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Heise swearing-in
ceremony Jan. 11

State Representative-Elect Kurt Heise will host an in-district swearing-in ceremony at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, before the start of the Plymouth Township Board meeting.

Plymouth District Court Judge Ronald Lowe will administer the Oath of Office.

The ceremony will be held at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty Road just north of Ann Arbor Road. Light refreshments will be provided.

Heise will be officially sworn in at the Michigan State Capitol on Jan. 12 with the other members of the Michigan House of Representatives.

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).

Cold weather warning

Shoveling snow can be dangerous at any age. According to the American Heart Association, people who are outdoors in cold weather should avoid sudden exertion, like lifting a heavy shovel full of snow. Even walking through heavy, wet snow can strain a person's heart.

"Fifteen minutes of snow shoveling is considered moderate physical activity even for young adults," states St. Mary Mercy Hospital Cardiologist Roy Misirliyan, MD. "The combination of exertion, cold air and hypothermia puts a large strain on the heart. People with a history of coronary artery disease, hypertension, diabetes and tobacco use should consider alternatives to shoveling snow," he adds.

People with coronary heart disease often suffer chest pain or discomfort called angina pectoris when they're in cold weather. Some studies suggest that harsh winter weather may increase a person's risk of heart attack due to overexertion. "Cold air makes breathing more difficult and puts more strain on the body and heart, so precautions should be taken, especially for those with a history of heart disease," adds Dr. Misirliyan.

The Northville Record takes a look back at 2010, with January-June highlighted this week. Next week we'll focus on July-December. Summaries are by staff writer Pam Fleming; photos by staff photographer John Heider. Enjoy ... and Happy New Year!

January

- Gary Cooper from Cooper Design in Ann Arbor presented four options last week on what could become a new part of downtown Northville in the future — a walkthrough or cut-through from the Marquis Parking Lot south of Dunlap Street to Main Street.

- No decisions have been made yet, but Northville Township leaders are looking at providing training to more firefighters so they can provide ambulance service to residents.

- Mark Corriveau thinks the problems facing the state will take longer to fix than the two-plus years if he wins a third term representing the 20th District.

- Parking spaces are golden to downtown business owners, and they are not in favor of any plan that would reduce the number.

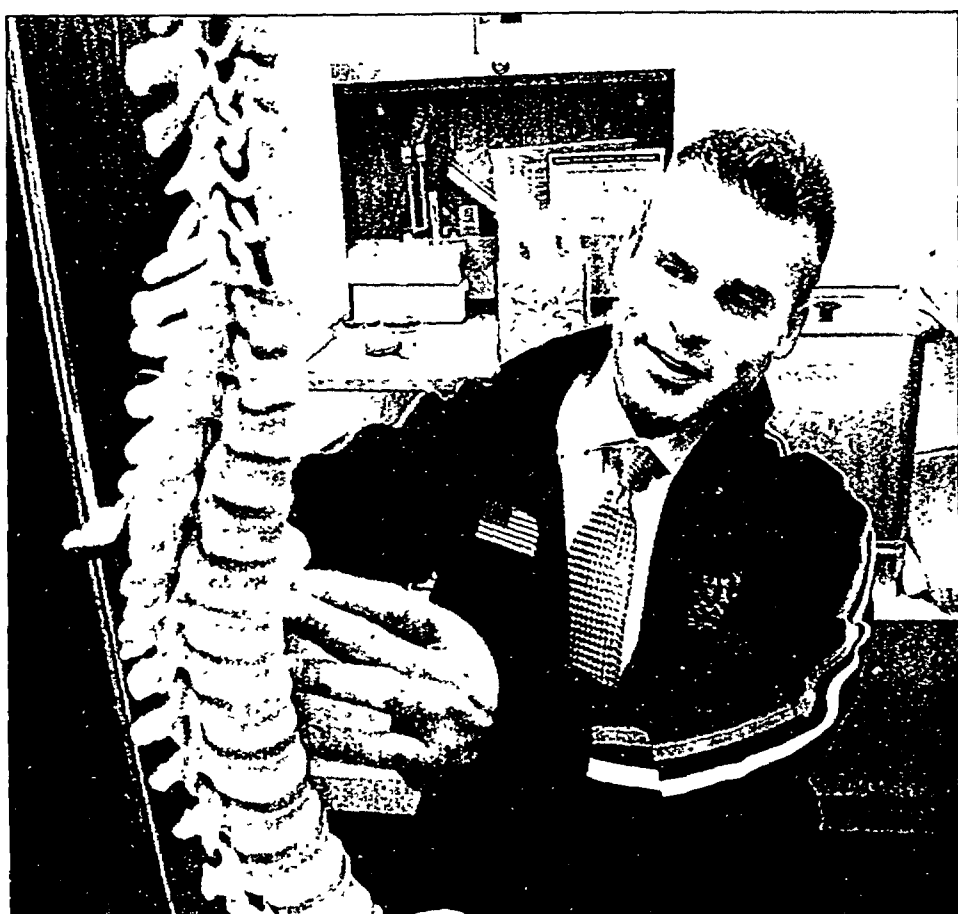
- Northville city council members gave their blessing to the \$2 million downtown sidewalk and landscape improvement project last month, even though design changes can still be made.

- A few merchants attended Tuesday morning's Downtown Development Authority meeting after receiving a letter that the city is considering making Mary Alexander Court a two-way street and eliminating eight of the 14 parking spaces.

- Following a careful review of the most current information regarding Michigan's Race to the Top plan, the Northville Public Schools Board of Education voted not to sign the Memorandum of Understanding requested by the Michigan Department of Education at a Special Call Board of Education meeting Jan. 11.

- The discussion may have been lively, but there's still no decision yet on a design for the proposed downtown Northville walkthrough on East Main Street.

- Bent Boing, who lives next door to the



Northville chiropractor Dr. Kenneth Stopa headed to Denver to help care for U.S. athletes training for the 2012 Olympics.



A "victim" of a mock crash is wheeled away by EMTs and Northville Township fire fighters during the May 20 Students Against Destructive Decisions assembly at Northville High. Students were shown concrete examples of what could happen to them if they drink and drive or text while driving.

Meadowbrook Islamic Center on Eight Mile Road, said the center's board members' request to build a parking lot and expand the house that

serves as the center were like Cinderella's sisters trying to squeeze into the glass slipper. • After listening to a barrage of protests from residents

who packed township hall, ZBA members voted to deny the center's two requests for variances at their Jan. 20 meeting.

February

- The Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation want to donate funds to build a splash park at Ford Field in downtown Northville. Marv Gans, a member of the group, presented the proposal the evening of Jan. 27 to Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

- Doing a one-person show is no picnic, even for a seasoned actor. But Julia Glander, the star of *The Lady With All the Answers*, now playing at Northville's Tipping Point Theatre, pulls it off quite gracefully.

- Being in tip-top shape is essential for athletes getting ready to compete in the 2010 Winter Olympics, which start tomorrow in Vancouver, B.C. And Northville chiropractor Dr. Kenneth Stopa Jr. of Main Street Family Chiropractic recently helped to rehabilitate some of these athletes at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

- City of Northville officials are working on obtaining a Certified Local Government designation for the community that would bring more grant funding to the municipality.

- Northville City Council members recently reviewed goals for fiscal year 2010-11, which were set last year, with only one change from last year's fiscal year's priorities. Long-term fiscal and financial stability still made the top of the list as the only high-priority goal for the city. The goal is to continue efforts to achieve a fund balance minimum of 25-35 percent of the city's budget and continue to investigate alternate revenue sources or enhancements.

- Some Northville Township residents and area developers don't like the concertina wire that's still up around the now-vacant Scott Correctional Facility at Five Mile and Beck roads. But Mark Abbo, township supervisor, says the former women's prison is the property and responsibility of the state, and that it doesn't really matter what the local community wants.

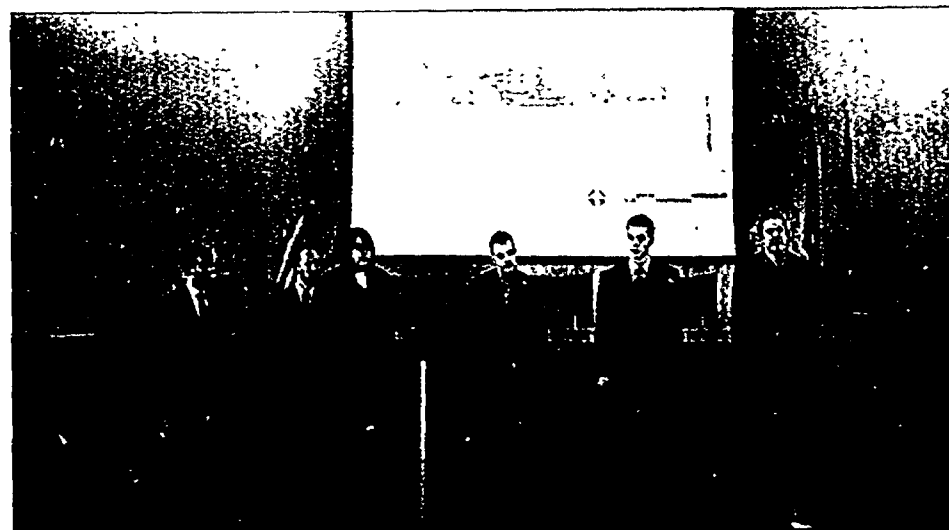
- How to make up a \$2.1 million deficit for the remainder of the current school year was the main topic of discussion at last Thursday's

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Kenneth Dunn, center, and other University of Michigan students answer questions on their proposed redesign of the former psychiatric hospital property, on Seven Mile Road, purchased by Northville Township.



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Party responsibly with these alcohol-free cocktails

AAA Michigan is encouraging motorists to remain drug and alcohol-free when they drive during the holidays.

Visitors to TakeThePledge.AAA.com can sign a pledge to support a culture of "zero tolerance" for impaired driving and spread the word to family and friends via Facebook and Take the Pledge e-cards.

Nearly 9 of 10 drivers say that motorists who drive after drinking are a very serious threat to their personal safety, according to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. And 98 percent say they consider it unacceptable for a driver to get behind the wheel when they think they may have had too much to drink.

Each year, more than 11,000 individuals are killed in alcohol-related crashes, representing 32 percent of all motor vehicle accidents. More than a million individuals are arrested for

driving under the influence of alcohol each year.

AAA Michigan offers these party tips to stay safe on the roads:

- Plan ahead and designate a non-drinking driver before any holiday party or celebration begins.
- Never get behind the wheel of a car when you've been drinking - even after just one drink.
- Do not hesitate to take the keys from friends or family members who may be impaired.
- Be a real friend: Call a taxi for those in need.
- Be a responsible host in reminding guests to stay safe and offer alcohol-free beverages.

TRY THESE!

Here are a few recipes for non-alcoholic cocktails from AAA Michigan's newest edition of its annual Great Pretenders Party Guide. For more recipes, visit a AAA Michigan office or go online at www.aaa.com/Pretenders.

Bora Bora:
Submitted by Iridescence Motor City Casino & Hotel Detroit
3 ounces pineapple juice
2 ounces passion fruit juice
½ ounce lemon juice
½ ounce grenadine
Shake ingredients with ice. Pour into glass. Garnish with lemon wedge and cherry.

1 teaspoon light brown sugar
Ice cubes
Blend everything on a low speed and serve in a tall glass. Garnish with big watermelon slice.

Homemade Kiwi Lemonade:
Submitted by Holiday Inn of Fargo Fargo, ND
4 ounces sweet and sour mix
1 ounce simple syrup
1 ounce Monin kiwi syrup
4 ounces 7UP, Sierra Mist or Sprite
Build in mixer/shaker with ice. Combine all ingredients and shake to a light froth. Strain and pour over ice. May garnish with lemon wedge and kiwi slice.


