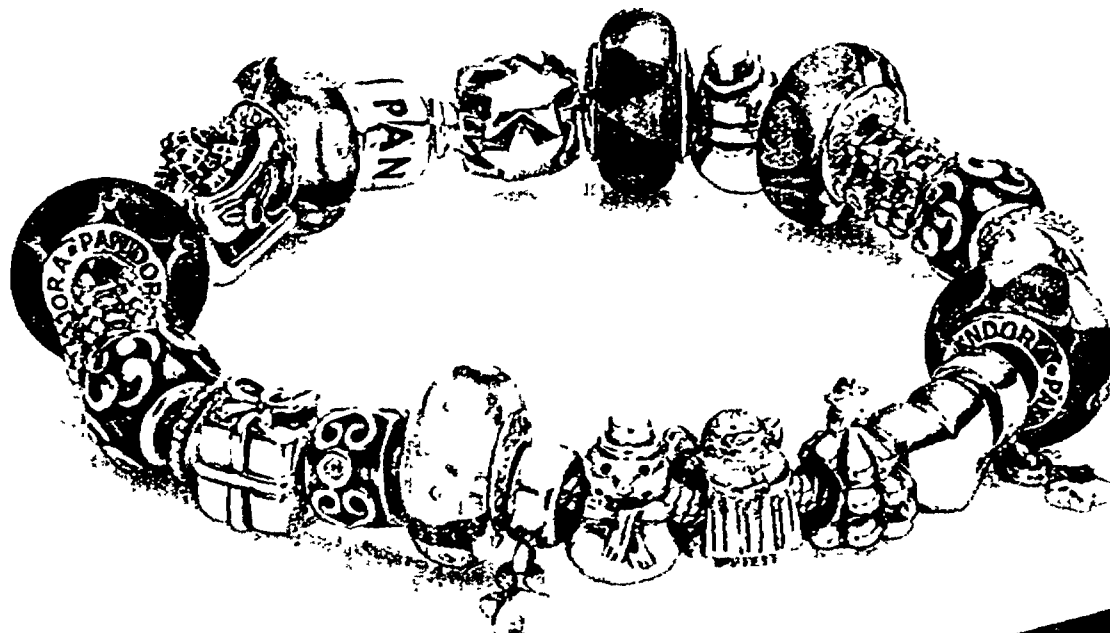
Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Todd Schoenheide Memorial Scholarship. This \$1,000 award is presented every spring to a Northville High School senior who shares one of Schoenheide's passions, either football, scouting or wrestling.

"The Todd Schoenheide scholarship goes to a very deserving athlete in the school," according to Balagna. Admission will be \$5 Saturday at the door. Concessions and memorial T-shirts will be available.

"We have some real strong teams attending the tournament his year," said Balagna, "so I expect there to be a lot of competitive matches."

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Northville's girls cagers return eight

Squad hopes to compete for division title

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

When you have 11 players on your varsity basketball team and eight of them are returning from last year, you can safely say that experience should not be much of a problem.

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team does indeed return more than three-quarters of their team from last year and will be looking to use that experience in their hunt for the KLA Central Division title.

"I truly think we need to be mentioned in the conversation as to what teams have a chance at winning the division," said Northville coach Todd Gudith, who is in his third year as head coach. "The division will be tough, no doubt about it. I don't think anyone is going to run away with it."

One of the players everyone will be watching this year is All-Conference selection Katie Giacomini, a senior guard who led the team in scoring last year. Senior forward Megan Gertley is also expected to make some noise as a player who likes to dominate down low.

Another key player for Northville this year will be

Alex Moynes, a junior center who has made what Gudith called "tremendous strides" last year and is expected to be a factor in the middle of the lane.

In addition, the Mustangs will have sophomore guard Kendra Brenner, who has shown some confidence in her shooting in practice, while junior point guard Meredith Williams will be expected to run the offense this year with her keen court awareness.

Senior guard Sam Sergi has long-range shooting capabilities, while junior guard Mallory Weber is the quickest player on the team and expected to have a big season defensively. The Mustangs also have senior guard Beth Roach who likes to get scrappy inside with the bigger players, as well as junior forward Aly Bates, who will be expected to help shore up the inside.

Two new faces this year are junior guard Camyll Harajli and junior forward Ally Coppock, both expected to develop nicely as varsity players.

