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Art House benefit

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, contact the Northville Art House (215 W. Cady Street) at (248) 344-0497 during office hours of 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

Planning a sale?

"Cash and Cari" host and professional estate liquidator Cari Cucksey is looking for Michigan-based estate and garage sales to feature on a new season of her HGTV show. Whether you're downsizing, decluttering or liquidating an estate, Cucksey and her team will handle everything - from researching and valuing your items, to setting up and promoting the sale, and of course getting you the best price on the day.

If you would like more information, please call Jessica at (416) 531-2500 ext. 644 or email cashandcari@cinetv.com.

Fairy Day at Margo's

A Fairy Day for girls will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 19 at Margo's Salon & Spa where each child will be given special, individualized treatment.

Girls are welcome to come dressed in fairy garb for sparkle polish, glitter hair and styling, face polishing, stories, crafts, refreshments and a professional fairy photograph by Alphabets. Portrait Studio.

Space is limited so call for a reservation and appointment time at (248) 348-9100. The admission price for fairies is \$10 and adults are welcome for free. Margo's Salon & Spa is located 141 E. Cady Street, Northville.

Event slated Feb. 27 in auditorium



NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY DANCE COMPANY

Members of the Northville High School Varsity Dance Company: Bottom Row (from left): Jasmine Black and Sarah DeBrabander. Second Row (from left): Lauren Agnello, Gianna Galli, Katelyn Wasilesky, Emma Callahan, Emily Gantt, Sonali Reddy. Third Row (from left): Kayla Hardy, Elisabeth Moore, Madison Priest, Lauren Meyers, Paige Rafferty. Back Row (from left): Angela Galli, Megan Sebest, Olivia Scott, Molly O'Brien, Melissa Clarkson and Kelsey Reitzloff.

NHS Varsity Dance Company to perform
'Dancin' in the D'BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR

Tickets are \$8 for students and adults and \$5 for Girl Scouts and will be available at the door.

For those who have never seen them before, you only have one more chance this year. Northville High School's Varsity Dance Company will present its annual performance "Dancin' in the D," and its last performance for the year 3 p.m. on Feb. 27.

"We would like to encourage the community to attend," said Mari Anne Guidobono, president of the company.

The annual performance will take place in the school auditorium and will feature various dance routines centered around a Detroit theme, including ballet, lyrical, jazz, modern and hip hop. The show will also spotlight guest performances from local dance studios.

COMPANY'S FOURTH YEAR

This is the fourth year for the company. The program was created to offer NHS students an opportunity to expand their dance training and experience while participating in a noncompetitive activity. The program offers many types of dance classes,

and dancers can choose their level of involvement.

For individual dancers, the program fosters self-development by encouraging them to assume duties in choreography, costume selection and design, and event planning. The Student Leadership Team is instrumental in coordinating team events.

REHEARSALS OFF CAMPUS

Northville High School doesn't have a dance facility, so all rehearsals are held off campus at local dance studios that have partnered with the program. These include the Center Stage Dance Company and Flex Point Performing Arts Center. The company also receives instruction from award-winning choreographers from several local dance studios.

Because the company is performance-based, there are many opportunities for the dancers to perform at school and at community events.

SEASON OCTOBER-FEBRUARY

The season begins with the creation of the company's "signature piece" performed at the Homecoming Pep Rally. The season ends with the annual performance in February. This year, the dancers also danced in the 2010 Holiday Lighted Parade, the Northville Community

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Water
rate hike
proposed
for JulyDetroit Water Board
must first approveBY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

It's been said that we can't avoid death or taxes. Well, in Southeast Michigan, we might be able to add water rate increases to that list.

"Everything's going up quite a bit," said Jim Gallogly, director of public works for the city of Northville. "We're looking at a 9.6-percent increase in water rates, and about a 14.9-percent increase in sewer rates."

Don Weaver, director of public services for Northville Township, said the township is looking at about a 12-percent increase in its water rates. He did not provide a figure for sewer rate increases.

Gallogly said Northville Township sends a portion of its waste water to the system in Ypsilanti as well as a portion to Detroit.

Other surrounding communities are reporting increases as well.

Gallogly said a meeting is scheduled to take place in the near future for Wayne County to discuss water rates.

So, it's possible those rates may go down before they actually go into effect next summer.

However, Gallogly is preparing for the worst by proposing some significant delays in making capital improvements.

Also, some of the revenue from the cell phone companies that use the city's water tower may not be going back into the general fund, as planned.

"We were going to shift some of that money from the Water and Sewer Fund to the General Fund," Gallogly said.

All of this will be discussed during Northville's upcoming budget discussions in April.

"If the water rate increases are too high, people will protest," Gallogly said.

"But, if the Detroit Water Board approves it, there's not much we can do."

Other Southeast Michigan communities may be looking at delaying capital improvements and cutting their budgets even further to pay for these expected water and sewer rate increases.

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Northville graduate's work is
nominated for Academy Award

D. Mowat

Excited about honor

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

One of Northville High School's graduates has done well for himself. Doug Mowat has been nominated for an Academy Award in Best Achievement in Art Direction for the movie "Inception." The awards will be

presented live on Sunday, Feb. 27. A native of Northville and 1973 graduate of Northville High School, Mowat's nomination from the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences website reads:

Art Direction
"Alice in Wonderland"
Production Design: Robert Stromberg; Set Decoration: Karen

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Northville/Novi students plan Relay for Life event

24-hour event
March 12-13

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

The city of Northville has a Relay for Life every year in Ford Field in May. But, Northville/Novi students will have their own cancer fundraiser this year for the second time.

The Northville/Novi Students Relay for Life will take place from 10 a.m. March 12 to 10 a.m. March 13 at the Suburban Collection Showplace, formerly the Rock Financial Showplace on 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

"This 24-hour event is to raise money for the American Cancer Society," said Lia Busse, a member of the Northville/Novi Students Relay for Life Public Relations Committee.

"At Relay For Life, teams of people camp and take turns walking or running around a path. There will also be food, live entertainment and family fun. Everyone is welcome." Busse said this Relay for Life event is special because it has the claim to fame of being the only Relay for Life event in the U.S. run by high school students.

Dunk tank

"The dunk tank is one of many fun activities at Relay For Life," Busse said. "Teams of students from both Northville and Novi High Schools run this event, and this year it is expected to be even bigger than last year. It is a great way for students in the two communities to come together to support an important cause. Often the two schools are considered rivals, but for this event we all have a common goal."

Any group of students from these high schools can form a team and participate in this event. The students sleep overnight and walk the indoor



Northville/Novi Relay for LifeNorthville High School student Lia Busse (left) dries off after being "dunked" in a tank of water by Jessica Woodard during the 2010 Northville Novi Students Relay For Life.

throughout the night to draw awareness to this important cause. The community is invited to attend and participate in the activities that are happening throughout the 24 hours. Money is raised through these activities that include selling baked goods and other treats, raffles, chil-

dren's games and other family-centered activities.

"My team will be doing some fun things at the event to raise funds, including a raffle and selling balloon hats for the kids," said Busse. "There is also a survivor's walk around the track, which is a very moving thing to watch. You realize

how cancer has affected so many people and my friends, and I am proud to be part of an event that raises funds to try to end cancer."

"Our team, called Dare to Defeat, has 33 members," Busse said. "We are already working on our donations and will continue to do so until the

event."

For more information about how to get involved either through sponsorship or volunteering, call (248) 663-3410 or visit www.RelayForLife.org/nnstudentsmi or <http://main.acsevents.org>.

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Northville Downs celebrating 100th year

Northville Downs celebrated its 100th year of racing this season last weekend, and some big changes await racing fans at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads.

Northville Downs has undergone a complete upgrade to the facility to include the addition of 350 brand new flat panel television sets that are located at every table on the second and third levels of the Clubhouse. The complex also added a 11 new big screen television sets that are mounted overhead giving patrons a panoramic view of the live and simulcast action. Private wagering terminals are also available on the second level of the Clubhouse.

In addition to those changes, there has been a complete overhaul of the website: www.northville-downs.com. New to the website this year will be the addition of live video streaming and also video replays.

For the first time ever at Northville Downs, fans will have an opportunity to win \$100,000 in cash every live racing night with Royal Flush Friday's and Super Seven Saturday's promotions.

Dollar Night will be back every Friday night \$1 hot dogs, soft drinks, popcorn, live programs and live wagering; draft beer on Fridays will be reduced to \$2.

Finally, the wagering format has been adjusted slightly. Northville Downs will still be offering 50 cent Trifectas and Dice Superfectas on all races nightly, but added two Pick Three's to the racing card and a Pick Four on the last four races on every program.

The live racing schedule is every Friday and Saturday with post time at 7 p.m.

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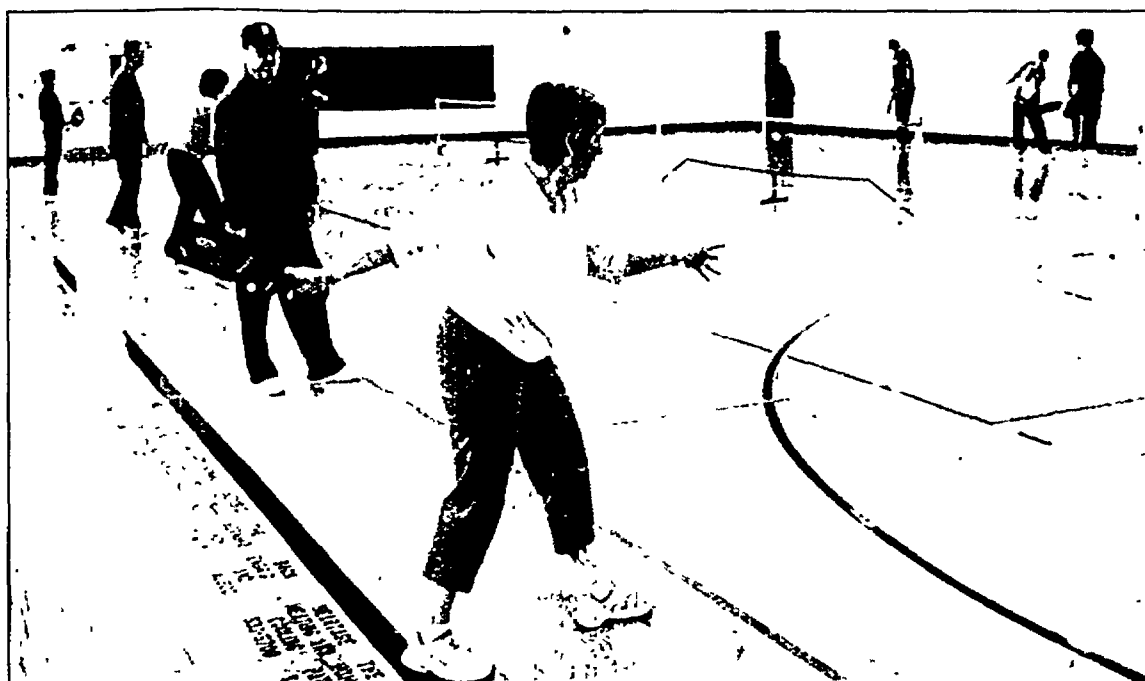
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Pickleball

At right, Merry Kubeshesky plays pickleball at the Northville Community Senior Center on Feb. 9. Behind Kubeshesky is partner Kathy McConlogue. At left, a group plays pickleball at the center. Pickleball is played a number of times each week at the center and costs only \$2 per visit. For more information, call the senior center at (248) 349-4140.



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Optimist Club of Northville/Novi now seeking new members

Although it is a well-established local organization, founded in November 2004, the Optimist Club of Northville/Novi still needs new members.

Devoted to raising money to help children, members have donated more than \$40,000 to organizations that serve the youth of our community.

Organizations that have benefitted

from the efforts of the Optimist Club have include Northville Youth Assistance, Kids Against Hunger, backpacks for Northville Civic Concern as well as special activities and projects within the various local schools.

Additionally, the club provides college scholarships to promising high school graduates and offers Community Service Awards to stu-

dents who demonstrate exemplary support to the local community.

While the primary objective of the Optimist Club is to support the development of local youth, benefits of membership include the opportunity to make new friends and make a difference in the lives of local children. These efforts are fueled by a philosophy that recognizes the benefits of embracing


optimism as way of life and the importance of establishing positive role models.

The OCNN meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at The Bee's Knees at 149 E. Main St. (an establishment owned and operated by Lori Dow, a founding member of OCNN).

Meetings are brief — just one hour — and we ask for only a mini-

mal commitment of your time to suggest, plan and participate in both our fundraising and program sponsorship efforts during the year," said Jennifer MacKay, club president. "The workload is light and fun when there are many hands involved."

For more information, contact MacKay at (248) 709-2705 or jmackay@rgpt.com.



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Silver Springs principal Scott Snyder, right, visits one of school's classrooms on Feb. 10 to give some help with lesson on metaphors. The State of Michigan-mandated count day took place the day before and Silver Springs officially had 481 pupils that day. The state uses information from count days to determine how much funding goes to each school.

Count day

Silver Springs students Jacob Frost, left, and Kevin Zahra work in their classroom on Feb. 10. Northville schools took part in a Student Count Day the day before to determine how much funding they receive from the State of Michigan.



NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Curriculum Night

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs will be holding its annual Curriculum Night from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 3. This evening will provide parents with information on Early Childhood Education and Extended Day programs, curriculum, and registration procedures for summer and fall 2011 enrollment. Learn more about Kids' Club, a before- and after-school program; Wondergarten, a program that complements the other half of the kindergarten day; Half-Day or Full-Day Pre-K programs; Parent/Child Pre-K classes; Summer Kids' Club; Summer Full-Day; and Half-Day Pre-K Summer Camp programs. Space is still available for Curriculum Night at the Northville Senior Community Center (303 W. Main Street, Northville). Call the Early Childhood office to register at (248) 344-8465.

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:

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

Winchester (248) 344-8415

Please note that attendance boundary information is located on the school district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/district-boundary-maps.asp. If you have further questions, please contact the Northville Public Schools Office of Instruction at (248) 344-8447 or visit www.northville.k12.mi.us. A parent meeting for incoming 2011-12 kindergartners will take place at each school during April or May.

Wondergarten

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

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

Program request forms are available on the district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood beginning March 4. The enrollment period is March 4-17, 2011.

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.

ON CAMPUS

Denison University

Northville's Clara Fecht, a member of the class of 2012 and an art history major, was named to the fall 2010 semester Dean's List.

Northeastern University

Northville's Katherine Watkins, a psychology major, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester, which ended in December.

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Ticket decline drives drop in court filings

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Case filings in 35th District Court have fallen steadily in the last two years, with traffic cases, which make up more than half of the court's caseload, driving the decline.

A total of 34,951 cases (excluding parking violations and juvenile cases) were filed in the court in 2010 from communities in its jurisdiction — Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville Township and the city of Northville. That's down more than 15 percent from the 2008 total of 41,473.

The number of traffic cases fell by more than 20 percent in the same time period: the court saw 22,879 traffic cases filed last year, vs. 28,828 in 2008.

