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ON THE RECORD

Mother knows best

Local women and girls are invited to send us (in 50 words or less) the best advice you received from your mom. Include a photo of your mom or, better yet, of you and your mom. Email your best submission and photo (jpg format only) to cstone@gannett.com. Include your first and last name, your hometown and identify your mother (first and last name, please). Include a daytime phone number or cell phone where you can be reached during business hours.

The photos and advice will appear in the Thursday, May 5 Salute To Women edition of Hometown Life Woman.

Deadline to submit advice and photo is 5 p.m. Friday, April 15.

Heise seeks residents for advisory committees

State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth, 20th District) is looking for community members to share their opinions, comments and concerns as part of four new Constituent Advisory Committees focusing on local government, education, senior, and small business issues. The committees will meet at least twice a year and members will serve as informal, volunteer advisors to Rep. Heise.

"I am excited to create another opportunity to receive feedback from residents," Heise said. "These committees will give community members the chance to discuss how the state's policies are affecting them, and what changes they would like to see made."

"I look forward to hearing about what is and isn't working in these areas for my constituents, and bringing these ideas back to Lansing."

Residents interested in learning more about the Constituent Advisory Committees are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov.

Men's Health Fair

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting its annual Prostate Screening and Men's Health Fair from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 5 for men ages 40-70. Prostate cancer is the second most prevalent cancer among men; early screening and early detection can save lives.

The event and screenings are free, but registration is required; call (734) 655-8940. Appointments fill quickly. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Hair-raising style



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Thornton Creek student Emily Eckenroth shows off her spiked hairdo on Feb. 24 during the school's spirit week "Crazy Hair Day." Eckenroth said that she spent a total of six hours creating the look, three hours the night before and three hours the day of the contest. See another photo from the event, Page A5.

Walkway designs get go-ahead

Shovel in ground by July

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville City Council members gave the go-ahead for Cooper Design to proceed on construction drawings for the downtown walkway project last week.

Council members met on Feb. 24 because of the Feb. 21 President's Day holiday. Gary Cooper presented the design recently approved by the Historic District Commission.

The walkway on East Main Street will be open

through two floors and include skylights. "It's come through a lot of twists and turns, and here's where we are today," Greg Presley, Northville Downtown Development Authority chair, told council members.

FIVE-SIX-MONTH PROJECT

Cooper said if all goes well, construction could begin in July; it's estimated to take five-six months to complete.

The walkway will be next to Comerica Bank on East Main Street where the former Girly Daze store used to be.

Please see **WALKWAY, A6**

Northville OKs fire pact with Plymouth

Will save cities money

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

The cities of Northville and Plymouth will enter into an Interlocal Fire Services Agreement that will aid both communities.

Northville City Council unanimously approved the agreement on Feb. 24 at its meeting. Plymouth city leaders approved the agreement on Monday night.

Last November, the city of Plymouth asked the Northville Fire Department staff to investigate the possibility of providing paid on call fire and rescue services for the city of Plymouth, using Northville's personnel responding from the fire station behind Plymouth City Hall.

Since then, Northville and Plymouth officials have been meeting to determine the best way to address the city of Plymouth's fire and rescue needs.

Working with the Northville city attorney, city staff developed this agreement that will provide fire and rescue services to the city of Plymouth.

ONGOING AGREEMENT

The agreement will last for 12 years and would then automatically renew for two-year increments unless either party gave 24 months notice of termination.

The agreement will provide for the same level of service to both communities, using both the Northville and the Plymouth stations.

Under the agreement, Plymouth will reimburse Northville for any and all administrative expenses associated with the startup of the Plymouth station.

"This would cover our staff's time involved in recruiting and training paid on call firefighters, developing specifications for apparatus and equipment," said Pat Sullivan, Northville city manager.

PRECEDING YEAR USED

Plymouth will pay its share of Northville's total fire and rescue budget based on the percentage of run activity in the preceding calendar year. Plymouth will pay 100 percent of any part-time staffing provided to the Plymouth station.

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Taste of Northville Business showcase kicks off Saturday

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

There's not a lot going on in the month of March besides St. Patrick's Day, so Northville residents look forward each year to the annual Business Showcase at Northville High School.

This year, the Northville Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event will take place from noon to 3 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

HOLLYWOOD THEME

The showcase will feature interactive exhibits

from retail, service and nonprofit businesses at this fun family-themed event. This year's theme is "Hurray for Hollywood." Several area top-rated restaurants will provide samples from their menus to event attendees.

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS, CATERERS

Those whose wares visitors can sample 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

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A few weeks left to see films on big screen

2011 Northville DDA Movie Series ends March 19

Forget big-box theatres and flavor-of-the-month films. For a truly unique experience, make a date in downtown Northville.

Northville DDA's 2011 Movies at the Marquis series "Classics through the Decades" sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford and Renewal by Andersen runs through Saturday, March 19. Tickets are available at the merchant sponsor location listed below. Shop Northville's eclectic boutiques, galleries and shops, and book a dinner reservation at Table 5, LeGeorges, Poole's Tavern, Tirami Su, Riffles, Starting Gate or Rebecca's. Then, grab some popcorn and find a seat for big-screen viewings of these great flicks that have stood the test of time:

• March 5 — West Side Story (1961): The feuding families become two warring New York City gangs—the white Jets led by Riff and the Puerto Rican Sharks, led by Bernardo. Presented by Starring the Gallery.

• March 12 — The Sting (1973): Paul Newman and Robert Redford play con men that team up to steal a fortune from a crooked banker. Presented by Urban Optiques.

• March 19 - American Graffiti (1973): Ron Howard, Richard Dreyfuss, Cindy Williams and Harrison Ford get their start in this tale of high school grads cruising the strip one last time. Presented by Edward's Café & Caterers.

Before the show begins, flip over that ticket and submit your name and email for a chance to win local prizes! Rewards include: gift certificates from Chris Van Dam, Northville Gallery, D&D Bicycles and Hockey,

and Stampedder; oil changes from Tom Holzer Ford; Sweet 220 cupcakes, jewelry from State of Mind Art Gallery; or Downtown t-shirts coupled with 4 tickets to the next show! One lucky February winner walked away with



a silver necklace from Orin Jewelers (\$125)!

Showtime for all screenings is 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 6:45 p.m. Tickets (\$3) will be available at merchant-sponsor locations.

The historic Marquis Theatre is located in downtown Northville at 135 E. Main Street.

For more information and updates on the 2011 Movies at the Marquis Series, visit www.downtownnorthville.com or call (248) 349-0345.



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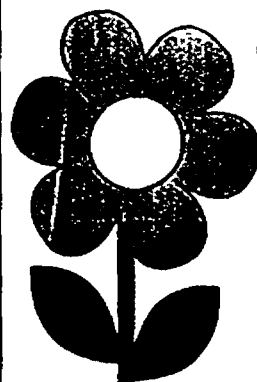
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Tipping Point Theatre's 'Proof' reveals some real acting

Serious topics, lots of conflict

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for a light-hearted play full of fun and frivolity, "Proof" is not the film you want to see. But, if you're looking for some serious acting that takes on some tough questions about life, and about how we see ourselves and others, then give it a whirl.

The play by David Auburn runs through Saturday night at Northville's Tipping Point Theatre, 316 E. Cady St.

The story revolves around Catherine, daughter of mentally ill Robert, a recently deceased mathematical genius and university professor, and how she struggles with her relationships and her fears of following in her father's footsteps mathematically and mentally. This is a story about faith, hope and love.

This performance was the 2001 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for drama. It won a Tony Award for Best Play the New York Drama Critics' Circle Best Play.

THE CAST

Hugh Maguire plays Robert, the eccentric mathematician with a sense of humor but a melancholy side as well.

Kate Peckman plays Catherine, his unemployed daughter who stayed home to take care of her dying father.

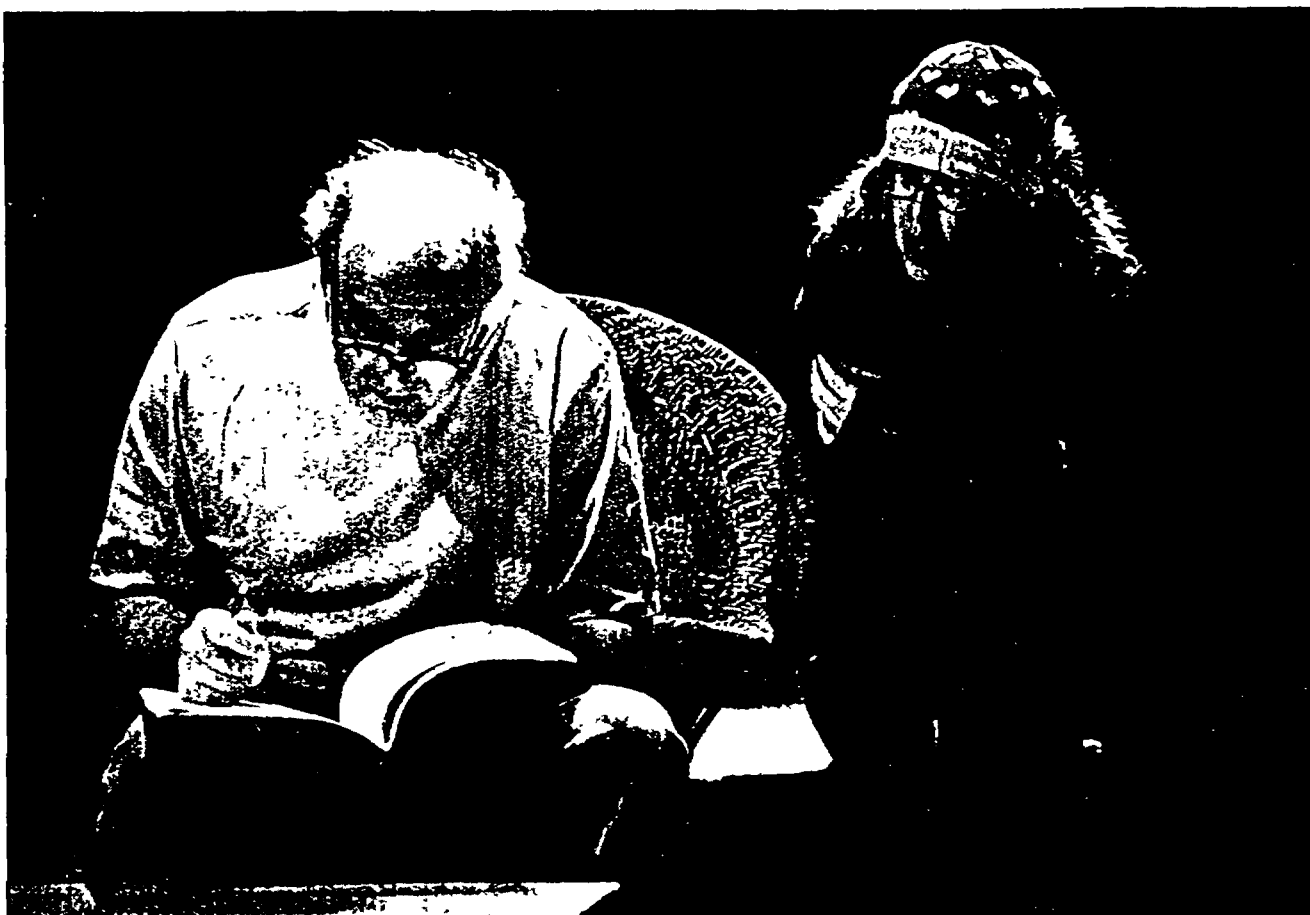
Chris Korte plays Hal, a protégé of Robert's who drops by the house occasionally to see how Robert and Catherine are doing and takes more than a casual interest in her.

Kelly Komien plays Clair, Catherine's successful, busy sister who doesn't always see eye-to-eye with her sister. There's lots of yelling in the performance, and some of this is between Claire and Catherine.

The actors all did a wonderful job in their roles, however, with few if any mistakes throughout the performance.

The play was directed by Suzi Regan. The setting is a back porch in Chicago. For ticket information, call (248) 347-0003 or go to www.tippingpointtheatre.com.

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Hair-raising at Utopia Salon March 8

Alexa Bartschat and Erin Venegas, third graders at Ridge Wood Elementary School, are championing for children with medical hair loss on Tuesday, March 8 as they will be cutting their hair to donate to a Michigan organization called Children with Hairloss.

The girls enlisted the help of Utopia Salon & Spa in Northville to make this an awareness raising event and invite others to join them. Utopia Salon graciously agreed to host the event and do all the cutting and styling for free. Tita Daskal and Kelly Sesi, Utopia owners, are excited to have the opportunity to help children who suffer from hair-loss. "We understand how much hair can do for the self-esteem of young people."

Alexa remembers when her older brother lost his hair during

chemotherapy treatment. It made a big impression on the little sister who learned that she could help other children by sharing her hair. She has donated her hair twice before and discovered that some organizations charge the recipients for the wigs. Children with Hairloss provides wigs and hats with hair pieces for children with medical hair loss for no charge.

Erin has been growing her hair for two years after learning about the need for hair donations to help children. She is now ready to get an eight-inch haircut on March 8. Erin is excited to donate her hair and hopes that she will help another child feel better to have hair.

The girls launched a campaign at Ridge Wood Elementary to recruit others to donate their hair at the hair-raising event. They

hung posters in the school and addressed the students through the morning broadcast, encouraging their peers to "share their hair" because "all it takes is eight to make a kids feel great."

To make the event even more fun there will be a drawing for a \$20 gift card in which donors will receive one raffle ticket for every inch of hair they donate.

Please call Utopia Salon & Spa at (248) 465-7700 if you are interested in scheduling a donation haircut. The minimum donation is eight inches. Non-chemically treated hair is preferred, but any hair in good condition will be accepted, including gray hair.

To learn more about Children with Hairloss, please visit their website: www.childrenwithhair-loss.us.

Submitted by Anita Bartschat



On March 8, Alexa Bartschat (right) and Erin Venegas will be helping a Michigan organization called Children with Hairloss.

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

LOCAL

Northville Women's Club Meeting

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. March 4
Location: First Presbyterian Church
Details: Members and their guests will have the opportunity to listen to Roy Prentice as he presents a discussion regarding "MSU Tollgate: an oasis of green in a suburban landscape". Chairperson for the day is Judy Poole. Contact: Virginia Martin (248) 349-3064.

Northville/Novi Students Relay For Life

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-10 a.m. Saturday, March 12-Sunday March 13
Location: Suburban Collections 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/nrstudentsmi for more information.

Emotional Eating Weight Loss Class

Time/Date: 9:30-10:45 a.m. Saturdays
Location: Northville
Details: If your weight loss efforts do not work, emotional eating could be the reason. Learn more and get started on your way. \$60 for three weeks; limited class size; pre-register now. Contact: (734) 420-8175 or e-mail northvilleclasses@yahoo.com

Codependency Support Classes

Time/Date: Held weekly, every Tuesday night or Thursday mornings
Location: Northville
Details: Weekly topics about codependency and issues related to all types of relationship problems and dysfunctional life style habits that can be creating unhappiness in your life. Contact: (734) 420-8175 or e-mail northvilleclasses@yahoo.com

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

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Crazy hair day

Thornton Creek Elementary fifth grade students Megan Gron, left, and Laurie Clayton and teacher Pam Lazarus show off their takes on "Crazy Hair Day" on Feb. 24 - during spirit week.

ON CAMPUS

College of Wooster

Michele Ring, a resident of Northville, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester. Ring, a sophomore political science major, achieved a grade point average of 3.65 or above.