"The team chemistry is some of the best I've been around. They all get along," said Gudith. "Best of all, I think we've got a team that truly believes they can play and com-

ON TAP

Coach: Todd Gudith
Last Year: 10-12 overall, 5-5 division
Key Returning Players: Katie Giacomini, Megan Gertley, Meredith Williams and Alex Moynes
Biggest Challenge: Tough division schedule
Quote: "I truly think we need to be mentioned in the conversation as to what teams have a chance at winning the division. The division will be tough, no doubt about it. I don't think anyone is going to run away with it."
Todd Gudith, head coach

pete with anyone."

The team will be tested early when they play John Glenn before the holiday break, a team ranked in the top 10 in most pre-season polls. Northville will also host their first-ever Holiday Tournament on December 28 and 29. They will host Ann Arbor Skyline and Farmington Hills Harrison and Milford.

"This will be an opportunity for us to play for a championship early in the season," said Gudith. "The boys program will be there as well so it give the community a chance to come out to support and watch both teams play on the same nights which doesn't happen all season because when one team plays at home, the other is on the road."

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

Northville wrestling boasts athletic group

Mustangs will be looking to overcome youth, inexperience

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

A quick look over the Northville Mustangs wrestling roster and the first thing an experienced eye is going to notice is that there is a ton of youth on the team.

That youth tends to translate to inexperience on the mat, but second-year head coach Robert Boshoven isn't worried. He knows he needs to get his players plenty of experience, but once they get it he thinks they'll be able to do some pretty impressive things.

"Even though they are young, this is the most athletic and competitive group I have coached," said Boshoven.

The team will be looking to put together a winning season this year, all while building experience for the young grapplers. In order to make the best of the talent they have, Boshoven knows that the key to

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Coach: Robert Boshoven
Last Year: 19-12
Key Returning Players: Ian Stirtion, Alex Hoffman, Sam Tacconelli, Travis Compo, Alex Coe, Jon Montgomery, Trevor Maresh, Andy Boyd and Jonny Wines
Biggest Challenge: Overcoming youth and inexperience
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Robert Boshoven, Head Coach

success is going to be keeping his team healthy.

He'll be looking to the returning members of last year's team, which finished 19-12 overall and had some very impressive results, to help

lead the crew. Returning from last season are Ian Stirtion (119 pounds), Alex Hoffman (125), Sam Tacconelli (130), Travis Compo (135), Alex Coe (152), Jon Montgomery (160), Trevor Maresh (189), Andy Boyd (215) and Jonny Wines (285).

Also on the team this year are Kevin Charara (freshman, 103), Anthony DeGiorgio (sophomore, 103), Kyle Gutowski (senior, 112), Justin Moy (freshman, 112), Sean Wagner (sophomore, 130), Max Mudar (sophomore, 140), Alex Clevenger (sophomore, 140), Nick Perttunen (junior, 145), Nick Mencotti (junior, 145), Jack Sherman (junior, 145), John Lippert (freshman, 160), Peter Hubbard (junior, 171), Andrew Thompson (junior, 171) and David Borthwick (sophomore, 171).

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NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Travel hoop tryouts

Northville Travel Basketball will be holding open tryouts for all 8th grade boys tomorrow from 4:30-6 p.m. and Saturday from 3-5 p.m. The tryouts will be held at the Northville Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School.

The team's league games will commence in late January and run every Sunday afternoon thru March. All league games will be in South Lyon.

Practice will be one or two times per week on weeknights. Please contact Scott Baldwin at 248-348-6677 or Derwood Haines at (248) 231-6210 with any questions.

Shannon Hogan joins FOX Sports Detroit

Shannon Hogan joined FOX Sports Detroit on Dec. 1 and serves as a reporter on various programs including Wingspan, Tigers Weekly and CCHA hockey among others.



Hogan

Hogan comes from KION-TV (CBS) / KCBA-TV (FOX), the Salinas, Calif. where she was a sports anchor/feature reporter and news reporter since August 2009.

Other experience came as anchor/reporter at KOMU-TV (NBC) in Columbia, Mo., KCRG-TV in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and a guest correspondent for FOX Sports Net and an intern at FOX Sports Houston.