The decline is expected to impact the amount of money — collected through ticket penalties, fines and filing fees — the court returns to its five communities, but court officials say they've taken steps in recent years to cut costs by increasing efficiencies and trimming the court staff.

"We have built a great relationship with the communities that we serve and we are continually looking for ways to better provide excellent, cost-effective justice and we continually share ideas with the communities that we serve," Judge Michael Gerou, the court's chief judge, wrote in an e-mail. "We have been proactive."

FALLING REVENUE

Court revenues for 2009 were \$3,791,324, according to an audit for that year. Some \$577,462 was returned to the communities; for 2008, more than \$1.1 million was returned out of about \$4.2 million in revenue.

Public safety officials cited several reasons for the decline in filings.

"I don't think you can point to one thing. I think you have to look at all of the factors," Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said.

Those factors, Tiderington said, include fewer hours dedicated to traffic enforcement and a drop in the number of violations issued per traffic stop. The township currently has 26 officers, following four retirements last fall, and is in the process of hiring three officers, which will leave the department with one less officer than a year ago.

But, the chief said, officers are no longer working dedicated traffic details on an over-time basis, as they were a few years ago, and the township's participation in multi-jurisdictional units has also taken manpower from traffic duty. The township currently has one officer on



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Judge Michael Gerou of 35th District Court in Plymouth said the court "continually looks for ways to better provide ... justice."

a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration task force, another on a western Wayne County narcotics unit, and will soon have an officer on a third regional team, the chief said.

"Collectively, we probably have fewer officers in a traffic-enforcement capacity," Tiderington said of the township and the four other communities in the court's jurisdiction.

John Werth, director of public safety for Northville Township, said caseloads are dwindling at the court from the township.

"Our overall activity was down 4 percent in 2010 from 2009," Werth said. "We were down 604 cases. We handled a total of 6,346 cases, which is only 3 percent. Pretty much the trend has been for 35th District Court cases to go down except for Plymouth Township that went up 250 cases, which is 13 percent of the caseload. Canton Township is 56 percent of the caseload. Northville Township is at 18 percent. Obviously, if your caseload is down, your revenues are down."

Gary Goss, chief of police, city of Northville, said in 2008 total cases were 2,250; in 2009 it was 2,132; and in 2010 it was 1,700 at 35th District Court. Why the decline? "I've got about half the people that I did before," Goss said.

TICKETS DWINDLING

Township officers also have been writing fewer violations per traffic stop in recent years, Tiderington said. Officers had been writing two or three violations during the same traffic stop, but those tickets were often getting bargained down in court to just one violation, he said, and that proved to be financially inefficient. Each violation meant the court opened a new case, he said.

Werth said in these difficult economic times, officers might be issuing more warnings to avoid drivers having to pay a \$100-plus fine. Plus, he agreed that there are fewer officers on patrol these days.

Just the facts on 35th District Court

There are five communities in the 35th District Court's jurisdiction: Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships and the cities of Plymouth and Northville.

The court and its three judges handle traffic offenses, misdemeanors and civil infractions, parking violations, small claims and landlord-tenant cases, and felony arraignments and preliminary hearings. Traffic violations make up well over half of the court's annual case filings.

Through a special arrangement, the court also handles juvenile cases, even though those cases are technically the responsibility of Wayne County Circuit Court and do not show up on the district's court's annual caseload statistics, which are filed with Michigan's

court administrative office. The number of juvenile cases filed in the district court has averaged 288 a year in the last three years.

Parking violations are not included in the case filing numbers reported by the state for each district court. In 2010, 35th District Court had 641 parking cases.

Between full- and part-time personnel, the court has 42 full-time equivalent employees, plus Judges Michael Gerou, James Plakas and Ronald Lowe. That's down from close to 44 FTEs in 2005; controller Pam Avdoulos said more work in recent years has been transferred to part-timers, who do not receive benefits.

The court's total audited budget for 2009 was more than \$4.6 million.

Despite a decline in traffic violations, Tiderington said, accidents have also been on the decline, and the township directs traffic patrol to problem areas. "Perhaps we're working smarter and as a result we're more efficient," he said.

In Canton Township, Patrick Nemecek, the public safety director, said the police department's internal case numbers have been fairly steady, and the results have been good.

"All the important factors that we look at in Canton are going the way we want them to go," Nemecek said. Arrests and traffic stops are up, accidents and serious crimes are down, and the number of calls for service doesn't vary widely from year to year, he said.

But, Nemecek said, Canton also may have fewer hours dedicated to traffic patrol, because some retired officers have not been replaced in recent years and others are participating in regional task forces.

Another factor in the court's numbers, he said, is Canton's policy, adopted within the last two or three years, of handling certain kinds of motor vehicle violations outside of court if offenders correct the problem within 20 days. These include equipment violations, such as a nonworking headlight, as well as having no registration and no proof of insurance, said Lt. Scott Hilden, who oversees the department's records and traffic bureaus.

Of the 3,617 such violations Canton officers wrote in 2010, Hilden said, only 381 were not corrected within 20 days and sent to the court.

FEWER OFFICERS

In Plymouth, a drop in the number of officers has likely had an effect on the number of cases police generate, Mayor Dan Dwyer said. The city went from 17 officers in 2001 to 15 currently, Dwyer said, and the number of cases generated in the city has dropped by about 7 percent in the same time frame.

But Dwyer, who is a member of the District Court Authority board, a group of representatives from each community within the area the court serves, said he's confident in the court's ability to stay ahead of the curve and cut costs. "I think Judge Gerou is making positive changes at the court," Dwyer said.

But the number of yearly case filings will continue to be watched, he said.

"If the caseload continues to plummet, they'll have to make even more changes," Dwyer said.

Gerou said not too much should be made of short-term filing trends.

"While we do multi-year budget projections and collect and examine a lot of data, trends in and of themselves mean nothing. If numbers go up or down for three consecutive years, it has no logical bearing on whether that trend will continue in the following year," Gerou said. "One has to look at the reasons for any trend before one can safely predict or even guesstimate future numbers."

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Northville Record staff writer Pam Fleming contributed to this report

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

Retail fraud at Kohl's

1 A 17-year-old Kingville, Ontario, woman was arrested for retail fraud at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 12 at the Kohl's department store at 20155 Haggerty Road.

Loss prevention detectives watched on closed circuit television as the woman selected one sterling silver ring. She then went into a fitting room and concealed the item on herself. The ring was recovered and valued at \$25.

Cell phone theft

2 A 35-year-old resident of Silver Springs Drive told police someone stole her cell phone valued at \$450.

The woman said she needed to return her broken cell phone to the manufacturer, and placed it in a pre-approved envelope.

The envelope was placed near the mailboxes inside her apartment building. She later learned by a family member who lives in the same building that the envelope was torn open, and the phone was gone.

Paraphernalia arrest

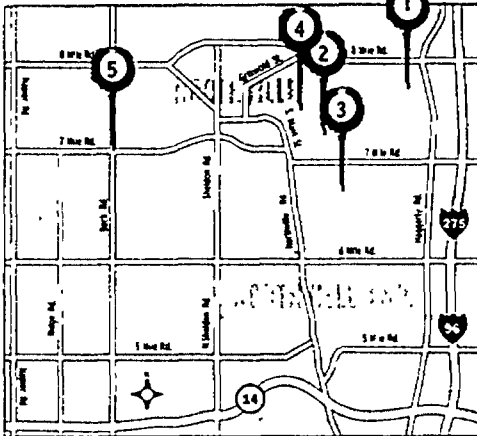
3 A 17-year-old Howell man was arrested for possessing drug paraphernalia at 10 p.m. Feb. 8 on Innsbrook Drive.

A caller said men wearing badges with "guns out" said they were from the Sheriff's Department and had a warrant for a person the caller did not know. Then they left.

The men identified themselves as bail bondsmen. Police found a small marijuana pipe on the man, who had just been hired that night to knock on doors. He had no marijuana on him, however.

Theft from vehicle

4 A 29-year-old store clerk who works at Jack Doheny Supplies at 777 Doheny Drive said someone stole a sewer camera out of the busi-



ness' showroom about 10:15 a.m. on Feb. 5.

Another employee, the parts director told police that on Saturday morning a man came in and talked to the store clerk, asking for an obscure part. When the clerk went to look for the part, the man wheeled the sewer camera out the door.

He then hurried and loaded it into the driver-side rear door of his SUV and drove off. The clerk did not realize that the part was missing until a few days later. The driver of the SUV was never seen.

The sewer camera was valued at \$5,500.

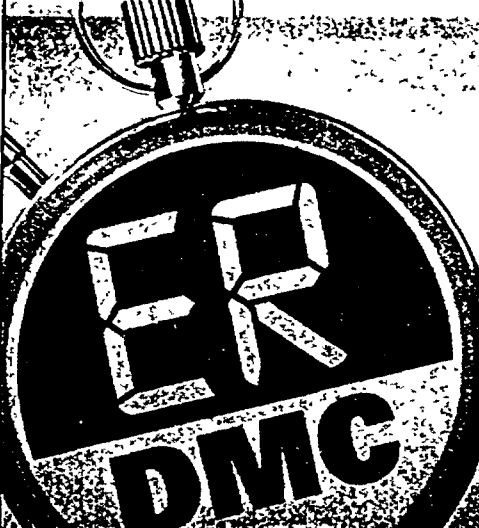
Drunk driving incident

5 A 47-year-old Novi woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated and refused a preliminary breath test at 10:31 p.m. on Feb. 6 at Beck and Seven Mile roads.

Police were dispatched to the area for a property damage accident. When they arrived, they could smell alcohol on the Novi woman's breath.

The woman said she had been to a Super Bowl party and had left her purse there.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming



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Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 427-1175

5th Annual Pancake Supper

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8

Details: It's time to put on your cowboy boots and hats and mosey on over to Holy Cross for a chuck wagon pancake supper. All proceeds benefit the Holy Cross Choir. Take-out orders will be available. Cost is \$6 per person; \$20 for a family of four.

Church of the Holy Family

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

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father

Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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

Destiny Worship Center

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

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women

of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

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

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service

Alzheimer's Support Group

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

Faith Community Presbyterian

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of

Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Presbyterian

Church of Northville

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

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Walking in the Park

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)

Details: Group meet for lunch afterwards.

Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

Single Place Ministries

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.

Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

First United Methodist

Church of Northville

A Stephen Ministry Church

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org

Sunday worship:

Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-May)

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor

Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)

Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month

Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)

Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays

Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@fumcnorthville.org

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 349-0565

Sundays

Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Sermon: Better Than You

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon

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

Pilgrim Fellowship

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

Asking Questions adult education class

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

Vespers

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.

Details: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar and piano.

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030

Sundays

9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

Wednesday Family Night

7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

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

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

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

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion

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

Peace Vigil

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church

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

Advent Service

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

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

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

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

ReNew Life Group Ministries

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

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

Women's Life Groups Ministries

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

Men's Life Groups Ministries

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

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir

Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good

Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

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

Our Lady of Victory

Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

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

Saturday Worship

Time: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship

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

Our Shepherd

Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

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

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

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

Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth

Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 347-7778

Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m.

Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

St. John Lutheran
Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com

Saturday Worship

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship

Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School

Time: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville

Contact: (248) 349-3140

David Paul Britton Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1

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PETER BILETI SR.

Feb. 8, 2011, age 81. Funeral was Feb. 12th, First United Methodist Church of Brighton. Memorials: Veterans Administration Ann Arbor Health System or Wounded Warrior Project. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

ALBERTA FEAN

Age 93, Feb. 8, 2011. Services took place in Pennsauken, NJ. Interment Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill, NJ. Donations: Marycrest Manor, 15475 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MYRTLE E. LENZ

Age 91, Feb. 11, 2011. Wife of the late Harvey Sr. Funeral was Feb. 13 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Memorials: Salvation Army or Botsford Foundation. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



CHARLES JARVIS CAMILLERI

Passed away peacefully in the care of his family on February 12, 2011. He was 82 years old. Preceded in death by his dear wife, Karen Camilleri in 2001. Mr. Camilleri is survived by his sons, Paul (Linda) Camilleri and John (James Jones) Camilleri; daughter, Renee (Lee) Openshaw; grandchildren, Matthew Ronald Camilleri, Evan Lee Openshaw and Lillian Karen Openshaw and sister, Nora Byrne. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and dear friends. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1955 East Commerce Rd., Milford, Thursday, February 17 at 11 AM. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be to the National Parkinson Foundation. For further information please call Lynch & Sons Funeral Home at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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UUCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program complements the mission of UUCF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all.

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

Lifelong Learning Forum

Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays

Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most.

Contact: (248) 478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespans

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Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Fridays
Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

**Ward Evangelical
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Location: 40000 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978

Sunday Worship
Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services

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

Single Point Ministries (45 and older)

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.
Single Point Ministries (35-50 years old)
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.
Single Purpose Connexions (20-30 years old)
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.
Details: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.
Contact: (248) 374-5920
Learner's Bible Study
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101
Men's Bible Study
Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office
Single's Bible Study
Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

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 Sunday 10:30 and 1:30
 Thursday 7:00 p.m.

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Sr. Pastor Joseph R. Tabbi

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Wednesday Christian Education and
Family Night 7:00 p.m.

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www.cpcnow.com

Showplace presents Cottage & Lakefront Living Show Feb. 24-27

The Cottage & Lakefront Living Show gathers together numerous exhibitors Feb. 24-27 under the roof of the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"Exhibits feature something for every interest from log home building, cottage furnishings, boats and docks to outdoor recreational equipment and a great deal more," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan, Inc. "Special features add another dimension to the show with demonstrations on wide-ranging topics of interest to the cottage and lakefront living set and fun activities for the kids, including a sandy 'beach.'"

Exhibits include log, timber frame and cedar homes, cottage rental, architects, cottage furnishings, lakefront homebuilders and realtors, lakeshore maintenance, boats and docks, outdoor recreational equipment, non-profit environmental organizations, government agencies, financing and other products and services. Experts throughout the show will provide tips, advice and knowledge on purchasing, planning, maintenance, financing and landscaping cottages and lakefront properties.

Custom designs and standard home floor plans from builders and general contractors will showcase milled logs, Swedish cope, timber frame, handcrafted, log sided and hybrid log home systems. Log home packages starting with construction of an unfinished shell up to a complete turn-key home option are available from a small cottage to a large lakefront home.

Inland lake marine contractors specializing in complete lake front restoration and construction will be exhibiting. Samples of vinyl seawall profiles as well as information on steel sheet piling, wood, natural boulders or limestone and bioengineering a natural shoreline will be available.



The Cottage & Lakefront Living Show features fun activities for the kids, including a sandy 'beach.'

Information will be on hand for lakefront restoration and beach sanding offering minimum site disturbance using a patented system that completes the beach sanding within one day and does not require trucks or equipment that can damage your lawn and property. Other companies will display their sand pumping systems, which are utilized in creating sandy lake bottoms.

Lake and pond management and consulting companies for small backyard ponds to large lakes will provide details on treatment for lakefront homes, reducing weeds and algae and improv-

ing the beach area. Floodzone specialists authorized to perform flood-risk analyses and obtain map amendments through FEMA will provide specifics on removing federal mandatory flood risk requirements from lenders and insurance companies.

