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Tipping Point's latest

Tipping Point Theatre announced the third show of its All America Season - PROOF, by David Auburn. Set in Chicago, this winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for drama and Tony Award for best play, tells the story of Catherine, the daughter of mentally ill Robert, a recently deceased mathematical genius. She has put her life on hold to take care of him and finds herself lost and questioning her own sanity.

It is directed by Suzi Regan and stars Hugh Maguire, Kate Peckham, Chris Korte and Kelly Komlen.

The show opens Feb. 3 and runs through March 5 at the theater, 361 E. Cady Street, in Northville.

The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets, from \$26 to \$30, are on sale now and available by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003.

Food assistance

Plymouth and Northville will be participating in "The Emergency Food Assistance Program" (TEFAP), which is a supplemental food program for all income-eligible Wayne county residents.

Distributions will be the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m.-noon at St. Kenneth Catholic Church (14951 North Haggerty Road), with the first distribution scheduled for March 17. All recipients must be pre-registered to become certified for eligibility (meeting both income and residency requirements) before being able to receive food on distribution days.

Recipients who are not currently on any governmental program (Food Stamps, ADC and General Assistance) will need to provide documentation such as birth certificates or social security cards, proof of income and residence and proof of the number of household members. Bridge Card holders will automatically be qualified to participate but must still register.

For more information and registration, please contact the Plymouth Community United Way office at (734) 453-6879 ext. 2.



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40-years' service - Northville Post Office carrier Fred Muller, center, poses with other longtime employees Jerry Detter, left (38 years), and Jim Wright (also 38 years).

Northville postal carrier retires after 40 years on job



Northville postal carrier Fred Mueller heads to his truck on a Tuesday morning. Mueller was with the post office for 40 years and just retired last week.

Enjoyed work, people on route

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Fred Mueller, 59, started with the Northville Post Office at age 21 back in October 1973.

Last week, he celebrated his retirement after 40 years and three months as a postal carrier.

He was drafted and served two years in the U.S. Army in February 1971 and went to Germany.

"I was living with my mom, and a good friend of ours was a personnel director in Ann Arbor," Mueller said. "She told my mom and dad, 'You know, Fred should get a job at the post office.'"

He had a good job working in a warehouse. But, he took the Civil Service Exam anyway, went to Ann Arbor for his road test, interviewed for a good hour and a half, and started at the Northville

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Twp. gets new trash, recycling program

Will help contain future costs

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

It may not be the most exciting topic to talk about, but Northville Township is revamping its solid waste collection program and saving money.

The new program will involve trash, compost and recycling, with changes beginning the week of Feb. 20.

"The new program will keep Northville Township cleaner, promote more recycling, reduce litter, odor and pest issues, and help contain costs for trash and recycling in the future," said Don Weaver, director, public services. The township will save more than \$2 million by purchasing the new carts themselves rather than having them provided by collection company. It will cost the township about \$780,000 to buy the trash carts. The cost would have been about \$2.8 million if contractors would have provided the carts.

The current trash service in the township is Allied Waste System of Wayne, and the new service provider will be Duncan Disposal Systems of South Lyon. Under a

seven-year contract, the company will use an automated pickup of trash and recyclable materials at curbside that requires the use of wheeled containers (carts) with hinged lids. Residents will have to use these carts to receive service.

The carts will be delivered to homes in the next few weeks. Residents are asked to continue to use their own containers and trash bags before Feb. 20.

Other collection companies that submitted bids on the contract were Waste Management of Wixom, Allied, and

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First Friday to provide winter fun for Northville artists, shoppers

Several events will be going on at once

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Tomorrow will be the February First Friday Art & Fashion Walk, with the Art House opening its fifth annual Member Exhibition.

The exhibit will kick off with an artists' reception with complimentary snacks and beverages from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow and run

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"Squirrel" by Paula Buran

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'Scream 4' crew shooting two more days in downtown Northville

Stepping up pace with storm

By Pam Fleming
Staff Writer

Some members of the cast and crew of horror-movie director Wes Craven's "Scream 4" was back in Northville this week to shoot some last-minute footage on Clement Street. The movie, starring Courteney Cox, Neve Campbell and David Arquette, is scheduled to be released in April.

Michelle Nabozny, Northville city manager's office, said, "There's not a whole lot going on. They are doing two days of about 14 hours each filming all interior shots. They're working from 4 p.m. to 6 a.m. But, they are trying to wrap up a little early to get ahead of this blizzard that's headed our way."

The local weather service is reporting 10-15 inches of snow after 7 p.m. Tuesday night, with another 3-5 inches expected on Wednesday.

Nabozny said several actresses from the movie are on the set.

"They are doing additional filming of some terror and suspense scenes for the opening of the movie," she said. "The movie itself is done. They just decided to go back and do some additional pieces for the beginning to add a special touch. So, that's what they are working on right now."

Nabozny said this is a much smaller crew than what was in Northville last summer and fall, and that they are well aware about the impending storm headed our way.

"They said they've got their trucks ready to go and will be on their way before the snow gets really deep," Nabozny said. "They're going to try to wrap up and get out about 1 or 2 a.m. tomorrow," she said Tuesday.

Nabozny said she's received a lot of calls from local residents about the additional filming.

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They're at it again. Crews are shooting scenes for the Movie "Scream 4" along Clement Street in Northville — as generator lights and support trucks attest.

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Changing lives

Novi trainer uses life experiences to help others

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The temptation never goes away for Jimi Varner. Not even after taunts of "fat boy" forced him to re-evaluate his life and lose weight. Not even after being a professional wrestler and having to be in extreme physical shape. Not even after obtaining 3.5 percent body fat and winning several fitness competitions. And not even after working with clients who look much like he did and face similar challenges.

Varner, a personal trainer at the Sports Club of Novi, will always face temptation when it comes to eating and exercising — he even pulled into the McDonald's drive-through the other day but got out of line because the wait was so long he talked himself out of eating it — but he has fought the battle long enough to know how to not let it win.

"It has to become a habit and a lifestyle," he said. "My parents said I was either going to join the Army or work at Ford putting bumpers on cars. But I wanted (to become a personal trainer) and believed I could do it."

"I knew anything was possible with hard work."

And even after achieving his goals, and setting new ones, Varner still hasn't slowed. He is up at 3 a.m. studying trends in the industry and is at the gym at 5 a.m. waiting for the employee with keys to open the doors.

It's a far cry from the man he was in his 20s, whose Italian family told him he was destined to be big because they said "we just eat and that is what we do."

THE BEGINNING

A New Year's Eve party Varner attended while he was in his mid-20s spurred the change. He weighed 215 pounds at the time and had a 42-inch waist. When



(Before) Jayson Torres, with daughter Samantha, knew he had to make a change in his life after his eating and exercise habits "got away" from him. He started working out with Sports Club of Novi trainer Jimi Varner in 2007.



(After) Jayson Torres, with daughter Samantha, enjoys his new body and the beach in Mexico in 2010, three years after starting to work out with Sports Club of Novi trainer Jimi Varner.

someone ordered a pizza later in the night, Varner overheard someone say they needed to hide it from "fat boy." He was "fat boy."

"I just started making better choices," he said, explain he cut down on portion sizes and ate healthier foods.

In nine months, he had lost nearly 60 pounds and was gaining confidence.

That confidence — and the fact he was tired of working dead-end jobs — led him travel to Lima, Ohio, with a friend to try out to become a professional wrestler.

Former World Wrestling Entertainment wrestler Al Snow was running the gym, and of the 60 people who tried out, six made the final cut. Varner was one of them, and "Jimi V The Comeback Kid" was born.

"It was one of the hardest things I ever did but one of the most rewarding, too," he said

Varner, now 37 and living in Livonia, said it was during his time as a wrestler that he learned the most about diet and exercise, but it was also when he found his calling.

The preparation was what kept Varner wrestling, not the sport itself, and after suffering several injuries and facing the temptation to use steroids he knew he had to stop.

Said Varner: "Something said to me you have to get out before you are dead at 30. And I knew I couldn't look a kid in the eyes and tell him not to do drugs if I did it."

THE JOURNEY

When Varner made the decision to step out of the ring and into the classroom, he knew he was ready for the commitment it would take.

He attended classes at Henry Ford Community College and Wayne State University, and is



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Sports Club of Novi trainer Jimi Varner, right, gives some tips to Jamie Reynolds during a Jan. 21 workout session.

now a ACE-certified personal trainer and lifestyle and weight management consultant.

In 2000 when he was looking for his first job, Varner stumbled across the Sports Club of Novi by accident. He was looking for a Lifetime Fitness in the area, but got lost, and with one resume left handed it to the staff before walking out.

He was called back as he was leaving and hired shortly after. "I had a gut feeling I was in the right place," he said.

It will be 11 years in February, and Varner has no plans to leave. "I've fallen in love with the community and I work with some amazing talent," he said.

"There is something to be said about stability."

CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Throughout Varner's 11 years, he has worked with hundreds of clients ranging from professional athletes such as current NHL player Shawn Horcoff and former NBA player Ira Newble to the average person looking to lose weight or get fit.

And while he takes every client's success personally, the process is usually kept between the two of them.

That is until when Varner became the trainer for Detroit Catholic Central graduate Mike Morelli on the NBC reality show "The Biggest Loser."

Morelli worked out daily with Varner at the Sports Club and

his transformation took place before a national television audience. Morelli finished second in his season, losing 207 pounds, and has continued to keep the weight off.

Two years after helping Morelli, Varner is back in the national spotlight as a trainer on the MTV show "I Used To Be Fat."

The show is a documentary about teenagers who are trying to lose weight before college, and Varner's goal was to help a girl named Kirsten change her attitude and eating habits to make that happen in three months.

His episode with Kirsten is expected to air on MTV at 10 p.m. on Feb. 9.

Varner said it has been "very humbling" to be picked for the shows, but also feels the pressure to perform.

"I realize there is a lot more at stake for me if they do not get a result," he said.

THE PLAN FOR SUCCESS

Varner, who also has authored several books regarding weight loss and exercise, has a simple credo for people — "start today with what you know."

It was a model that worked for Jayson Torres, a tennis pro at the Sports Club and one of Varner's clients.

Torres said he has lost more than 30 pounds working with Varner, and attributes that to his ability to motivate him and the

style of training Varner employs. He believes in something called "metacardio," which is a metabolism-raising workout that combines both cardio and weights into one workout.

"He has a ton of clients and the biggest thing I notice is I feel like I'm his only one," he said, noting that what he has learned he has passed on to his family. "It's not anything crazy, but he helps you with the whole package, how to eat and how to mix up your workout."

Mark Romney, a Northville resident, has lost nearly 40 pounds since starting to work with Varner in September. He said he has been with other trainers, but none like him.

"He took the time to talk with me and see what my pitfalls were and what my needs were," he said. "And then he put together a program to help me lose my weight quickly and in such a way that I will not gain it back right away."

If Varner needs to be can always dip into arsenal and pull out his own story as well.

"I understand the psychology of a fat person because I was there and that equips me to deal with someone going through this," he said.

And is also helps him deal with his own struggles — because the temptation is always there.

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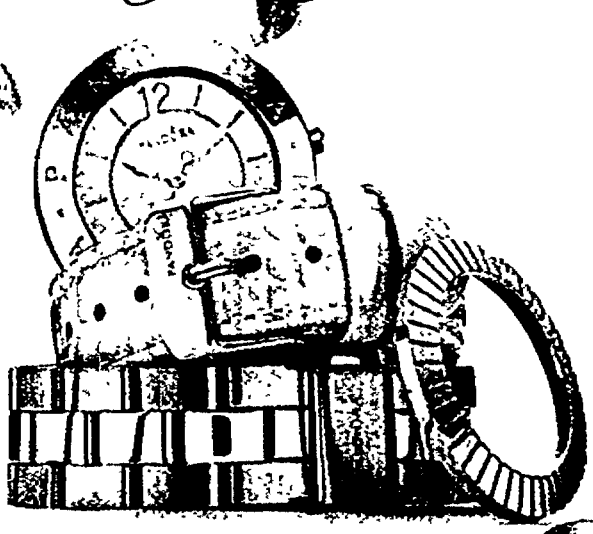
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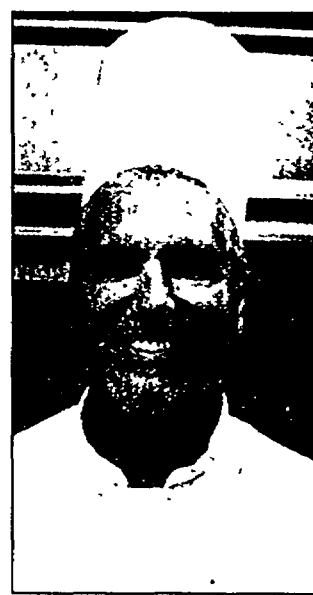
Wynwood Northville chef wins regional Ultimate Chef honor

Chosen from more than 117 eligible regional chefs within 112 Brookdale Senior Living communities locally, Chef Richard Lamoureux of Wynwood Northville, a Brookdale Senior Living assisted living community, has earned the regional culinary honor of 2010 for participating in Ultimate Chef America.

Throughout 2010, the culinary professionals of Brookdale Senior Living put on a year-long series of first-class cooking competitions nationwide from Phoenix to Jacksonville, Fla. with stops along the way in Dallas, Denver, Detroit and Atlanta. At each event, two teams of senior living chefs had two hours to produce four courses with the theme of healthy cooking, using only a grill.

Dishes prepared by the chefs were judged on-site by a panel of five celebrity judges headed by Leeza Gibbons and a Brookdale resident with a culinary background. The teams won awards for taste, creativity and presentation. In addition, each individual chef was awarded points on his or her dish.

Each event showcased the talents of Brookdale's professional chefs, who created dishes that were not only flavorful and unique, but were made especially for less sensitive senior palates. Lamoureux's team, The Culinary Cruisers, won "Best Creativity" and "Best Presentation" when they prepared a red cabbage and avocado with raspberry vinaigrette as the starter, an orange ginger grilled salmon with peach salsa as the entrée, a chipotle spiced quinoa grilled white and green asparagus as the side, and a poppy seed crepe with yogurt sauce and a balsamic vinegar reduction as the dessert. Lamoureux's winning entree was the grilled salmon with



Chef Richard Lamoureux of Wynwood Northville

peach salsa. Lamoureux began his career in 1977 while serving in the U.S. Navy, where he was the Captain's personal chef. Afterward, he worked as a sous chef at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn and then as executive chef for Sport Services in Buffalo, N.Y. He returned to his home state of Michigan and became assistant Dining Services director and production manager for local hospitals operated by Marriott Health Systems. Later he was food services director for Presbyterian Village senior living before joining Brookdale.

"Cooking for seniors requires special training and expertise because the sensitivity of taste buds and palates change with age, so the flavors have to be bolder and richer and the textures of foods need to be more 'senior friendly' as well," said Joska Hajdu, Brookdale's senior vice president of Dining Services and an executive chef by trade. "That's one reason why the participating chefs

and their creations are special; they are created with passion and an intensity that surpasses food served in other venues."

Ultimate Chef America, however, was much more than a professional cooking competition. Each event was a celebration of great food and life fulfillment. In each of the six locations, residents and guests were in the audience for live talk shows with celebrity judges and senior health and culinary experts that were streamed over the Internet and broadcast to other Brookdale communities. The competition also featured seminars on food, wine and seasonings, presented by experts on each topic. There were also guided tours of the host community; a silent auction benefiting the Leeza Gibbons Memory Foundation and its signature program Leeza's Place, "A Place for Caregivers," a community gathering place and resource center for family caregivers impacted by chronic or progressive illness; and a business expo highlighting the event's sponsors, including Nestle Vitality, Nestle Professional, Advanced Foods, Walgreens, Tyson Foods, Royal Cup, Fidelity Print, Ecolab, SCA and Entegra.

The six events have welcomed, entertained and served almost 5,000 guests. The silent auctions conducted at the events have raised more than \$100,000 to support the work of the Leeza Gibbons Memory Foundation and \$16,000 to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

"Ultimate Chef America also gave our residents and those considering a move to a Brookdale community a first-hand experience with our concept for living, Optimum Life," said Sara Terry, vice president of Optimum Life for Brookdale Senior Living.

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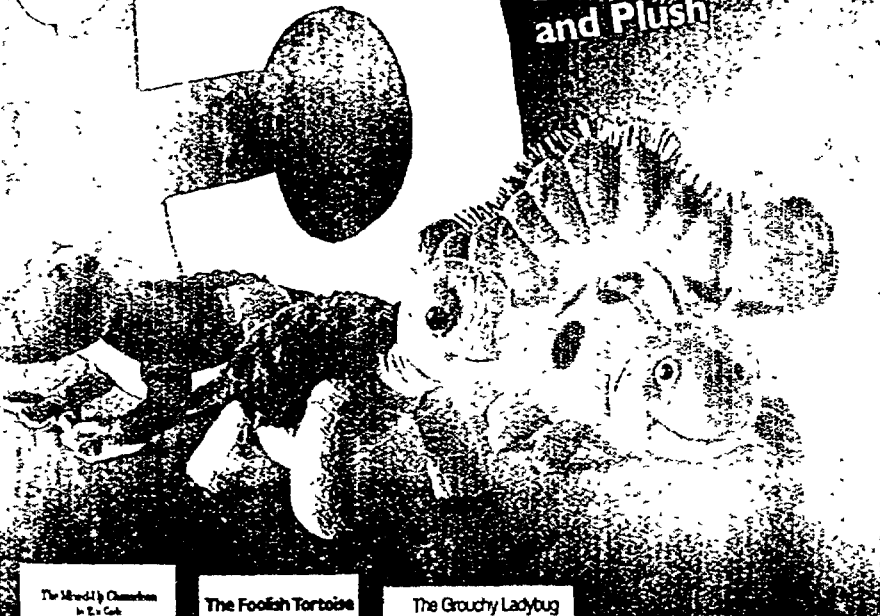
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ON CAMPUS

Savannah College of Art and Design

Meaghan Keiffer of Northville recently graduated with a bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design.

