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"The State of the Community Luncheon provides an opportunity for residents and the business community to hear from its city, township, school district and state officials on past year successes and on future plans for the respective organizations" said Jody Humphries, Chamber executive director. Featured speakers include State Representative 20th District Kurt Heise; Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo; City of Northville Mayor Chris Johnson; and School District Superintendent Leonard

13 at Neadowbrook Country Club (4094) West Eight Mile Road, Northville). The event sponsor is St. Mary Mercy

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Census: Township grows, city shrinks

Township population jumps by 35.5 percent

BY LONNIE HURMAN CORRESPONDENT

The latest census numbers, released last week, show a major increase in Northville Township's population while the City of

Northville saw a slight decrease. According to the State of Michigan's 2010 census, in the last decade the City of Northville saw a 3.6 percent decrease in its Oakland County area population and an 11.8 percent decrease in its

Wayne County area. On the other end, Northville Township had a decade-long increase of 35.5 percent making the current number of residents

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2000-2010 CENSUS COMPARISON

Northville City 2000 Oakland County area: 3,352 3,231 Wayne County area: 3,107 2.739

Northville Township 2000 2010 21,036 28,497

Hillside carnival



Council objects to liquor license renewal

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

See "Thoroughly" Modern Millie'

Tickets are \$40 per person. Reservations may be made by contacting the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or by email at chamber@northville.org.

Rezmierski.

The Northville High School Drama Club presents "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at 7 p.m. April 7-9 and 2 p.m. April 9.

Tickets can be purchased at the NHS Box Office during lunch (10:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.) and after school until 3:15 or by phone at (248) 349-3400 ex 50427. Reserved seating ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students.

Laugh for Life

The AAA Pregnancy Resource Center presents an evening of laughter and fun featuring Christian comedian Bob Stromberg for night of good, clean comedy while helping Detroit Metro families and supporting life at the same time.

The event will be 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 1 in Knox hall at Ward Presbytenan Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville.

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CORRESPONDENT to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) that the renew-Nomi owes over \$15,000 in delin-For the first time, the Northville City Council used its liquor manal of Bambar L.L.C. liquor license

Jen Anderson takes tickets for raffled items at the March 25 Hillside Carnival that was sponsored by the school's PTSA.

agement ordinance to object to the renewal of a business's liquor license due to a failure to pay taxes.

BY LONKIE HUHMAN

By a unanimous vote the City Council issued a recommendation be rejected. Bambar is the owner. of the license of the now-defunct, Nomi Restaurant and bar, which was located on Main Street in downtown Northville. At issue is two years worth of personal property taxes owed by Bambar.

According to Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan, Bambar/ quent personal property taxes from 2008-09. The ordinance gives the city leverage in the cases when restaurants or bars that are delinquent in paying personal property taxes then the city can enforce the ordinance to revoke the license.

A letter sent to the city by Bambar's attorney Mick Grewal said Bambar is in the process of selling the license to another group in the amount of \$20,000. Grewal stated that once this purchase agreement

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Film industry incentives under fire

Nomi owes \$15,000 in delinquent taxes

Local legislators agree tax credit needs to change

BY LONNIÈ NÚRMAN CORRESPONDENT

Local government representatives say the Michigan Film Tax Credit is in trouble. However, because it is still under debate, alternatives to its complete elimination are still being sought.

According to state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, the film credit is currently being debated in the state House of Representatives and Senate. He said in a perfect world we could keep on providing this incentive, but

because of the current budgetary situation,

"things are not perfect."

"It's an uphill battle for it to be preserved in any form," Heise said of the credit. "But alternatives are being talked about."

According to the Michigan Film Office website, the film tax credit was granted to companies who were eligible if they spent a minimum of at least \$50,000 in Michigan. If eligible, film companies would receive a 40percent refundable tax credit, across the board