Roll-in, floating and portable docks, boat hoists and even a doggie ladder are among the items at one display. Maintenance free stationary and rolling aluminum framed dock sections, vinyl decking and hydraulic boat lifts will also be available. For fun, paddleboats, rafts and water toys along with easy to use weed removal rollers

and tools to create a sandy beach and remove the weeds from the lake shorelines and bottoms will be on display. Wakeboard and inboard ski boats, pontoons, outboard motors, aluminum seasonal docks and accessories and aluminum electric, hydraulic and hand crank boat lifts will be part of another exhibit. Other handcrafted lightweight, high performance wood-covered fiberglass custom boats and kayaks will be available.

Decorative and functional accessories from a custom Western Red Cedar Adirondack chair and handcrafted wooden patio and

garden furniture to aerial photographs of over 1,500 Michigan lakes, topical lake relief carvings and handmade natural soap will be available for purchase at the Lakefront Marketplace. Michigan artists at the Cottage Fine Art Show will present original prints and note cards, lakescapes and landscape fine art, sculpture, photography, woodcarvings, watercolors and oil paintings for sale based on nature and wildlife.

Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership will provide informal advice and educational materials from Michigan Department of Natural Resources and

DETAILS

Location: Suburban Collection Showplace (formerly Rock Financial Showplace) is located at 46100 Grand River Ave. between Novi and Beck Road in Novi.

Hours: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission: \$10; \$4 for children 6-14; and free for children 5 and under. Discount coupons for \$2 off Thursday or Friday adult admission are available at show's Web site and at participating Wendy's restaurants. Free crossover admission from the Cottage & Lakefront Living Show to Outdoorama.

Parking: Available for a fee. More info: www.NoviCottageShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

Environment, Michigan Lake & Stream Association and other agencies, organizations, contractors and landscape professionals on shoreline construction projects and natural shoreline landscaping that benefit lake ecosystems and protect Michigan's inland lakes.

Other features include The Beach, a giant sandbox complete with sand and carving tools for creative building by children and adults; Log and Timber Frame Showcase; sharing and keeping the cottage in the family, environmentally sensitive lake practices and ways to enjoy your cottage more at the Cottage Living Stage; Cottage Living Center; photography classes; Howell Nature Center Wildlife Encounters featuring native Michigan wildlife; Michigan Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society; and Water & Woods Photo Contest Display which allow you to vote for the best cottage and lakefront living traditions photo.

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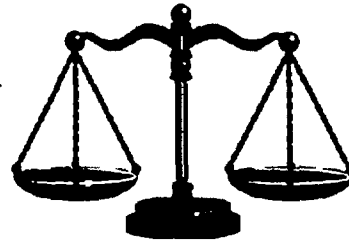
Novi Community Center
45175 10 Mile Rd., Novi, MI, 48375
Tuesday, February 22 7:00 pm OR Wednesday, February 23 1:00 pm

No reservation is needed, but seats fill up fast!

"Information is the oxygen of the modern age." –Ronald Reagan

Who is Gary F. Allen?

Gary F. Allen is the founder of Allen Elder Law, a Northville-based practice specializing in Estate Planning, Elder Law and Retirement Planning. With more than 39 years of legal experience, Allen is a member of the Probate and Estates Section and the Elder Law Section of the Michigan Bar Association. He focuses on protecting the assets of his clients due to the cost of probate, estate taxes, income taxes, the nursing home, creditors, lawsuits and scams. Allen has been recognized for his community work by both the Michigan House of Representatives and the US House of Representatives. He has given more than 500 speeches to various community groups, churches and gatherings of retirees, as well as being a guest lecturer at Cleary College, Washtenaw Community College and Eastern Michigan University.



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Oakland County facing road funding shortfall

The Funding Committee of the Oakland County Federal Aid Task Force will meet Feb. 22 to award \$17.9 million in available federal road funds. Because of the limited funding available, the committee has restricted the quantity and type of projects it will consider this year.

The 14-member committee includes 10 representatives of Oakland's cities, villages and townships, as well as two members from the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), one representative from SMART (the suburban bus system) and one from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). It meets every February to identify the road projects that will receive the available federal road funds four years in the future.

This year, the committee will identify projects to be funded in 2015.

The committee awards funding from two sources: The Surface Transportation Program (STP), which is federal dollars awarded to each region based on a formula, and Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF), which is a combination of state and federal dollars intended primarily to address congestion caused by economic development. However, the TEDF dollars that would have been available this year, have already been designated for projects, due to the significant backlog of proj-

MEETING DETAILS

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 9 a.m., Feb. 22, and will take place in the Shannon Hall room at the City of Farmington Hills' Costick Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Because of the limited funds available this year, the committee again will not consider any new road widening projects, though widening projects previously approved are eligible for "next phase" funding.

The committee reviews projects submitted by RCOC and all the cities and villages in the county. Projects compete for the available funds. In order to receive federal road construction dollars, projects must be rated, ranked and approved by the committee.

"We are again facing the situation where the road needs substantially exceed the available funding," observed RCOC Managing Director Brent Bath. He noted \$67.2 million worth of projects -- 11 percent more than last year -- are vying for the available \$17.9 million in STP funds allocated to Oakland County.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," Bath said. "This does not represent the full list of needed projects, but only those projects

where the Road Commission or the communities thought they had a chance of successfully competing for the available funds."

The projects are ranked using an objective point system that gives the most points to those projects that will do the most to improve motorist safety and reduce traffic congestion. Then, only the projects that receive the most points receive funding. Every year, numerous worthy projects remain unfunded because of a lack of funds.

"This is a 'worst-first' funding formula," Bath said.

RCOC and the county's cities and villages rely on STP or TEDF funds for nearly all major road construction projects. Without these funds, there would be very few major road projects undertaken on city, village or county roads.

Bath and RCOC Planning and Environmental Concerns Director David Evanchoe praised the system of distributing the available federal funds. "This is a very fair and objective means of determining which projects will receive the limited dollars available," said Evanchoe, who chairs the committee. "Each project submitted is reviewed solely on its merit. In fact, some years ago, our point system was identified by the Federal Highway Administration as a model for use nationwide. The problem is simply that there are far too few dollars to come close to meeting the needs."

Listings: Etc. includes Meetings; Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks and Rec; Volunteering; Support Groups; Clubs and Groups; Class Reunions; Golf Outings; and Health Events. Please visit our Web site (hometownlife.com) to view the complete listing.

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

MEETINGS

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

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

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

NORTHVILLE ETC.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
Date: Third Monday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall

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

SENIOR EVENTS

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

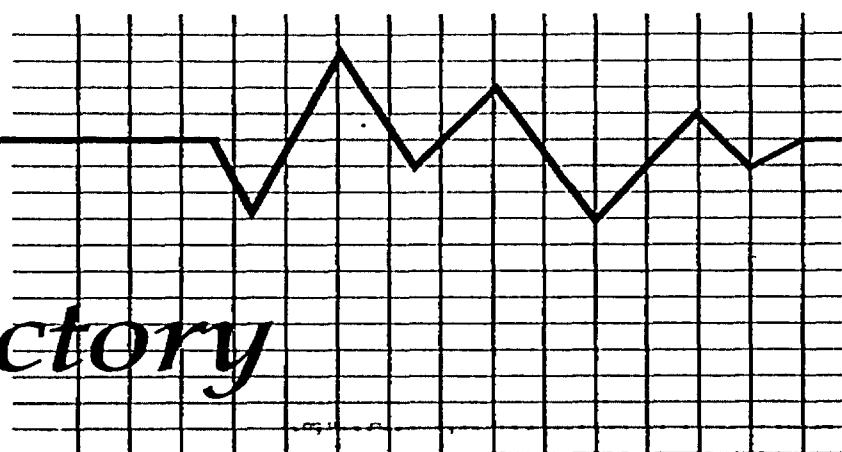
THURSDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9 a.m.: TOPS; Massage by appt.
10:30 a.m.: Yoga
11 a.m.: Cribbage
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

FRIDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club
11 a.m.: Poker
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Walking Club
1 p.m.: Movie

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

TUESDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club

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Photography studio earns industry recognition

BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

The Knot and The Wedding Wire recognize Craig David Butler Studios for their continued success and highest level of service in the Wedding Photography and Videography industry.

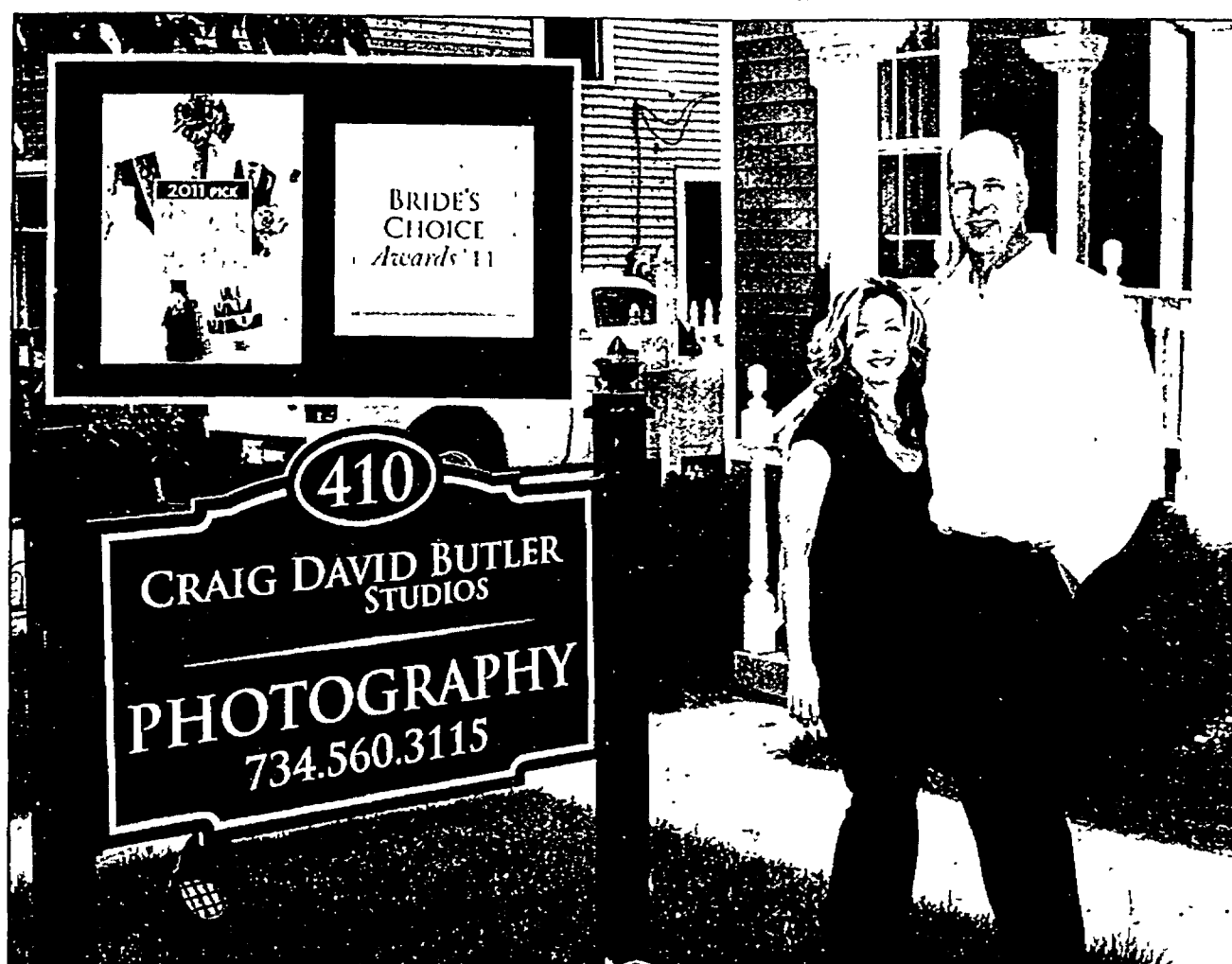
The Knot wedding website named Craig David Butler Studios with its highest honor in their "Best of Weddings" publication for an unprecedented fifth year in a row.

WeddingWire, a wedding technology company, announced Craig David Butler Studios has been selected to receive the prestigious annual WeddingWire Bride's Choice Awards 2011 for Wedding Photography.

Recognition for the Bride's Choice Awards 2011 and The Knot's Best of Weddings is determined by recent reviews and extensive surveys from over 750,000 newlyweds. "Our past clients are among those that shared their experiences on the WeddingChannel and WeddingWire", the largest wedding review sites in the nation.

Craig David Butler Studios stands among the top 5 percent of wedding professionals in the WeddingWire community, representing quality and service excellence within the wedding industry. Awards were given to the top wedding professionals across 20 service categories, from wedding venues to wedding photographers, and were based on the overall professional achievements throughout the past year.

Craig David Butler Studios



You may find information about Bonnie and Craig Butler studios at www.craigdavidbutler.com or blog at <http://cdbsi.net> or by calling the studio at (734) 560-3115.

is a full-service photographic studio located in downtown Northville. Craig and Bonnie Butler relocated their studio in 2010 from the Water Wheel to 410 E. Main Street in the blue Victorian house at

Main Street.

"We couldn't be happier with our move! We are now more visible to the community and we can reach those who are looking for a professional photographer," said Craig Butler.

Top services include wedding, high school seniors, beautiful bellies, infant, beautiful baby collection, family, portrait and commercial photography.

For more information about The Knot's "Best of

Weddings" please visit www.TheKnot.com or look for their Best of Wedding publication coming soon.

For more information on the Bride's Choice Awards 2011, please visit www.WeddingWire.com.

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

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

For pre-registration and location specifics, visit our website at oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783.

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

(AM) Morning Class 9 a.m. to noon or 12:30 p.m.

(PM) Evening Class 6 p.m. to 9 or 9:30 p.m.

February

18 FastTrac Listening to Your Business (AM)

23 WBE Certification Orientation (AM)

23 Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (PM)

March

2 Social Media Marketing Part I (AM)

3 Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)

4 FastTrac Growth Venture (Venture Forward)

9 CEED Microloan Orientation (Southfield Library)

10 Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM)

16 5 Keys to Achieving Fiscal Fitness (AM)

17 Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM)

24 Essentials Part I

24 QuickBooks Essentials Part II

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hurray for Hollywood showcases Northville businesses

Northville's annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase, scheduled for noon-3 p.m. Saturday, March 5 at Northville High School, will feature interactive exhibits from retail, service and non-profit businesses at this fun family-themed event. This year's theme is "Hurray for Hollywood". Several area top-rated restaurants provide samples from their menus to event attendees.

Participating restaurants and caterers include Aubree's of Northville, Edward's Café and Caterers, George's Senate Restaurant, Rusty Bucket Corner Tavern, Brann's Steakhouse, Quiznos, Joe's Catering and Events, Busch's and Northville Hills Golf Club.

"This is a great opportunity for our local businesses to showcase their products and services," said Northville Chamber Executive Director Jody Humphries. "It's also a fun way to spend an afternoon with a fun theme and great food samples from our area restaurants and caterers."