University of Madison-Wisconsin

Northville's Robert Warren Turner, College of Letters and Science, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2010-2011 academic year. Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean of their school or college at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the honor.

Reflections at Ridge Wood

The theme of the PTA Reflections art program at Ridge Wood Elementary was "Together We Can." The following students should be congratulated as their entries will move on to the State Competition: Photography -- Cameron Mailley, Emily Makowski, Molly Kovtun and Jonathon Barringer; Visual Arts -- Tanya Karwande, Hana Rababeh, Tara Rahmani & Hana Koilpillai; Film -- Ariana Khan and Kady Rasmussen; and Dance -- Alisa Zhavoronkova; Music -- Ariana Khan and Clara Crabb.



COURTESY

Reflections winners

Pictured are the 2010-2011 Northville High School Reflections contest winners. Literature: first place, Nirmita Palakodaty, Untitled; second place, Dawson Laabs, Life's Objective; third place, Michelle Helner, With You; fourth place, Andrew Schanne, Giving Back; Honorable Mention, Arati Gangadharan, Together; Honorable Mention, Erin Dunne, Both of Us Together. Visual Arts: first place, Jessica Woodard, Together We Can Make Music; second place, Sonia Prabhu, Together We Can Be Spontaneous; third place, Andrew Fuller, Self-Portrait 4; fourth place, Margaret Haberstroh, Anything Together; Honorable Mention, Rachael Childs, Better Together. Photography: first place, Conrad Mahr, Leap of Faith; second place, Gray Brakke, Helplessness; third place, Kathleen Turner, Living Freely; fourth place, Ashley Marcangelo, Make Music; Honorable Mention, Jessica Dilworth, Sisters Forever; Honorable Mention, Danielle Winiarski, Free Falling. Video Production: first place, Chandler Candela, Together We Can Invade Canada. Music Composition: first place, Annelie Herrmann, Together We Can. Next year's theme will be "Diversity Means..."

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Northville now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2011

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2011. If you have a child who will be five years of age on or before Dec. 1, 2011, please contact your local elementary school for kindergarten enrollment information. The Northville Public Schools Kindergarten sessions are half-day programs, offered in the morning or afternoon. School phone numbers are as follows:

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Wondergarten

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

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

Program request forms are available on the district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood beginning March 4. The enrollment period is March 4-17, 2011. Please contact the Early Childhood Education office at (248) 344-8465 if you have any questions or concerns. Specific offerings are dependent on enrollment; space is limited.

A Curriculum Night for Early Childhood Education is scheduled for Thursday, March 3 at the Northville Senior Community Center. Call the Early Childhood Education office at (248) 344-8465 to register.

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".

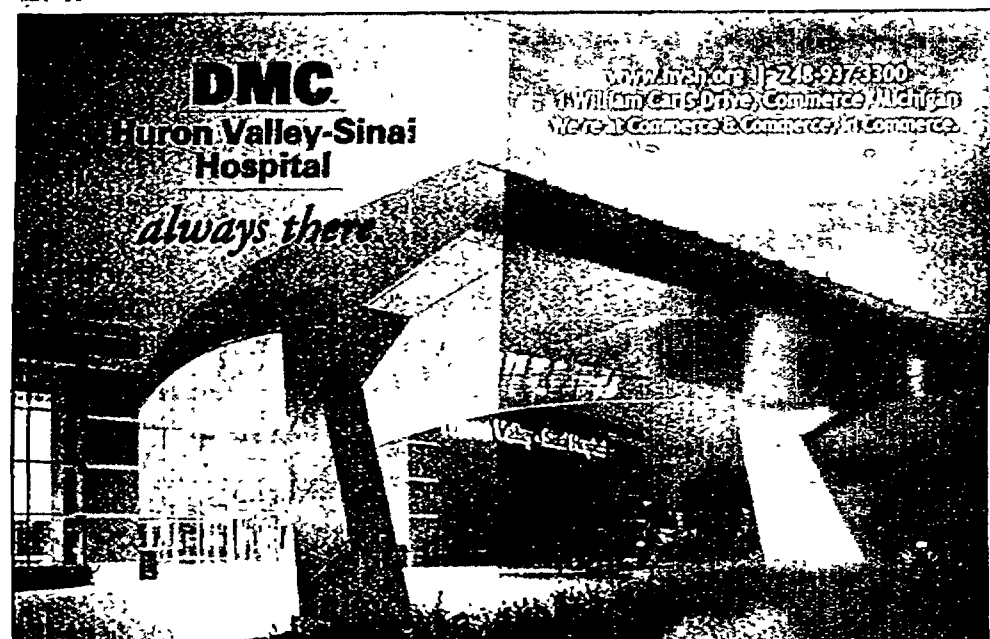
Parents, you can help make this evening a special one to remember by volunteering your time, many types of opportunities are available.

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.



Care Is Critical.

Illness comes when you least expect it. It takes precedence over the decor of the hospital, or the menu. That's why doctors like Gary Hollander, D.O., one of America's finest Internists, loves DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital. As a DMC hospital, Huron Valley-Sinai is part of one of the nation's leading academic health systems. So Dr. Hollander knows his patients will get the very best medical care.

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~ Gary Hollander, D.O.

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Get rid of that snow the correct way

This winter, incorrect shoveling will cause unnecessary pain and injury to the low back, neck and shoulders to many Northville residents. Most of these injuries can be prevented. There are many other causes of shoveling pain and injury such as twisting and bending from the waist and overall extension of the body. To avoid back and neck pain this winter, please follow these snow shoveling safety tips:

- Do not shovel if you have had a serious spinal, lung, or cardiovascular condition.
- Do warm up exercises such as knee bends (25 reps/3 sets) and shoulder rotations doing big and small circles.
- Dress for the weather. Try to wear a long coat to protect the low back muscles from the

cold air.

- Always try to stand straight and bend from the knees. Do not bend from the waist and always handle small to moderate loads.
- Push rather than lift the snow and toss the snow close by rather than twisting and throwing.
- Try to use arms, legs, feet and thighs in a smooth, coordinating motion to throw the snow.
- Change grip and stance often to avoid overusing the stronger side of your body.
- Pace yourself, don't overextend and rest frequently.
- Don't shovel in extremely frigid weather. The heart handles a large load while shovel-

ing. Exertion and frigid air causes a burden on the cardiovascular system. This can lead to a heart attack.

- If your health is a risk factor, don't take a chance. Ask a neighborhood youngster for help.
- What should you do if you slip and fall:
 - If you are on the ground with someone, have that person call EMS.
 - If nothing is broken get to your spinal care physician (to check for whiplash or any misalignment's in the spine).
 - Get an extensive spinal examination from head to tail from a Chiropractic Physician.
 - Ice for 20 minutes on affected area and off for one hour - repeat this sequence 3-5 time in

a day.

- Do not move, stretch, or exercise affected areas.
- Do not put heat on affected areas. This will increase inflammation and pain.
- Elevate any affected limb especially if swollen.
- Do not wait to get an examination.
- Get an examination even if you have no pain. Symptoms are the last sign of damage to the body.

This material is brought to you by Dr. Stopa at Main Street Family Chiropractic Center, P.C. at 109 W. Main Street in Downtown Northville. For questions, please call (248) 735-9800.

NHS Fashion Show to help Northville Civic Concern

Tickets only
\$5 at door

Northville High school will be the site of the Rotary Interact Benefit Fashion Show on Feb. 11. Proceeds from the event will go to Northville Civic Concern, a local non-profit food bank and charitable organization on Seven Mile Road. The show will start at 7 p.m. in the Northville High School Auditorium. "The fashion show is sponsored by Northville High School's community service club, Rotary Interact," said student Lia Busse. "The show will include Northville High School student models and live performances, including the local band Good Luck Varsity."

The tuxedos for the fashion show are from Sam Michael's Menswear in Farmington Hills. The girls' gowns and dresses are from David's Bridal in Novi. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

For more information, call Northville High School at (248) 344-8420.



NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ROTARY INTERACT

Northville High School students Keegan Reed and Janine Kjolhede rehearse for the Rotary Interact Fashion Show slated for 7 p.m. Feb. 11 in the high school auditorium.

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RUTH BAXTER

93, passed away on January 18, 2011 after a prolonged illness. She was the wife of Joseph Baxter (deceased) and loving mother to Michael (Marilyn) of Laurel, Maryland, Jan (Judy) of Charlotte, MI and Mary Fuelling (Dennis) of Canton, MI. She had 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great, great-grandchildren. She was devoted to her family and they are comforted knowing she is with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Remembrances can be made in her name to 3for5.org.

ROBERT (BOB) OMAR CARTER

84, of South Lyon, Michigan left this world to claim his place in heaven on Friday, January 28, 2011. He was born September 13, 1926 in Whitmore Lake, MI to the late Fred C. and Ada N. (Nash) Carter. Bob retired from Hoover NSK as a machine set-up engineer. Bob was preceded in death by Darlene, his best friend and loving wife of 58 years, his brother Lewis and sisters Evelyn and Betty. His children survive him: Bruce (Bruce) Westbrook of Hartland, Sandie (Art) Koch of South Lyon, John (Sheri) of South Lyon, Darlene (Dennis) Swaney of Brighton, Donald of South Lyon, 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. A Celebration of Bob's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., February 7, 2011 at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon. Reverend Sondra Willobee will officiate. Visitation will be held Saturday, February 5, 6-9 p.m. and Sunday, February 6, 2-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society, The American Diabetes Association or Bennett's Beavers.



BEA MARIE DE YOUNG

Of Grand Rapids passed away peacefully into heaven January 28, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her devoted husband, Gary De Young of Grand Rapids; children, Nancy Hughes (Victor) of Cabot, AR, Ronnell De Young of Green Valley, AZ, Robin Klawson (John) of Milford, MI, Gary De Young (Vickey) of Rochester Hills, MI; grandson, Alexander De Young; sister, Maxine Horigan; brother, Joe Cooper (Dorothy); sister in law, Maureen McKay. She was preceded in death by her beautiful granddaughter, Adrianna Klawson. Bea spent many years as a successful business professional in Grand Rapids. She was one of the first women to enter into the field of real estate in the city. She was also an experienced and respected antique appraiser and dealer. She may be best known for her business, Bea's Estate Sales Service, which held prestigious estate sales for many years. She enjoyed spending time with her family and cherished her grandchildren. Her loving, generous and compassionate spirit was a gift to her family and friends. The vibrant and dynamic presence she possessed will be missed by all whose lives she touched. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. Rev. Dayton Gnaou officiated. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery.

For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

ALICE "SHARON" FEARER

Age 74, Whitmore Lake, 1/27/2011. Mother of Cheryl (Leroy) Cavins, Michael (Bonnie), Mark (Melissa), & Steve (Kelly). Sister of Bud VanSickle & Lucinda Lupi. Private services will be held. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc 248-349-0611



POWELL J. KINGSLEY, SR.

Passed on to the Lord on January 24, 2011 from complications after a long illness. Born on December 10, 1942 in Toledo, OH., Powell leaves behind his loving wife, Polly, loving daughters, Kelly (Ray) Hooton, Mindy (William) Tehero (Michigan), sons, David (Rachael) of Georgia, Powell J. Jr. (Brenda) of Michigan. Loving granddaughters are, Heather N. Kingsley, Hannah Rae, Lauren, and Jeff Hooton (Michigan). Celebration of life services were held at Highland United Methodist Church on January 26, 2011, with Pastor James Kummer officiating. Those wishing donation suggestions may be in the form of a check to the HUMC Legacy 2 Building fund in memory of Powell J. Kingsley, or to Polly Kingsley to aid with long term illness expenses, P.O. Box 273, Hartland, MI., 48353. We thank Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors, Dr. Jamie Tawel, and Odyssey Hospice of Huron Valley Hospital. For the fullness of Powell's life, please visit www.Lynchandsonsfuneraldirectors.com

GERALD "JERRY" STASAK

Age 70, passed away January 27, 2011. He was born on November 8, 1940, in Detroit, son of the late Joseph and Barbara Stasak. Jerry is survived by his loving children: Anthony Stasak and Dawn (Norbert) Donnersbach; his grandchildren: Aaron, Brooke and Savannah; his brother, Robert (Mary) Stasak; his mother in-law Yvonne Davis; his brother in-law Robert (Karen) Davis; his daughter in-law Cynthia; one aunt, three uncles, three nieces, one nephew and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife Sharon and his mother and father. A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, February 5 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Alexander Catholic Church, 27835 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

LOUIS TOKAR

Age 88, passed away January 24, 2011. He was born in Wisconsin; son of the late Jan and Rose Tokar. Louis is survived by his loving wife Erica and his son Gary (Pamela) Tokar. He is also survived by his dear grandchildren: John Tokar, Wendy (Robert) Tokar-Slomp, Michael (Carrie) Tokar, David Tokar and his great-grandchildren: Andrew, Anna, Shayla, and Brielle. He was preceded in death by his son Thomas (Pat) Tokar and 5 of his brothers and sisters. Visitation was held at Phillips Funeral Home on January 27 and January 28th. On-line guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

PATRICK H. WINDEY

Age 62, of Commerce Twp., January 26, 2011. Patrick is survived by his loving wife Deborah; son, Shawn; mother, Bette Windewy; siblings, Michael (Sandra), Cyndi Windewy; parents-in-law, Glendal and Doty Taylor; brothers-in-law, Gary Taylor, Alan Taylor, David Taylor and many loving extended family members and dear friends. A Funeral Mass was held at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Shrine Chapel on January 31, 2011. Msgr. Stanley Milewski officiated. Memorials may be made to Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools or Think Detroit Pal. For further information please call Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

ROBERT "BOB" JANOSKA

Age 73, of Highland, died January 25, 2011. Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons, Jan. 31. Burial Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials: American Legion Post #216 Youth Fund. Call 248.684.6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

SHIRLEY POWRIE GREEN

Age 86, of Northville, passed away on January 30, 2011. Shirley attended Edison School and Cooley High School in Detroit. She graduated from the Grace Hospital School of Nursing in 1945 and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayne State University. She was an Army Cadet Nurse in California at the end of World War II. After a brief appointment at Stanford University Hospital as a pediatric nurse, she returned to Detroit to work at Grace Hospital in delivery and newborn care. She then went on to work for the Detroit Health Department as a Public Health Nurse with responsibilities associated with hospital licensing. Shirley later served in the Wayne County Health Department. She spent the last 10 years of her career as a teacher at Groves High School in Birmingham. She was a great lover of all things wild and enjoyed the outdoors, particularly Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Her joyful and outgoing personality will be greatly missed. She is survived by her beloved husband Ray of 49 years and her loving son Raymond James. She was preceded in death by her brother James Powrie. The family will be receiving friends Friday from 2-8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Memorial contributions suggested to the American Heart Association, 24445 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075 or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 225, Southfield, MI 48075

Hurting From A Car Wreck?

If you've recently been involved in a car wreck and suffer from any of the following...

- Neck pain
- Sharp, shooting pains in the arms
- Numbness and tingling in the arms or hands
- Painful headaches or dizziness
- Unrelenting muscle soreness

...there may be cause for concern. This may be the most important article you will ever read about your injuries.

It's amazing how different life can be after a split second collision.

One minute everything is fine, the next you are hurting for days and uncertain if life will ever get back to normal. Tasks you used to perform with ease, like reading, concentrating or even sleeping, now take more energy and cause annoying pain.

If you feel like this, or have any of the symptoms listed above, you could be suffering from whiplash. Whiplash is an injury to the spine caused by a jerking motion, either backward, forward or from the side.

Whiplash can severely damage your ligaments, even if you feel just a little sore after the accident. If not healed properly, painful scar tissue will develop, causing misery in your neck joints for decades.

One medical study concluded 43% of patients "will suffer long-term symptoms following 'whiplash' injury, for which no conventional treatment has proven to be effective."

This means that almost half the people who have neck trauma from a car wreck will suffer for years. Plus the traditional methods of treatment like neck collars, 'wait-and-see', and pain pills are not working.

My name is Dr. Greg Kramer, clinic director at Livonia's Spine and Injury Center. I am one of only a few doctors in Michigan to be a Diplomate with the American Academy of Medical Legal Professionals and I've been helping people heal and be pain free after car wrecks for over 20 years. Chiropractic treatment has proven to be a very effective method of healing whiplash injuries. Here's the results of one chiropractic study...

"The results of this retrospective study would suggest that benefits can occur in over 90% of patients undergoing chiropractic treatment for chronic whiplash injury."

— European Spine Journal

Special Opportunity To Have A Professional Evaluation

For 14 days only, I'm running a very special offer where you can find out how bad your injuries are and if I can help you.

What does this offer include? Everything I normally do in my "Car Wreck Evaluation". Just call before February 21, 2011 and here's what you'll get...

- An in-depth consultation about your problem where I will listen...really listen...to the details of your case.
- A complete neuromuscular examination.
- A full set of specialized x-rays to determine if a pinched nerve in the neck is contributing to your pain. This is an important step in collecting proof of your injury.
- A thorough analysis of your exam and x-ray findings so we can start mapping out your plan to being pain free.
- You'll see everything first hand and find out if this amazing treatment will be your pain solution, like it has been for so many other patients.

Until February 21, 2011 you can get everything I've listed here for only \$35. The normal price for this type of evaluation including x-rays is \$250 -- you're saving a considerable amount on this offer.

Don't let scar tissue build up and be painful for life. Take me up on my offer and call today 248-615-1533.

TRASH

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Veolia Solid Waste Midwest LLC.

COLLECTION DAYS

The trash collection day for most customers will remain the same. For residents who live in the Cascades, Lakes of Northville, Maple Hills, Parkstone or Northville Trails developments, however, their collection day will change from Wednesday to Tuesday.

RECYCLING DAYS

Recycling will take place on trash collection day every other week. Residents should refer to the calendar and map they will receive to determine their schedule. Each customer will recycle on a schedule designated either as an "A Week

Section" or a "B Week Section."

HOW TO USE THE CARTS

The weekly solid waste cart has a black lid and a brown body. Residents should place bagged material in the cart, close the lid, tilt the cart using the handle, and wheel the cart to the street with the arrow on the lid facing the street.