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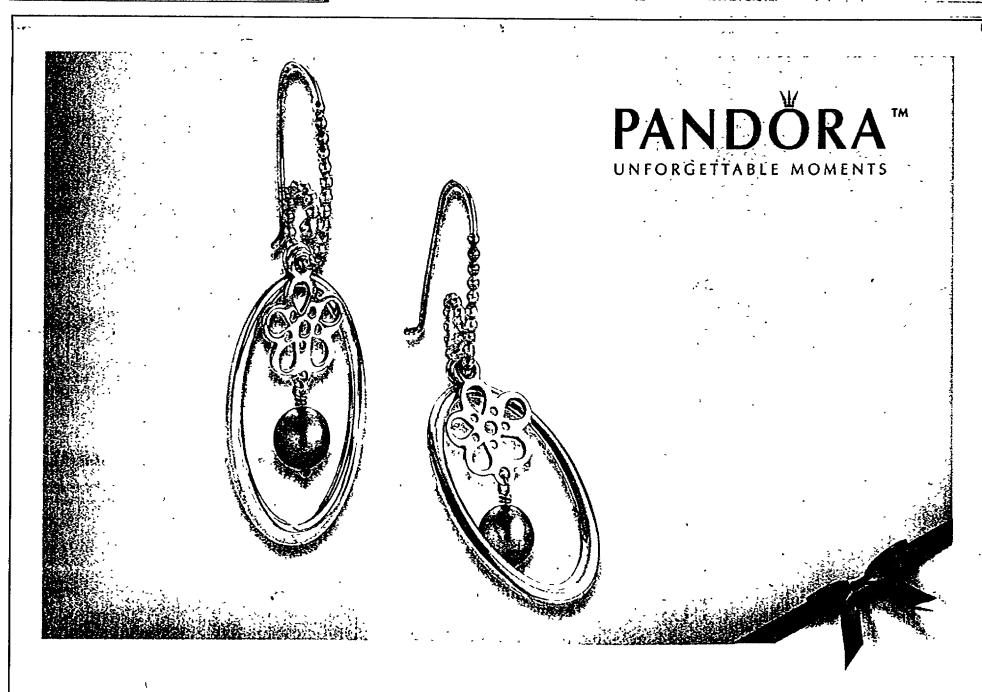
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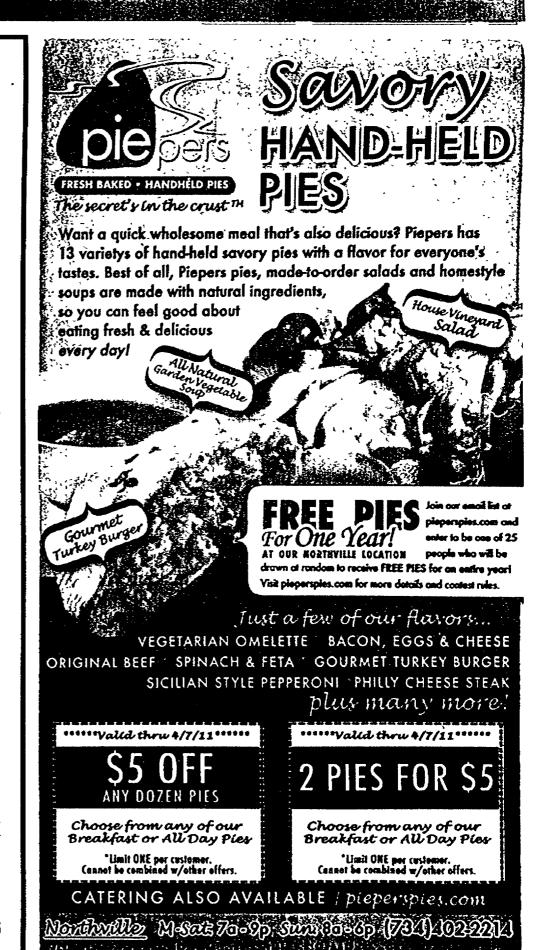
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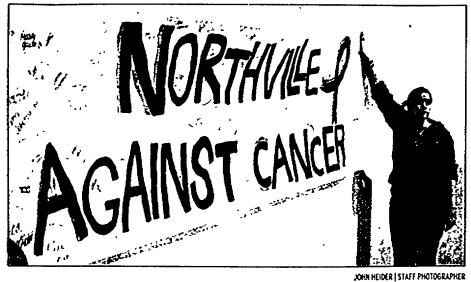


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Relay for Life banner

Northville High School student Kali Maisano gets ready to hand a banner signed by students during the March 12 Relay for Life event held at Novi's Suburban Collection Showcase. The 24-hour fundraiser was to benefit the American Cancer Society.



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Downtown Northville outdoor seating started on March 15

Council decision brings Poole's back into compliance

BY LONKIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

Restricting outdoor seating at Poole's Tayern was never the issue, but rather getting them to adhere to city standards is, and that's what the latest Northville City Council decision did.