The position at FOX Sports Detroit is a homecoming for Hogan who graduated from Northville High School where she was a All-American and state champion swimmer. She majored in broadcast journalism at the University of Missouri where she was team captain of the Tigers' swimming and diving team, a four-time recipient of Academic All-American and Academic All Big XII honors.

NORTHVILLE PREP HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Northville prep hockey is sitting at 5-2-1 one month in to the winter season. The team has carried their winning ways over from fall season as they look to chase down Trenton and Hartland in Division 1 of the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League. The following is a look at some of the early season highlights for Northville.

Northville 8, Chelsea 1

Northville opened up Winter League play with a Home & Away series against the Chelsea Bulldogs on Nov. 13. Northville started quickly and never looked back scoring five times in the first period to jump out to a 5-1 lead. Dominic DiComo, Tyler Harrigan, Jacob Strom, Ben Bloom and Tyler McMullin were the goal-scorers. Danny O'Malley and Kellan Flayer added goals in the second period while Nick Stegmeyer added another in the third to make the final score 8-1.

Northville demonstrated balanced offense with 8 different goal scorers and 11 different players contributing with assists. Joe Ascitto and Austin Ratts led the team with +3 ratings for the contest Northville while 8 others were at +2. Jake Pawloski got the win in the net, recording 17 saves on 18 shots.

Northville 5, Chelsea 1

The return game of the weekend Chelsea series on Nov. 14 was very similar to the night before with balanced scoring and solid defense leading to a 5-1 Northville victory.

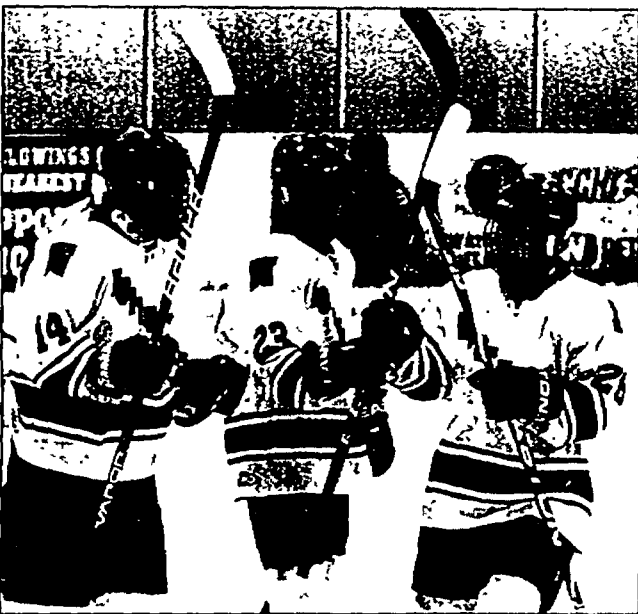
Jacob Strom got the only goal of the first period with assists from Nick Stegmeyer and Austin Ratts. Tyler McMullin, Ben Bloom and Dominic DiComo blew the game open in the second period each adding a goal to the Northville total for a 4-0 lead heading into the final period of play.

Tyler Harrigan added a fifth goal in third while Chelsea managed a goal of their own to make the final 5-1. Tyler McMullin lead Northville with 3 points (1G, 2A). Jimmy McGlynn recorded 17 saves on 18 shots.

Northville 6, Clarkston 0

After a scoreless first period on Nov. 17, Tyler McMullin opened the scoring flood gates by burying the puck in a vacated Clarkston net when the Clarkston goalie gambled and lost in his attempt to get to a Joe Chase breakaway pass. Danny O'Malley would push the lead to 2-0 when Joe Chase unleashed a slapshot from the blue line that O'Malley would re-direct past the Clarkston netminder. With less than a minute remaining in the second period, O'Malley would again score on assists from Ben Bloom and Kellan Flayer to give the Broncos a 3-0 lead.

Austin Ratts scored early in the third period with assists from Tyler McMullin and Joe Ascitto. Tyler Harrigan made it 5-0 when he picked up a rebound and put a



JOHN PAWLOSKI

Jacob Strom, Ken Kosinski and Alex Shuart celebrate a goal against Clarkston.

backhand shot into the open side of the net and Jacob Strom would push the final to 6-0 scoring late with assists going to Andrew Carlone and Alex Shuart.