The biweekly recycle cart has a gray lid with acceptable recycle materials embedded on the lid. Place appropriate clean, recycled materials directly in the cart. They can be commingled, and there is no need to separate paper, glass or cans.

However, shredded paper should be placed in plastic bags in the cart and tied to avoid spillage while emptying. Recycle carts should be placed at the street similar to the solid waste cart.

plfleming@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, Ext. 260

CARS/COLLECTION INFO

Contact Information:

Service requests for carts should be made to the Department of Public Services, (248) 348-5820. Collection service inquiries should be made directly to Duncan Disposal Systems at (248) 437-8600.

Cart sizes available:

Carts are available in the following two sizes:
 • 96-gallon carts 43.25" tall by 29.75" wide by 35.25" deep
 • 64-gallon carts 41.75" tall by 24.50" wide by 31.75" deep

All individual homes will receive 96-gallon carts for refuse and recycling and all condominium homes will receive 64-gallon carts. The township requests that all customers use the carts initially distributed

to them for a six-month period before requesting a smaller cart, if desired. After the initial period, the township will exchange larger carts for smaller carts if necessary.

Yard waste pickup:

Yard waste collection will now begin in the third full week in March and end after the third full week in December. Use paper bags or old trash cans, provided they are marked as "Yard Waste" or with a large "X."

If a resident moves, the carts belong to Northville Township. Call the Department of Public Services to cancel the account and leave the carts outside of the home. Residents will be charged for missing carts.

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Worship

Brighton

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 at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.
 810-231-9199
 Fr. John Rocus, Pastor
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 Please visit our Shrine of Turin Display and Book & Gift Shop

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

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
 120 Bishop St., Highland
 off Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-59
 • Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 • Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 • Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 Pastor: Cherry Malen
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 248-887-1311 • www.mymumc.com
 Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
 Kids Church 9:45 & 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.
 Plus Young Adults, Recovery, Divorce & Kids, Grief & more

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

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 Services held at:
 Saint Andrews Episcopal Church
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 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville
 248-374-7400
 Sunday Worship:
 Traditional: 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
 Contemporary: 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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 Children Available at All Services
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www.fpcnorthville.org

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 Our Savior Lutheran School - Preschool 3rd grade
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 (248) 887-4390
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 Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:00 am
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Milford

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 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
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 Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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 Wednesday, Sept. 13, 6:45-8:15 p.m.
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 1250 South Hill Rd. Just south of downtown Milford
 (248) 685-3560 www.AboutSouthHill.com
 Kids' Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Middle and High School Groups Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
 Call about our current small group studies.

WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
 11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48390
 248-887-1218
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.

MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 238 N. Main Street, Milford, MI (248) 684-2805
 Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10:00 a.m.
 Nursery care available @ 10:00 a.m.
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NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
 57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165
 Phone 248-474-9108
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 Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister
 Website: <http://www.newhopeuuc.org>

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 Sunday School & Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.
 Worship - 10:30 a.m.
www.newhudsonumc.org

Northville

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 (248) 349-1144
 777 West 5 Mile Road • (5 Mile and Tait Road)
 Worship Times: September - May 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
 Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
 Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, Associate Pastor
www.1umcnorthville.org

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 WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
 Church 349-2621, School 349-3610
 Religious Education 349-2559
 Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church
 54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd.
 Northville, MI. 48167
 Pastor Andy Whitten
 Phone 248-374-2268
 Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 AM
 Sunday Service and Children's Church at 11:00
 Bible Study Thursday at 7:00 PM

WHITE LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 6005 Highland Rd. Between Boggs Ln. & Ormond Rd.
 (248) 887-4654 Deborah V. Kurt, Pastor
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 Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Children Church School 10:00 a.m.
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 Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod
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 46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
 Reverend George Charnley, Pastor
 Parish Office: 347-7778

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

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 248-348-7757 • www.mbcoc.org
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 Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.
 Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor
 248-349-2652
www.umnov.org
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FIRST BABY OF 2011

Logan Edward Hansen was the first baby born in 2011 at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. He was born at 2:10 a.m. Jan. 1.

Logan weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces at birth and measured 20 inches long.

His parents are Dan and Megan Hansen of Livonia.

Grandparents are Terri L. Luter and Bob Maddaford of Northville and Rick and Dara Hansen of Livonia.



Logan Edward Hansen

A supercalifragilistic benefit for Beaumont



PHOTO BY JULIE YOLLES

Northville residents Melissa and Jenna Jagst, 10; and Birmingham residents Julia and Michaela Cooney, 8.

Even though the doctors at Beaumont's Children's Hospital may tell kids that a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down, we know that it takes more than that for outstanding patient care. That's why Fred Nederlander and his four children established the The Betty Nederlander Healing Fund in 2009 in memory of his wife and their mother, Betty, who passed away from ovarian cancer.

In keeping with the long-standing history of live theatrical entertainment presented by the Nederlanders, the second annual Beaumont Broadway Premiere Night was held this year at the Detroit Opera House in tandem with a performance from the Tony Award-winning Broadway Musical Mary Poppins. Last year, the benefit was held at the Fisher Theatre with the production of Jersey Boys and money raised from that event went toward Beaumont's ovarian cancer programs.

Nearly 2,000 guests attended this year's gala, with a special pre-glow reception for patrons. More than \$175,000 was raised and designated for pediatric hematology/oncol-

ogy needs. In total for the two events, \$500,000 has been raised for Beaumont Hospitals' Betty Nederlander Healing Fund. The Fund provides resources for the Beaumont Cancer Institute which helps toward securing new technology, oncology research and treatment programs. Last year, the Institute treated 5,570 newly diagnosed cancer patients.

Coopers-Standard Automotive also supported pediatric oncology and Beaumont's Children's Hospital by presenting Beaumont with \$10,000 at the Auto Show Charity Preview two weeks ago.

Next up to benefit Beaumont's Pediatric Rehabilitation Programs is the University of Michigan Dance Marathon March 26-27 (www.dmmum.org). Three golf outings to support Beaumont's cancer programs will also be held on June 6 at Bloomfield Hills Country Club, July 11 at Pine Lake Country Club and July 18 at the Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms. Visit www.foundation.beaumont-hospitals.com to donate or for more information.

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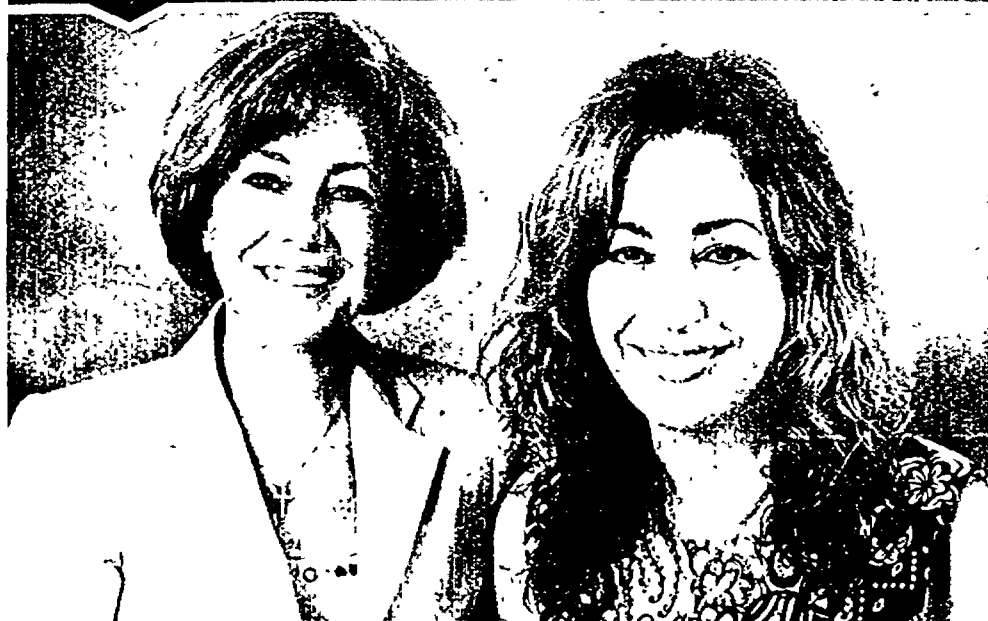
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Camper, RV show coming to Showplace

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) is sponsoring the 45th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show Feb. 16-20 in Novi at the Suburban Collection Showplace, formerly Rock Financial Showplace (located on Grand River, one mile west of Novi Road).

Over 250 new recreation vehicles will be on display including folding campers, motorhomes, travel trailers, truck campers, toy haulers and fifth wheel travel trailers. Special discounts include folding campers from \$4,999; trailers from \$8,999; and motorhomes from \$49,999. Plus, manufacturer rebates on select RVs. Booths featuring parts and accessories, campground information, on-site RV

DETAILS

The 45th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show will be open weekdays 2-9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The cost for adult admission (ages 13 and up) is \$9; senior admission is \$8; children ages 12 and under are admitted free.

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At the show, enter to win the Ultimate MIS Race Experience package from Michigan International Speedway. Includes tickets, camping and VIP access (valued at nearly \$3,000).

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www.marvac.org, southeast Michigan CVS Pharmacies, Big Boy restaurants and in area newspapers. With this special coupon, all consumers can get a \$1 off any adult or senior admission. Consumers can also register to win free tickets on www.marvac.org, courtesy of Big Boy.

The new, 2011 RV & Campsite, a guide to camping in Michigan, will be available free to consumers.

The show is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC), a member organization representing all aspects of the camping and RV industries.

Consumers can call 517.349.8881 or visit marvac.org for additional information on the RV show.



Cuddle time

Chuck Gaidica and his good friend Cuddles the Bear will be at Tipping Point Theatre from 1-4 p.m. Feb. 5 to share a few stories about his two new books. "Cuddling Is Like Chocolate", with illustrations by Jeff Covio, is filled with humorous and inspiring stories, cuddle facts and hilarious illustrations. "Tommy Starts Something Big: Giving Cuddles with Kindness" is written by Chuck Gaidica with Kris Yankee with illustrations by Mary Gregg Byrne. Visitors can purchase a book as well as his signature Cuddle Bears at a special price. Net proceeds from Feb 5 sales will be donated to theater to benefit its new Children's Education Outreach Program. Chuck and Cuddles the Bear will be at a special presentation and book signing from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers on Haggerty Road in Northville.

CARRIER

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Post Office on a Saturday.

HAD HIS OWN ROUTE

He had been a full-time carrier his entire career and had his own route since July 5, 1976.

"I've seen many generations of families," he said. "It's been a good run. I've really enjoyed it."

He said he and his wife, Nancy, discussed retirement, and he decided it was time to hang up the bag. They have children, but no grandchildren.

WITNESSED MANY CHANGES

"I've seen a lot of changes at the post office over the years, and I can tell you that over the last two years, we're working a lot smarter," Mueller said.

"There was a time where we had to handle everything. Now there's not the repetition. There have been tremendous technological advances."

He was only been bitten by a dog once when working a swing shift in 1974. "It was no big deal," he said. "Other than that, I've been lucky. I've never been in a vehicular accident."

He said being responsive to the customer is the most important trait of a good mail carrier.

"We're customers, too, and we would not want our mail on the ground. My customers are the same way."

In a few weeks, he and his wife will drive her father, Mario, to Florida.

"He doesn't like to fly," Mueller said.

After that he'll be back home in Michigan, relaxing and enjoying Mueller's retirement. "It's time," he said.

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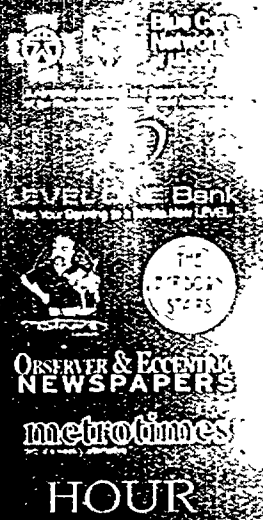
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OUR VIEWS

Tonight will not be about visioning, but rather how we get to the visioning. There will be many stages over many years, and the firm chosen will have to prove that it's capable of designing a master plan with ultimate objectives yet a firm commitment to remain as flexible as possible. That's not a simple task.

Master planner

Selected firm will shape future of township's crown jewel

We getting closer and closer to knowing the future of the Seven Mile property which Northville Township purchased for \$21.5 million in November 2009.

At 7 p.m. tonight at the township hall a special study session will be held to discuss the firms that are being considered to develop a master plan for the 350 acres which will one day be the crown jewel of Northville.

Currently, the property may not look like much as former state psychiatric hospital structures have stood decaying for years. But it doesn't take a lot for anyone to realize the enormous opportunities such a piece of land offers. And that's where the master planner is so crucial. It has to be done right.

The winning firm must make sure that residents and businesses alike have a voice in the property's development because it will include both recreational and commercial aspects. A third voice will be that of developer REIS, which owns 82 acres of adjoining property on the corner of Haggerty and Seven Mile Road. The whole area needs to be developed harmoniously to take advantage of any and all synergies.

REIS has been invited to tonight's session. The township has high expectations for their development to the east. With the market showing signs of picking up a bit, we'll hopefully begin to hear REIS's ideas soon.

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The road to tonight's session began when a steering committee was formed immediately after the township purchased the land from REIS. Those members (Joe Vig, William Sivy, Frederick Shadko, Dan Ventimiglia, Steve McGuirk, Carol Poenisch, Marjorie Banner, Mark Abbo, Jennifer Frey and Chip Snider) spent an enormous amount of time and effort exploring ideas for the property.

The group reached a point where it seemed too big a piece of property with too much invested emotionally and financially. They realized it deserved a real plan that required a professional.

At that point, a selection committee was formed and sent out requests for quotes in December. Eight responses were whittled down to five who interviewed and then narrowed to three. The committee made their recommendation to the township board, which will discuss further tonight.

The selection committee looked at what work these firms have done around the country; which firm would best fit Northville's needs; and which is capable of designing a plan that Banner said will "blow us away so in 50 years we can look back and say we did this well."

Obviously, nobody is going to love everything about the master plan when it's completed in six to nine months. But there are several key steps that have to be included. The planner must ask the people what they want and then incorporate it into the plan; design it well; and come up with a plan that can be phased in as the township can afford it.

It can't be done all at once, but when it's completed it will have to flow and have connectivity with its neighbors. The plan must make sense with the given topography and take advantage of infrastructure that's already there. It must also include detailed budgets for costs and maintenance and be designed to take advantage of grant applications.

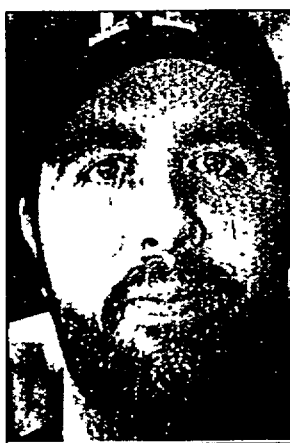
So hats off to the selection committee members for their hard work: Joe Vig, Robert Nix, Marjorie Banner, Jennifer Frey and Don Weaver.

"This is the biggest thing our community has to plan, and we don't want to do it wrong," said Banner. "We were very careful."

The township Board of Trustees will make its final decision at its Feb. 17 meeting.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Who do you think will win the Super Bowl on Sunday – the Pittsburgh Steelers or the Green Bay Packers?



"I believe that Pittsburgh will win. I think they're a better team."

Adam Mason
Northville



"Green Bay - because that's who my daddy likes."

Heather Taylor
Plymouth



"I'll take Green Bay. I always go with the underdog."

Mona Bluestein
Northville



"Steelers. I've always liked the (Pittsburgh) Steelers even when I was little. It was them or the Oakland Raiders."

Clayton Smith
Milford

LETTERS

Road woes

I go to Northville Public Schools, and I would like to present to you my opinion on the subject of plowing and fixing the streets of our two great communities. In Michigan we get a lot of snow during the winter. The streets, including neighborhoods, need to be plowed and fixed. The job of plowing does not get done there is a chance of possible accidents that could take place. For instance, my brother was driving to school one early morning, and it had snowed the night before and the roads were not plowed or salted. He took a turn like he normally would except he began to slide and was caught in the middle of the intersection and almost got T-boned by another motorist.

The second subject I would like to bring up

is how the roads that need to be repaired in the summer aren't and the roads that do get repaired don't need it. After the winter the roads begin to unfreeze, causing cracks and potholes. The roads with these dangerous obstacles need to be fixed as soon as possible.

Accidents can be avoided if the right action is taken by plowing and salt/sand is applied in the winter and the roads are fixed in the spring time.

I hope that me sharing my opinion with you has made you think about the seasons to come and how to keep Novi/Northville motorists safe.

Max Eitelman
Novi

What will Walmart bring?

While working at the Auto Show for the Red

Cross, one of the donors was from out of town and staying in Novi. She would walk around the perimeter of Novi Town Center each morning for exercise since she was staying in hotel across the street.

She mentioned the impending Walmart store and voluntarily said how Walmart will put the small businesses out of business when it comes in. She'd seen it happen in North Carolina where she lives.

So, will Dave Landry's forceful desire/influence to see that Walmart was approved to build have a disastrous outcome to the existing businesses and be a legacy that the businesses and residents regretfully pay the price? Time will tell.

Connie Varana
Novi

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Will China dominate in the 21st century?

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The viability of our society and democracy – the very strength of our economy, the quality of our lives, and our place in the world – all depend on our system of education, governance and freedom.

Our competitive edge lives in America's DNA and the Constitution. It is ingrained in our ability to use our creativity, imagination and our unbridled freedom to invent. Everything that is great about America began in someone's imagination. We live in an innovation incubator, ripe for dreaming!

I have been traveling and working in China for over two decades and the one question that dominates through the years – asked by everyone from top government officials to teachers in the classrooms and entrepreneurs – is: "How do you teach creativity, how do we make more Bill Gates, Edisons, and Henry Fords?"

America doesn't need more people than China to compete with them, we just need to ratchet up creativity, imagination, innovation and risk-takers while asking, "What if the impossible isn't?"

and then move those ideas from the R&D labs and into world markets.