1913 Room Indulgence:
Submitted by The 1913 Room Amway Grand Plaza Hotel Grand Rapids
1 cup pomegranate juice
½ cups alcohol-free red wine
½ cup orange juice
½ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
½ cup club soda
4 dashes Tabasco

In a cocktail shaker, mix all ingredients with crushed ice, shaking vigorously. Serve in martini glass and garnish with orange twist.

Sparkling Pineapple Sunset:
Submitted by The Grand Hotel Mackinac Island
1 cup pineapple juice
1 cup Perrier
Splash grenadine
Cherry for garnish
In a large glass filled halfway with ice, add equal parts pineapple juice and Perrier (or any sparkling water). Shake well. Add a splash of grenadine. Garnish with maraschino cherry.

Nonalcoholic Bellini:
Submitted by The Saint Paul Hotel St. Paul, Minn.
1 ounce fresh peach nectar
4 ounces nonalcoholic brut champagne
Pour nectar into glass. Slowly add champagne. Stir gently. May garnish with peach slice.

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BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Nancy Cassis wouldn't say her career in politics is finished when she spoke earlier this month at the unveiling of the Suburban Collection Showplace.

But because of term limits, it is done ... for now.

Cassis, who has represented the state Senate 15th District the last eight years, called her 25 years as a politician a "wonderful journey" and kept the option open that it may still continue.

"Nothing is ever 'it' because you never know what door may open," she said. "This has been the most marvelous experience of my life, and I feel so privileged and honored to have been elected to serve the people for so many years."

Cassis got her start in local government as a member of the Novi City Council in 1985. She was a school psychologist in the Novi Community School District at the time and worked there until 1996, when she was elected to serve the first of her three terms in the state House of Representatives.

The decision to give up her "passion as an educator" was not easy, but she felt the opportunity to help citizens at the state level was too important to pass up.

"I knew when I left I wasn't coming back," she said.

Cassis immediately made history upon her election to the House, when she was appointed the first female chair of the House Tax Policy Committee.

When she was elected to the state Senate after her House terms, she was selected as chair of the Senate Finance Committee because of her previous experience.

Outgoing Senate Majority



Former State Sen. Nancy Cassis is satisfied with her 25-year political legacy as it came to an end this year.

Leader Mike Bishop, who called Cassis a "mentor" to him in many ways, was the one who selected her.

"I had no problem making that decision, and she proved me right in every respect," he

said.

Bishop also said filling Cassis's shoes is going to be tough because "14 years of experience doesn't develop overnight."

"She is a person who believes

in good government," he said. "We are losing the institutional knowledge and expertise and tax knowledge, and that is going to be hard to replace."

"She also is a fantastic people person who is respected by



State Sen. Nancy Cassis points to a collage of her career in the state legislature that was compiled by her husband Victor.

everyone."

Cassis's list of accomplishments during her 25 years could go on and on, but the most important ones to her were supporting education, improving transportation and reducing the tax burden on Michigan residents and businesses.

Her SAVE the Children legislation, which prevented early learning failure and gives students the skills they need to succeed, maximized the use of school resources without costing most money.

Longtime Northville Public Schools Supt. Leonard Rezmierski was a proponent of the legislation and said Cassis has been a "very positive force for us in the Senate."

"She has been stellar representing what schools are about," he said. "She never ran away from issues regarding kids. And when push comes to shove, I know where she sits and what she backs."

Even though Cassis knew her term was coming to an end, she didn't use it as an excuse to let up. On the final day of the Senate session, Cassis was able to get a Senate bill passed that eliminated double-taxation in the Michigan Business Tax for freight transportation companies and construction joint ventures.

Earlier in December, her bills aimed at increasing transparency and reporting requirements within the state's film credits were passed by the Legislature.

Cassis calls it her "enduring legacy" because it will benefit all the legislators that follow her.

"It puts openness on the activity of government," she said. "It had never been done before. It was a closed door."

Cassis has seen the state go through its ups and downs, but she never wavered on her beliefs.

"My focus from day one and my passion has been on good public policy," she said. "I love policy, not politics."

And the Novi resident also sees a bright future for Michigan.

"There is a new optimism and we are seeing some positive signs," she said. "We are not out of the woods yet, but I believe we are making progress."

As far as the future for Cassis, it will consist of pursuing her "lifelong dream" of learning how to play the piano, spending time with her children and 11 grandchildren, taking a trip to Florida with her husband Victor and relaxing.

"It's wonderful to be free to choose," she said.

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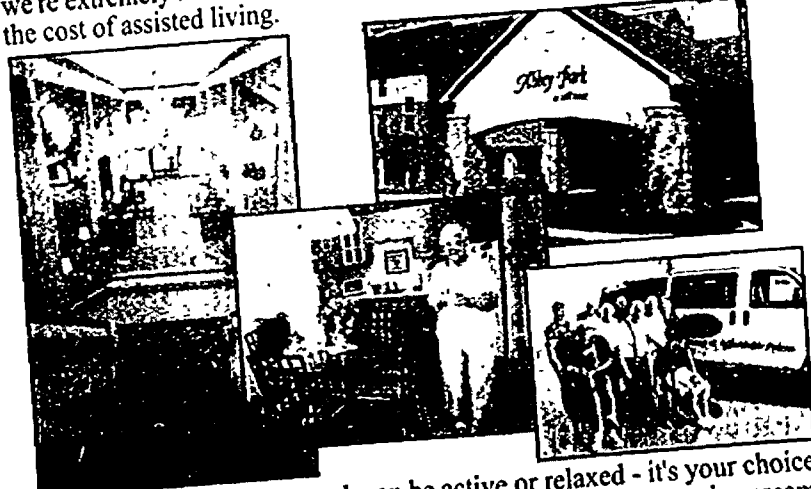
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Detroit Zoo: Wandering through a winter wonderland

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

It's the most magical time of the year. Winter, that is.

The Detroit Zoo, especially after a snowfall, glistens with wonder as polar bears swim in the pool and lie on their bellies in the tundra enjoying the Michigan weather. As always the Arctic Ring of Life is an extraordinary experience as the big white bears and seals glide overhead and around visitors walking through the 70-foot tunnel.

"The animals that thrive here live in different climates and seasons," said the zoo director, Ron Kagan.

"The zoo is all about the natural experience as opposed to cages so we have so many species particularly active and quite entertaining to see in winter."

The Siberian tiger is in his element and looks spectacular against the snow in his stripes. Wolverines gallop through their habitat waiting for lunch. These bear-like creatures can be found from North Europe to North America all the way to Siberia so they're naturally active.

WOLVERINES AT THE ZOO

"Wolverines are not found in most zoos," said Kagan. "They're particularly playful, love playing in snow. You see them bounding around, very energetic. Watching animals like wolverines do snow angels is nothing less than amazing."

Japanese Macaques or snow monkeys climb up and down trees near their hot tub. A keeper arrives with treats and they flock into the steaming water in search of the Craisins providing plenty of antics as they fish for the treats.

For those looking for respite from the cold, the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery's free flight aviary offers the warmth of a tropical jungle as it bustles with sights and sounds. Scarlet ibis perch overhead, iridescent emerald startlings on a branch as keeper Leslie Keys tosses mealy worms on the ground for spurring-winged plovers who snatch up the snacks inches from visitors' feet.

Inside the giraffe habitat.



A polar bear dives for a ball in the Arctic Ring of Life at the Detroit Zoo.

Kivuli, 2, is curious about visitors.

"She's looking to see what kind of treat you're going to give her," said Dennis Maue, a docent who volunteers his knowledge about animals once or twice a week since retiring from the Sterling Heights Police Department.

One of the benefits of visiting the zoo in winter is asking questions and listening to docents talk about the animals. Just look for their red coats.

Did you know snakes, like the Forest cobra are only fed every other Wednesday? Have you ever watched one unhitch its jaw to swallow a dead white mouse?

Laura Gogola does all of the time as a docent in the Holden Museum of Living Reptiles. The Berkley woman has volunteered twice a week for the last five years.

ANIMALS ARE OUT

"The animals are out all winter," said Gogola who had to pass a 13-week course about animals to become a docent. "There's always something going on."

Outside the indoor exhibits it is cold. Visitors could take a few tips from the volunteer docents who use hand warmers to stop



Whether playing in the snow or relaxing on the edge of their hot tub Japanese macaques or snow monkeys are always entertaining.

their fingers from freezing and insulated boots to warm toes. Be sure to bundle up with scarves, hats and gloves. Watching the prairie dogs scurry in and out of the holes is well worth it as is the North American elk lying majestically near the white-lipped deer.

Warm up by visiting the barn to see farm animals like pigs, goats, and owls perched high or try the soup, pizza and hot chocolate available at the Arctic Food Court.

Not far away it's feeding time at the penguinarium.

"Winter at the zoo is the best

time," said docent Gini Sutherland of Birmingham as she stood alongside docent-in-training Roberta Russ of West Bloomfield. "We are open in winter."

Sutherland is in her 34th year as a docent. She knows a lot about penguins. She mentions the zoo's three species — Rock Hopper, Macaroni, and King made famous by the film, *Happy Feet*.

"The keeper keeps track of how many fish they eat so they know how much each eats. The first fish is filled with vitamins."

Outside in the Arctic Ring of



The Siberian tiger is in his element and looks spectacular against the snow.

Life two white arctic fox snuggle in the cold and falling snow. Further into the exhibit keepers train seals to open their flippers in case veterinarian procedures are necessary.

Gina and Jay Chura of Wixom are enjoying all of the activity as they celebrate the first birthday of their son, Jax.

"It's nice," said Jay. "We wanted to come see the polar bears because it's winter," added Gina.

Talini, 6, is having fun running on the ice pack after a quick dip.

The Arctic Ring of Life is one of the most popular attractions at the zoo according to Betsie Meister, mammal department supervisor.

"Polar bears are built for cold weather," said Meister.

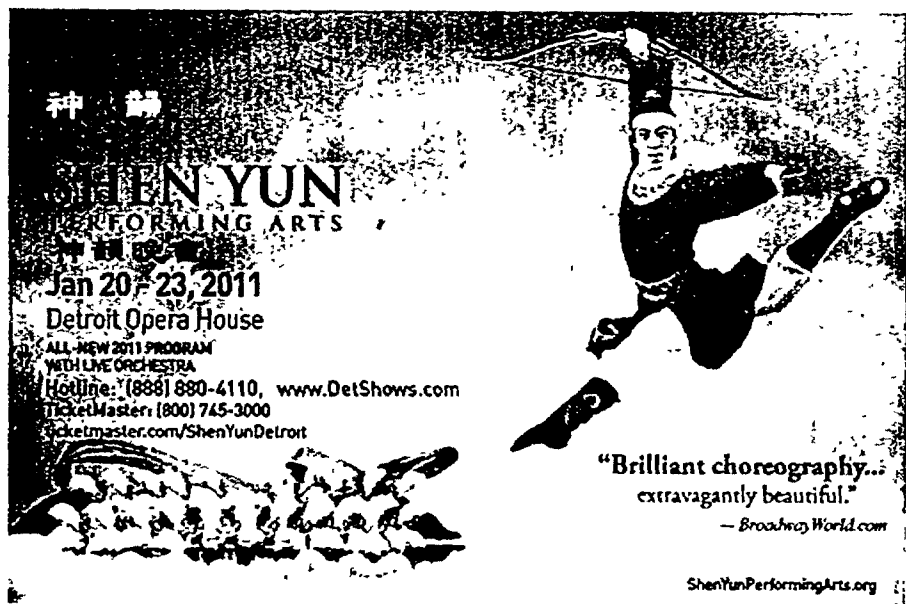
"It could be the coldest day of the year and they're out there swimming and playing. It's enjoyable to take a nice walk here. The otters are very active and you can see the giraffes up close."

