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ON THE RECORD

Hunting control hearing

There will be a DNR public hearing for Napier Road Hunting Control Area Thursday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at Township Hall in the Community Room.

For full details, go to https://localnixie.com/alert/4561253/?sub_id=141274.

Dems hold Town Hall on Teacher Tenure

The first of three planned Town Hall meetings scheduled by the Northville Democratic Club (NDC) will explore the "hot button" issue of changes in Michigan's Teacher Tenure Act.

Set for 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, the meeting will be held at the Forum located in Hillside Middle School (Eight Mile Road and Center Street in Northville).

Leading the discussion will be the Representative Tim Melton (D-Auburn Hills), chairman of the House Education Committee; and Steve Amberg, Michigan Education Association (MEA), Uniserve director for Birmingham and Bloomfield, an attorney who tried tenure cases for 20 years before joining MEA.

Further information on the Forum can be had by emailing NDC at cnich96@aol.com or phone (248) 374-3992.

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.

DDA to move forward on walkway

Funding to come from bonds sold

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

At the end of a two-hour meeting on Tuesday morning, the Northville Downtown Development voted to move forward on the \$728,000 walkway project on East Main Street.

The City Council will now have to approve the funding before the project can go to the next stage.

Gary Cooper of Cooper Design of Ann Arbor reviewed the project design to date, which has now passed the schematic design phase and is in the design development phase.

He said the project was about \$100,000 over budget, so some brick paving and windows were removed from the original design.

TWO-STORY, OPEN DESIGN

The walkway, which will be located in the space formerly occupied by the Girly Daze store, will be a two-story open walkway with gabled, fixed skylights. Nothing will be on the second

floor of the walkway.

Last month, the City Council voted to return the \$250,000 back to the Public Improvement Fund originally budgeted for the walkway project. This was a recommendation of the Citizens Budget Committee.

With the Northville Area Development Corporation pledging

Please see WALKWAY, A11



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Northville Fire Chief Jim Allen joins Ro Lambert in her E. Main Street State of Mind Art Gallery on Jan. 7 to look at some of the former fire extinguishers that have been turned into metal-welded Lambert. Allen had the idea of how to reuse the extinguishers once they'd been retired from service. The creations are made by Blue Turtle Designs of Newport, Mich.

Second life for used fire extinguishers

Art at State of Mind Gallery

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Jim Allen, Northville fire chief, has found a unique use for used fire extinguishers.

On a visit to the State of Mind Art Gallery on East Main Street, he noticed a couple of fire extinguishers that were made from recycled fire extinguishers.

He suggested to the gallery

owner that residents in the community donate their used fire extinguishers for this creative use.

The reindeer, which come in two different sizes, are made by a company in Newport, Mich., called Blue Turtle Designs near Monroe.

"They are planning to create other types of creatures from the fire extinguishers," Lambert

said. A dachshund is in the works. The objets d'art, which can be used indoors or out, are made of all recycled items, such as ribar, washers and other metal parts.

"I get calls from people who want to know what to do with their used fire extinguishers," Allen said. "This is a great use for them, so I'm encouraging people to drop them off at the gallery. I'm trying to create a place where people can dispose of old fire extinguishers, and the

artists have something to work with."

Allen said he got the idea to corroborate with Lambert on the art project after his daughter gave him one of the reindeer made from a fire extinguisher for Christmas.

Lambert and Allen like the idea of recycling a product.

"We're going green," Lambert said.

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City leaders set fiscal year goals

City's long-term financial stability still at top of the list

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Long-term financial stability is still seen as the No. 1 priority for the city of Northville, a goal that has topped the list for three consecutive years now.

Members of city council had a special meeting Monday night to review priorities for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

Department heads had already presented their goals and objectives for council's review prior to the meeting and were present to answer any questions.

One goal is an energy-efficiency project slated for city hall in which about \$360,000 will be spent to overhaul the heating, air-conditioning and ventilation system. This is expected to yield a savings of about \$40,000 a year

to the city.

Water and sewer system improvements are planned, with a major water main installation planned on Rogers Street between Main Street and Seven Mile Road.

Work on the downtown streetscape project will continue as well.

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France awards special medal to World War II veteran from Northville

Served in Army for three years

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Robert Tessmer is proud of his time spent fighting for his country as a soldier in World War II.

In November, he received a special medal from France for his efforts.

Tessmer, who has lived in Northville Township for eight years, received a letter from Graham Paul, the Consul General of France in Chicago, written on Nov. 19 that he was awarded the Knight of the Legion of Honor medal.

Created by Napoleon, it is the highest honor that France can bestow upon those who have achieved remarkable deeds for France.

Through this award, the French government pays tribute to the soldiers who did so much for France and Western Europe.

"More than 65 years ago you gave your youth to France and the French people," Paul said in the letter. "Many of your fellow soldiers did not return, but they remain in our hearts."

Tessmer, 85, who grew up in Dearborn, enlisted in December 1943 as a staff



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Township resident and WWII veteran Robert Tessmer holds the Knight of the Legion of Honor medal awarded to him by the government of France for his efforts in liberating the country from the Nazis. Tessmer began his fight through France in Marseille in October 1944 and continued on into Germany.

sergeant in Company 1 of the 397th Infantry Regiment of the 100th Division in the 7th Army.

From October 1944 to April 1946 he participated in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns.

For his achievements, the U.S. government presented him with the Purple Heart; the European, African, Middle

Eastern Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, a Distinguished Unit Badge, the Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

MARRIED LOCAL WOMAN

Tessmer has been married to the former Claudine Waterman for 60 years, a native of Northville he met on a blind date at the Walled Lake Casino in June 1946. He used to hitchhike 40 miles from Ann Arbor, where he was going to school, to Dearborn to borrow his father's car to take her on dates.

"My cousin set us up," he said. "Back in those days, hitchhiking was one of the best ways to get around," Tessmer recalled. They have three children, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

HAD HIS OWN BUSINESS

He opened his own manufacturing business five years out of college, then sold the business in 1973. After that, he worked as an independent manufacturer's representative and consultant.

In his retirement, he enjoys golfing, using the computer and coordinating the 100th Infantry Division website, www.100thWW2.org.

Tessmer wrote his memoirs in 1996, and said he was once in an Army Specialized Training Program in which the U.S. Army was trying to recruit engineers, scientists and medical personnel. But, the program was dissolved when infantry needs became too great.

He even worked for General George Patton after the war in Germany, who at the time headed the 15th Army, which was charged with analyzing the conduct of the war. He remembered that Patton died in December 1945 after a freak



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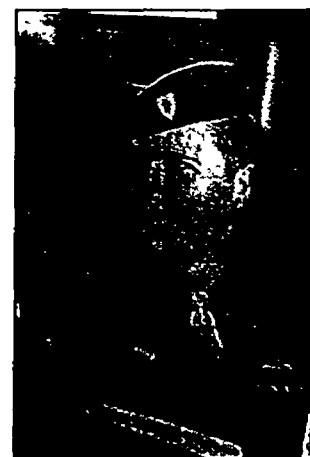
Robert and Claudine Tessmer in their Northville Township home. Behind them are portraits of their grandsons Gregory M. Tessmer, left, and David Greg Tessmer. Gregory is a private first class in the Marine Corps and is currently in Afghanistan. David is a first lieutenant with the Green Berets' Special Forces.

automobile accident.

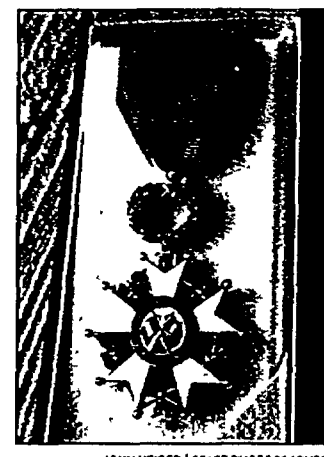
He said receiving the medal from France was "a little bit of a surprise because it was about 18 months in the making," Tessmer said. He learned that less than 100 of the Knight of the Legion of Honor Medals were awarded in 13 states.

The Tessmers have two grandsons in the service: First Lt. David Tessmer is a Green Beret and Special Operations officer and has just returned from Iraq after a year's service. Pfc. Gregory Tessmer is a Marine currently stationed in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

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A photo of WWII veteran Robert Tessmer during his military career.



Tessmer's Legion of Honor medal awarded to him by the French government.

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Novi Home Improvement Show spotlights senior needs

"Home for all Ages" exhibit showcases home modifications for aging-in-place

The Novi Home Improvement Show, Jan. 28-30, will feature a special "Home for all Ages" exhibit—a special informational area dedicated to home modifications and services that allow people to occupy their residences safely, confidently and comfortably throughout their later years. The concept of "aging-in-place" is simply allowing people to continue to live in the home of their choice safely and independently as they get older. According to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), modifications for aging-in-place is the fastest growing segment of the residential remodeling industry.

According to an AARP "Fixing to Stay" survey, 71 percent of respondents (Americans ages 45 and over) would like to live in their home as long as possible, and 63 percent of respondents believe they will always live in their home. But, in order to live in your home, modifications often need to be made to coincide with the physical and sensory changes experienced as we age. About 86 percent of survey respondents said they have made at least one simple modification to their home to make it more livable. Some popular home modifications include:

- Creation of a level entry and more open plans with clearer floor space for easier maneuvering.
- Pull-out shelves make contents more accessible.
- Fewer wall cabinets, and appliances placed at comfortable heights.
- Sinks with space beneath for wheel chairs.
- Use of ramps instead of steps, and levers instead of door knobs.
- Enhanced high and low frequency tones for doorbells and telephones.
- Adding more grab bars and handrails, and items that are easier for arthritic hands to grasp.
- Use of color contrast, bright hues and larger text in on/off buttons and other household items.

Some of the latest aging-in-place trends can be found within "Home for all Ages" exhibit at the Novi Home Improvement Show, January 28-30, 2011, at the Suburban Collections (formerly Rock Financial) Showplace in Novi (just off I-96 on Grand River, one mile west of Novi Road). Browse through 210,000 square feet and 350 exhib-



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its in kitchen, bath, doors, windows, remodeling, furniture and much more.

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Home Improvement Show. Attendees can purchase advance tickets online at www.novihomeshow.com and receive a one-year subscription to Better Homes & Gardens, or buy advance tickets on sale at Metro Detroit Home Depot stores for \$6 (a \$2 discount).

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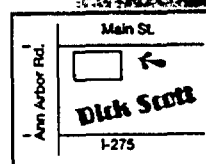
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Fishing time at Novi: Don't let "The Big One" get away

The Ultimate Fishing Show—Detroit returns Thursday, Jan. 13 to Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi for its annual four-day run through Jan. 16. Billed as Michigan's largest pure-fishing show, the huge event, at the center of the nation's largest freshwater fishing-market, is also among the biggest angling shows in the nation. These are reasons why:

• More than four acres big. The show brings the best of everything angling to 400,000 licensed anglers within an hour's drive of the venue.

• Eight downstate boat dealers offer tremendous selection and value with 200 new fishing boats—everything from eight-foot kayaks to 26-foot offshore trolling craft. Deals abound with buying incentives that include easy financing, extended warranties, cash rebates, factory buybacks, excellent trade-in programs, and special discounts.

• Scores of fishing tackle displays. New rods, reels, electronics and fishing accessories from southeast Michigan retailers, plus one-of-a-kind lure makers and direct-factory displays from major manufacturers. New vendors include Leverage Landing Net from Oxford, Gale Force Tackle in Northville, and Red Dirt Bait Co. in Indianapolis.

• Outfitters Expo with charter boat captains, fishing guides, outfitters and lodge owners offering value-

DETAILS

Event: Ultimate Fishing Show—Detroit
Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi
Hours: Jan. 13-16; 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday; noon-9:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.
Admission: \$10 for adults, \$4 for children 6 to 14, and free for children 5 and under. Discount coupons are available at Wendy's restaurants and online at www.UltimateFishingShow.com.
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Lake Ultimate: An enormous indoor lake that holds 110,000 gallons of water, Lake Ultimate is 92 feet long by 40 feet wide by four feet deep. Packed with tough-to-catch rainbow trout, it's the ultimate seminar platform for national experts like Kevin Van Dam, America's hottest bass fisherman, and many others to offer real-time, fish-catching demonstrations.

The Fishing Academy: An all-star lineup of fishing experts -- 30 speakers offering more than 120 seminars, clinics and demonstrations on four stages. New speaker Marianne Huskey, aka "Walleye Woman," is the only female to compete at the pro-



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fessional level of the AIM Pro Tournament Walleye Series. She also directs the National Professional Anglers Assn. Youth Clinics for the AIM tournaments and is active with other nonprofits such as Fishing Has No Boundaries, Make A Wish Foundation, Angler Young Angler, and Women in the Outdoors.

• Also new this year is the Wilson Marine Team of technicians who will explain DIY fishing boat/motor maintenance and repair.

• Dan Reed of Fishing Strategies in Minnesota will demonstrate new technolo-

gies incorporating GPS and 3D imaging to zero in on local lake fishing hotspots.

• Fee-based Super Clinics for walleye by Mark Romanack on Saturday and salmon/steelhead by Best Chance experts Bill Bale and Dave Engel on Sunday are limited to 100 students, each of whom pay \$25 and receive a goody bag stuffed with sponsor products.

• Seminar leader Bob Brunner, the 86-year-old National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame legend from Shelby Township, will share fishing stories from Lake St.

Clair where he caught his first "big one" in 1929.

• Members of the National Bass Anglers Association will sponsor a casting-accuracy contest. Contestants will compete in a side-by-side timed "cast-off" on a specially-designed course with target rings at various distances. No pre-registration and no charge.

• Colton Bay Outfitters offers free fly-tying and fly-fishing demos on Lake Ultimate.

The full seminar schedule is at www.UltimateFishingShow.com

SPECIAL FEATURES AND FAMILY FUN

• Michigan B.A.S.S. Federation Nation members will host a free Casting Kids Contest on the weekend. There is no charge for instruction or participation for boys and girls who want to learn or improve their casting skills.

• The Michigan Bass Busters will man the Trout Pond stocked with live rainbows. Kids pay a nominal fee, which is donated to non-profits, and can fish for prizes.

• Members of the Michigan Charter Boat Assn. offer virtual reality fishing for kids of all ages on their Fishing Simulator. Proceeds go to the group's scholarship fund.

• The Shore Lunch Fish Fry -- a basket of fish fillets fried in a special batter, fries and cole slaw--returns at a family price throughout the show.

• Royal Oak's Dennis Wolfe of the National Fishing Lure Collectors Club will be on hand with a special display of antique tackle and sporting collectibles. Patrons can bring in artifacts for a free appraisal by the expert.

SPECIAL PROMOTIONS:

• Bring six boxes or cans (or a minimum of four pounds) of non-perishable food items on opening night Jan. 8 only and receive a ticket for free admission, a \$10 value, to the show that day only. Volunteers from Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger will collect the donations for area food banks.

• The first 500 attendees on Thursday and Friday will receive a free commemorative Dardevle fishing spoon, with a retail value of \$6.95 each, from Eppinger Manufacturing Company in Dearborn.

• The first 500 patrons on Saturday and Sunday will receive a free fish scaler from Carlisle Float Company.

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BLACK SWAN (R)

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FR/SAT LS 11:30

SEASON OF THE WITCH (PG-13)

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LITTLE FOCKERS (PG-13)

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FR/SAT LS 12:00

TRUE GRIT (PG-13)

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Slip sliding

As they pass a couple of sledders wiped out above them, Cain Dimon and his daughter Eva, 3, zoom down the hill at Northville's Amerman Elementary on Monday, Dec. 13 in the afternoon. The hill saw lots of use that day after six inches of snow fell and schools were cancelled for the day that Monday. There might have been even more people on the hill that day, but wind chill readings were about zero at the time this photo was taken.

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com. Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to csstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

LOCAL

Haircut Day for Cancer Aid & Research
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 16
Location: YFW 4012, 438 S. Main, Northville
Details: Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary YFW 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. 16 and 23
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. 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.

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 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 repmanger@therouge.org.

Winter Stonefly 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?63f6d=690386.html; call 313-792-9626 or email monitoring@therouge.org.

Pink 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. Scavinsky 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.

Northville Community Senior Center
Winter Concert Series - Six Week Entertainment Series
Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 16-Feb. 20
Location: Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street, Northville
Details: Sunday, Jan. 16 - Center Stage Dance Co. will be performing to a variety of music and dance styles. Open to the public - all ages!
Contact: Suzie Johnson (248) 349-4140 x: 1943

Northville Chamber of Commerce
After Hours Mixer
Time/Date: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 19
Location: The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro, 141 E. Main Street, Northville
Details: \$10; RSVP by Jan. 17
Lunch & Learn
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Time/Date: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27
Details: \$15 includes catered lunch
Location: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-7640 or chamber@northville.org

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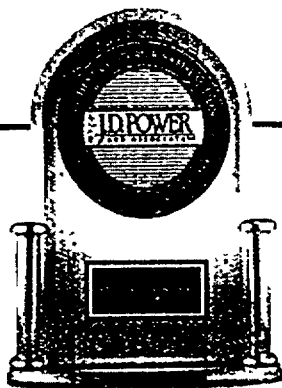
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Books for Babies

Brand new residents of Northville – newborns and babies up to 1-year-old – are invited to visit the Library with their parent and receive a free gift packet. The Friends of the Northville District Library announce the addition of this national literacy program that acquaints parents of babies with the important role they play in the development of their children.

"It's never too early to start reading books to babies," said Judy DeFrancesco, member of the Friends of the Library coor-

inating this program. "Parents who read to their babies, and become regular library patrons themselves, help their babies develop language skills. This is a great way to help children get on the right path to success in reading and learning."

Parents of any baby up to 1-year-old are invited to call the Library to make an appointment for a tour with their baby. Each baby receives a gift bag from the Friends of the Library and an invitation to become a lifelong reader and library patron.

Call the Library at (248) 349-3020 to schedule your

visit. Library hours are Monday – Thursday: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday: 1-5 p.m.

Heise supports MBT surcharge elimination

Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) announced he is sponsoring a bill to eliminate the surcharge from the Michigan Business Tax (MBT), in a move to make Michigan more business-friendly and create a more inviting atmosphere for companies and jobs.

The current MBT surcharge taxes businesses at the rate of 21.99 percent of their apportioned business income tax and gross receipts tax before credits. Insurance firms are not subject to this surcharge and financial institutions pay the surcharge at a rate of 23.4 percent.

"Removing the surcharge from the MBT is a critical step toward improving our state's business climate," Heise said. "This surcharge has been a huge detriment to small business and start-up companies – just the type of businesses we need to reinvigorate Michigan's economy. Repealing this surcharge will create more jobs,



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Thanks, Traci

Northville Mayor Chris Johnson (right) speaks during an open house held Jan. 5 at the Northville Community Senior Center for Traci Sincok (left), who served the city of Northville and Northville Township for 25 years in the Parks and Recreation Department. She'll start next month as an associate director with the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

which will increase our tax revenues without punishing small business."

Enacted in 2008, the MBT surcharge has been widely criticized by those looking to grow businesses in Michigan. House Bill 4001 would help rebuild Michigan's economy by repealing the MBT surcharge and its

burden.

Since the MBT and other tax increases were implemented, Michigan's unemployment rate has increased from 7.2 percent to 12.4 percent -- one of the second highest in the nation.

Learn about A Boy's World

Ted Braude, psychologist and former columnist of Detroit Free Press, will present A Boy's World on Thursday, Jan. 21 at Hillside Middle School's auditorium (775 N. Center Street).

Braude's mission, according to his website (www.tedbraude.com) is to develop communities of men and women creating cultural path for boys to develop true to their nature

from childhood to manhood; to live as strong, sensitive, playful boys free of the "boy code" and to be mentored and initiated as young men who are purposeful, passionate, productive and powerful by a community of men and welcomed and validated by women and men together.

A reception will run from 6-7 p.m. with the program scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Parent Awareness: Northville Area Council of PTAs.

For more information, contact Lynn Soss at k.soss@sbcglobal.net.

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.cookingwithdawn.com.

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Chess tournament

John Kish, left, 9, and Kyle Campion, 8, go head-to-head recently at Thornton Creek Elementary in a school district-wide chess tournament. Kish is from Thornton Creek and Campion's from Moraine.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

NHS Senior All Night Party early price is extended

Don't miss out on the 2011 Senior All Night Party. This special Northville tradition brings the halls of Northville High School alive with a magical setting. A surprise theme is kept under wraps all year and is unveiled the week of the party. The evening includes dinner, snacks, entertainment, activities, a T-shirt and prizes. It takes place on Sunday, June 5 from 9 p.m.-3 a.m. at NHS (follows graduation). Cost is \$70, but will go up to \$85 on Feb. 15, so buy your tickets now.

Wooden mustangs are also available for \$45. This unpainted wooden horse is personalized by you and displayed at the party. The sky is the limit as far as decorating to reflect your senior. It can be decorated with photos, sportswear, name tiles, props, etc. Take the horse home for your own graduation celebration. Words of Wisdom—send a personalized message to your senior for only \$5.

Send your senior off with a special message that will be given to them at the Senior All Night Party (SANP). Parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, etc. are asked to participate in this long lasting tradition. Words of Wisdom messages must be received by May 1. Support the Class of 2011 and purchase

Northville City Car Wash Gift Cards. The cards are \$20 for five carwashes, a savings of \$5. To purchase, please contact Germaine Hoppens at ghoppens@aol.com

All forms and contact information can be found at www.northville.k12.mi.us/nhs under "Latest News" click on "Senior All-Night Party Forms"

Parents, you can help make this evening a special one to remember by volunteering your time, many types of opportunities are available.