Central Michigan University

The following Northville students were named to the fall 2010 Honors List:

Megan Barrett Brennan; Ryan Dennis Brown; Lauren Elise O'Hagan Browne; Cheryl Ann Conlin; Eden Gabrielle Desira; Laura Jeanne Halash; Michael Hartke; Neethu Jacob; Chelsea Brooke Janer; Alexander James Kanya; Erin Marie Keranen; Emma L Kidder; Michael Thomas Kinville; James J Mammano; Sabrina Ann Masciulli; Ann Elizabeth McQueen; Alison L Neihoff; Jessica J Ozimek; Scott Christian Ozog; Samantha Peck; Maria Rose Petrides;

Kevin T Pitcher; Christie Ann Potter; Katherine Diane Reaume; Katie L Rosinski; Kristen Diane Shapero; Whitney Smith; Alexandra May Stewart; Kathryn Marie Trentacosta; and James Willard.

The following Northville students graduated in Dec. 2010:

Kathryn Daugherty; Hollee Dirocco; Erin Keranen; Andrew Kozlowski; Richard Nejman II; Christopher Petrides; Emma Ray; Kristen Shapero; and Kenisha Shoulders.

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 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.

NHS Senior All Night Party early price is extended

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

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

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

Support the Class of 2011 and purchase Northville City Car Wash Gift Cards. The cards are \$20 for five carwashes, a savings of \$5.

To purchase, please contact Germaine Hoppens at ghoppens@aol.com

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

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

It's Robot season!

Team's first competition March 11

The Northville High School Robotics Team, the Robostangs, received a seemingly impossible task on Jan. 8: to build a competition-ready robot in six weeks. With help from professional mentors, the team succeeded at building a robot ready for competition.

The team is a member of FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), an international organization dedicated to encouraging students of all ages to become science and technology leaders. The team's 74 students network with the nearly 52,000 students worldwide from over 2,000 teams. By designing, creating, and programming robots, students gain confidence in engineering as they improve both their technical and communication and leadership skills.

This year, teams are challenged to design a robot that can play Logomotion. The game consists of two periods: an autonomous period and a tele-operated period. During the autonomous period, robots follow pre-programmed instructions to earn points. After this 15-second period, team members take control of their robots using remote controls. This year, robots are designed to hang inflated tubes on racks. During the final 15 seconds of the match, robots deliver minibots to a vertical pole, and watch as their bot quickly ascends amid the cheering of team members in the stands.

The competition season may last only three months, but the team spends the remainder of the year participating in numerous community outreach events. It host several summer Robotics camps and mentors Lego robotics teams from the Northville com-

munity.

"We love to share our passion for robotics with the community, and we are always looking for new ways to expand our outreach activities," said Beth Hadley, business/finance lead, Northville FIRST Robotics Team.

As the team grows, it is constantly searching for new mentors.

"If you are interested in sharing your expertise with our team, we'd love to hear from you," said Hadley. "We operate like a small business, so we require mentors in all areas, technical and non-technical. We are specifically looking for mentors who have experience with Autodesk Inventor or 3ds Max."

Contact Robostang mentor Jason Miller at jasonmiller48167@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer.

FIRST Robotics competitions were designed to mirror the fun and excitement of sports tournaments. These events are a great way to introduce young children to the excitement of science and technology.

"We invite you and your family to our March competitions: March 11-12 at Waterford Mott High School, March 25-26 at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor and April 7-9 at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center," said Hadley. "All competitions are free and open to the public, and run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m."

For more information, please visit www.FIRSTinmichigan.org and the Robostangs team website, robostangs.com. To find out how you can get involved, email nhsrobostangs@gmail.com.

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Winter Classes are Still Available at Schoolcraft College

Some 7 and 12 week classes start later in the semester. Many of these classes will transfer to a four-year college or university; others are focused on specific job skills.

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WALKWAY

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Comerica Bank wants the ATM to be installed in front of the bank on East Main Street. The designer will have to seek a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals on the sign on East Main Street marking the entrance to the walkway as it will be higher than 14 feet.

A new wall will be built on the side where the bank sits.

Lighting will highlight graphics in the walkway.

The target budget is \$728,000, with \$800,000 available in the budget. Photos of the project are on the DDA website.

COMMENTS FAVORABLE

"The way you've melded it into the whole history element, I'm really pleased with it," said Michele Fecht, council member, about the design.

"It is a kind of symphonic blending of the original building with the new one," said Nancy Darga, council member.

The issue of graffiti was discussed, and Cooper is going to see if he can get some sort of surface that could be easily cleaned if graffiti did occur. The possibility of monitoring devices in the walkway was also discussed, since graffiti is a

crime.

Birds can be an issue in such an area, too, so Cooper said he would discuss this with his designers.

The name of the walkway has not been selected yet, but Comerica has offered help with marketing the name.

"That will be the next step, as they have branding rights," Presley said.

Darga said she would be glad to help with any historical aspects of the graphics in the walkway.

The city does not have the easement agreement finalized with Comerica Bank. This must take place before construction begins.

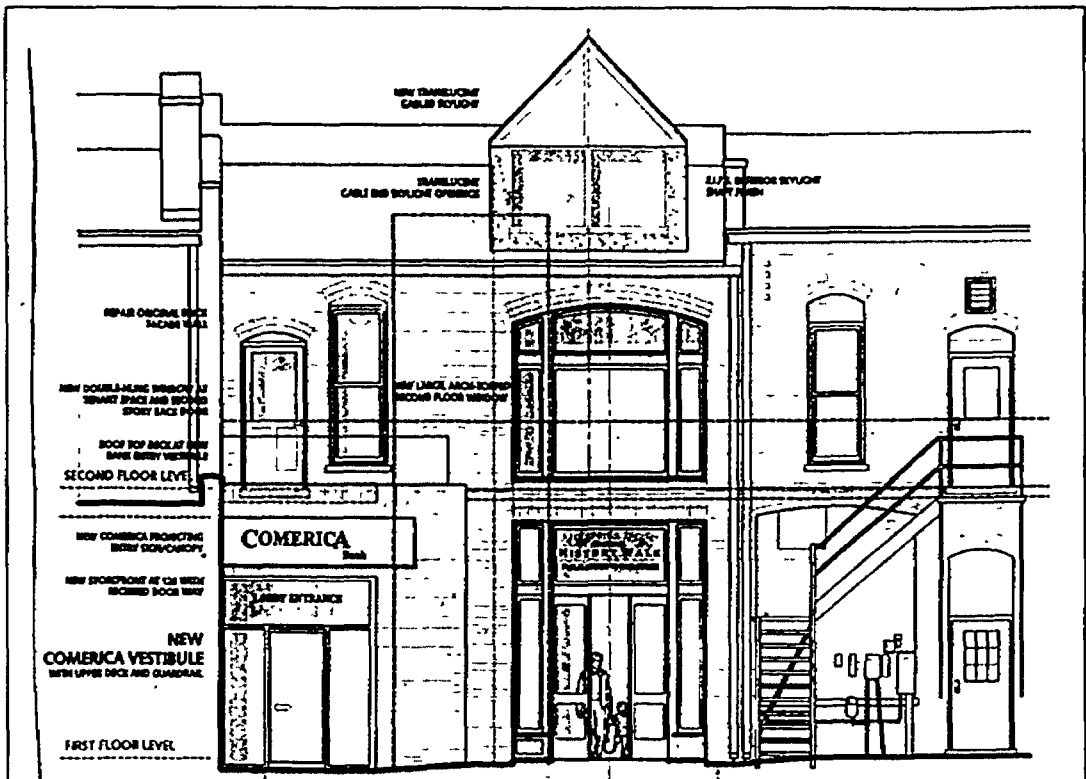
BASEMENT DISCUSSED

Tom Hess, a Northville resident on the DDA Design Committee, recommended the possibility of filling in the area under the walkway so there would be no hollow basement under the walkway.

"This would also simplify the design and not affect the overall project," Hess said. "Comerica Bank was not interested in giving up the basement," Presley said.

Mayor Chris Johnson said they would ask Comerica Bank officials about this possibility of filling in the basement. "It won't hurt to ask," Johnson said.

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GARY COOPER DESIGN

This illustration shows the entry to the E. Main Street walkway from the Marquis Parking Lot.

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VINCENT F. BUTTIGIEG

Feb. 19, 2011, 85 years old. He was a loyal family man & WWII Army Veteran. Service was at St. Sabina Church. Memorials: Parkinson's Foundation or Seasons Hospice. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

THOMAS A. GRULEY

Age 79, Feb. 20, 2011. Lover of household projects, golf, deer hunting, cars, euchre, & the Detroit Tigers. Service was 2/24 at St. Aidan Church. Donations: Benevolent Fund at Fox Run. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



GORDON NESLER

Age 79, passed away January 13, 2011. He was a teacher at Walled Lake Western, retiring in 1995. He is survived by his wife, Judy; son, Greg (Marna) Nesler; sisters, Evelyn Nesler & Dorothy (Mac) MacDonald; granddaughters Katelyn Nesler and Alyssa MacDonald. He was preceded in death by two sons. Memorial service will be held on March 5, 12 Noon, Oakpointe Church, 50200 W 10 Mile Rd., Novi, 48374. Visitation begins at 10am until start of service. A memory of Gordon, or condolences may be shared at: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

ANNA R. CHOPP

Age 66 of Brighton, passed away peacefully Feb. 22, 2011. Services were held Saturday, 2/26/2011 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Contributions appreciated to a charity of choice.



ANITA M. HALLAM

Age 87, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully February 21, 2011. Beloved wife of Bob. Cherished mother of Robert Thomas (Linda) Hallam and Judi (Ed) Carter. Adored grandmother of five, dearest great grandmother of three and super fan of one Puddy the cat. As we reflect on the ever constant selfless love that Anita shared with her family and friends, she dances with her Savior in a dress more exquisite than she could ever imagine. You are the love of my life, Anita. God bless you. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076.

BERNICE B. DESKA

February 19, 2011. A celebration of Bernice's 83 years took place Feb. 23. Donations: made in loving memory of Bernice to Gateway Homecare LLC, 4160 England Beach Rd., White Lake, MI 48383. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



RUTH LEE GREADY

Died at the age of 91. February 12, 2001, in Alma, Michigan at the Masonic Pathways Nursing Center. Born in Plymouth, Michigan on July 25, 1919 and raised in Saline, Michigan she attended the Mercy School of Nursing in Detroit, and was a life time member of the Presbyterian Church of South Lyon. She was a 50 year register nurse, working at the St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, and 25 years for the Ford Motor Company at the Livonia, and Wixom plants and the Martin Lutheran Home in South Lyon. Ruth was also a life time member of the Eastern Star, Entre Nous Chapter 298. She has been preceded in death by her husband Frank N Gready and her parents Paul Lee and Bina Eckles, her sisters Thelma Jameison, and Alice Aurthur, sister in laws Lois Burger, Nora Zentner, Brother in laws Bill Zentner, and Kenneth Burger. She is survived by her sons Frank Gready(Sue) of Lake Suzy Florida, and Paul Gready (Anne) and grandson Tom Gready all from Tucson, Arizona and Sister in law Patricia Schlitters from Whitmore Lake. Grand children include Suzannah Bartos and David Milam, Nieces and Nephews include Michel Schlitters (Sandy), Nephew Bill Zentner and Great Nephew Erick Zentner and Great Niece Katy Hamlin and Great-Great nephew Austin. Niece Cathy (Zentner) Hahn, and Elizabeth Zentner. Mrs. Gready is also survived by many great-great nieces and nephews. Interment will take place in the South Lyon Cemetery next to her beloved husband of 61 years Frank N Gready. Donations may be made to the Masonic Pathways, 1200 Wright Avenue, Alma, Michigan 48801. A memorial and committal services are planned for the near future. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

DOLORES KIMBLE

Of Milford, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2011. She was 87 years old. Survived by her loving husband, Charles; daughter, Margaret "Peggy" (Don) Green; son, Charles (Cathy) Kimble Jr.; grandchildren, Don (Kimberly) Green, Christina (Patrick) Hartsig, Melody Green, Alyssa Kimble; siblings, Helen (Bob) West, Anne (Jack) Spencer, June Spencer, Carl Wilkinson, Irvin Wilkinson, Sari Wilkinson; many extended family members and dear friends. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, February 26th, 2011. Rev. John Harris officiated. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MARCUS JOHN MENDE, SR.

A long time resident of the Milford area, died on February 28, 2011, at the age of 65. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, daughters, Julia, Melissa, Elizabeth, and Sarah Gardner, sons, James, Marcus, and Michael, grandchildren, Tyler, Payton and Logan. He was preceded in death by his brother, Dave Mende. Funeral Services will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, with burial and Military Honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MARJORIE M. PORTER

Age 83, died Feb. 27, 2011. A memorial service was held March 2 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

PATRICIA ANN SAGE

Age 81, February 22, 2011. Funeral was Feb. 26. Donations: Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsley Street, Boyne City, Michigan 49712. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

DONALD M. "BUMPA" YOUNG

Of Milford and formerly of Redford Township, died Tuesday, February 22, 2011. He was 84 years old. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 59 years, Shirlee (d. 2009). Survived by his children Michael (Katherine), Lori (Gary) Sansocie; Christopher (Jeff), also preceded in death by his sons, the late Patrick (Dorothy) and the late James (Lori). Grandfather of Aleana, Kabe, Sarah, John, D.J., Becky, Ely, McKaila and Seth; Great-grandfather of Sanzeray, Katelyn, Ashlynn. Also survived by his extended family, grand-dogs Rufus, Bartlett and Snoop as well as many dear friends including all his wonderful friends in the 'hood'. Mr. Young was a veteran of the US Navy who proudly served in WWII. Services will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Tuesday, March 1st at 12PM. Burial & Military Honors will follow at Milford Memorial Cemetery. Family and friends may gather at 11AM until time of service. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society or Community Sharing appreciated. For further information contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford at: 248-684-6645

ETHEL PELCHAT ZACHARIAS

Age 96, of Mooresville, NC, previously of Novi, passed away Feb. 23, 2011. A funeral service was held 3/1/2011 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. She was laid to rest at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Winter wildlife

Winchester Elementary student Grace Garnett, center, looks at a garter snake on Feb. 16 during a "Winter Wildlife" presentation by the Kensington Metroparks.

FIRE

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The agreement also creates an advisory board of one council member and the city manager from each community. The board would meet quarterly to review the annual budget and any capital expenditures over \$100,000.

While the primary benefit to Northville would be a better-funded, larger fire department with more trained personnel and apparatus, the Northville administration also believes there will be significant savings to both communities.

Since the two communities don't know the costs for this new two-station operation, and they don't know what percentage of the total run volume the two communities will split next year, it's hard to estimate the savings.

However, based on budget projections and an estimate that Plymouth will have about 55 percent of the run volume, Northville city staff believes the agreement will save the city

between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in the first full year of the agreement. Plymouth estimates it will save even more.

Also, savings to Northville will increase in future years as Plymouth pays its proportionate share of the capital expenditures budget.

RESIDENT OPPOSES AGREEMENT

Mary Jane Ossola, an 18-year resident of Northville, came to the city council meeting to protest the agreement on Feb. 24.

"I was surprised to hear about any merging, and I think we should keep our fire departments separate," Ossola said. "Northville Township already has their own ambulance service, and we don't get to share in those savings."

She would rather see an agreement with the township rather than with Plymouth. "Let's merge with our fellow citizens," she said.

Mayor Chris Johnson explained that this was not a merger but simply the city of Plymouth contracting services from Northville.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE
2011 BOARD OF REVIEW
WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

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
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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.