In his State of the Union Address, President Obama did not call China by name when he stated, "Our students don't just memorize equations, but answer questions like 'What do you think of that idea?', 'What would you change about the world', and 'What do you want to be when you grow up?'"

In America and increasingly in China, you can grow up to be anything you want to be.

America's strength is our ability to fail and fail again until we succeed!

In response to a question about his light bulb invention, Thomas Edison once replied, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

THE AMERICAN GARAGE

Unlike in China, in America there is not just one way, the government's way of doing business. We are a nation of "tinkerers" with the advantage of having the world as our garage, where ideas are born this very second.

The Chinese educational system is considered as being efficient at sorting their country's best test-takers from the worst, then struggling to create an intellectual environment ripe for innovation.

The albatross that has held China back all these years is the Chinese leaders' historic fear of losing control over its people. That fear of chaos spreading from allowing nonconformity, is a drag on their very desire to break the mold of China's being a nation of copy-cats, unable to break through to becoming a nation of innovators.

Thomas Edison got it right here as

well when he said, "Hell, there are no rules here – we're trying to accomplish something."

Nonconformity spurs ideas.

The future will belong to the nation, state and communities that invest in its people. Investing in research and development, innovation, knowledge, creativity coupled with the American can-do spirit will propel us forward.

China, not content to remain the low-cost "factory to the world," is not stagnant, ripe with ideas to keep their economy humming, its masses working, and the Communist Party in power. In China's quest to become the "innovation nation," many are studying how we create the next Bill Gates.

Though China's economic growth is phenomenal, they are also facing rising anger from its people, especially from discouraged students unable to find employment as well as farmers who see rising inequities and blatant government corruption.

Communist Party officials are attempting to spur creativity and innovation in a controlled society – a formula that has not been found to be sustainable.

America's and Michigan's competitive edge lies in our freedom to rebel, then create and innovate.

Long live the chaos of the American Dream.

Tom Watkins of Northville is a business and educational consultant. He served the citizens of the state as superintendent of public instruction (2001-05) and mental health director (1986-90) and an elected member of the Wayne County Charter Commission 1980-82. Write to him at tdwatkins@aol.com.

A new perspective from our State Capitol

In just my first few weeks in office as a state senator, I have already absorbed a mountain of information detailing how state government operates and how the budget process works. I have combed through hundreds of charts, graphs, analyses and documents in order to have a broader understanding of how our state provides its citizens with services and pays the bills.

As a management consultant, I look at state government from a different perspective. What I see is an organization that desperately needs the application of sound business principles if we are serious about restructuring our government. We can create a more efficient, effective system that serves the needs of the people without robbing them blind in the process.

Simply shifting dollars from one pot of money to another, as has been the practice in the past, will not keep the doors of the Capitol open, let alone encourage new job creation and economic development. It's time for a new way of thinking about how government operates, how

it serves people and how it pays for itself in the process.

The Senate took the first step toward redefining the way government operates by introducing SB 1, a bill to eliminate the Michigan Business Tax (MBT). This legislation, which I co-sponsored, would scrap a business tax that has hurt businesses already here in Michigan and kept others from locating in the state. Elimination of this tax would provide an opportunity to lower the costs on job providers and open the door to restructuring state government spending in order to bring it in line with revenues.

According to the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, elimination of the MBT without any replacement tax would generate as many as 57,000 new jobs in the first full year of repeal, and 120,900 jobs by 2016.

Currently, the MBT and its attached 22 percent surcharge account for about \$2.2 billion in revenue to the state annually, making up about 15 percent of the General Fund revenues. With the state facing a \$1.8 billion budget gap between spending and expected revenue next year, the state would be looking at an almost \$4 billion shortfall if no replacement tax was put in place. While a seemingly large

hurdle, it would be possible to eliminate the MBT and balance the budget through spending cuts and reforms without replacing the tax on job providers.

One suggestion is to adjust the benefits paid to all state, local, school and university government employees to bring them in line with public sectors employees. This move alone could save the state up to \$5.7 billion a year.

Clearly, the bill highlights the need to focus on government spending in addition to reforming our tax structure. We can reign in state spending by evaluating the services that government provides and determining areas where we are getting value for our dollars and areas where we can make improvements. Through prioritization and evaluation of services we can construct a tighter, fiscally responsible budget and lower the costs to taxpayers and businesses.

Part of my role as a management consultant has been to work with troubled organizations to reorganize and restructure their operations and put in place systems and procedures that streamline operations and increase desired outcomes. I believe the same types of business practices can be used to realign Michigan's government.

For example, the Michigan Dashboard (www.Michigan.gov/MIDashboard) that Governor Snyder has created will measure our state's progress toward reaching key results and will help guide policy decisions. The data provided is a valuable tool in determining effectiveness of services and the true cost of government operations.

Each of these factors – changes in how we raise revenue, evaluation and prioritization of services and business management tools that can help reorganize operations – will all contribute to a revitalized economy and streamlined state government operation. It will require a lot of cooperation between the branches of government in order to enact real change but the end result will be a better Michigan for all of its citizens. This is a job I look forward to tackling as both a management consultant and a state senator.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck represents District 7, which includes Belleville, Brownstown Twp., Canton, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron Twp., Northville (part), Northville Twp., Plymouth, Plymouth Twp., Rockwood, Sumpter Twp., Trenton, Van Buren Twp. and Woodhaven. He can be reached by phone at (866) 262-7307, or by email at senpcolbeck@senate.michigan.gov.



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FOOD OUTLETS

- Best specialty coffee house
- Best place for breakfast
- Best Sunday brunch
- Best fast food restaurant
- Best family restaurant
- Best place for soup
- Best salad bar
- Best place for burgers
- Best place for hot dogs/cones
- Best place for subs
- Best place for ice cream
- Best place for chicken
- Best quality dining restaurant
- Best place for desserts
- Best Italian restaurant
- Best place for seafood
- Best oriental restaurant
- Best Tex-Mex restaurant
- Best place for pizza
- Best place for steak
- Best place for barbeque ribs
- Best wine selection (restaurant)
- Best beer selection (restaurant)
- Best place for romantic dinner
- Best after work meeting place
- Best sports bar
- Best Mediterranean food

BEST SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Best hair salon
- Best place to bank
- Best real estate company
- Best real estate agent
- Best auto service
- Best oil change shop
- Best collision shop
- Best insurance (agency)
- Best veterinary service
- Best travel agency
- Best childcare service
- Best house painter
- Best landscaping company
- Best health/fitness company
- Best waitress/waiter (include restaurant)
- Best tanning salon
- Best accountant
- Best chiropractor
- Best doctor
- Best dentist
- Best eyecare
- Best dance studio
- Best fitness provider
- Best pet supply store

BEST RETAIL STORES

- Best art gallery store
- Best pharmacy
- Best eyecare store
- Best bakery/baked goods
- Best floral shop
- Best grocery store
- Best party store
- Best jewelry store
- Best lumber yard
- Best beer selection (store)
- Best wine selection (store)
- Best children's wear
- Best men's wear
- Best women's wear
- Best resale/consignment shop
- Best sporting goods
- Best antique store
- Best hardware/home improvement store
- Best home décor
- Best yoga studio

All Entries Must Be Received By February 18th

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chuck Gaidica Signing at Barnes & Noble

Northville's Award-winning meteorologist Chuck Gaidica will sign copies of his new book, *Cuddling is Like Chocolate*, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville.

The author will speak briefly about how his award-winning *Cuddle Alerts* have inspired him to take on the new role of writer, after which the signing will take place.

Cuddling is Like Chocolate was released in December 2010 and is Gaidica's first book. He will also sign copies of *Tommy Starts Something Big*, his new children's picture book. The books will be available for purchase at Barnes & Noble before and during the event.

Donate pieces to benefit Art House

The Northville Art House announces Art from the Attic, an exciting opportunity for metro Detroiters to donate, sell, or buy art for a great cause.

Donate used or new art to the Art House on Feb. 20-21. These donations can include two-dimensional fine art, quality prints and photographs as well as three-dimensional sculptural work. Then, purchase donated art at a ticketed special preview

opening sale and reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 or during the public sale Feb. 26-27. The special preview sale on Friday night is being sponsored by Table 5 restaurant and Ameriprise Financial.

Donors must price the art themselves and can choose to receive 50 percent of that price if the item sells or donate all proceeds to the Northville Art House. These gifts to the Art House are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

For more information about donating art, or to purchase a ticket for the special preview opening sale and reception, contact the Northville Art House (215 W. Cady Street) at (248) 344-0497 during office hours of 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

Blood drives scheduled; supplies low

The treacherous winter weather throughout much of the United States over the last few weeks has caused horrific driving conditions and power outages. But these winter storms have had another consequence that was more subtle, though no less important: their impact on our nation's blood supply.

In many communities around the country, with blood supplies already low, the American Red Cross has seen its efforts hindered, halted or re-routed by the storms.

Some 300 blood drives have been cancelled so far, causing a shortfall of more than 14,000 pints of blood since January 1. To this week's cancer patients and accident victims, who will require anywhere from one to 40 pints in their treatment, that loss could be significant.

The shortfall of blood will have to be made up somehow so that those in need will not have to go without. If you are a regular donor and enough

time has passed since your last donation, please make an appointment to give again soon.

Additionally, the supply of type O-negative blood at the American Red Cross has dropped to critical levels. Currently the local Red Cross is not able to fully fill requests from hospitals for type O-negative, and is moving blood among hospitals to where it is needed most while supplies are critically low.

A number of local blood drives are scheduled:

• Saturday, Feb. 5 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m.; Amerman Elementary, 847 N. Center, Northville

• Wednesday, Feb. 9 2-7:45 p.m.; Deerfield Elementary, 26500 Wixom Road, Novi

• Friday, Feb. 11 1:30-7:15 p.m.; Orchard Hills Elementary, 41900 Quincy, Novi

• Sunday, Feb. 13 7:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.; First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

• Wednesday, Feb. 23 2-7:45 p.m.; Hillside Middle School, 775 W. Eight Mile, Northville

• Monday, Feb. 28 2:15-8 p.m.; Novi Middle School, 49000 Eleven Mile, Novi

Now 16-year-olds can donate blood with a signed parental consent form. Call Diane Rusko, DRD, American Red Cross, to obtain a form and to schedule an appointment at (313) 549-7052. Walk-ins will be taken when possible.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Celebrates American Heart Month

Each year, cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of nearly half a million women. In support of American Heart Month, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will be hosting a variety of activities during the month of February. Participants can enter to win a free VascularFit (\$49 value)



Fairy Doors tour

These Girl Scout Brownie Troop 40709, all second graders at Our Lady of Victory School, Northville, attended a Fairy Door Tour of Northville and met author Jackie Bingham and Prudy Vanier, illustrator of "Tales of the Northville Fairies" at Solid Grounds Coffee Shop. "Cafeen Delish" from Solid Grounds (pictured with the girls) conducted the tour and Solid Grounds coordinated the event. Bingham and Vanier read one of their books and answered all the questions for the girls. The troop also toured some of the fairy doors in Northville. The tour ended with cookies and hot chocolate and the opportunity to purchase fairy doors, posters and books.

or HeartFit (\$79 value) wellness screening at all events. These health screenings can give you vital information that can guide you to be fit for a healthy life.

• 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9: "Living Better with Life's Simple 7" at Westland Friendship Center; free, with speaker Marianne Simancek, RN, St. Mary Mercy Community Outreach director. Find out how to improve your cardiovascular health through everyday healthy habits. Registration not required; call (734) 655-8950 for more information.

• 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9: "Diabetes and Your Heart" at St. Mary Mercy Auditorium; free. Roy Misirliyan, MD, director of Noninvasive Cardiology, will discuss how diabetes affects your heart and cardiovascular system. Registration not required; call (734) 655-8950 for more information.

• 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16: Ladies' Night Out: "The Heart of a Woman" at St. Mary Mercy Auditorium; free. Speaker Barbara Kong, MD, F.A.C.C., F.A.C.P., St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor cardiologist, will identify the signs and symptoms of heart disease that are unique to women. Bone density, blood pressure screenings and massages available. Registration is required; call (734) 655-1182.

Cleaning for a reason

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides free housecleaning once per month for four months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a par-

ticipating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. Find out more at <http://www.cleaning-forareason.org/>.

Business to host art show

The Menagerie Room @ Co Reutter the Salon, located at 116 N. Lafayette in South Lyon, will be hosting an upcoming student art show.

Students of all ages and mediums can enter up to three pieces of art work for free.

The entry deadline is Saturday, March 12. There will be a reception Saturday, April 2 from 6-8 p.m. The student show will run until Saturday, May 28.

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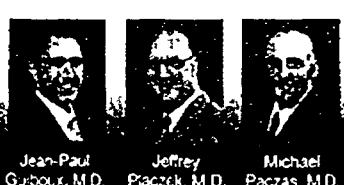
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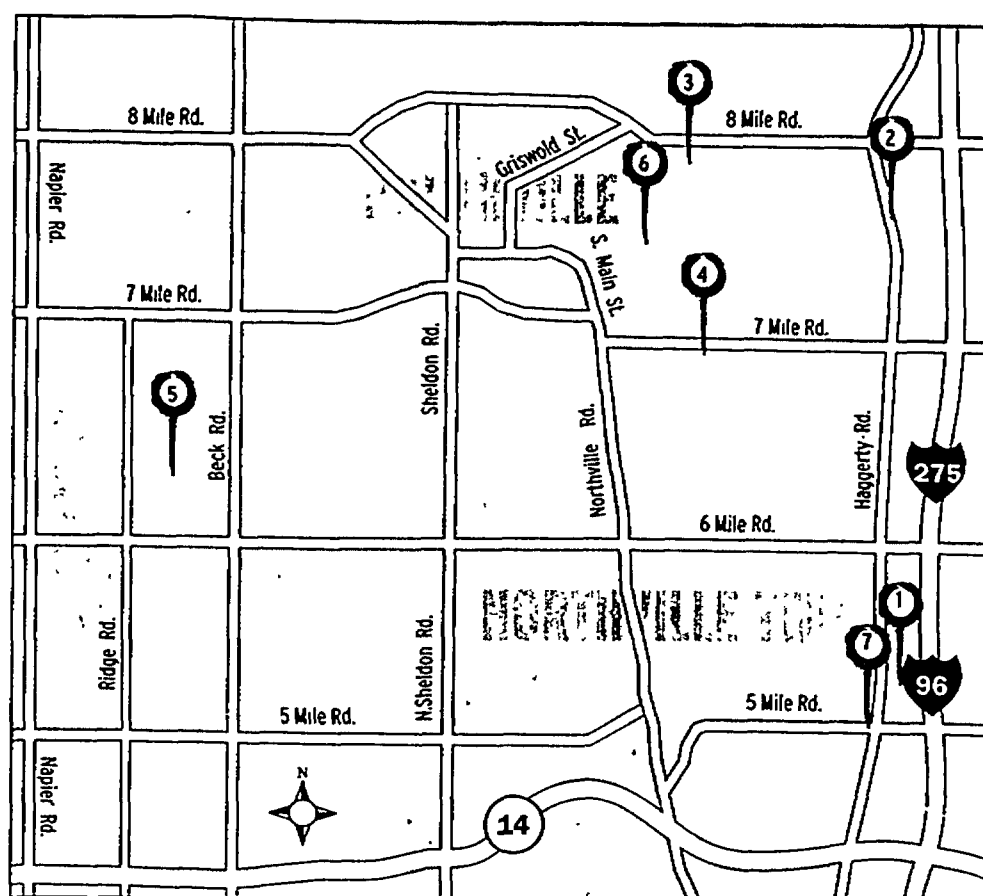
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**Gasoline stolen**

1 Police were dispatched to the Sunoco station at 39950 Five Mile Road about a gasoline theft of \$37.85 at 3:27 p.m. on Jan. 18.

The man told the attendant he didn't have enough money to pay for the gas and that he would have someone bring him the money. He and female suspect then drove off east on Five Mile Road without paying for the gas.

Retail fraud at Meijer

2 Police were dispatched to the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road at 7:28 p.m. on Jan. 17 about a retail fraud suspect running through the parking lot.

Loss prevention detectives watched as the man concealed two bottles of Grey Goose vodka in his jacket and leave the store

without paying. The suspect then dropped the bottles near the Fifth Third Bank, and loss prevention recovered them.

The liquor was valued at \$59.95.

Stolen vehicle reported

3 A 60-year-old resident of Northville Place Drive reported that someone stole his vehicle between 7 p.m. Jan. 14 and 6 p.m. Jan. 16.

The man had both sets of keys and there was no broken glass at the scene.

Operating while intoxicated

4 A 32-year-old Canton woman was arrested for drunk driving at 2:04 a.m. on Jan. 15 at Seven Mile Road and Corina Drive.

An officer watched as the woman's vehicle appeared to be half in the curb lane and half in the through lane of Seven Mile Road. The woman also stopped at a flashing yellow light.

The officer could smell alcohol on her breath, and her movements were sluggish, speech slurred and eyes bloodshot.

Her blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit.

Theft from vehicle

5 A 63-year-old resident of Arbor Trail told police that someone stole several items from his vehicle between 12:01 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Jan. 14.

Police found the vehicle in the driveway with no tires sitting on blocks. The front, driver-side window had been smashed, and

the in-dash navigation system had been removed.

The report did not place values on the stolen items.

More theft from auto

6 A 24-year-old Novi woman reported that several things were stolen from her vehicle between 10:15 and 11:15 p.m. on Silver Springs Drive in the parking lot of Silver Springs Elementary School.

The woman's purse was stolen from her vehicle, with the follow-

ing items missing: digital camera, two Michigan Bridge Cards, two Northville School District employee badges, a check card, prescription bottle of Ritalin, a bank card. A student's parent turned in the purse when they found it on the school grounds.

The handbag was valued at \$120. The camera was valued at \$100.

Operating under influence

7 A 45-year-old Southfield man was arrested for operating under the influ-

ence at 1:36 a.m. on Jan. 13 at Five Mile and Haggerty roads.