Andrew Carlone led the Broncos with 3 points, all assists. Though not on the stat sheet, Todd Goebel posed a matchup problem for Clarkston as he set up camp in front of the Clarkston goalie all night long and could not be moved out. Jake Pawloski got the shutout in Northville's net turning away 13 shots.

Northville 6, North Farmington Harrison 5

Northville's snipers showed up early jumping out 3-0 in the first period of play on Nov. 21. Danny O'Malley put the first tally on the board at the 11:34 mark when Tyler McMullin slid the puck across the crease giving the goalie little chance. Eric Johnson scored less than a minute later on an assist from Jacob Strom. Tyler Harrigan scored with less than a minute in the first with the assist going to Dominic DiComo.

Northville started the second period like they finished the first, scoring within the 1st minute of play when Joe Ascitto assisted on a Jacob Strom goal. Tyler McMullin went toshelf unassisted to put Northville up 5-0 midway through the second period as Northville looked like they would coast to victory, but North Farmington kept battling. Farmington would get 2 goals back before the end of the second period, one on a powerplay. Then just 18 seconds into the third, North Farmington cut the lead to 5-3. Northville penalties, including an extended 5 on 3 advantage, gave Farmington the opportunity to cut the lead further, eventually coming all the way back to tie the game at 5-5 with 10 minutes plus

remaining. The teams went back and forth and another Northville penalty at 4:40 left gave the opponents the chance to take the lead, but Northville successfully killed the two minutes and then launched some offensive pressure themselves that resulted in Northville getting a powerplay with 31 seconds remaining in the contest. With a faceoff in the offensive zone, Dominic DiComo cleanly won the puck back to Joe Ascitto who skated the puck into the center of ice just inside the blue line before winding up and unleashing a slapshot on net. Tyler Harrigan had camped in front a net milder no chance to put the game winner on the board with only 01.5 seconds remaining in the most exciting win to this point in the young winter season.

Northville 3, Howell 0

Jake Pawloski turned away all 28 Howell shots on Nov. 29, including three breakaways, to lead Northville to victory over Howell despite being outshot 28-17.

Jacob Strom lead the offense scoring two of the Northville's three goals. The first came midway through the first period when Jacob beat the Howell goalie through the 5-hole with the assist going to Alex Shuart. Jacob got his second with just 6 ticks left in the second period, again beating the Howell goalie via the 5-hole this time assisted by Joe Chase and Kellan Flayer. Eric Johnson got Northville's third marker with 8:30 remaining with Todd Goebel get credit for the assist. Strong team defense in the third period with aggressive back checking led by Danny O'Malley, Joe Chase, Joe Ascitto, and a host of others helped preserve the shutout.

-By John Stevens



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Ford volunteers help feed hungry

Packing sandwiches for the Salvation Army's Bed and Bread Club are Mark Smith of Canton (front) and Mark Bentley of Northville. They packed meals and then went out on the Bed and Bread Club truck to distribute meals to the hungry and homeless in Detroit.