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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 holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule

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

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

Crosspointe Meadows Church

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

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements

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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.

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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
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11:30 AM - Eucharist with Traditional Music

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Rev. Judy Thompson, Principal
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MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Old Village School

City of Northville CITY COUNCIL

Date: First and third Monday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

DOWNTOWN Development AUTHORITY MEETING

Date: Third Tuesday of each month

Time: 8 a.m.

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

Contact: downtownnorthville.com

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: First and third Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall

HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: 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: 7:30 p.m.

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center

Location: 303 W. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-4140

THURSDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: TOPS; Massage by appt.

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11 a.m.: Cribbage

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

FRIDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie

MONDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxygise

11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

TUESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

WEDNESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxygise

11 a.m.: Strength Training

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Bridge; Walking Club

1 p.m.: Cribbage

7 p.m.: Bridge

CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

HEALTH WALKING

Date: Monday-Friday

Time: 8-10 a.m.

Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.



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Snowboarding

Kareen Gharbia, 11, snowboards down the hill at Northville's Cass Benton Park on Feb. 22. The park's hills were busy that day as visitors took advantage of the 10 inches of snowfall on Sunday.

PILATES CLASS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

BUNCO

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. second

Thursday of each month

Details: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.

FRIDAY FLICKS

Time: 1 p.m. every Friday

Details: Cost is \$1.

LIBRARY LINES

Northville District Library

Location: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall

Time/Day: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m., Sunday.

Contact: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.

March Is Reading Month

Details: Kids preschool through sixth grade get hooked on books during March Is Reading Month. Pick up your "Hooked on Books" Reading Log at the Information Desk and when you log is full, earn a prize!

Fakes, Forgeries & Mysteries

Date/Time: 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 23

Details: Highlights of the Detroit Institute of Art's current exhibit about real or fake artwork.

Presented by: the DIA's Speakers Bureau. Call to register.

Junior Books, Chat & Chow

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30

Details: Make friends, enjoy treats and a lively book discussion of Ingrid Law's novel Savvy. Please call to register.

Kidz Time for first, second and

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third graders

Date/Time: 4:30-5:15-5 p.m.

Thursday, March 17

Details: Fun after school activity features stories, games and crafts. Please call to register for this month's program featuring "All About Green."

Computer Basics Class

Date/Time: 11 a.m. Friday, March 11

Details: Learn how to view websites, search the Internet. Must be able to use a mouse. Call to register.

Spring TOT Storytime for 2s and 3s

Date/Time: Begins March 30

Details: Designed for 2 and 3-year-olds with a parent or caregiver, this six-week series of half-hour sessions are structured to help this age group gain the most from this fun library experience. Three sessions to choose from: March 30-May 4: Mondays from 10:15-10:45 a.m.; Wednesdays from 10:15-10:45 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Please register for one of the sessions or in person beginning Wednesday, March 9 to residents, March 10 to non-residents.

PARKS AND REC

Northville Parks and Recreation

Office Location: 775 N. Center St.

(back entrance of Hillside Middle School)

Contact: (248) 349-0203 or visit web-site at northvilleparksandrec.org.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Date/Time: 6:30 p.m.

fourth Wednesday every other month

beginning in January

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road

DROP IN ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Time/Date: 7:45-9 p.m. Thursday - 9 a.m.-noon every Saturday Sept.-April

Location: Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$4 per person

DROP IN BADMINTON

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$9 per person, includes birds. Competitive style badminton.

DROP IN PICKLEBALL

Time/Date: noon-3 p.m. Wednesday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 6-8 p.m. Saturday; 1-3 p.m. Sunday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$3 per person Wednesday and Sunday; \$4 per person Saturday; \$2 per person Friday

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Monday; 1-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Wednesday/Thursday

Location: Community Senior Center 303 West Main

Details: \$2 per person except \$3 Tuesday evenings

DROP IN TABLE TENNIS

Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. every Saturday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$5 Per person, 8 tables available. All skill levels welcome

DROP IN CO-ED 50+ VOLLEYBALL

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$1 per person, all skill levels welcome. Bring your friends.

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VOLUNTEERING

Arbor Hospice

Details: Seeking compassionate, caring individuals to join our Volunteer Team in support of patients and families by holding a hand, sharing a story, or creating a special moment. Take the first step in this life-affirming experience by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator.

Contact: (248) 348-4980 or mgrysko@arborhospice.org.

Friends of the Northville District Library

Details: There are openings for our Board of Directors. The Friends are volunteers who promote reading, support programs in the library and financially support projects not covered by the library's budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and serve on a committee. If interested, send a letter to Paul Snyder, president of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

Time: Day and evening training classes
Location: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield
Details: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is needed.

Contact: Mary, (800) 770-9859

Meals-On-Wheels

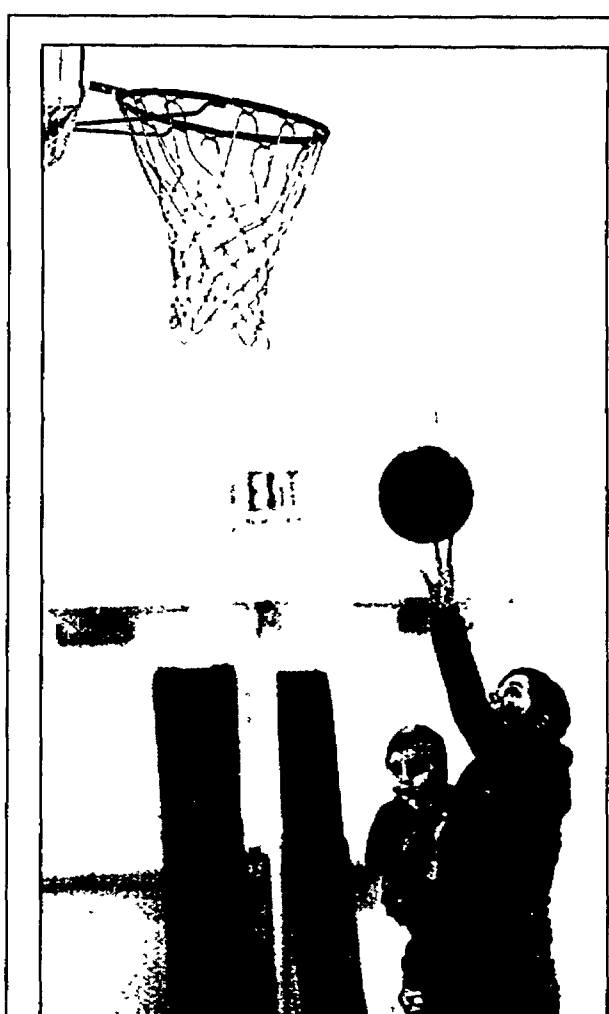
Date: Ongoing
Time: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Details: Permanent and substitute drivers needed.
Contact: Eileen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna (248) 348-1761

Northville Arts Commission seeks Commissioners

Time/Date: 7 p.m., second Wednesday of each month
Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady
Details: Seeking volunteers and City Commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House. Candidates need only to have a passion for expanding the arts in Northville! Committees are formed to assist in the development and facilitation of Art House educational programs, events and exhibitions. **Contact:** 248-344-0497; email arthouseoffice@northvillearts.org or visit www.northvillearts.org.

Susan B. Galli Angel Fund

Details: Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic has created a fund to assist families in need with medical expenses for their pets. The fund is in memory of a longtime client, Sue Galli. All donations are welcome so we can help as many pets as possible. Please make checks payable to Hidden Spring Vet Clinic SGA Fund. Mail to: 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.
Contact: (248) 349-2598



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Julie Green shoots some baskets with her charge Melina Flotsos, 2, at a Tuesday morning Toddler Time at the Northville Community Senior Center. Green is the youngster's nanny. Toddler Time takes place at the center every Tuesday from 10 - 11 a.m.



Toddler time

As her son Brandon, 2, laughs, Sharon Kulp chases after a loose basketball during a Feb. 15 Toddler Time at the Northville Community Senior Center.

Center: 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia
Contact: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012
General grief support groups
Time/Date: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Program

Details: In as little as two to four hours a week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free, 18-hour/three-day training program is provided.
Contact: (800) 882-5720 Ext. 8361 or (248) 967-8361 or visit <http://vna.org>.

YWCA of Western Wayne County

Details: The YWCA is looking for volunteers to assist with office help, after-school programs, building projects, communications and marketing in various locations throughout western Wayne County.
Contact: Tabatha Manuel (313) 561-4110 Ext. 20 or tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org

SUPPORT GROUPS

Angela Hospice Groups
Location: Angela Hospice Care

Details: Open to all losses.

Loss of spouse/significant other support group

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month

Suicide loss support services

Details: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call Sherri Katz at (734) 464-7810 for more information.

Heartstrings-parents who have lost a child

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month

Details: Call Ann-Patrice Foley to register, (734) 464-7810.

Grief supports quilter's group

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month

Details: Make a quilt in memory of a loved one. No experience necessary. Register by calling (734) 953-6012.

Women's grief support group

Details: Sessions held in spring and fall. Call Joan Lee at (734) 953-6012 for dates and times.

Anxiety Disorder Support Group

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia
Details: Aim for Recovery offers support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders and their families. Meetings consist of planned behavioral lessons and discussions. Educational material will be available. Donations for the program and materials are accepted.
Contact: Robert Dietrich at robdietrich@msn.com

Crohn's and Colitis Support Group

Date: First and third Wednesday of each month

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Location: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center

Details: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left.

Contact: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

Food Addicts Anonymous Information Session

Details: Twelve-step program for individuals suffering from food obsession, over eating, under eating.

ing, and bulimia; weekly meetings held in Canton, Ann Arbor and other metro Detroit areas; no dues, fees or weigh-ins; everyone welcome including those who think they have food problems or are concerned about someone who may.
Contact: (734) 913-9614 or foodaddicts.org

New Hope Center for Grief Support

Details: The groups meet on a regular basis in various locations. All services for offered at no cost.
Contact: (248) 348-0115 or go to <http://newhopecenter.net>

FROM GRIEF TO NEWHOPE

Dates: Feb. 28

Location: Ward Presbyterian Church, located on Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville

Details: Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight-week grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope beginning on Feb. 28. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. the church.

Contact: For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information

about From Grief to New Hope workshops offered in other cities throughout southeastern Michigan and other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115 or visit our website www.newhopecenter.net.
SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. on first Thursdays

Location: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville

Details: Ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call.

CIRCLES OF HOPE

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second Tuesdays

Location: First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville

Details: Ongoing support group for widows and widowers; group divides into three sections depending on stage of grief; meets same time as children's support group
NEW HOPE FOR KIDZ AND TEENS SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

Details: Meets at the same time and location as adult group; for children ages 3-18 who have lost a loved one; kids divided into different age groups.

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OUR VIEWS

Set some clarity Legislature must address medical marijuana law

It is time for the state Legislature to produce a medical marijuana law. No more excuses, please.

The chaos created by the Legislature's inaction is unacceptable, wasteful and unfair.

Courts, prosecutors, police, local government and, yes, users find themselves scrambling to accommodate the 2008 voter initiative that unequivocally authorized the use of marijuana to treat medical conditions.

Growing facilities or dispensaries are unlisted uses in the city of Novi's ordinances, according to Barb McBeth, deputy community development director. The city does have an ordinance provision whereby a person can ask the planning department where such a facility could be located, but then the request would have to be reviewed.

In Northville Township, no requests have been brought before the township board, according to Manager Chip Snyder. He said Jennifer Frey, director of community development, is monitoring the situation and stands ready to advise the board on the best course of action.

And both Milford and Highland officials have placed a moratorium on related issues, waiting for attorneys and state legislators to weigh in on the issue.

In short, everybody is holding their breath and hoping they don't have to deal with it.

The medical marijuana language voters approved intentionally was vague and ambiguous. The law was largely written by the Marijuana Policy Project, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that wants to reduce or eliminate penalties for marijuana use.

This was no surprise, and considering the actions of voters in other states, neither was approval of the measure in Michigan. Calls to the Legislature to pass a medical marijuana law ahead of the sloppy initiative were ignored. No longer is this acceptable.

The Legislature serves to enact laws. When the people of Michigan approved the use of medical marijuana, they expected the Legislature to help sort through the confusion rather than enable it. Instead, lawmakers, in another example of term-limit-induced dysfunction, ignored the issue.

Because medical marijuana was approved by a voter initiative, a comprehensive law will require a three-fourths vote of approval from the Michigan House and Senate. It can be done, but it will take political courage by some lawmakers who disapprove of any marijuana use.

One option for Michigan is to adapt or adopt medical marijuana legislation passed in other states. Colorado passed a constitutional amendment in 2000 allowing patients with medical issues to treat their conditions with marijuana; two comprehensive laws were passed and signed in 2010.

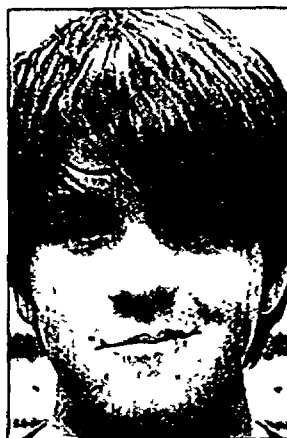
In the broadest sense, they regulate the marijuana business and doctors who recommend the drug to patients. The laws impose meaningful limits on dispensaries: Local governments can ban them, they can't be within 1,000 feet of a school or church, and owners must be Colorado residents.

Physicians prescribing marijuana must be treating patients, have done a physical exam and be available for follow-up care. Diseases qualifying for medical marijuana include cancer, HIV/AIDS and glaucoma. There are limits on possession, rules for issuing identification cards and fees for licenses. The law even requires payment of sales tax.

Some may not like the law and what it allows. But certainly, they can understand it. This is what the people of Michigan want and need from their legislators.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite color?



"Blue. It's just always been with me since childhood. I like how it soothes the mind."

Brady Tyburski
Northville



"All colors because they all have their own emotional energy."

Kevin Curtis
Northville



"Navy blue. I think I look pretty in it."

Debrah Ransay
Northville



"Dark green because it reminds me of nature."

Teresa Mackie
Northville

LETTERS

Satisfied?

While the lethargic Democrats stayed home, the Republicans blindly voted for Snyder and company. I hope everyone's pleased with the outcome.

We need an informed electorate that votes! Wake up, America!!

Nadine Nichols
Commerce Township

State pension plan

If we do not take care of the infrastructure of our state, no one will want to locate here. Certainly businesses are attracted to a lower tax rate; however, I believe quality of life issues are just as important. Good roads (ours are a mess) enhance a community's attractiveness. Also, things like safe communities, good schools, recreational opportunities are other considerations. One of our biggest assets, fresh water, needs to be protected.

If local communities are continually forced to cut services, cut road improvements, cut school programs, close parks, close libraries, etc. we will not be as attractive to new business as state's able to maintain these services. It is a balancing act.

As the recipient of a state pension, I am willing to assume some responsibility for getting us out of the mess we are in. However, many state employees do not have large pensions. If you were a school secretary, an instructional assistant, or a paraprofessional your pension may well be under \$15,000. Not a rich man's pension. Therefore, I am suggesting we either go to a graduated state income tax or we exempt people with low-paying pensions.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Karen B. Zyczynski
Novi

Clear the snow!

The cities of Novi, Northville, Farmington Hills and Livonia should be ashamed of themselves for permitting the deplorable treatment of county roads in our communities. Each time we have had a major snowstorm this winter, Eight Mile and Haggerty remained almost completely impassable even days after the snow. The cities plead that these are county roads, and seem to throw up their hands in utter helplessness. The cities must demand that Oakland and Wayne counties take care of the roads that fall under their jurisdiction, withholding tax revenue from the counties if that's what it takes to get attention. If they can't do that, perhaps we need officeholders and

administrators who can fight for their citizens.