Looking for a few good parents

The Northville High School Administrative team is inviting you to partner through volunteerism. Standard IV of the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs is Volunteering.

Research shows when families, schools, and communities work together, student achievement improves, teacher morale rises, communication increases, and family, school, and community connections multiply.

Please contact Monty Shambleau at the high school for more information or stop by the main office during Parent-Teacher Conferences for a Parent Partnership Program Volunteer Application.



Super potlatch

Moraine fifth graders held a Native American "potlatch" ceremony to honor Dr. Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville Schools, who is retiring at the end of the school year. The fifth graders honored him in many ways by presenting him with donations of canned goods for Northville Civic Concern. In addition they sang Native American songs and presented Rezmierski with a book of original stories they had written and a totem pole that the students decorated. The ceremony culminated a unit by fifth grade teachers and students based upon the native people of North America as part of their social studies curriculum. A potlatch is a ceremony held by Native Americans to honor someone where gifts are given. The fifth grade students ended the potlatch by participating in Native American activities such as basket weaving, clan necklaces, dream catcher, stick and ring game, Native American writing and having maize (popcorn) and apple cider.

ON CAMPUS

University of Evansville

Sarah Joseph, a freshman from Northville, has achieved a place on the Dean's List for academic achievements during the fall semester 2010. To make the Dean's List, a student must

earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Hope College

The following Northville students were named to the Dean's List for the first semes-

ter of the 2010-11 school year (To be named to the Dean's List a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.): Allison Reynolds; Andrew Haggerty; Ashli Brennan and Emily Kreichelt.



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Holiday bazaar

Valerie Henry, 18, takes a look at some Christmas greeting cards that she and other Cooke School students prepared for sale at their annual Holiday Bazaar. The bazaar featured cards and hats and blankets and game packages all put together by the students. Proceeds from the sale, which ended on Dec. 10, went to purchasing additional craft materials for Cooke's students

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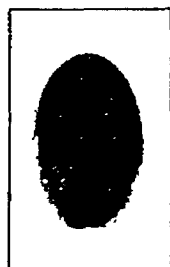
Age 85, passed away January 9, 2011. A private family service was held. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

JAMES FARLEY BESHEARS

Age 73 of Wixom, MI, passed away Thursday morning, December 30, 2010 in Ft. Myers, FL, in the loving presence of his four sons, James Jr., Michael, Marc and Brent, and his eldest nephew, Brad. James was preceded in death by his father and mother, Edward H. and Maddy Clyde (Miller) Beshears and his half-brother, Allen Beshears, of Purlear, NC. He was the youngest son of six children and is survived by his five siblings, Charles Beshears and Raymond Beshears of North Wilkesboro, Shirley Miller of Lenoir, NC, Geraldine Callicutt of Thomasville, NC and Christine Evans of Badin Lake, NC. He is survived by his four sons, James Beshears Jr. of Atlanta, GA, Michael Beshears of Ft. Myers, FL, Marc Beshears and his wife, Lori, of Naples, FL and Brent Beshears and his wife, Alpha, of Novi, MI, and five grandchildren: Hunter, Jay, Ely, Britain and Bowen. James served four years in the United States Air Force as a communications specialist and actively served in the Korean War. Upon completion of his service to our country, he became a licensed beautician, where he met his wife, Linda Martin. His professional life was built as a beautician and business owner for over 20 years in the suburban Detroit area. During this time, he was an active member of the Masonic Lodge. He later transitioned to commercial real estate ownership and development. Upon retiring, he maintained his natural roots in North Wilkesboro, and resided between Wixom, MI and Ft. Myers, FL. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 Saturday, January 8, at Yellow Hill Baptist Church in Purlear, NC. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The family will receive at Yellow Hill Baptist Church from 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm.

KAREN L. BLACK

Age 70, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on January 8th, 2011. She was born on August 25, 1940, in Kalamazoo, daughter of the late Max and Helen Johnson. Karen received her BS in education from Western Michigan University and was an educator with Wyoming and Kalamazoo school districts. She was a longtime member of the Order of the Eastern Star and was honored to be the Grand Worlthy Matron in 2002. She is survived by her beloved husband Roger, her brothers: Steven and Michael Johnson and many loving friends. She was preceded in death by her son Steven in 2006. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 13th from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. with a Grand Officer Eastern Star service at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Friday, January 14th at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Reverend Mark Spaw officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Order of the Eastern Star Villa Board, 13464 Preston Dr., Marshall, MI 49068. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



KAREN RAE BROOKS

Age 63 of Holly, formerly of Highland, passed away peacefully at her home, in the care of her loving family on Thursday, January 6, 2011. She is survived by her beloved husband, Jack Brooks; loving daughters, Renee Swatz, Dana (Andrew) Knapp; grandchildren, Nicholas, Zachary and Gavin; mother, Aileen Hubbell; numerous extended family members and many dear friends. Karen rejoins her late father, Robert Hubbell (d 2001) in the House of The Lord. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 East Liberty, Milford on Saturday, January 15 at 1PM with Pastor Gary Evans officiating. Burial Highland Cemetery. Friends may visit on Saturday from 11AM until time of service. Memorials may be made to Genesys Hospice or American Diabetes Association. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

ERNEST D. "BUD" ELLSWORTH

Age 66, passed away, January 6, 2011. He was born on April 9, 1944 in Farmington, son of the late Ernest and Wilma Ellsworth. Bud was an energetic prankster who was always good for a laugh. He had a great sense of humor and a genuine heart. He loved to travel and spent 40 years on the road as a truck driver. He is survived by his beloved wife Charlotte, his children: Theresa May, Ernie, Jerry (Kelly) and Duane. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Ashlee, Ray, Shawn, Shayna, Christopher, Kati, B.J., James and Albert, nine great grandchildren and his siblings Edith Ellsworth and Edward Ellsworth. He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister. Funeral services were held on Monday, January 10th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

ALBERTO RODRIGUEZ FERNANDEZ

Age 82, of Milford & formerly Westland, Jan. 3, 2011. Services were held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland, Sat., Jan. 8, 2011. Memorials to the Am. Heart Assoc. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com 248-684-6645

JERRY M. HADER

Age 69, passed away, December 29, 2010. He was born on December 8, 1941 in Detroit, son of the late Joseph and Florence Hader. Jerry was an avid sportsman and in his spare time loved bowling, softball and golf. He was loved by all who knew him. He is survived by his fiancée, Shirley Kietly, his daughters, Cathy (Gary) Campbell and Crissy (Jeff) Bair. He is also survived by his grandchildren Hailey and Ryan, his sister Marilyn (James) Gross, Kietly family, Dave (Gail), Craig (Janine), Linda (Michael) and Jordan, Madison, Kendall and Evan. Jerry is also survived by his former wife Carol Wilson. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 5, from 1-8 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

NORMA L. HAZLETT

Age 83, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away on January 6, 2011. She was born on May 11, 1927 to Percy and Beatrice (Davis) Hazlett. Norma graduated from NHS in 1945. She was a real estate agent in Northville and Plymouth; Norma was very devoted to her work. She is survived by her loving children, Jacques (Carol Philips) Stoddard, Daniel (Pamela) Stoddard, Fran (Dean) Loy, and April (Mel) Esmacher; her sister Ruth Maroni; her brother David (Ellen) Hazlett; her grandchildren, Trent (Junko) Stoddard, Jacob Fritz, Autumn (R.J.) Thoun, Jessica (Luke) Murphy, Scott (Amy) Loy, Dean William Loy, Eric (Amanda) Loy, Melissa Esmacher, Emily (Ron) Chadwick, and Olivia Esmacher; and her great grandchildren, Maito, Brittany, Bethany, Norah, Robin, Derek, Hailey, Skylar, Logan, Alexandria, Eric James, Aaron, and Zachary. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Vivian Dingeldein, and three brothers, Robert, Lynn, and Jerome. Private services have been held. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., (248) 349-0611.

JACK B. JOSEPH

January 4, 2011 age 93. Funeral was Jan. 7th at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorial contributions to Beyond Basics literacy program, P.O. Box 7, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

VIRGINIA RUTH MCCOLLUM

Age 75 passed away January 7, 2011. She was born on March 12, 1935, in Campton, Kentucky, daughter of the late Courtney & Vergil Crowe. She is survived by her beloved husband Robert of 52 years; her loving children: Sandy (Mike) Schlitters and Ron (Lauri) McCollum. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Kenny in 2003, her brother Frank Crowe and her sister Jean Rose. The McCollum family would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to the Crestmont Nursing staff and Heartland Hospice for the loving care Ruth received. Visitation was held on Sunday, January 9, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Funeral services were conducted on Monday, January 10 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice. Online Guest book: www.phillipsfuneral.com

ISOBEL LOUISE ROSS

Jan. 4, 2011, Age 87. Visitation: O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi 248-348-1800 Fri. 4-9pm & Sat. 12pm until service 1pm. Donations: The Great Lakes Council Boy Scouts of America Camper Fund.



MATTHEW C. SPRYSZAK

Age 28, of South Lyon, MI, passed away suddenly January 6, 2011. Beloved son of Frank T. and Karen Spryszak. Loving brother of Frank H. Spryszak. Dearest grandson of Howard C. Cooper. Dear nephew of Cheryl A. Spryszak, Howard R. (Karen) Cooper, Michael G. (Rosemary) Spryszak. Dearest Cousin of Jennifer Spryszak and Ani Cooper. Also leaves his beloved cat Annie. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Josephine Cooper, Frank M. and Ethel Spryszak, uncle Gregory C. Spryszak and brother Adam G. Spryszak. The funeral service was Wednesday at Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, Berkley, MI with burial at Roseland Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to The Michigan Humane Society. Share a condolence with the family at: www.sawyerfuller.com

FRANCES G. WARING

Age 79, Dec. 15, 2010. Service 11am, Jan. 14 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI (248) 348-1800. Donations to: Lymphoma Research. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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THERESA M. WELLS

Age 86, of Farmington Hills and Port Austin, Michigan passed away at her Farmington Hills home over the Christmas holiday. Ms. Wells up until the time of her death commuted, every two weeks depending on the weather, between her Farmington Hills and Port Austin home so as to stay in touch with her lifelong friends, neighbors and loved ones. Theresa was born on August 26, 1924 in Grindstone City to the late Anthony and Agnes (Wojchowski) Biarski, the last of eight children of her parents. Theresa graduated Grindstone High School in 1941 and shortly thereafter moved to Detroit to work at various companies, primarily Packard Car Company until its closure and then Ford Motor Company until retiring in 1989 from Ford's. At Ford's she worked in the early stages of computerization by working in its data processing center, as a clerk, initially in its keypunch operations, and transitioned with Ford's and the world to the computer age. Theresa recently lost her last two sisters, Margaret F. Bulley, age 95, this past April and Dorothy Levalskie, age 90, in 2007, both of Bad Axe Michigan a short drive from her Port Austin home. Theresa was also preceded in death by two other sisters and three brothers, Michael, Peter and Joseph Biarski, and Gertrude Wilkos and Goldie Millard, respectively. Visitation and services will be held on Friday, January 14, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church in Port Austin. Officiating will be Father Andrew Boom, pastor. Theresa will be interred next to her husband, Clifford, in the church cemetery.

EUGENIA ELIZABETH "GENIA" WEXEL

Age 76, of Athens, Tennessee died Wednesday, January 4, 2011 in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. A native and resident of Athens, Tennessee and former resident of Milford, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late Virgil and Mary Sue Price Dodson and was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Steven M. Wexel on October 13, 2005; and a son, Kerry Roberts on January 18, 2008. She was of the Baptist faith and an avid gardener. She worked with her husband, Dr. Steven M. Wexel, in his private practice in Athens, Tennessee. Survivors: three sons and daughters-in-law: Robbie and Cayci Roberts of Athens, Tenn. Robert Michael Kaplan, Dr. Phillip and Diane Kaplan all of Dearborn, Michigan. Three sisters and brothers-in-law: Rosella Thompson, Emma Jane and Buddy Browder, Sheila and Cloyd Jaynes all of Athens, Tenn. Eight grandchildren: Case, Conar and Cooper Roberts, Kanen, Cassie and Asia Roberts, Lexie and Maddie Kaplan. Graveside Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday, January 8, 2011 at Cedar Grove Cemetery with the Rev. Greg Bostic officiating. Active Pallbearers will be Anthony Jack, Greg Shepherd, Roy Baker, Case Roberts, Conar Roberts and Brian Ford. The family will receive friends from 12:00 Noon to 1:45 PM prior to the service at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Odyssey Hospice, 25925 Telegraph Rd., Suite 102, Southfield, MI 48033 Telephone: (888) 637-9227. Those unable to attend may send condolences to: www.laycock-hobbs.com. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens, Tenn. is in charge of the arrangements.

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Church of the Holy Family

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

Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael 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.

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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.

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 School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

Asking Questions adult education class
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

Vespers
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.
Details: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar and piano.

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) 348-9030

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life
Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

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

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion

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

Peace Vigil

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church

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

Advent Service

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

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

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

ReNew Life Group Ministries

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

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

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir

Time/Date: 7:30-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good**Counsel Catholic Church**

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory**Catholic Church**

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship

Time: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship

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

Our Shepherd**Presbyterian Church**

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

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

Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth

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Holy Day, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; First Saturday 9 a.m.
Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 8:15 p.m. or by appointment

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(248) 349-1144
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Northville, MI 48187

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Challenge Day: Network while raising anti-bullying awareness

Bullying is big. Here are some facts:

- * Bullying happens to a student every seven minutes on the playground.
- * Adults such as teachers or parents, rarely see bullying.
- * Bullying is the assertion of power through aggression.
- * By age 24, 60 percent of identified bullies have a criminal conviction.
- * Bullying is a learned behavior and behaviors change through awareness and education.
- * Bullying stops in less than 10 seconds, most of the time when peers intervene on behalf of the victim.



Shawn Duperon

With the rash of suicides and bullying so prominent in culture right now, Metro-Detroit's will gather to collaborate, network and raise awareness at Lawrence Tech University at a free networking workshop - Networking is for Neanderthals -- led by Nov's Shawne Duperon of ShawneTV.

"On January 19, we'll bring together approximately 250-300 people in the business community to network and grow their businesses, careers or find a job in a tough Michigan economy", Duperon said. "The event is also a charitable endeavor to raise awareness around anti-bullying. Participants will be asked to give a suggested \$10 donation to Challenge Day, a local group committed to anti-bullying behavior in teens, among other initiatives."

Duperon's mantra is "New perceptions can alter your destiny."

For example, when you think Neanderthals, you usually visualize a ham-fisted caveman dragging a woman by her hair, right?

"That's simply not the case," said Duperon. "Neanderthals were strong team builders and collaborators. Whether you're at a networking event, posting on Facebook or Twitter, Shawne's workshop is about building networks, relationships and collaborations in business, at home and at schools, and finding joint ways to give back to the community."

The event will run from 9 a.m.-noon (registration at 8:30 a.m.) and is sponsored by Moocho Moola PReasy and Lawrence Tech University (21000 W. 10 Mile Rd. Science Building Room S100, Southfield).

Preregistration is required at www.shawnetv.com/freenetworking.

- * Networking doesn't suck. Desperation does.
- * Desperation is obvious. When you're feeling desperate others can sense it. As humans, we avoid desperate people like the plague.
- * It's not about you. It never is. It's about the people you choose to network with.
- * When you start focusing on others, your desperation disappears.
- * Relationship is everything. Your network is an accumulation of key relationships.
- * Networking is a process not an event. It's a cultivation of relationships, not a hunting of customers, clients or employees.
- * You are cultivating and nurturing your network. There's a huge difference between networking and direct sales.
- * Your network is your net worth. You can't get anywhere alone.
- * Authenticity takes courage and encourages friendships.
- * Authenticity is attractive and attracts the masses.
- * The more you notice your party mask, or your inauthentic way of "being," the faster your mask disappears, the more authentic you become.
- * Networking is an experience in managing your fear. If you feel no fear, consider that your game is too small.
- * Forgot someone's name? So what. It's not that deep.
- * What do you do if you forgot someone's name? Do the obvious. Say, "Hey, I forgot your name!"
- * Telling someone you forgot their name is good. They are NOT that fragile.
- * When feeling desperate, focus on who you can help at the event right NOW. Just help them.
- * The practice of helping and referring others is miraculous. It will come back to you tenfold. It's the universal law of attraction.
- * There's no reason to fear competition. Knowing there is enough for everyone is your breakthrough.
- * When networking, ask yourself, "Do I like this person? Would I want to spend long periods of time with him or her?"
- * You get to choose the people you hang with; network with, do business with. Choose wisely. You only have one life.

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

Hitting the wall

"Hitting the wall" in business means more than just coming to a dead stop, but also speaks to issues of competencies, relationships, profits, self-determination and whether or not to just the path of least resistance. This familiar phrase is often used, across a variety of professions, to describe a point of perceived limitation that could



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easily become a defining moment in the life of an organization. NASCAR's version of "hitting a wall" is a little more graphic than what we see in most organizations, but the symbolism has merit. In professional sports, the phrase is used to describe what happens to rookie players not yet used to the sprint that comes with playing a longer season. There comes a point when the mind, body and spirit all converge around the question "Can I keep doing this?" It's the recognition that objects in the mirror ARE larger than they appear.

In business, "hitting the wall" crosses a number of boundaries and makes no distinction between age, race, gender, ethnicity, religion, physical ability, organizational function or favorite sports team. Organizational complexity may be a factor, but not the determining factor. Simplicity only allows for hitting the wall a lot faster. Organizations, as a whole, and individuals reach a point in a relationship where the opportunity to move for-

ward is hindered by the reality of what lies ahead and the willingness to take on the challenge. What do the entry level employee who after six months on the job doesn't know if they can continue to handle the work demands and the veteran employee who has watched their job tasks shrink while their skills remained stagnant have in common? They both have hit the competency wall. Mitigating circumstances like leadership style of the boss, culture of the organization and internal politics should be appropriately weighted when analyzing why a wall was hit. However, when boiled down to its true essence, the step needed to move to the next level of success is grounded in the willingness of the individual to make the move. When competencies around a task, goal or an ideal are taken out of focus by unexpected events, the damage extends far beyond organizational vision or individual ego. At that moment of awareness, fate is a willingness choice and not a woe-is-me outcome. What's left is the decision to move forward, stand still or get out. When analyzing entry level turnover rates or seasoned employee exits, an in-depth look at the numbers and factors will, most likely, reveal that a significant number of those exits that can be attributed to an inability to see the wall that was obvious to everyone else. Similar to their counterparts in professional sports organizations, veteran employees know when a person is about to "hit a wall" because they've gone through the experience and know that

it can be conquered. There are those who come through the experience because they are simply built that way, while others require advice, support and guidance. The cost for those latter three elements are far less than the cost for an endless cycle of turnover. Though organizations may be similar in their product or service offerings, they are all culturally unique and have amassed a body of information about many of the behavioral patterns of their employees. This uniqueness suggests that there are organizational symptoms that can be translated into internal support activities designed to steer an employee away from "hitting the wall" and staying in the race.

It is no secret in the life experience that there will always be relationships that just don't work. Those are uniquely different from those that can work and don't due to the unwillingness to give that little extra effort that comes with a little extra support. As was overheard recently when an employee remarked that after six months on a job he was ready to give it up, the veteran employee said, "Just think how much better you will be in your seventh month."

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Walsh College offering new fast-track business program

Walsh College is offering a new educational program aimed at business people without formal business training. Beginning Monday, Feb. 7 at the Walsh College Novi Campus, Business 360 will bring the basic principles, the fundamental concepts and the commonly used tools of business to busy people.

Registration is required: www.TheWalshInstitute.com/expresstraining.

"This program is designed for those who are formally educated in other fields such as liberal arts or engineering, and find themselves working in smaller companies and need basic business skills," said Jan Hubbard, Walsh Institute Leadership Center director. "Past participants have included a displaced skilled tradesman, an artist who wants to move into management, and a small business owner, among others."

Workshops will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9:30 p.m. over seven weeks at the Walsh College Novi campus. One and two-session workshops can also be taken individually.

No pre-requisites, excep-

SCHEDULE

The workshops can be taken individually or as the full seven-week course. The schedule includes:

- Accounting for Non-Accountants:** Feb. 7 and 9
Instructor: Ken Gleason
Cost: \$275
- Problem-Solving Skills:** Feb. 14
Instructor: Ann Saurbier
Cost: \$175
- Strategic Business Planning Workshop:** Feb. 16
Instructor: Ann Saurbier
Cost: \$175
- Business Law Basics:** Feb. 21 and 23
Instructor: Norman Richard
Cost: \$275

tional computer skills, homework or tests are required. Class sizes are small and participants may benefit from built-in networking opportunities with peers and business education experts.

Cost for the entire non-credit series is \$1,750. Two-session workshops are \$275, and one session workshops are \$175.

The textbook is included

- Marketing Management:** Feb. 28 and March 2
Instructor: Michelle Lange
Cost: \$275
- Economics:** March 7
Instructor: Linda Wiechowski, Ph.D.
Cost: \$175
- Finance for the Non-Financial Manager:** March 9
Instructor: Linda Wiechowski, Ph.D.
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- Operations Management:** March 14 and 16
Instructor: Michael Pircer
Cost: \$275
- Organizational Behavior:** March 21 and 23
Instructor: Joseph Corace
Cost: \$275

with the first registration. The same textbook is used for every Business 360 workshop.