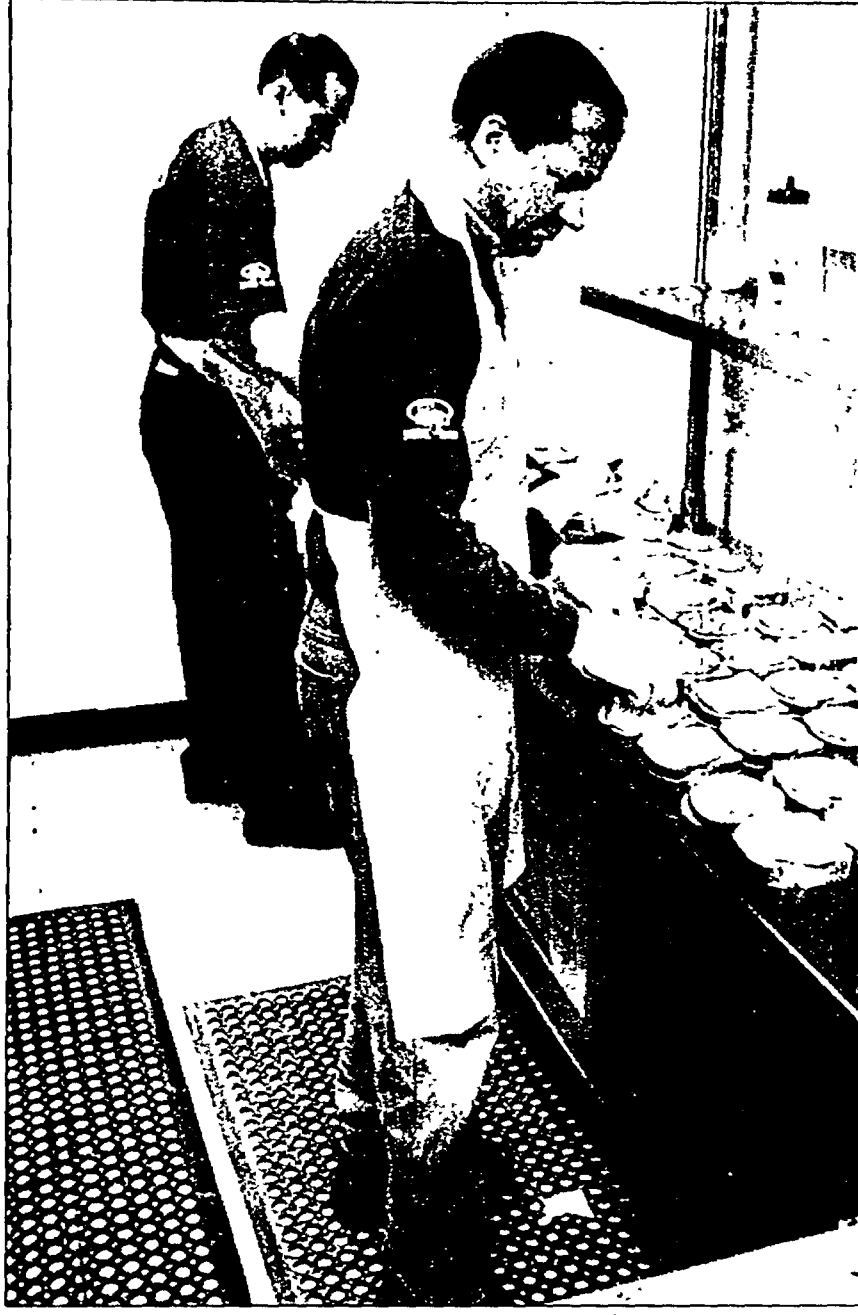


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The Ford Volunteer Corps cooked, delivered and collected food last week throughout the metro area to help feed the hungry.

During Ford Accelerated Action Day, Dec. 3, hundreds of employee and retiree volunteers stocked shelves in food storage warehouses, packed holiday food boxes for families in need and served meals in soup kitchens.

Ford volunteers are answering an urgent call to help. Each day, hundreds of thousands of people in southeast Michigan struggle to find food. Ford employees — in partnership with local nonprofit hunger relief agencies — are helping to distribute food and feed people in shelters, missions and family centers.

"Hunger is a painful reality for many people in our local communities," said Jim Vella, president, Ford Motor Co. Fund and Community Services and a Canton resident. "We are thankful that we have the resources to share with our neighbors in need."

Many of the organizations participating in the Dec. 3 effort also receive Ford mini-grants of up to \$5,000 to buy food and other items needed to complete their projects. More than \$50,000 in mini-grants has been awarded to participating agencies, including:

- Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Detroit — assembled 750 food boxes that feed a family of four.
- Fish & Loaves Food Pantry, Taylor — sorted 168,000 pounds of food purchased with Ford grant.
- Focus HOPE, Detroit — assembled 4,000 food boxes for area seniors.
- Food Gatherers, Ann Arbor — packed 750 food boxes containing 25 meals each.
- Gleaners Community Food Bank, Pontiac — filled 950 weekend meal backpacks for children.
- Ruth Ellis Center, Highland Park — stocked food pantry and packed meals for street outreach.
- St. Leo's Soup Kitchen, Detroit — prepared and served lunch for more than 200 people.
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Detroit — served meals to 3,000 homeless people.

• Southwest Housing Solutions, Detroit — cooked and served holiday meals for residents.

• Veteran's Haven, Wayne — coat drive and food for distribution to 225 veterans and their families.

In addition to the Ford Accelerated Action Day, Ford is a sponsor of the holiday Meals on Wheels program for thousands of seniors in Michigan.