Scott D. Horsburgh
Novi

Those who have should give more

Gov. Snyder is showing that he is a real Republican in his budget proposal by taxing pensions and cutting school funding; he seeks to divide us and turn us on one another.

Yes, seniors are a strong voting group but not all receive pensions. And after the envy of those who don't or won't be getting a pension kicks in, it leaves a smaller group. There are those who think they don't deserve it or didn't earn it anyway.

By cutting school funding you will have those who have already put their kids through school or don't have kids saying, "That's OK, it's not my problem," or "It won't hurt me, go ahead." This is similar to what former Gov. Engler did in taxing unemployment payments. After all, most unemployed people choose not to work anyway, right?

How about having all those who do have a job pay a little more until things get better? That would be shared sacrifice. It's been done before and it worked. Oh, wait, that was done by Democrats. The Republican way is to divide and conquer. So let's go ahead and take from retirees, kids and those without a job. Look to the least among us and take from them so that WE may have more.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

GUEST COLUMN

Great teachers do so much – They Help Us Paint Rainbows!

Great teachers matter. There has been quite a bit in the news lately about what some refer to as "teacher bashing."



Tom Watkins

Still others claim to support great teachers but are fed up with the unions representing them which put adult needs ahead of children's.

Regardless of the intention, many great teachers feel unappreciated and unsupported during these difficult times.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker made his desires clear that he plans to take on the teacher unions and has enlisted a Republican-controlled Legislature in an effort to roll back the bargaining rights of Wisconsin's public unions.

Similar efforts are playing out across the nation as states struggle

to balance budgets while enhancing quality education.

But at the end of the day, when all the political rhetoric from the left and right fades, it is quality teachers, those who know their subject matter and have a passion for teaching and learning, who make a difference in our children's and our collective future.

Political rhetoric from the state or nation's capitol has never educated a single child.

Perhaps the most effective reform strategy today is investing in quality teachers. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has come to this conclusion and invested significant resources to strengthen teacher quality.

As Michigan's state superintendent of schools (2001-05), I wrote a book, "They Help Us Paint Rainbows", generously underwritten by a Michigan company, Strategic Staffing Solutions, and distributed it free to tens of thou-

sands of Michigan teachers.

No, it was not the raise the great teachers deserved, but a token of appreciation for the difference they made in the lives of our kids.

The book is a collection of quotes from Michigan's school children, answering the question: "What makes your teacher great?"

I traveled the state visiting classrooms and always asked: "Do you have great teachers? What makes them great?" Sometimes, predictably enough, the students' initial responses were flip and funny. But after some reflection they would become serious, thoughtful, even profound.

The title of the book comes from a kindergarten girl who blurted out, in an excited tone, "They help us paint rainbows!"

How wonderful, I thought. How delightfully profound and deeply philosophical. Then my eyes followed the child's pointing finger, and when I turned, saw 25 hand-

drawn rainbows proudly displayed on the wall.

So concrete, so literal. She was telling the truth that only cynical adults could fail to see.

I learned much during my tenure leading Michigan's public education system serving nearly two million children by listening to our teachers, support personnel, principals, and certainly the kids.

Clearly, we have significant challenges facing our county, state and schools. Tough budget choices need to be made. But we can never lose sight of the value of great teachers.

Everything we do in our schools should measure up to the question: "How does this action help our teachers teach and children learn?"

Our public schools system is the true Statute of Liberty for our great country: schools take our tired, hungry, poor, children who speak English as a second lan-

guage, and those with disabilities, and give them hope and opportunity. Great teachers hold the torch lighting the way for us all.

The promise of our collective futures is sitting in our classrooms today. The quality of our lives, the strength of our economy, the vibrancy of our democracy, and our place in the world all depend on the quality of our classroom teachers.

Clearly we must manage our public resources in a way that allows us to both do good — efficiently, effectively and well.

Remember, great teachers matter — "They help us paint rainbows!"

Tom Watkins is an award-winning writer and international education business consultant. He served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05 and president and CEO of the economic council of Palm Beach County, Fla., 1996 to 2001. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

Heise invites residents to coffee hours

State Rep. Kurt Heise is sponsoring coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally.

Heise will talk with residents from 7:30-9 a.m. Friday, March 18, at the Parthenon Coney Island and Restaurant, located at 39910 Ford Road, in Canton. No appointment is necessary.

In addition, Rep. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Dems invite independents to events

Scott Craig, president of the Northville Democratic Club, is issuing a special invitation to independent voters, as well as non-member Democrats, to attend the many Club events this spring.

"We built our Club to more than 200 members in 2010 and are known as one of the most active Democratic Clubs of its kind in the area. Come, ask questions and get to know us," said Craig.

The Club's Facebook site has been revitalized and updated by IT pro member Herb Helzer.

It lists coming events and other information about the club. Go to Facebook.com and search "Northville Democratic Club."

Early reservations are requested for some of these club events:

- Town Hall Meeting, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17 at The Forum at Hillside Middle School on Center Street at Eight Mile Road, Northville. Rich Robinson of the non-partisan Michigan Campaign Finance Network will present: "A Lost decade for Campaign Accountability in Michigan." More than \$60 million was spent in Michigan state campaigns from 2000-2010 that was completely outside the State campaign finance reporting system, what that means to policy processes and what should be done about it.

- NDC Club Membership Meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 at The Cady Inn at Mill Race Village on Griswold in downtown Northville. Discussion and promotion of spring events.

- U of M Theater Outing-Arthur Miller's The Crucible, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 9 at Walgreen Drama Center, U of M Campus, Ann Arbor. A combination fund raiser and fundraiser by special arrangement of the Club's Annette Mason, member of the U of M theater faculty. Tickets are \$25.

- Second Annual Democratic Four-Club SPRING GALA, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 30 at Meadowbrook Country Club, Northville. Meet Keynote speaker Congressman Gary Peters and many other office holders and candidates. Elegant buffet, cash bar, entertainment. Tickets are \$50 (\$30 for students; \$75 for patron; \$200 for host). Deadline for program ads is April 1. Contact Susan Nichols at snich96@aol.com for this event or scraig27@comcast.net regarding the other events.



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A warm up

Andre Bufalini, 16, stops by Northville's Mill Race Village on an abnormally warm Feb. 19. The temperatures got above 50 degrees that day and the town's Mill Pond was sending a lot of melting water downstream.

Your news, now!

Breaking stories and news updates are always posted online at hometownlife.com. Check out the latest happenings in Northville and Novi throughout the day.

Get into the online discussions by clicking on Story Chat on each story, editorial, or letter to the editor. It's a great way to sound off and to connect with other readers. Check out the awesome photo galleries posted by our staff photographers and our readers, as well as video clips that help tell the stories in our community. Stop by the Hometown Weeklies' Facebook page and become a "friend" to receive news updates right on your wall. It's your news, on your time, in the format of your choice.

Mothers' Club directory

The 2011-2013 edition of the Mothers' Club of Northville Community Phone Directory is now being assembled. The directory is distributed to over 18,000 households within the Northville Public School district (including Northville, Northville Township and parts of Novi and Plymouth). This edition is scheduled to be circulated through the area in June, 2011.

The Directory contains residential listings, contact information for community organizations, and advertisements from local businesses. The Directory has been produced biennially by the Mothers' Club since the early 1970s.

New for the Directory this year is a contest: entrants who correctly identify a number of specified ads have a chance to win valuable prizes. Further information regarding the contest will be distributed with the directories.

The Mothers' Club of

Northville is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educational enrichment for Northville school children. The group has been in existence for more than 75 years. Since the inception of the Mothers' Club, more than \$500,000 has been donated for enhancement of the learning experiences of all of students within the Northville District.

If you are a business and are interested in placing an ad in the upcoming Directory, please contact Janeen Crittenden (248-380-7222) or Lori Schaefer (734 453-0977). Advertising will be accepted through March 11.

Food assistance

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

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

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

For more information and registration, please contact the

Plymouth Community United Way office at (734) 453-6879 ext. 2.

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rently has 547 partners to help these women. Find out more at <http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>.

Business to host art show

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

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

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

show will run until Saturday, May 28.

For more information, call (248) 446-0411.

Healing Hearts group

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

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

See our online images

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

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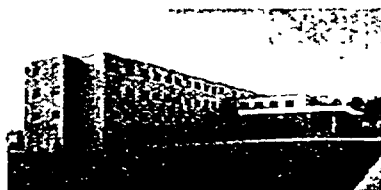
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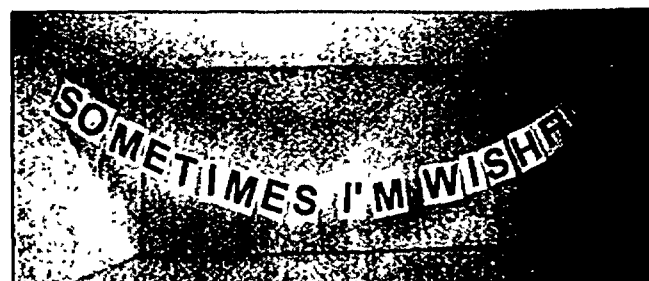
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"Sometimes I'm Wishful" by Dennis Michael Jones

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In answer, the Northville Art House proudly presents *Beyond The Blueprint: Architects' Other Art*. The show brings together a number of Metro Detroit artist-architects whose creativity extends far beyond traditional architectural ventures. While they share architectural backgrounds, each artist's work displays a unique and intriguing visual perspective.

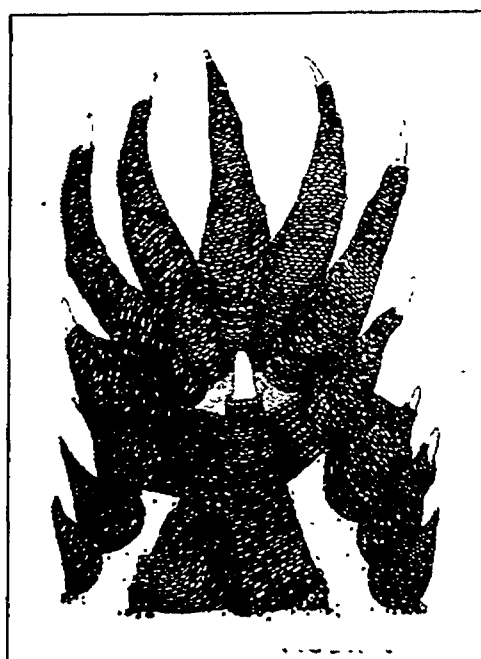
Artist-architects participating in the show are Simone DeSousa, founder and director of Re: View Contemporary Gallery in Detroit; Terry Lee Dill, a Cranbrook-trained architect whose work has included design and fabrication of one of the smallest houses in Los Angeles; Scott Maggart, an award-winning artist from the Grosse Pointes who embraced a full-time arts career only after a long and successful architectural practice; Dennis Michael Jones, a visual artist and educator based in Plymouth who continues to balance his architectural work with his art; Balthazar Korab, an architect and celebrated photographer who worked with both Eero Saarinen and Frank Lloyd Wright; Addie Langford, a Cranbrook-trained ceramicist with an architecture degree from the Rhode Island School of Design who is currently president and CEO of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center; Calvin Lauritsen, who creates presentation-quality models for architectural clients in addition to wall hangings for residential and commercial applications; Donn Angel Perez, a University of Michigan-trained architect who maintains his own art/architecture design studio in Detroit; and Michael Thompson, a Northville-based architect with international firm HKS Architects who creates wood sculptures. The show is curated by Jeff Cangelosi.

The show will open in the Art House's upper gallery with a reception and artists' talk from 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 4. The show will continue through March 26 during the Art House Gallery hours (1-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays).

For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.



"Rigorous and Poetic III" by Simone DeSousa



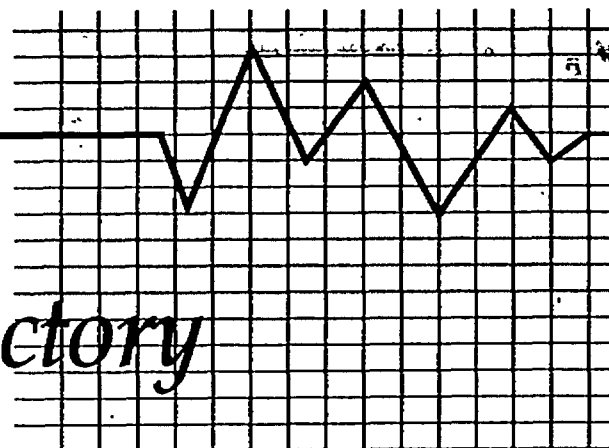
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Event attendees can also win free give-aways, and promotional goodies. Awards are presented for Best Restaurant and Best Business displays as voted by the public. Tickets are available at the door. Prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and over, and \$2 for children under 12. Call the Northville Chamber of Commerce for more information at (248) 349-7640 or visit online at www.northville.org.

The event is sponsored by: 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.

KIDS 4 AFGHAN KIDS

Three Northville seventh-graders are asking the community's help in raising \$15,000 to fund a medical and dental clinic in rural Afghanistan. They will have a booth at the Business Showcase.

Haley Clifton, Erica Meister and Allie Pierce are heading "May is Kids 4 Afghan Kids Awareness Month" as a way to inform residents about the dire educational and medical conditions in Afghanistan.

Kids 4 Afghan Kids (K4AK), a nonprofit organization, was created in 1998 by a sixth grade class in Northville and is directed by Amerman Elementary School teacher Khris Nedam. Currently, the organization has funded the creation of several buildings and infrastructure, which provide basic necessities — and hope — for those in the Wunkhai Valley, a rural mountainous area three hours Southwest of Kabul.

Buildings funded by K4AK include: one secondary and two elementary schools with total enrollment of 1,200, a school orphanage that houses 80 children, a medical/dental clinic, a bakery/kitchen, a guest house and the village's only mechanical fresh water well.

In 2010, the organization's dentist, Dr. Tom Grams, was one of nine humanitarianism murdered in Northern Afghanistan. To make matters worse, two months later the village physician, Dr. Hasnuden, succumbed to cancer. "We have been speaking to schools and civic organizations since third grade," said Pierce, "but after Dr. Tom's death, we knew we had to step up. The \$15,000 we aim to raise will provide the medical and dental services (for one year) that were lost due to the passing of these humanitarianism."

"We plan to kick off our Awareness Month at the Business Showcase Taste of Northville and then continue with a pledge campaign during May," said Meister. The pledge campaign asks residents to pledge \$5 per month for a year. "We have so much here in Northville," said Clifton. "We hope we can convince our fellow students and neighbors that a small donation by all will make an incredible difference in the lives of so many in our village."

K4AK will accept no longer used eyeglasses at the Taste of Northville. Pledges can be made at www.kids4afghankids.com or sent to Kids 4 Afghan Kids, c/o Khris Nedam, 9936 Hambleton, Livonia, MI 48150.

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The children and staff at the Early Childhood and Extended Day Program were excited to receive a grant from Amy Storm (right), Northville Educational Foundation Treasurer, that will help support a classroom initiative providing materials for early learning programs.



Meads Mill students and teacher Tina Macdonald (holding balloons) are looking forward to using the new language arts resources, funded through an Innovative Grant from the Northville Educational Foundation, and presented by board member Dwight Sieggreen (right). The grant is designed to rigorously teach vocabulary, reading and writing to enrich the middle school English Language Arts curriculum.