Please contact Jan Hubbard at (248) 823-1392 / jhubbard@walshcollege.edu for more information or visit www.walshcollege.edu/business360.

The program is eligible for No Worker Left Behind and Michigan Works tuition reimbursement.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cooke School benefits from Mitsubishi's Halfway Golf fund-raiser in Northville

Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America, Inc. announced that it raised over \$15,500 for the Redford Union Oral Program for Children with Hearing Impairments (RUOPCHI) and the Cooke School Special Education program at its third annual Halfway Golf Event.

The two-day event was organized by the Mitsubishi Electric PEACE (Proving Excellence and Caring Exist) Committee and was held in the fall at its facility in Northville. Students from the RUOPCHI played on one of the days and Cooke School students played on the other.

Atypical of your standard golf tournament, the Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America Halfway Golf event was not held at a golf course. Instead, the hallways of the Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America offices in Northville were transformed into a miniature golf course at the creative hands of Mitsubishi Electric employees.

Ninety Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America associates were divided into 12 golf hole design teams and each team was in charge of developing a miniature golf hole that students from both RUOPCHI and Cooke Schools could play. Employees also tapped into the skills of the Lawrence Technological University General Engineering class to design four additional golf holes, for a total of 16.

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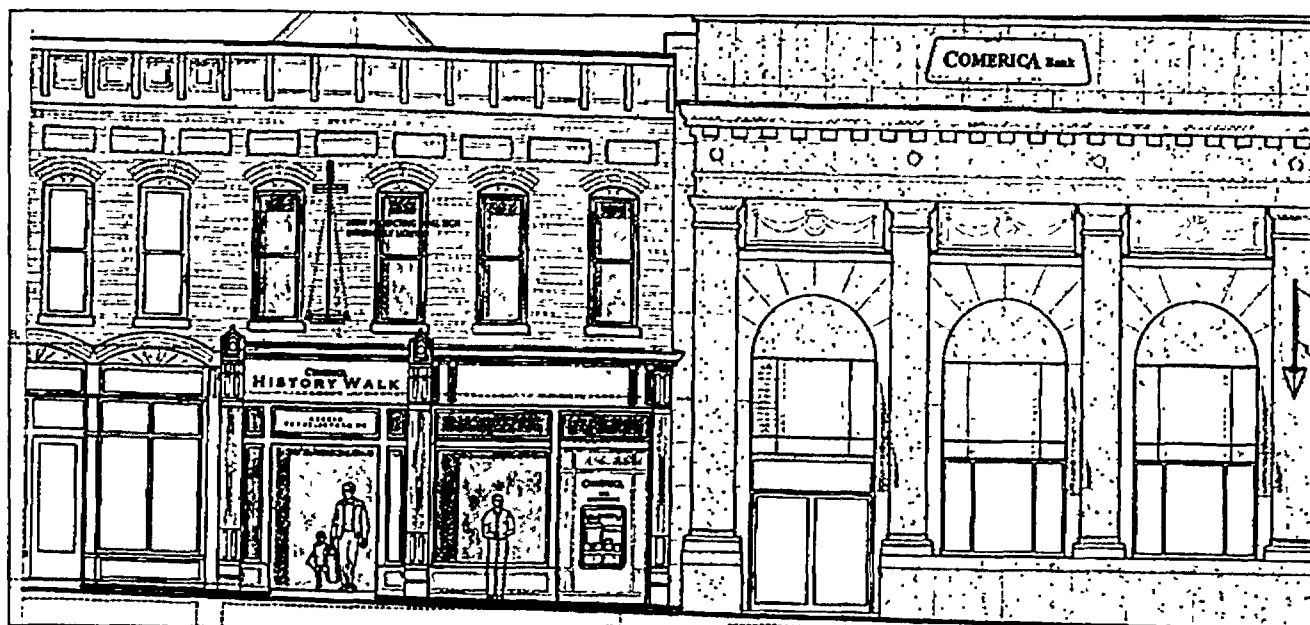
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This architect's rendering of the front of the walkway project on E. Main Street, viewed from Main Street, shows an open entrance and the words "Access to Public Parking" marked at the entrance.

WALKWAY

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to donate \$125,000 to the project, that left a \$125,000 shortfall.

That will be made up with bond money left over from the \$2 million in bonds that was sold to fund the downtown sidewalk and streetscape project.

With the \$685,000 grant for the streetscape project that was received from the federal Department of Transportation, the bond money can now be used for the walkway project.

PROJECT WAS ON HOLD

The walkway project has been on hold for a couple of months until the DDA board could meet and decide if it wanted to fund the shortfall.

If the approval process goes smoothly, construction is scheduled to begin in May and take five-six months.

The approximately 70 feet long and 12.5 feet wide walkway will allow people easier access to Main Street from the Marquis Parking Lot.

Comerica Bank, whose owners are donating the building for the walkway, will be able to remain open during the construction, Cooper said. The bank's bathroom will have to be redone, and it will lose its vestibule at the back of the building.

Lou Mascolo, owner of Gardenviews a couple of doors down from where the walkway will be, wanted the board to consider delaying the project for a year, with construction planned on Main Street and improvements slated on the Marquis Parking Lot.

But, Lori Ward, executive director of the DDA, said construction on Main Street will not begin until October, which will be after the walk-

way project is over, and the parking lot work is scheduled to begin later as well.

Carolann Ayers, DDA board member, said the project has been in the works for about 30 years.

"I think it's very exciting," she said. "It's been necessary and wanted for a long time."

"I think it's going to be very helpful to the community, and it's been budgeted for a long time," said board member John Casey from Poole's Tavern.

SOME MIXED FEELINGS

Board member Ken Roth said he had mixed feelings about the project but that he would support it. Board member Margene Buckhave did not support the project. "I think it's way over the top and unnecessary," she said. "We built two buildings for \$800,000." She and her husband, Bob, own Old Church Square and Northville Square in downtown Northville.

Linda Heaton, board member, said, "I think it's critical to the health of the businesses on that block."

Mayor Chris Johnson is also in favor of the walkway. "Proper circulation in the downtown requires that people be able to park and walk to their destination," Johnson said. He believes a walkway would facilitate that requirement.

Greg Presley, DDA chair, said years ago people used to be able to walk around buildings downtown. "Now we've created 'superblocks.' I think the consensus is it would be a benefit to the downtown. I think it's an important thing to do."

Chuck Lapham, former business owner and property owner in the downtown, said, "The elected and appointed will take some abuse (for approving the project), but the return on our investment will be good. I don't think you're going to get better construc-

tion prices either than right now."

He added that any improvement in the downtown area will mean some inconvenience to business owners.

"But, we need this in this town," Lapham said.

The DDA has already allo-

cated \$550,000 in tax-increment financing funds for the walkway. If council approves the project, the DDA staff will work on scheduling the walkway project over the next month.

The next council meeting is Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

We're looking for Super Bowl party recipes

Super Bowl Sunday is nearly a month away, but it's not too soon to begin planning party menus.

What will you serve for the big game on Sunday, Feb. 6? Do you have a favorite recipe for appetizers, snacks or an entree that's perfect for hungry fans?

We're compiling Super Bowl recipes for an upcoming issue and we don't want to miss out on yours. Send recipe, your name, city of residence and a telephone number or e-mail

to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Got a photo from last year's Super Bowl party that you organized or attended? Send it along, too, in jpg format attached to the e-mail. Identify individuals in the image by first and last name, as well as city of residence.

If mailing, send to Dargay at the Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226. But hurry, deadline for submissions is Jan. 23.



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GOALS

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Retention of the Northville Post Office is another item on the agenda, with the lease on the building to expire in November 2011. "So we should know in about six months whether the government plans to extend the lease," said Pat Sullivan, city manager.

STREET, BIKE IMPROVEMENTS

Street and bike path improvements are another goal, with a grant already approved for a path down Sheldon Road connecting the city and the township.

The restructuring of the building department is in its second year now, with Jim Penn from Plymouth serving as the city of Northville's building official. This seems to be working out well, according to city staff. The city might look at lowering fees for small signs in the city.

Although there has been no work planned for Mill Pond yet, another goal from previous years, an engineering study was

approved for the dam.

GRANT FOR ROUGE RIVER WORK?

Council member Nancy Darga said she believes that a grant might be available for work on the Rouge River in Northville from the Rouge Remedial Action Plan, and that the city should look into this possibility.

The buildout of Rural Hill Cemetery is still in the works.

The Parks and Recreation Department will schedule focus groups in the community and do its next master plan in-house. Joann Harris, interim director, said that 1,600 people have signed up for e-mail blasts, and that smart phones now have a bar code that will allow the department to send a message directly to people's cell phones.

"The middle school students think this is really neat," Harris said.

Although Mayor Chris Johnson could not attend the meeting, he sent a message that his major concern will remain the long-term financial stability of the city.

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Unity in the Community

Students celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy

This is the fourth year the Northville school district has sponsored the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Student Writing and Poster Contest and hosted the "Unity in the Community" event planned for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The theme of this year's district-wide contest was "Keep the Dream Alive!" Dr. King had a dream that all people would be able to be friends with whomever they choose; not be judged by how they look; solve problems with words and not violence; and stand up for what they believe is right, even if others disagree.

The deadline for entries was Dec. 14, 2010. Nine writing contest winners were selected, including one from each of the district's six elementary schools' fourth and fifth grade entries, and one winner each from Hillside Middle School, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School. Two winning poster/projects were also selected from entries from the school district's special education center program students at Cooke and Old Village schools. One honorable mention recipient also was selected from each of the district's 11 schools.

Following are the 16 winning writings, organized by school. Each student's name, grade, school, and whether they are a winner or honorable mention is noted at the top of his or her entry. At each of the six elementary schools there is one winner and one honorable mention recipient (for a total of 12). There also is one writing winner each for Hillside, Meads Mill, Northville High School and Cooke School.

Travis Nitkiewicz

4th Grade, Amerman Elementary School Winner

Dear Trisha,
This letter is to thank you for giving me the opportunity to help you work at your soup kitchen, Manna Meals. You have worked there every week for the past 30 years because you believe in helping others. I am proud of the three years that I have helped you make a difference in people's lives. Your dedication reminds me of Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King had a dream about fairness, equality, and doing what is right. Helping others by being their friend and solving problems like hunger is a great way to stand up for what is right.

When I was six years old, I began helping at Manna Meals Soup Kitchen by collecting cans and bottles. My brother, Jason, and I turned in all the bottles and cans for refund money. We took the money to the bread store to buy all the bread for the soup kitchen sandwiches. Each year we purchase the bread and also collect over 50 pounds of candy after Halloween. Helping to feed the people who cannot afford food and shelter teaches me to stand up for fairness and equality. Some people believe that people need to fend for themselves. I believe that Dr. King wanted us to help each other and build each other up when we are down. Helping feed the homeless and hungry is something I believe in very strongly.

Many kids do not feel they are powerful enough to make a change in their world. Dr. King said, "When things are fair everywhere, then people will be free." Thank you, Trisha, for helping me learn that I have the power to make a difference. Helping others by being a friend and solving problems like hunger is a great way to keep Dr. King's dream alive!

Sincerely,
Travis Nitkiewicz

Julia Lutz

5th Grade, Amerman Elementary School Honorable Mention

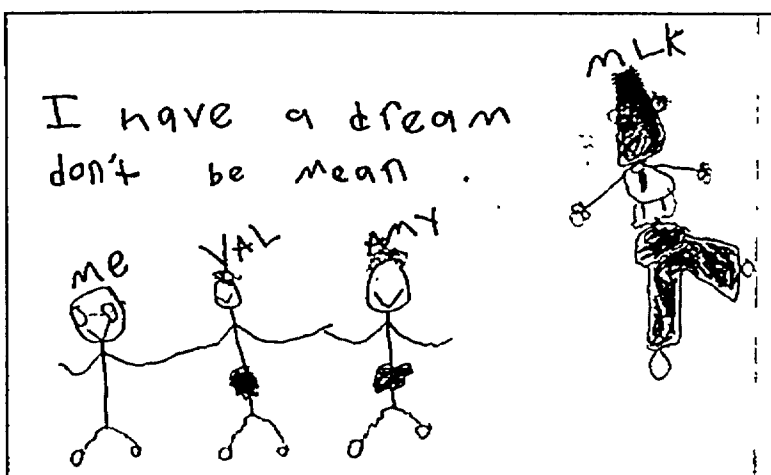
Dear City of Northville, Michigan,
I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

You all know that quote. It was from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech, "I Have a Dream."

Everyone knows Martin Luther King, Jr. He was an African American man who worked for the rights of men and women. He had a dream that all men, women, and African Americans would be treated equally. African Americans were mistreated for a long time in history.

There are a lot of things I can do to help keep his dream alive. Being kind is the simplest thing I can do. Also, if I see a homeless person outside, on the street or anywhere, a kind thing to do would be to give them money or food. It is nice to donate your clothes or toys to a charity, too.

Lots of people judge others by the way they look. That's what Martin Luther King was trying to stop. It doesn't matter what color skin you have, or what your religious beliefs are, or what type of clothes you wear. It doesn't matter what people look like on the outside, it is what



This winning poster is by Old Village student Devan Ferrall.

kind of person you are on the inside that matters.

One thing I think is wonderful about the world is all the different cultures. Some people dislike others who are different from them. Some people who are different from someone else feel they shouldn't be different. The world would be boring if everyone was the same. Different cultures are what make the world go round. Being different is what makes you yourself and unique.

I am going to make a promise. I, Julia Rose Lutz, vow to help keep the dream alive.

Sincerely,
Julia Lutz

Lauren Cassar

5th Grade, Moraine Elementary School Winner

Dear Grandma,
I know you grew up in a country where people discriminated against you because you had a different religion than the majority of the people. In the United States there was a man by the name of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He had a dream that African Americans would some day be treated the same as white people. He followed through and acted on his dream by starting marches to free African American people from segregation; he gave lots of speeches and tried to convince people that discrimination against African Americans was bad; he also started a bus boycott because, years ago, African Americans had to sit in the back of the bus.

Little by little more people agreed with Dr. King and stepped up to support him. What ended up happening was segregation was banned and he changed the lives of a lot of people so that the African Americans had the same equal rights as the white people. Each of his believers played a part in his dream to make the world a better place. His dream would never have come true if it weren't for each of his supporters.

I want to help keep Dr. King's dream alive by being one of his supporters. I try to treat everyone fairly and equally. I don't judge people or my friends by how they look — I judge them by how they treat me. I am learning to solve conflicts with words — not by fighting. I participated in a program that taught me how to solve conflicts peacefully. I also volunteered to be a conflict manager at my school. I stand up for what I believe. If someone is doing something wrong, I speak up even though it is sometimes uncomfortable. I think the best ways to keep Dr. King's dream alive are to do my part and set a good example for other people. If everyone does their part, his dream will stay alive. Grandma, maybe someday Dr. King's dream will spread to your homeland, too.

Love,
Lauren Cassar

Jane Berry

4th Grade, Moraine Elementary School Honorable Mention

Dear Walter,
I was just thinking: wasn't Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a great man? I know that you experienced some of Dr. King's speeches and marches when you were growing up in Chicago during the 1950's and 1960's. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led many marches and gave many speeches to promote equal rights for all Americans and to end segregation in our country.

We celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on the third Monday in January to keep his dream alive. We want to honor his life and the way he fought for all Americans to have equal rights. I think what he did to help stop segregation was very brave. One of Dr. Martin Luther King's famous sayings was, "I have a dream that one day little black boys and girls will be holding hands with little white boys and girls." I try to help keep his dream alive by treating everyone the same.

When I am on the playground or anywhere, I play with everyone and treat them all the same. I do not judge people by the color of their skin but by what is on the inside. Dr. King also believed that people should solve their problems with words not violence. I am a conflict manager at Moraine Elementary. My job is to help students work out their problems on

the playground peacefully. I try and think about Dr. King and the way he wanted to solve problems without violence.

If everyone works together and treats each other the same, no matter what the color of their skin is, we can keep his dream alive!

From,
Jane Berry

Hana Koipillai

5th Grade, Ridge Wood Elementary School Winner

Dear Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
I wish you were alive to see how much of an impact you had on America's future. You had a dream and inspired many kids and adults to stand up for what they believe is right, even if others disagree.

My Girl Scout troop and many others participate in an organization called "Toys for Tots." "Toys for Tots" is a program, which collects toys for less fortunate children. The toys collected become their Christmas presents. We participate in the program, even if others might disagree. Being a Girl Scout really helps me keep your dream alive.

In your speech, you said, "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." In 2008, Barack Obama was elected the first African-American President of the United States. Citizens did not judge him by his race.

Another part of your dream was that people will use words, instead of violence, to solve problems. In my school, Ridge Wood Elementary, we practice using words to solve conflict. If someone is doing something I don't like, I use an "I-message." For example, "I feel offended when you call me Hana-Banana and I would like you to call me Hana."

You also dreamt that, "little black boys and girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and girls and walk together as brothers and sisters." I come from a marriage of different races. Nobody told my parents they couldn't marry each other because of their different skin colors. I go to school with a variety of races. I have friends with dark skin and I have friends with light skin.

I can't thank you enough for your help in stopping discrimination. If it weren't for you, our lives now would be the same as life was when you were alive. Congratulations — your dream is coming true!

Sincerely,
Hana Koipillai

Lauren Elliott

4th Grade, Ridge Wood Elementary Honorable Mention

Dear Haley,
Have you ever heard of Martin Luther King Junior? Well, he was a civil-rights leader who believed that every person should be treated equally. I believe that I am also keeping the dream alive. Doctor King always said, "People will... be able to be friends with whomever they choose, not be judged by how they look, solve problems with their words and not violence, and stand up for what they believe is right." Doctor King was always talking about a better, brighter future.

I am keeping that dream alive in many ways. One way I'm keeping that dream alive is by being friends with who ever I chose, no matter what race. Another way that I'm keeping the dream alive is by not judging people by how they look. Also, I'm keeping Martin Luther King Junior's dream alive by solving problems with words, not violence. The last thing that I will tell you that I'm doing to keep Martin's dream alive is standing up for what I believe is right, even if others disagree. Well, Haley now you know a little bit about Martin Luther King Junior.

Sincerely,
Lauren Elliott

Jordan Shaffer

5th Grade, Silver Springs Elementary School Winner

Dear Classmates,
When Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote his "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963, he wanted both blacks and whites to come together and not be treated differently, just fairly. Now in 2011, Martin Luther

TOP WRITERS

Here are the winning and honorable mention writers in the Northville Public Schools Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Writing and Poster Contest.

AMERMAN ELEMENTARY

Winner: Travis Nitkiewicz, 4th grade
Honorable Mention: Julia Lutz, 5th grade

MORaine ELEMENTARY

Winner: Lauren Cassar, 5th grade
Honorable Mention: Jane Berry, 4th grade

RIDGE WOOD ELEMENTARY

Winner: Hana Koipillai, 5th grade
Honorable Mention: Lauren Elliott, 4th grade

SILVER SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

Winner: Jordan Shaffer, 5th grade
Honorable Mention: Kanon Furuyama, 4th grade

THORNTON CREEK ELEMENTARY

Winner: Clare Sahjidak, 4th grade
Honorable Mention: Dallas Van Acker, 5th grade

WINCHESTER ELEMENTARY

Winner: Kurt Wigert, 5th grade
Honorable Mention: Alec Woodman, 4th grade

HILLside MIDDLE SCHOOL

Winner: Will Kim, 6th grade

MEADS MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Winner: Harshita Kuna, 6th grade

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Winner: Max Paul, 9th grade

COOKE SCHOOL

Winner: Lamar Coleman

OLD VILLAGE SCHOOL

Winner: Devan Ferrall

King's dream of accepting others is even bigger. Now we need to go beyond race and include differences in religion, culture, and even abilities and looks. I have seen students teasing other students of different cultures, abilities and even the way people dress. Martin Luther King, Jr., would not be happy about the teasing going on. Teasing points out differences, makes fun of people's differences, and doesn't show acceptance.

Recently, a new student in our school was being bullied and teased. People teased this person because of the jacket the person wore. I bet most of the teasing goes on during lunch recess because a lot of students are afraid of getting in trouble by the teachers. This means the people who tease know it is wrong.

My friend and I always try to stick up for people who are being teased. We needed to have courage to tell the bully to back off, but it was important to do this in a friendly way, so we didn't sound like bullies. More importantly, we went up to the student who was being teased and assured this person that everyone doesn't think or act like the bully.

So remember when you are trying to act cool around your friends by teasing other people, first think about it. Are you really being cool or are you just being a bully? We need to make sure that all students are treated fairly, treated with respect and feel accepted because it is the right thing to do. That's what Martin Luther King, Jr., was trying to teach us. Let's do more than keep Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream alive. Let's try to live it!

Sincerely,
Jordan Shaffer

Kanon Furuyama

4th Grade, Silver Springs Elementary Honorable Mention

Dear Classmates,
I am a Student Council member. I became a Student Council member so I could help people make our school a better place to learn and have fun. I knew that this was the best way to get involved and help other kids.

In November, Student Council collected new books for the "Gift of Reading" program. "The Gift of Reading" program collects books and gives them to needy kids so they have a book to read during the holiday break. We wanted to give them a book so that they could enjoy reading, just like us.