"The domestic horses are running around in the snowflakes. Rhinos can go outside on a nice day. All the animals like to get a little bit of fresh air in the wintertime, the red pandas, flamingos, vultures," said Meister, adding, "Wear good boots, a warm coat and enjoy it. The zoo is unique in winter. You'll be sorry if you missed it."

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Whatever it is, Shen Yun has touched the hearts of millions. "I cried a few times," one audience member confessed. "What I saw was power, honesty, and integrity—I am grateful for that." The show has graced some of the most prestigious stages in the world, from the Royal Festi-

tival Hall in London to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Shen Yun is more than just the world's premier classical Chinese performing arts company. It is an experience you won't want to miss.

A PERFORMANCE 5,000 YEARS IN THE MAKING

A performance by Shen Yun is traditional Chinese culture as it was meant to be: a study in grace, wisdom, and all the virtues distilled from millennia of Chinese civilization. The classically trained dancers, musicians, and singers of Shen Yun Performing Arts share a vision: to revive and restore Chinese culture to its former, glorious state.

Based in New York, Shen Yun Performing Arts is distinguished by its conscious effort to remain independent of China's communist regime, which has abused and impoverished the arts for decades. In fact, a show like Shen Yun's can no longer be found in China today. As one well-traveled New Yorker noted: "I've seen China before with my eyes, but this show had me experience China with my soul."

For those who find all things Chinese a little foreign, never fear. The show is based on Chinese culture, but the values it portrays belong to all of humanity.

ONE OF THE MOST DEMANDING ART FORMS IN THE WORLD

No other art form in the world boasts such strong expressive qualities and diversity of technique as classical Chinese dance. It takes years of rigorous training to master the many leaps, flips, and delicate gestures. Dancers must also be versed in Chinese culture to achieve the bearing needed to bring ancient legends and heroic figures to life.

In addition to the classical forms, Shen Yun features the distinctive colors and styles of ethnic and folk dance. Choreographers draw upon over 20 dynasties and 50 ethnic groups to create pieces that range from the northern steppes of Mongolia to the lush forests of Yunnan. Among the most impressive elements of any Shen Yun show are the large-scale ensemble pieces in which dozens of dancers appear to move as one body across the stage.

Shen Yun has also created its very own brand of story-based dance, which often deals with universal, thought-provoking themes. As one distinguished ballet dancer noted, "There's a lot of depth and meaning. It's a new realm of dance."

TWO GREAT CLASSICAL MUSIC TRADITIONS ONE FRESH, UNEXPECTED SOUND

Some remarkable instruments such as the *pipa* or *erhu* date back more than 3,500 years, but the reality is very few Chinese instruments have made it to the world stage. To remedy this, the composers of Shen Yun bathe the distinctly Chinese sounds in a rich sea

of Western strings, percussion, woodwinds, and brass. The result? A new and mesmerizing sound.

Each season, the composers create over 20 original scores. They work closely with the choreographers to ensure a seamless blending of the music with each and every dance.

EXTRAORDINARY ARTISTS

"There's just something about them," audience members often remark.

At a time when the influence of Taoism, Buddhism, and Confucianism was strong in the Middle Kingdom, art was a means to explore the connection between mankind and the higher universe. Poets and artists cultivated virtue and engaged in study and meditation because they believed that to create true art worthy of the heavens, there must first be inner beauty and purity.

Today, the artists of Shen Yun follow in that noble tradition. Their training regimen requires focus and a mindful lifestyle. Many draw inspiration from traditional cultivation practices such as Falun Dafa, which teaches truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance.

Among the company's artists are many winners of international competitions in dance, music, and singing, as well as accomplished choreographers and composers. No other Chinese performing arts group in the world can boast such a remarkable body of talent.

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SUBMITTED BY KATHY NORTHCUTT

Northville musicians

The University of Michigan Marching Band hosted their regular year-end concert in Crisler Arena Dec. 4 and, as usual, had high school students, including Northville, attend and perform with them. The Michigan Marching Band members shown are all former Northville High School band graduates ranging from college freshman through fifth-year graduate student. Pictured (l to r, back) are Robin Czerwinski, Caitlin Northcutt, Aaron Kollipara, Aaron Havlicek, Ryuta Oshikiri, John Syverson, Allen Chen, Matt Drago, Stephanie Gonzales, Albert Tang; (front) Laura Schneider, Vinny Sheu, Jessica Mizzi and Matt Chen.



COURTESY JIM AND MARTHA NIELD

Photo finding

A recent article in the Record about the fact that a couple of class composites from Northville High School were missing led to the discovery of this photo of the Class of 1917. Wendell Miller in the lower left hand photo was president of the class of 1917. His grandson, Drew Stirlon, and Drew's wife, Jan, found this in their basement. "All we need is 1920 and we will have 100 consecutive years of the composites," said Jim Nield.



Fun times at library

Juliette Culp and her daughter Violet, 2, enjoy a program at the Northville District Library on Dec. 15.

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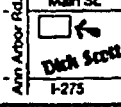
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Sen. Stabenow nominates 34 Michigan students to service academies

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) has nominated 34 Michigan students, including three locals, for placement at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, M.D., the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, C.O., and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y.

United States Military Academy: Joonmo Chung of Novi

United States Naval Academy: Sean Carrigan of Commerce Township

United States Merchant Marine Academy: Cameron Albrant of Northville

"I am proud that so many exceptional students from our state are willing to serve our country through military service," said Senator Stabenow. "These individuals have demonstrated their excellence in and out of the classroom, and I am confident that they will represent Michigan well."

Students seeking appointment to a service academy must first obtain the nomination of their U.S. Senator, their U.S. Representative or the President. Students nominated by Senator Stabenow's office went through a competitive application process that included interviews by community leaders. Now that the students have been nominated, they must await acceptance for admission by the academy to which they have applied.

Gallagher voted new school superintendent

BY NATHAN MENOIAN
CORRESPONDENT

Mary Kay Gallagher has been voted the new superintendent of Northville public schools.

Gallagher received the school board's approval after final deliberations were held during a Dec. 22 special call meeting at the Board of Education office.

Dr. Marilyn Price, school board president, said the meeting had very thoughtful discussions and the vote was 4-3 in favor of Gallagher.

"We had two very well-qualified candidates to choose from, and it was not an easy decision," she said. "But after the vote, there was a clause of full support for Gallagher that the board unanimously accepted."

Price, who made a personal phone call to both candidates after the meeting, said the contract negotiation with Gallagher will begin shortly, and she expects there to be no difficulties in finalizing a contract. She will officially take office July 1, 2011.

Gallagher has been serving as assistant superintendent of Instructional Services for Northville schools since 2006. She's also been in various other leadership capacities throughout the district going back 20 years.

Her decision to apply for the superintendent's position came after first discussing it with her family.

"Some good thoughtful reflection went into my deci-



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tion to apply for this position. It was something I truly wanted to do," she said.

In comparing Northville to other districts, Gallagher pointed out the district's foundational strengths.

"I think the hallmark of Northville is the stakeholder support. It's the families, teachers and support staff which are the strengths we have intentionally nurtured, and what we need to hang on to preserve our education," she said.

Two weeks ago, the board had narrowed its final list of four superintendent candidates down to two: Shawn Lewis-Lakin, the current superintendent of Manchester Community School District, and Gallagher.

In discussing agenda, Gallagher said a continued focus will remain on Northville's deep commitment to student learning, a strong continuous improvement process, as well as stakeholder involvement and support.

Gallagher also talked about the financial difficulties the district is currently facing, knowing board members will require her to take necessary steps to address those challenges by collectively facing budget realities through increased awareness, and more effective involvement of stakeholders.

"As a state, we are facing enormous budgetary challenges," she said. "I don't think anyone looks forward to making difficult decisions

that impact the lives of our students, families and our staff members. Education is a people business, yet without structural changes in the funding of our schools, budget reductions of the magnitude we are facing ultimately means having less people or reducing the cost of benefits/compensation," Gallagher said.

She is hoping to see at least some structural changes in the funding of schools, and a view that education is an investment vs. a liability, once Rick Snyder, the new governor, takes office in January. And without strong schools, she believes, it's going to be hard to bring new businesses into Michigan.

Northville public schools exemplify a deep commitment to student learning, and a strong continuous improvement process that nurtures innovation and a focus on the whole child, plus tremendous stakeholder involvement from students, teachers and parents, Gallagher said.

"We also have very active community groups — including Northville Educational Foundation, PTAs, Northville Mothers' Club, athletic and music booster groups, etc. — focused on supporting student learning, and enhancing opportunities for students that look to a future beyond these challenging times," she said. "We have a community that is value-added and worth being a part of."

Gallagher is anxious to start working together with the leadership team, teachers, students and parents to focus on student learning and build on strengths.

Lewis-Lakin, the other final candidate for the superintendent's position, said he was grateful for the board's consideration of his candidacy and appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the Northville schools and community.

"I wish Ms. Gallagher and the Northville school board, all the best as they continue to work together to serve students and address the very significant challenges facing the Northville district," he said.

Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, the district's superintendent since 1991, will be retiring at the end of this school year. He announced his retirement in August last year, providing the school board ample time to search for his replacement.

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Finance Subcommittee meeting for the Northville Public School district.

• Northville Township could become a little richer in the coming months from salvaging materials from the former state psychiatric hospital property. At a Feb. 4 study session, trustees passed a motion for Midwestern Consulting to begin a salvage operation as soon as possible on the former hospital property owned by the township.

• It may have been a way for the Northville communities to save \$8,000, but Northville Township trustees decided not to approve a proposed merger of the senior transportation program with its neighbors to the south — city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. The current service includes Northville Township and the city of Northville under a shared services agreement.

March

• The long drawn-out talks and political bickering about state aid cuts to schools is over, but just for now, as the harsh realities of the state's economic woes have come to roost in Northville schools. Personnel cuts affecting several Northville schools were approved at the Feb. 9 school board meeting. On Monday, the cutbacks began.

• The Northville Public Schools district pulled from its website a press release regarding the candidacy of Joan Wadsworth, school board vice president, for the state House 20th District seat after being notified by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy that the posting may be a violation of the state campaign finance law.

• A firm scheduled to open its North American headquarters in Northville Township late this year will support today's environmentally friendly vehicles. Officials from TSC Michigan Inc., a company that creates electrolytes, anodes/cathodes and separators for battery cells for hybrid and electric vehicles, just recently made the announcement.

• It was quite a night for Lou Mascolo and his business partner Lori Jermont of Gardenviews. On March 3, they opened the doors of the new Gardenviews location at 117 E. Main Street to a VIP, invitation-only party to show off their new place.

• Bus transportation services will be changing for hundreds of students in Northville public schools April 12, the Monday students return from spring break.

• Northville Public Schools students across all grade levels performed well on the 2009 Michigan Educational Assessment Program test, according to results released last week by the Michigan Department of Education.

• Northville Township residents are encouraged to attend a special planning workshop about the future use of the former state hospital property next week. The event will take place 7-8:30 p.m. March 25 at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road at Sheldon Road. Northville Township has partnered with graduate students from the University of Michigan Urban Planning Program to prepare a master plan for the portion of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric hospital site that was recently purchased by the township for \$21.5 million.

• Northville Township announced a business partnership Tuesday with American Industrial Traders, Inc., to conduct salvage operations at the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital. The township will receive \$175,000, which will be used to fund future projects on the property.