Northville Educational Foundation awards \$10,000 in Innovative Grants

The Northville Educational Foundation recently awarded 16 grants from its Innovative Grants program totaling more than \$10,000 to support school projects that will enhance the education of Northville Public Schools students and support innovative teaching. The Northville Educational Foundation Innovative Grants program provides funding for educational projects that cannot otherwise be paid for with Northville Public Schools' limited operating funds.

The grants were awarded through a competitive process and reviewed by a panel that evaluated applications for factors such as:

(1) Does the project offer an innovative approach to learning or teaching?

(2) Will the project improve student learning?

(3) Does the project have a specific relationship to curriculum and/or school improvement plans?

The Innovative Grants (see list) awarded by the Northville Educational Foundation are funded by contributions from Northville Public Schools families, alumni, staff, businesses and community members. Contributions to continue funding for Northville Educational Foundation can be made online through the Foundation's website at www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org by clicking on the "Donate Now" button. Contributions also may be mailed to:

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Contributions to the Northville Educational Foundation are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law and acknowledgements for all contributions are sent for tax purposes.

Established in 2000, the Northville Educational Foundation is a Michigan nonprofit organization committed to providing support for programs that enhance educational excellence and strengthen learning experiences for students in Northville Public Schools. The Foundation raises, professionally manages and, in partnership with Northville Public Schools, distributes donated funds to supplement and enrich educational programming. All money donated to the Foundation stays in Northville and benefits the children of Northville Public Schools from preschool through high school, including the district's special education center programs.

To learn more about the Northville Educational Foundation, visit www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org or contact Jan Purcell, foundation facilitator, at (248) 344-8458 or NEF@NorthvilleEdFoundation.org.

PROJECT GRANTS

Northville Public Schools teachers and staff recently received notification to fund the following projects throughout the district, which will be completed by June 1:

Project Title: Supporting Children's Learning with Weighted Lap and Neck Pads
Grant Awarded: \$235

School(s): Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs

Applicant Name(s): Ailsa Lemon-Blunk

Project Description: The project will provide weighted neck and lap pads for preschool students to create stability, increase body awareness and calming benefits for improved attention, focus and concentration. The lap and neck pads are a non-invasive alternative for calming over-stimulated children with sensory needs. The result is increased learning opportunities for all students.

Project Title: Sensory Diets for Improved Concentration
Grant Awarded: \$790

School(s): Old Village School

Applicant Name(s): Sandra Scott, Joellen Doherty, Beth Gourley

Project Description: The purchase of therapeutic listening headphones, belts, and appropriate DVD's, weighted vests, pressure vests and body blankets will help to provide consistent, controlled, appropriate therapeutic sensory input for special needs students at Old Village School.

Project Title: Microscope Upgrade to Oil Immersion
Grant Awarded: \$791

School(s): Northville High School

Applicant Name(s): Michelle Mog

Project Description: The purchase of oil immersion microscopes to teach microbiology and molecular biology will allow teaching and learning in a more contemporary fashion by implementing the same procedures that are used in hospitals and clinic laboratories.

Project Title: A Specialized Approach to Promoting College for All Students
Grant Awarded: \$163

School(s): Northville High School-Counseling

Applicant Name(s): Diane Drouillard and Lisa Sadikot

Project Description: Funding for bus transportation and supplies to provide designated Northville High School students with the opportunity to visit Schoolcraft Community College and explore college as a post-high school option. Students targeted for participation include juniors and seniors that are first-generation college students, low-income, academically challenged and/or low performing, as well as seniors who have expressed an interest in attending a community college, but have not initiated the application process.

Project Title: Improving Student Research and Storytelling through Digital Technology
Grant Awarded: \$700

School(s): Northville High School

Applicant Name(s): Morgan Cox and Ronalee Henderhan
Project Description: Purchase three camcorders and accessories to ensure Northville High School students taking English 12: Research Composition have access to the digital technology they need to fully engage in the course. Through the Research Composition curriculum, seniors develop leadership skills while practicing authentic research and learning the art of digital storytelling.

Project Title: Homework Help
Grant Awarded: \$500

School(s): Hillside Middle School

Applicant Name(s): Jim Cracraft, Principal

Project Description: Provide after-school homework assistance with a certified teacher for middle school students in need of additional support but whose families cannot afford or do not have access to private tutoring. Teachers will use the same materials and strategies being used in class to remediate and re-teach students in small groups and through cooperative learning, direct instruction, and peer tutoring.

Project Title: Hero in the Hallway
Grant Awarded: \$500

School(s): Hillside Middle School

Applicant Name(s): Jim Cracraft, Val Kaplansky, Mary Daar, Brad O'Neil, and Jane Hart

Project Description: This project builds on the Challenge Day experience which takes place in seventh grade and encourages students to "be the change" they want to see in the world. Thirty seventh-grade students will be selected to serve as "Hero in the Hallways" ambassadors in eighth grade. They will be trained in conflict resolution and peer mediation. Students will act as peer counselors and teach others to recognize bullying behaviors and intervene in non-threatening ways.

Project Title: Going Green to Grow Green and Save Green
Grant Awarded: \$1,000

School(s): Hillside Middle School

Applicant Name(s): Isaac Cottrell and Ann Marie Sadler

Project Description: The project will help to develop a system for recycling waste waters from the Hillside Animal Room to use to water and fertilize vegetables in an outdoor garden. The vegetables grown will in turn be used to feed the animals in the Animal Room. With the materials supplied by the grant, students will take a hands-on approach to learning about soils and water quality. Students will see firsthand how using the composted materials and waste water benefits the garden and the animals.

Project Title: Michigan Music Teachers Conference
Grant Awarded: \$660

School(s): Meads Mill Middle School

Applicant Name(s): Amanda Good, Tonya Nugent, Robin Taylor

Project Description: Provide funding for Meads Mill music teachers to attend the Michigan Music Teachers Conference in January, providing key professional development opportunities for vocal and instrumental music instruction including supporting innovative and creative teaching strategies.

Project Title: Homework Help
Grant Awarded: \$500

School(s): Meads Mill Middle School

Applicant Name(s): Sue Meyer

Project Description: Provide after-school homework assistance with a certified teacher to assist middle school students in need of additional support but whose families cannot afford or do not have access to private tutoring. Teachers will use the same materials and strategies being used in class to remediate and re-teach students in small groups and through cooperative learning, direct instruction, and peer tutoring.

Project Title: Advanced Language Arts Curriculum Resources
Grant Awarded: \$613

School(s): Meads Mill Middle School

Applicant Name(s): Tina Macdonald

Project Description: Provide students with language arts resources developed by Michael Clay Thompson (renowned presenter and educator in the field of gifted education) to rigorously teach vocabulary, reading and writing. The

curriculum provides a framework for challenging students in the area of language arts. A deeper understanding of language through vocabulary, grammar and even poetry will help students in many areas.

Project Title: Power House Model
Grant Awarded: \$783

School(s): Meads Mill Middle School

Applicant Name(s): Laurie Masi and Jennifer Miers

Project Description: Introduce students to regenerative energy sources while using a hands-on model of a "Power House." Students will learn the basic concepts and principles in physical science, life science and earth science. The "Power House" kits let students see firsthand heat and light energy from the sun and the energy produced by wind, as well as electrochemical and plant energy.

Project Title: F.A.S.T. Reading Program
Grant Awarded: \$1,000

School(s): Meads Mill Middle School

Applicant Name(s): Danielle Anderson, Jenny Pascual, Lynn Soluri, Patty Dow

Project Description: Implement additional F.A.S.T. Reading System materials with the goal of improving the reading skills of students who have reading difficulties. Upon completion of the program, students will read at grade level, be able to use a variety of strategies to comprehend text at grade level, improve their reading fluency, and develop an enjoyment of reading.

Project Title: Growing Academically and Socially with Peers (GRASP)
Grant Awarded: \$200

School(s): Silver Springs Elementary School

Applicant Name(s): Wendy Wilkinson and Stephanie Mansfield (parent GRASP sponsor)

Project Description: Implement additional GRASP program materials to include books that introduce characters with disabilities or learning issues. The GRASP program brings together students with disabilities and pairs them with their peers for the purpose of developing understanding, acceptance and respect of learning differences. Currently, 70 Silver Springs' students participate in the program.

Project Title: Framing Your Thoughts
Grant Awarded: \$649

School(s): Ridge Wood Elementary School

Applicant Name(s): Sheri Janer and Kristy Kenneally

Project Description: "Framing Your Thoughts" is a Project Read Curriculum comprised of instructional strategies that inspire students as they learn the fundamentals of writing. The curriculum teaches writing concepts and skills sequentially and logically. The process teaches correct sentence structure and punctuation using the student's own expressive language.

Project Title: Learning Through Music
Grant Awarded: \$926

School(s): Amerman Elementary School

Applicant Name(s): Julie Colter, Olivia Wren, Jennifer Bonutti

Project Description: Enhance teaching and learning through music by purchasing MP3 players to create more storage space for the many songs that help students learn in all areas of the first-grade curriculum. Each student has created a Reading Binder that contains printed versions of every song. First grade students read from their binders while listening, singing and moving to songs that reinforce concepts being taught in reading, math, writing, science and social studies. Research suggests that the musical arts are central to the cognitive process and dramatically impact the functions and systems responsible for all learning.

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Taking that first step in the service

Mothers are trained professionals at saying "No!" But four small words pierce our laser-force shields, "Can you help me?" The final, fatal blow of "Please" steals our resolve.

As I embrace the half-century mark, I don't relish a 900 mile, 14 hour drive, especially not alone. However, Ford Motor Company doesn't think a father needs to see his son off when he deploys to Afghanistan. Moms know better and I'm bound for Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville, N.C.

The first help stop is Surplus Store's Military Surplus Store. Our task is to acquire the items deemed no longer necessary, that our Government has decided are "military excess," in recent budget cuts. Equipment that was standard procedure

MARINE MOM'S MUSINGS

for prior Marines going into combat zones are now unnecessary? Really? Have the Taliban's resorted to a kinder, gentler form of terrorism? A liner for a camouflage weather poncho, a pad to separate your sleeping bag from the rock-strewn, January-chilled desert floor/bed and a protective covering for my son's flak jacket... priceless, right? No, \$241 in second-hand military equipment. There's good news! Some fortunate Marine came home safely and sold these precious items so my son, Lance Corporal Joseph Eichholtz could acquire them -- before he ventures out, accompanied by 1,400 young men and women in Combat Logistics Battalion 8.

Some of these young people look as though they were wearing caps and gowns last summer instead of flak jackets and helmets. I bet on a sunny day last

June, some carried diplomas instead of M-16's. My son is older; he graduated from Northville High School in 2007. His four year commitment to the United States Marine Corp expires in July. Nevertheless, this assignment is a seven-to-12 month deployment, hence his contract is extended.

As we leave Saigon Sams, I ask him, in as gentle, motherly fashion as I can muster, "What is your biggest concern?" "TP!" he says, a wide grin decorates his face. "I hate rough toilet paper. It gives me a rash" Silly me, I was thinking IED's (Improvised Explosive Devices), machine gun fire, suicide bombers... no, oh no, a Marine's biggest fear is cheap toilet paper. Note to self, pack a roll of Charmin in every care package.

Debbie Eichholtz, Medical LRE at Silver Springs Elementary, Northville Public Schools, will be sharing her thoughts on her son's service regular with Northville Record readers.



Lance Corporal Joseph Eichholtz

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Sean and Katherine (Quitmeyer) Bodrie, both of Walled Lake, will celebrate their first anniversary on March 6. Katherine graduated from Northville High School in 2006 and Eastern Michigan University in 2010, with a bachelor's of business administration degree, majoring in management. Sean graduated from Northville High School in 2005 and is currently finishing his bachelor's of business administration degree, majoring in management, also at EMU. Katherine is a sales and service specialist at Bank of America and Sean is the president of Lawn Pro.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Bartel

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Bartel of Northville announce the birth of Brynn Christine Bartel, born Feb. 4, 2011, at Providence of Novi.

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In the beginning, her back would ache here and there. Nothing she couldn't handle, but over the years she started to have more and more problems with her back pain. Initially it began in the low back, but it would travel to her shoulders creating carpal tunnel syndrome like symptoms of numbness and tingling, eventually working its way up to her neck giving her the worse headaches she ever had.

Through the years she was told everything from... "just take these pain pills", "don't do certain activities", "try working out", "you're no spring chicken" and the best one was "maybe you're just going through the change of life."

Yep, that's right Mrs. Jones heard it all. She even endured a battery of tests; x-rays, MRI, EMG, L-M-N-O-P, you get the idea. She did all the recommended therapies and sometimes the result was great, just not long lasting.

So as fate would have it, she met yet another doctor. This time she was referred by one of the women on her bowling league... I told you she loved to bowl! This doctor was a *different* kind of doctor.

This doctor was the kind of doctor she was told to "NEVER" go to. Since Mrs. Jones was now a senior, she was told that this *kind* of doctor wouldn't be for her.

Did I mention *this* doctor is a chiropractor?

Luckily for Mrs. Jones, her bowling friend told her about the gentle, state-of-the-art techniques this chiropractor uses. Her friend also mentioned that this doctor sees many other senior patients and is getting great results herself.

Here's what some of the other patients had to say:

"I can't believe I suffered so long with neck and low back pain, when help was just up the street." - Sue F.

"I was told I would just have to live with the pain, I was getting older and that was it." - Bonnie G.

"After a few adjustments at Dr. Tina's office, I felt relief and I could actually turn my head without using my whole body to move!" - Bob H.

So Mrs. Jones decided to give the chiropractor a try and much to her amazement, she felt better. A whole lot better! The only regret she had was...why the heck did she wait so long?



Tina Maruszewski, D.C.

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Mustangs win back-to-back games

Boys cagers defeat Waterford Kettering, Livonia Franklin

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team did something last week that they had not been able to accomplish since just after Christmas — win back-to-back games.

The squad, coached by Todd Sander, earned a 49-43 victory over Waterford Kettering last Wednesday before coming on strong two days later with a 55-37 win over Livonia Franklin.

Against Kettering, the Mustangs found themselves in their typical back-and-forth game, falling behind by four at the half and down by 10 during the third quarter, 29-19. But Northville wouldn't give up, fighting back to trail by just three heading into the final quarter of play.

"Both teams were playing very hard," said Sander. "Fortunately, we were able to make more plays down the stretch for a tough victory."

Northville's biggest hurdle

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs were slated to begin the district tournament this week. Results will be in next week's edition of the Northville Record.

was Kettering's trapping defense, which forced 26 turnover in the contest.

"It's a tough style to play against and hard to simulate because they play it every day," said Sander. "You're going to turn it over, but also score some easy hoops."

The Mustangs' press defense was also very effective, as was the offensive rebounding presence of Andrew Poterala and Levi Perry, who led the team's 14 offensive rebounds.

Poterla led the team in scoring as well, scoring 12 points while Andrew Baldwin and Bryce Groshek each had 10 points and Perry added nine. All of Groshek's points were scored in the second half.

Against Franklin, Northville had a slow start

and led by just one point, 14-13, after the first quarter before finding their feet and turning the game into a lopsided victory.

While the Patriots were playing a 1-3-1 defense, preventing the Mustangs from working the ball inside, the long-shooting of Baldwin came into play as he hit two three-point field goals in the second quarter to help give his squad a 30-23 lead at the half.

The offense began to click after that, with contributions coming from nine different players as Baldwin finished with 15, Nick Raad had 10 and Groshek added nine.

"We continued to get a lot of contributions from many guys, which is a positive sign this late in the season," said Sander.