After we finished collecting the books, we took them to Roberto Clemente Academy, a school in southwest Detroit. We met many kids from different cultures. They each got a book and it made them smile. Even though we were from different cultures, the books made them happy, just like us. I had an opportunity to make their life a little better, just with a book.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., had a dream that "People will not be judged by how they look." I didn't judge these kids by how they looked; I judged them by their personality. I helped them because

they were nice kids and they needed it. I learned that when we judge people by their personality instead of how they look, we make the world around us better. I also learned that even if we give just a small, thing, like a book, we can change a child's life. We don't have to be adults or do something big to help others. All that matters is that you and I care and are doing small actions that help. I think Martin Luther King, Jr., would be proud. I want to continue helping to keep Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream alive.

From,
Kanon Furuyama

Clare Sahjidak

4th Grade, Thornton Creek Elementary School Winner

Dear President Obama,
I just wanted to let you know that I think it is very important that we all keep Dr. Martin Luther King's dream alive. It is important for us to treat others the way that we would like to be treated. I try to do this every day with everyone that I meet. When I meet someone, I think of them as being the same as me. Some kids and adults might look at others and decide before they know them whether they like them or not. I think it's a good idea to get to know the person and find out that way. I think that's what Dr. King would want us to do. Sometimes people don't take the time to get to know one another. If you don't get to know others, it makes it hard to work together. When you know something about each other it makes it easier to cooperate and accomplish things together. I know if I work with someone that I took the time to get to know, I do a much better job, and I am a happier person!

At school, I help as a Peer Mediator. This means that I help my peers when they have a problem that needs to be solved. I try to have them think of words to solve their problem. If we all would take the time to communicate with one another, maybe the world wouldn't have so many problems. Sometimes, when you talk about a problem, you find out that the other person misunderstood and didn't mean to do something. So talking things out helps keep Dr. King's dream alive, too. He wanted us all to be friends and get along together so that we could do great things and have a great future. When you are fighting and arguing, it is hard to work together and do great things.

I wish there were more people like Dr. King that would take the time to get to know others and accept them without judging them. No one should think they are better than anyone else. We all live together and want the same thing, Peace. So, Mr. President, please keep talking and communicating with everyone so that they realize that talking helps us do greater things and will keep the dream alive in all of us.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I really care about our future and believe that dreams really do come true!

Sincerely,
Clare Sahjidak

Dallas Van Acker

5th Grade, Thornton Creek Elementary Honorable Mention

December 13, 2010
Dear Megan,

Today was a very special day for me. It all started when I was at recess and I saw a girl wandering around on the field alone. I asked the group of kids around me if they wanted to go talk to her, they didn't answer and just started running towards her.

I felt excited about running over to her because if she was lonely she wouldn't need to be anymore. She would now have a lot of new friends. When we reached her I really wanted to be the first one to introduce her to everybody, but I was too late.

The kid next to me spoke up first. What he said was very shocking and very rude. He started by teasing her about her hair. And then, since she was poor he made fun of how her clothes looked ugly and cheap.

I was so mad about what he said I couldn't even speak. She ran to the swings and I could barely make out what she was mumbling. I think I heard her say she knew she shouldn't have come to this school. All of the kids around me ran to go play soccer but I secretly ran after the girl. When the girl reached the swings she saw me running after her.

I sat on the swing next to her. She asked me why I wasn't running with the other kids. I told her it was because I didn't think it was fair how she got teased by them. I also told her that I believe people shouldn't be judged by how they look, but by what kind of person they are.

Martin Luther King, Jr., taught us that this comes from inside you. I could see the happiness in her eyes. At that moment I knew I was helping to keep Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream alive.

Sincerely,
Dallas Van Acker

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WEDDING

Cash-Lopez

New Hudson residents Stephanie Cash and Ron Lopez married Aug. 20, 2010. Pastor Chris Fairbairn presided over the wedding, which took place in Northville.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Nancy Cash of South Lyon. She is a 2000 graduate of South Lyon High School and is currently employed at South Lyon Community Schools Early Childhood Center.

The groom is the son of Ronald and Laozita Lopez of South Lyon. He is a 1995 graduate of South Lyon High School, and is currently employed with the Detroit Fire Department.

Bridal attendants were Julie McGahey and April Beckstein. The groom's attendants were Greg Pavlovic and Joe Garner.

The receptions was held at Crystal Gardens in Howell. The couple honeymooned on a 15-day cruise in the western Caribbean. They make their home in New Hudson.



Stephanie Cash and Ron Lopez



Doctors (l to r) Peter Dews, Louis Hallal, K.C. Joseph and Jay Daitch.

ENGAGEMENT



Matt Van Raaphorst and Kristin Stahley

Stahley & Van Raaphorst

Kristin Stahley of Northville and Matt Van Raaphorst of Lincoln Park announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Steve and Janine Stahley of Livonia, graduated from Livonia Churchill High School and a master's degree from Wayne State University. She is employed by the Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program in development.

Her fiancé, son of Roger Van Raaphorst of Pinckney and Judy Van Raaphorst of Danville, Ill., graduated from Allen Park High School. He is a Detroit police officer.

An October 2011 wedding is planned in the Bahamas.

ENGAGEMENT

Atkinson & Beeler

Cindy and Barry Atkinson, of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Atkinson, to Brent Beeler, son of Becki and Ben Beeler, of Novi.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 Northville High School graduate and earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University. She is substitute teaching in local school districts.

The groom-elect is a 2003 Novi High School graduate working for Erie Investments in property management in Ypsilanti, where the couple resides.

A June 2011 wedding in Farmington is planned.



Brent Beeler and Heather Atkinson

ENGAGEMENT



Joe Spagnuolo and Shayna Manville

Manville-Spagnuolo

Shayna Manville and Joe Spagnuolo of Milford are engaged to be married.

Manville, who is the daughter of Terry and David Manville of South Lyon, graduated from South Lyon High School in 2000 and attends Eastern Michigan University, studying special education.

Spagnuolo, who is the son of Jim Spagnuolo and Janisse Laho of South Lyon, graduated from South Lyon High School in 1998 and is a graduate of Lake Superior State University.

An Oct. 29, 2011 wedding is being planned in Northville.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital medical staff officers installed; physicians awarded for years of service

St. Mary Mercy Hospital held an installation dinner on Jan. 5 in honor of the new 2011 St. Mary Mercy medical staff officers. Physicians were also congratulated on milestone years of service.

2011 Medical staff officers: * Peter Dews, MD, MS, internal medicine, will serve as vice president of Medical Affairs (VPMA), Chief Medical Officer

* Louis Hallal, MD, general surgery, will serve as chief of staff

* K.C. Joseph, MD, psychiatry, will serve as chief of staff-elect

* Jay Daitch, MD, nephrology, will serve as secretary/treasurer

New members-at-large include Zvi Levran, MD, and Ratna Zampani, MD. Physicians Michael Gamiao, MD, and Harmesh Naik, MD, will continue their roles as members-at-large.

The 2011 medical staff department chairs include: Timothy Cahill, MD (incoming), Anesthesiology; K.C.R. Nair, MD, Behavioral Medicine; Michael Calice, MD, Emergency Medicine; Sunil Menawat, MD, Family Medicine; Michael Gatt, MD,

Maternal Child Services; Vijay Goburdhun, MD, Medicine; Alan Kaplan, MD, Pathology; Christopher Esshaki, MD, Radiology; and John Iijas, MD, (incoming), Surgery.



Paris

immunology, with 45 years of service.

Dr. Dews' appointment as VPMA was effective Nov. 22, 2010. He received his medical degree and completed his residency in internal medicine at Wayne State University and is board certified in internal medicine. He has broad experience and expertise in clinical medicine, healthcare administration, quality management, program evaluation methods and scientific research. He has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy since April 2009.

Dr. Hallal, chief of staff, received his medical degree

from the University of Damascus. He completed his residency in surgery at Interfaith Medical Center and his fellowship in thoracic surgery at Baylor University Medical Center. He is board certified in surgery by the American Board of Surgery. Hallal has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital since 1995.

Dr. Joseph, chief of staff-elect, has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital since 1995. He received his medical degree from the University of Kerala T.D. Medical College, Alleppey, Kerala, India, and an internal medicine residency at Sinai-Grace Hospital, Detroit. He is board certified in psychiatry, neurology, and geriatric psychiatry.

Dr. Daitch, secretary/treasurer, received his medical degree from the University of Michigan.

He completed an Internal Medicine residency at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and nephrology fellowship at the University of Michigan Hospital. He is board certified in internal medicine and has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital since 1979.

NEWSMAKERS

Martha Nield appointed chair off PVM Board

Presbyterian Villages of Michigan (PVM) announced the appointment of Martha Nield to Chairperson of the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Board of Directors.



Martha Nield

Elected by her peers, Nield will lead the volunteer board of directors, providing PVM with direction, advice and help set goals and objectives for the organization to carry out its mission of serving seniors of all faiths and creating new possibilities in quality senior living.

Nield, whose term as PVM chair began Jan. 1, holds

a BA from the University of Michigan, a teaching certificate, Master Board Certification (governance) from Michigan School Board Association and was also a Leadership Academy Facilitator for Teachers in Southeastern Michigan.

An active and engaged community member, Nield is a former Northville School Board Member where she served as president and helped successfully pass bond issues for \$100,000,000 for a new high school. Nield was named Northville Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 2001 for her community work that spanned 25 years. She is currently active in the Northville Downtown Development Authority, the Northville Advisory Council and member of

First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Nield currently lives in Northville with her husband, Jim, where they raised two children.

Ford joins bank board

Dearborn Federal Savings



Tim Ford

Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of Timothy L. Ford to the Bank's Board of Directors. Ford is a certified financial planner and president and owner of Premier Financial Advisors, Inc., a Dearborn-based independent financial planning and wealth management services firm.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2011 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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City of Northville Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

At its regular meeting on January 18, 2011, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance, Article 20 Planned Unit Development and Article 21 Signs. The proposed amendment to Article 20 would allow the Planning Commission to grant an extension of time for approved PUD's. The proposed amendment to Article 21 includes a change in the review process prior to issuance of sign permits.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for January 18, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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NOTICE CITY OF NORTHVILLE RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Northville City Clerk, within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to the City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works at 248-449-9930 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE Notice of Rate Increases Water & Sewer Department

The following water and sewer rates have been adjusted as follows and are effective with the new billing cycle that begins on January 14, 2011. The rate changes are as follows:

| | Present: | Year 2011: |
|-------|----------|------------|
| Water | \$4.45 | \$4.71 |
| Sewer | \$4.12 | \$4.37 |

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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City of Northville Proposed Amendment to Chapter 42 Historic Preservation Code of Ordinances

At its regular meeting on January 18, 2011, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 42 Historic Preservation, Section 42-25 Regulation of construction and alteration in the City of Northville Code of Ordinances. The proposed amendment would clarify that the Historic District Commission does not regulate ordinary maintenance as defined in the ordinance. The proposed change reflects recent comments from the State Historic Preservation office regarding the City's application for Certified Local Government status.

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'Cash and Cari' debut



Hundreds of guests crowd into Northville Square on Jan. 3 to enjoy the premiere of the HGTV show "Cash and Cari". The star of the show, Cari Cucksey, opened the shop "Re-Purpose" inside Northville Square this past fall.

Cari Cucksey, star of her own HGTV show "Cash and Cari" smiles at her debut party on Monday, Jan. 3, inside Northville Square. About 300 guests showed up to enjoy a premiere of the antique store gems-searching show which is being filmed all over the U.S. Cucksey opened the shop "Re-Purpose" inside Northville's Northville Square this past fall.

Northville Square co-owner Bob Buckhave, left, and Northville Mayor Chris Johnson, right, mingle with noted author Mark Victor Hansen ("Chicken Soup for the Soul" series) and his fiancée Crystal Downing during the premiere of the HGTV show "Cash and Cari" on Jan. 3.



The interior of Northville Square during the premiere event on Monday.



A logo for Northville Square's Re-Purpose is projected onto the sidewalk at the premiere of the HGTV show "Cash and Cari". Re-Purpose's owner, Cari Cucksey, is the star of the show.



People wait to get into the premiere on the red carpet.

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OUR VIEWS

Leading Strong Hats off to our local school boards

All this month, Michigan's 552 local and 57 intermediate school districts will be recognizing those dedicated people who volunteer their time with one goal in mind: educating children.

School Boards Lead Strong is the theme of this year's School Board Recognition Month, and we encourage you to take time to thank these local leaders.

In Northville, it's Marilyn Price, president; Joan Wadsworth, vice president; Libby Smith, secretary; Dottie Garrity, treasurer; and Trustees Joseph Hige, Kenneth Roth and James Mazurek (effective Jan. 11, replacing Karen Paciorek, who retired after eight and a half years of service).

In Novi, it's Ann Glubzinski, president; Bruce Bagdady, vice president; Bobbie Murphy, secretary; Dennis O'Connor, treasurer; and Trustees George Kortlandt, Shari Lebo and Jason Manar.

If you visit the Novi district's website, you'll see this description of the Board of Education:

"The Novi Board of Education as an elected body represents the views of the community on issues affecting education. During their four-year term, board members work together to establish policy, approve educational goals and curriculum changes, and work with the superintendent, administration, and staff to set direction for the district. Community members are encouraged to attend board meetings and to participate."

That's a tidy paragraph that works well for web surfing. But Kathy Hayes, the executive director of the Michigan Association of School Boards, sums up the role of the state's 4,200 elected school board members more succinctly, stating they are "responsible for making fundamental policy decisions that affect the present and future lives of children."

A pretty heavy role for someone who is better recognized as your neighbor or friend, eh?

Yet these individuals receive little recognition for the countless hours committed to serving students, staff, administrators and the community. More often, they're called to the carpet on this very same page by others who are suspect of the decisions made on a mind-boggling array of complex issues.

And they're in charge of budgets of over \$60 million; thousands of students (7,011 in Northville and 6,164 in Novi); and numerous facilities (eight schools in Novi and nine in Northville — plus two special needs facilities).

Again, these are your friends and neighbors.

"They carry out the truest form of representative government in our democracy — volunteer public service and preserve the core of our democratic land — public education," said Leonard Reznierski, superintendent, Northville.

Most people think that attending the official board meetings is the only thing these folks do, but in reality that's just a small part. There are hours of preparation and studying; numerous other meetings; a variety of school functions; and educational leadership training.

And let's not forget — they get to make no-win financial decisions because of a lack of leadership in Lansing that has left each and every district in this state fighting for survival.

All this and no pay. Who wouldn't want to be a school board member?

Although official recognitions were observed at recent board meetings in Novi (Jan. 6) and Northville (Jan. 11), you can show your appreciation by taking it a step further. Write a note of thanks. Bring a snack to their meetings. Say "thank you" when you pass them on the street or in the mall. Ask these friends and neighbors how you can support them in making our local school districts even better.

COMMUNITY VOICE

We asked downtown Northville store owners, "How was your business in 2010?"



"2010 way exceeded my expectations. I honestly can't say that I expected the level of support the community showed this small retail shop. It's working."

Alex Hamka
Alexander's - W. Main Street



"In a nutshell: 2010 was overwhelming, challenging, stressful and very busy at times. It's a blessing to still be opened."

Hass Makki
Sweet 220
W. Main Street



"It was an OK year for me; better than 2009. I think some of the things added, like the Christmas Market, will help retailers."

Beverlee Lindeen
Northville Candle and Gift
North Center Street



"We certainly felt the beginning of a turn-around in 2010. Business improved over 2009 and since our move into the downtown Northville area."

Lou Mascolo
Gardenviews, E. Main Street

LETTERS

Christmas Depot kudos

This year, Northville Civic Concern held the Christmas Depot on Dec. 11. The community was once again generous with their support in shopping for gifts and providing a great Christmas for each of our client households.

I would like to thank Northville Township for providing the building, and to all the shoppers and volunteers who graciously gave of themselves with their time and monetary gifts.

We are indeed blessed to bring the community together to help those in our

area who are struggling.

It is because of each individual, organization, family or business that keeps Northville Civic Concern the organization that serves our community.

Marene Kuncz, director
Northville Civic Concern

Guest Column

Innovate to Educate: Former governors leading the way

This is part two of a two-part column; part one appeared in last week's edition.

In their new report, "Digital Learning Now!" former governors Jeb Bush (Florida, 1998 to 2007) and Bob Wise (West Virginia, 2001-05) have provided a road map for a portion of the road that needs reform.

The report details how digital learning can radically transform education by demonstrating how "Technology has the power and scalability to customize education so each and every student learns in his or her style at his or her own pace, which maximizes the chances for success in school."



Tom Watkins

Every educator, parent and politico, community and business leader should read this report and ask: "Why isn't Michigan leading the charge?" We can reinvent our state by using technology to personalize learning from the cradle to the grave, leapfrogging our global competition.

All that is now commonplace began with a vision. Yet this is not a pipe dream. Digital learning tools exist today. Capstone Digital has literally a library full of digital products, from pre-K to high school that support the learning needs of students through experiences that capture and engage young minds.

This is not your father's educational material said Todd Brekhuis, president of Capstone Digital. "We built our company vision and products on the premise that digital content for classrooms is not bound by time and space, by business and educational models of 'checking in and checking out resources,' we have thousands of digital books and resources that allow students to discover their interests, passions, and drive taking learning to a new level," says Brekhuis.

The difference between a pioneer and a settler is vision and action.

We need leadership at every level together with the will to accelerate change and innovation.

WHAT IF THE IMPOSSIBLE ISN'T?

As Gov. Rick Snyder discussed on the campaign trail, Michigan 1.0 was agricultural, fur and forestry, Michigan 2.0 was the Industrial Age with auto driving our futures. Today, our future lies in knowledge, creativity, innovation, globalization and technology — it is past time we reinvent Michigan, Michigan 3.0. We must substitute brain power for brawn power.

America's and Michigan's greatness has grown from organizing its human and natural resources through advances in science, technology, finance and commerce. These same strategies can be applied to education, which is one of largest local and global needs and global industries. Arguably, it is our most important industry. The solution to Michigan's problems will be the result of the quality of education provided.

What if Michigan reinvents education in a new, personalized, technologically-driven way that helps us create a new knowledge/educational economy?

Michigan can lead an education revolution. We could export our reinvented educational processes to other states and countries. The old system of textbooks, and paper and pencil tests is about to dissolve just as trains, cars and airplanes displaced the old bicycle and horse and buggy days of the 17th and 18th centuries. The day is fast approaching where textbooks are replaced by digital tools and knowledge stores.

There are benefits and profits in bringing education, our largest knowledge industry, into the information age. Why shouldn't Michigan lead the way in inventing this new educational system built on learning sciences using current and soon to be created technologies?

OUR KIDS, OUR FUTURE

Be clear, this is not simply another ploy for more money for our schools and certainly not for the existing system. Until we can demonstrate how additional investments in education will help teachers teach and children learn and gain 21st century skills and knowledge, there should be no additional money for the educational system.

We don't need more money. We need to

spend the money we have based on different priorities. What gives the greatest return to our students, state and nation? We must break away from an educational system that has morphed into protecting adults at the expense of kids and our collective futures. A new system of educating our youth must not be about education associations or unions. Not school vendors or any other special-interest group. "Our Kids, Our Future," must be our collective refrain.

In fact, if we adopted and acted on these principles, we might redirect billions of dollars into building a new system of education that would prepare our children for the future and make the country stronger.

Snyder plans to use his inauguration to launch a year-long effort to change people's perception about Michigan and "usher in a new era of innovation." The effort will be branded "The Power of MI," a tag line meant to represent the "can-do" entrepreneurial spirit that made Michigan the arsenal of democracy, put the world on wheels, and allowed us to set a higher standard of living for America. With leadership, creativity and entrepreneurial spirit there exists a means to energize and reinvent our future.

The tools for change and reform exist. We need leaders willing to take the bold steps to lead change.

Clearly changing the cherished, historical, status quo, local school notion is riddled with peril. Not acting will be worse.

Let me assure you, having spent over two decades traveling in China, the Chinese and other nations are not slowing down while we hesitate and stagnate.

We have a new governor with a technology, innovation background and change mandate. There is no better place to start than with our system of education.

It is time to innovate to educate.

The only question that remains — "will we?"

Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He helped start the first charter school in Michigan and Florida, wrote an internationally recognized report on e-learning: The New Education (Revolution and served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He can be reached at: twatkins@aol.com.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

New year, new leader: Snyder takes over as state's governor

Michigan finally has a governor with a shot at doing it right. I applaud Gov. Snyder for putting together a bipartisan team. And his commitment to cutting the deficit without raising taxes is what we need. Its time to cut, consolidate and reinvent. Good luck, Governor!

jasomorra

Guest Column by Tom Watkins: Michigan needs to Innovate To Educate!

Mr. Watkins has been telling our state government all of this for years, but it is much easier for them to do nothing. Our schools have been going downhill for decades and all we do is push a politically correct agenda which has nothing to do with actually educating our children.

It is ridiculous that students can take four years of a foreign language and not be fluent in that language. Heck, it is ridiculous that our students take four years of English in high school and few are even fluent in our own language. It is PC now not to correct grammar and spelling because to do so might hurt the little darlings' "self-esteem". I'm sure not being able to find a job because they are functionally illiterate is just great for their self-esteem.

Nothing will change until our legislators have the guts to do what needs to be done. We will just have to see if this latest crop has grown a pair to deal with bad parents and the teachers unions.