• Once you meet John and Kathleen Treanor of Northville, you know they're the real deal when it comes to being Irish. They even serve Irish tea to reporters who come to their home to interview them about



With blueprints in front of them, a legal representative for the proposed Meadowbrook Islamic Center, left, chats with a member of the audience at a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

being the first Irish married couple worldwide to serve as grand marshals in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit. The honor was bestowed upon them for the March 14 parade by a vote of members of the United Irish Societies in Detroit.

• Downtown Northville will have \$50,000 worth of new historic markers in the near future, with possibly some grant money to help pay for them.

April

• Northville Township trustees are concerned that some septic tanks in the township are presenting an environmental hazard.

• It was history in the making Thursday night at Northville Township Hall as residents presented ideas on the future of the former state hospital property. The public input session was directed by University of Michigan Urban Planning students, who are working with the township to develop a master plan for the site.

• Using the theory "We don't want any surprises," members of the Northville City Council said Monday night they want more information on the building's walls before approving the East Main Street walk-through.

• Although most seem to like the concept, city council members aren't ready to pull the trigger on approving what's referred to as platform dining in Northville.

• On March 30, members of the Northville Downtown Development Authority Board selected the option in which the second floor is eliminated but having the walkway covered in the proposed East Main Street cut-through. Chuck Lapham, principal of the Northville Area Development Corp., has also agreed to donate \$125,000 to the project.

• Plans for a splash park in Northville may be all wet if township leaders don't want to fund its operation. Parks and Recreation Commission members met April 7, tabling a decision until more information can be obtained.

• It was 10 years ago that a handful of Northville High School students formed the school's first robotic team. A lot has happened since then. Fifty-one students are currently members of the 2010 award-winning RoboStangs. This week they are in Atlanta, Ga., joining 343 other teams from around the nation and the world to compete in the national robotic championships being held April 15 in the Georgia Dome.

• The city of Northville is looking at another lean budget year for fiscal year 2010-11. But at least no layoffs are scheduled to take place.

• Economic times are still hard, but Northville Township leaders are managing to keep the municipality's general allotment millage rate the same through 2014. And service levels will also remain the same for residents.

• Northville, which has been known for its festivals for years, will again be the

site for the Buy Michigan Now Festival this summer.

• After many lengthy discussions by planning commission, city council and the Northville Downtown Development Authority, council members set guidelines on platform dining Monday night.

• They didn't paint a totally gloom-and-doom picture of the area, but four speakers last Wednesday said Northville city and township still face many challenges. The State of the Community Address for the two municipalities took place at Meadowbrook Country Club. Speakers included Laura Cox, Wayne County commissioner; Chris Johnson, mayor of Northville; Mark Abbo, Northville Township supervisor; and Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, Northville Public Schools superintendent.

• Six University of Michigan urban planning graduate students presented their plan for Northville Township's portion of the Seven Mile Road property Thursday. The proposal includes preserving a good portion of the property, creating trails and open grassy areas, a community building, pavilion, amphitheatre, community gardens and dog park.

• An opening ceremony took place April 24 for Coldwater Springs Nature Area in Northville Township. The 28-acre parcel, which features an asphalt walking trail, boardwalks with overlooks of wetlands and Johnson Creek, started when Representatives donated the property to the township. The project was accomplished with matching funds from Pulte Homes and a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant.

May

• A special public meeting, during which residents are invited to come and tell council members how they want their tax dollars spent, is planned for 7 p.m. May 24 at city hall. The idea is to form a special committee of public officials and residents to help has out next year's budget.

• Northville City Council members unanimously approved Monday night a walkway project next to Comerica Bank on East Main Street. The project has been estimated under \$800,000, and money has already been budgeted for the effort through the Northville Downtown Development Authority.

• It's a delicate process, but city of Northville staff members have found solutions to budget woes this fiscal year. City staff identified that the general fund budget shortfall will be approximately \$1,100,250. Compounded with the budget shortfall addressed for fiscal year 2010-1 of \$639,000, the city is facing a cumulative \$1,739,000 budget shortfall within two years, representing 26 percent of total fiscal year 2008-09 general fund revenue of \$6,606,000.

• The Northville Public Schools district is offering

such options as severance incentives with the hope that employees across the board will volunteer concessions to help reduce the deficit. The district is looking at a budget deficit of \$2.1 million.

• Don Weaver, director of public services for Northville Township, said the community's outdoor watering restrictions have been imposed for a reason. Wholesale water rates are based, in part, on the community's pattern of use.

• Sometimes it takes some shock value to get a point across. That was the goal of members of Northville High School's SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) mock motor vehicle accident staged at the school May 20. The staged crash was to get across the point "Don't drink and drive" to upperclassmen with graduation celebrations and proms just around the corner.



Gardenviews' partners Lori Jermont and Lou Mascolo celebrated the reopening of their store at 117 E. Main (a two block move from the former home on W. Main and Wing) in March. Their new location was home, some years ago, to Northville Camera.

June

• The Northville Downtown Development Authority board and city council recently agreed to reimburse downtown merchants for about \$10,500 in physical improvements to their businesses. The funding is part of the ongoing Business Assistance Program.

• The Northville Board of Education took action to lay off 47 of the school district's teachers for the 2010-11 school year May 26 at a Special Call Meeting. The layoffs are the result of severe cuts in school funding from the state for the current 2009-10 school year that will carry over into 2010-11, as well as possible additional funding cuts.

• A severe thunderstorm ripped through Northville on June 4, uprooting trees and keeping city workers up until the wee hours of the morning Saturday.

• Northville Township leaders are interested in hearing from residents who have questions about a sanitary sewer system improvement project planned at the township board meeting.

• The annual Art in the Sun festival in downtown Northville was changed to Arts & Acts this year. The festival, which runs June 25-

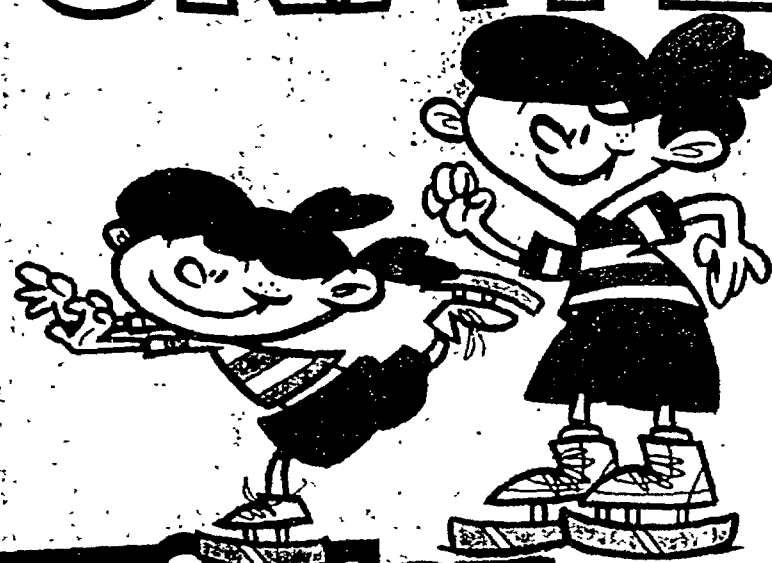
27, will feature unique artistic items to purchase, as well as short films for the public to view.

• Northville Township board members voted unanimously to table a sewer project planned for the municipality after a packed hall of angry residents came Thursday night to protest. The township proposed the project after the Alliance of Rouge Communities, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the township sampled water from Johnson Creek and other surface waters between 2006 and 2008 and found evidence of human waste. Non-sewered areas contribute surface and groundwater discharges to these locations. But residents say their septic systems are safe, and that the study's findings are inconclusive.

• Nickie Bateson, who has served as the city of Northville's assistant city manager and finance director for 17 years, is leaving her position. She plans to obtain her master's degree in public administration at Eastern Michigan University.

• Northville Township officials and owners of the historic Thayer's Corner School have come to an agreement so that the structure will not be torn down.

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Of White Lake, formerly of Waterford and Milford. Dec. 24, 2010, age 88. Beloved husband of Helen. Preceded in death by his first wife, Della. Dear father of Belinda (Dennis) Castagna of White Lake, Diana (David) Dugall of Highland, and Keith "Sonny" Anderson of White Lake. Also many grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom he loved dearly, and a brother, Carr (Adeline) Anderson. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, December 28th, 2010. Graveside services with military honors followed at Highland Cemetery. Rev. Dr. R. John Harris and Pastor Rick Sowles officiated. For further information call 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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Age 73, most recently a resident of White Lake, died at Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. She was born in Detroit on September 6, 1937, a welcome interruption for her family to that year's Labor Day parade. Deane was raised in Northville and then enjoyed a full and active life spending time with family, gardening, cooking, crafting, golfing and being outdoors. Adeana and husband Leo were faithful fans of the University of Michigan football team, and spent many a Saturday tailgating with friends and enjoying the games. She also spent many years as a volunteer for Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor. Adeana is survived by her loving husband Leo Carey, and children Wendy Winkler, Terri (Steve) Jensen and John Denny Winkler. She will be forever remembered as a fun-loving grandma by grandchildren Ari Breshgold, Elana (Breshgold) and Bret Hopman, Josh Breshgold, Emily Jensen, Patrick Jensen and Stefani Winkler. Adeana had the rare gift of two loving marriages. She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Denny Winkler, parents Albert and Beatrice Gleason and brother Neal Gleason. Adeana spent her final days in comfort, enjoying a parade of visitors from every aspect of her life, while being cared for by her husband, children, family, friends and the Angela Hospice team. In lieu of flowers, donations in Adeana's memory may be made to Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia MI 48154 at 866.464.7810 and www.angela-hospice.org, or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at 872.272.6226 and www.pancan.org. There will be a memorial in late Spring 2011.

MARION DAVIS

Age 90, formerly of Milford, December 21, 2010. Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, December 28, 2010. Burial, New Hudson Cemetery. For information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

BETTY M. GOODLIN

Age 86, of Westland, formerly of Ypsilanti, passed away peacefully Dec. 25, 2010. Funeral Service was held Dec. 28, 2010 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions to Gideon's International appreciated.