And Northville's defense clamped down, too, holding the Patriots to just 24 points in the last 26 minutes of the game.

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



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Mustang Bofeng Zhang swims on Feb. 24.

Mustangs roll past University Liggett

Girls hockey team enters postseason with a victory

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Every coach will tell you that ending the regular season with a win is always preferable, especially when your team is gunning for a chance at the state championship.

The Northville Mustangs girls hockey team, coached by Bill Holden, ended their regular season in fifth place in the state with a 2-1 victory over University Liggett last Saturday.

Northville's assistant coach, Bill Deacon, was happy with the result, especially after tying Grosse Pointe North last week.

"We tied the top team in state, Grosse Pointe North, having a two goal lead going into the third and lost to Cranbrook on a fluke goal at the end of the game," he said. "We are healthy and definitely ready for anyone."

Northville proved that

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls hockey team was scheduled to play against Cranbrook Monday night to begin the state tournament. Results will be in next week's edition of the Northville Record.

against Liggett, coming out of the gate strong and firing 12 unanswered shots on goal in just the first eight minutes of the game to make a quick statement about their intentions to win. Lauren Grigg added the exclamation point with the first score of the night, which she fired home in the first period for a 1-0 lead. The goal came after Grigg has already struck both the post and the cross bar on two other shots. Natalie DeMuro and Allison Holden earned assists.

Liggett came to life late in the period, however, firing four good shots on goal as

they caught the Mustangs in the middle of a line change. Northville goalie Avery Allman made it look easy, however, blocking three and deflecting the fourth shot to the corner.

Allman, however, was pulled from the game soon after due to equipment problems, and Caitlyn Sabourin took over, stopping 16 of the next 17 shots on goal to secure the victory.

The Mustangs secured the victory on a power play when Sarah Blackhurst led her squad up the ice and into the Knights defense. Blackhurst sent a pass to Kate Sell, who fired a shot off the goalie and directly to Kately Meck. Meck wound back, slapped the shot home and earned her second game-winning goal of the month for the 2-1 final.

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Tankers dominate KLAA championships

Squad has little trouble thanks to talent, depth

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs went into their swimming and diving KLAA championships last week knowing that they had to be on the top of their game in order to come away with the top spot.

Little did they know that they would be hitting all cylinders from the start, dominating the KLAA Championships with 925 points while Novi finished second with 658.5 and Salem was third with 652.

"We swam fantastic on Friday and put ourselves out in front," said coach Rich Bennetts. "I am very proud of the effort the boys put in this year, they deserve to be league champs. We have all three of the relay cuts and we will have 10 kids going to the state meet and two divers. We will be looking for a strong showing at that meet."

The Mustangs took first in just one event, however, showing that their depth was more of a dominating factor than their speed. Their top spot, in fact, was more about ability and finesse rather than time as Kevin Bain took first in diving with a new KLAA record 481.9 points from the judges.

"The only event we won today was diving," noted Bennetts. "There are a lot of very good swimmers in this league, but our guys fought together and we showed today that a good team can beat great individuals. That was our mission going into this



Mustang coach Rich Bennetts celebrates as another one of his swimmers qualifies for the state finals during a Feb. 25 meet hosted by Novi.

CC falls to Oxford in state wrestling final

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't the ending to the season that the Catholic Central Shamrocks, nor their fans, had truly expected.

The squad, coached by Mitch Hancock, had made a point of dominating nearly every foe they faced this year as they marched, seemingly unstoppable, toward the goal of a repeat state championship.

But someone forgot to tell

ON TAP

The Shamrocks will have 13 wrestlers in the Individual State Finals this weekend. Results will be in next week's edition.

Oxford.

The Shamrocks found themselves on the wrong end of a 26-25 Division I state championship as Oxford managed to pull out a victory in the final match of the night.

"This isn't going to determine who we are, or our character," Hancock said. "This group of young men are phenomenal. They work their butts off, they are good kids in the classroom, they're honor roll students, they're of the community and they are men of Christ and Catholic Central. That's who they are."

The final match of the night was between 103-pound Evan Toth and Oxford's Dylan

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NORTHVILLE ROUNDUP

Cheer team takes eighth

It wasn't the result the cheer team was hoping for, but it was still a great day nonetheless as the squad finished eighth in the regional tournament last week.

The team, coached by Mindy Gentz, scored 742.299 points to take eighth place overall. The top four teams in the regional qualified for the state finals, which will be tomorrow and Saturday in Grand Rapids. Hudsonville took first with 803.5592 points, followed by East Kentwood's 800.1296, Holland West Ottawa's 798.8824 and Grandville's 794.2576.

Northville finished with 219.7 points in the first round and 236.299 points in the second. They finished the day with a showing of 286.2 in the final round.

Three wrestlers to compete this weekend

When the MHSAA Individual State Finals

begins this weekend, the Northville Mustangs will have three grapplers looking to make their mark.

Ian Stirton will be wrestling in the 125-pound weight class while Jon Montgomery will compete at 152 and Trevor Maresh at 171 pounds. All three wrestlers earned a berth to the finals via third-place showings in the regional tournament.

Icers bow in final regular-season contest

The Northville Mustangs boys hockey team couldn't find the net last week as they bowed to Milford in their final regular-season game, 1-0.

The squad, coached by Jeff Hatley, had a number of quality scoring chances. The team, unfortunately, was stymied by a tough Milford goalie, who Hatley said "seemed to gain confidence as the game went on."

- By Sam Eggleston

Northville bowlers conclude year in regional

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs boys and girls bowling teams ended their season last week as the girls squad bowed out in the regional tournament.

The girls, led by Brittny Browers, finished just shy of the qualifying mark as they put the cap on a season that included second place in the KLAA behind Wayne Memorial.

Browers, however, will be the lone Mustang to continue her season, competing as an individual in the state tournament in Battle Creek this weekend. She finished seventh in the six-game qualifying round for singles to earn the berth.

The varsity boys team didn't finish as well as the girls in the KLAA, but did show marked improvement over the second half of the season. The team was paced

by co-captain Jon Johnson, who showcased his talent with a pair of 256 games. The team also had a strong showing from Colton Ma-Wu, who won the KLAA Central Division season-ending doubles tournament, while co-captain Ryan Benoit, a senior, led his team this year with a 197 average.

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

Shamrocks earn fifth-place finish in ski league

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks ski team was definitely hoping for better results when they headed to Pine Knob to take on some of the state's best teams last week.

The squad, coached by Thomas Gable, finished fifth in the 2011 Southeast Michigan Ski League Championships last Tuesday. The team faced squads from as far away as Fenton and Grand Blanc.

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks ski team raced in the state championships in Marquette this week. Results will be in next week's edition.

Gable said the event was "a great experience for all," especially the younger racers.

The team found difficulty in the morning slalom runs, with their top racers, Damon Rottermond and Jim Herzog,

experiencing problems from the start. Ian Pierce, however, finished in 15th place and sophomore Joe Talbott showed promise in his runs.

The afternoon proved as equally difficult for Rottermond, who claimed fifth place overall, while Herzog and Pierce finished in the 24th and 25th spots, respectively.

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



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Mustang Katie Giacomini tries to keep a rebound away from some Canton Chiefs.

Northville girls split week Squad edges Plymouth, falls to Howell

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

In the final game before the state playoffs, the Northville Mustangs girls basketball team did what they hoped they would be able to do — they snapped a three-game losing streak.

"It felt good to finally win a close one," said Northville coach Todd Gudith. "We've been at the doorstep in a lot of these types of games this season. The difference was that we had the lead late instead of trying to mount a comeback. Plymouth made things interesting though. I thought we did a good job on them for three quarters. They got hot in the 4th but our girls weathered the storm and didn't buckle when Plymouth gained some momentum."

The squad started the game out strong, going on an 18-7 run to jump out to an impressive lead. While Plymouth settled down in the second quarter, Northville was still able to maintain a seven point lead heading into the half, 25-18.

In the third quarter, it looked as though both teams were having trouble finding

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The Northville girls basketball team participated in the district tournament this week. Results will be in next week's edition of the Northville Record.

their game, scoring just two points each to make it a 27-20 contest heading into the final stanza. There, the Wildcats found their rhythm, hitting six baskets — including three three-point field goals — to narrow the gap. The Mustangs helped their foes by missing three times on the first foul shot once they entered into the bonus situation, but the squad managed to hold on to keep the game out of reach.

Northville was led by Kendra Brenner, a sophomore, who scored 16 points, including eight in the fourth quarter to help nullify the Plymouth rally. Junior Alex Moynes added 12 while senior Katie Giacomini added 11 in the victory.

Northville finished the regular season with a 10-10 mark, including a 5-5 standing in the Central Division.

It wasn't all victories last

week for the Mustangs, however, as they lost their match-up against Howell to make it three losses in a row.

Northville fell behind, 9-7, in the first and never was able to catch up.

Hot shooting from Howell senior guard Emily Lorkowski, who made five three pointers in the game, kept the Mustangs in check and held off any hope of a come back. The closest Northville got was a six-point difference as they fell to their KLAA foes.

"We had difficulty with our help defense in post early, but did a better job with that in the second half," said Gudith. "But, it seemed like every time we got within striking distance, Howell made a big shot from outside. It was like we traded one problem for another in the second half. We didn't do a good enough job getting to their shooters, which was disappointing."

Northville was led by Meredith Williams, Brenner and Giacomini as they scored six points each.

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WRESTLING

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Smith. The two grapplers were tied, 2-2, going into the third period but Smith pulled off three take downs to earn the 9-

2 win and give Oxford — which was ranked third in the state — its first-ever wrestling state championship.

The Shamrocks did earn wins in the tournament from Ken Både, Logan Marcicki, Riley Hanson, Alex Moordian, Andrew Garcia and Miles

Trealout.

To reach the finals, the Shamrocks beat Brighton, 39-16, while Oxford defeated Hartland, 36-21.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2011 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The Northville Township 2011 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2011 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. Beginning Monday, February 28, 2011 you may call (248) 348-5810 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by March 23, 2011. Postmarks are not accepted.

Tuesday	March 08, 2011	1:00 pm	Organizational Meeting
Appointment Dates:			
Monday	March 14, 2011	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Appointments Appointments Appointments
Tuesday	March 15, 2011	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments Appointments
Wednesday	March 16, 2011	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Appointments Appointments Appointments
Friday	March 18, 2011	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments Appointments
Saturday	March 19, 2011	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments Appointments
Monday	March 21, 2011	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Appointments Appointments Appointments
Tuesday	March 22, 2011	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Appointments Appointments
Wednesday	March 23, 2011	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Appointments Appointments

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or at www.michigan.gov/treasury. Click on Forms, then click Property Tax, Board of Review (L-4035)

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
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Shamrocks lose final regular-season game

Squad bounces back with 3-2 pre-regional victory over Brighton

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central hockey team may have taken a loss in their final regular-season game, but they weren't about to let the same fate befall their first post-season contest.

The team, coached by Todd Johnson, took a tough 3-2 loss against the Grosse Pointe North Norsemen last week before coming back two days later to beat Brighton in a pre-regional match-up, 3-2.

Against Brighton, the Shamrocks started slow, having trouble finding their feet as the Bulldogs put up two quick scores in the first period for a 2-0 advantage. The first came at the 10:30 mark when Mitchell Kahl notched a goal before Scott Scheneman added another just over a minute later.

But the Shamrocks have been behind before and did

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The Shamrocks were scheduled to take the ice against a tough Novi Wildcats squad Wednesday. Results will be in next week's edition.

what they do best — gather themselves and come back with a vengeance. The squad cut Brighton's lead in half with 2:22 left in the first as Lucas Linville fired home the puck to make it a 2-1 game with an assist being credited to Michael Babcock.

Nearly an entire period passed before the Shamrocks tied it, scoring with 35 seconds left in the second off the stick of Sean Gaffney, who has assistance from Ryan Keller and Charlie Green.

The deciding goal came at the 6:47 mark in the final stanza as Keller decided to score a goal of his own, flinging it into the back of the net with assistance from Carson

Gatt and Pete Halash.

It was a scrappy game, as is expected between two physical teams such as these, with 12 penalties being called. Catholic Central and Brighton were hit with six penalties each.

Earning the win between the posts was Catholic Central's Alex Nork, who stopped 11 shots for his ninth win of the year. Brighton's Jack Gosselin faced 50 shots total, stopping 47 in the losing effort.

Against Grosse Pointe North, the Shamrocks just couldn't make the game go in the direction they wanted. Despite scoring the first and last goals of the game, Catholic Central ended up on the wrong side of the loss as Grosse Pointe held them off, 3-2.

The Shamrocks started the game with a quick goal by Joe Steele for the 1-0 lead. Linville and Tyler VanAcker earned assists on the score.

But Grosse Pointe North

controlled the remainder of the period, scoring twice for a 2-1 lead before adding another in the second for a 3-1 advantage. Julie Quinlan, Scott Dornbrock and Brand Werenski all scored for the Norsemen.

The Shamrocks were able to cut into that lead on a goal by Linville, which was his first of the season, at 12:49 in the third. Steele and Gatt assisted. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough as the Norsemen skated away with the victory.

Connor Pankow took the loss at goalie for the Shamrocks, having a tough time as he allowed all three goals in his 24 minutes of play before being relieved by Nork for the final 27 minutes. Jeffrey Ryan stopped 37 shots by the Shamrocks to earn the win, his fifth of the season.

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



Discus Award

Alexa Abbott of Northville High School has been recognized as a 2010-11 Discus Award winner for her achievements in the areas of Community Service, Athletics and Academics. The Discus Awards is a national program that provides recognition and scholarship opportunities to all-around high school students who excel in three of ten key attributes. Alexa is now eligible for 2010-11 Discus Awards scholarships. Also, Alexa created a multimedia profile highlighting her achievements, which may be viewed in the Discus Awards Winners Gallery at www.DiscusAwards.com/winners.

Maintaining your weight through portion control

Do you know why the United States is the fattest country in the world? If you answered because we eat too much, you're right. Another way to put it is our portions are too large. This is what most of my clients deal with on a daily basis. When I put someone on my personalized, detailed Forever Fit Health Management Program, 70 percent of the time we have to deal with how much they eat. The first thing is knowing the correct serving size and calories based on the American Dietetic Exchange List. I always tell my clients you are four times more likely to be successful with your program if you write down or keep track of what you've eaten. The secret to losing or maintaining your weight is portion control. Here are six ways that help:

1. Measure accurately. For foods and beverages, use gadgets like a measuring cup, tablespoon, teaspoon, or digital food scale.
2. Learn how to estimate serving sizes. Estimate serving sizes to known objects. For example three ounces of meat, fish or poultry is about the size of a deck of cards. You can also eyeball sizes. For instance, one half cup is the size of an ice cream scoop. One cup is the size of tennis ball or 1 ounce of cheese is the size of a domino.
3. Use portion control dishware. Pick out smaller plates, bowls, cups and glassware in your kitchen and measure



Fitness pro
Jeremy Daum

what they hold. After doing this, you may find out a bowl that you thought held 8 ounces actually holds 16, meaning you have been eating twice as much.

4. Make your own pre-measured serving packs. If you measure one cup of your favorite foods such as rice, pasta, and cereal into your ziplock bags, you're ready to prepare just the right amount with no further measuring.

5. Measure oil carefully. This is really important because oil (even healthier kinds like olive and safflower) have so many calories; don't pour it directly on your food or into your cooking pan.

6. Control when eating out. This can be a big problem for my clients. Eat or share a meal with someone, including the dessert. Ask for your dressing on the side when eating your salad. Dip your fork into the dressing and then into salad. You'll eat 80 percent less dressing.