Sponsors include Community Financial, Collision Craftsmen of Michigan, Craig David Butler Studios, Davis Auto Care, Healthquest, Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, Hines Park Lincoln, Kelley Brothers, Monroe Bank & Trust, Northville DDA, Northville Public Schools, REMAX Dream Properties and Wynwood of Northville.

Event attendees can also win free giveaways, and promotional goodies. Awards are presented for Best Restaurant and Best Business displays as voted by the public. Bring the entire family for this fun event. Tickets are available at the door. Prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and over, and \$2.00 for children under 12.

Call the Northville Chamber of Commerce for more information at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Senate panel approves measure banning ergonomic mandates

Legislation to ban administrative rules mandating workplace ergonomics rules in Michigan was approved Feb. 9 by a Senate panel, said Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake.

The Senate Economic Development Committee, chaired by Kowall, approved Senate Bill 20. The measure is expected to be taken up soon by the full Senate and sent to the House of Representatives.

"Job providers cannot afford to have these burdensome regulations in place," Kowall said. "Right now we have to focus on making Michigan an attractive place to do business, so job providers stay or locate here and offer our residents good-paying jobs."

California, which just passed Michigan in

unemployment rates, is currently the only state with separate mandatory workplace ergonomics rules. Ergonomics standards are indicated in the federal Occupational Safety & Health Administration guidelines and companies must operate under these rules. The state of Washington previously mandated workplace ergonomics rules, but the law was overturned by voters there.

According to Charlie Owens, state director of the National Federation of Independent Business organization, Michigan having its own set of ergonomics standards does not "throw out the welcome mat to businesses."

Studies show that state ergonomic rules could cost Michigan employers an extra \$400 to \$500 million.

"I'm glad my colleagues on the panel approved this vital legislation," Kowall said. "I look forward to this proposal becoming law and I'm sure Michigan businesses are anxiously awaiting it too."

Credit unions jump start savings with \$100,000 grand prize

The changing economy has put great emphasis on personal financial education and the benefits of saving. With branches in Novi and Northville, Community Financial Credit Union is one of 36 Michigan credit unions that are offering the innovative Save to Win program that gives members an exciting reason to save - a grand prize of \$100,000 - and teaches them how regular deposits can put them on the path toward building wealth.

Members open a one-year share certificate with an initial deposit of at least \$25. Then, every time they deposit \$25 they earn another entry into monthly drawings and a grand prize drawing. At the end of every month, prizes totaling \$4,000 will be awarded to Save to Win accountholders who continue to save. The prize entries will also be entered into the grand prize drawing of \$100,000, to be awarded in January 2012.

Community Financial CEO Bill Lawton said, "Our credit union is excited to offer this innovative program to our members. At Community Financial, we are committed to helping our members save money and work their way out of debt." Lawton added, "Save to Win gives a good incentive to learn the value of saving and how just a little each month can add up."

Research from the pilot year of Save to Win shows that the product is helping people save. About 27 percent of Save to Win accountholders reported having \$2,000 or less in financial assets prior to opening the Save to Win account, and 60 percent said they regularly spent money on the lottery or gambling.

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LOCAL

Northville Women's Club

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Feb. 18

Location: Northville Presbyterian Church

Details: Speaker Jacque Martin Downs will discuss "What's your Personality Type?" Chairperson for the day is Jill Engerer. Guests are welcomed to come with a member.

DAR Good Citizen Award

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Feb. 21 **Location:** Plymouth District Library, Main Street, Plymouth (734) 453-0750

Details: "Today's DAR" A Video presentation promoting the valuable benefits of the DAR experience in local communities.

Contact: (734) 453-0750

Northville Community Senior Center

Winter Concert Series - Six Week Entertainment Series

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sundays through Feb. 20

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

Contact: Suzie Johnson (248) 349-4140 x: 1943

Details: The Senior Adult Services reserves the right to cancel due to inclement weather or circumstances beyond control. \$3 at the door.

Feb. 20 - Girls' Night Out

Northville/Novi Students Relay For Life

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-10 a.m. Saturday, March 12-Sunday March 13

Location: Suburban Collections



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Donna Novack and "Harpbeat" visit the Northville District Library on Feb. 10 and play a number of tunes to celebrate Black History month.



'Harpbeat'

Donna Novack, right, of Harpbeat, entertains a group at the Northville District Library on Feb. 10.

Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Details: This 24-hour event is to raise money for The American Cancer Society. At Relay For Life, teams of people camp and take turns walking or running around a path. There will also be food, live entertainment, and family fun. Everyone is welcome. This Relay is special because it is the only high

school run Relay For Life in the United States.

Contact: (248) 663-3410 or visit www.RelayForLife.org/nstudentsmi for more information.

18th Annual Garden Walk

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13

Location: Garden Walk Central is at

Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Avenue, Northville

Details: The Country Garden Club of Northville invites you to attend its Eighteenth Annual Garden Walk featuring six gardens in charming Northville. Other unique attractions include a garden market, live music, and refreshments. Proceeds from the event support charitable contributions to local

and national horticultural causes. Cost is \$10; tickets available at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main in downtown Northville, after June 13.

Contact: (248) 348-3263; www.cgcny.org

American Legion

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

Contact: www.americanlegionpost147.org

Slider Nite

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

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

Steak & Rib Nite

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

Details: public welcome

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

The Art House

Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville

Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org

for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering.

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

Details: Admission to Art House

exhibits are always free and open to the public.

"Art from the Attic" Fundraiser

Date: Feb. 25-27

Details: Donated art accepted Feb. 20, 2-5 p.m.; Feb. 21, 3-5 p.m.; or by appointment. Preview Opening Sale and Reception Feb. 25, 6-9 p.m.;

\$10 advance tickets. Preview sale

sponsored by Table 5 Restaurant and Ameriprise Financial. Public art sale

Feb. 26, 9-4 p.m.; and Feb. 27, 12-4 p.m.

Mill Race Historical Village

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

Details: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Village buildings open

free to the public 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct.

Contact: (248) 348-1845

Weekly Events

(*Grounds closed to public)

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 10 a.m. Mill Race Weavers in Cottage; 7 p.m. Historical Society Board Meeting

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open

Sunday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. King's 8th

Monday: 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #834

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

Northville Democrats

Wednesday: 4:30-8 p.m. Relay for

Life Meeting in Church; 6:45 p.m.

Mindfulness Meditation Group

Maybury State Park

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

motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually (\$6 annu-

ally for seniors 65 and older).

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

FriendsOfMaybury.org.

Sunrise Networking

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

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

Details: The SNG builds relationships through warm introductions, and

encourages its members to attend twice monthly breakfasts along with

evening social events. The more famil-

iar the members become with each other, the more the referrals naturally

present themselves. The SNG uses

their Website to tie all of the members

together, creating a complete group of

people who are interested in helping

each other succeed.

Contact: www.sunriseNETWORKING-group.com!

REGIONAL EVENTS

Jazz @ The Elks

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

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

Haggerty Road in Plymouth.

Details: These events are keeping the uniquely American tradition of

jazz alive in southeast Michigan. A \$5

donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres and live jazz in a beautiful

club setting.

Feb. 22: The George (Sax) Benson Quartet with George Benson on sax;

Tom Brown on drums; Dan Pliskow on

bass; and Cliff Monear on keyboard.

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Needlework

Suzanne Buettner does some needlework at the Cady Inn in Northville's Mill Race Village on Feb. 10 during a meeting of the TARTS. TARTS stands for "Thursdays Are Reserved To Stitch" and consists of a group of ladies that meets twice a month at Mill Race to work on their needle crafts.

A close-up of the work of Suzanne Buettner at Mill Race Village.



OSCAR

FROM PAGE A1

O'Hara

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1"

Production Design: Stuart Craig; Set Decoration: Stephenie McMillan

"Inception"

Production Design: Guy Hendrix Dyas; Set Decoration: Larry Dias and Doug Mowat

"The King's Speech"

Production Design: Eve Stewart; Set Decoration: Judy Farr

"True Grit"

Production Design: Jess Gonchor; Set Decoration: Nancy Haigh.

Mowat knows his competitors, Dyas and Dias. Last Saturday night in London, Mowat along with Dyas and Dias, won an award from British Academy of Film and Television Arts for their work on the movie "Inception." The BAFTA is equivalent to the Academy Awards in the U.S.

WENT TO MICHIGAN STATE

Mowat studied interior design at Michigan State University and worked at

Hudson's downtown for a couple of years before getting laid off.

He then applied and was accepted to the American Film Institute and moved to California in 1984.

He already has quite a portfolio, which can be found online.

Mowat is, obviously, excited about the nomination.

"This is sort of what everybody works for," he said. "It's usually the culmination of many years of hard work. For me, it sort of that. You feel like you've made it."

Mowat laughingly said being nominated for or winning an Oscar can mean one of two things: "Either I'll get a lot of offers, or everyone will think I'm too expensive and won't call me. Hopefully, it will be the former."

Paul Zimmerman, an entertainment journalist in California, has known Mowat since they were in junior high, and they graduated from NHS together.

MOVIE LOVERS AS ADOLESCENTS

"We both had a passion for movies," Zimmerman said.

"We met talking about movies. He always had a good design eye."

"We just love movies," Mowat said. "One year we went to the movies 90 times in one year."

He's worked on a lot of low-budget movies since 1984. "Eventually, things got better, and here we are," Mowat said. He's working on a project now, a small movie called "Welcome to People." "It's a smaller budget movie, but there's a good script and there are some very good actors, including Michelle Pfeiffer," Mowat said. "It's a movie about a family."

Mowat said things started to pick up after his involvement with the film "Sixth Sense" starring Bruce Willis.

"It really helps when you can work on a successful picture," he said.

Mowat's mother, Courtney, still lives in Northville. He will be going to the Academy Awards at the end of the month, and before that to the British Academy Awards in London, which we've been nominated for as well.

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DANCE

FROM PAGE A1

Senior Center's Winter Concert Series and during the half-time show for the NHS girls' basketball game.

In December, the company organized a Happy Holidays Dance Party to give parents an afternoon to complete holiday preparations while their children danced, did crafts and had snacks with the Dance Company dancers. The company supports the Michigan Parkinson Foundation by kicking off its

annual run, Northville Civic Concern by gathering mittens for needy children and the Bottomless Toy Chest by collecting craft kits for local cancer patients.

The dancers learn teamwork and build lasting friendships.

"I can't even imagine this year without the Dance Company," said member Katelyn Wasilesky, a senior. "I'm so happy to have become friends with the girls. Each one brings something special to the company."

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OUR VIEWS

Donate blood

Supplies low, need great

After Chrysler's Super Bowl ad featuring Eminem, the world has been reminded of what we do best in metro Detroit: manufacture.

However, there is one thing nobody can manufacture. Blood.

And supplies took a major hit with the recent winter storms, which led to the cancellation of over 300 blood drives and a shortfall of more than 14,000 pints of blood since the year began.

Worse yet, the American Red Cross' supply of type O-negative (the universal type of which only 7 percent of the population has) is at critical levels.

At the end of this editorial we'll list a few opportunities for one to donate. But first, just in case you're sitting on the fence, take note of these facts:

- Adults have about 10 pints of blood in their body; one pint is given during donation.
- One pint of blood can save up to three lives.
- Five million patients in the U.S. need blood every year.
- Donors can give blood every 56 days.
- One out of 10 people admitted to the hospital needs blood.
- Every two seconds someone in our country needs blood.

"Fifteen years ago, when I started for the American Red Cross, 70 percent of the population was eligible to donate," said Diane Risko, who works out of the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region on Mack Avenue in Detroit. "Today, only 38 percent are eligible to donate due to donor criteria. Of that 38 percent, less than 5 percent donate blood."

"Ten percent of our population is over 65 years old, yet this group uses about 50 percent of all whole blood and red blood cells transfused."

Don't think that you need a special reason to give blood — you just need your own reason. Some people give because they're asked to by a friend. Or maybe you know a family member or friend who might need blood some day. Others just believe it's the right thing to do.

It doesn't matter why. What does matter is that the need is constant and contributions are necessary for a healthy, reliable supply of blood.

And it doesn't hurt knowing you'll feel good helping change lives. But there are other benefits, too. As a donor, you'll get a mini-physical to check your pulse, blood pressure, body temperature and hemoglobin.

So now that we've convinced you should donate, here's some things to do prior:

- Drink plenty of fluids the day of your donation.
- Wear sleeves that can be rolled up above the elbow.
- Include iron-rich foods in your diet a few weeks before donating.
- Bring a list of any medications you take.
- Bring your donor card (if you have one), driver's license or two other forms of identification.

Donating is simple, too. The entire process takes about an hour, although the actual donation averages just 10 minutes. After registering, your health history will be reviewed and you'll get a mini-physical. Then you're ready to donate. After a pint of blood has been taken, you can relax with a snack and drink and be on your way in about 15 minutes. You should continue to hydrate yourself and avoid heavy lifting or exercise for the rest of the day.

Pretty simple, don't you think?

Now that you're ready to help others, here are two great local opportunities (donate and you'll automatically be entered to win free groceries for a year — a \$5,000 value):

- 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 11 Mile, Novi

If you're not sure you're eligible to donate, call (866) 236-3276. And now 16-year-olds can donate blood with a signed parental consent form. Call Risko to obtain a form and to schedule an appointment at (313) 549-7052. Walk-ins will be taken when possible.

COMMUNITY VOICE

We asked Northville students: How do you best prepare for your tests?



"I usually make flash cards of everything, and I try to study an hour a night the week before the test."

Anne Dulzo
 Ninth grade



"For tests I just rewrite all my notes, and it makes me reread all of the subject I'm studying."

Rachel Gold
 Ninth grade



"I wait until the last day and then study really hard."

Grant Ivan
 Ninth grade



"Generally, since I'm a senior, the night before (a test) I'll pack in a big cram. I used to study a lot the whole week before; now it's closer to the test date."

Ian Stirtion
 12th grade

LETTERS

How Michigan can succeed

George Romney as Michigan governor was driven to solve problems. Rick Snyder now has an opportunity for bold action, with big problems, weaker opponents, and public support. States were all expected to be crucibles for meaningful modeling of productive ideas. Productive ideas might have been tangled up in bondage of federal political impositions and crippled over shared revenues and fear of Congress. So, like characters in the Wizard of Oz, states in fear gave up any voice of sovereignty and sometimes more. Rick Snyder is free of all the varnish and might act with boldness like a few other states to reign in expenses and bloat.

Michigan has faced a declining competitive industrial position to the benefit of other regions and states. The previous governor was drawn toward the thin and, many believe, a hopeless service and green industry emphasis and then onward to Hollywood and lotteries to fund high public employment. Michigan needs a 10-percent reduction in all fixed costs; a loser-pays civil litigation policy; right-to-work legislation; a recess from minimum wage for minors; and the shearing of tenure from the enshrined. State action could include unloading many acquired state activities to local units of government. Together, with a return to industrial competitiveness, our tourist industry should be a special priority. Michigan roads unfortunately reveal the quality and legacies of past governance.