Nine specially equipped vehicles recently were added to a fleet of 98 refrigerated trucks that are being used to collect and distribute food in all 50 states. Part of a 10-year partnership with Newman's Own and Feeding America, the trucks have traveled more than 5.7 million miles and delivered more than 130 million meals.

Ford also created a fun way for high school students in southeast Michigan to get involved through Dec. 12. Students in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county high schools can compete for a school-wide pizza party and school supplies by collecting canned goods and non-perishable packaged food items and using them to build a look-alike Ford Explorer. Contest details are available at www.clickondetroit.com. Pictures of school entries will be posted on this site, where the public can vote on the three finalists Dec. 13-14. Tips for building the Explorer can be found on facebook.com/pages/Ford-in-the-Community. After the contest, Gleaners Food Bank will pick up and distribute the donated food in the tri-county area.

"Ford is continuing a long tradition of caring and community service by addressing one of the most basic of human needs," said Janet Lawson, director, Ford Volunteer Corps. "Collecting food and feeding people is an important step toward creating a better world."

In 2010, more than 20,000 Ford employees and retirees have volunteered to help people in local communities around the world. For more information, visit www.community.ford.com.

Make sure communication is precise

Many clients criticize their attorneys' documents because they are not easy to decipher or are written in legalese. Although there is a movement in the legal community to write in plain English, this does not mean that legal documents will become watered down. Essentially, this just means replacing the larger multi-syllabic words with simpler words that are (supposed to be) synonymous.



Dan Hoops

Every legal document must be written precisely. Precise writing is exact, it is clear and it eliminates any alternative interpretation of the document. If there

is a secondary meaning to a single phrase or an instruction is vague, this will lead to litigation; in other words a court will decide the actual (i.e. the court's) meaning of the document.

A good attorney recognizes the exactness of his or her writing and will spend a lot of effort being certain that the meaning a client intended is conveyed in the particular document. When clients complain that the "lawyers are nit-picking their documents" or "wordsmithing", the attorneys are actually trying to preserve the precision or meaning of their writing. Poorly drafted documents can have a dire consequence on clients.

For example, if an individual

wanted to deed his property to his two sons and daughter-in-law, the deed could say: 1) in equal shares to son A, son B and son B's wife, 2) to son A and son B and son B's wife, 3) in three separate shares, one each to A, B and B's wife, or 4) in separate shares, with one each to A, B and B's wife. On their face, the examples seem to accomplish the goal, but a closer analysis of each shows the possibility of an error. Are (or is) B and B's wife considered one share or are they separate shares? Should the ownership be "equally" between the three (or two) parties? The problem with this example is two-fold, the instructions from the client may have been vague, but the writing is equally as vague.

While courts are called upon to determine the true meaning of legal documents, this can be a difficult and expensive process that should be avoided. Here are a few tips that may be helpful if you are considering any transaction with a legal document: a) read the document before you sign it, b) do not prepare your own legal documents or purchase "do-it-yourself" kits, c) be sure your attorney does not gloss over anything in a document with the old "that's standard boilerplate language", d) save emails, draft documents, notes from meetings, and anything that could be used to "evidence" your true intent, and e) ask a lot of questions.

This column may seem to be another "obvious" piece of advice from just another lawyer justifying his keep, but I can tell you in

my experience in drafting and reviewing thousands of documents, precise writing is a problem. Part of this problem is with the scrivener being sloppy or not asking the correct questions; part of this problem is with the client not being completely forthright in their answers or not reviewing the documents as prepared. Both of these problems should be resolved long before someone signs a single document.

There is a phrase that I have become very familiar with in the past few years: "lost in translation". You can think that you understand the true meaning of a statement when you read it; however, much can be lost if the statement is not clearly communicated. Any dispute or argument resulting from a misunderstanding or miscommunication is the fault of the communicating party. Somewhere along the road the meaning of their communication to the other party became lost, vague, misinterpreted, misunderstood. . . it was not precise.

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BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in December, 2010 offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, seminars are held at Oakland County Executive Office Building

Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783.

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Rio Grande family unites against cancer

Mexican restaurant owner back on her feet after beating cancer with the help of family and friends

By KATE PHILLIPS
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

Dawn Salvati had always helped raise money for those fighting cancer, but the owner of La Casa del Rio Grande never imagined that cancer would come knocking on her door.

Working through cancer

Last February Dawn Salvati received the shock of her life when she discovered breast cancer. It was a very rough year of grueling treatments.