With a little practice, portion control is easy to do and can help you obtain your goals.

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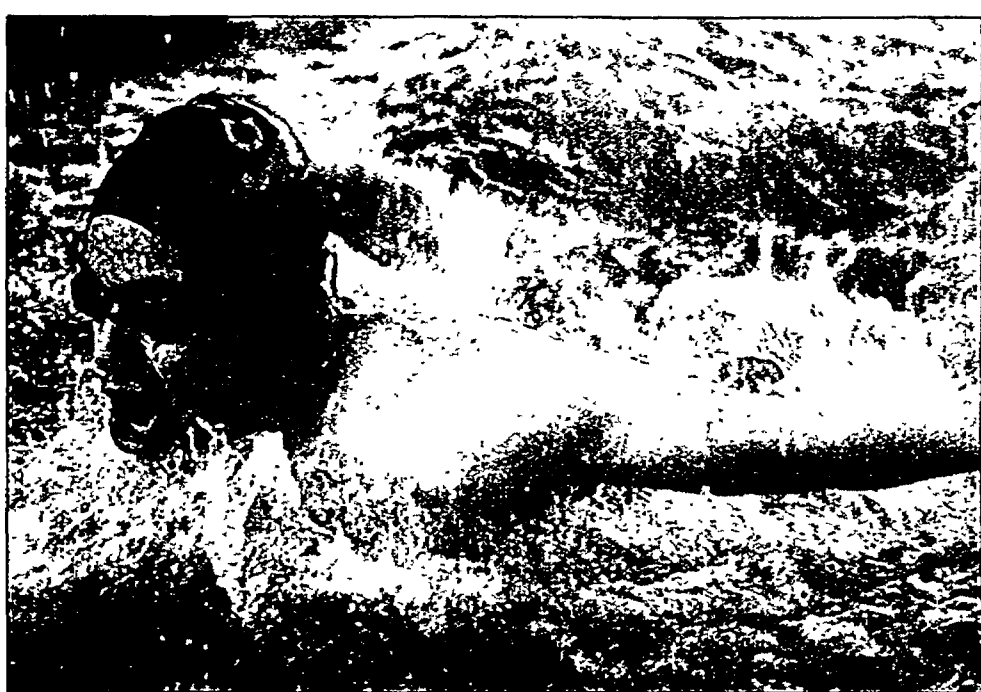
meet and the boys executed it to perfection on Friday. That was the difference — our team against everyone else's star swimmers; they won their events and, by the way, swam really fast in doing so. But, at the end of the day, I would rather take home the trophy."

Bennetts noted his diving team was on the top of their game with Bain finishing first and Will Price taking second with 420.45 points. Anton Travis finished 18th.

"Kevin was impressive on the board," said Bennetts. "He has been doing it all season. Will is working on a new dive and once he gets it down he will be a force to be reckoned with at the state meet as well."

Northville earned a second-place showing in the 50 free-style from Spencer Miller, who swam a 22.06, while Bofeng Zhang took third in the 200 individual medley in 2:00.87 and Will Greenlee took third in both the 100 butterfly in 53.68, and in the 50 free in 22.45. Also taking third was Ryan Winkler in the 100 free-style, swimming a 48.83, while the 200 medley relay team of Winkler, Zhang, Greenlee and Dawson Laabs took third in 1:41.57.

Other point-gathering finishes for Northville included: 200 Free: Alex Miller (5th); Johannes Henriksson (7th); Tim Shea (9th); Austin Hunt (11th); Chris Kim (12th); Dennis Kim (16th); 200 IM: Scott Wang (11th); Nick Hayes (14th); Aaron Zalewski (15th); Glenn Vargo (19th); 50 Free: Ryan Winkler (5th); Dawson Laabs (6th);



Mustang Aaron Zalewski swims the butterfly in the 200 IM during Feb. 25's conference meet at Novi.

Cameron Albrant (12th); Sam Boyea (14th); 100 Fly: Dawson Laabs (9th); Cameron Albrant (10th); Akbar Ariswala (16th); 100 Free: Spencer Miller (4th); Chris Kim (7th); Alex Miller (8th); Sam Boyea (15th); 500 Free: Tim Shea (4th); Johannes Henriksson (5th); Austin Hunt (6th); Dennis Kim (8th); 200 Free Relay (4th) Spencer Miller, Bofeng Zhang, Alex Miller, Dawson Laabs; 100 Back: Scott Wang (13th); Sergio Reyes (15th); Danny Teng (16th); Nick Hayes (17th); 100 Breast: Glenn Vargo (9th); Patrick Dunn (15th); and 400 Free Relay (4th) Ryan Winkler, Chris Kim, Will Greenlee, Spencer Miller.

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



Mustang Chris Kim.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on March 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall Community Room, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. This hearing will be to consider agenda item 3.A - Historic District Designation, a request by the Northville Township Historic District Study Committee to include two properties listed above, known as Thayer's Cemetery (no assigned street address) and the Thayer Schoolhouse (10690 Six Mile Road), into the Thayer's Corners Historic District.

The holding of this public hearing, as well as the Historic District Study Committee's review of these properties as a historic district, is in accordance with Michigan Public Act 169 of 1970, Michigan's Historic Districts Act, as amended.

Interested citizens will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning their views on the location and details of this proposed historic district. The final historic district report, prepared by the Historic District Study Committee, will be available for public inspection at this public hearing. Written and oral statements will be received at the hearing. Written statements and exhibits will be made a part of the public hearing transcript if received within ten days after the date of the hearing.

For more information concerning the Public Hearing, please contact the Clerk's office at 248 348-5800 ext. 10492, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS CODE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

CHAPTER 53 - ANIMALS
The following proposed amendments was introduced to the Board of Trustees at the February 17, 2011 Regular Meeting.

- Chapter 53-Article 4 - relating to setbacks and locations for building structures. 53(B) and 53(C)

Complete copies of the proposed changes are available in the Clerk's office at the during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and on the Township Website www.northville.mi.us. This amendment will be presented for Adoption at the March 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held at the Township Municipal Building at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Published: March 3, 2011

City of Northville

Proposed Amendment to Chapter 14 Building and Building Regulations Code of Ordinances

At its regular meeting on March 7, 2011, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 14 Building and Building Regulations, Article V Property Maintenance, Sections 14-159 and 14-160 in the City of Northville Code of Ordinances. The proposed amendment would adopt the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code, by reference, as the Property Maintenance Code for the City of Northville.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meetings scheduled for March 7, 2011 and March 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCE

Adoption of the 2009 International Fire Code and 2009 Michigan Building Residential, Rehabilitation and Energy Code

Notice is hereby given that the First Reading of the 2009 International Fire Code and Michigan Building, Residential, Rehabilitation and Energy Codes will take place on February 17, 2011 at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, at the Township Municipal Building located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Michigan, 48168.

The Second Reading and Adoption of the updated 2009 Fire Code and 2009 Michigan Building, Residential, Rehabilitation and Energy Codes will take place on March 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, at the Township Municipal Building located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

A copy of the updated text is available at the Township Clerk's Department, 44405 Six Mile Road..

Sue A. Hillebrand,
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Magical Night

It was themed a "Magical Night with the Stars." But it was really like a magical night for the stars which, in this case, are the people who are served through Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. The Canton Community Foundation (CCF) recently put on the third annual benefit for Gleaners at the Emagine Theatre of Canton. The CCF provides grants for educational scholarships. Emagine Theatre owners and Gleaners Board Member Paul and Mary Glantz offered their theatre for a fun night of food, festivities and films. More than 200 people attended the gala. Funds raised by the Canton Community Foundation (CCF) for

Gleaners will benefit Canton's local Open Door Food Pantry, run by volunteers Steve and Jackie Darr, and The Salvation Army. "We believe in giving back to our community," said Glantz. "It's our responsibility as a business." Look for the Glantzes to continue their generosity on May 13 for the Royal Oak Emagine Theatre Grand Opening Gala to benefit Variety, The Children's Charity. Pictured are Canton Community Foundation Board Member Jim Fausone of Fausone Bohn Attorneys at Law in Northville and his wife, Carol Ann Fausone.



(From left) Northville residents Geri and Dave Brown of Mobility Transportation of Canton and Dawn and Scott LaRiche of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth.

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NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

ABWA Masquerade Ball

The 2011 Masquerade Ball, hosted by the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, will be from 8 p.m.-1 p.m. Friday, March 25 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the chapter's Bettie Johnson Scholarship and Education Fund, which contributes over \$3,500 annually to grants and scholarships both locally and nationally.

Enjoy hot hors d'oeuvres, eclectic finery, mystics and magicians, a candy buffet, photography, music and dancing, special guests, an art gallery, raffles, a premium cash bar, strolling entertainment, unique vendors and more. Please see www.abwamasquerade.com for information on purchasing tickets (\$65 per person; group discounts available), sponsorship opportunities and vendor booths.

Most Michigan retailers expect 2011 sales growth

More than three of every four Michigan retailers (76 percent) expect their 2011

sales to grow, with the largest group projecting gains of less than 5 percent, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Forty percent of respondents said they expect their sales to rise less than 5 percent, while 31 percent peg their gains at 5 to 10 percent and 5 percent expect double-digit growth. Fourteen percent predict flat sales and 10 percent believe their sales will decline.

The forecasts follow a January with positive sales, but at a lower level from a November and December that made up the best holiday shopping season in more than a decade.

"Retailers continue to see Michigan's economy improving, but their forecasts remain tempered by such factors as high unemployment and the sluggish housing market," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and chief executive officer. "At this point, they believe 2011 will be a good year, not necessarily a great year."

The Michigan Retail Index for January found that 39 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 38 percent recorded declines and 23 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 53.3, down from 61.9 in December. It was the best January since 2006. A year ago January, the sales performance index was 49.9.

Index values above 50 generally indicate an increase in overall retail activity.

Looking forward, 55 percent of retailers expect sales during February-April to increase over the same period last year, while 15 percent project a decrease and 30 percent no change.

That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 72.3, down from 77.2 in December. It was the best January figure since 2004. A year ago January, the sales outlook index stood at 61.8.

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 Ambree'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 give-a-ways, 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.

Direction determined by who leads - Business, Government or Community

Business, Government and the Community represent a triangulated tension in which either entity is the one leading the mule that's pulling the cart. While the roles change in accordance to which one is dangling the carrot, the direction is always determined by who steps up to lead.

Far be it to say that Business has a usually healthy, sometimes questionable turn at guiding Government and the Community across unmapped terrain. It is a role that is both familiar and comfortable. The seeds of progress have taken root and produced life-sustaining vegetation such that those who are following the trail can enjoy the benefits of a well-charted path. Business is able to look back at the path it has created and, despite a few bumps along the way, rests easy knowing that it has provided a means for Government and the Community to enjoy the journey.

Government has, rightfully, recorded the steps along the way and, like a well meaning uncle, reminds Business that 'something has been done before' or 'now that we've done this, let's fix it so it doesn't reoccur.' While it is an uncomfortable role leading the mule across the terrain, Government has been known to step in when the terrain leads to a canyon in which there is no foreseeable crossing. Recognizing that turning back is not an option, Government

uses what resources it has to construct a bridge that bends, shakes and creaks with every forward motion. Business and the Community grit their teeth and clench their fists while staring into a seemingly bottomless pit while complaining that the bridge was not built correctly.

In the end, the canyon is crossed and business is back in the lead. The remaining time is spent evaluating the crossing and suggesting better ways for building a bridge in the likely event the path should lead to another canyon. Meanwhile, the Community gratefully enjoys the scenic route and rarely complains about being a cart since you get to carry anything you find along the way. The added luxury of never having to lead the mule means you never really learn what it's like to have to pull a stubborn mule when it sits down and refuses to chase a putrid carrot.

The Community tends to stand by, in passive annoyance, waiting for Business and Government to work out their stubbornness so that there can be some kind of return to movement. The Community's discomfort with leading the process is consistently reinforced by its historical habit of looking at Business and Government and shouting, "Do something!"

Typically, at the lowest point of its deepest fears, the Community will grab the mule's reins and just start pulling. It will have a few choice words to share along the way, but the guiding mantra is that any movement is better than none at all. The uncomfortable chorus of noise being heard at the front of the cart is impatient,

willful and actively taking charge of its direction.

While global events have shown Community leadership in its extreme, more importantly the message is one of reaffirmation of the Community as an equal pillar responsible for supporting a social structure such that Community leaders (i.e. the Chamber, the Rotary Club, the professional societies, etc.) are thrust into spotlight typically reserved for Business and Government.

Broader, more complex issues demand that ideas are retrieved from all three corners of the triangle and integrated into viable and vibrant solutions that address issues found in the broader terrain of economic existence.

Community Leadership, once thought to be acts of bake sales, food drives and corporate sponsored softball teams, has to take its place alongside Business and Government as an equal surveyor of the land and passionate contributor to its direction. The abundance of ideas in the well spring of the community will reinforce the truism that, "It takes a village." Onward roll the wagons!

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Going green good for business, environment

Not only can going green save your company money, it can have a positive impact on how your customers perceive your products and services. If you're looking to get a reputational boost from your dedication to the environment, the Better Business Bureau recommends sticking to the truth and not exaggerating your company's impact.

There are many different shades and hues when it comes to being a green company. Some businesses strive to manufacture products that are better for the environment, while others take steps to be greener in daily operations, through measures such as recycling, using carbon offsets and taking steps to save energy.

"Going green can save your company money, especially if you take steps to conserve energy," said Melanie Duquesnel, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. "But it can also make your company money as consumers are increasingly looking for products and services that won't be as harmful to the environment."

BBB offers the following advice on promoting your business' green side:

• Tell the truth. Few things destroy a company's credibility with consumers faster than false advertising; regardless, some advertisers sometimes stretch the truth when it comes to talking up the eco-friendly qualities of products. When bragging about the shade of your green, as with any advertising or marketing claims, always tell the truth.

• Make concrete claims. An honest advertiser will not make vague statements such as "environmentally friendly" or "sustainable" without



qualification and solid examples to back up the claim. If your packaging is made from recycled paper, then say so. If your company has reduced energy costs, brag about it! Making fuzzy claims, however, can get you into trouble.

• Provide evidence. Consider creative ways of quantifying your company's impact such as: How many hours have your employees volunteered? Who has benefited and how have they benefited from your firm's efforts. How are your products better for the environment?

• Get a stamp of approval. While there is no universal "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval" for green products, there are independent third-party organizations that will certify your environmentally-friendly statements. Research any third-party carefully before seeking certification through their program. Avoid making claims about certification or seals that might be considered exaggerated or overly-broad.

• Get expert help. As a result of the green-frenzy that has taken over the

country, many new boutique marketing and advertising firms are now specializing in branding companies as environmentally friendly and socially responsible. Getting outside PR help can be expensive. However, the rewards could be substantial in terms of revenue, reputation and goodwill.

For more reliable advice on best business practices and advertising guidelines for your business, as well as other ways to make your business more socially conscious, go to <http://detroit.bbb.org/Business-Resources/>.

Beware of limits on social, rec areas

Q: What is your view on, for that matter, the law's view on withdrawal of privileges to use common recreational and social facilities for nonpayment of assessments in a condominium?

A: It all depends on your condominium documents, but even if your documents give you broad authority, you should be cautious. Withdrawal of privileges to use common recreational



Robert Meisner

and social facilities is not as commonly used as fines or penalties. However, it may be a particularly appropriate response to violations

of rules governing the use of the common facilities. It has the advantage of not increasing the financial burden of the property owner, who may also be struggling to retain the home. However, withdrawal of privileges to use common areas and facilities is ordinarily limited to facilities that provide amenities rather than necessities. It would be unreasonable to deny access to common facilities that provide ingress or egress, even perhaps utilities or other necessary services to the individual owned property unless the documents so provide. Generally there is a provision that provides that utilities can be denied to a co-owner if he does not pay. However, this is something that you should pass through your attorney for specific advice.