An officer noticed that the man's vehicle stopped completely past the stop line and crosswalk, blocking the right-most southbound traffic lane of Haggerty Road. Police could smell alcohol coming from the vehicle.

His blood alcohol level was nearly three times the legal limit.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

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Valentine's Day is sweet in downtown Northville

10 local merchants offer ideas for great gifts and romantic dates

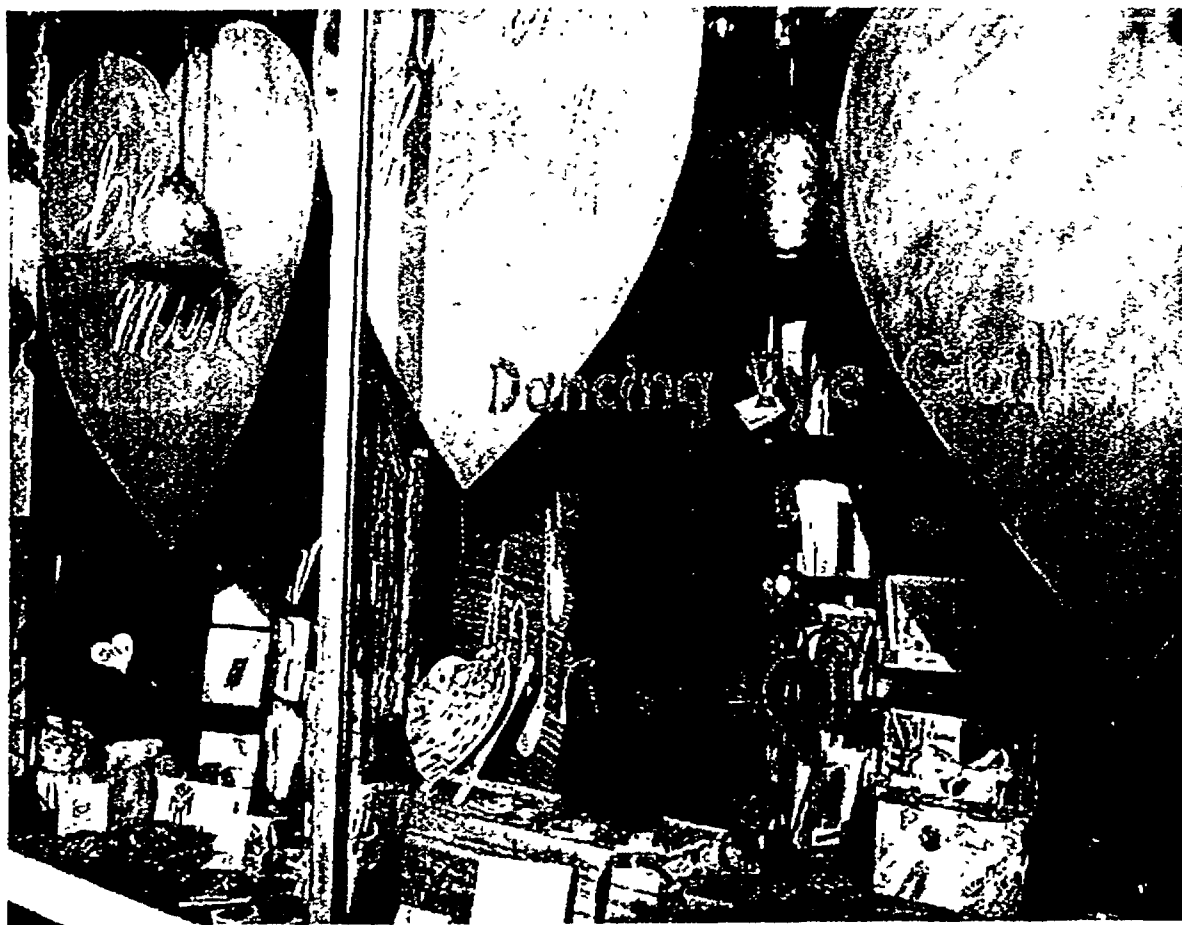
Find the perfect treat for your sweetie this Valentine's Day in downtown Northville. The holiday officially falls on Monday, Feb. 14. Whether you want to celebrate then or the weekend before or after, local businesses have you covered. Here's a look at 10 Northville merchants who can help make a night out or quiet evening home extra special:

• **Chocolates by Renee:** For more than two decades, this charming candy store has been churning out to-die-for decadence. For Valentine's Day, check out hand-dipped chocolate roses (\$3.75) or edible heart-shaped boxes made entirely of chocolate, filled with champagne truffles and tied with a bow (\$8.95 and up).

• **Goldsmith Galleries:** Wow the woman you love with a gift of jewelry wrapped in gold. Popular right now are hoop earrings of all sizes studded with diamonds inside and out (starting at \$500). Goldsmith Galleries, located in the Maincentre plaza, is offering 30 percent off everything in the store starting Feb. 1.

• **Dancing Eye Gallery:** Roses are red, violets are blue, Dancing Eye Gallery has Valentine's gifts for you. From heart pins, scarves, frames, greeting cards, magnet boards and tiles, to handbags, jewelry and more, you're sure to find something unique for your sweetheart here.

• **Utopia Salon & Spa:** You can't go wrong with a gift certificate for some pampering. For a true splurge, book "Our Favorite" spa package, a 5-hour indulgence that includes a facial, mani/pedi, Swedish massage and catered lunch (\$325). For him, a



Dancing Eye Gallery has a wide variety of unique heart-themed gifts, from pins and scarves to frames and handmade tiles.

classic men's straight shave (\$25) and facial (\$55-\$100) will make the holiday special.

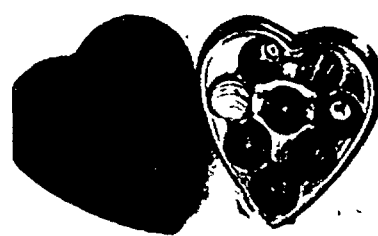
• **Table 5:** Voted "Northville's most romantic spot," this cozy restaurant is the perfect place for Valentine's dinner. Try Chef Brandon Wolschleger's specials, or the most popular dish on the regular menu: halibut sautéed in an herb panko crust, served with butternut squash, caramelized onion

risotto and sweet port wine reduction. Reserve your table online at www.table5.net.

• **Tipping Point Theatre:** Make a date with culture by scoring tickets to a more casual experience try Genitti's famous dinner theatre. Tickets, \$49.95, include an interactive comedy and 7-course family-style meal. Now showing are Mystic Madness, and a one-day special performance of Dinner & Doo-Wop: A Tribute to Dean and Frank, on Friday, Feb. 11.

the box office, 361 E. Cady St., or call (248) 347-0003.

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Chocolates by Renee offer your choice of handmade truffles in heart-shaped boxes made of chocolate or, shown here, red velvet.

For times, visit www.genittis.com.

• **Marquis Theatre:** Make a date with old-fashioned romance as Marquis Theatre continues its "Classics through the Decades" movie series. Saturday night screenings start at 7:30 p.m., and Valentine's offerings include *It Happened One Night* with Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert on Feb. 12 and *Love Story* with Ali MacGraw and Ryan O'Neal on Feb. 19.

• **Sweet 220:** Top off a romantic meal in Northville or dinner at home with dessert from Sweet 220. Located on the main level of Northville Square, the shop offers individual pastries, cupcakes and tarts (\$2-\$5), along with heart-shaped cakes, cheesecakes and chocolate covered strawberries among many other tantalizing treats.

• **Simply Wine:** If your true love enjoys vino, you can't go wrong with Chemistry. Buy this Oregon white by the bottle, or sign up your sweetie for Wine Club (\$25 a month) and you'll get Chemistry as one of February's features.

For more information, contact Lori Ward, director of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, at (248) 349-0345 or loriwarddda@comcast.net; or visit www.downtownnorthville.org.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Building permits up

Richard Henningsen, treasurer, Charter Township of Northville, reported at the December 2010 board of trustees meeting that new building permits have increased in the township, with 107 single family dwelling permits requested by the end of Nov. 2010.

"We had the most active offices as far as building permits in Wayne County, and we have been able to keep foreclosures down, too," Henningsen said, noting that Northville Township has one of the lowest foreclosure rates in the county.

He also said that the township was recently able to place about \$250,000 in the plus column for the community.

"This show that everyone is doing well with cutting costs," Henningsen said.

Report shows suburban Detroit industrial real estate market improving

Signature Associates released its Fourth Quarter 2010 Industrial Real Estate Market Statistics. The Suburban Detroit Industrial Real Estate Market closed the fourth quarter with a significant drop of 1.5 percent in the overall vacancy rate. The rate now is at 17.99 percent. Specifically, the direct vacancy rate reductions have occurred in the North Corridor by 1.3 percent, East Corridor by 1.43 % and West Corridor by .86 percent.

Vacancy rates had increased for most of the last decade and exceeded 25% in some submarkets. However, the vacancy rates have dropped and the overall trend is improving rapidly. Signature Associates expect this to continue throughout 2011 as the automotive sector and unemployment rates continue to rebound and consumer's confidence is increasing, according to the University of Michigan Statistics.

DDA approves winter cycle of Business Assistance Program

Northville's Downtown Development Authority Board has approved \$45,000 for the current cycle of the Business Assistance Program for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

The program was created in 2007 to assist property owners and their tenants interested in making physical improvements to their commercial building and/or for technical assistance.

Since its inception in December 2007, more than \$131,000 has been approved for Commercial Improvement Grants and \$5,000 for Technical Assistance Grants.

The Northville DDA believes that by providing incentives to spur revitalization and reinvestment in structures within the DDA district, a more attractive downtown will be created.

Two programs are available:

Technical Assistance Grant - A Technical Assistance Grant provides a 50-50 matching grant (not to exceed \$500) for businesses interested in developing a marketing plan, utilizing new window display techniques, or making architectural design changes to their building. This grant is intended to assist a business owner in identifying a professional resource and with the cost of the initial consultation.

Commercial Improvement Grant - The Commercial Improvement Grant provides a 50-50 matching grant up to \$5,000 for front and side facades and up to \$2,500 for rear facades. Examples of physical improvements include, but are not limited to, redesign of storefront, window replacement or repair, door replacement or repair, masonry cleaning and repair, façade repair, paint, awning, signage, lighting, roof repair/replacement, and hardscapes.

These competitive grant programs are set up as matching grants, where the business or building owner will spend \$1 and the DDA will match it with \$1 up to one half of the project expenditure or the limit of the program. Both programs reimburse the applicants after the project or consultation is successfully completed. Either the property owner or business owner may apply. But if the business owner is the applicant, the property owner's signature is required on the application.

Applications for winter cycle of the Business Assistance Program are now available, and complete applications will be due Feb. 4. If you have additional questions about the program, please contact the DDA office for assistance at 248-349-0345.

WINTER 2011 SCHEDULE

Feb. 4 - Applications and all required materials are due in the DDA office by 4 p.m.

Week of Feb. 7 - Applications reviewed by the Business Assistance Program Advisory Committee

Feb. 15 - DDA Board review of BAP Advisory Committee recommendations

Feb. 21 - City Council review of DDA Board recommendations

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"My first watercolor was painted in my kitchen in Detroit," Thibodeau said. "Living in the city made me see beauty in unique forms. Art was put aside while I attained a degree in biology and worked in a career where I used art and science together in the laboratory making microscopic slide preparations using dyes. I continue to work in a very analytical way when approaching my art. I emphasize drawing, design, composition and use of color."

"Many art classes at various schools, as well as workshops from local and nationally known art professionals, led to my proficiency with the use of watercolor. I have remained a watercolorist throughout my career. I admire the art of Edward Hopper, Joseph Raffael and Janet Fish. They all have a very identifiable and individual way of seeing reality. I have now painted solidly for over 15 years and have been selected



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The Northville Art House will present the fifth annual member exhibition showcasing the varied styles and mediums of over 50 artist members.

to exhibit in many juried and solo shows in the metro Detroit area."

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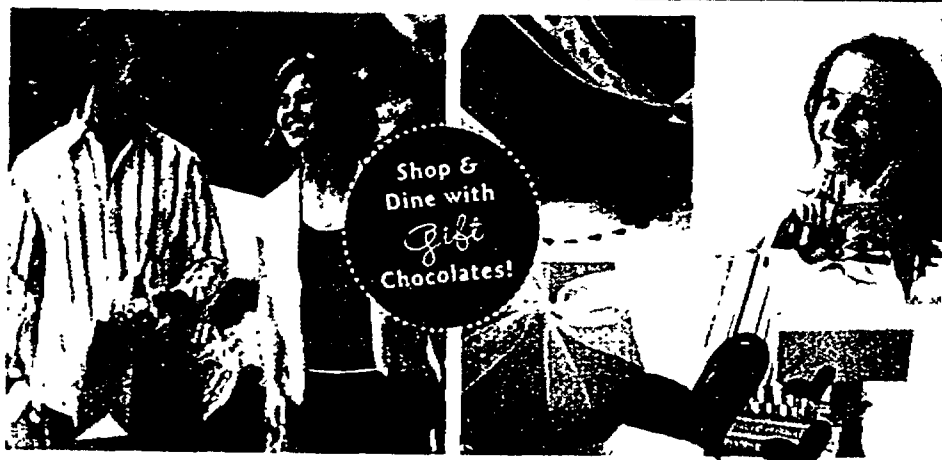
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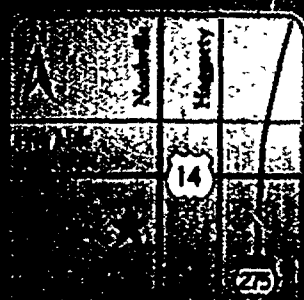
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NON-CIRCULATING



Catholic Central's Ken Bade (front) captured the 125-pound Observerland title Saturday over Novi's Alejandro Albuera.

PHOTOS BY THOMAS BEAUDOIN

CC dominates wrestling invite

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

To nobody's surprise, Novi Detroit Catholic Central put on the most dominating display in the 20-year history of the Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament Saturday at Livonia Churchill.

The Shamrocks, defending Division I state champs and No. 1-ranked this season, scored a record 336.5 points with Farmington High a distant second with 143.5 followed by Belleville in third with 136.

CC placed finalists in 11 of the 14 individual weight classes and came away with nine titles to earn its third straight Observerland team title and ninth overall.

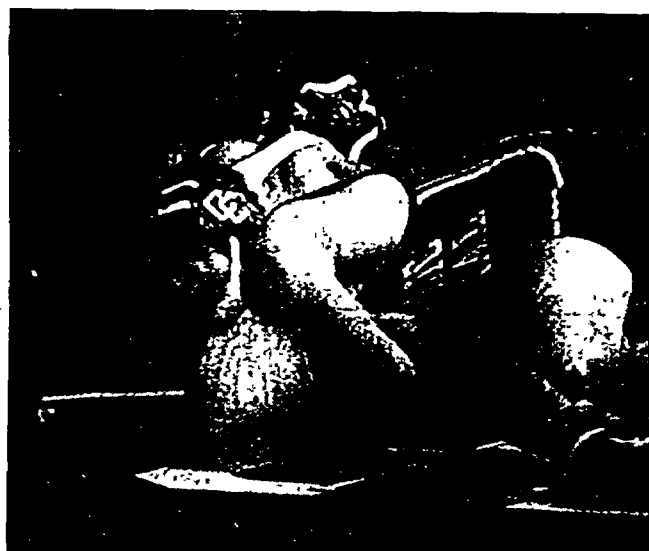
"We preached this week attack and use an aggressive style of wrestling," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "I was happy with the way our guys performed. They were very aggressive and I thought we pushed the pace. It was a nice challenge for our guys. They trained extremely hard and they did nice job today. I'm pleased with their effort."

The Shamrocks' Ken Bade (125 pounds) and Alec Mooradian (140) both repeated as Observerland champions.

Other CC weight class winners included Evan Toth (103), Malik Amine (119), Logan Marcicki (130), Drew Garcia (152), Andrew Erickson (160), Kevin Beazley (171) and Miles Trealout (189).

"I'm really happy with Malik Amine," Hancock said. "He's our 112-pounder who we asked to bump to 119 for the team this week because we had an injury at 119. He bumped up a weight and did a phenomenal job."

"I was also very proud of our 135-pounder Riley Hanson, a sophomore. He lost (Brendan) Papin (of Belleville) in the



Catholic Central's Malik Amine decisively won Farmington's Kevon Kennerly, 8-4, in the 119-pound Observerland final.



Plymouth sophomore Trey Berry (top) captured the 119-pound title with a 6-4 decision over CC's Zach Colone (bottom).

finals and he's really been coming on lately. He did a nice job. He's going to contend for a state title, so we're pretty excited for him."

In the best match of the finals; Plymouth's 112-pound sophomore Trey Berry raised his overall record to 38-6 with a 6-4 decision over CC's Zach Colone. Berry's late two-point in the third period earned a 4-all deadlock and it earned

him the vote of the coaches for Lower Weights MVP.

Berry had pinned Colone in a previous meeting this season.

"I knew it was going to be a little bit tougher and he (Colone) was going to come after me and he was going to go crazy," Berry said. "My strategy was pretty much and go out and get a win, and not to wrestle stupid. This is one of the best days I've had this year."

Meanwhile, Farmington senior Nick Tomski captured the 145-pound class with a 12-4 major decision over Wayne senior Jalen Jones.

Tomski reached the final with a narrow 5-4 semifinal victory over CC's Mike Babicz.

"He (Tomski) wrestled three matches and pretty much was in control of most of them," Farmington coach Al Beyer said. "He had a little trouble with the CC kid, but was able to overcome a couple of tough situations and came through with a one-point victory."

"He's the kind of kid that you want on your team. You

want to have 14 like him. He finished third at the same weight last year - he was due."

Tomski, meanwhile, was elated to come away with an Observerland title.

"It was definitely a tough tournament," he said. "The first two rounds went pretty smoothly. My semifinal match was really hard. It came down to the wire and it was a pretty good match. I came into the finals pretty confident so I just tried to wrestle the match."