In our market economy, only heavy competition to fill real needs will fuel the engines of innovation and progress. Business must be allowed to thrive, and useless quasi-public commercial enterprises must be either self sustaining or fail. Commerce, competition and good minds made a terrific nation and will be keys to a brighter future. Maybe serious work will replace the political rhetoric that has been through the horse in Michigan many times before. We wait with anticipation.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Jim Nowka
 Northville

In defense of teachers

I am very disappointed to see the disdain that many people have regarding the compensation that teachers earn. I know several teachers who once worked in the private sector. Every single one of them took a pay decrease to begin their teaching career. The argument that teachers work less than others is pure bunk as well. If you live with or know a teacher, you know that during the school year virtually every teacher works 50 hours a week or more at school and from their homes. If a teacher works 50 hours a week for 40 weeks a year, how is that not exactly the same workload as someone working 40 hours a week for 50 weeks a year?

Ask yourself if you want your children to be taught by someone who is working two jobs to pay their mortgage and is reluctant to see a doctor when sick because of what it will cost them. Is this what you want for your kids? Not me!

Vision of Progress

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cancer killer in the United States. Last year alone, more than 43,000 people were diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and of those nearly 37,000 died from the disease. Pancreatic cancer remains the only major cancer with a single-digit five year survival rate at just 6 percent. This five year survival rate has not improved substantially over nearly forty years.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, a national organization fighting pancreatic cancer in a comprehensive way, is leading the way to increase the survival rates of people with this devastating disease by announcing The Vision of Progress: Double the Pancreatic Cancer Survival Rate by 2020. The organization is doubling its efforts to raise awareness, support patients and intensify advocacy for a national research strategy dedicated to finding a cure by undertaking this bold new initiative.

Working to double the survival rate by 2020 through a comprehensive approach to know, fight and end pancreatic cancer is creating hope for all those who have been touched by this insidious disease. This initiative is very important to my children and me. We lost the best Mom and Wife in the world when Chris Pyden lost her courageous battle with pancreatic cancer in October 2006. We have missed her each and every day since, and have dedicated ourselves to helping raise awareness and research funding in her honor.

In order to achieve this goal we must support those who have been afflicted by pancreatic cancer and advocate for greater awareness and more resources to fight this disease. To learn more about this initiative and how you can become involved in the fight against pancreatic cancer, please visit www.pancreaticcancer.org.

Tom Pyden
 Novi

GUEST COLUMN

Quality education is country's pathway to global competitiveness

When I became Michigan's state superintendent of public schools in 2001, I was given a license plate frame by a local educator that read: "Our Public Schools — Our Future" (both traditional and charter schools). I proudly display this true proclamation on my Ford today.



Tom Watkins

But like my fading license plate frame, our system of education in Michigan has been fading. Not that it was great during my tenure — in fact, far from it. We continue to have much work to do to be competitive on the world stage.

Given the global competition we face we must continue to innovate and change or our children and country will be left behind.

The Education Trust-Midwest recently released a report saying Michigan "trails most other states both economically and educationally." They go on to say, "We have to stop lying to parents about how well their children are prepared for the chal-

lenges of living and working in the 21st century."

Ouch!

President Obama in his State of the State address made it clear we must innovate and change to be able to compete on the hyper-competitive, global stage. We must become the brain bank of the world — where everyone comes for deposits and withdrawals.

Gov. Snyder promised during his State of the State to deliver "a special message on education to the Legislature in April."

We are past the point where incremental changes are sufficient. Major change is required to get many schools, not only out of financial distress, but out of educational bankruptcy as well.

Competition on the world stage is on steroids even as we struggle with incremental change.

Based on recent tests given to students in 60 countries by the Organization for Economic Cooperation, Shanghai, China, students scored first overall in the world on assessment of their reading, math and science skills. The U.S. ranked 17th in reading, 23rd in science and 31st in math.

The price to thrive in the global 21st century innovation/knowledge economy

is education. By whatever measuring stick you use, our education system is in a rut if not a deep hole.

In the past, one could leave high school with or without a diploma and still walk onto the factory floor and into a middle class life, so this statistic was not as alarming back then. Today those jobs are gone, never to return.

While we worry about educated students fleeing our state after graduation, we need to be equally concerned about the uneducated and under-educated ones that stay behind.

The uneducated are not the foundation required to reinvent or rebuild Michigan. We can either get smarter and wealthier economically and spiritually or we can become dumber and poorer as a state and nation. It is that simple.

When you add up the numbers, our state's future looks bleak without a dramatic change.

Perhaps the hidden statistic is more frightening: Far too many of our students who DO graduate from high school are not prepared for the rigors of higher education or the 21st century global, knowledge economy.

Our future is sitting in our classrooms

today. The viability of our society, the strength of our economy, the quality of our lives, the vibrancy of our democracy, and our place in the world all depend on our system of public education as Gov. Snyder said — from the cradle to the grave.

The world is changing in dramatic ways and our system of education must embrace those changes or be totally engulfed by them.

We have a choice: We can continue to delude ourselves into thinking we have a divine, preordained right to be a great state and nation, economically and spiritually secure, or harken back to our history and conclude it must be earned through imagination, ingenuity, innovation, hard work and risk.

Democracy provides new beginnings. With the Republican sweep in Michigan, Gov.-elect Snyder and his party now control the levers of change.

Educational reform must be part of the reinvention of our state. We need a focus on the new 3 R's: Restructure, Reform and the Reinvention of our schools. This requires more than minor tweaks to an educational system in need of a major transformation to prepare our citizens to compete.

Education can lead the reinvention of our great state. It must begin with NOT simply funding the "system," but asking — Where should we invest our limited resources (existing and new) to help our teachers teach and our children learn?

Will our new refrain be "innovate to educate" or will we continue the "contain the change" mentality that permeates the debates surrounding education under the capital dome?

A reinvented system of educating our youth must not be about educational associations or unions, school vendors or any other special-interest group.

I am betting Gov. Snyder will place teaching, learning and children ahead of power, control politics and adults as he lays out his educational plans to the Legislature this April.

We cannot continue to allow education in this state to fade. Our collective future lies in the balance.

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St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia made the list of America's Top 50 cities for Hospital Care and was named a Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence by HealthGrades for the seventh year in a row.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital makes list of top 50 cities for quality care

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

David Spivey couldn't be prouder of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Not only did the institution make the list of America's Top 50 cities for Hospital Care, but was named a Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence by HealthGrades for the seventh year in a row.

"It reflects the good work that has been going on in the Detroit metropolitan area and state of Michigan for a number of years," said Spivey, St. Mary Mercy Livonia CEO. "We're blessed with good health systems and supported by the progressive Michigan Health & Hospital Association which does much to support quality care in its member hospitals."

"Only approximately 50 hospitals have been named seven years or more in a row."

St. Mary Mercy Livonia is a 304-bed acute care hospital offering a 24-hour emergency department, general medicine, inpatient and outpatient surgery, an intensive care unit, cancer center, and cardiology, birthing, geriatrics, women's and rehabilitation services. The institution has provided medical care in the community for more than 50 years and is a member of the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, a part of Trinity Health based in Novi.

"We're proud to be named a Distinguished Hospital. It reinforces the high quality received," said Spivey.

The ninth annual Health Grades Hospital Quality and Clinical Excellence study identified the top 5 percent of hospitals in the nation based on an analysis of risk-adjusted patient mortality and complication rates for medical procedures such as hip replacement surgery and diagnoses including acute myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure and pneumonia, to name a few. HealthGrades then came up with the first list of America's Top 50 Cities for Hospital Care by ranking cities with the highest percentage of nearly 5,000 hospitals. West Palm Beach, Fla., was No. 1. Detroit came in at 18 on the list.

Other metro Detroit area hospitals named to the list were Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township, Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Beaumont Hospital-Grosse Pointe, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland in Pontiac, Beaumont Hospital-Royal Oak, Providence Hospital Southfield and Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

In all more than 40 million Medicare patient discharges between 2007 and 2009 were studied.

St. Mary Mercy Livonia follows



Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence 2011 in the Top 50 Cities for Hospital Care

Rank	Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence 2011 by Designated Market Area	City
18	Detroit, MI	
	Huron Valley - Sinai Hospital	Commerce Township
	Henry Ford Hospital	Detroit
	Beaumont Hospital - Grosse Pointe	Grosse Pointe
	Saint Mary Mercy Hospital	Livonia
	St. Joseph Mercy Oakland	Pontiac
	Beaumont Hospital - Royal Oak	Royal Oak
	Providence Hospital	Southfield
	Beaumont Hospital - Troy	Troy

a comprehensive quality program to insure the institution offers the best care including the latest technology and treatments. As part of the plan, Spivey meets monthly with an oversight committee.

"Our comprehensive quality program engages physicians, nurses and management to assure we provide high quality care," said Spivey. "The Saint Joseph Mercy Health System has a comprehensive quality plan updated every year. We use that plan to guide our work in terms of what areas we should focus on to further improve the quality here. (The fact we have an) oversight committee speaks to the importance the institution places on it."

The HealthGrades study showed Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence like St. Mary Mercy had a nearly 30-percent lower risk-adjusted in-hospital mortality rate and a nearly 2 percent lower risk-adjusted in-hospital complication rate for Medicare beneficiaries than unranked hospitals.

If all hospitals in the nation performed as Distinguished Hospitals, nearly 160,000 Medicare beneficiaries' lives could have been saved and more than 3,500 Medicare in-hospital complications could have been avoided during the study period.

"Another way to look at the data is that it's important for consumers and patients and businesses to know how their quality of care stacks up," said Spivey. "It should help attract businesses to the area and assist in the turnaround in the state that we have quality, cost-effective health care in the state."

More about HealthGrades study

As part of its ninth annual HealthGrades Hospital Quality and Clinical Excellence study, HealthGrades identified those hospitals performing in the top 5 percent nationwide across 26 different medical procedures and diagnoses, then ranked cities by highest percentage of these Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence™.

West Palm Beach, Fla., ranked No. 1 in the nation, with nine out of 12 hospitals designated as top performers.

Rounding out the top five markets for hospital care quality were: Brownsville, Texas,

Dayton, Ohio, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., and Tucson, Ariz., respectively. The complete list of Top 50 Cities for Hospital Care and all Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence can be found at www.healthgrades.com.

HealthGrades evaluates hospitals solely on patients' clinical outcomes: risk-adjusted mortality and in-hospital complications. HealthGrades analysis is based on approximately 40 million Medicare patient discharges for 2007, 2008 and 2009.

This year's study found that consumers are highly aware of differences in hospital quality within their communities, expect continued transparency from hospitals when it comes to quality, and rely on clinical quality ratings as a trusted source when choosing a provider.

"Our research indicates that the recent health care reform debate and highly-publicized reports about the persistence of wide variation in the quality of patient care at U.S. hospitals have resonated with the American public," said Dr. Rick May, HealthGrades vice president of clinical quality services and study co-author.

"No longer is today's health care consumer simply looking for the least expensive option when it comes to medical care. They expect high quality and are willing to go out of their way to get it."

According to a survey of nearly 15,000 visitors to HealthGrades.com that was included in HealthGrades Hospital Quality and Clinical Excellence study:

- 83.4 percent of consumers are very or somewhat concerned about hospital quality in their community.
- Almost all patients surveyed, 93.8

percent, reported being willing to go out of their way (drive further, reschedule appointments) to seek care at a more highly rated hospital.

"The majority of health care consumers surveyed, 64.9 percent, also stated that they would be willing to pay more out of pocket to seek care at a top-rated hospital."

• Over half, 57 percent, believe online hospital quality ratings are a trustworthy source of information.

• 66.8 percent want access to more quality information and 60.7 percent of survey respondents feel the federal government should pay highly-performing hospitals more.

As other key findings from the study are as follows:

• Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence (Top 5 percent in the nation) outperform all other hospitals across all of the 17 mortality cohorts and six of nine complication cohorts studied from 2007 through 2009.

• Specifically, Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence had a 29.82 percent lower risk-adjusted in-hospital mortality rate and a 1.91 percent lower risk-adjusted in-hospital complication rate among Medicare beneficiaries compared to all other hospitals.

In fact, if all hospitals performed at this level, 158,684 Medicare lives could potentially have been saved and 3,511 Medicare in-hospital complications could potentially have been avoided.

As part of this study, HealthGrades rates each of the nation's 5,000 non-federal hospitals in 26 procedures and diagnoses, allowing individuals to compare their local hospitals online at www.healthgrades.com. HealthGrades hospital ratings are independently created; no hospital can opt-in or opt-out of being rated, and no hospital pays to be rated. Mortality and complication rates are risk adjusted, which takes into account differing levels of severity of patient illness at different hospitals and allows for hospitals to be compared equally.

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Note the effect of recession recovery on your employees

The economic dark cloud that hovered over an unsuspecting landscape will eventually be whisked away by a changing wind or dissipated by a new light. The indicators point to rays of sunshine in which hope becomes action and promises become contracts for



Lee Meadows

forging a new beginning. Every new age brings with it new opportunities and a set of underlying issues heretofore thought to be non-existent. What is revealed in the light is that the issues were just flying underneath the radar by cautious pilots unwilling to subject themselves to any additional turbulence while trying to maintain a steady course. Waiting patiently for the winds to shift allowed resources to be preserved and a new flight plan to be designed. What is being witnessed is the emergence of those employees who have weathered the storm and, as they move toward the sunlight, have taken on a renewed perspective about their career path.

The internal structuring that has allowed many organizations to keep their doors open also created a mindset among 'thankful' employees that to 'have a job' is better than to 'not have a job'. While the simplicity of that mindset is painfully obvious, the undercurrent themes have been largely ignored and will catch

a number of organizations off guard. The theme of Employee Engagement may experience some sense of erosion due to the undercurrent theme of Employee Departure as these newly-minted, multi-talented, highly-educated survivors of the storm begin to update their resumes to reflect their broader skill base. As survivors, they have learned a great deal and now must wrestle with the fact that competitors will be shopping for the skills they have acquired. The winds blow the clouds away and the light shines on the new war for talent. Ironically, in an overcrowded market of unemployed professionals, the first step in the war for talent will take place business to business. Revitalized automotive companies, before looking in the unemployment market, will compete with each other for each other's engineering talent. Retail companies will compete for each other's sales talent and accounting firms will compete for each other's accounting talent. Opportunities abound for those who were shackled to their cube, but told to stretch in order to get the work done. At the end of that process is a broader skilled employee with a knowledge base and skill set that surpasses anything the organization had intended. The unintended consequence of an unexpected event has created a small market of highly marketable people, thus putting the employing organization at risk. Conventional wisdom would argue that most organizations might just look beyond

their walls into the unemployment market (the hope is that it would be the first step) and bring in talent at a lower starting salary. Inherent in that assumption is the belief that the current talent pool will remain in place having seen how bad it can get. The problem with that assumption is that it does not take into account the prevailing atmosphere of adventure over loyalty and risk over sensibility. Given the momentum of an economic upturn, the only assumption any organization can make is one that recognizes the relief that comes from knowing 'Happy Days Are Here Again!' The undercurrent theme points to taking the time to rebuild the relationship with current employees to make sure that their new found happy days are not connected to a personal exit strategy.

A lot of time and energy has been spent running through a rainstorm with no umbrella and only the belief that things will get better. Now that rays of sunlight are starting to break through, it is in the best interest of the organization to make sure that storms you have weathered translate into walks in the sunshine together.