Q: Does the State of Michigan allow anyone who receives an HOA violation to request the name of the person who recorded it?

A: Not to my knowledge, although, if it is a condominium, and a fine is being imposed, the person against whom the violation is being asserted may well have a right to know and cross-examine the person who has made the complaint, and, is afforded other due process under the Condominium Act.

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

Seniors should mull move carefully, consider options

Are you a senior considering a move from your home in the near future? If you have been in your home for many



Nancy Austin

years, the very idea can be traumatic. There are emotional, social and physical implications. These columns will address these issues.

Moving stirs feelings of uncertainty, adventure, dread, stress, relief, opportunity, sadness, joy

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or even excitement. Treasured memories associated with your home may evoke some or many of these emotions. But, how do you know when it is the right time to move?

Here are just a few of the important questions to think about to make that evaluation:

- Do you need equity from your home for income?
- Are you able to keep up with the exterior and interior maintenance?

Are stairs difficult?

• Are you becoming increasingly dependent on your children, friends and/or neighbors for help?

• Do you have more space and yard than you need?

• Do you want to travel more and worry less?

• Is your family suggesting that you should think about a move to something smaller or easier to take care of?

• Have your children stopped taking vacations so they can help you?

Do you drive or need some means of transportation?

• Do you feel lonely and isolated?

• So you have serious health issues that require specialized care?

What are your options? How will it be accomplished? Who can I depend on for help? All of this and more in future editions.

Seniors Real Estate Specialist Nancy Austin, a Realtor, may be reached at nancyaustin@gmail.com or by calling her at (734) 718-8900.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 15-19, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed are cities, addresses, and sales prices

Beverly Hills

32800 Evergreen Rd \$180,000

15708 Kirkshire Ave \$99,000

32483 Sheridan Dr \$127,000

22045 W Valley Woods Dr \$200,000

Birmingham

1884 Banbury St \$136,000

868 Hazel St \$85,000

2092 Pembroke Rd \$239,000

336 S Adams Rd \$297,000

Bloomfield Hills

3104 Quanton Rd \$640,000

320 N Cranbrook Rd \$320,000

248 Woodwind Dr \$520,000

Bloomfield Township

4890 Ballantyne Rd \$234,000

1665 Golf Ridge Dr \$260,000

4137 Golf Ridge Dr E \$268,000

326 Vainhold Ct \$850,000

748 Woodchester Dr \$389,000

Commerce Township

3251 Creeview St \$350,000

5230 Huron Hills Dr \$209,000

8864 Derrick St \$165,000

4853 Walden Woods Dr \$220,000

1860 Westport Ln \$312,000

4795 White Tail Ct \$206,000

Farmington

23296 Longacre Ct \$240,000

34212 Moore Dr \$135,000

Farmington Hills

21447 Archwood Cir \$150,000

23966 Brookplace Ct \$100,000

26341 Dundalk St \$185,000

26362 Kiltartan St \$133,000

30396 Le Mans Dr \$181,000

32433 Red Clover Dr \$170,000

29950 Richmond HI \$225,000

21329 Robinson St \$170,000

39255 Silverthorne Blvd \$246,000

Franklin

30526 N Greenbriar Rd \$280,000

Lathrup Village

27040 Lathrup Blvd \$130,000

Mitford

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315 Crystal St \$85,000

22059 Barclay Dr \$358,000

51231 Brompton \$45,000

21679 Clover Ln \$234,000

24576 Enchanted Dr \$189,000

4152 Hollydale \$145,000

45655 Innote Dr \$302,000

40175 Ladene Ln \$138,000

44428 Midway Dr \$257,000

41470 Mission Ln \$436,000

23406 N Rockledge \$40,000

27985 Poca \$150,000

27991 Poca \$153,000

25550 Portico Ln \$121,000

24907 Reeds Pointe Dr \$350,000

24981 Reeds Pointe Dr \$340,000

41425 Reindeer Dr \$251,000

41065 S McMahon Cir \$718,000

41678 Sleepy Hollow Dr \$133,000

27348 Victoria Rd \$45,000

1921 West Lake Dr \$117,000

South Lyon

58651 Carriage Ln \$70,000

58743 Carriage Ln \$40,000

1158 Chestnut Ln \$180,000

58688 Coach Ln \$270,000

57796 International Dr \$65,000

22250 Quail Run Cir \$95,000

Southfield

28233 Carriage Ln \$72,000

26412 Franklin Pointe Dr \$47,000

15801 Providence Dr \$45,000

29074 Trifinity Dr E \$38,000

18421 Westland Ave \$26,000

White Lake

378 Dakota Ln \$115,000

1135 Round Lake Rd \$214,000

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

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Canton

42647 Addison Ave \$128,000

2455 Astoria Blvd \$185,000

41677 Bedford Rd \$50,000

1986 Century Ct \$240,000

6731 Edgewood Rd \$205,000

3408 Empire State Dr \$300,000

5844 Farborn Dr \$197,000

43504 Gatehouse Ct \$165,000

45952 Hamford Rd \$165,000

4281 Hunters Cr W \$173,000

41701 Leslie Ln \$173,000

44561 Meadowcreek Ln \$89,000

6493 Norwood Dr \$225,000

44262 Postmill Ct \$198,000

6492 Raintree Ct \$179,000

42460 Saratoga Rd \$60,000

1869 Scenic Dr \$194,000

41033 Southwind Dr \$60,000

482 Torrington Dr W \$384,000

44544 Westminster Way \$130,000

2437 Woodgreen Ct \$250,000

Garden City

32580 Dover St \$73,000

33205 Ford Rd \$185,000

1245 Gilman St \$90,000

28837 Marquette St \$8,000

32418 Marquette St \$94,000

Livonia

11683 Alons St \$199,000

33705 Angeline Ave \$157,000

15117 Blue Skies St \$148,000

9020 Breakwood St \$128,000

15926 Ellen Dr \$160,000

32833 Fargo St \$20,000

31627 Formite St \$139,000

30942 Greenland St \$118,000

35034 Grove Dr \$155,000

10050 Hambleton St \$126,000

28335 Hixbrook St \$100,000

9918 Hix Rd \$124,000

20693 Josie Ct \$60,000

20690 Laurel Ct \$55,000

30857 Mayville St \$200,000

14247 Mayville Rd \$126,000

9174 Montana St \$86,000

18789 Nola St \$40,000

33796 Pickford St \$150,000

20186 Purlingbrook St \$120,000

36824 Sunnydale St \$145,000

11022 Sunset St \$80,000

18827 Vanderhaven Ln \$380,000

30783 Westfield St \$120,000

Northville

17250 Cameron Dr \$350,000

42799 Farrago St \$100,000

16606 Forest Lake Dr \$220,000

605 Horton St \$70,000

46253 Pinehurst Dr \$385,000

42916 Pond Ct \$68,000

383 S Wing St \$395,000

19355 Surrey Ln \$51,000

16415 Sutters Lane Ct \$250,000

16997 Sycamore Ct \$239,000

18000 W Northville Trl \$283,000

20539 Woodcreek Blvd \$414,000

Plymouth

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50425 Cottonwood Ct \$300,000

11335 Eastside Dr \$82,000

315 N Mid St \$150,000

374 Roe St \$121,000

1999 S Sheldon Rd \$20,000

41900 Schockcraft Rd \$165,000

49966 Standish Ct \$410,000

46261 Westbriar Ct \$157,000

Redford

11365 Brady \$53,000

25927 Cathedral \$70,000

14363 Drive \$65,000

8917 Fenton \$83,000

18538 Inlander Rd \$39,000

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Because doctors simply do not have the time to handle these records on their own, medical records and health information technicians are needed to organize and evaluate these records for completeness and accuracy.

If you are interested in one of the few healthcare careers that do not require much interaction with patients, here is an overview of the occupation from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Overview

Medical records and health information technicians first review a patient's chart to ensure everything is complete. Then, they assign a code to each diagnosis and procedure, using software to assign the patient to one of several hundred "diagnoses-related groups." These groups determine the amount the hospital will be reimbursed

from Medicare or other insurance programs.

Technicians also use computer programs to

Opportunities

More than one-third of all technician jobs were in hospitals in 2002. The rest

standard for medical records and health information technicians. They usually work in pleasant, comfortable offices and have little or no contact with patients. There are plenty of opportunities for advancement; technicians may choose to specialize or become managers.

As with any job that requires long hours in front of a computer screen, technicians may be susceptible to eyestrain and muscle pain.

Salary

According to the BLS, median annual earnings of medical records and health information technicians were \$23,890 in 2002.

Job Outlook

Medical records and health information technician jobs are expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2012. As insurance companies, courts and others increasingly scrutinize medical records, the need for accurate record keeping will spur job growth.

The fastest employment growth is expected in physicians' offices.

Source: BLS October 2004

compile and analyze data, helping to improve patient care and control costs.

Training and Education

Most employers require medical records and health information technicians to have an associate's degree. Most employers also prefer to hire Registered Health Information Technicians, who have passed a written examination. To qualify to take the examination, technicians must graduate from an accredited two-year associate's degree program.

Medical records and health information technicians' duties vary with the size of the facility. In large or medium-sized facilities, technicians may specialize in one aspect of health information. In small facilities, technicians perform more generalized duties.

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Pros and Cons

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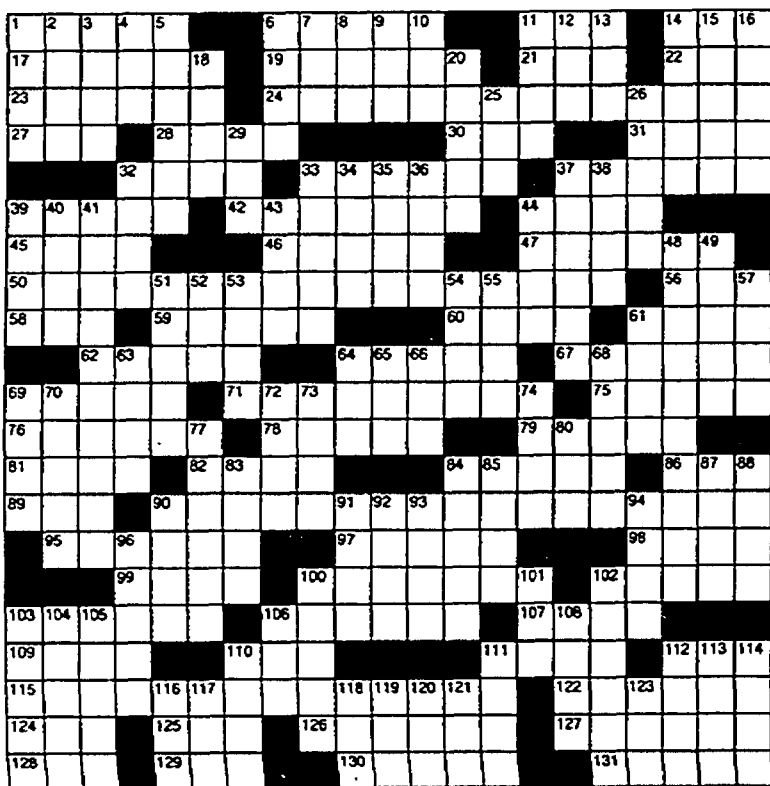
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 - 84 Gogol's "Bubba"
 - 86 Jack of "Barney Miller"
 - 89 Ocasel of The Cars
 - 90 Part 3 of remark
 - 95 Principles
 - 97 "Here You Come —" (77 hit)
 - 98 Hellman's "The Children's —"
 - 99 Dual tool
 - 100 Desk accessory
 - 102 On edge
 - 103 Sack-in-the-mud?
 - 106 Free tickets
 - 107 Pavlov's piece
 - 109 Third-rate
 - 110 Halloween decoration
 - 111 Yogi or Smokey
 - 112 Political abbr.
 - 115 End of remark
 - 122 Dolphin Dan
 - 124 Kind
 - 125 Flagon filler
 - 126 Proof-reader's list
 - 127 Leisurely, to
 - 128 Singer Brenda
 - 129 Literary pseudonym
 - 130 Scott's stuck
 - 131 Wharton or Sewell
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Duplicate
 - 2 Want badly
 - 3 Overdo a tan
 - 4 — carte
 - 5 Tied tightly
 - 6 "The Witches" author
 - 7 Horatian creation
 - 8 Neither's partner
 - 9 Vein contents
 - 10 Word with carpet or cabbage
 - 11 Racing legend
 - 12 Boxing legend
 - 13 Makes one's mark
 - 14 Resort lake
 - 15 Pie up
 - 16 Lustless
 - 18 Virginia —
 - 20 Alaskan city
 - 25 Italian greyhound, e.g.
 - 26 Bread ingredient
 - 29 Wee one
 - 32 "— bien!"
 - 33 Chest material
 - 34 Get wind of
 - 35 Tarnish
 - 36 A roaring success?
 - 37 Rubbed the wrong way?
 - 38 Juno, in Greece
 - 39 Plus
 - 40 Troubles
 - 41 Penguins' place
 - 43 Ready to eat
 - 44 Defect
 - 46 Tyranny
 - 48 With 101
 - 49 Saffron
 - 51 Subject matter
 - 52 "Ben —" (59 film)
 - 53 School founded by Henry VI
 - 54 Siamese
 - 55 Fill to the gills
 - 57 Address
 - 61 Cannon
 - 61 Mail event
 - 63 Homeric characters
 - 64 So. state
 - 65 Mouth piece?
 - 66 Habitually, to
 - 68 Neighborly
 - 69 Den
 - 70 Upstairs basement?
 - 72 — Bator
 - 73 Singer Home
 - 74 Irritated exclamation
 - 77 More
 - 80 Scoundrel
 - 83 — majesty
 - 84 Rudicules
 - 85 Superior
 - 87 Burden of proof
 - 88 Brute
 - 90 — the mom?
 - 91 Guys' counter-parts
 - 92 Corporate clishers
 - 93 Bank statistic
 - 94 Big bird
 - 96 Indira Gandhi's father
 - 100 Enjoy the beach
 - 101 See
 - 102 Distribute
 - 103 "To leech —"
 - 104 Clave's "House"
 - 105 Alkstar or Sam
 - 106 Part of PST
 - 108 Sha's husband
 - 110 Dylan's colleague
 - 111 Fiber source
 - 112 Leslie Caron role
 - 113 Step — (hurry)
 - 114 Cry of contempt
 - 116 Check
 - 117 Jeff Lynne's grp.
 - 118 Sphere
 - 119 Singing syllable
 - 120 It may be topped
 - 121 WWII area
 - 123 "Great"



Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

PISA JILT MME THATS
 DATED ARIA WOOL AUDIT
 ROCCO NILE ALTI CHITA
 ACHE AES AGATHA EAR
 WHY DID THE AMOROUS KUNK
 END ASIN TIE
 GOURA KAREN PINOT NOIR
 RAN PINTA MANTRO DRU
 ATT SARAH HATCH EDAM
 ZHIVAGO DELTA AOL
 LOVE VALENTINES DAY
 LET DAWNS ATELIER
 BOOT LIKEA BASIS ERE
 BOB SHIMMY WIDEN LIE
 CRICKADEE MODEL FIDEL
 SIL EIRE BEG
 HEWASVERYSCIENTIMENTAL
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