Wayne junior Dimitrus Renfro improved to 37-3 overall and earned the Upper Weights MVP honors with a 12-6 decision over Farmington's Justin Roe.

"He (Renfro) has been working hard, and to be honest, this performance is what we expected out of him," said Wayne coach Dave Vasiloff, who had three finalists. "He went out there and wrestled to form. He went out there and wrestled great. He did what he exactly was coached to do and what we expected out of him, and we couldn't be happier with him."

"He's a great kid, a model student, a 3.5 G.P.A., only a junior. I expect big things and to be on the podium at 'states,' for sure."

In the final match of the day, Stevenson junior Jake Range captured the 285-pound title with a 6-1 decision over North Farmington's Majd Mokbel.

"He's an active heavyweight," Stevenson Dan Vaughan said of Range. "He was on his shots on all day, real offensive. He was looking for falls and he pinned his way through to the finals."

Range is now 39-5 on the season.

"He's a great kid," Vaughan said. "He wrestles year-round. He's motivated academically and dedicated to the sport."

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Roller coaster season continues

Northville boys cage team splits week

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It's been a season of ups and downs for the Northville Mustangs boys basketball team, and this past week was no exception.

The squad, coached by Todd Sander, split the week with a win over Wayne Memorial, 55-52, before falling to Livonia Stevenson, 49-42.

In the victory over Wayne, the Mustangs found themselves playing a game of runs, with the Zebras galloping out to a lead in the opening minutes of the first quarter after going on a 12-0 run against Northville's defense. The Mustangs called a timeout with 3:34 left in the first to regroup, a move that proved worthwhile as they scored the next 10 points to trail by just two, 12-10, at the end of the quarter. Al Myers and Bryce Groshek each scored four in the run while Jeff Gertley added two. That run continued into the second quarter with the Mustangs scoring 20 more points while playing stiff defense to secure a 30-26 lead heading into halftime.

"We fought back to take the lead, lose it, and then took it back," said Sander. "We showed lots of guts."

In the second half, Northville stayed in the lead of the close contest and ended the third, 40-38, before the fourth quarter found them swapping bas-

ON TAP

The Mustangs boys basketball team will play again 7 p.m. tomorrow at Novi before hosting South Lyon East 7 p.m. Tuesday.

kets throughout the final minutes. With time expiring and Northville trailing by one, Drew Baldwin pulled up and sank a three-point shot to put his team up by two before the defense cracked down and held off Wayne long enough for the victory. "Drew's shallow bank shot and triple were really big," said Sander. "He has a knack for making big shots when we need them."

Baldwin led the team with 18 points, include two three pointers and a solid 4-for-6 showing at the free-throw line. Groshek added 13 points and went a perfect 5-for-5 from the charity stripe. Northville also got a boost from Ryan Owen and Myers, who had nine point each.

Northville's luck didn't hold out for long, however, and the dropped the very next game to Stevenson, who is 11-1 overall and 6-0 in the Central Division. Northville, with the loss, fell to 6-6 overall and 2-4 in the division.

The Mustangs kept the game close in the first quarter, trailing 11-9, but fell behind by the end of the first

Please see BASKETBALL, B2

Grapplers earn two big victories on senior night

Northville gets best of Salem, South Lyon East

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Senior night is always special to those elder athletes who will be embarking on a new journey starting after graduation. For most, senior night marks the last time they will ever have a home game in their sport, and one of the last times they will ever play it again.

That's why it's so important for a senior, and their teammates, to give it all on that special night — just like the Northville Mustangs wrestling team did last week.

The squad, coached by Bob Boshoven, walked into the Northville gymnasium on senior night with a little bit of a chip on their shoulder. It has been a rough year for the young and inexperienced Mustangs, and their seniors have been leaders every step of the way. That's why the entire team, and not just the seniors, wrestled as though it was their last meet.

Northville, which is 16-

ON TAP

Northville's action gets intense from here on out. The squad wrestled in the KLAAs championships this weekend before beginning MHSAA post-season play with districts a week from today starting at 5 p.m.

8 on the season, defeated Salem 54-22, and South Lyon East, 51-26, to send the seniors off in style.

Against Salem, the Mustangs won 10 out of 13 weight classes with six of those victories coming via pin.

Seven Mustangs were double winners on the night, including Ian Stinton, Sam Tacconelli, Travis Compo, Max Mudar, Nick Pertunnen, John Montgomery and Andy Boyd.

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Catholic Central's Kevin Beazley (top) took the 171-pound Observerland title with a 9-3 decision over North Farmington's Kevin Miller.

WRESTLING

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CC's dominating performance was helped by the absence of three of the area's top three teams that elected not to attend for the first time in the history of the tournament.

"They had their personal agendas and personal schedules, and I agree with them," Franklin said. "We've seen Hankin at the beginning of the year. We saw Westland John Glenn at the beginning of the year. Those guys don't want to see the same teams over and over."

"We have not seen Canton. I was hoping to see them sometime throughout the year, but you know what? Cory Mancuso (Canton's coach) does what's best for Canton and you can't

disagree with that. I would do what's best for our guys. We'll see those guys in a week-and-a-half or two weeks when the team regionals roll around."

Hancock, however, added that attending Observerland remains a tradition.

"We didn't come here to wrestle Canton, we came to the Observerland Tournament because it's a well run tournament," he said. "Marty Altounian and the Churchill people do a great job and we like the tournament. We came here to better ourselves and push ourselves, and that's what our guys do. Hopefully we'll be back, but not for sure because the state (MHSAA) is limiting tournaments to seven (next year). I think it's going to affect a lot of schedules. We'll see what happens."

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WRESTLING RESULTS

20th annual OBSERVERLAND INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
Jan. 29 at Livonia Churchill
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 336.5 points; 2. Farmington, 143.5; 3. Belleville, 136; 4. Wayne Memorial, 117.5; 5. Novi, 109.5; 6. North Farmington, 106.5; 7. Plymouth, 99.5; 8. Livonia Churchill, 99.9; Farmington Hills Harrison, 87; 10. Salem, 86; 11. Livonia Stevenson, 81.5; 12. Northville, 69; 13. Redford Union, 35; 14. Garden City, 25; 15. Lutheran High Westland, 13.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS
103 pounds: Evan Toth (CC) pinned Jon Locklear (LC), 1:39. 3rd place: Mohamed Youssell (Phy) and Alex Arble (Salem), double forfeit. 5th place: Jamonty Houze (Bell) p. Bryan Garland (NF), 0-48.
112: Trey Berry (Phy) decisioned Zach Colone (CC), 6-4. 3rd: Numantha Herath (Phy) dec. Rob Doane (GC), 8-3; 5th: Kyle Gutkowski (Nville) and Josh Perez (LC), double forfeit.
119: Malik Amine (CC) dec. Kevon Kennerly (Farm.), 8-4. 3rd: Jake Meadows (LC) dec. Ian Sturton (Nville), 5-3; 5th: Tristan Jaroscincz (WM) and Jordan Russell (NF), double forfeit.
125: Ken Bade (CC) won by technical fall over Alejandro Albuera (Novi), 21-6; 3rd: Said Youssell (Phy) and Manny Gortantes (Farm.), double forfeit. 5th: Ivy Riley (Bell) dec. Evan Doyle (FHH), 10-3.
130: Logan Marcucci (CC) p. Andre Sanders (FHH), 14-8; 3rd: Austin Rohn (Salem) and Alec Brecklenridge (Phy), double forfeit. 5th: Corey Davis (LS) and Matthew Aoun (Novi), double forfeit.
135: Brendan Papp (Bell) dec. Riley Hanson (CC), 10-3; 3rd: Josh Hall (RU) won by tech. fall over Travis Compo (Nville), 23-7; 5th: Zach Schulz (Farm.) and Samer Shebak (LS), double forfeit.

140: Alec Mooradian (CC) won by tech. fall over James Roberts (FHH), 19-4; 3rd: Beau Bielski (Novi) dec. Jonny Bannoura (LC), 5-4; 5th: Kody Roy (LS) and Mike Rankin (Farm.), double forfeit.
145: Nick Tomski (Farm.) won by major dec. over Jalen Jones (WM), 12-4; 3rd: Mike Babicz (CC) dec. Chris Caverly (Novi), 4-0; 5th: Will Herring (Bell) and Gabe Unick (FHH), double forfeit.
152: Drew Garcia (CC) p. Kevin Newborn (WM), 2-34; 3rd: Kyle Lake (FHH) dec. Johnathan Montgomery (Nville), 11-8; 5th: Josh Marhofer (Salem) and Roderick Howard (RU), double forfeit.
160: Andrew Erickson (CC) won by major dec. over John Davis (NF), 13-5; 3rd: Zach Juchartz (Bell) dec. Tyler Gross (Salem), 5-3; 5th: Martin Kemp (LW) p. Jackson Chalmers (Phy), 3-18.

171: Kevin Beazley (CC) dec. Kevin Miller (NF), 9-3; 3rd: Shames Delahaye (Bell) dec. Trevor Marsh (Nville), 4-3; 5th: Jake McCabe (Salem) and Lucas Hofbauer (WM), double forfeit.
189: Miles Treatout (CC) p. Mark Tooley (Bell), 15-6; 3rd: Courtney Drew (NF) dec. Joe Scott (LS), 8-5; 5th: Justin Michael (Novi) and Devin Korzetz (WM), double forfeit.
215: Dimitrus Rerfroe (WM) dec. Justin Roe (Farm.), 12-6; 3rd: David Sparling (Novi) p. Dylan Morales (LC), 2-53; 5th: Jay Peterson (CC) won by injury default over Adam Druze (GC).

285: Jake Range (LS) dec. Majd Mokbel (NF), 6-1; 3rd: Robert Coe (CC) p. Manny Haddad (LC), 12-1; 5th: Jacob Chiles (WM) p. Tyler Styryk (Bell), 1-13.
Lower weights MVP: Trey Berry 112, Plymouth.
Upper weights MVP: Dimitrus Rerfroe, 215, Wayne.

Girls split week on hardwood

Squad falls to Stevenson, but defeats Wayne

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

A two-point loss is one of those things that is hard to get over in the world of high school basketball, and even a 19-point victory the game before isn't enough to ease the sting of the pain.

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team, coached by Todd Gudith, just couldn't find the final three points they needed to upend Livonia Stevenson last week and fell, 48-46. The game before, however, the team was on a roll as they crushed Wayne Memorial, 55-36.

"This game was won on the foul line and on the boards much like the last time we played them," said Gudith of the Stevenson loss. "We talked about how Stevenson matched up very well size wise with us and they are a very physical team. We didn't do a good enough job keeping them off the boards."

Stevenson out rebounded the Mustangs, 31-18, including 14 offensive rebounds to Northville's three.

"They did not shoot the ball well, but got too many second chance opportunities," Gudith said. "If they didn't score on those extra chances it seemed like we put them on the foul line every time."

The game started with Northville teetering slightly as they tried to find their game. The Mustangs trailed, 14-8, by the end of the first quarter after sending Stevenson to the foul line several times, where the Spartans and went 8-for-10.

Northville adjusted their play and made a comeback in the second to cut the Spartans' lead to 27-25 by halftime. Megan Gertley was a monster in that stanza, scoring eight of her team-leading 10 points in the second alone.

In the third, the Spartans came out of the locker room with renewed energy and once again unbalanced the Mustangs as they went on a 9-0 run before ending the quarter up by 13. But, true to

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The Northville girls basketball team will be back in action when they host Novi at 7 p.m. tomorrow before visiting South Lyon East at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Northville's competitive edge, the Mustangs fought back in the fourth to tie the game, 46-46, with under a minute to play. The Spartans worked the ball around the court before firing home a 12-foot jumper by Allison Koesterling with 3.3 seconds in the game to secure the win. It was her only basket of the contest and the only field goal Stevenson made in the final stanza.

"I was proud to watch us rally in the fourth," said Gudith. "Down 13 is a lot of ground to make up and claw back from in a short amount of time, but moral victories don't count in the standings."

Northville fell to 7-5 overall and 3-3 in the Central Division.

Against Wayne, the Mustangs only had to worry about a comeback in the first quarter after trailing 12-11 heading into the second. From that point on, it was pretty much a Mustangs scoring extravaganza as they pounded out a 22-14 lead at halftime and a 41-23 lead heading into the final quarter of play.

All nine of the players who were able to take the court for Northville scored in the contest. They were led by junior Alex Moynes, who poured in 11 in the winning effort, while Gertley and sophomore Kendra Brenner added eight points each.

"We were playing too fast early on but got settled back down later in the game to take control," said Gudith. "Our team was pretty balanced tonight. Everyone had a hand in the win."

Northville had 20 offensive rebounds in the win.

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

NORTHVILLE ROUNDUP

Mustangs girls bowling edges Plymouth

The Northville Mustangs girls bowling team followed the lead of Kristen Muzzillo to secure a 16-15 victory over rival Plymouth last week.

Muzzillo bowled a 212 in the second regular match, making her the only girl to break 200 pins.

The victory pushed the Mustangs to a 5-5 overall record and a 4-3 division mark and keeps them from being eliminated in the Central Division championship hunt.

Currently, Wayne Memorial stands atop the leader boards with a 4-2 record in the division. Plymouth is 3-4.

The Mustangs secured the victory with regular game play after losing both Baker games.

Northville boys bowlers fall to Wildcats

Plymouth proved too much for the struggling Northville boys bowling team as the Mustangs fell, 19-11, last week. The score was a massive improvement over the last time these two teams met, during which the Mustangs collapsed and lost, 29-1.

Northville stands at 0-10 on the year and 0-7 in the Central Division. Plymouth climbed to 7-3 overall and is in third place in the division with a 5-2 mark. John Glenn and Wayne are first and second, respectively.

One highlight for the Mustangs was Ryan Benoit's 215 and 201 in the regular matches, giving him the highest tally in both regular games. Ma-Wu and Jon Johnson bowled 200 and 201, respectively.

- By Sam Eggleston

BASKETBALL

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half, 26-18, and were never really able to recover. In the third quarter, the Mustangs trailed by 13 points at two different points, but the players didn't give up and a couple of big shots by Groshek and excellent play by Baldwin in the post cut the Spartan lead to seven by the end of the stanza, 36-29.

Northville's fighting spirit

stayed alive and well in the fourth, cutting the lead to 38-35 with about three minutes left in the contest. Unfortunately, Stevenson's free-throw shooting was impressive in the fourth, hitting 5-of-6 to secure the win. Groshek finished with 16 points while Baldwin had seven, Myers added six and Owen and Gertley had four each.

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

Request for Qualifications City of Northville

MAIN STREET & S. ROGERS STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Sealed qualifications documents will be received in the City of Northville, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:00 p.m. local time on February 16, 2011 for professional services required for the "Main Street & S. Rogers Street Reconstruction Projects". Professional consultants are being sought to perform surveying, engineering and design, along with inspection, testing, and project management for street and utility projects in the City of Northville.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document may be obtained by calling the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality, and to reject any and/or all submittals.

James P. Gallogly
Director, Department of Public Works

Dianne Massa
City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code NOTICE of 1st and 2nd Reading & Adoption

Notice is hereby given that the First Reading of the International Property Maintenance Code will take place on February 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, at the Township Municipal Offices located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

The Second Reading and Adoption of the International Property Maintenance code will take place on March 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at the Township Municipal Offices located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

A copy of the complete text of the proposed Ordinance is available at the Township Clerk's Department, 44405 Six Mile Road, the Police Department, 41600 Six Mile Road, the Fire Department, 45745 Six Mile Road; and on the township's website at: <http://www.twp.northville.mi.us>. The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance

To be adopted:

ARTICLE VII

Property Maintenance

58.17 International Property Maintenance Code.

The "International Property Maintenance Code", 2009 edition, as published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the Charter Township of Northville.

58.18 Changes.

Selections and subsections of the International Property Maintenance Code are changed as follows:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Property Maintenance Code of the Charter Township of Northville, hereinafter referred to as "the code".

102.3 Application of other codes. Repairs, additions or alterations to a structure, or change of occupancy, shall be done in accordance with the procedures and provisions of the Michigan Building Code, Michigan Uniform Energy Code, Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings, Michigan Mechanical Code, and the Michigan Plumbing Code. Nothing in this code shall be construed to cancel, modify or set aside any provision of Chapter 170 of the Code of the Charter Township of Northville.

103.5 Fees. The fees for activities and services performed by the department in carrying out its responsibilities under this code shall be those adopted by the Building Department.

106.4 Violation penalties. Any person, who shall violate a provision of this code, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be prosecuted in accordance with Article VI of Chapter 58 of the Code of the Charter Township of Northville.

111. Means of Appeal. [Entire Section deleted].

112.4 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be prosecuted in accordance with Article VI of Chapter 58 of the Code of the Charter Township of Northville.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
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Members of The Mustang Spirit Club acknowledge the importance of academics and athletics. All donations to the Mustang Spirit Club Student-Athlete Scholarship Fund go directly into funding college scholarships. Each year in the spring, the Athletic Booster Club awards scholarships to selected graduating NHS student-athletes.

Please contact Darlene Bolden, chair, The Mustang Spirit Club, at (248) 819-1299 or boldendj@hotmail.com for more information.

Mustang gymnasts nearly tie season high in tri-meet

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team nearly tied their season high score this year when they competed a tri-team meet against Brighton and Howell.

The Mustangs scored a 131.325 to take third in the meet, while Brighton won with a 142.025 and Hartland scored a 137.75.

The Mustangs followed the lead of Allison Kemp with a 9.4 score in her floor routine. Katie Parks notched an 8.6 on the beam to help her team along, while Taylor Dempsey scored an 8.5 on the vault.

Northville Prep Hockey finishes on 15-game unbeaten streak

The Northville Prep Hockey team finished the regular season of the Great Lakes Hockey League Tier 1 regular season going 13-0-2 over their final 15 games. Northville's final league record of 17-3-2 fell just one point shy of Hartland for the regular season crown, but was clearly one of the most successful seasons for the prep team in their history.