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This image of the 2001 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor reveals a sleek, modern design. The city of Northville will purchase two of the 2011 models in its vehicle replacement program to take advantage of the last year of the vehicle's production.

City of Northville to replace two police cars; last year for Crown Vic

Bid falls under budgeted total

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

I guess you could say it's the end of an era.

The Northville Police Department will purchase its last two Ford Crown Victoria police car models this year, as they are ceasing production of the popular police car.

Nicknamed the "Crown Vic," the model hit the scene in 1992 and has been one of the most widely used autos in law enforcement departments in both the U.S. and Canada. It's replacement vehicle in 2012 will be the Ford Taurus Police Interceptor. City council approved \$41,582 at the Dec. 20 meeting to purchase two 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor models.

They will be replacement models for the two 2006

Crown Vics

Right now the department has two 2006 models that were converted into unmarked administrative cars after stripping their emergency equipment.

It also has two 2007 Interceptors, two 2008 Interceptors, one 2009 model and one 2010 model.

The 2007 models will be stripped to replace the administrative vehicles, and the 2006 models will be auctioned.

Equipment from the 2007 models will be used to fully equip the two new 2011 models.

EQUIPMENT WILL CONVERT

Gary Goss, chief of police, told council it would behoove the city to purchase these Crown Victorias, since this is the last year for the model, and all the equipment will convert to the new cars.

"In the future, we can expect to need new prisoner seats, screens, mounting brackets, etc., to accommo-

date new model police units," Goss said.

Bids are usually compared between Oakland and Macomb counties on replacement police vehicles. However, Oakland County did not receive a bid for the Crown Vic, so only the Macomb County bid was available.

Goss noted that the price from Signature Ford has not increased for two years.

The bid was \$20,791 per 2011 model. A comparably-equipped Crown Victoria as listed on the state's MiDEAL bid was \$29,300.

The department had already budgeted \$58,000 for the two vehicles, so the approved expenditure was well within that number.

The purchase of two new police vehicles was also recommended by consultants from Rehmann Robson during their most recent organizational review of the city.

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2 charged in home invasion

A Northville Township resident observed two subjects dressed in dark clothing and wearing ski masks, entering into a neighbors home through a back window around 9:15 a.m. Jan. 6. The resident immediately contacted the Northville Township Public Safety Department. Northville Township Police Officers responded to the area as the subjects were leaving the residence.

Both suspects fled on foot from the scene while officers gave chase.

The suspects, quickly apprehended by officers, are:



Robert Eugene Swain



George Patrick Merlino Jr.

George Patrick Merlino Jr., a white male, 44, who resides in Westland and Novi.

Robert Eugene Swain, a

white male, 27 years of age, from Westland.

Both are charged with felony, home invasion second degree that carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and habitual offender.

Merlino and Swain were arraigned in the 35th District Court in Plymouth before Judge James Plakas. Bond was set at \$200,000 (10 percent). Both are currently being held in the Wayne County Jail.

A preliminary examination is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 21 in the 35th District Court, Plymouth.

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NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

Explorer named Truck of Year; Volt voted best car

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Hometown dealers rave about honors

The 2011 North American International Auto Show kicked off Monday on a hometown note, with the Ford Explorer named North American Truck of the Year and the Chevrolet Volt earning the North American Car of the Year award.

The Explorer's win marks the third consecutive time — and seventh time overall — that a Ford has earned North American Truck of the Year honors, edging out the Dodge Durango and Jeep Grand Cherokee in this year's competition. This year's awards were decided by 49 veteran automotive journalists from Canada and the United States.

The honor was not a surprise to Dennis Rekuc, general sales manager at Tom Holzer Ford in Farmington Hills, who said he believes the car is going to be a "home run" because the number of advanced sales is already double what is normal.

"I have north of 50 orders from customers who haven't been able to see, feel, touch or smell one of those things," he said. "And having only a little information they are still saying they want this vehicle."

"It tells me there is a lot of pent up demand and the brand name is still strong."

Domestic automakers have won the North American Truck of the Year award 11 times, most recently with the Ford Transit Connect in 2010.

Mark Fields, executive vice president at Ford Motor Co., said the Explorer's honor "reinforces that we're a company that makes things and that manufacturing matters in the U.S."

FORD'S FINEST

"For Ford it shows our finest work," he said. "It shows that America and Ford can com-

pete — not only in the U.S., but around the world."

As for the Volt, it continues to draw positive reviews, adding North American Car of the Year honors to already having been named Motor Trend Car of the Year and Automobile Magazine's Car of

the Year.

It beat out the Hyundai Sonata and the Nissan Leaf. James Schram, sales manager at Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City, said the four Volts his dealership was given for 2011 have already been pre-sold and they are working

with General Motors to get more.

"It has really sparked some great energy in the showroom and brings in some really neat, tech-savvy people," he said. "On top of that it has gorgeous styling, unbelievable safety and state-of-the-indus-

try technology."

The Volt, which has been on sale since December, is a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle that can travel between 25-50 miles on an electric charge before switching to a gas-powered generator to produce more electricity for the bat-

tery.

This was the fourth time General Motors won North American Car of the Year, most recently in 2008 with the Chevrolet Malibu.

The honor was "humbling" to Tom Stephens, General Motor's vice chairman of product development, who also emphasized the Volt is "not a science experiment."

"The Volt represents the soul or essence of the new General Motors," he said after the announcement Monday morning. "The electrification of vehicles is something that is not a fad, it's here to stay."

TECHNOLOGY: MAIN THEME

In unveiling the ie:3 demonstrator vehicle, a fully electric car, Boda Bolzenius, president of Johnson Controls Automotive Experience, talked about the company's philosophy of using machines to create a compelling driving experience.

"With the ie:3, we wanted to provide interior and battery solutions for smaller, fuel efficient vehicles without compromising functionality, comfort or spaciousness," Bolzenius said. "The features and functions in the ie:3 are adaptable to markets around the world and are available for model-year 2011 and beyond."

The company, which has a headquarters in Plymouth Township, also touched on its global expansion plans. Johnson Controls has one plant in China and is ready to launch two more factories within the next three years, with the goal of creating 30 million batteries a year in China by 2015.

"In 2010 we restored the company to profitability and future growth," Bolzenius said. "We are ready to move ahead."

Staff Writer Jay M. Grossman contributed to this article.



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General Motor's Tom Stephens, (center) vice chairman of product development, answers questions from the media on Jan. 10, moments after the Chevy Volt was named the 2011 North American Car of the Year. The Volt is seen in the foreground.

Lyon Township business 'floored' to be at Auto Show

D.E. McNabb in its 60th year as flooring contractor

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Watch your step. When the North American International Auto Show opens to the public Saturday, the obvious highlights are the cars, displays and interactive kiosks.

But for Nate Root, vice president of sales for the Donald E. McNabb Company in Lyon Township, he will be watching where people walk to make sure the carpet and floors throughout the Cobo Center are able to handle the thousands of people who will trample and spill on it throughout the week.

For the last 60 years, D.E. McNabb has handled all the flooring for the NAIAS, seeing it grow to an event that is expected to welcome more than 750,000 visitors from countries all over the world.

"We enjoy it, we really do," Root said. "It's always changing each year so it gives us different viewpoints and doesn't get old."

"The most amazing thing to me is where it comes from at the beginning of the show to the finished product and what goes into preparing for it."

BIG EVENT

The company does roughly 300 shows throughout the year, but

the NAIAS is its biggest show. Employees began setting up in November, and worked until last Sunday to prepare the hall for media preview day on Monday.

Root said they will cover nearly one million square feet with carpet, tile, wood and more.

Employees also will be on hand throughout the public show days to make repairs when needed.

"If it goes unsaid that is a good thing," he said.

Root has gotten sneak peaks leading up to the show, and says the public will be impressed by the cars and displays.

"We are really starting to see some of the turnaround from where we were two years ago," he said. "This year our home manufacturers are really taking a step forward and put a lot more into the show."

When the show comes to an end Jan. 23, the company will tear all the flooring out in about five days and bring most of it back to its store where it will be cleaned and available for purchase.

The sale runs from Jan. 27-30, with prices starting at 15 cents per square foot.

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Milford's D.E. McNabb Carpeting company once again supplied the vast majority of the North American International Auto Show's flooring and carpeting for its displays and walkways.

Governor gives thumbs-up to auto show

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

Newly elected Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder toured the North American International Auto Show on Tuesday, promising that cars and manufacturing are key ingredients toward fueling the state's economic recovery.

"We have a bright future in the auto industry," Snyder said. "We have a bright future in manufacturing in our state — we just need to keep adding things to broaden our base. But we're certainly not going to walk away from the core of what made us great over the last hundred years."

Speaking in the "Smarter Living in Michigan" exhibit, Snyder said the role of his administration will be to create an infrastructure and tax base that's inviting to business and startup entrepreneurs.

More importantly, Snyder said it's his job as governor to transform the state's culture and mindset.

"We need to redo the culture in our state in three key ways," he said. "To move from negative to positive; to move from looking in the rear-view mirror to looking in the future; to be inclusive rather than divisive. And if you look at what's going on right here, there's no better illustration in our state of people being positive."

As for the state budget and the inevitability of service cuts to ease the deficit, Snyder said those issues will be spelled out in greater detail when he delivers his State of the State Address next Wednesday.

Mike Finney, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., said the auto show provides a great example of how the car companies are swiftly moving their products forward into the 21st century.

"This is a demonstration of where the world is moving," Finney said. "And where Michigan is moving."

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Governor Rick Snyder greets high-tech Michigan companies at the "Smarter Living in Michigan" at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

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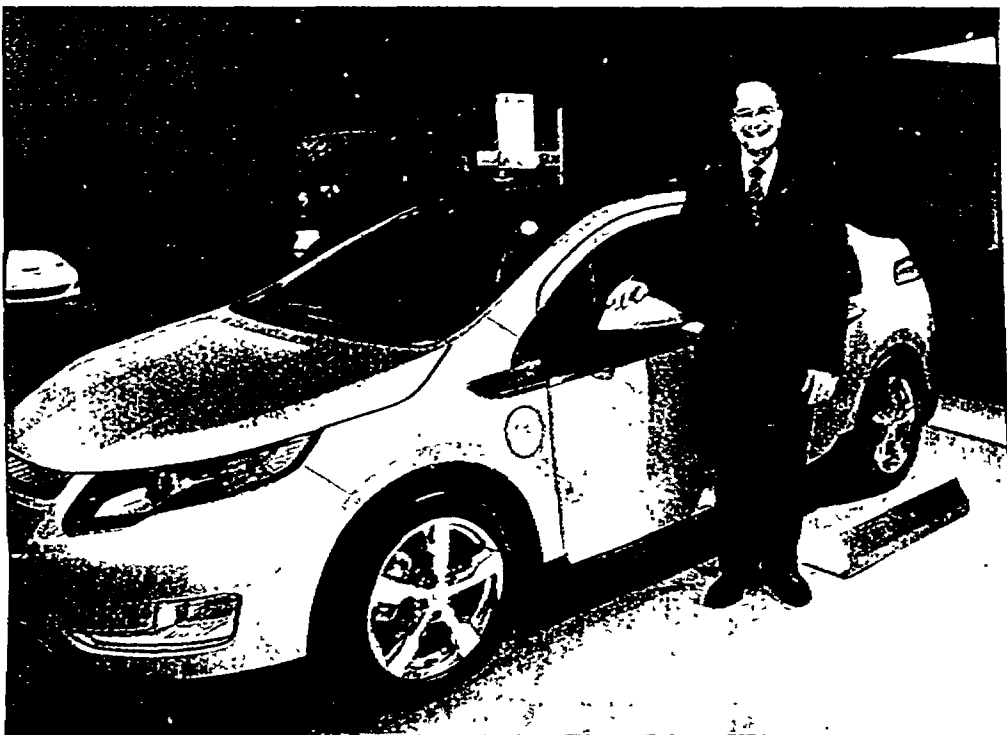


The Audi exhibit at the NAIAS show on Jan. 10.

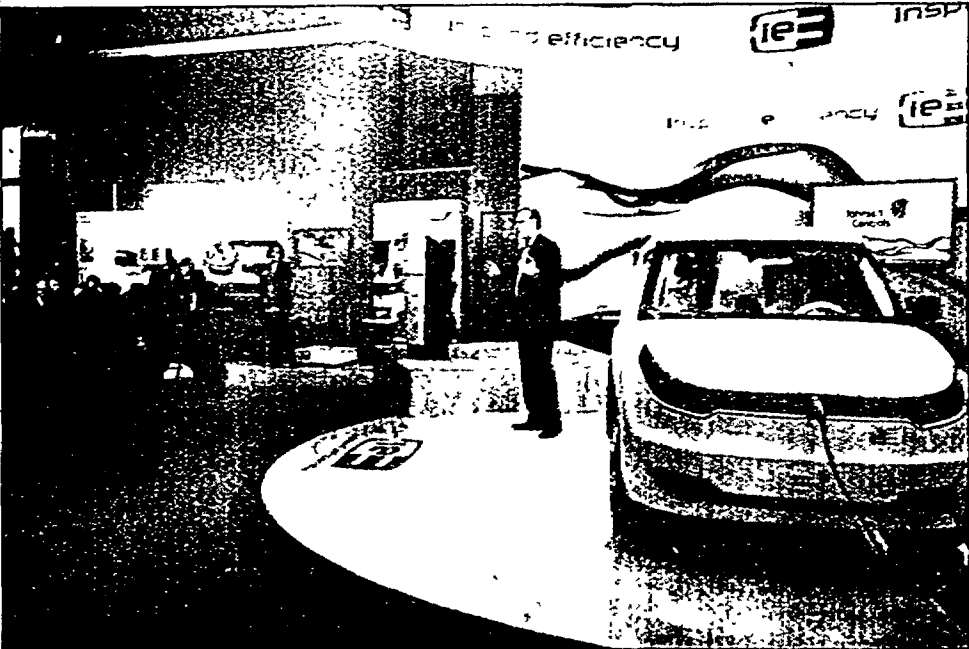


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The Ford Motor Company display at the 2011 North American International Auto Show in Detroit featured lots of bright LED lighting and cool blue tones.



North American International Auto Show committee member Scott LaRiche poses by the 2011 Car of the Year - the GM Chevrolet Volt - at Monday's press preview at Cobo Center. LaRiche, of Lou LaRiche in Plymouth Township, is busy assisting exhibitors at the auto show.



Johnson Controls' Alex Molinaroli introduces a 7 a.m. press conference at the NAIAS to his company's all-electrical ie:3 vehicle. Johnson Controls, which has a considerable presence in Plymouth Township, was at the auto show in Detroit to display its wares.



D'Angelo Crenshaw of Detroit, cleans a Volkswagen model at the North American International Auto Show on Jan. 10. Dozens of car-detailers were busy around Cobo Hall that day, making sure that the autos on display looked their best.



Chief Operating Officer of Tata Technology Global Warren Harris chats with Hometown Newspaper reporter Nathan Mueller at the 2011 North American International Auto Show on Jan. 10 in Detroit. Harris stands near a Dodge vehicle which Tata does considerable work for in its automotive engineering areas. Tata also has an office in Novi, Michigan.



Outside the North American International Auto Show at Detroit's Cobo Hall.



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Snow fun

Dave Van Allen slides down the hill at Northville's Cass Benton Park on Dec. 29 with his granddaughter Bella Sallinger, 4. At that time, snow had been on the ground for about two weeks in the area - although a week-end warmup was to melt most of it.



Tommy Sallinger, 8, hauls his sled up the hill at Northville's Cass Benton Park on Dec. 19. Sallinger was sledding there with his sister Bella and his grandfather Dave Van Allen.

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MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Old Village School

City of Northville CITY COUNCIL

Date: First and third Monday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

Date: Third Tuesday of each month
Time: 8 a.m.

Location: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.

Contact: downtownnorthville.com

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: First and third Tuesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall

HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7 p.m.

Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of every month
Time: 8 a.m.

Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.

Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

Northville Township

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Last Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Third Thursday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

Location: Township Hall

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Date: Second Tuesday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Northville Township Hall,

44405 Six Mile Road

Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

It's magic

Rick Morse performs a magic trick while presenting "Frosty's Birthday Party" on Dec. 15 at the Northville District Library.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

There are more than just a few smiles around as an audience watches Rick Morse present a fun show called "Frosty's Birthday Party" at the Northville District Library on Dec. 15.

Mill Race offers children's classes

Northville's historic Mill Race Village children's classes, taught by Faye Cramton, a Northville resident. She has a degree from Michigan State in child development and teaching. Her certification is pre-school through eighth grade. She's taught kindergarten, fourth and fifth grade for 16 yrs. Cramton also taught children's classes, did role-playing and story telling at Greenfield Village in the 1980's and was in charge of games on the green there in the summers.

All classes cost \$15 per with a minimum of five students, maximum 15. No refunds; however, you can register for another class.

Children can be dropped off and picked up at the end of the class.

* Saturday, Jan. 22 - The Doll in the Attic

Hear the true story of America's favorite dolly. Make a craft, share a snack, finish by reading some stories by the original author.

9:30-11 a.m. for ages 3-5

1-2:30 p.m. for ages 5 and up

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* Wednesday, Feb. 9 - Victorian

Valentines

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Look at examples of Victorian

cards and then, using a variety of supplies, make your own. Class will include a snack and maybe even a couple of games.

1-2:30 p.m. for ages 3-5

4-5:30 p.m. for ages 5 and up

Thursday, Feb. 10

1-2:30 p.m. for ages 3-5

Saturday, Feb. 12

9:30-11 a.m. for ages 5 and up

Cady Inn

* Thursday, March 10 - Antique

Toys

What child doesn't love toys?

Throughout history that has not

changed. In this class the children

will view antique toys, play with

some classic toys and even get to

bring one home. Play some old-

time games and have a snack!

9:30-10:30 a.m. for ages 3-5

1:30-2:30 p.m. for ages 3-5

Saturday, March 12

10-11 a.m. for ages 5 and up

Cady Inn

* Wednesday, April 13 - One-

Room Schoolhouse Adventure

Experience what a day in a one-

room schoolhouse would have felt

like. Games and snack included.

1-2:30 p.m. for ages 3-5

4-5:30 p.m. - ages 5 and up

* Wash Oak School

Wear a costume if you have one.

* Wednesday, May 4 - ABC's of Mill Race Village

Travel through history and find every letter of the alphabet as you hunt through the village.

9:30-11 a.m. for ages 3-5

1-2:30 p.m. for ages 5 and up

Thursday, May 12 - School

9:30-11 a.m. for ages 3-5

1-2:30 p.m. for ages 5 and up

Wash Oak School

* Thursday, May 19 - Civil War

For your Civil War enthusiast.

As the country commemorates the

Civil War's sesquicentennial, look

at this historic time in our country's

history and learn many fascinating

things.

4:15-5:45 p.m. for ages 8 and up

Saturday, May 21

1-2:30 p.m. for 8 and up

Cady Inn

* Wednesday, June 22 - Fancy

Nancy Party

Stupendous, fanciful time for

girls to get frilly and fru-frued up.

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a hat and boa that they've made.

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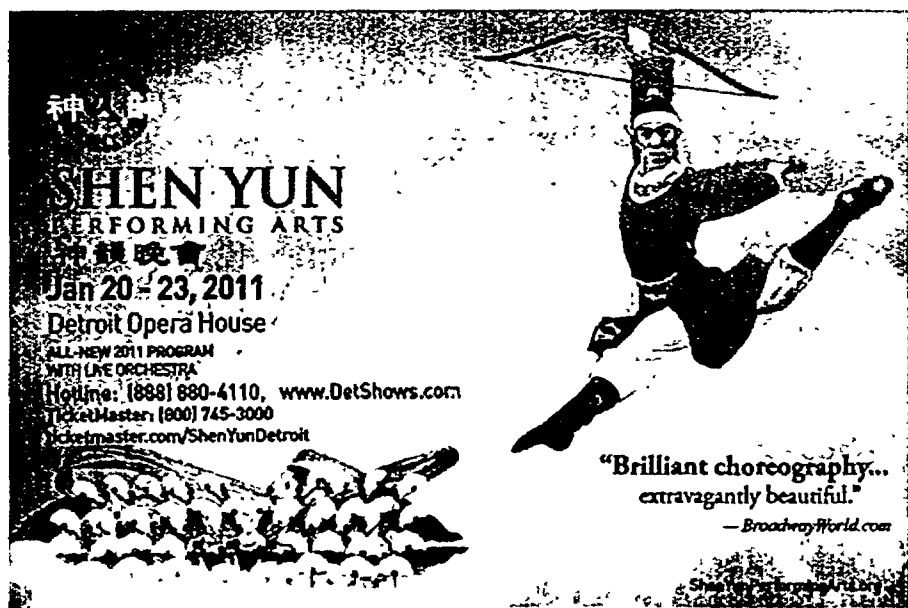
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Whatever it is, Shen Yun has touched the hearts of millions. "I cried a few times," one audience member confessed. "What I saw was power, honesty, and integrity—I am grateful for that." The show has graced some of the most prestigious stages in the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

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.

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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.

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EXTRAORDINARY ARTISTS

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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.