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WEDDING



Heather Mathy and Jason Petrie

Mathy & Petrie

Heather Lynn Mathy and Jason Michael Petrie, both of Chicago, were married Oct. 30, 2010, in The Chapel at Apple Mountain in Freeland, Mich. with the Rev. Michele Hile officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Maureen and Francis Mathy of Tawas City, Mich. She is a graduate of Olivet College and works in educational administration at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. Her attendants included matron of honor Meghan Musolf, friend of the bride; and bridesmaid Lindsay Flynn, sister of the groom.

The bride wore an ivory silk satin modified A-line cut gown with a beaded and sequined embellishment at the shoulder and a floor-length train and veil. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of ivory roses.

The groom is the son of Donna and Jim Petrie of Northville. He is a 1993 graduate of Northville High School; a graduate of Central Michigan University; and a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, N.Y. He works as an executive chef at Revolution Brewing Company, Chicago. His attendants included best man Evan Petrie, brother of the groom; and groomsman Chad Mathy, brother of the bride.

A reception was held at the Apple Mountain Banquet Center in Freeland. The couple honeymooned in Paris, France and now reside in Chicago.

Local weathercaster announces two new books on cuddling

Books available locally

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Most of you know him as the friendly-faced, dark-haired weather guy on WDIV-TV Channel 4.

Now local TV celebrity Chuck Gaidica has become the author of "Cuddling Is Like Chocolate" and "Tommy Starts Something Big: Giving Cuddles with Kindness."

"Cuddling Is Like Chocolate" is filled with humor and inspirational stories, "cuddle facts" and funny illustrations.

In the other book, Tommy realizes that reaching out to others makes him feel special. Now he wants to share that feeling with everyone.

The books were published by Nelson Publishing & Marketing, and Gaidica has already had a book launch party at the Tipping Point Theatre on Feb. 5, a Valentine's Day special on Channel 4 on Feb. 10 and a book signing at Barnes & Noble in Northville on Feb. 12.

He even has an adorable, soft bear that said "Cuddle Alert" on it to go with the books.

Gaidica has long been known for issuing his "cuddle alerts" on the air, but did you know that chocolate and cuddling have the same effect on brain chemistry?

He has spent two years researching the connection between cuddling and our wellness.

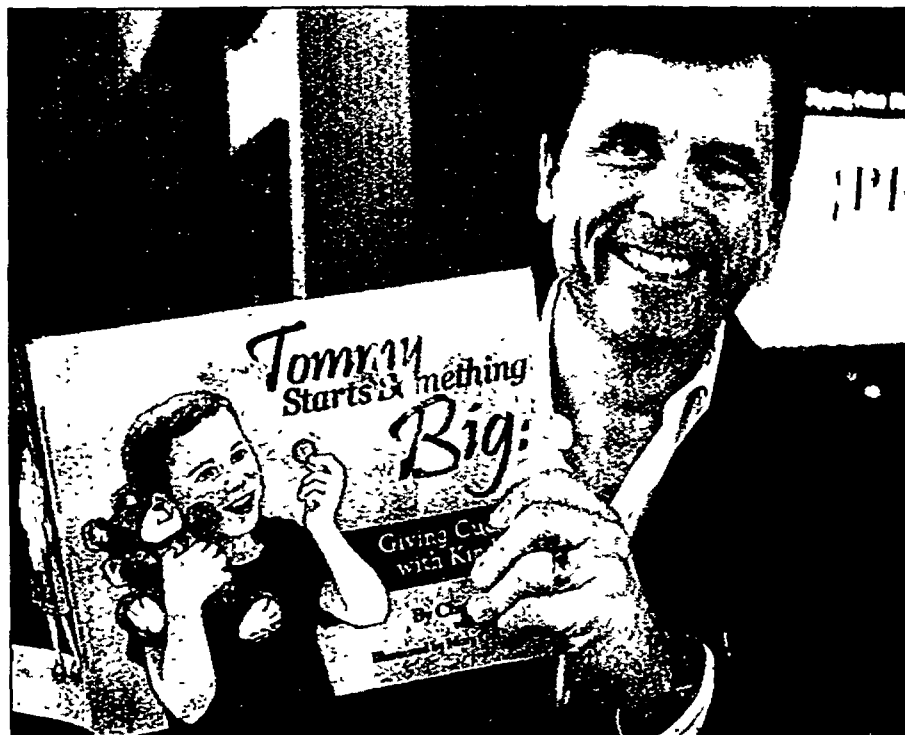
Gaidica has officially been dubbed America's cuddle expert and is a frequent motivational speaker. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of his books will go to charity. "Cuddling Is Like Chocolate," illustrated by Jeff Covio, sells for \$12.95.

"Tommy Starts Something Big: Giving Cuddles with Kindness," by Gaidica with Kris Yankee, illustrated by Mary Gregg Byrne, sells for \$17.95.

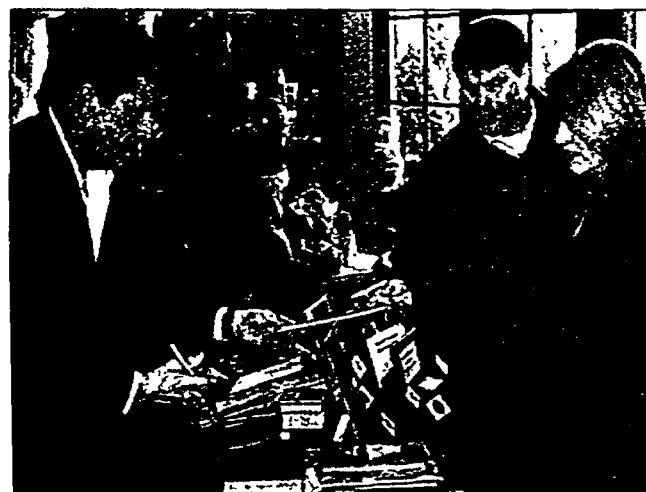
Gaidica and his wife, Susan, have five children and live in Northville.

For more information, check out Gaidica's website, www.cuddlealert.com.

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Above, WDIV weather anchor Chuck Gaidica premiered and signed copies of his new book "Tommy Starts Something Big: Giving Cuddles with Kindness" at Northville's Tipping Point Theatre on Feb. 5. A portion of the proceeds from the book, which encourages kindness, will benefit the theatre on Cady Street. At left, Gaidica signs copies of his books for Bob and Shari Bilke at the Tipping Point Theatre on Feb. 5.

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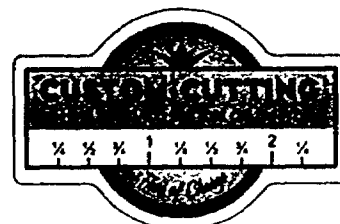
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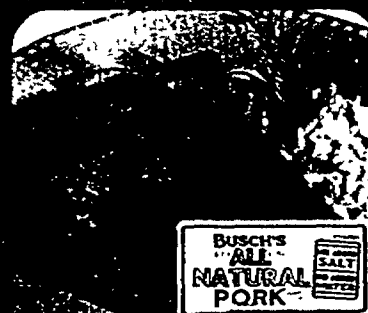
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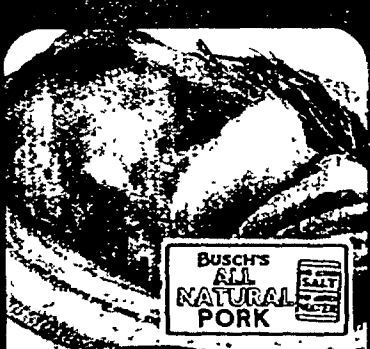
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Boys cagers split week

Squad beats South Lyon East, comes up short against Salem

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It's been the tale of Northville's basketball season all year long: first you win some, then you lose some.

The cage squad, coached by Todd Sander, earned a 69-36 victory over South Lyon East before falling to Salem, 61-55.

Against the Salem Rocks, Northville trailed the entire game thanks to some strong first-half scoring by their foes. Chris Dieker led the Rocks with 17 points, including 14 in the first half and nine in the first quarter.

Northville fell behind, 17-10, after the first quarter of play before finding themselves trailing, 32-24, after two.

In the second half, the Mustangs continued to struggle, falling behind by 15 at one point and trailing by 13 heading into the final quarter, 48-35.

As they have done all season, the Mustangs focused too little, too late, cutting the lead to two points with 40 seconds left in the game before turning the ball back over to Salem.

"Like we have all year, we showed tremendous resiliency coming back," said Sander. "I thought we dug ourselves too big of a hole early on."

Northville had four players finished with double-digit scoring. Drew Baldwin led the way with 14 points while Brett MacDonald finished with 11,

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team will be back in action when they play at Plymouth at 7 p.m. tonight. The team will then play in the KLAA tournament next week with no opponent or start time available as of press time.

Bryce Groshek had 11 and Al Myers finished with 10.

"I was proud of how Brett MacDonald stepped up scoring 10 in the second half," said Sander. "This was one of his best games."

Against winless South Lyon East, Northville cruised to victory, leading 22-4 after the first quarter and never looking back. Every player on the Northville roster scored in the contest.

"I'm just so proud of all 13 of our players," said Sander after the game. "We've had a ton of ups and downs this year, and they just always keep coming back to compete and get better at practice every day. That to me says so much about their character."

Northville was led by Jeff Hewlett, who scored 11 for a career-high day while Baldwin added nine, MacDonald scored eight and Myers and Mitch Alameddine added six each.

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



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Mustang gymnast Allie Kemp works on her floor routine at the Sports Club of Novi.

Mustangs collect big win

Hockey team squeaks out 1-0 win over Pinckney at Chelsea

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Chalk up a big win for the Northville Mustangs boys hockey team.

The squad, coached by Jeff Hatley, knew heading into the Michigan Public High School Showcase in Chelsea that they were going to have to bring a total team effort to get a win.

The Mustangs did that and more, edging the Pinckney Pirates in a 1-0 showdown.

"It was a big weekend for our team and everyone contributed," said Hatley. "Our penalty killing was a huge factor in the game. Pinckney has some really good players who are dangerous on the power play, but we were able to execute our penalty kill and shut them down."

The Mustangs and the Pirates skated to a 0-0 tie through the first two periods and it looked as though they would stay locked together as the third period began winding down.

Northville's Robbie Thornburg had other ideas,

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys hockey team will be back on the ice when they play this weekend in the KLAA Championship tournament. No opponent nor start time was available on the team's schedule.

however, scoring with just six minutes left in the game to secure the 1-0 victory. Jacob Strom earned the assist on the game-winning goal.

"Our seniors showed great determination and leadership," Hatley said. "Our younger guys are fast and scrappy and they are really stepping up. Both goalies played well. I gotta tip my cap to the players. They did a great job of representing Northville at the Showcase by the way they carried themselves. I will be bringing the doughnuts on Monday."

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

One tough Mustang

Allison Kemp recovers from back injury, returns to gymnastics lineup

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Anyone who knows about the world of gymnastics knows that there are no whiners or wimps who make it very far. Instead, gymnasts have to be tough, determined and gritty.

Northville senior captain Allison Kemp is all of those things, and more.

Kemp, who has been in gymnastics since she was just three years old, found herself in a position that every senior athlete fears — she was injured before the season even began, putting her final year of high school competition in jeopardy.

"In November last year, I went to a training camp for club gymnastics and managed to overwork my back so much that I herniated a disk in my lower back," said Kemp, who admitted the injury was the most painful of her career.

Kemp, who also competes with Infinity Gymnastics Academy in

Brighton, could only watch as her team, one of the youngest and inexperienced Northville has ever fielded, competed without her. She cheered them on, giving guidance and advice, but sitting the sidelines gnawed at her internally.

"Cheering my teammates is great, don't get me wrong, but not being able to compete — there's nothing I hate more than sitting on the sidelines," Kemp said.

"When I was hurt for the three months, my dad would always ask 'How's my athletic supporter?' I couldn't stand that question — like nails on a chalk board."

The first day Kemp was able to come back to the Mustangs squad and compete, she turned to her dad and told him to say good bye to his athletic supporter and hello to his favorite gymnast.

"I was a very happy camper, to say the least," she said.

Kemp's road back to competition hasn't been an easy one. She had to undergo nearly four months of physical therapy, which took her out of school and





away from her teammates and the sport she loves. When she finally returned, she climbed up on the beam and felt her nerves tingling.

"I just wanted to finish the routine and get off the beam in one piece," Kemp joked. "I just shot my usual prayer right up to God and opened my senior season with a 9.25 on the beam."

Since then, Kemp has added the remainder of the events — vault, floor and bars — to her routine through small steps, testing her back the entire way. Now, she's focusing on getting back to the state-qualifying form she knows she's capable of.

Erin McWatt, Northville's coach, has said since the beginning of the season that Kemp was key in Northville's success. Since the captain's return to the lineup, the Mustangs have been setting their new high score for the season with almost every new meet.

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NORTHVILLE ROUNDUP



The Mustangs' leading scorer, Lauren Grigg, skates around the defense in Northville's 7-4 win over Mercy.

Mustangs gymnasts continue to improve

The Northville gymnastics team continued to improve last week, setting their highest all-around score twice and earning a tough victory along the way.

The squad, coached by Erin McWatt, set their high score with a 134.2 showing in a tri-meet against Farmington and Birmingham. The Mustangs took a loss to Farmington, which scored 144.3, but beat Birmingham, which scored 132.5.

Outstanding performances were turned in by Allison Kemp, with a 9.55 on the beam and a 9.6 on the floor, while Taylor Dempsey recorded an 8.55 on the vault and an 8.35 on the bars.

Northville has set their previous season high mark just days before with a 131.75 as they fell to Livonia Blue's 135.55 in dual meet action.

The team honored seniors Katie Park and Kemp for their commitment to the gymnastics team before going out and getting some top-notch performances across the board. Kemp scored a 9.5 on the beam while Victoria Clay recorded an 8.55 on vault and Dempsey scored an 8.25 from the judges with her floor routine.

Tankers beat Brighton

The Northville Mustangs boys swimming team had little resistance from the Brighton Bulldogs as they finished out their regular season with a 126-60 victory.

The squad, which is coached by Rich Bennetts, finished the year with a 10-2 record and a 9-0 mark in the conference as well as a 4-0 showing in the Central Division.

The squad will compete in the Division Meet this weekend and the conference meet next weekend.

Turning in strong swims for the Mustangs, who were resting their typical top finishers, were: Sergio Reyes (200 freestyle), Akbar Ariswala (100 butterfly), Mike Miller (200 freestyle), Johannes Henriksson (500 freestyle), Daniel Brown (500 freestyle), Nick Hayes (200 individual medley) and Andrew Westphal (50 freestyle).

Northville skaters roll over Mercy

The Northville Mustangs girls hockey team extended their winning streak by earning a tough victory over the Mercy Marlins, 7-4, last Saturday.

The team set the tone early, out shooting the Marlins, 21-3, in the first half of the game as they cruised to a 3-0 lead.

Lauren Grigg, Northville's top scorer, started things off with two goals as Allison Holden, Gabby Guibord, Kate

Sell and Natalie DeMuro earned assists.