JOYCE HONSINGER

Age 61, of Bancroft, passed away December 11, 2010. She lived in the South Lyon area for many years and was employed by South Lyon Schools. Joyce is survived by her loving husband Jeffrey, and her children: Lee and Joseph (Cindy) Hoskins. She is also survived by her dear grandchildren: Kayla, Dustin and Brandon; her siblings: Lowell, Carolyn, Sherri, and James. She was preceded in death by her sister Barb and her parents Russell and Amanda Burgess. A funeral service was held on Dec. 13 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions in loving memory of Joyce are requested to the American Kidney Foundation. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

TERRY LAFFERTY

Age 50, of Green Oak Twp., passed away December 26, 2010. A private family service was held at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

FRANK JOSEPH LEWIS

Age 89, passed away December 21, 2010. He was born on Staten Island, NY. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corp during WWII and worked for the City of Detroit - Forestry Dept. Frank is survived by his loving wife, Serafina Lewis; children: Christine (Doug) Colegrove, Frank "Jim" Lewis, Carol Walsh, Dennis (Vicki) Lewis, Marie Gleeton; his sister, Marie Dacey, 10 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held on Dec. 27 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Funeral Mass was held on Dec. 28, St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW, Post #1224, Hamburg, or to the family. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



EDWARD A. MAC DERMAID

Age 82 of Farmington and Harrison died December 26, 2010. Beloved husband of 57 years to Helen. Loving father of Andrea (Eric) Mounts, Shelly (Carl) Manning, Eric (Terri), Connie (Bill) Culhane, Wendy (Tom) Hollman and Ruth (Nathan) Amos. Grandfather of Caleb, Ben, Abbey, Machala, Connor, Lydia, Zachary, Jenna and Alexis. Brother of Susie, Jeanne and the late William, Daniel, Samuel, James and Mary. Funeral from Union Lake Baptist Church (8390 Commerce Rd., Commerce Twp.) 11am (in state 10am). Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Friends may visit Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 340 N. Pontiac Tr., Walled Lake (3 Blks South of Maple Rd.) Wednesday 1pm to 8pm. Memorials to Hospice of Michigan appreciated. Condolences at LynchFAMILYFuneralDirectors.com



KELLY SUE MOSCARELLO

Age 32, passed away December 26, 2010 surrounded by her loving family and friends in her last moments. She was born on Aug. 4, 1978 at 1:30 a.m. to Guy and Beverly (Hunt) Moscarello. She was a dedicated employee at CVS, where she loved her customers and they loved her. Kelly is survived by her parents Guy and Beverly; her fiancée Keith Lewis, his son Christopher; her brothers: Scott (Annabelle) and Joe; beloved niece Chasity Hope who brought great joy and happiness to Kelly's life from the moment she was born; her Uncle Jimmy, Uncle Mike, Aunt Heather, Aunt Betty (Harry); her grandmother Dorothy; cousins: Spencer, Madison, Allie, Sheri, Harry Jr. and a ton of loving friends and customers. She was preceded in death by her Aunt Janet; paternal grandfather Guy, maternal Granny Grace, and maternal grandpa James. Kelly had a bright lighted smile and was a friend to everyone who was fortunate enough to have met her. A special thank you to Sheree, Freda, and Candy for loving her so much and sharing your best gifts of life with her. It is with special gratitude that we as a Family thank you for sharing your stories and experiences of Kelly with us. Thank you to PBK, Kelly's special doctor. It is so often we don't really fully appreciate the great things in life until they are taken away. We are simply blown away by your expressions of love for Kelly. Visitation Dec. 30, Thursday, 12 - 8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Funeral Dec. 31, Friday, 12:30 p.m. at Family Life Community Church, 62345 W. Eight Mile Rd., South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Kelly Moscarello trust fund, Citizens Bank, South Lyon, MI. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

PATRICIA S. STEPHEN

Age 93 of Northville, passed away Dec. 24, 2010. Loving mother of Dianne (Don) McCulloch & Roger (Jo Ann Gish) Stephen. Adored grandmother of four & great-grandmother of nine. Memorial service was held Dec. 29, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

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NORTHVILLE/NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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

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 Zuelch, 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.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville
Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org

Meet & Greet for new Northville area Pastors Robb & Cheri Stancer

Time/Date: 9:10:30 a.m. Jan. 2
Location: Stonehouse Coffee & Tea Co., 16923 Ridge Road, Northville.

Details: Come out and have a coffee and meet the pastors, leaders and families of the new Destiny Worship Center. Feel free to ask questions about the ministry, youth, missions, community service, children, singles, married, and any area where you or your family may need help.

Grand opening/launch

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Jan. 8 All services will be held on Saturdays. First service is Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. Come be a part of a new, cutting edge, creative and innovative worship experience! This new ministry is preparing to have performing arts, dance, youth, women/men ministries, missions, community service, single/married ministry and much more. Come get in on the ground floor of a diverse ministry that is destined to do a great work.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 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.newhopecenter.org

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service

Alzheimer's Support Group

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

Faith Community Presbyterian

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

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

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

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

First United Methodist Church of Northville

A Stephen Ministry Church
Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org
Sunday worship:
Times: 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 Schppp: 10:15 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.

Northville Christian Assembly

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

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 rabbis@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

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Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

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Holiday closures

The offices of the Northville Record and Novi news will be closed Friday, Dec. 31; however, readers can look for their local newspapers as usual on Thursday.

Also, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds customers that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The closures are:
• Thursday, Dec. 30 and Friday, Dec. 31 for New Year's. SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, Jan. 1.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office and do business by mail, or if eligible, by Internet. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

License plate tabs can also be renewed at Self-Service Stations, many of which are available 24/7. Visit the Branch Office Locator at www.Michigan.gov/sos to find a Self-Service Station near you.

Movies at Marquis sponsors needed

The Northville Downtown Development Authority has six confirmed sponsors for its Movies at the Marquis series that starts next month but still needs five more.

Businesses that would like to be a ticket sponsor for this event should let the DDA staff know as soon as possible. Ticket sponsors have the opportunity to have customers come into their store or place of business to purchase tickets along with their logo and business name on the

DDA website, tickets, table tents, posters and more.

Interested? Call Catherine Woods at (248) 349-0345 or e-mail her at cwoodsdda@comcast.net.

Commissioner Crawford sworn in Wednesday

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Inaugural Swearing-In Ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5 in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, located at 1200 North Telegraph Road in Pontiac.

Participating will be Oakland County Chief Judge of the Circuit Court Nanci J. Grant, Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper and the new Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds and former Oakland County Board Chairman Bill Bullard, Jr., along with a color guard presentation from the Oakland County Sheriff's Color Guard.

The Commissioners, including Kathy Crawford (R-Nowi, Novi Township and Oakland County portion of Northville) will take their oath of office and begin a two-year term of service. The board will welcome nine new commissioners to the 2011-2012 Board of Commissioners.

Audition for "The Producers"

The Farmington Players are holding auditions for "The Producers" by Mel Brooks at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Show dates are April 29-30 and May 1, 6-8, 12-15 and 19-21.

Holiday photos win!

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

Go to hometownlife.com (Get Published) and post your favorite holiday photo (or photos) with a short caption, then encourage friends and family to vote by clicking recommend under the photo. The top vote-getter will receive tickets for two to

Imagine Theater (Canton or Novi). The second and third place winners will receive a coupon for a free four-square cheese and one-topping Buddy's pizza.

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

Cruise preview

Local Chef Dawn Bause, of Cooking with Dawn Tours, LLC has teamed up with Brookside Travel of Northville and Azumara Club Cruises to create a NEW seven day Mediterranean Sea and Land Culinary Adventure in France and Italy. The cruise leaves for Nice, France on Sept. 17, 2011 and returns Sept. 23.

Join Chef Dawn on Tuesday, Jan. 18 from 7-9 p.m. at Epiphany Kitchens, 107 N. Center Street, in downtown Northville for a Wine and Cheese Preview Night. Attendees will hear about the trip and have the chance to ask questions about pricing, itinerary and much more. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required.

For more information, to order a cookbook or RSVP to attend this event, contact Chef Dawn Bause at AskDawnNow@aol.com or call Brookside Travel at (248) 344-4747. For information on upcoming classes and much more, visit www.cooking-withdawn.com.

Buy Girl Scout cookies through Jan. 10

Girl Scouts in the Ann Arbor region are ready to take your order during their once-a-year cookie program. The sale runs through Jan. 10 in Livingston and Washtenaw counties and the communities of Canton, Milan, Northville and Plymouth. It offers customers a chance to purchase their favorite treats while supporting the Girl Scout leadership program for girls ages 5-17.

Girl Scouts cookies are still just \$3.50 a box for each of eight varieties. This year marks 35 years of production

for Girl Scout Samoas, which combine the flavors of vanilla, caramel, toasted coconut and chocolate into a chewy cookie.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest business literacy program for girls in the country. Through the Girl Scout cookie program, girls learn five key life skills - goal-setting, decision-making, money management, relating to others and business ethics. They also learn about the democratic process as they decide together on community service projects and troop activities to support with sale proceeds.

Customers can help Girl Scouts learn about charitable giving through the Gift of Caring program by purchasing cookies to be donated to members of the U. S. military and to local food pantries.

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 computer 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@murraycomm.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.

Schoolyard Habits workshop

The Friends of the Rouge, Rouge Education Project will be hosting a how-to workshop focused on Schoolyard Habitats at the Livonia Civic Center Library (32777 Five Mile Road) from 6-8 p.m. on Jan. 19.

It will feature guest speakers Sarah Halson of the Greening of Detroit, Emily Hughes of the Friends of the Rouge and Gary Oswell of Logan Elementary School. The speakers will be covering an array of topics from how to install and plan a habitat, to using a habitat for teaching. Additionally, funding habitats will be discussed. All interested parties are invited to attend this event and light refreshments will be served. The cost of the workshop is \$10 and both payment and pre-registration are due by Jan. 12. To register please call Emily at (313) 792-9626 or email her at repmanager@therouge.org. For more information about the Friends of the Rouge, visit www.therouge.org.

ouge.org.

Healing Hearts group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is starting a support group for women who are facing the loss of a baby through miscarriage, still-birth, or early infant death. The group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday night of each month at The Next Chapter Bookstore and Bistro (next to Great Harvest) located at 141 E. Main Street, Northville 48167.

For more information about this group or any of the other grief support groups offered by New Hope Center, call (248) 348-0115. No registration is necessary.

See our online images

You can see staff photographer John Heider's photos in print in the Novi News and Northville Record, but don't miss his videos of the Super Gardener, a young moth rancher and the Novi girls state soccer march. His photo galleries feature the Farmers' Market, Buy Michigan Now Festival, the Michigan Art Institute's open house, Novi High's Band Camp and much, much more.

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Identify everyone in the photo (first and last names) and tell us where they live. Tell us when the photo was taken and where. Tell us what was special about your trip, if you wish. Include a daytime phone number so we can contact you if necessary.

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Haircut Day for Cancer Aid & Research

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 16
Location: VFW 4012, 438 S. Main, Northville
Details: Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary VFW 4012 (438 S. Main). Raffle baskets and food; \$12 donation.
Contact: Betty Burkacki at (734) 891-3921

"Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs"

Time/Dates: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 18, 19 and 22; Sundays, Jan. 2, 9, 16 and 23; Thursday, Dec. 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.

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

Friends of the Rouge

Schoolyard Habitat Workshop
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19
Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road
Details: Put on by FOTR's Rouge Education Project. Learn how to



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Snow day

Southgate Creative Montessori School students Dellia Barrajan, 7, left, and Ayla Johnson, 7, skip arm-in-arm down Main Street in Northville on Dec. 14 as they enjoy a chilly, but fun day off school - and hanging around downtown. The high temperature that day didn't get above 20.

plan, fund, install, and use a habitat for teaching. Speakers include Sarah Halson (Greening of Detroit), Emily Hughes (Friends of the Rouge) and Gary Oswell (Logan Elementary School). Light refreshments; \$10 by Jan. 12.
Contact: Emily at (313) 792-9626 or repmanager@therouge.org
Winter Stonely Search
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22
Location: University of Michigan-Dearborn, Environmental Interpretive Center
Details: Bundle up and join a team to look for these sensitive aquatic insects in Rouge streams. Children, age 5 and older are welcome when accompanied by one participating adult; groups of six or smaller.

Groups carpool to sites; own transportation needed. Preregistration required by Jan. 14.
Contact: Visit www.therouge.org/index.php%3Fid=690386.html; call 313-792-9621; or email monitoring@therouge.org.

Northville Events

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 p.m. 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

Pint Size Hero Blood Drive

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat., Feb. 5
Location: Amerman Elementary Gymnasium, 847 N. Center Street, Northville
Details: Please help the Brownies at Amerman Elementary learn the value and importance of blood donation by attending our upcoming blood drive. Through your generous donation of blood you can help save three lives and our children can learn the value of giving of themselves. You must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and provide a valid photo ID upon donation. Please plan on being at the drive for 90 minutes. Appointments are

recommended and can be made by registering at www.redcrossblood.org (enter sponsor code: amerman). You can also contact Mrs. Franchi or Mrs. Scavnicki if you are unable to register online. Donor eligibility questions can be answered by calling (866) 236-3276
Contact: Aileen Franchi (248) 596-1021 or Katie Jodi (248) 344-8943.