This will bring them back into alignment with the ordinance," Mayor Chris Johnson said of the decision.

Poole's Owner John Lamerato said he has not received all of the details from the city yet, but he thinks the decision is a positive one for everyone involved.

'It's a terrific asset for the community," he said of outdoor seating. "People like to sit outside during good weather.

At their last meeting the city council approved Poole's latest request for outdoor seating; however, they stipulated a series of standards. City Manager Patrick Sullivan said Poole's must adhere to the following:

 Use of the patio area adjacent to Poole's and the circular area known as Hutton Park is not to exceed 1,330 square feet.

 Use is subject to city administration review,

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including but not limited to the fire chief's review of the fire code, to determine maximum occupancy (including number of tables and chairs) for each area.

· Placement of rails, etc., shall allow for pedestrian access to the Marquis parking lot and the sidewalk on East Main Street (between the two outdoor seating

· Tables and chairs may be left in place seven days a week in the circular area known as Hutton Park.

Normal hours of operation for the circular park are to be Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m.; • Prior to March 14 and

after Nov. 7, daily removal of all outdoor seating furnishings is required per ordi-• All other provisions of the sidewalk cafe/outdoor seating

ordinance to be adhered to. The application fee is set at \$44 with \$0.70 being charged for square foot-

age of area serving alcohol

and \$0.50 for non-alcoholic square footage. Outdoor seating's season goes from March 15-Nov. 7.

The popular restaurant and bar wants to expand their outdoor seating into the adjacent patio area and circular area known as Hutton Park. Poole's first made the request to expand into this area in 2009.

According to the city ordinance, outdoor seating is a great way to attract visitors to downtown eateries. **Downtown Development** Authority Director Lori Ward said any restaurant can apply to utilize the ordinance and the city is still getting applications in for this year. Judging from last year's permits businesses definitely make use of it.

Ward said last year, downtown had outdoor dining at Table 5, LeGeorge, Poole's, Sizzling Sticks, TiraMiSu, Northville Sports Den, Tuscan Cafe, Edward's Catering, Rebecca's Family Restaurant, Starbucks and Great Harvest Bread Company.

For Rebecca's, outdoor seating attracts patrons, manager Jenny Hopkins said. She said someone will walk by and see a patron eating and say, "That looks good."







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Eileen Whalen received the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children 2011 Exceptional Parent Award for her unwavering devotion to her son, Michael, and to all severely multiply impaired young people.

Cooke School parent 'Exceptional'

Honored by the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children

Northville's Cooke School parent Eileen Whalen has been honored with the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children 2011 Exceptional Parent Award for her unwavering devotion to her son, Michael, and to all severely multiply impaired young

people.

The Michigan Council for Exceptional Children gives the Exceptional Parent Award each year to one parent who has shown exceptional advocacy for his or her student with a disability. A resident of Livonia, Whalen was nominated by Cooke School teachers and staff, many who wrote letters of support. She received the award on March 3 at the 71st Annual Michigan Council for Exceptional Children Conference in Grand Rapids.

"Eileen exemplifies the spirit in which this award was created," said Cooke School Supervisor Mary Meldrum. "Her unwavering spirit and tireless effort to create a full and meaningful life for her son is inspiring to all of us around her. Eileen is an unbelievable advocate, not only for her son, but also for all students with severe multiple impairments. Cooke is lucky to have the opportunity to learn from her, and her vision for the future of our students. This award could not have goine to a more deserving randidate."

Cooké special education teacher Jessica Onkka, who coordinated the nomination, couldn't agree

"Eileen is an exceptional parent of a child with exceptionalities," Onkka said. "Although Michael does have many limitations including physical, medical, visual and cognitive, Eileen dedicates herself to ensuring that he leads a purposeful, engaging life involving serving others.

While honored to receive the award, Whalen says she is just doing what any mother does for her child.

"I am honored that the staff at Cooke thought to nominate me," she said. "I believe they all deserve an award for all that they do for Michael and the other students at Cooke."

The special education center program at Cooke School provides individualized programming for stu-dents with special education needs who live in school districts throughout northwestern Wayne County. Cooke students include teens and young adults who are severely cognitively impaired and who also may have motor, communication, physical, sensory and emotional impairments that make it difficult to learn in a general education environment. Cooke is operated and staffed by Northville Public Schools educators and funded by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, the State of Michigan and the federal government.