"I was so sick, all I could do was lay there on the floor," said the Lyon Township mother. "It put us all through the wringer."

"It was a terrible time," recalled Dawn's daughter, Carmen Salvati, 12. She and her sister, Samantha, 15, did everything they could to help their mom through the illness.

Spring and summer were rough for the Lyon Township restaurant. Dawn was out of commission and had to rely on staff to run the place. It wasn't the same traditional Mexican restaurant that Dawn had lovingly cared for through the years.

Labor of love

The restaurant is like a part of Dawn's family. In fact, the site started out as Dawn's childhood home. After she successfully operated the renowned Don Pedros Mexican Restaurant in Redford, Dawn decided to bring the same taste back to Lyon Township where she grew up. Dawn



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La Casa del Rio Grande welcomes guests to join their family. Owners Dawn Salvati and Jeff Clark run the restaurant with help from daughters, Carmen, 12, and Samantha, 15.

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Customers drive from all over to eat the authentic Mexican food at Rio Grande. Those looking for a healthy alternative love the home-cooked meals at Rio Grande that are made with fresh, wholesome ingredients.

bought the Grand River Avenue home from her father 12 years ago and opened La Casa del Rio Grande, which translates to, "the house on Grand River."

Customers drive from all over to eat the authentic Mexican food at Rio Grande. Those looking for a healthy alternative love the home-cooked meals at Rio Grande that are made with fresh, wholesome ingredients. Each meal is made to order, not frozen, so customers can choose the meats, cheeses, vegetables and toppings they like. Those with special diets can tailor the meal to their needs, adding ingredients they like and subtracting things they can't eat. It works well for those with food allergies or those on low-carb or vegetarian diets.

Dawn can bring Mexican or American food to your home or business. The catering business offers a huge variety of food for any size party.

Coming home

Now Rio Grande is a place where Dawn Salvati's family can come home again, to be together as a family and share that love with their adopted

restaurant family. After nearly losing each other to cancer, the family is closer than before.

Dawn's husband, Jeff Clark, has retired from his job in law enforcement and now spends each day by Dawn's side, running the restaurant. Samantha and Carmen want to work up there even more than before. Dawn is thrilled to be in the kitchen, carefully making each meal by hand.

"This is truly a family restaurant," said Dawn. "We treat each customer like they are a part of our family."

February is now cancer awareness month at Rio Grande to commemorate when Dawn found her own cancer. The whole month the restaurant will be working on fundraisers to help local people that are dealing with cancer.

For a family budget

Dawn tries to make it easier for families to sit down to a hearty meal together by offering

a free meal for kids every Tuesday, 4 to 9 p.m. with each dinner that mom or dad buy.

There are also affordable Monday night specials like corn tacos for 75 cents and soft or fried flour tacos for \$1.25, with a beverage purchase. Daily lunch specials and Wednesday dinner and margarita specials make Rio Grande a fun, reasonably priced place for families on a budget.

"You can get a healthy home-made meal for the same price as you would pay at a fast food place," said Dawn. "This is the place to bring your family."

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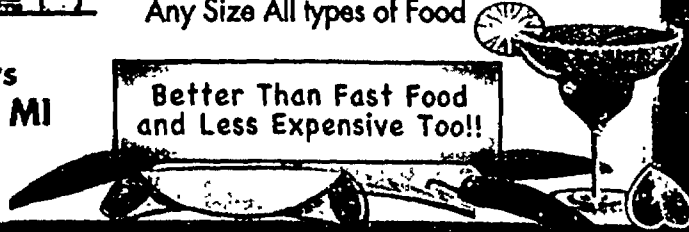
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Should I Stop My Job Search During The Holidays?

As the calendar year comes to a close, job seekers may be tempted to put their hunt on hold. After all, companies are too busy trying to get work done amongst office parties and days off to have time for new hires, right?

Wrong, say many experts. Slack off during November and December and you might just miss one of the best times of the year to find a job.

Company Needs For Talent Do Not Take Vacation

"I would say taking time off from your job search is never wise, regardless of the time of year or season," states Frank Dadah, general manager at Winter, Wyman -- one of the largest staffing organizations in the Northeast. "Oftentimes, year end is the busiest time of the year for companies, not only because they are getting ready for the year-end close but because they are gearing up for a quick start to the new year. It may be a bit more challenging to schedule interviews during the holidays, but that doesn't mean companies aren't hiring."