American Legion

Location: Northville American Legion Lloyd H. Green Post 147, 100 W. Dunlap
Contact: www.americanlegion-post147.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.
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Details: public welcome
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At this hearing the Department of Natural Resources and Environment will gather information from the public concerning possible changes in the interest of public safety to current laws concerning hunting and the discharge of firearms in the Napier Road area, Northville Township, Wayne County.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at 248/348-5800, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

All interested persons are invited to attend and offer comments orally at the public hearing. Interested persons unable to attend this hearing may, within 30 days after the hearing, submit written comments to:

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OUR VIEWS

2011

Make it a year of change, solutions

As 2010 winds down local residents are talking about what the state and in particular the southeast Michigan region needs in 2011.

The start of a new year is often about personally resolving to... lose weight, pay off debts, save more, volunteer more, study more, be kinder — we all know the drill.

January 2011 signals a new beginning for the state of Michigan. Gov-Elect Rick Snyder takes over Jan. 1. He'll have a Republican House and Senate so Michigan residents are expecting progress.



Rick Snyder

Since being elected in November, Snyder hasn't wasted anytime tackling issues, announcing appointments and generally getting ready to hit the ground running. He has a tough task ahead but Michiganders are hungry (and hoping) for change and some good news.

Snyder has stated several times that he's not looking for incremental change but rather "sound structural change."

We believe local city, township and school officials need to heed Snyder's words and resolve to act in 2011. As Gov-Elect Snyder stated in a recent interview, "the old ways of doing things just doesn't really work."

The new ways of doing things need to be looked upon as opportunities not as threats upon someone's turf. Elected officials are in office to serve and to lead. Many have done so in these tough times. Some, however, have been reluctant to propose and/or enact major changes needed. We encourage local municipal and school leaders to be bold in 2011. Look for solutions that will move cities, townships and school districts forward.

As Snyder stated recently — "stop focusing on what went wrong and who to blame." Instead look to the future and solutions that people can buy into.

The last 10 years have delivered all but the knock-out punch to our state and region reeling from high employment, foreclosures and business failures. No one community or school district has been untouched by the economy. It was enough to drive even the most optimistic persons to flee. And, according to the recently released census data, many did just that. Nearly 54,000 residents left Michigan in the last 10 years. The ramifications will present other challenges in terms of clout in Congress and loss of federal dollars. It makes the Snyder Administration's job that much more difficult.

Moving Michigan municipalities, school districts and businesses forward is a tall task. A lot needs fixing but it can be done.

Resolve to make 2011 a year of real change.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How was the year 2010 for you?



"Actually, it was really good. My husband and I are retired and we just watch our spending and have a good time."

Janet Bickner
Northville



"For us it's been pretty good. Our jobs haven't been affected by the economy. We've been lucky."

Tammy Sebest
Northville



"I'm retired and it's been kind of scary watching my savings disappear and all the uncertainty."

Gerald Twomey
Highland



"2010 was great. We still have a job and we're happy. Things appear to be turning around."

Mark Spiterly
Northville

GUEST COLUMNS

Michigan and America are in debt — stop digging!

Even if you haven't been paying attention, you know something has gone terribly wrong with America.

We have become a debtor nation. Today, we borrow 40 cents of every dollar spent by our national government. We are now \$14 trillion in debt — that's trillion with a capital T.

Our politicians talk a good game about "getting our fiscal house in order." Yet both Republicans and Democrats continue to spend and pretend as though nothing has changed when EVERYTHING has changed. We pretend we can afford to fight two wars, bail out Wall Street, give tax breaks to everyone, all the while promising no changes in entitlement spending.

Meanwhile, the existing debt piles up leaving a growing bill for the next 2-3 generations to pay.

It is as if our country is saying to our children: "Here — YOU pay the bills while we enjoy the benefits."

When is the insanity going to end?

It was with this thought in mind that I picked up a copy of Michigan businessman Jim McTevia's book, "The Culture of Debt: How A Once Proud Society Mortgaged Its Future." As I read the pages, I felt I had found

a kindred spirit.

McTevia writes, "It appears possible the most powerful nation on earth will find a way to loot the future all the way to our great-great-grand children's bank accounts before we come to our senses — and repay what we borrowed". He goes on: we are "mindlessly leveraging the future to serve the present."

Those would be strong words if written today, yet Jim McTevia is a bit of a prophet. He actually wrote these words in a book, "Bankrupt," that he hand-delivered to every member of Congress ... in 1993!

Nearly a quarter century ago, he was telling our elected leaders that it was "time to get real," don't whine about Congress "shooting the messenger" — he just got mortally ignored.

Mr. McTevia is not the sort of chap to say, "I told ya so," but he did.

Rightfully, he was saying, "shame on us" for running up such a debt as a nation that unless addressed, "several future generations might never get a chance to taste prosperity or even security."

Dealing with debt is quite simple if you are disciplined. There are only three ways to eliminate debt: 1) Increase revenue. 2) decrease expenditures. 3) A combination of 1 and 2. It is that simple — and that difficult!

Do I agree with every word in his book? Of course not. However, it IS a clarion call by a Michigan business-



Tom Watkins

Our politicians talk a good game about "getting our fiscal house in order." Yet both Republicans and Democrats continue to spend and pretend as though nothing has changed when EVERYTHING has changed.

man, our neighbor, who advises clients and businesses on how to climb out of debt and offering policy makers advice on how to do it.

David Littmann, senior economist, Mackinac Center for Public Policy, summed up the book this way: "... Modern citizens have broken the moral code by living at the expense of future generations. The crime of 'intergenerational theft'."

True, this book is no cure for depression, but it IS a dose of straight talk and tough medicine for what ails us as a nation.

The question remains, "Is anyone listening?"

The Culture of Debt is available on www.amazon.com and www.mctevia.com.

Tom Watkins is a US/China business and educational consultant. He was Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05 and president and CEO of the economic council of Palm Beach County, Fla., 1996-2001. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

What you should know about the 2010 Tax Relief Act

On Dec. 17, Congress passed and President Obama signed the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 (2010 Tax Relief Act). This law provides some relief and certainty for Americans; at least until the end of 2012. Far from a complete overhaul of the Internal Revenue Code, many of the items in 2010 Tax Relief Act are merely "extensions" or "renewals" of various tax provisions that were set to expire on 12/31/2010. In other words, Congress and Obama essentially punted any real tax relief until the 2012 Presidential Election.

The increase in the estate tax credit amount to \$5 million is a very significant change to the tax code. Considering the greatest amount excluded under any previous estate tax was \$3.5 million, \$5 million is a nice relief under the 2010 Tax Relief Act. Without this revision to the estate tax, only \$1 million in assets would be sheltered for persons who died after 1/1/2011.



Dan Hoops

The problem with the estate tax relief under 2010 Tax Relief Act is that it is very shortsighted. Although married individuals will be allowed to shelter up to \$10 million in estate tax, taking advantage of this tax windfall would require both spouses to die before 12/31/2012. I do expect an extension of the estate tax relief enacted (maybe even an increase to the sheltered amount), but estate planners and clients will need to monitor congressional action until such time as any longer-term relief is approved.

The reduction in the employee portion of social security withholding (from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent) for the year 2011 will provide immediate savings for all employees. An equivalent portion of the self-employment tax is also reduced in 2011 (10.4 percent). This is a welcome relief, as these savings will be immediately felt in all employee paychecks.

For example, if an employee earns \$100,000 in taxable wages in 2011, without this reduction, the amount of social security taxes withheld would be \$6,200. With the relief under the 2010 Tax Relief Act, the social security taxes withheld is \$4,200. The \$2,000 savings will be seen

incrementally in every paycheck the employee receives.

The individual tax rates are also temporarily frozen at the graduated rates that are currently in place (10 percent-35 percent). Without the 2010 Tax Relief Act, the rates would have increased to 15 percent-39.6 percent. The capital gains rates were also expected to increase from 0-15 percent to 10-20 percent, fortunately the lower rates will remain in place through 12/31/2012.

More importantly is that the reduced capital gains rate will continue to be applied against "qualified dividends". For many individual shareholders, dividends are the income that they expect to receive throughout the year, paying a reduced rate of tax on that income is appealing. If this "type of income" were taxed at the higher ordinary income tax rates, they could have been more inclined to make drastic investment decisions before the end of 2010. In other words, individuals may have taken an immediate capital gain on shares of dividend-paying stock and replaced those shares with investments that would not generate additional ordinary income tax, such as tax-free bonds.

The 2010 Tax Relief Act also provides some extensions of various tax benefits to individual taxpayers for another two years. The limitation or reduction for itemized deductions and the personal exemption for individuals with adjusted gross income in excess of \$169,500 will not be in place on 1/1/2011. In addition, the "marriage penalty" will not effect the standard deduction for married filers for the next two years.

The new tax bill also continues various credits to benefit taxpayers with children. The Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, Adoption Credit, Dependent Care Credit and Employer-Provided Child Care Credits are all extended through 12/31/2012.

Education costs were also given a priority (or protected) under the 2010 Tax Relief Act with several provisions being extended. Employees will be allowed to exclude up to \$5,250 from their income and payroll taxes for employer-provided tuition and education expenses. Students with "qualified higher education" expenses may continue to take advantage of the American Opportunity Tax Credit (previously known as the "Hope Credit") for two more years. The itemized deduction for student

loan interest is also extended through 12/31/2012, as is the Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, the Armed Forces Scholarship and National Health Service Corps scholarship programs.

While I am unhappy that a long-term "fix" was not be approved by Congress, we are left to play with the cards that have been dealt. The best advice I can give clients is to remain patient and not panic about anything they may perceive in the short-term; sometimes surprising results can occur when you remain cool. That was my advice before passage of the 2010 Tax Relief Act and that will remain my advice for the next two years; the short-term.

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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 free to the public 1-4 p.m. Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct.
Contact: (248) 348-1845
Weekly Events
 (*Grounds closed to public)
Thursday: Office and Archives Closed for Holiday; 4 p.m. Rehearsal
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Monday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Hands-Around Quilters in Church; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts \$834
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang
Wednesday: 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket Guild; 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**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.



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Story time

Cala Gale reads a picture book to her son Carter, 5, at the Northville District Library on Dec. 22. The library was pretty quiet that day, even with local schools being out on winter vacation.

Details: These events are keeping the uniquely American tradition of jazz alive in southeast Michigan. A

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Women's Network Source

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. second Mondays
Location: Real Estate One, 346 N. Lafayette, South Lyon
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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.
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Time/Date: 4-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7; 9:30-8 Saturday, Jan. 8; 9:30-5 Sunday, Jan. 9; 9:30 am-5:00 p.m.
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Time/Date: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13; noon-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15; 10-5 Sunday, Jan. 16
Details: Fishing tackle, fishing trips, fishing boats, charters, seminars and much more. Cost is \$10 for adults; \$4 for children ages 6-14; free for children under 5. Box office is cash only.
Contact: (800) 328-6550 www.Ultimatefishingshow.com
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Date: Jan. 20-23 (check website for hours)
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Cagers dominate Warriors in home opener

Northville secures big win against Walled Lake Western

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It was the kind of game that started off as a competition and then turned into an all-out onslaught.

Thankfully for the Northville Mustangs girls basketball team and their fans, they were on the right side of the dominating victory as they stomped Walled Lake Western, 43-18.

Northville led, 10-6, after the first quarter, but then found their stride as they increased their lead to 23-12 by the end of the first half.

"After the first quarter we were better organized and did a better job of handling the traps that Western threw at us," said Northville head coach Todd Gudith. "It was a complete team effort. It was nice to get back on track after the rough game last week at (John) Glenn."

Northville increased their lead to 35-16 through the third stanza before ending the game by just allowing two points in the final quarter of play.