Northville 2, Howell 2

Northville started the new year on Jan. 2 against a good Howell team and struggled some to get back to pre-holiday break playing levels. Though being out shot 10-2 in the first period, the Broncos were still in a 0-0 game.

In the second period, Howell was first to get on the scoreboard scoring on a deflection in front of the Northville net. At 8:35, Howell would go up 2-0 on a powerplay goal. Northville was able to cut the lead to 2-1 on a powerplay goal of their own when Kellan Flyer slapped home a rebound from a Joe Chase shot from the point.

Ben Bloom pulled Northville even scoring 12 seconds into a powerplay at the 7:27 mark when Jacob Strom won the faceoff back to Joe Ascuitto who put a shot on net that Bloom retrieved and buried in the Howell net. The game remained 2-2 and with 2:05 remaining, the referees would give Howell a huge opportunity as an unsportsmanlike penalty was called against Northville in front of the Howell net and another two minutes was assessed to the Bench for questioning the initial poor call. It resulted in a Howell 5-3 powerplay for the remainder of the contest. A fired up Northville was able to kill the penalty behind some timely clearing passes from Austin Ratts and Max Shuart, and some aggressive forward play that actually resulted in a couple of scoring chances

despite being down two men. In the end, Northville escaped with a 2-2 tie despite being out shot 30-16 as Jake Pawloski recorded 28 saves in the game.

Northville 7, Midland 4

On Jan. 8 Northville found themselves down 2-0 early in the first period, but would battle back to take a 3-3 tie into the intermission behind goals from Danny O'Malley, Jacob Strom and Eric Johnson. By the end of the second period, the Broncos would be up 5-4 as Tyler Harrigan scored twice, the first assisted by Ryan Bloom, the second assisted by Dominic DiComo.

The third period saw Northville pull away. Joe Ascuitto gave Northville a little breathing room when he took the puck, gained the zone and fired a wrist shot top shelf for a 6-4 lead with just over 2 minutes remaining in the game. Ken Kosinski would add an empty net goal when he gained puck possession in the defensive zone and measured a shot from the circle all the way into the Midland net to make the final 7-4.

Great Lakes Prep-JV Hockey League
2010-2011 Regular Season Standings

Gold Conference 2010-2011 (22 Games) - Regular Season Final Standings												
Team	Record	OTL	Home	Away	Pts	GF	GA	Last 10	Streak	Win %		
Hartland (1 st Place)	17-2-3	-	8-1-3	9-1	37	115	47	6-2-2	Won 3	.841		
Northville	17-3-2	-	8-1-1	9-2-1	36	91	58	8-0-2	Won 1	.818		
Tranton	14-7-1	-	7-4-1	7-3	29	82	59	3-6-1	Lost 1	.639		
Howell #1	12-7-3	-	6-6	6-1-3	27	85	60	7-1-2	Won 6	.614		
N. Farmington-Harrison	12-9-1	-	6-6	6-3-1	25	81	71	7-3	Won 1	.565		
Midland	11-9-2	-	5-5	6-4-2	24	103	84	2-7-1	Lost 2	.545		
Shamrock Prep	11-10-1	-	4-6	7-4-1	23	66	57	4-5-1	Won 1	.523		
South Lyon Cougars	8-12-2	-	4-5-1	4-7-1	18	61	86	4-4-2	Tied 1	.409		
Novi	8-14	-	4-6	4-8	16	65	92	5-5	Lost 1	.364		
Traverse City	6-12-4	-	3-8-3	3-4-1	15	48	66	2-5-3	Won 1	.364		
South Lyon Prep	4-16-2	-	3-6-1	1-10-1	10	46	94	3-6-1	Tied 1	.227		
Chelsea	0-19-3	-	0-8-2	0-11-1	3	36	105	0-9-2	Tied 1	.068		

Northville 8, Midland 6

Game two of the weekend series on Jan. 9 continued to be all offense. Northville would jump out to a 5-2 lead after one period of play. Dominic DiComo started the scoring just 40 seconds in on assists from Tyler McMullin and Ryan Bloom. Ben Bloom got the second from Nick Stegmeyer. Eric Johnson would score next from KC Chaudoin and Ken Kosinski. Ben Bloom got is second of the game for the 4th goal and Jacob Strom would round out the first period scoring.

Ben Bloom would complete his hat trick with a goal at the 6:54 mark of the second period, assisted by Nick Stegmeyer. Northville would push the led to 7-2 when Kellan Flyer scored, assisted by Dominic DiComo. Midland was able to cut the lead to 7-3 by the end of the second period, then made it 7-4 with more than 11 minutes remaining in the third period. Northville was able to kill off a 5-3 powerplay before KC Chaudoin scored to make it 8-4. Midland would add a couple late, but were not able to close the gap to less than 2 once Northville took a commanding lead.

Northville 5, South Lyon Lions 2

Alex Shuart put Northville on the scoreboard first scoring at the 7:55 mark of the first off an assist from Ken Kosinski and Northville never looked back. Kellan Flyer added a goal assisted by Eric Johnson and Tyler Harrigan to give the Broncos a 2-0 after one period of play. Though Northville would continue to carry the play in the second period, Northville didn't score again until they took advantage of a powerplay at the 3:29 mark when Tyler McMullin sniped a wrist shot off the far post from the slot, Todd Goebel credited with the assist. Dominic DiComo would jump on a rebound from an Austin Ratts shot just 15 seconds later to make it 4-0.

Andrew Carlone made it 5-0 early in the third period with assists from Tyler Harrigan and KC Chaudoin. South Lyon added a couple of goals late to make the game look closer than it was as Northville skated away with a 5-2 win.

Northville 3, South Lyon Cougars 3

On Jan. 21 Northville started slowly and found

themselves down 2-0 midway through the first period. The Bloom brothers then went on a mission and put the rubber biscuit in the basket to the cut the lead to 2-1 at the 8:23 mark of the first. Dominic DiComo scored 33 seconds later with another going to Ryan Bloom to pull Northville back to even. Tyler McMullin would put Northville up 3-2 after one period on a powerplay goal assisted by Joe Ascuitto.

Both teams then settled in defensively. South Lyon generated the only goal the rest of the way scoring midway through the second period to tie the contest at 3-3, which would eventually become the final.

Northville 5, Novi 4

In the final game of the regular season on Jan. 22, Northville would jump out to big lead then hold off the Novi Wild for a 5-4 victory. Novi would get the first goal of the game, scoring a power play goal at the 7:18 mark of the first period, but Northville would respond 18 seconds later on a goal from Dominic DiComo assisted by Ben Bloom. Todd Goebel would pick up a rebound off an Austin Ratts shot to make it 2-1 Northville heading into the second period.

Eric Johnson and Tyler McMullin would push the lead to 4-1 with goals early in the second period, assists going to KC Chaudoin and Todd Goebel respectively. Novi wouldn't go away and would score a couple of goals themselves in the latter half of the same period to pull back within a single goal at 4-3. Tyler Harrigan gave Northville an insurance goal on assists from Tyler McMullin and Alex Shuart and it proved necessary as Novi would take advantage of a Northville penalty late in the 3rd period and pull the goalie to play 6 on 4 for the final 1:27 netting a Novi goal to make the final 5-4.

- By John Stevens

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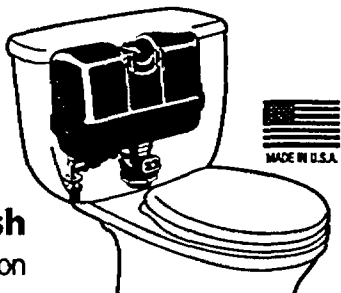
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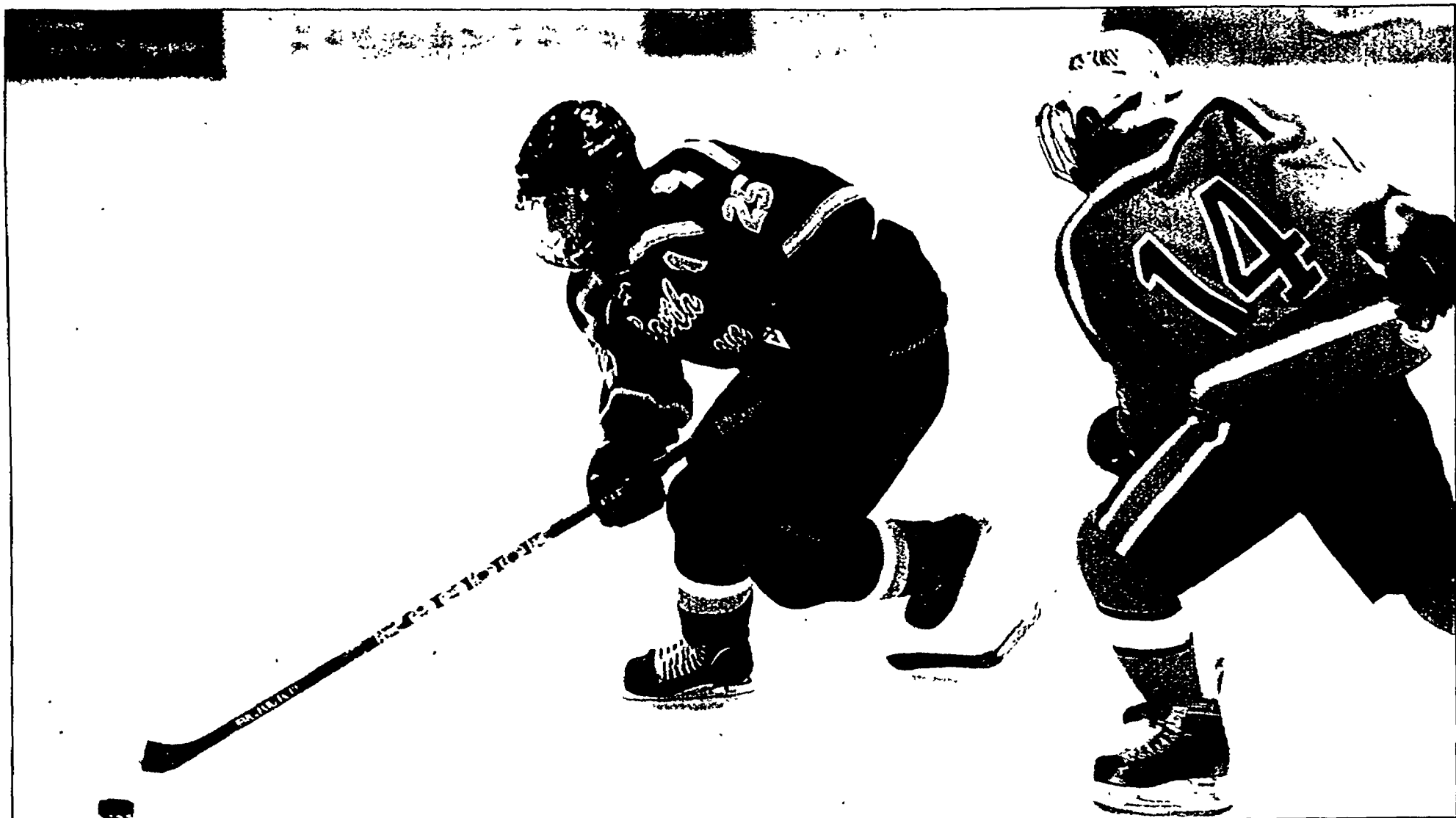
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Mustang Clay Neal, right, back-checks on a South Lyon Lion on Jan. 28.

Mustangs tie with South Lyon

Hockey team fights back on senior night

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

One of the easiest things to do in sports is to give up. Be it when chasing a play, or trailing by too many points, an undisciplined athlete can simply throw up their hands in despair and quit.

The Northville Mustangs hockey team, however, is anything but a group of quitters. They showed that last week when they hosted South Lyon and earned a 1-1 tie.

Northville found themselves trailing 1-0 in the contest and simply could not seem to get any of their scoring chances to work in their favor. Since it was senior night, many of the players starting the contest knew that this was their last true home game and one that they couldn't just give away.

With less than two minutes left, Northville senior captain Robbie Thornburg skated through the South Lyon defense and fired home a shot that found the back of the net to tie the game, 1-1, and stave off the impending loss.

"We had a lot of good scoring chances during the game, but couldn't seem to finish one," said Northville coach Jeff Hatley. "Robbie came through in the clutch."

The Mustangs honored their seniors — Sean Bretz, Mike Comben, Stephen Champagne, Logan Hill, David Ketelhut, Brady Marotta and Thornburg — with an all-senior starting lineup and a ceremony after the first period.

While the seniors were the ones being honored, they weren't the only ones playing well. The all-sophomore line of Matt Evasic, Riley Marotta and Ben Crabill played well throughout the night.

"That line has taken on an expanded role for our team and is really working hard," said Hatley. "They are very determined and focused. They are smaller players, but move the puck well and really bring the speed of attack. They rarely get caught standing still without the puck and do a good job of keeping their feet moving."

Junior Clay Neal, a center, is helping lead Northville as well. He has been playing through an injury for a large portion of the season.

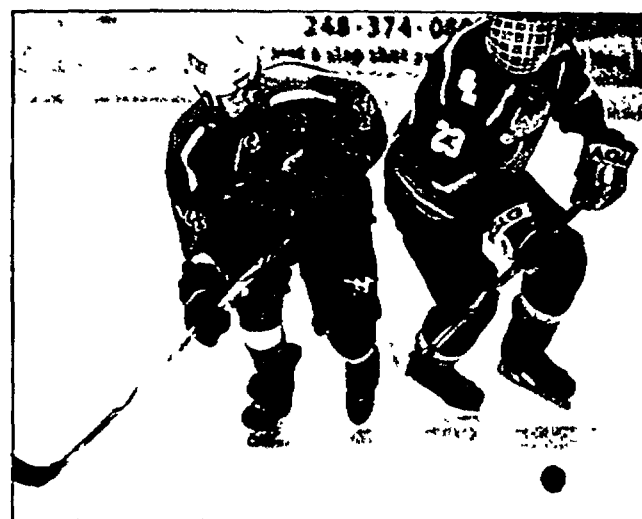
"We are already short players, so the team needs him and he knows that," said Hatley. "Clay always seems to make that one really good pass every game. Tonight, he set up one of our better scoring chances with a great one-touch pass. He sees the ice really well and knows what he wants to do with the puck before he gets it."



Mustang co-captain Logan Hill works in Northville's end of the rink during their Jan. 28 game against South Lyon.



Mustang Brady Marotta tries to sidestep a hit on Jan. 28 as Northville takes on South Lyon.



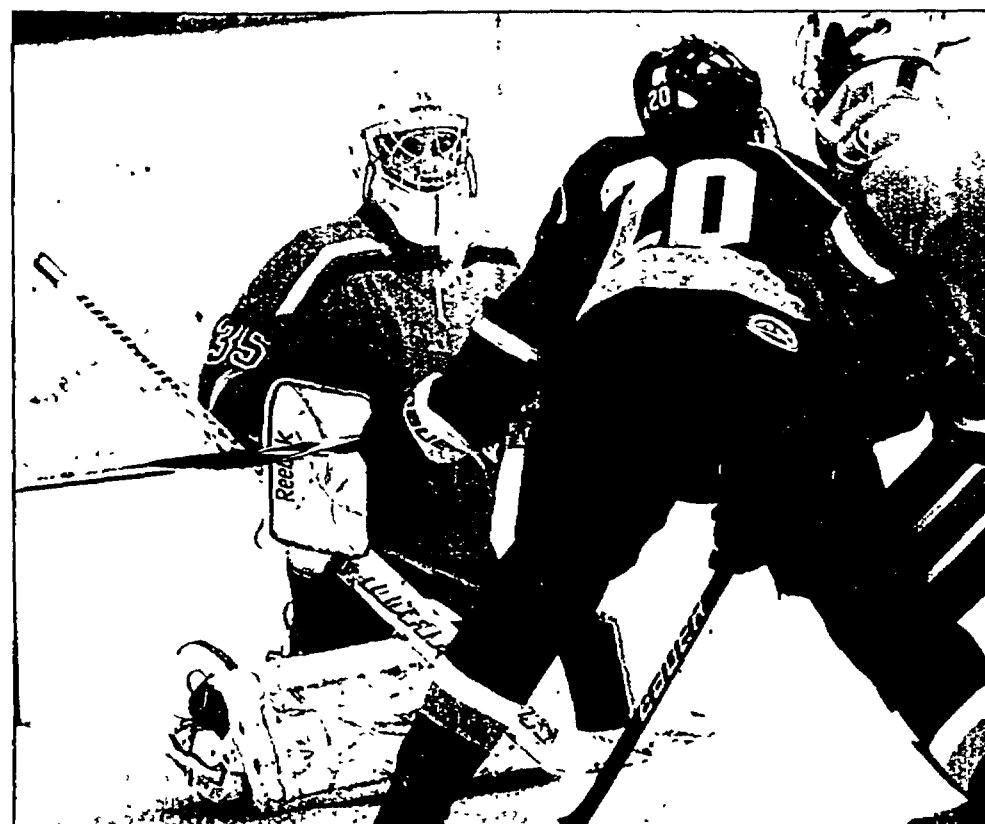
Mustang Clay Neal, left, chases after a puck along with a South Lyon Lion.

The Mustangs are now 5-9-3 on the season.

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



Stephen Champagne and a South Lyon Lion get their sticks up on each other during their Jan. 28 match.



Mustang goalie Sean Bretz finds his goal crease kind of crowded as Northville takes on South Lyon on Jan. 28.

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Regional fire grant to make communities safer

The National Fire Protection Association's Fire Safety Educational Memorial Fund Committee has selected the Western Wayne County Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) from Livonia as the recipient of the 2011 Warren E. Isman Educational Grant.

"The Western Wayne County HMRT has demonstrated the leadership, communication and training skills needed to effectively mitigate a wide range of hazmat incidents within their region," said Ken Isman, chair of the Warren E. Isman Task Force, a subcommittee of the Fire Safety Educational Memorial Fund Committee and son of the late Chief Warren Isman. "We are very pleased to support their achievements, and help further their efforts in protecting the public."