Elaine Varelas, managing partner at Keystone Partners (a career management and transition services consulting firm headquartered in Boston, agrees. "When there is a need, a candidate

candidate should suspend her job search during the holidays or that employers stop recruiting during this time is very dated."

Take for instance The Knowland Group, a company headquartered in McLean, Va., that offers business development solutions for the global hospitality industry. According to communications manager Tom Crosson, the company is in the process of hiring 200 workers to staff a new call center that is opening by year's end.

Likewise, Josh Jones, CEO of DreamHost Web Hosting (a Los Angeles based web hosting) says his company is planning a late 2010 hiring "spree" for about 20 full-time positions. "We're trying to gear up for what we expect to be faster growth starting in early 2011, and we want to have people on board and situated already by the time that comes."

Potential Advantages For Applicants

Dadah and Varelas both note that one of the foremost reasons to

pursue employment during the final months of the year is a reduction in competition. By keeping your search going at a time when others have slowed down or stopped, you have a greater chance of being noticed. Also, job seeking during the holidays can show prospective employers your seriousness about

landing a position.

Catherine Jewell, author of "New Résumé New Career: Get the Job You Want with the Skills and Experience You Already Have," thinks that job seekers who keep at it are

even more likely to be hired during the holiday season than at other times.

"Human resource managers have year-end deadlines," Jewell says. "The new year brings a new budget. Toward the end of the fiscal year, hiring managers may have a number of new positions to fill. They will be evaluated on whether they get the job done."

Other reasons why Jewell suggests keeping your job search

going full throttle during the holiday season: **Holiday Activities Often Put Managers In A More Receptive Mood.** When people are focused on family and fun through the holidays, they often are more open and receptive to conversation -- even from job seekers.

Holiday Events Are A Natural Networking Environment.

Professional associations often have free holiday events. Job seekers should be sure to take advantage of parties given by associations, chambers and clubs that are of interest. **Holiday Greetings By Mail, E-mail And Telephone Keep You Connected.** People searching for jobs should harness the spirit of the season to amp up gratitude. Thank former clients, vendors and co-workers. Thank bosses and mentors. Thank everyone who has helped.

So while it may be tempting to take a long winter's nap during the final weeks of the year, smart job seekers should write "looking for work" at the top of their holiday to-do list. They just might ring in the new year with a new job!

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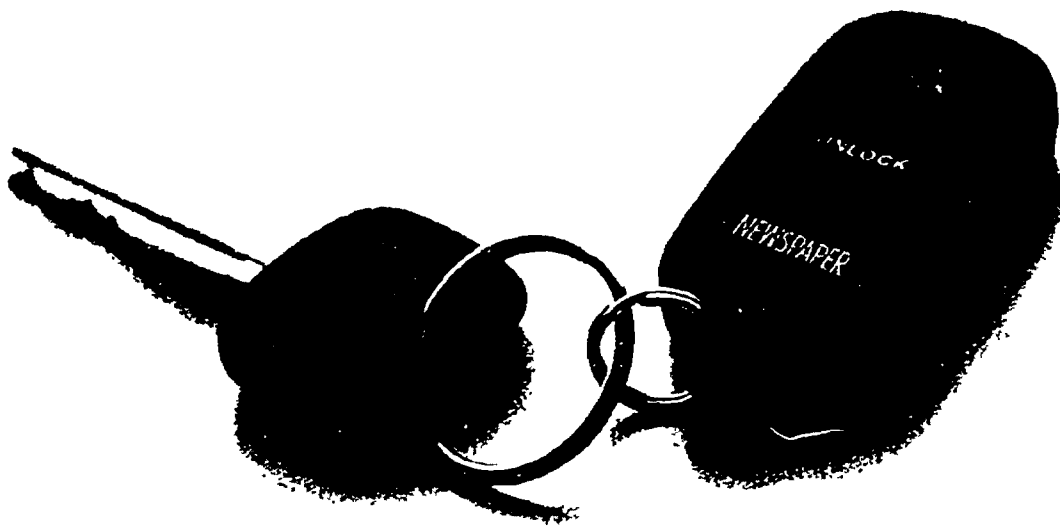
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