The Mustangs' defense forced 26 turnovers and held the Warriors to just 16-percent shooting. The team also had 21 steals as they climbed to 3-1 on the season.

Leading the way for Northville was Meredith Williams, who scored 10. Alex



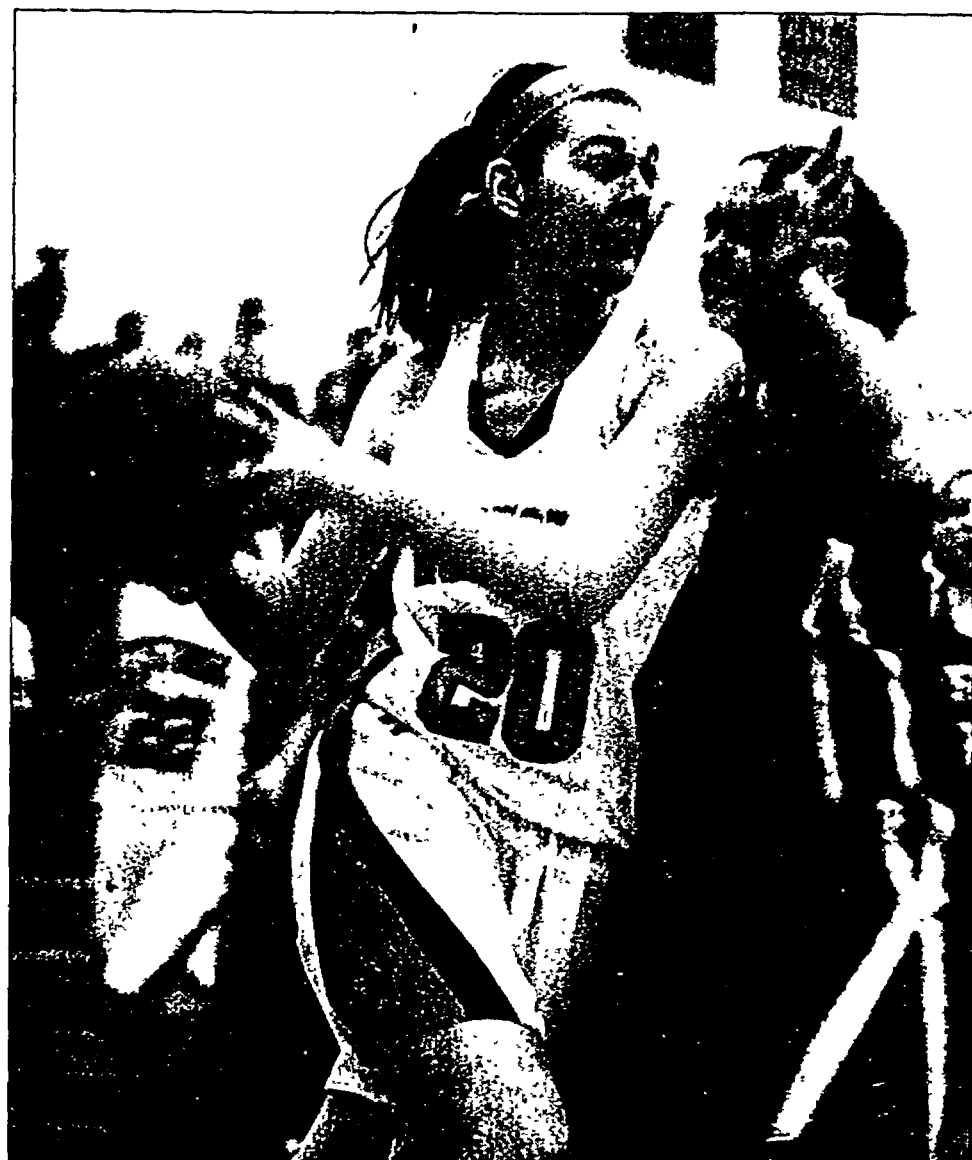
Mustang Sam Sergi races down the court in a fast-break situation against the Warriors of Walled Lake.

Moynes added seven points in the victory.

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

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Northville will be back in action on Jan. 7 when they visit Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m.



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Mustang Ally Coppock looks to pass the ball near the net during Northville's Dec. 20th home game.

Mustangs bow to Lakeland/Milford in gymnastics opener

Squad picking up valuable experience

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't the ideal way for the Northville Mustangs gymnastics team to open their season, but it lent itself to giving the girls on the team a ton of experience right out of the gates.

The team, coached by Erin

McWatt, took a tough 136.5-124.5 loss to the combined Lakeland/Milford squad to kick off the season.

Despite the loss, Northville gained some valuable experience from their fairly young team.

"Our six graduating seniors last year left some big shoes to fill," admitted McWatt. "Our remaining veterans and new rookies, includ-

ON TAP

Northville will be back to work come Jan. 5 when they visit Plymouth at 6:30 p.m.

ing one freshman, are working hard and looking great. We are rebuilding and looking forward to the season."

Northville had some pretty tough performances in the match. Victoria Clay had an 8.5 on the vault while

Taylor Dempsey put up an 8.325 on the bars and an 8.55 with her floor routine. Erin Warwood contributed a strong score, too, earning an 8.2 on the beam.

Northville will be looking to follow the lead of senior captain Allison Kemp this year.

"(She) will contribute in a big way on all events," said McWatt. "She is a very powerful vaulter and our most consistent beam worker."

Northville does have some big hur-

dles to clear this year and experience is the top of that list.

"Since we currently only have six girls competing, all Northville gymnasts compete as all-arounders, which will really help build confidence and competitive experience for the new girls," said McWatt.

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Mustang starting goalie David Ketelhut makes some saves during warm ups.

Mustangs ring up big triumph

Hockey team takes down Brighton despite being short-handed

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

There's no doubt about it: Northville's boys hockey team is serious this season.

The squad, coached by Jeff Hatley, is learning from their mistakes, keeping their heads on straight and playing hockey like everyone hoped they could. The result? Wins, of course.

Northville's latest game resulted in a 4-1 victory over a tough Brighton Bulldogs team--and that was without three defenders able to play and after falling behind 1-0 in the first period on a short-handed goal.

"I am really proud of the kids," said Hatley. "We have had a tough stretch of games and faced a tough challenge in playing a quality Brighton team without some of our defensemen. It was a total team effort. Everyone contributed to the win and played well. I gotta tip my

ON TAP

Northville will be back in action when they play in the Ann Arbor Pioneer Tournament come Jan. 6 at 5 p.m.

cap to the seniors on this one because they did a great job of keeping the team together and keeping it positive in the locker room."

Northville skated into the second period down 1-0, but you wouldn't have been able to tell by the way they played. The Mustangs hit the ice like they owned it, scoring two in the second period and two more in the third to secure the win.

Scoring in the second was Matt Sopha with an assist by Robbie Thornburg. Thornburg and Sopha combined again with reversed roles for the second goal and a 2-1 lead.

"Matt played for Compuware last season and had the role of grinder and enforcer," said Hatley. "For NHS, Matt has been asked to take on a role similar to what Tomas Holmstrom does for the Detroit Red Wings. We want him to go to the net, own that space and score rebound goals."

Sopha did just that against Brighton as he added a second goal in the beginning of the third period with an assist from Joey Close to go up 3-1 during a power play.

"That is the vision I had for Matt when he joined us and he came up big for our team tonight," Hatley said. "Matt can do more than just hit. He has good hands and hockey sense. He is a kid who plays with a lot of passion and wears his heart on his sleeve, so I couldn't be happier for him."

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Liz Houston (center), Community Financial's Novi branch manager, presents a check from the credit union's Community Shares program for the Novi Educational Foundation to Peter Dion, Novi Community School District superintendent. Also attending are (left) Orchard Hills Elementary Principal Paul LePae and students from Dawn Capling's fourth grade class who volunteer for the school's student-run credit union, along with (right) Bob Schram, Novi Educational Foundation Executive Director and Michelle Richards, education partnership coordinator for Community Financial.

Novi Educational Foundation receives contribution from Community Financial

Community Financial Credit Union recently presented a check to the Novi Educational Foundation (NEF) to further local educational programs. The donation was made possible by Community Financial's continued financial strength in 2010. The NEF is among seven recipients of the credit union's annual Community Shares program.

"We began this program 11 years ago to benefit a variety of educational programs and provide resources for enhancing students' learning experiences in the communities we serve," credit union CEO Bill Lawton said. "We are pleased to sup-

port the foundation's commitment to children in the Novi community."

Liz Houston, manager of Community Financial's Novi office, made the presentation to Peter Dion, superintendent of Novi Community School District.

According to NEF's Executive Director Bob Schram, Community Financial's contribution will be used for the middle school career day and reality store.

"The NEF values its community partners, including Community Financial, in accomplishing its mission to

provide resources for expanded educational opportunities," Schram said.

Attending the check presentation, which was held at Novi's Orchard Hills Elementary, were students from Dawn Capling's fourth grade class who volunteer at the school's student-run credit union, which is sponsored by Community Financial.

"Our partnership with Community Financial gives students a hands-on way to learn basic personal finance," Dion said. "The student-run credit union program is a fun and rewarding educational experience."

Oakland County offers business workshops

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

Workshops are held at Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford unless otherwise indicated.

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Small Business Loan Workshop — Getting a small business loan can be a challenging process. Learn the "5 C's of Credit", how to develop a winning loan proposal and what you need to know to position your business to be "bankable" before you meet with a lender. Presented by The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Oakland County Business Center. The fee is \$20 per person (Please make checks payable to S.C.O.R.E.). Includes: Handouts and SBA Source Book. No refunds. Thursday, Jan. 6, 9 a.m.-noon.

Pre-Business Research — Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need?

Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research Department, and a Business Reference Librarian. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

CEED Microloan Orientation — Many small businesses face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. The recognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion, equipment purchases, and job creation is not the priority it once was. If you have a need for alternative financing consider the MicroLoan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan. Program Presented by Center for Empowerment & Economic Development (C.E.E.D.). This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Wednesday, Jan. 12, from 9-11 a.m.

Fundamentals of Starting a Business is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. The fee is \$30. No refunds. Thursday, Jan. 13, from 9 a.m.-noon.

Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Workshop participants will learn what elements are commonly

found in effective plans and will work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources will be provided. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds. Thursday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m.-noon.

Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business — This workshop covers many of the key legal and financial issues faced by both new and existing small businesses in Michigan. The program initially focuses on the many management and liability concerns faced by entrepreneurs, as well as today's tax consequences. The program also provides solutions and techniques for business concession and individual investment and retirement planning. Presented by Carter & Associates, P.C. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 9 a.m.-noon.

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Pulte Homes and Del Webb are encouraging those who get a new cell phone as a gift this holiday season to bring their old one to one of their select communities and turn it into prepaid minutes for U.S. soldiers overseas who want to call home.

Del Webb and Pulte Homes have partnered with Cell Phones for Soldiers — a non-profit organization that collects old cell phones and sends them to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each phone. The money is used to purchase prepaid calling cards, which are sent to troops overseas. Approximately half of the phones ReCellular processes are reconditioned and resold to wholesale companies in more than 40 countries around the world. Phones and components that cannot be refurbished are dismantled and recycled.

"We are proud to show our support for U.S. soldiers, and to contribute to a worthy cause like Cell Phones for Soldiers," said John Fabirkiewicz, Michigan area sales manager for Del Webb and Pulte Homes. "More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas and are away from their families and this is an easy way metro Detroiters can help them connect with their loved ones."

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For detailed directions to each community or for information about other communities open for sales, visit www.delwebb.com or www.pulte.com.