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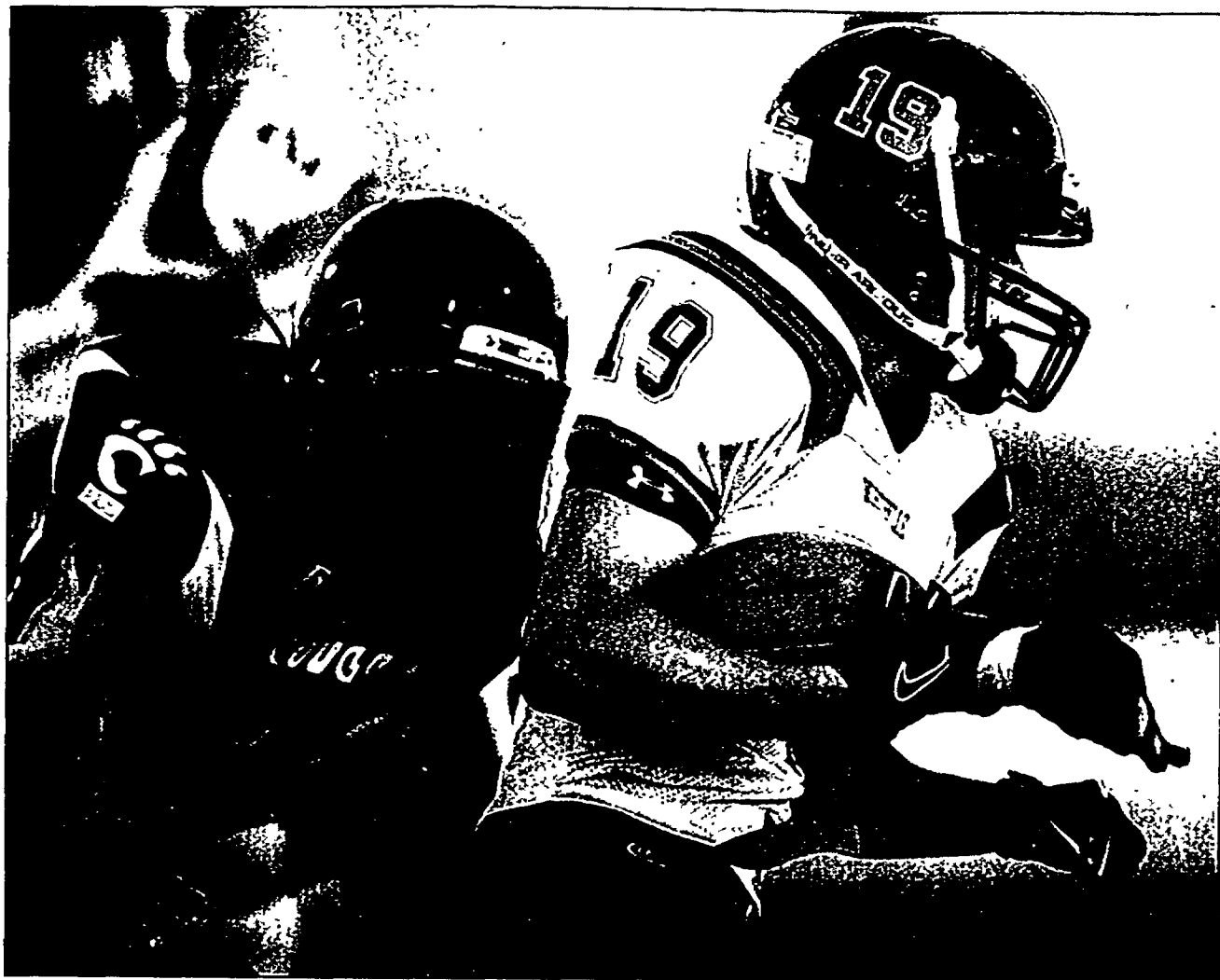
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Mustang Jonathon Alandt tries to evade the grasp of South Lyon East's Matt Kusynski. Alandt is the 2010 All-Area Player of the Year.

Northville's Alandt's versatility stands out

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

When it comes to picking the Hometown All-Area football team each year, there is never a difficulty in trying to find players to fill positions, but rather keep the team contained because of the amount of talent our area offers.

The 2010 season proved no different as we had teams scrapping their way into the playoffs and compiling some impressive numbers along the way. Even the teams that didn't advance into the post-season had talented athletes at the core of their squad.

The most difficult aspect of picking almost any All-Area team is singling out the one player that stood above the rest. This year was one of the most difficult in many because several players were not only deserving, but they would have likely earned the nod on any other All-Area squad.

But a choice, albeit difficult, was made, and the final selection for the 2010 Hometown All-Area Football Team Player of the Year is none other than Northville's Jon Alandt.

The question this year was never about what Alandt can do to help his team, but rather what Alandt couldn't do — and that was a very short list. You weren't going to see him kicking field goals and you weren't going to see him sitting the bench unless his team was certain of victory. What you did see from Alandt this year was an amazing ability to see the field as he scampered his way into the end zone 21 times this year.

"Jon is a tremendous worker," said Matt Ladach, Northville's head coach. "Everything he has accomplished this season is well deserved. I don't know where there is a kid out there that Jon didn't out-work. I can't say enough about his work ethic and dedication."

Alandt couldn't be fit into a single category this year, either. To say he was an

offensive threat is an understatement, considering he sat in the second half while younger players got experience during Northville's blowout victories this year and still managed to get 316 yards on the ground and 666 yards receiving on 21 catches. He scored five times as a running back for the Mustangs and 11 times as a receiver. But Alandt has more tricks up his sleeve, too, and an amazing ability on special teams. He returned 16 kicks in 2010 for 522 yards and two touchdowns and also scooped up two blocked punts for touchdowns. And if that weren't enough, Alandt roamed the defensive backfield for Northville, snagging an interception that he returned for a defensive score.

Alandt drew attention, too, earning All-KLAA honors this year, a spot on the Metro North team and a nomination for Old Spice Player of the Year. His selection as Player of the Year for the Hometown All-Area team is no fluke: Any coach would have had a better team if they had him patrolling the gridiron.

First Team Offense

Luke Johnson
Milford, Senior
Quarterback

When it comes to throwing a football, few in the area compare to Luke Johnson, Milford's senior play caller. This year he tossed the pigskin 197 times and completed 128 of those passes for an impressive 65-percent completion rate.

"He's a very smart football player," said Jeff Hill, Milford's head coach. "He's like having another coach on the field. He has a strong arm and is always studying and working at skills needed to be a quarterback."

Johnson finished the year with 2,012 yards, 22 touchdown passes and seven interceptions.

Jeff Gertley
Northville, Junior
Quarterback

It was quite the year to be a quar-

terback for Northville, and it was Jeff Gertley's honor to take snaps for the feisty Mustangs.

Gertley didn't waste the opportunity, either. He scored nearly 20 touchdowns through his running and passing ability and only tossed three interceptions along the way. In total, he had approximately 1,500 yards in total offense.

"Jeff is a tremendous young man, and he is extremely athletic," said Ladach. "He runs our offense exceptionally well, and we are fortunate to have him back for his senior season."

Anthony Darkangelo
Catholic Central, Sophomore
Running Back

You wouldn't know it by the numbers Anthony Darkangelo put up this season, but he's only a sophomore. The speedy back, who had some big shoes to fill this year, stepped up and took a commanding role alongside some other top-notch backs from Catholic Central this year, including All-Area Defensive First-Team selection Justin D'Agostino. Darkangelo has a lot to look forward to at Catholic Central, which likely won't be straying from its passing ways anytime soon.

Zach Masserant
Novi, Junior
Running Back

Most teams should be thankful that Zach Masserant was only able to run in seven of the nine games this season. With 488 yards rushing on 67 carries and four touchdowns, Masserant proved himself to be a force to keep an eye on — and that was while sharing carries with other runners. Coming back his for a senior campaign will no doubt find Masserant showcasing his ability over at least nine games, and that's likely something to watch out for.

Brandon Love
Northville, Junior
Running Back

One moment you think you're about

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Mustangs drop heartbreaker vs. Stevenson

Boys cagers can't overcome tough second quarter

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

In the game of basketball, one quarter can make the difference between a win and a tough loss.

For the Northville Mustangs boys basketball team, that quarter was the second last week as they found themselves shutout throughout the entire stanza before losing a heart-breaker to division rival Livonia Stevenson, 44-42.

"We had a great start tonight—something that we thought was key," said Northville coach Todd Sander of his team's 18-point first-quarter showing. "I thought we stopped attacking the rim and settled too much during the second quarter."

And it didn't help that Stevenson's Jalen Reynolds, who is committed to play at Xavier after graduation, came in during the second quarter after sitting the bench in the first. Reynolds, standing at 6-feet-9-inches, changed Northville's defensive look and forced them to adjust their game play.

"I thought we guarded Jalen very well around the rim," said Sander. "He hurt us more from the outside, knocking down two 17-footers down the stretch. He certainly can change shots around the rim."

Reynolds finished with 14 points, 12 rebounds and

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The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team will be back on the court when they host Novi at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

eight blocks in the game. He scored eight points in the second quarter in which his team cut through Northville's 18-10 first-quarter lead to take a 20-18 lead heading into the locker room for halftime.

In the second half, Northville kept their game faces on as they held their own in the third to end with a 29-28 game before eventually bowing—but they put up a fight throughout with the lead changing hands five times throughout the final two quarters.

Northville was led by Drew Baldwin with 12 points—including 10 in the opening quarter—while Bryce Groshek scored 11, all coming in the second half. Levi Perry had 11 rebounds in the loss.

Al Myers stood out despite the loss, finishing with 10 points and 12 rebounds, eight of which were on offense.

"Al Myers had maybe his best game as a Mustang," said Sander. "Al has really come on during the last three weeks and it showed up tonight."

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

Mustangs split at Ann Arbor tourney

Northville outshoots both foes, but can only topple one

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

If there is one thing the Northville Mustangs hockey team did well during the Ann Arbor Pioneer Tournament last week, it was put the puck on goal.

The squad, coached by Jeff Hatley, fired 67 shots over two games while allowing just 25 shots to be put on their own goal. Unfortunately, shooting just wasn't enough as the Mustangs split the tourney with a win over Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7-4, and a loss to Milford, 3-2.

"Nobody was happy with our performance on Thursday (against Milford)," said Hatley. "We were out of synch coming back from the break, but the team was able

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The Mustangs hockey team will be back in action when they host Churchill tomorrow at 7 p.m. before visiting Farmington Saturday at 7 p.m.

to regroup and find their game. We are looking forward to a great second half (of the season)."

Against Ann Arbor Pioneer, Northville outshot the Pioneers 41-14 and followed the lead of Stephen Champagne and Ben Crabill as they scored two goals each while Robbie Thornbug, Riley Marotta and Logan Hill added a single score apiece to secure the win. Earning assists were Brady

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DeLeon defends area's best, named best in area

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

A two-year captain, Novi senior John DeLeon led the Wildcats to a 20-5-0 record this fall, primarily by stopping opponents' best players with consistent dominance from his defensive center midfielder position. Although his offensive statistics suffered for his defensive assignments, DeLeon's endurance allowed him to be a key part of the Wildcats' game all over the field during a prep season that featured stellar goal-keeping from several teams.

"One of the strongest players on the ball ever to play at Novi, almost impossible to dispossess of the ball once he has control of it," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "He has a very low center of gravity (and) plays the ball equally well with both feet."

DeLeon had four goals and two assists from his defensive position, and earned All-State second team, All-Conference and All-District honors throughout the season while posting a 3.32 Grade Point Average in the classroom.

First team

Chase Jabbori (Novi Jr. F) The area's leader in goals and Novi's top scorer for a third-straight year, Jabbori had 17 goals and eight assists this season (35 goals, 18 assists over three years) as he repeatedly used his speed and footwork to get past opposing defenders.

"He has great quickness with the ball, great speed in the open field and great speed with the ball," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

Poised for a strong senior year next fall, Jabbori earned All-Conference, All-District, All-Region and All-State third team honors this season while registering a 3.4 GPA.

Alex Lang (Catholic Central Sr. GK)

A force for the Shamrocks, Lang kept CC in many games, making six shutouts and allowing just nine goals in a 13-game span.

"Alex was a brick wall for us this season. He stood tall in net all year long," CC coach Joe Nora said. "As a captain and field leader our success was in large part due to his play."

Earning All-State third team honors, the Shamrock captain was voted MVP by his teammates after taking All-Catholic League first team, All-District and All-Region honors.

Wes Smith (Novi Sr. GK) With nine shutouts on the season, Smith was there for the Wildcats when he was needed. He had a 0.9 Goals Against Average through 20 games between the pipes.

"A great athlete, tall, rangy and aggressive in goal," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "If not for Wes, there is no way we would have been 20-5. He made great late game saves in many of our games to prevent the other team from tying the game up."

Smith had three goals and an assist during his limited time on offense. His slate of accolades includes All-Conference, All-District, All-Region, All-State third team, Academic All-State with a 3.6 GPA and a chance to play goalkeeper at Oakland University next fall.

Fatai Alashe (Northville Sr. DM)

Leading the Mustangs with 10 goals and 10 assists as a defensive center midfielder, Alashe earned a nod to play at Michigan State University next fall.

"He makes everyone around him better," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "When he's on the pitch, he elevates everyone's game."

Alashe earned All-Division, All-Conference, All-District and third-team All-State honors this fall.

Will Schwarz (Lakeland Sr. M)

After setting the Eagles' single-season scoring record at 15 goals as a junior forward last year, Schwarz returned from a five-game injury as a midfielder this fall and finished as the team's MVP behind six goals and 10

assists.

"Will exemplifies academics and athletics," Lakeland coach Mark Janssen said. "He is a hard worker on the field, leads by example, is one of our captains and also is a top student with a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.98 and will be All-State All-Academic."

Schwarz's work contributed greatly toward Lakeland's 11-4-7 record as he earned All-Conference, All-District, All-Region and All-State honorable mention honors.

Ben Lang (Lakeland Sr. GK)

Lang was also a huge part of the Eagles' successful season, tying the school record of 11 shutouts and setting Lakeland's career shutout record at 18. Lang gave up just 11 goals while playing in all 22 games.

"He was the anchor to a defensive unit that only allowed 16 goals in 22 games," Lakeland coach Mark Janssen said. "Ben was a steady force for us in goal this year. He kept us in many games early while the offense struggled and came up big in key games against Plymouth, Grand Blanc and Walled Lake Northern."

The captain earned All-Conference, All-District, All-Conf Academic and All-State All-Academic honors behind a 3.5 GPA in the classroom.

Dan Morris (South Lyon Sr. D)

Playing defense didn't stop Morris from getting a foot in on the Lions' offense. He had nine goals and six assists from the back row while earning All-KLAA honorable mention, All-District, All-Region and third-team All-State in Division II.

"Dan was always responsible for marking up the other team's best offensive player," South Lyon coach Tracee Senter said. "What makes him special is he does not let that hurt his own offensive game. He had some of his best offensive games when he marked up some of the top players in the state."

Jake Purdhomme (South

Lyon Jr. M)

An offensive dynamo for the Lions, Purdhomme racked up 12 goals and 14 assists this fall, putting him 10th on the school's all-time points list after two seasons, with one more season to play.

"Jake can score at any time against any team. His offensive moves and passion for the game cannot be questioned," South Lyon coach Tracee Senter said.

He also earned first-team All-KLAA and All-District honors

Matt Stevens (South Lyon Sr. GK)

Despite a tough KLAA Central Division, Stevens kept the Lions in the mix with 143 saves this fall (fourth most in school history), to put him at 214 saves on his career. He's second in single-season shutouts (seven) and career shutouts (12) at the school after this season and will play at either Ohio Northern University or Trine University (Ind.) next fall.

"Matt Stevens is one of the best goalkeepers in South Lyon history," South Lyon coach Tracee Senter said. "He is fantastic at cutting down shooting angles and reading the game. He will be a huge asset to his college team this fall."

He was named team MVP after winning first-team All-KLAA, All-District, All-Region and All-State honorable mention.

Joey Zywiol (Northville Sr. D)

Zywiol combines brains with talent to beat out-perform his opponents. The Mustang with the highest GPA for the past four seasons - and hence a four-time Academic All-State honors winner with a 3.967 average - Zywiol proved that smarter is better.

"Joey is going to the University of Michigan-Dearborn to start and then he's going to go to medical school and be a doctor," Northville coach Henry

Klimes said. "I don't know if he's going to play club soccer or not, but he definitely had the ability to play college soccer if he had wanted to. Instead, he's going to focus on the academics, which he has always excelled at."

Zywiol earned All-State honorable mention honors this year, as well as All-Division, All-Conference and All-District nods.

Beau Prey (Milford Sr. GK)

Despite his athletic abilities, Prey wasn't enough to keep the Mavericks on the winning sides of many contests. He averaged 14.1 saves per game (254 total) and had three shutouts over 18 games, allowing 32 goals (.888 save percentage). He also played a bit of midfield for Milford, but that opened up a hole in the goalkeeping position.

"Due to his outstanding athletic abilities and goal-keeping skills, he stopped countless excellent goal-scoring opportunities throughout the entire season," His goal-keeping efforts helped enable his team to be competitive, and were admired by other opposing teams' coaches and players.

"Throughout the year, he positively supported his team both on and off the field. Being a captain and a leader of the team, he earned the respect of his team by taking ownership of his responsibilities, providing needed support and appropriate direction to his fellow team members."

Although his team had an off season, Prey was a bright spot for the Milford program, earning All-Conference, All-District and also All-State honorable mention accolades.

Second team

Gino Pulice (CC Sr. DM) A captain and All-State honorable mention, Pulice led his team from the defensive center midfield position. Although he only had five assists in the book, he was a

key asset in the Shamrocks' lineup, earning All-Catholic League second team, All-District and All-Region honors.

Connor Carrigan (Lakeland Jr. D)

Moving up from sweeper as a sophomore, Carrigan played stopper and defensive center midfield as a junior for the Eagles this fall, shutting down the opposition's top players. His constant flow of energy also earned him four assists, as well as All-Conference and All-District recognitions.

Andrew Bock (CC Jr. F)

A constant thorn in the side for Shamrock opponents, Bock had six goals and six assists while earning All-District honors.

Sean Deters (Lakeland Sr. M)

As a center midfielder for the Eagles, Deters set up seven teammates for goals while earning three goals of his own this fall. He's earned All-Conference and All-District honors for three straight years, as well as All-Conference Academic honors the past two seasons.

Troy Baertson (Lakeland Jr. F)

As the Eagles' leading scorer, Baertson had seven goals and five assists this fall. He earned All-Conference, All-District and All-Conference Academic honors during his second year on varsity and first as a starter.

Tom Kemennu (Lakeland Jr. D)

Kemennu used his head in holding down the fort as the Eagles' sweeper. He teamed with Carrigan to create a solid defensive force that kept Lakeland in the toughest games. In the process, he earned All-Conference, All-District and All-Conference Academic honors.

Nick Peper (Northville Sr. D)

A core to the Mustangs' defense, Peper has the abil-

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to make a crushing tackle on Brandon Love for a loss and the next minute he shifts his hips, dips around you and bolts for a gain. That's just how this Mustang stampedes, as he showed with over 400 yards rushing despite only playing the first half of most games. He scored five times in the rushing game.

"Brandon is a shifty kid with great talent," said Ladach. "Brandon runs our inside zone play really well, and we anticipate that he will have a tremendous senior season."

Love also played defensive back for the Mustangs, snagging an interception to help them to the playoffs.

Drew Williamson
Milford, Senior
Running Back

Give Drew Williamson a little bit of daylight and he's going to turn it into a thing of beauty. This Milford running back put up strong numbers out of the backfield with 358 yards on the ground on 53 carries with 10 of them finding the end zone. But what made Williamson All-Area material? The fact that he's a dual threat, snagging 20 catches for an addition 314 yards and three touchdowns to help the Mavericks.

"He's lighting in a bottle," said Hill. "He's a very explosive player with great quickness and great speed. Pound for pound, he's the strongest kid in our program."

Taylor Wattles
Lakeland, Senior
End

There's a reason that Taylor Wattles had under 450 yards this year--most games he was too busy picking up two defenders to even worry about catching the ball.

"Taylor was our big-play receiver and in many games was double covered," said Lakeland coach John Maltese.

Wattles earned All-KLAA honors with his 20 receptions and 439 yards that led to four touchdowns this season.

George Darany
Catholic Central, Senior
End

What does George Darany bring to the game that many ends don't? How about the ability to not only catch the ball, but to be a key blocker for a squad that runs the pigskin 95 percent of the time? Darany's job wasn't one of glory, but when the Shamrocks ran the ball to his side he was often not noticed because he was too busy making a great block. Yet, when the Shamrocks wanted to prove they could pass? That's when Darany shined, catching the ball nearly every time it was sent in his direction.

Nick Shatney
Milford, Senior
End

Stopping Nick Shatney from getting the ball was the number one task for every defense the Milford Mavericks played this year. Unfortunately for them, not only did most fail to do so, they ended up opening other aspects of Milford's offense when they did.

"Big plays," said Hill when asked to describe Shatney. "He led us in total yards as well as receiving. He was a big, physical vertical threat that forced other teams to adjust the way they played us."

Shatney ended the season with eight touchdowns off 28 catches that resulted in 621 yards.

Nathan Theaker
Lakeland, Senior
Offensive Line

Be it on offense or defense, Lakeland senior Nathan Theaker is the kind of player you didn't want to have to line up in front of. His specialty was simply blocking you onto your back and straight out of the play.