Award recipients select a conference where they can attend specialized hazardous materials training and education sessions. The selected team has the opportunity to gain knowledge and enhance their ability to excel in this specialized field. The funds from the 2011 Isman Grant will make it possible for the Western Wayne County HMRT to attend the IAFIC International Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conference in Baltimore, Md., May 2011. The Western Wayne County HMRT is comprised of 45 members from Mutual Aid Associations fire departments within the Detroit metropolitan area, collectively protecting more than 2.9 million residents. Since becoming one of Michigan's 18 Regional Response Teams (RRT) in 2005, the Western Wayne County HMRT is also responsible for responding to larger incidents, including those involving weapons of mass destruction, with a response area that incorporates the entire state.

The \$5,000 grant is available to any established incident response team from a fire department, police department or other public-funded

program. Qualified applicants are evaluated on leadership qualities, communication abilities, and must have been trained in accordance with NFPA 472, Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, and NFPA 473, Standard for Competencies for EMS Personnel Responding to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents. The closing date for 2012 applications is Sept. 15, 2011.

Established by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) following Isman's death in 1991, the grant is named in honor of a man who was known to value training and education. He was the former fire chief in Fairfax County, Virginia, a senior instructor for the University of Maryland Fire Service Extension Program, and author of three fire-related textbooks. Isman served on the IAFIC board of directors and was chair of both NFPA's Technical Committee on Hazardous Materials Response Personnel and IAFIC's Committee on Hazardous Materials. NFPA's Fire Safety Educational Memorial Fund was established in 1992. Upon request of IAFIC, NFPA assumed administrative responsibilities of the Isman Grant in 1993.

To make a contribution to the Fire Safety Educational Memorial Fund or for more information regarding the application process, visit NFPA's website or contact Christine Ellis at (617) 984-7244.

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Robert M. Meisner

Q: Our management company insists upon us hiring the same lawyer that they have used at other projects claiming that he is close to their office and works well with them. The board is desirous of considering other attorneys but the managing agent who is somewhat brash is insistent upon using this attorney. How can I as a board member dissuade the board otherwise?

A: Show them an article which was written in the Community Association Institute's Common Ground in the September/October 2009 issue wherein we discuss the unholy alliance between many condominium association attorneys and management companies. This management company may desire this attorney for more than just the benefit of the association and I would seriously consider not only looking for a new attorney, but a new management company after you ask whether the lawyer will sue the management company for your association, if necessary, and he or she answers in the negative.

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

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 18-22, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
41673 Bedford Dr	\$60,000
50154 Black Horse Ln	\$290,000
3344 Brooklyn Dr	\$173,000
39894 Chertoff Rd	\$176,000
40421 Glen Eagle Ln	\$10,000
4369 Hunters Cir E	\$83,000
45010 Leslie Ln	\$185,000
1651 McNamee St	\$390,000
3959 Moranch Dr	\$78,000
1601 Nowland Ct	\$175,000
860 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$265,000
6518 Powderhorn Dr	\$170,000

6529 Powderhorn Dr	\$139,000
4068 Sarah Ann Dr	\$145,000
45389 Seabrook Dr	\$240,000
1571 Trinity Rd	\$405,000

Garden City

30550 Florence St	\$85,000
32428 Florence St	\$64,000
6733 Henry Ruff Rd	\$90,000
30249 Leona St	\$74,000
861 Radcliff St	\$80,000
29029 Sheridan St	\$80,000

Livonia

19578 Brentwood St	\$50,000
9130 E Bassett Ct	\$151,000
36160 Fairway Dr	\$50,000
11781 Francavilla Dr	\$195,000
11791 Francavilla Dr	\$170,000
28356 Gola Ct	\$10,000
34147 Grove Dr	\$125,000
14451 Inkster Rd	\$80,000
30189 Winston St	\$90,000
1121 Oxbow St	\$85,000
19517 Parker St	\$88,000

HOUSES SOLD-WAYNE

14765 Bonnie Ln	\$235,000
19190 Sunset St	\$135,000
32498 Washington St	\$104,000
19628 Weyher St	\$45,000
14447 Yale St	\$129,000

48326 Binghamton Dr	\$448,000
521 Dubois St	\$820,000
16924 Lochmoor Cir E	\$250,000
42084 Queen Anne Ct	\$55,000
19907 Schoolhouse Ct	\$63,000

Northville

11429 Aspen Dr	\$125,000
44851 Deer Run Rd	\$219,000
9079 Mayflower Dr	\$186,000
11464 Mona Ct	\$188,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$45,000
8994 Tavistock Ct	\$153,000
14160 Terrace Ct	\$145,000

Plymouth

17335 Delaware Ave	\$58,000
24676 Donald	\$66,000
9655 Fenton	\$58,000

26140 Joy Rd	\$10,000
15817 Kinloch	\$60,000
11754 Maroon	\$67,000
17476 Olympia	\$22,000
18257 Polociana	\$38,000
19435 Poinciana	\$15,000
9902 Rockland	\$42,000
12884 Tecumseh	\$80,000

27622 Ann Arbor Trl	\$70,000
37440 Baker Dr	\$30,000
7451 Canfield St	\$43,000
37779 Colonial Dr	\$50,000
8263 Creekside Dr	\$185,000
755 Filbert St	\$60,000
38032 Kistford Pl	\$50,000
30719 Jaffar Blvd	\$63,000
601 Lansdowne Dr	\$107,000
7587 Lathers St	\$37,000
8439 N Henry Ruff Rd	\$48,000
329 Surrey Hts	\$75,000

Westland

37440 Baker Dr	\$30,000
7451 Canfield St	\$43,000
37779 Colonial Dr	\$50,000
8263 Creekside Dr	\$185,000
755 Filbert St	\$60,000
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Beverly Hills	
17344 Lockberrie Ave	\$240,000
32451 Pines Dr	\$300,000
Bingham Farms	
30835 River Crossing St	\$185,000
Birmingham	
1537 Buckingham Ave	\$630,000
1205 Emmons Ave	\$250,000
671 Graefield Ct	\$67,000
1620 Henrietta St	\$239,000
1952 Oak Ave	\$450,000
450 Oak Ave #103	\$275,000
Bloomfield Township	
2581 Alveston Dr	\$99,000
3416 Barmy Ln	\$100,000
5181 Clarendon Crest St	\$290,000

544 E Fox Hills Dr	\$40,000
767 Great Oaks Dr	\$519,000
95 Manor Rd	\$565,000
1652 Mark Hopkins Rd	\$213,000
1806 S Hill Blvd	\$170,000
950 S Shady Hollow Cir	\$209,000
1144 Saint Johns Ct	\$215,000
5744 Woodwind Dr	\$324,000

Commerce Township

2024 Alpha St	\$145,000
4032 N Vanstone Dr	\$230,000
5962 Strawberry Cir	\$276,000
3371 Tiquewood	\$200,000

Farmington

33621 Alta Loma Dr	\$160,000
35467 HerRage Ln	\$85,000

Farmington Hills

38400 Chessington	\$109,000
38926 Country Cir	\$47,000
28863 Hidden Trl	\$170,000
21222 Lancrest Ct	\$247,000
28838 Lincolnview Dr	\$108,000
22270 Onalaga St	\$85,000
25651 Pebble Ct	\$790,000

HOUSES SOLD-OAKLAND

34600 Quaker Valley Rd	\$500,000
36621 Valley Ridge Dr	\$235,000

1605 Rowe Rd	\$65,000
2900 Triology Rd	\$43,000
177 Tarnberry Ct	\$230,000
1286 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$226,000

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43379 Asbury Dr	\$240,000
47935 Aspen Dr	\$297,000
45137 Bartlett Dr	\$346,000
44975 Cobblestone	\$276,000
43175 Emerson Way	\$230,000
42709 Faulkner Dr	\$225,000
22035 Greentree Ln	\$230,000
22801 Heatherbrae Way	\$178,000
41820 Independence Dr	\$122,000
45254 Jacob Dr	\$285,000
40501 Lenox Park Dr	\$218,000
40507 Lenox Park Dr	\$228,000
23935 Lyndwood Dr	\$164,000
23651 Maude Lea St	\$113,000
41151 N McMahon Ct	\$119,000
28025 Poca	\$156,000

28027 Poca	\$152,000
47231 Sunnybrook Ln	\$440,000

800 Huntington Dr	\$245,000
840 Knollwood Cir	\$145,000
409 Stryker St	\$40,000

South Lyon

27745 Aberdeen St	\$101,000
30146 Brookwood St	\$70,000
21300 Frazer Ave	\$18,000
21374 Merril Ave	\$38,000
28325 Ranchwood Dr	\$140,000
30300 Shoreham St	\$104,000
19721 Silver Spring St	\$85,000
19870 W 12 Mile Rd	\$25,000

Southfield

9913 Burgess Ct	\$235,000
8840 Chabasse St	\$157,000
780 Lakeside Dr	\$155,000
1235 Oxbow Lake Rd	\$66,000
437 Rosario Ln	\$160,000

White Lake

9913 Burgess Ct	\$235,000
8840 Chabasse St	\$157,000
780 Lakeside Dr	\$155,000
1235 Oxbow Lake Rd	\$66,000
437 Rosario Ln	\$160,000

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Recognition

Gwen Daubenmeyer, associate broker and team leader at RE/MAX in the Hills, received an unexpected early Christmas present recently when she was named Certified Distressed Property Expert (CDPE) of the Year by the Distressed Property Institute.

CDPE certification means that the holder really knows what they are talking about when discussing short sales and dealing with banks and other mortgage holders on their clients' behalf.

Daubenmeyer achieved her designation in 2008, before the economic downturn truly began to squeeze the property market so she was well-placed to help local people buy and sell homes in unusual market conditions such as these.

She had no idea that she was eligible for any award, let alone the Expert of the Year. "I got a call from their office thanking me for my commitment to helping homeowners in Michigan and they invited me to fly in for their company Christmas party. I assumed that other CDPE holders would also be invited and I had no idea what was happening until they announced my name during their awards presentation."

"I was speechless. There are plenty of agents doing short sales out there, some doing more than I but I believe in 'people over things' — every single time. Customers are very savvy today. When you care more about their situation than a commission then they recognize it — it's a quality that you can't imitate or

fake."

Daubenmeyer has been a licensed Realtor since 1985 and has traded through recessions previously but is consciously aware of how the situation has affected Michigan directly.

lives everywhere we can. If you need more information about buying or selling a home in the Bloomfield Hills area, contact Daubenmeyer or her team at www.gwendanhelp.com or www.theintegrityteam.net or visit their office at 36700 N. Woodward Ave., Suite 100, Bloomfield Hills, MI, 48304.

Tax appeals

Kelly Sweeney, CEO of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, will be conducting a property tax appeal seminar Wednesday, Feb. 16, 6:30-

9:30 p.m. at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

Sweeney will educate homeowners on the ins and outs of the property tax appeal process.

Topics will include:
 • Differentiating between State Equalized Value, Capped Value and Taxable Value
 • Explanation of the uncapping process
 • Breaking down the appeal process at local and state levels
 • How to read and interpret property assessment notices for 2011

This is the third year the seminar has been held. R.S.V.P. to events@cbweirmanuel.com.

Career Seminar

There will be a Real Estate Career Seminar 6:30-7:30

p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Learn about a free prelicensing course. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

Investors

The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Entrance fee is \$20 for non-members to be applied to annual membership. For information, call (313) 819-0919 or visit www.reiawaynecounty.org. On Tuesday, Feb. 1, the group will host H&R Block. Learn the tax implications of a short sale, foreclosures, home/office writeoffs and more.

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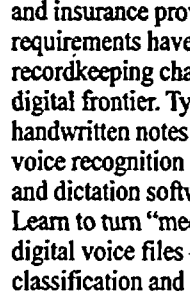
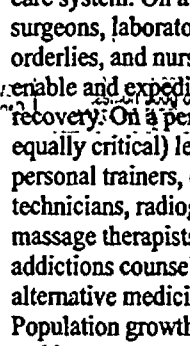
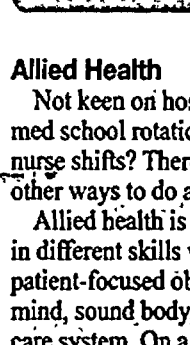
Look no further than bills from your dentist, gynecologist or maxillofacial surgeon to pinpoint the employment outlook's rising stars. Add demand for them to their paycheck dollars, the winners are unanimous: health care professionals.

Dough, rising

Surgeons top the Bureau of Labor and Statistics' list of best-paying jobs, netting a mean salary of \$181,850. Diagnosing and healing the body rakes in serious bread, and health care practitioners hold 13 out of the 15 top-paying job titles. It's not all about how or how much — it's also about where. No other developed nation dips more into their exchequer for health. In 2001, the United States spent 13.9 percent of its GDP on health care, compared with 7.8 percent for Japan and 9.4 percent for Canada. Health care jobs are opening floodgates for both entry-level practitioners and mid-careerists looking to stay ahead of the curve.

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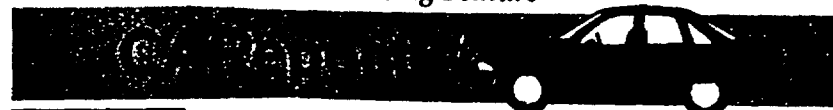
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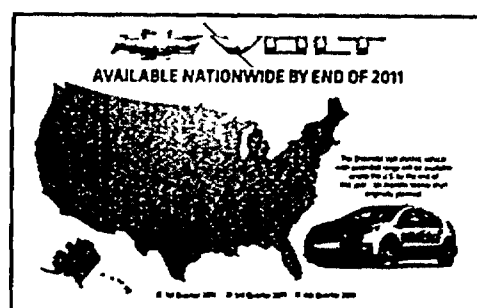
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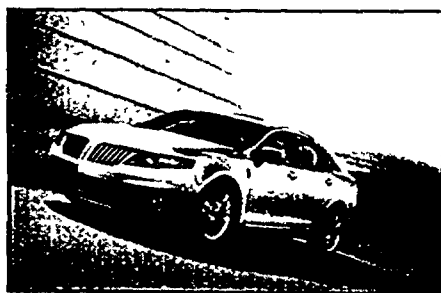
Advertising Feature



By Dale Buss



Demand for the Chevrolet Volt is so strong that GM plans to speed up its nationwide rollout.



Ford wants to recast Lincoln brand though some products, such as MKS, are strong.

Automakers in the U.S. market are encouraged these days by indicators of stronger sales ahead in 2011 and beyond. And compared with their hopes for a further recovery in the market, all other concerns are secondary. But 2011 will also bring to the forefront some other crucial issues for the industry — both short-term and long-term opportunities and challenges.

According to Edmunds.com, here are seven of the most important dynamics in the U.S. auto business for this year:

Market-Share Movements. Just two years ago, who'd have thunk it? Toyota loses big; Ford gains hugely for the second straight year; and Hyundai reaches 5 percent. Yet all of that happened to shares in 2010. In a major shakeup of the architecture of the U.S. market, the second tier has moved closer to the leaders, creating a tighter cluster of seven or eight mainstream players. Things are more competitive than at any time since the Fifties. And this trend comprises the most significant break from pattern since Japanese brands shook the Big Three hegemony in the Eighties. Look for emboldened smaller players to try to shake things up even further this year. **Infotainment Wars.** Automakers and their suppliers have been falling all over one another to up the ante in new "infotainment" systems and devices at

the Consumer Electronics Show in early January and since then. Now, consumers can even buy an OnStar "button" in the aftermarket. After Ford's success with Sync, OEMs are all determined to emphasize electronic connectivity in new products and marketing in 2011.

Segment Sweepstakes. Crossover-utility vehicles have been the new-product story of the last few years, as car-based platforms took over from the boxy SUVs that drove sales beginning in the mid-Nineties. Minivans and pickup trucks have each taken their turns at propelling the U.S. market over the last few decades. What will be this decade's big segment story, and will it become evident in 2011? The best argument at this point seems to be for rising demand for small cars, especially if gasoline prices keep rising. And small models now offer top quality and state-of-the-art amenities, negating two drawbacks of the past. **The Thaw in Consumer Lending.** One major reason for the precipitate decline in sales in 2008 was that auto lending dried up almost overnight, part of the global credit crisis that brought on the Great Recession. First, subprime borrowers were shut out, but the contagion quickly spread to banks' reticence to lend even to highly qualified customers. OEMs slashed

leasing activity even in the luxury segment, and GM and Chrysler gave up on practically all leasing. Nowadays, lenders' purse strings are loosening again. Top-End Competition: All of the vaunted competition between Lexus and Mercedes-Benz for the 2010 sales crown in the luxury segment belied the fact that the entire category remained relatively moribund last year. Is that the "new normal" for the luxury segment, or will upscale buyers come roaring back in an outsized manner this year, as they have after past recessions? Meanwhile, hybrids and even EVs are diversifying luxury lineups. Share-wise, Infiniti and Audi are staking bigger claims. Mercedes-Benz and BMW have important launches upcoming. Cadillac and Acura seem to be treading water. And Lincoln hasn't made a comeback, though Ford vows to make reviving the brand a special project now.

Back to Marketing Leadership. One of the biggest factors in the onset of the advertising-industry depression of the last couple of years was how severely automotive advertisers cut back on outlays. But car brands can be counted on to boost ad budgets

significantly this year, with a market recovery underway — and lots of important product launches looming. The biggest early indicator of this will be the Super Bowl telecast on February 6. No fewer than eight auto brands will entice and entertain with ad spots, at a price of about \$3 million for 30 seconds. Expect more attention by autos to other TV "events" such as the Oscars too. And GM already has struck a deal for sponsorship of the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

The Arrival of "Pent-Up Demand"? Through the Great Recession, OEM executives believed they would have an ace up their sleeve once an industry recovery began: looming "pent-up demand." They figure that this will become a major driver of U.S. sales this year, for at least two reasons. First, even after the "cash for clunkers" program in 2009 took a lot of wheezing cars out of circulation, the average age of vehicles on American roads — more than 10 years — is at its highest level in 13 years. And, right about now the 75-million-strong Millennial generation is surging into the family-formation years when new-auto demand typically strengthens.

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