Shoppers keeping retailer spirits bright

Improved November sales kept Michigan retailers' fore-

casts upbeat for the rest of what might turn out to be the best holiday shopping season in several years.

The Michigan Retail Index for November showed the best monthly year-over-year sales gains since 1999 and the highest level of retailer optimism since this past April. The Index is a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

"Michigan retailers went into the season with enthusiasm and high expectations. November's sales added more encouragement," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and chief executive officer.

"The Michigan economy is showing signs of life. Consumers appear to be feeling more confident about the future and making purchases they had put off in recent years."

Prior to the start of the season, 58 percent of the state's retailers said they expected better sales this holiday season. On average, they projected a 6 percent gain in sales over last year — the best forecast since 2004.

The Michigan Retail Index survey for November found that 54 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 26 percent recorded declines and 20 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 68.1, up significantly from 51.0 in October and 56.7 in September.

Index values above 50 generally indicate an increase in overall retail activity. A year ago November, the sales performance index was 39.7.

Looking forward, 40 percent of retailers expect sales during December-February to increase over the same period last year, while 17 percent project a decrease and 43 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 73.2, up from 67.4 in October and

56.3 in September. A year ago November, the sales outlook index stood at 56.7.

Increased sales were the norm in all regions of the state and across most trade lines.

Wheeler joins Tastefully Simple

Northville's Kristen Wheeler has become an independent consultant with Tastefully Simple Inc., a national direct sales company featuring more than 60 delicious, easy-to-prepare foods.

These independent business owners offer delicious food samples at home taste-testing parties, along with easy ideas for everyday meals, recipes, serving suggestions and fun. All of Tastefully Simple's products are open-and-enjoy or can be prepared by adding only one or two ingredients.

"In today's world, 'staying in' has become the new 'going out!' You don't have to leave home to enjoy wonderful food, fun and laughter with your family and friends," says Jill Blashack Strahan, Tastefully Simple Inc. founder and CEO. "That's why we're proud to offer great experiences, easy-to-prepare products and an exciting business opportunity for people who are looking for something more."

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Hot Fields For Hiring In 2011

Selena Dehne, JIST Publishing

Occupational experts like Laurence Shatkin, Ph.D., say that America is climbing out of recession and job opportunities are better now than they've been for a long time. But what does this mean for people hoping to advance their career? What can they do in 2011 to be strong candidates in the future job market?

Shatkin answers these essential questions in his book "2011 Career Plan: The Best Moves Now for a Solid Future." In it, he explains that the recovery is a steady upswing, not a hiring boom, and that people will need to be strategic about how and where they pursue employment.

"Jobs are not expected to be plentiful in 2011 -- or for several years afterward. In fact, we may see a repeat of what happened after the recession of 2001, when 39 months passed before employment rose back to pre-recession levels. This recovery is also a patchwork affair, with some industries bouncing back much faster than others. For example, in March 2010, while manufacturers were adding jobs, the news and information business was still losing jobs," says Shatkin. "That's why 'I'll find something' is not an adequate career plan for 2011. You need to choose a specific goal and develop a smart strategy to take advantage of the opportunities that 2011 does have to offer."

One career strategy Shatkin recommends is to focus on fast-growing fields, where job opportunities tend to be more plentiful than in fields where jobs are slow-growing or disappearing. According to

Shatkin and information from the U.S. Department of Labor, the following 11 fields are projected to grow fastest through 2018.

1. Management, scientific and technical consulting services

Hottest jobs in this field: network systems and data communications analysts; industrial engineers; financial analysts; customer service representatives; and public relations specialists

2. Computer systems design and related services

Hottest jobs in this field: network systems and data communications analysts; network and computer systems administrators; accountants and auditors; computer software engineers, systems software; and computer support specialists

3. Social assistance, except child day care

Hottest jobs in this field: medical and public health social workers; special education teachers, preschool, kindergarten and elementary school; first-line supervisors/managers of personal service workers; occupational therapists; and social and human service assistants

4. Software publishers

Hottest jobs in this field: network and computer systems administrators; computer systems analyst; computer support specialists; market research

analysts; and customer service representatives

5. Scientific research and development services

Hottest jobs in this field: biomedical engineers; network systems and data communications analysts; biochemists and biophysicists; medical scientists, except epidemiologists; and compliance officers, except agriculture, construction, health and safety and transportation

6. Health care

Hottest jobs in this field: physician assistants; physical therapist aides; speech-language pathologists; physical therapist assistants; and physical therapists

7. Employment services

Hottest jobs in this field: accountants and auditors; customer service representatives; construction laborers; computer software engineers, systems software; and computer software engineers, applications

8. Construction

Hottest jobs in this field: heating, air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics and installers; septic tank servicers and sewer pipe cleaners; telecommunications equipment installers and repairers, except line installers; purchasing agents, except wholesale, retail and farm products; and cost estimators.

9. Child day care services

Hottest jobs in this field: preschool teachers, except special education; special education teachers, preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school; office clerks, general; kindergarten teachers, except special education; and first-line supervisors/managers of personal service workers

10. Advocacy, grantmaking and civic organizations

Hottest jobs in this field: network systems and data communications analysts; compliance officers, except agriculture, construction, health and safety and transportation; compensation, benefits and job analysis specialists; market research analysts; and customer service representatives

11. Educational services

Hottest jobs in this field: network systems and data communications analysts; self-enrichment education teachers; customer service representatives; loan counselors; and medical scientists, except epidemiologists Shatkin reminds people to "keep in mind that these 11 fields are not the only fields where job opportunities will be available in 2011. They're fast-growing, but jobs can still be found in many fields that are not growing as fast -- even shrinking."

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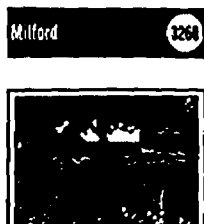
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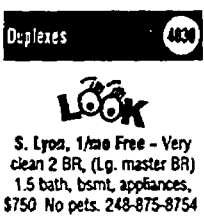
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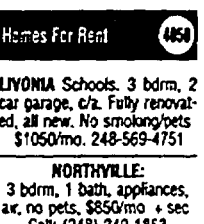
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Liquidity

ACROSS
1 Suit
5 Little devils
9 Lost a lap
14 '83 Woody Allen film
19 — code
20 Year segment
21 Dodge
22 Beethoven dedicatee
23 Melanie Griffith movie
25 W Somerset Maugham work
27 Check recipient
28 Marge in the fridge
30 Impresario Hurok
31 "Mal de —"
32 More than more
34 Author
38 Dick Tracy's love
41 Laura Esquivel novel
50 Southern st.
51 Green bean
52 Artist Joan
53 Arroyo
54 Most painful
57 Drivers' lic., e.g.
59 Bando of baseball
60 Yam purchases
61 — drum

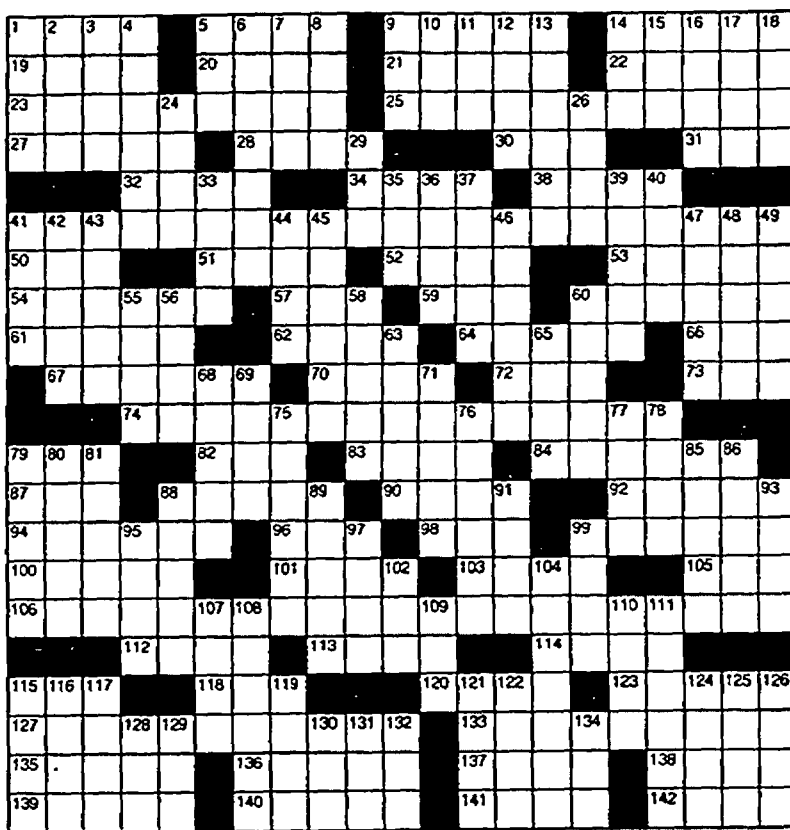
62 Coolidge or Gam
64 Conspires
66 Where the boys are
67 Dachshund or dkk-dkk
70 Pop
72 Antiballot
73 Parker's palace
74 With "The," John Irving book
79 Russian jet
82 Dogpals
83 Ballet movement
84 "Dreaming of You" singer
87 Private pension
88 Insect stage
90 Canvas cover
92 Layette fasteners
94 Patrol Hale
96 Kind
98 Zich
99 Sardou drama
100 Be nosy
101 Actress
102 Actress
103 Mount-batten's rank
105 Like Austin Powers
106 Jimmie Rodgers hit

112 — machine
113 Stagger
114 Loreta
Young's birthplace
115 Lawyers' org.
118 "— pro nobis"
120 Certain Slav
123 Restaurateur
127 "Angel of the Morning" singer
133 "No, No, Nanette" song
135 Actress Eve
136 Basketball venue
137 Valuable
138 Chiles or Nettleton
139 Baggage checkers?
140 So-called starting
141 German river
142 — lily

DOWN
1 "Friday the 13th" setting
2 Sayao solo
3 Painter
4 "You — Feel Like Dancing" (76 hit)
5 — Jima
6 "The Consul"
7 Role for Rigg
8 — barrier
9 Wine word
10 Dam org
11 Acorn, eventually
12 Poems of praise
13 Spanish explorer
14 Road to enlightenment
15 Antiquity, archaic
16 Novelist
17 Tropical spot
18 Will of "The Waltons"
24 Caty remark?
26 Bakhtin of "Outside Providence"
29 Louie
33 It's good in a pinch
35 Morboa, to Pugsley
36 Rainbow goddess
37 Remnant
39 White House pet
40 — gn fizz
41 Glasgow girl
42 Actress Massey
43 Designer Donna
44 Islamic ruler
45 Salad veggie

46 Shout
47 Off the mark
48 Bebel
49 Lamb product
55 95 Down's real name
56 Big ng
58 Bend
60 No longer fresh
63 Man or stallion
65 Attila output
68 Big prcher?
69 Tragic monarch
71 Laaban native
75 Study for exams
76 More macabre
77 Or — (threat words)
78 "You — Me" (57 hit)
79 Capital of Belarus, presently
81 Los —, CA
85 Ruth's mother-in-law
86 Chef's shield
88 Sheepkin locale
89 Cabinet wood
91 Realty map

93 Mean
94 Marquis
95 "Bonanza" brother
97 Patella's place
99 Insignia
102 Dug in
104 Pie filling
107 Any time now
108 Flow
109 High rails
110 West
111 Sprals
115 Trojan War hero
116 Raymond of "Gozala"
117 "Celeste —" (Verdi ana)
119 Crooked
121 Reason d'
122 Authentic
124 Nebraska native
125 Baby branch
126 Medocre
128 Dodger Ron
129 Minnesota twins?
130 Hamilton ball
131 Out — limb
132 Slangy negative
134 Service charge



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