"Nate was one of the best offensive linemen that I have coached," said Maltese. "We ran behind him 75 percent of the time. He is a dominating and aggressive blocker."

Theaker was the target for most runners to aim for, knowing full well there would be a hole there when they got to him. Against rival Milford, Lakeland had a 19-play drive in the third quarter and ran 19 times. Out of that drive, 17 plays were run behind Theaker.

ALL-AREA FOOTBALL

Player of the Year

Jon Alandt, Northville
First Team offense
Luke Johnson, Milford
Jeff Gertley, Northville
Anthony Darkangelo, Catholic Central
Zach Masserant, Novi
Brandon Love, Northville
Drew Williamson, Milford
Taylor Wattles, Lakeland
George Darany, Catholic Central
Nick Shatney, Milford
Nathan Theaker, Lakeland
Jordan Gates, Catholic Central
Jack Sine, Northville
Alan Mencer, Novi
Doyle Williams, Milford
Ben Lang, Lakeland
Second Team offense
Mike Birney, Catholic Central
Dominic Sabo, Novi
Corey Frederick, South Lyon East
Brandon Bell, Milford
Josh Moore, South Lyon
Matt Godin, Catholic Central
Trevor McGowan, Northville
Nate Wilkins, Catholic Central
Todd Else, Northville
Joe Mikkelsen, Novi

First Team defense

Gary Schell, Lakeland
Brandon Tammaro, Catholic Central
Brandon Kuc, Northville
Justin D'Agostino, Catholic Central
Alec Sturos, South Lyon East
Taylor Saie, South Lyon
Billy Schoelne, Milford
Alex King, Novi
Joe Miller, Milford
Andrew Nelson, Catholic Central
Levi Perry, Northville
Second Team defense
Jacob Morton, Milford
Colin Wedesky, South Lyon East
Shawn Williams, Northville
Alex Lambi, South Lyon East
Brian Vanderbaan, Milford
Justin Tolinski, South Lyon East
Justin Messner, Catholic Central
G. Kolis, Novi
Mike MacLean, Northville
Tyler Jedinak, South Lyon East
Ryan Nelson, South Lyon
Trei Walton, Northville

Jordan Gates
Catholic Central, Senior
Offensive Line

At 250 pounds, Shamrock center Jordan Gates is one of the heftier of our offensive linemen this year, but what he doesn't have in speed, he makes up for in pure ability. Gates was a technically-sound center that was able to control the middle of the offensive line. That's great, especially because Catholic Central's offense was known for pounding the ball down their opponents' throats every chance they got. Behind Gates, CC ran the ball 515 times and picked up 3,443 yards.

Jack Sine
Northville, Senior
Offensive Line

It takes a special kind of player to willingly take a beating each and every play, and that's exactly what an offensive lineman does. For Jack Sine, who played center for the Mustangs this year, it was almost an honor.

"Jack was one of our toughest players," said Ladach. "I think Jack enjoyed all of the pain that he endured while playing on the offensive line. It's kind of sick, but I like it. I'll take a player like Jack any day."

Alan Mencer
Novi, Senior
Offensive Line

It was a hard decision whether to put Alan Mencer on offense or defense for All-Area this year. At 220 pounds, he doesn't look like he's going to be knocking anyone over on either side of the ball, but that's exactly what he did each and every game.

We decided to put him on offense because he's ferocious, and we like that in guys that are making holes for our backs and protecting our passer.

But that doesn't mean Mencer wouldn't have wound up playing defense for us, too. He ended his senior campaign with 25 tackles, six sacks and recovered a fumble.

"Teams could not block Alan one-on-one," said Novi coach Todd Pennycuff. "They had to double to account for him, which allowed our linebackers to make tackles."

Doyle Williams
Milford, Junior
Offensive Line

Tipping the scales at 255

pounds, Doyle Williams was an offensive lineman to be reckoned with. What made him even more spectacular was that he had speed behind that weight.

"He's a big, physical kid," said Hill. "He was the kid that we always ran behind, and that meant we either always ran the ball at him or had him pulling to block. He was always consistent and you knew he wasn't going to miss a block."

Ben Lang
Lakeland, Senior
Kicker/Punter

There's a reason why good kickers are key to great football: Every point counts. Ben Lang, the Lakeland Eagles' kicker, took that to heart this year, hitting 100 percent of his point-after attempts and going 4-for-6 for field goals, including a 45 yarder. If that weren't enough, Lang's punting averaged 40 yards per kick this year, and 75 percent of his kickoffs were for touch backs.

First Team Defense

Gary Schell
Lakeland, Senior
Defensive Line

Put Gary Schell up against any offensive lineman in the state and he is going to give them a run for his money, which is why he often found himself fighting through two blockers in order to make a play.

"Gary was our leading player on the defensive side of the ball," said Maltese. "He played with great pad level and passion and made some game-changing plays during the season."

Schell had 18 solo tackles and 39 assists this year while compiling four sacks, two fumble recoveries and an interception.

Brandon Tammaro
Catholic Central, Senior
Defensive Line

You wouldn't know it by looking at Brandon Tammaro, but he's a force on the football field. At 6-3 and 240 pounds, Catholic Central's senior defensive end looked like he was a pushover. When the play started, however, he simply transformed, picking up 57 tackles and 4.5 sacks this year.

On offense, Tammaro was mobile and always aware of what was happening.

Brandon Kuc
Northville, Senior
Defensive Line

Don't expect to be Brandon Kuc's friend during a game if you're lined up across from him. He's going to beat you up every single play, ripping past you and plowing through you in order to make a play. That's how he picked up nearly 30 tackles this season and picked up a sack along the way on a defense that made a point of being tough in 2010.

"Brandon is a nasty football player," said Ladach. "From the snap until the whistle, Brandon has no compassion for his opponents. We try to instill that mind set in all of our players, but Brandon comes by it naturally."

Justin D'Agostino
Catholic Central, Senior
Linebacker

It comes natural to some players, the ability to see the field and make sure that you're in on a tackle. Justin D'Agostino, a two-year starter on Catholic Central's defense, is one of those players. This year, D'Agostino led CC with 92 tackles, 31 of which were solo affairs, and had a fumble recovery and a sack.

"I thought he was the heart of our defense," said Mach. "He was the big hitter, he'd deliver the blow. He has great mobility, great closing speed and he finished the job."

D'Agostino was also a heck of a runner who would have made All-Area First Team had it not been for his defensive nod. He ran the ball 88 times for 471 yards and four touchdowns this year, all while sharing the backfield.

Alec Sturos
South Lyon East, Senior
Linebacker

An All-KLAA selection that led his team in tackles, Alec Sturos proved in each game that he was determined to give his all on every down.

"Alec was the heart and soul of this team," said South Lyon East coach Mike Lindman. "He is a leader both on and off the field. I feel that he was the single most important player to our defense and as important to the defense as the

quarterback is to the offense. He is a physical defensive football player as well as a smart football player."

Sturos, a team captain and MVP, had 51 solo tackles and 14 assists this season.

Taylor Saie
South Lyon, Senior
Linebacker

When a tackle had to be made, South Lyon senior linebacker Taylor Saie was there to make it. He collected 116 tackles this year and tacked on three sacks to his statistics as South Lyon's defensive leader.

"Taylor was one of our captains and he was a rock on defense who attacked with great force," said South Lyon head coach Mark Thomas.

Billy Schoelne
Milford, Junior
Linebacker

Billy Schoelne has the ability to be in the right spot at the right time, as his 86 tackles attest to. But what made him special was the way he led his team by action and example.

"He's big, fast and physical and he led us in tackles this year with missing two games," said Hill. "He was always around the ball. He works very hard at becoming a better player, working in the weight room and watching film."

His teammates noticed his dedication, which is why they voted him the team's defensive MVP.

Alex King
Novi, Junior
Linebacker

It's hard to believe that Alex King is going to be back in Novi's defensive lineup again next year. All we can say is that if you're a running back and you're told to run at him, prepare to get hit.

King was always in the right place at the right time, smacking pads with the force of a freight train each and every time he could. He collected 91 tackles this year.

"He would start for any team in the area," said Pennycuff. "(He's a) very big hitter and major leader on our defense."

Joe Miller
Milford, Senior
Defensive Back

How do you become a three-year starter on a Division I varsity football team? Simple: You emulate Milford's Joe Miller.

"Joe was a three-year starter for us, was voted team MVP and a captain and made all the calls for us in the secondary," said Hill. "He is a great team player who always put the team first."

Not to mention Miller always performed, too. This defensive back hawked four interceptions this year while picking up 54 tackles and recovering three fumbles. In addition, he was an offensive threat with 22 catches for 229 yards and a touchdown in 2010.

Andrew Nelson
Catholic Central, Senior
Defensive Back

It takes more than just a ton of athletic ability to be a good defensive back--it takes brains, too. Andrew Nelson, a senior defensive back for the Shamrocks, was one of those players. Not only was he a captain on his squad, showing that his team looked to him both on and off the field for direction, but he was an All-Catholic League Academic selection this year, which is impressive in its own right when you consider the grade point averages of so many of the CHSL players.

Levi Perry
Northville, Senior
Defensive Back

If there was room for two Players of the Year on the All-Area squad, Levi Perry would have had the nod. As a defensive back, there isn't another player on the team that can match the game-changing ability that Perry brought to the field. The definition of ball hawk, Perry snagged a staggering 10 interceptions this season on his way to earning All-State honors.

"Levi is an absolute ball hawk," said Ladach. "It seemed like every time our opponents threw the ball, Levi was there to deliver a hit, knock the ball down, or pick it off. He's a tremendous young man, and he had a great season."

Perry also played offense and special teams, racking up the second-most all-purpose yards behind the 2010 Player of the Year.

Mustangs bow in division opener

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It was the kind of game that neither team could seem to take advantage of until the final minutes.

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team took a loss in the Central Division opener as they bowed to the Stevenson Spartans, 42-32.

The game was close throughout thanks to poor shooting on both sides of the ball with Northville shooting 22.6 percent overall and 14.3 percent from three-point range and Stevenson shooting 25.5 and 20 percent, respectively.

"It was an ugly game," admitted Northville coach Todd Gudith. "Neither team shot the ball well. I was disturbed that they out-rebounded us. A number of their baskets were put backs off missed shots. That's just hustle plays and Stevenson out hustled us tonight."

The Mustangs trailed just 12-8 after the first quarter and stayed in contention heading into the locker room with the Spartans leading 22-19. At the end of the third, a three-point margin remained as Stevenson

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team will be back in action when they visit Novi at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

held on with a 29-26 advantage.

The Mustangs event took the lead to open the third quarter with a 7-0 run to go up, 26-22. Unfortunately, the Spartans were just more aggressive, controlling the boards and scoring on rebound put backs to retake the lead.

In the final stanza, Northville's cold-shooting continued to haunt them as they made just two baskets and had to foul Stevenson, of which the Spartans converted 9-of-10 from the free-throw line.

Northville was led by senior Megan Gertley, who scored nine in the losing effort while senior Katie Giacomini added eight points.

Northville is now 3-3 overall and 0-1 in the Central Division.

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Gymnasts drop second meet of the season

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Northville coach Erin McWatt said in the beginning of the season that the number one thing her team needed was experience.

Unfortunately, they seem to be going about it the hard way as they took a tough loss against Plymouth, 123.6-122.05.

"We've started our season with two unfortunate losses, but a lot of improvements were made this week at Plymouth compared to our first meet at Lakeland-Milford before the holidays," said McWatt.

The team did have some outstanding performances, including Victoria Clay on the vault with an 8.45 and the always-tough Taylor Dempsey scored an 8.7 on beam and an

ON TAP

The Northville gymnastics team will compete again today with a meet against Canton. The competition will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Plymouth High School.

8.2 on the bars. Not to be outdone, Erin Warwood turned in an impressive 8.2 with her floor routine.

Northville is still without their strongest all-around competitor and captain, Allison Kemp, who is currently out of the lineup with an injury.

"The girls are stepping up their game and attempting new and more difficult skills," said McWatt.

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SOCCER

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ity to control a situation and turn the flow of the game around quickly. The All-Conference and All-District kicker, who has been courted by several Division I programs, commanded the field well for the Northville program.

Nathan Lightner
(Northville Sr. D)

Consistent play throughout the season earned Lightner All-Conference and All-District honors this fall, landing him a scholarship to play collegiate soccer at Schoolcraft College next season.

Jon Hart (Novi Sr. D)

Hart led a Wildcat defense that started the fall inexperienced as a unit, allowing 14 goals in the first half of the season. However, the captain was a big reason Novi allowed just six goals during the second half of the regular season. He earned All-Conference, All-District and Academic All-State honors with a 3.9 GPA.

Mark Sadler (South Lyon Sr. D)

Capping off a three-year career on varsity, Sadler

racked up seven goals and 10 assists while earning All-KLAA honorable mention and All-District for the Lions.

Eric Krueger (South Lyon Sr. M)

A second-year varsity player, Krueger had an impressive season in the books, earning nine goals and 10 assists to go along with All-KLAA honorable mention, All-District and hitting the books for All-State Academic honors.

Honorable mention

Lakeland - Trent Norman (Sr.), Jesse Hawk (Sr.), Trent Sawgle (Sr.), Nick Watkins (Sr.)

Northville - Jimmy Fiscus (Fr.)

Novi - Brian Herron (Sr.), Chris Park (Sr.), Phil Soong (Sr.), Matt Wilson (So.)

Milford - Kevin Veeder (Fr.), Drew Newell (Sr.), Dylan Polcyn (Sr.), Steven Lovera (Sr.)

South Lyon - Austin Johnston (Sr.), Austin Stowe (Sr.), Trevor Laskowski (Sr.), Tom Berry (Sr.)

South Lyon East - Joe Dowdell (Sr.), Allen Bates (Sr.), David Domanico (Sr.), David Roskens (So.), Robert Costanza (So.)

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HOCKEY

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marotta (3), Mike Comben (2), Riley Marotta (2), Xavier Gaudet, Buddy Debrabander, Cole Brown, Richard Cortapassi and Hill.

Sean Bretz played in goal in both games, taking the loss against Milford and earning the win against the Pioneers. Against the Milford

Mavericks, the Mustangs out shot their foes 26-11 but came up short on the scoreboard. Earning goals were Gaudet and Brent Atkinson while Crabill, Comben, Clay Neal and Champagne added assists.

Atkinson suffered a broken foot in the game and will be out for the remainder of the season.

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Energy-saving tips we can all use at home

We all want to save money around the house. Saving money at home can be done in many ways, however, sometimes some of the smaller things that can really make a difference are overlooked. Komo News gives five tips that are guaranteed to help you save money around the house, as found on the website of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan:

1) **Twin draft guards:** These are double sided insulation devices that slide under the door to eliminate cold or warm air drafts from the underside of the door.

2) **Programmable thermostats:** It's energy wasted when no one is home, so why not set the thermostat to turn off when you leave and turn on 15 min before you get home.

3) **Turn down the water heater:** If you're going on vacation you should turn your water heater to low. It's amazing how much energy goes into heating water and it's a definite waste if no one is going to use it for a while.

4) **Low flow shower heads:** Older shower head guzzle out unnecessary amounts of water, while a low flow shower head will give you the right amount of pressure without wasting all of that water.

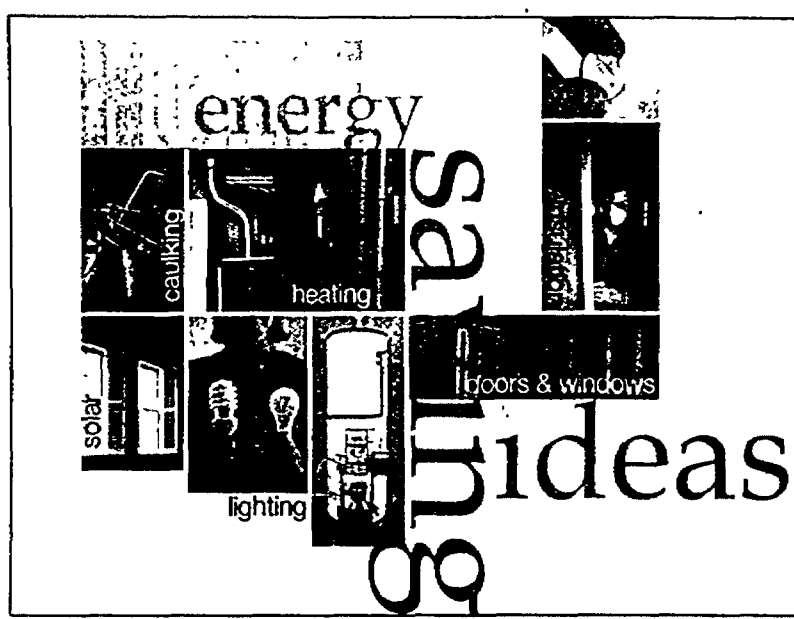
5) **Toiletry products:** Use only the amount of toiletry products needed to do the job. Common examples of wastefulness are exaggerated amounts of toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, and toilet paper.

In a typical home, heating and cooling account for more than half of the home's energy use, making it the largest energy expense for most households. Today's high efficiency furnaces operate more efficiently while using less energy than older equipment.

These home heating tips come from the website of DTE Energy.

If your heating equipment is more than 12 years old, consider replacing it — before it breaks down — to save money on utility bills, allow time for price research, and ensure your family's comfort.

Save money on the purchase price of your new furnace by taking advantage of promotional rebates offered by equipment manufacturers. In addition, many high-efficiency heating systems may also qualify for a Federal tax credit of up to 30 percent of the purchase price for the equipment, up to a maximum credit of \$1,500. For more information, visit www.energystar.gov.



When replacing your heating system, you'll save money and benefit when you:

• **Always select ENERGY STAR qualified equipment.** Although upfront costs can be higher, the long-term savings difference is regained with lower energy usage. ENERGY STAR furnaces are the most efficient models on the market.

• **The EnergyGuide label with a high AFUE rating.** The Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency, or AFUE, rating measures the overall energy performance of a furnace or boiler. An AFUE of 95 percent means that 95 percent of your energy dollar becomes heat for your home and the remaining 5 percent escapes up the chimney and elsewhere. The higher the AFUE, the more heat you get for your energy dollar.

• **Install a programmable thermostat.** You can save energy heating your home by turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 percent for eight hours or more. A programmable thermostat automatically sets the temperature according to a pre-set schedule. When shopping for a programmable thermostat, look for the ENERGY STAR label and select a model that offers a manual override option that allows you to adjust the settings without affecting the

rest of the pre-set programming.

• **A high efficiency gas furnace with an Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM).** Furnaces with an ECM motor use less electricity because it adjusts its speed to ensure optimal airflow at all times. Traditional furnace motors run at only one speed — high.

• **Purchase high efficiency.** Purchase the highest efficiency furnace that you can afford. For optimum savings, select a model with an AFUE rating of 95 percent or higher.

• **Size it right.** Purchase the proper size furnace for your home. An undersized furnace will not heat your home properly, and an oversized furnace will cost more to purchase and to operate. Check with your contractor to find the right size furnace for your home. Don't assume the new unit should be exactly the same as your existing unit.

• **Proper installation is critical.** Improper installation can lower efficiency by up to 30 percent, increase utility bills and possibly reduce the life of the equipment.

A well-maintained heating system will run more efficiently and help to reduce your energy use. To keep your heating system in proper working condition, consider having your furnace inspected annually,

ideally before the heating season begins.

Call a local contractor to schedule an inspection in late summer or early fall.

If you have a forced air heating system, here are some tasks you may be able to perform yourself.

• **Follow manufacturers' guidelines.** For peak energy performance, always operate and maintain your heating system according to manufacturers' guidelines.

• **Clean or replace the air filter regularly.** Filters reduce the amount of dust and dirt that flow through your ductwork and into your home.

• **Check your furnace for dust and lint.** Remove the dust and lint from the burner compartment at least once a year.

• **Check the chimney for obstructions.** Make sure your chimney is not blocked by debris such as bird nests, leaves, loose mortar or dirt.

• **Inspect flue pipes.** Also inspect the flue pipes from the heating system and water heater to make sure they are free of rust and are tightly sealed.

• **Check your ductwork.** Check for air leaks, especially at joints. Seal off air leaks with foil faced tape rather than duct tape.

Use less energy and save money heating your home by following these tips:

• **Enroll in BudgetWise Billing** and spread your heating payments equally over the entire year.

• **Dial down your thermostat** — for each degree you set your thermostat below 72°F reduces your heating costs by approximately 3 percent. Dress appropriately for the weather and on cold winter nights, put an extra blanket on the bed and lower your thermostat another degree or two to save even more.

• **Check heat vents and registers** to ensure drapes and furniture do not block airflow.

• **Use insulated drapes or other window coverings** to help reduce drafts and keep the warm air inside.

• **Minimize the number of times** that doors to the outside are opened and closed. Every time an outside door opens, warm air rushes out and cold air moves in.

• **Use ceiling fans** set at a slow speed with the blades counter-clockwise (upward) to push warm air away from the ceiling and move it around the room without creating a chilly breeze.

Court upholds tenancy issue

Q: I read about a case where a man and woman had property granted to them as husband and wife, as joint tenants. However, the marriage was deemed invalid and I am wondering whether or not the so-called surviving spouse has a right to the property.

A: In a recent case out of Nebraska based on similar facts, the appellate court held that the language of the deed clearly expressed the intent of the parties to own the real property together

with a right of survivorship. The court reasoned that the fact that they were not legally married did not obscure their true intention to grant to themselves a joint tenancy for the surviving person to become the owner of the property. Of course, that is not a Michigan case and you are best advised to consult with an attorney concerning the likely result in your state.