Northville continued to show aggression, scoring on a 50-foot slap shot from Krista Oldham that ricocheted off the Mercy goalie's glove and into the net. Sell and Katelyn Meck earned assists.

After a Mercy goal cut the lead to 3-1, Northville continued to find ways to stay in control of the game as Paige McGuirk and Carly Morrell assisted Chloe Page for a one-timer that extended the lead to 4-1. That lead was increased on a shot by Sara Blackhurst, who skated through the Mercy defense and found an opening in the goalie's pads to put her team up 5-1 heading into the third period. The Marlins did, however, manage another goal before the buzzer, cutting into the lead, 5-2.

Northville finished the day off with goals from sophomore Gabby Guibord and Oldham.

Earning assists were Lindsey Kreichelt, Kristi Karcher and Morgan Malloy.

Mercy scored two more goals to end the game.

Northville's defense, including goalies Caitlyn Sabourin and Avery Allman, have been key in Northville's victories this year.

"At the high school level, it's all about defense, and that starts with goaltending," said Northville coach Bill Holden.

Northville plays again tomorrow against the Red Hots with an 8:30 p.m. start time at the Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. Admission is free.

Mustangs finish fourth in KLA

The Northville Mustangs competitive cheerleading team traveled to Novi last week to compete in the KLA Championship.

Northville placed into the championship pool on the day and went head-to-head with the top 12 teams in the Kensington Lakes Athletic Association. When all was said and done, Northville finished fourth against some very tough competition.

Northville will compete in the MHSAA district tournament tomorrow with the top four finishers qualifying for the regional.

- By Sam Eggleston

Northville sends six to MHSAA individual regional

Stirton, Compo, Coe, Montgomery, Maresh and Boyd to represent Mustangs

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Half a dozen Northville Mustangs will be representing their school in the Michigan High School Athletic Association individual regional tournament this weekend.

The squad knew heading into the individual district tourney that they would have to get some top-notch wrestling from their grapplers if they hoped to advance anyone to the next level.

When the smoke cleared and the tournament was finished, six Northville Mustangs had earned the right to compete in the regional. Ian Stirton wrestled up a weight class and qualified at 125 pounds, while Travis Compo will wrestle at 135 pounds in the regional. Alex Coe qualified at 152 pounds, as did John Montgomery, while Trevor Maresh will wrestle at 171 and Andy Boyd at 215.

Stirton knew heading into the tournament he would face some tough wrestlers, especially since he was wrestling

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will compete this weekend in the individual regional tournament at Plymouth High School.

up an entire weight class. Stirton finished third place to qualify for the regional, while Coe and Boyd had to fight through sixth-seeds to finish fourth. Compo and Maresh, two scrappy wrestlers, finished third in their respective weight classes, which was where they were seeded, while Montgomery finished third.

Seven of the eight other Mustangs who wrestled in the district but did not qualify for regionals will be back next year. Senior Kyle Gutowski is the lone graduate from that group.

Northville bowed out of the team district by falling to Detroit Catholic Central, last year's state champion.

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

SPORTS BRIEFS

Confusion caused by regulation changes in Little League baseball bats

The upcoming youth baseball season holds the promise of both excitement and confusion. Parents headed out to buy their Little Leaguer a new bat will have new rules to follow when it comes to finding the right bat, with many still fuzzy as to what is acceptable and what might be denied.

The Little League International Board of Directors — along with youth leagues, which include the Babe Ruth League and the American Legion Baseball League — decided to ban composite baseball bats due to potential safety concerns. To add to the confusion, not all youth leagues have made these changes.

"Many leagues are banning composite bats because they are concerned about the

safety of the kids," said Ian Somerville of Play It Again Sports Novi. "We are advising parents to check with their league to confirm bat materials, bat barrel diameter, and ounce drop — the difference between the length of the bat in inches, and the weight of the bat in ounces."

Composite bats have thinner walls and a larger sweet spot, which allows the ball to travel faster and farther, in turn allowing for higher scoring games, which is exciting for players and parents. However, since the bats make the baseballs travel faster, fielding players are given less reaction time and are at a higher risk of injury.

However, some composite bats are being waived and allowed for competition. Aluminum, alloy, and wood bats along with bats with composite material in the handles are not affected by the ban.

KEMP

FROM PAGE B1

"She's our rock, that's for sure," said McWatt, who said at the beginning of the seasons he expected Kemp to be able to compete at a very high level in the state tournament.

For Kemp, the state tournament is a secondary thought to that of her teammates and the progress they've made this season.

"Oh, my goodness, I'm so proud of the girls," she said. "They really work very, very hard. They have all come so far and it is great to watch their success and the happiness it

brings them."

And for Kemp, success and happiness are just a vault away. She has her eyes set on continuing to progress back to her former abilities and more. Beyond the state finals, she has her sights on attending Michigan State University and studying to become a high school science teacher — all the while participating on the Spartans' gymnastics team.

"Getting hurt definitely messed up the plan a little bit, but I'm not about giving up," said Kemp. "I will keep working until I'm on that team."

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

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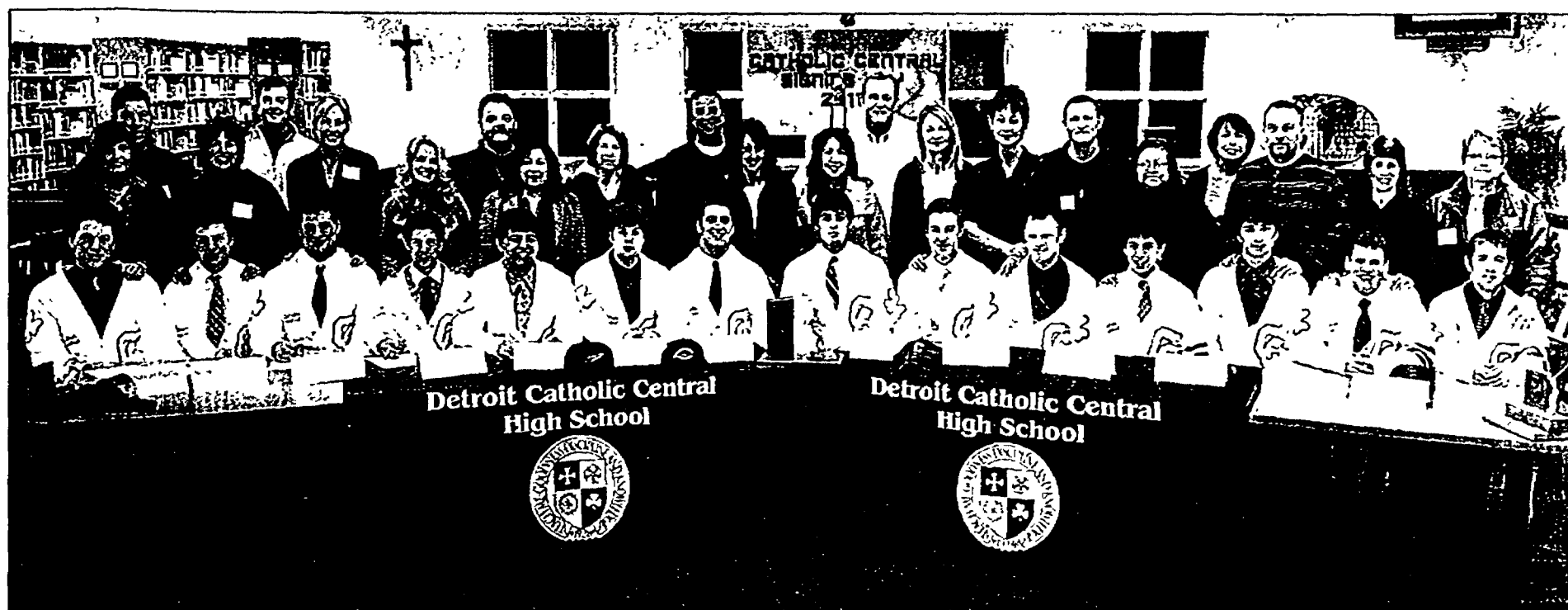
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the city Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2011 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011:	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Administrative Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2011:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2011:	9:00 a.m. until finished for Deliberations

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2011, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2011 Real and Personal Property Assessments: WAYNE COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. OAKLAND COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 16, 2011. ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 8, 2011. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2011 taxable or assessed value.

BOARD OF REVIEW



CC Signing Day

Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi held its annual Signing Day on Feb. 4 in the school's Media Center. Following are the student athletes, the sport they signed for, and the university or college they will be attending (l to r): Brandon Tammaro (Buffalo-football), Brandon Sullivan (Northwood U.-football), John Lawless (Kalamazoo-football), Nico Colucci (Saginaw Valley State-golf), Stone Monarch (Toledo-football), Mitchell Gatt (Hillsdale-baseball), Justin D'Agostino (Hillsdale-football), Andrew Nelson (Cornell-football), Mike Birney (U of D Mercy-lacrosse), Jake Spuller (US Air Force Acad.-track), Andrew Garcia-Garrison (Bucknell-cross country), Michael Tibbitts (Holy Cross-baseball), Joe Brinkman (The U of The Cumberlands-swimming), Alex Lang (Olivet-soccer). Missing from the photo is Justin Messner (Northwood-football).

Shamrocks defeat two big foes Shamrocks advance 13 grapplers

Squad topples Marquette and Trenton, but falls to Hill Academy

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It was a good week to be a member of the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team.

The squad, coached by Todd Johnson, earned wins over two former state champions as they beat Marquette, 3-0, and Trenton, 5-2. Unfortunately, it wasn't a perfect week as the skaters fell to a very tough Hill Academy squad, 4-1.

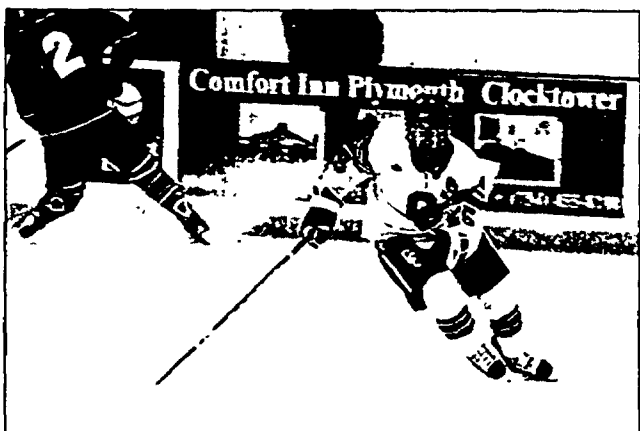
"The team is playing well," said Johnson. "We need to continue to improve in all areas of the game in the next two weeks as we lead up to the state tournament."

Against Marquette, the Shamrocks scored two goals in the second period off the sticks of Sean Gaffney and Nolan Gluchowski before nailing the Redmen's coffin shut with an empty-net goal in the third by Charlie Green. Earning assists in the win were Ryan Keller (2), Gluchowski, Pete Halash, Mitchell Gatt and Michael Babcock.

Alex Nork earned the victory between the posts for the Shamrocks, stopping just 14 shots on goal. Marquette's goalie, on the other hand, was peppered with 41 shots on goal and stopped all but two.

Against Trenton, the game was a bit closer on paper, but wasn't so in actual game play. The Shamrocks skated out to a 4-0 lead by the early minutes of the third period before Trenton was able to add their first tally of the game. The final minutes of the contest found the two powerhouse teams trading goals before the final buzzer sounded.

The Shamrocks benefited



CHAY HALASH

Northville resident Michael Babcock in Catholic Central's recent 2-1 win over Howell.

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks will play again today! When they take the Port Huron Northern Huskies at 6:15 p.m. before taking on the Cranbrook Cranes on the road at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. The team will then visit DeLaSalle at 5 p.m. Feb. 20.

from first-period goals by Tyler VanNorman, Babcock and Tyler VanAcker before Michael Downing added a goal in the third period for a 4-0 lead. Trenton scored at the 10:10 mark in the third off a shot by Jonathan Miller before Gaffney answered for the Shamrocks just two and a half minutes later to make it a 5-1 contest. Trenton added the final goal of the game off a shot by Josh McPallin.

Earning assists for the Shamrocks were Nick Daigneau, Halash, Gatt Downing, Keller (2), Connor Pankow and Connor Trombley. Pankow, the team's goalie,

earned the victory with 17 stops while Trenton's Blake Wojtala stopped 36 of 41 shots on goal.

Against Hill Academy, the Shamrocks just couldn't get the best of their foes, who took a 2-0 lead by the early minutes of the final stanza. Catholic Central answered at 7:57 in the third period on a goal by Gluchowski, who was assisted by Downing and Gaffney, but Hill tallied two more goals, one at 16:36 and an empty netter at 16:58, to secure the victory.

Pankow suffered the loss, stopping 20 of 23 on the night while Hill's George Argiropoulos stopped 28 shots on goal.

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

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team had quite a few highlights last week as they earned two championships and graduated 13 wrestlers to the individual regional tournament.

The squad, coached by Mitch Hancock, had a great showing in the individual district tourney and advanced 13 wrestlers to the MHSAA regional, including five grapplers who took home district championships.

In addition, the squad earned the team district championship by defeating Northville and Novi after earning the crown in the Catholic High School League tournament just days before.

"We call this title time," said Catholic Central assistant coach Kevin Griffin. "This past week we began to prepare for the ultimate title, and this is the first step."

In the individual district tournament, Catholic Central had five grapplers win titles with Ken Bade, Alec

Mooradian, Nick Mason, Drew Garcia and Kevin Beazley taking home first-place finishes. Earning runner-up in their respective weight classes were Evan Toth, Logan Marcicki, Riley Hanson, Andy Erickson and Miles Trealout while TJ Fagan finished third and Malik Amine finished fourth to advance to the regional.

As a team, the Shamrocks also earned a berth to the regional tournament thanks to a district win over Northville and Novi. The Shamrocks defeated the Novi Wildcats, 78-6, and toppled Northville, 70-9.

As if that weren't enough, the team also won the 2011 Catholic League Tournament with 282.5 points. Finishing in a distant second was Divine Child with 144.5.

Out of the 14 weight classes, the Shamrocks had 12 wrestlers in the finals and seven earning championships. Taking home CHSL crowns were Fagan, Casey Hagan, Tim Naubert, Alex Goings, Erickson, Beazley and Rob Coe.

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

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF SEWS-DTC, INC.