Robert Melsner

Q: A member in our condominium has a hearing disability which keeps her from communicating effectively during association meetings. She indicates that she needs a sign language interpreter or Computer Aided Realtime Translation (CART), but the board, so far, has indicated that she should be able to participate in certain activities with no accommodation and others with the assistance of an amplification system that the association has purchased for her benefit. What do you think we should do?

A: First, you should consult with your attorney regarding this potentially dangerous issue with respect to liability for the association. In a similar case out of Colorado, on similar facts, the court found that there was sufficient evidence to create genuine dispute as to whether the sign language interpreter or CART is necessary for the member to communicate effectively at meetings. In that case, the association had offered recorded minutes from a monthly board meeting where the member, without the benefit of a sign language interpreter or CART, was able to convey her concerns relating to smoke detectors.

As to her ability to understand the information, the association provided a doctor's report that stated that a portable sound system, used in conjunction with the member's hearing aids, would be sufficient to allow her to hear lectures and other speaking events approximately as well as the nonhearing disabled individual does in a one on one situation. We will see what the results are.

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HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 27 to Oct. 1, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton
 43607 Abbey Woods Ct \$250,000
 1778 Aberdeen St \$151,000
 46056 Bartlett Dr \$135,000
 1631 Bayberry Park Cir \$165,000
 411 Belvedere Ct N \$322,000
 50594 Coolidge St \$235,000
 2051 Fairway Cir \$135,000
 47064 Ford Rd \$152,000
 45469 Indian Creek Dr \$213,000

5872 Meadowview Dr \$277,000
 1778 Howland Ct \$168,000
 3544 Ravensfield Dr \$139,000
 423 Robyn Dr \$160,000
 49121 Rockefeller Dr \$300,000
 548 Tyler Ln \$190,000
 1016 Wildwood Ln \$155,000

Garden City
 28608 Cambridge St \$40,000
 28824 Elmwood St \$53,000
 30937 Florence St \$72,000
 28481 Kalamazoo St \$83,000
 33532 Leona St \$59,000

Livonia
 9925 Adams St \$105,000
 15011 Fairway St \$130,000
 19769 Gary Ln \$252,000
 9435 Gilmart St \$80,000
 38631 Grandon St \$129,000
 35019 Grove Dr \$149,000

14830 Harrison St \$70,000
 30853 Industrial Rd \$77,000
 9390 Texas St \$88,000
 18263 University Park Dr \$70,000
 18363 University Park Dr \$62,000
 34239 Wadsworth St \$98,000
 34259 Wisconsin St \$70,000

Northville
 16642 Brookline Blvd \$525,000
 19581 Cardene Way \$188,000
 16387 Forest Lake Dr \$220,000
 41280 Knightsford Rd \$256,000
 17107 Maple Hill Dr \$278,000
 16509 Mulberry Way \$280,000
 49771 Parkside Dr \$316,000
 49160 Ridge Ct \$140,000
 16185 Tiverton Ct \$255,000
 16940 Warwick Ct \$375,000
 17757 Wildflower Dr \$460,000
 20630 Woodcreek Blvd \$291,000

Plymouth
 260 Burroughs St \$155,000
 48624 Chambers Ct \$132,000
 12855 Hidden Creek Dr \$315,000
 9320 Ivanhoe Dr \$254,000
 44448 Marc Trl \$140,000
 11424 Parkway Dr \$200,000
 954 Pennman Ave \$525,000
 660 Ross St \$170,000
 14175 Terrace Ct \$142,000

Redford
 9171 Beech Daly Rd \$18,000
 18645 Brady \$45,000
 25594 Deborah \$77,000
 26921 Dover \$78,000
 18828 Garfield \$53,000
 15644 Gaylord \$65,000
 13201 Nathalie \$80,000
 17350 Olympia \$46,000
 18455 Ponceiana \$51,000

10019 San Jose \$58,000
 9521 Tecumseh \$45,000

Westland
 32728 Ann Arbor Trl \$155,000
 32754 Benson Dr \$100,000
 34021 Cambria Ct \$8,000
 38531 Canyon Dr \$80,000
 34123 Caspian Dr \$30,000
 32887 Chapman Cr \$112,000
 35522 Dove Trl \$65,000
 8459 Haller St \$112,000
 30832 Hivley St \$55,000
 32511 Lucie St \$10,000
 7431 N Farmington Rd \$155,000
 38308 N Rockham Ct \$76,000
 2332 S Brandon St \$70,000
 1686 S Newburgh Rd \$50,000
 1403 Springer St \$97,000

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 13-17, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton
 41435 Copper Creek Dr \$120,000
 1756 Crestview Dr \$195,000
 45669 Drexel Rd \$230,000
 44397 Fair Oaks Dr \$155,000
 45420 Glenmary Blvd \$295,000
 1478 Hereford \$225,000
 46039 Larchmont Dr \$260,000

49332 Lincolnshire Ct \$325,000
 1789 Morrison Blvd \$135,000
 42270 Oakland Dr \$223,000
 43470 Proctor Rd \$158,000
 14571 Rainer Blvd \$142,000
 43615 Sinsbury St \$165,000
 43539 W Arbor Way Dr \$46,000
 42600 White Hart Blvd \$275,000

Garden City
 32629 Marquette St \$70,000

Livonia
 39193 Dover St \$143,000
 37450 Eagle Dr \$190,000
 28170 Five Mile Rd \$400,000
 36223 Ladywood St \$185,000
 19957 Lathers St \$100,000
 29083 Lori St \$112,000
 29114 Lori St \$91,000

38267 Makory Dr \$222,000
 16519 Middlebelt Rd \$49,000
 18724 Midway St \$71,000
 17390 Myron St \$224,000
 36572 Roycroft St \$200,000
 14059 Sunset St \$10,000

Northville
 40040 Bentley Way \$490,000
 44417 Birchwood Ct \$335,000
 44730 Broadmoor Cir N \$449,000
 19825 Cambridge Ct \$342,000
 18504 Clarwood Cir E \$440,000
 44063 Deep Hollow Cr \$530,000
 39561 Dun Rynn Dr \$248,000
 50495 Eagles Nest \$510,000
 15915 Worthington \$175,000
 16539 Mulberry Way \$20,000
 15714 Robinwood Dr \$240,000

Plymouth
 49608 Waterstone Estates Cr \$445,000
 19130 Windridge Dr \$275,000

Redford
 11265 Belwood Dr \$327,000
 48121 Colony Farms Cr \$366,000
 49987 Cooke Ave \$403,000
 500 Ford St \$35,000
 40333 Greenbriar Ln \$165,000
 50170 Jo Ann Ln \$303,000
 9318 Marlys Ave \$173,000
 47043 Marisa Ct \$385,000
 271 Pinewood Cr \$41,000
 45206 Riveredge Dr \$276,000
 46008 Southview Ln \$469,000
 9491 Southview Ave \$157,000
 1381 Woodland Pl \$490,000

Westland
 9598 Mercedes \$35,000
 24864 Midland \$32,000
 18720 Poinciana \$62,000
 26659 Southwestern Hwy \$32,000
 17301 Somer \$70,000

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 27 to Oct. 1, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills
 16017 Birchwood Ave \$195,000
 20025 Carriage Ln \$210,000

Birmingham
 1427 Fairfax St \$425,000
 2148 Pembroke Rd \$155,000
 662 Purdy St \$150,000
 579 Wallace St \$225,000

Bloomfield Hills
 654 Rudgate Rd \$462,000

Bloomfield Township
 1045 N Old Woodward Ave \$100,000
 665 Pleasant St \$860,000
 1387 Smith Ave \$283,000

828 Ardmore Dr \$730,000
 2653 Berry Dr \$175,000
 1391 Cedar Dr \$310,000
 161 Dourdan \$625,000
 485 Fox Hills Dr N \$157,000
 579 Fox Hills Dr N \$65,000
 488 Fox Hills Dr S \$33,000
 3840 Lakecrest Dr \$265,000
 1991 Lakeview Dr \$95,000
 3635 Lombard Dr \$950,000
 1039 N Cranbrook Rd \$565,000
 1856 Pine Ridge Ln \$260,000
 1471 W Long Lake Rd \$214,000
 4558 Wabek Forest Dr \$412,000
 4566 Waldea Dr \$276,000
 1286 Winchcombe Dr \$117,000

Commerce Township
 1765 Fenwick Dr \$316,000
 1656 Huron Springs Ln \$287,000
 8385 Tarraron Dr \$291,000

Farmington
 33617 Slate St \$130,000
 23617 Warner St \$154,000

Farmington Hills
 36917 Aldgate Ct \$298,000
 29975 Barwell Rd \$180,000
 36860 Eka Ct \$258,000
 30170 Fiddlers Grn \$185,000
 30219 Fink Ave \$85,000
 28155 Greening St \$192,000
 28400 Hawberry Rd \$189,000
 32462 Heathstone Rd \$169,000
 30179 Knighthood St \$255,000
 24565 Orchard Lake Rd \$100,000
 30273 Shawassee Rd \$111,000
 30109 Shawassee Rd \$18,000
 28084 Thorny Brae Ct \$140,000
 24704 Todd Ln \$198,000

Franklin
 26480 Irving Rd \$375,000

Lathrup Village
 27912 California Dr NE \$135,000

Milford
 517 Florence Ct \$260,000
 659 Heritage Dr \$220,000
 523 Olivia Dr \$281,000
 1830 Pinewood \$203,000

Novi
 43000 12 Oaks Crescent Dr \$108,000
 22079 Barclay Ct \$429,000
 47960 Barclay Dr \$267,000
 28254 Carlton Way Dr \$100,000
 24376 Cavendish Ave W \$367,000
 41414 Clinton Dr \$447,000
 41414 Clinton Dr \$109,000
 41414 Clinton Dr \$105,000
 26971 Fieldstone Dr \$233,000
 41574 Hamlet Ln \$112,000
 45535 Irvine Dr \$325,000
 22060 Perth Ct \$325,000
 24730 Sarah Flynn \$200,000
 41649 Sleepy Hollow Dr \$159,000
 49720 Timber Trl \$640,000

Westland
 39842 Village Wood Cr \$30,000
 28358 Wolcott Dr \$88,000

South Lyon
 25625 Coach Ln \$40,000
 54305 Villagewood Dr \$30,000

Southfield
 29720 Aberdeen Ln \$99,000
 18645 Bainbridge Dr \$175,000
 20288 Boardwalk Blvd \$62,000
 29609 Breakwater Dr \$40,000
 25560 Filmore Pl \$80,000
 29470 Marimoor Dr \$132,000
 18435 Melrose Ave \$46,000
 20035 N Greenway St \$145,000
 16400 N Park Dr \$26,000
 29490 Northbrook Ct \$82,000
 29200 Shandale St \$92,000
 21335 Wallace Dr \$100,000

White Lake
 9066 Glasgow Ct W \$163,000
 1776 S Williams Lake Rd \$15,000

Novi
 45000 Bayview Dr \$60,000
 22492 Brookforest \$191,000
 41522 Brookforest Ave \$430,000
 50865 Calvert Isle Dr \$482,000
 50679 Chesapeake Dr \$753,000
 27570 Crownwell Rd \$45,000
 25630 Gena Ct \$324,000
 41523 Island Lake Dr \$140,000
 47585 Kenilworth Ln \$178,000
 22272 Pondview \$54,000
 22747 Shadowpine Way \$103,000
 40476 Village Oaks \$165,000

South Lyon
 777 Brick Ln \$170,000
 754 Challenging Trl \$107,000
 873 Challenging Trl \$148,000

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 8722 August Ave \$90,000
 163 Carson Dr \$65,000
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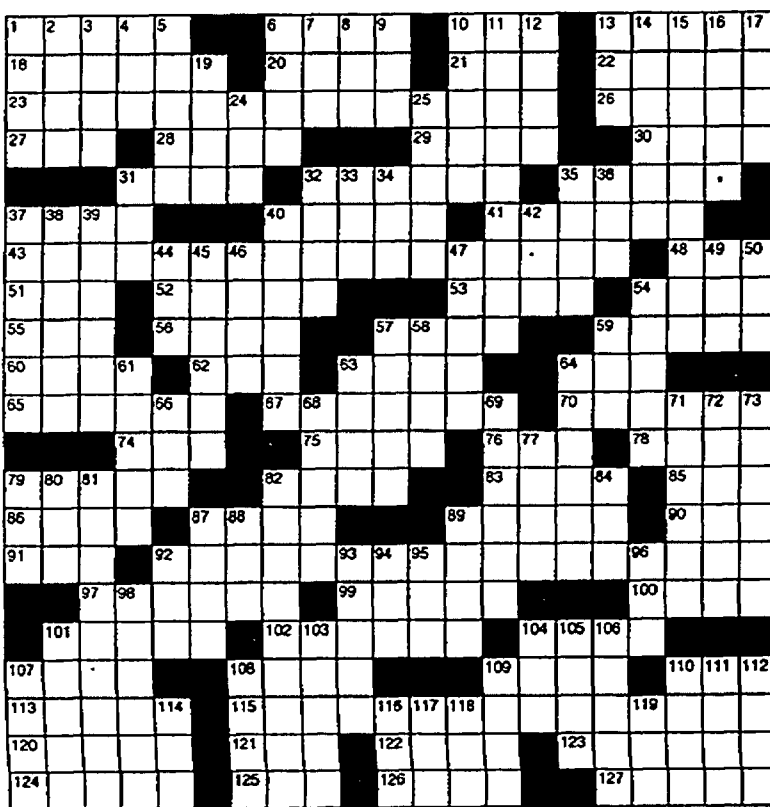
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ACROSS
1. Tasty treat
6. Zoom
10. Likely
13. Send the money
18. Novelist
20. In the thick of
21. Med test
22. Leave out
23. Injudicious
26. Williams of "Happy Days"
27. Crank's comment
28. Facitate a felony
29. "I'm homo"
31. Literary lioness
32. Couch kin
35. Mobile homes
37. Leading man
40. One of twelve
41. Musical key
43. Argumentative
48. "The Raven" monogram
51. Cookbook phrase
52. Pan-fry
53. Dynamic

DOWN
1. Window part
2. Director
3. Desire
4. Slalom curve

start
54. Shade of green
55. Spigot
56. The
57. Trudge
59. Teach on the side
60. He gave us a lift
62. Homeric character
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10 Things Smart Job Seekers Do

Beth Braccio Hering, Special to CareerBuilder

What separates the smart job seeker from others looking for employment? Oftentimes, it is one of these 10 things:

1. They realize a potential job lead could be anywhere.

Smart job seekers aren't afraid to mention occupational aspirations to their book club, their parents' friends or their dentist. (One never knows whose golf partner might be the ticket to getting a foot in the door.) Caroline Ceniza-Levine, a partner at SixFigureStart -- a career coaching firm in New York City comprised of former Fortune 500 recruiters -- recommends putting your LinkedIn public profile hyperlink in your automatic e-mail signature. "This is an elegant way to attach your résumé to every correspondence you send. Even friends who think they know you may click through to your profile, learn more about you and perhaps think of you for a job or lead that they might have overlooked."

2. They surf job boards for more than just open positions.

Ceniza-Levine calls job boards "goldmines" for research. "You might see companies you didn't know before -- add these to your list of targets. You might see the same requirements again and again -- this indicates a standard for the job you want, so incorporate these items into your pitch and cover letters."

3. They put adequate time and effort into their applications.

"Spend time to make your résumé the best possible written advertisement of you," says Lisa Quast, author of "Your Career, Your Way!" and founder of Career Woman Inc., a Seattle-based career development consulting company. "Analyze the job requirements against your own skills and abilities, and customize your cover letter."

Obviously, all correspondence should be free of errors and typos. And before sending off the application packet, look at the job posting one last time to ensure all desired material is included.

4. They do their homework.

It seems logical to smart applicants to know something about potential employers. From Googling a company to checking out its financial statements, they learn what they can -- and use the info to enhance their correspondence.

5. They know employers do their homework, too.

"According to [a 2010] Coremetrics [study], 75 percent of companies require recruiters to research job applicants online, so you'll want to be sure you know what they'll find," states Sherrie Madia, co-author of "The Online Job Search Survival

Guide." Besides thinking twice about what you choose to post, she suggests doing a Google search on your name. If you find something undesirable, try to have it removed.

6. They make their value known quickly.

"An employer gives each résumé about a three-second window of time

before he decides to either 'delete' or read further," says Patrice Rice, author of "How to Interview" and president of the recruiting firm Patrice & Associates in Dunkirk, Md. A smart applicant answers the "What can you do for me?" question right off the bat with a summary

of strongest accomplishments at the résumé's top.

7. They look and act like a professional.

Simple but effective: A smart applicant arrives on time, dresses appropriately, both talks and listens, displays confidence and minds his manners.

8. They show that they want this job.

Smart job seekers are not "tire kickers." They focus on the needs of the employer and demonstrate how they are perfect for this particular

position.

"Show enthusiasm during the job interview," says Rice. "Always make certain that the company you're interviewing with feels as if it is your first choice, no matter what other companies are involved in your job search."

9. They don't get ahead of themselves.

As much as she may be dying to know about promotions, raises and vacation time, a smart candidate doesn't jump the gun and tackle these issues during the first interview. She focuses on landing the position, then on whether the package is suitable.

10. They ask for the position, follow up and thank.

"As strange as it sounds, you need to ask for the job," says Catherine Jewell, author of "New Résumé New Career: Get the Job You Want with the Skills and Experience You Already Have." "At the end of the interview, sum up your strengths, tell the interviewer that you are excited about the position and say, 'I would really like to contribute to this company. I am hoping you select me.'"

Then, a smart interviewee keeps his name in the game with a follow-up note reiterating interest and offering thanks -- knowing that a great last impression can seal the deal!

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Don't look now, but U.S. automakers may be counting on a stronger-than-expected finish to 2010 to launch a stronger-than-hoped-for beginning to the new year.

Industry-wide U.S. sales reached about 11.5 million units, up 11 percent from 2009 sales of about 10.4 million units.

That final tally was about what auto executives were predicting throughout 2010. But their confidence grew during a particularly robust fourth quarter, when the seasonally adjusted annual sales rate (SAAR) actually exceeded 12 million units in each month.

This means that the American auto market finished on its strongest sustained note of the year and, in their view, presaged continued increases in the first quarter of 2011 and for the rest of the new year, according to Edmunds.com.

"Ninety days ago, the industry pace was moving at a very modest rate," said George Pipas, Ford's head of U.S. industry analysis. "Asked to comment then, we said it would be appropriate to assume another modest increase for the fourth quarter, in line with the increase in previous quarters. Nnnnh - the SAAR went up a

million units."

By contrast, Pipas said, increases in the SAAR for the previous quarters of 2010 were only about 200,000 to 300,000 units for each period. The bottom line was that fourth-quarter sales indicated a huge pickup in demand beyond the trend lines observed earlier in the year.

Overall, the double-digit sales increase for 2010 was the result of several positive factors: a slowly firming general recovery in the U.S. economy; the return to viability of General Motors and Chrysler; strong and steady increases in demand especially for pickup trucks and SUVs; improved commercial-fleet sales; and strong new-product offerings across the board that made available an array of vehicles with much better fuel economy, quality and affordability than even just a couple of years ago.

Incentive spending that at times was aggressive and at other times judicious also boosted 2010 results.

The question now, of course, is whether the industry can maintain and build significantly on the solid performance of the fourth quarter. The consensus forecast for 2011 sales began this year at 12.5 million to 13 million units, which would comprise another increase of



The Ford Fusion was a strong seller in a great 2010 for the company.

around 10 percent or so from 2010.

Don Johnson, General Motors' vice president of U.S. sales operations, said that the company's "outlook is quite optimistic." In fact, at 13 million to 13.5 million units, GM's prediction of full-year 2011 sales is on the very high end of industry forecasts.

Industry executives and economists cited several major reasons for their belief that the general economy and specific industry dynamics would support even further growth in 2011.

They included recent improvements in U.S. unemployment claims, manufacturing activity, capital-goods orders, Christmas-holiday sales, bank-credit availability and pending home sales. The tax package just passed by Congress also could boost growth, especially in the auto industry, because it includes new incentives for capital-equipment spending, including new vehicles, said Ellen Hughes-Cromwick, Ford's chief economist.

"Even the strength in auto sales last month is a good leading indicator for the economy," she said.

Several executives also cited optimistically the manifestation of

The brand new Jeep Grand Cherokee helped Chrysler gain momentum as 2010 ended.



more of the "pent-up demand" among American consumers that they have been touting for several months now. The average age of autos on U.S. roads is now more than 10 years, the highest number in 13 years, meaning that replacement will be more necessary. And the Generation Y population - the biggest demographic cohort since the baby boomers - is just entering its family-formation years.

However, the industry's immediate good cheer must be tempered somewhat by at least a few persistent realities.

For one thing, the improvement in 2010 performance came off an extremely low nadir - the worst collapse of the American market through the Great Depression. Since the mid-part of the last decade, many in the business came to consider 16-million-unit years a sort of normality.

"The only caveat," said Jessica Caldwell, senior U.S. industry analyst for Edmunds.com, "is that 2010 was the second-lowest sales year we've seen since the early Eighties. It's encouraging news, but we have to ground ourselves in the reality of what was considered normal before the downturn."

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