Creditors of SEWS-DTC, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"), are hereby notified of the following: (a) the Corporation was dissolved pursuant to the Delaware General Corporation Law, effective December 31, 2009; (b) all creditors of the Corporation shall file any claims they may have against the Corporation in writing to SEWS-DTC, Inc., 22300 Haggerty Road, Northville, Michigan 48167 (Attention: Mark Epstein); (c) each claim must include sufficient information to inform the Corporation of the identity of the claimant and the substance of the claim; (d) any claim against the Corporation shall be barred unless it is received by the Corporation within sixty (60) days after the date of this notice; (e) The Corporation or a successor entity may make distributions to other claimants and the Corporation's stockholders or persons interested as having been such without further notice to the claimant; and (f) The Corporation did not make any distributions to its stockholders in the three years prior to the date the Corporation dissolved. This notice is given pursuant to Section 280 of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 01-18-11

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 01-18-11 - an ordinance to amend Chapter 42 Historic Preservation in the Northville Code of Ordinances. The amendment modifies Section 42-25 "Regulation of Construction and Alteration" by adding text to clarify that the Historic District Commission does not regulate ordinary maintenance as defined in this ordinance. Ordinary Maintenance is defined in Section 42-2 "Definitions" in the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on January 18, 2011 and was adopted by the City Council on February 7, 2011. The ordinance shall become effective on February 18, 2011. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE #01-18-11Z

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 01-18-11Z for the purpose of amending Article 20 and Article 21 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Northville. The amendment to Article 20 Planned Unit Development allows the Planning Commission to grant an extension of time for approved PUD's. The following sections were amended:

Section 20.08 Final Plan
Section 20.10 Phasing and Commencement of Construction

The amendment to Article 21 Signs includes a change in the review process prior to issuance of sign permits. The amendment will allow the Sign Review Committee to approve proposed signs rather than full review by the Planning Commission. The following sections were amended:

Section 21.01.c Administration
Section 21.01.e Permitted Freestanding Signs

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on January 18, 2011 and was adopted by the City Council on February 7, 2011. The ordinance shall become effective on February 25, 2011. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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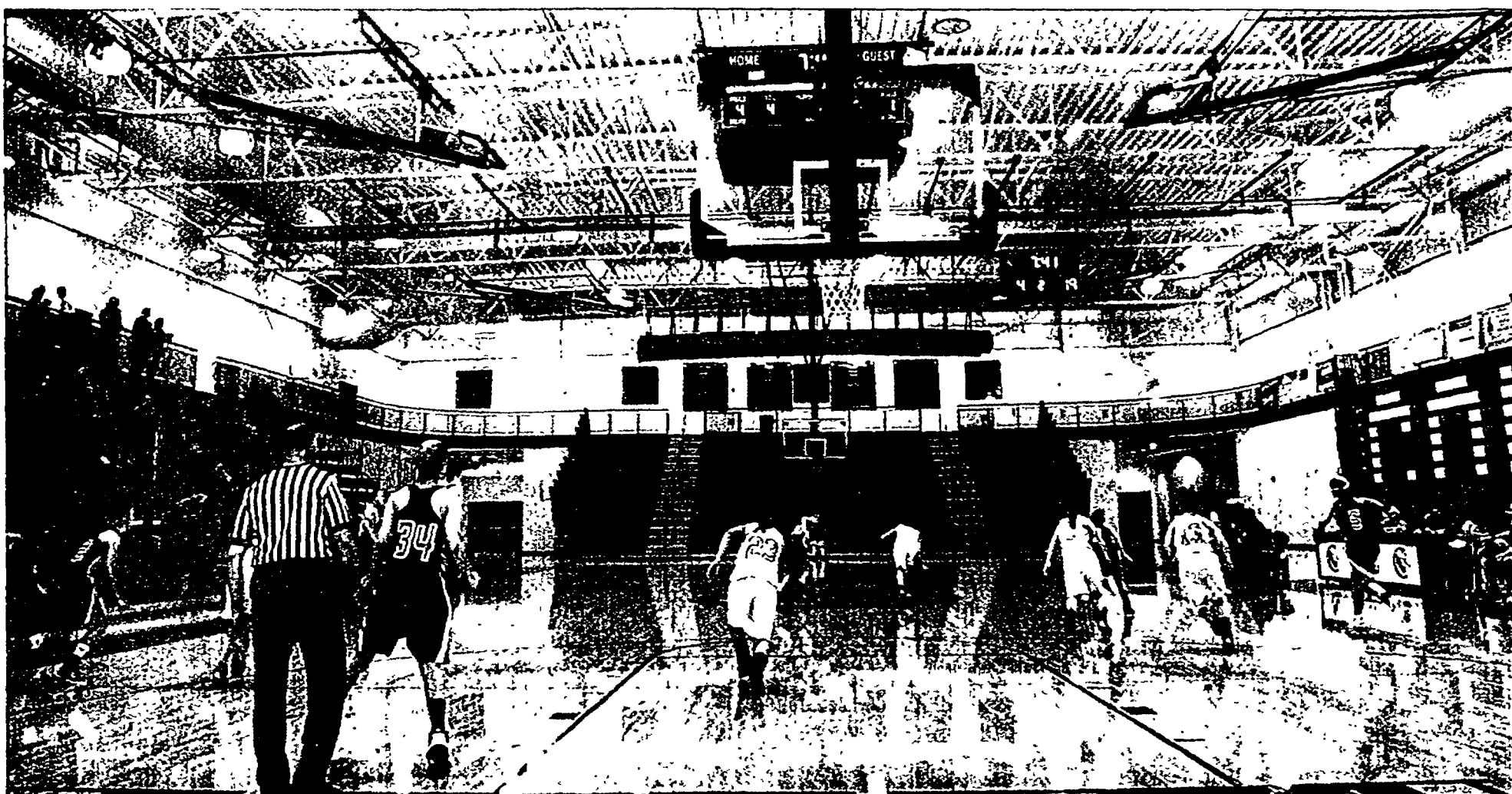
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South Lyon East takes the ball down court against Northville on Feb. 8.

Mustangs score two big victories

Girls get past South Lyon East and Salem

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Chalk up two big wins for the Northville Mustangs girls basketball team — and there isn't a much better time of year for a team to find their stride.

The Mustangs, with Todd Gudith at the helm, earned big wins over Salem, 46-37, and South Lyon East, 54-36, last week.

Northville's victory over the Salem Rocks was especially sweet, considering it allowed them to qualify for the conference tournament and finish third overall in the Central Division.

"We knew going into the game that it was a must win situation to make the playoffs," said Gudith. "Our girls knew the urgency of this game and even though we fell behind early, I think we all knew that we had it in us to come back."

Northville trailed, 7-3, after the first quarter and bounced back to tie it up, 16-16, by halftime. From that point on, it was all Northville as they ran to a 34-23 lead by the end of the third stanza to take complete control of the game.

Sophomore Kendra Brenner and senior Katie Giacomini

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team will return to the hardwood when they play in the conference tournament this week. No game times or opponents were available at press time.

started the third quarter each with a three-point field goal to open up a lead the team would keep for good. Giacomini hit two more threes in the quarter, including one at the buzzer to put Northville up by double digits.

Northville was led by Giacomini, who scored all 13 of her points in the second half. Senior Megan Gertley added 10 in the win, including eight in the fourth quarter alone.

"I was really happy for Katie tonight," said Gudith. "She was an all-conference player as a junior but has struggled at times throughout this season to get her offense going. She really came through in the 2nd half tonight and played like her old self."

Northville is now 9-7 overall and 5-5 in the division.

Against South Lyon East, Northville never even came close to trailing as they

jumped out to a 19-4 lead in the first quarter and held on through three more periods for the win.

The Mustangs came out of the gates hot, giving themselves a comfortable lead thanks to the showing of Gertley, who scored 10 of her game-high 17 points in the opening stanza.

East switched their defense up in the second, slowing the scoring, but Northville didn't let the Cougars do much more than creep into the biting lead as they held off East with a 26-17 lead at halftime. Northville stretched the lead out in the third quarter, extending their advantage to 38-24 before finishing the Cougars off with 16 points in the final quarter while holding their foes to just 12.

"I like the way we started tonight," said Gudith. "Everyone was clicking. It was nice to get back on the winning side of things (after a three-game losing streak)."

Northville also had a strong showing from junior Alex Moynes, who scored 12 in the victory.

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



Kendra Brenner puts up a shot against South



Mustang Meredith Williams puts up a jump shot against South Lyon East on Feb. 8.



Mustang Dora Fench.



Megan Gertley heads to the basket.

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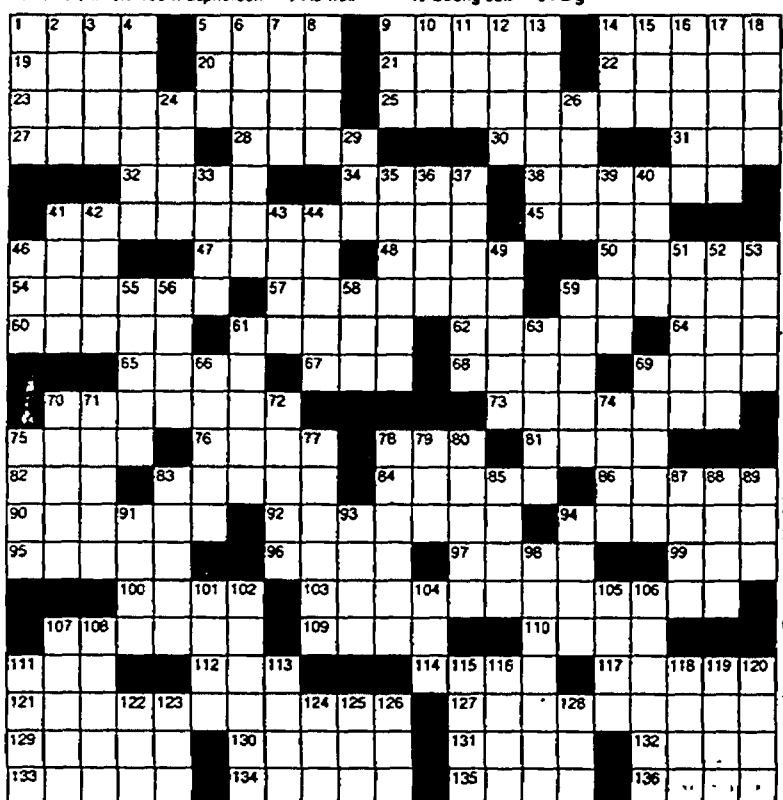
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Let's face it: Staying positive isn't always easy. From job seekers frustrated by rejections to workers dealing with everything from long hours to crabby co-workers, many people are finding it hard to put on a happy face.

Yet the ability to see the good side of things can be one of your strongest assets, both for your career and for your well-being. Here, experts explain why and offer tips on staying upbeat.

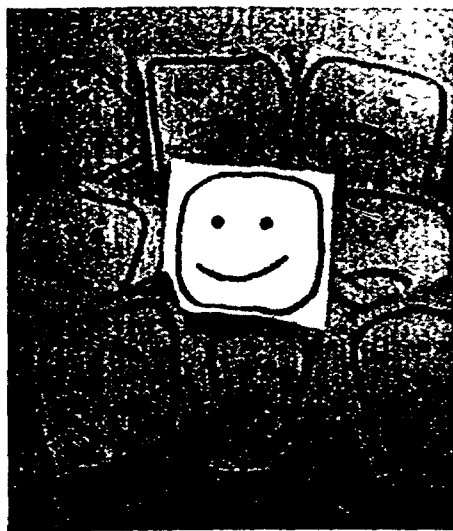
The power of positivity
Who would you rather be around each day: a sullen colleague or one with a can-do attitude? Positive people radiate an energy that makes others see them as more competent and likable. Studies also show that optimists tend to be healthier, more creative and better performers.

"Companies look to hire and promote employees who can see opportunities in challenging situations," says Lisa Quast, president of Career Woman Inc. in Seattle, Wash., and author of "Your Career, Your Way!" "Managers want employees who bring solutions to problems, not who bring problems and then look to their manager to solve them."

A positive attitude also can turn out to be a self-fulfilling prophecy. "I often have people come to me for advice on how they can get a raise or promotion," Quast notes. "Those who come with a positive attitude

that they are worthy are much more likely to accomplish their goal because their self-talk reinforces that they can figure out a way to make it happen. For those with an attitude of doubt that they will ever get what they want, negativity ends up surrounding them to such an extent that they become demotivated and don't want to go through the steps necessary to map out an action plan to accomplish their goal."

This doesn't mean becoming a Pollyanna. "A positive attitude is not the same as living and working in a state of euphoria. That's unrealistic," says Roy Cohen, a career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "It's about being upbeat and optimistic and knowing that you'll get through and beat the odds. That's what motivates the team that reports to you, and as a team member that's what inspires your colleagues. When you don't waste time and energy on negative thoughts and behaviors, you'll have the potential to channel all of that 'lost' energy into activities that produce success."



Changing your outlook
To nurture a positive attitude, Elizabeth R. Lombardo, a psychologist and author of "A Happy You: Your Ultimate Prescription for Happiness," suggests:

Looking for the good: As a society, we have a tendency to focus on what is wrong, such as what we don't like about our job, what others need to change, what we dislike about

ourselves. Instead, try to look at what is going right and what you do like about others and yourself. Finding a purpose: Research shows that when people have a sense of purpose and meaning in their work, they are more positive towards it. What are some of the greater-good elements about your job?

Focusing on team-building: Develop bonds with your co-workers. Share a walk around the block during breaks. Have lunch together occasionally. Volunteer as a group to help those who are less fortunate. When we have a sense of belonging to a group, we are more positive and motivated to help that group.

"Another way to stay positive at work is to think of yourself as a consultant," Quast says. "Consultants, by nature, are hired to

assess the difficult situations and then create and implement action plans for improvement. They are required to remain positive and unbiased (or they risk being fired). By thinking of yourself as an 'internal consultant' you can use this same mental frame of reference to help you stay positive, no matter what the situation."

Noelle Nelson, a therapist and author of "The Power of Appreciation in Business," adds that it helps to take the last 15 minutes of the day to organize your workspace for tomorrow. "Jot down a to-do list and tidy your desk. The task will give you closure for the day and help you start tomorrow on the right foot. You also can look over the day's to-do list and feel a sense of accomplishment about what you completed."

One final way of developing positivity: hang around like-minded, glass-half-full people. And when you do encounter the most miserable groucher, strive to remain pleasant. "Like energy attracts like energy," Nelson notes. "Your co-worker may not understand what's going on when you no longer get frustrated or angry over his comments or behavior, but after awhile your appreciative attitude will often be reciprocated."

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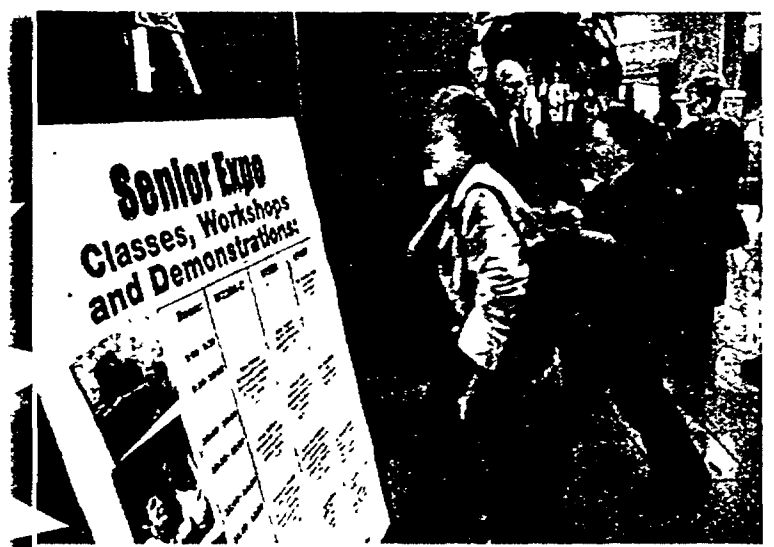
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