Not only is Whalen deeply involved in improv-

For more information about ConnectUS and how you can get involved, visit www.connectus-livonia.org. the first and a second a fact of

ing the life of her son, Michael, now 22, but she also is reaching out to other students and their families through the non-profit organization she created in 2008 to fill a need for quality day programming for severely multiply impaired and wheelchair-bound adults after they graduate from their school program.

Called ConnectUS, the program is based on the belief that everyone has something to offer, and that the needs of one can be an opportunity for another. Whalen's vision for ConnectUS is focused on creating projects that allow its members to give back to their communities on their own terms. Local university students and other volunteers have an integral role to play in the hand-over-hand service projects and activities with members.

"Eileen's vision for ConnectUS is rooted in the belief that Michael should be called inpon to contribute to the world and impact the lives of others in a positive way; not just receive services for all of his life," said Northville Public Schools Special Services Director Lynne Mossoian. "Eileen is a visionary presence for the severely multiply impaired adult community with an action plan to make a positive and productive difference in their lives.

Although Whalen someday hopes to have a permanent home for ConnectUS members to come to, for now the program offers singe-day events at which volunteers interact with disabled individuals to create projects that benefit the community. Often, these events take place with Cooke School students. Examples include:

 Making felt puppets to accompany storybooks sent to developing countries.

 Baking and packaging ginger cookies for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

 Collecting and recycling small electronics. "As a teacher you always hope to have the support of parents to help you better the lives of their children," said Cooke special education teacher Erin Hill who has Michael in her class this year. I feel fortunate to experience this in my very first year of teaching. Eileen is an exceptional parent and active participant in her child's life here at Cooke School. Not only is she involved in improving Michael's life, but she is constantly making efforts to reach out to our entire severely multiply impaired program at Cooke, and beyond."

Parent Workshop

The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee of Northville Public Schools will present a workshop, Sexuality Issues and Students with Special Needs: What All Parents Should Know, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 5 in Room 302 at the Board offices.

501 West Main Street, Northville

The speaker will be Ann Heler, M.Ed., who has been in special needs private practice for 28 years. She is currently involved in a consortium of professionals that work with anyone who learns differently around issues of sexuality and quality of life. Ann retired from the Special Education Department of Detroit Public Schools in July 2005. In her career she worked as a teacher, teacher specialist and assistant principal.

This is a free workshop for parents of special needs children. Seating is limited; call (248) 344-8443.

Northville accepts 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 halfday 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-

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NHS Senior All Night Party early price is extended

Don't miss out on the 2011 Senior All Night Party. This spe-cial 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

HORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS



Basketball' Jones

Jim "Basketball" Jones helps Cooke School student Elizabeth Sisk twirl a ball on her finger during a visit to the Northville school on March 10. Jones brought an uplifting message to the kids and encouraged them to dream of potential and then go about fufilling those aspirations.



Cooke School staff member Tim Kowalski helps student Deion Kemp, 16, in doing the "YMCA" dance during the March 10 visit by Jim "Basketball"

(follows graduation). Cost is \$85. Wooden mustangs are also available for \$45. This unpainted

woosen 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

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

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Getting crafty

Claire Tumsi, 4, left, and Victoria Thompson, 5, play with their froggy plate creations after a March 22 Northville District Library craft time.



Michael Christensen, 7, wraps up work on a frog plate creation after a March 22 craft time at the Northville District Library.

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stand at 28,497.

Northville Township
Supervisor Mark Abbo said he
is not surprised by the increase
and any success in attracting
new residents to the township
can be connected back to its
overall excellence. He said the
township government makes
its services a priority and
places an emphasis on planning, budgeting foresight, and
fiscal responsibility.

All of these things are "a part of the culture at the township."

township."

He did add that any talk of success for the township should also be connected

back to downtown Northville, the great school system, and entire community.

"This is a collective effort," Abbo said. "From our fire and police departments, to our school system and great downtown, and all of our residents ... Northville is a great place to live."

For the city, Mayor Chris Johnson said they have not been formally notified, but he has seen the numbers online.

"In general, we are following the trend of losing population which the entire state is experiencing," Johnson said. "However, we are sitting right next to the township and Novi, and both of them have increased. So in some cases it might be someone

moving a couple of blocks away out of the city boundaries, but remaining in the Northville school system."

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But he added he views the
Northville region as, "being
healthy overall, and thriv-

However, one concerning detail for Johnson and the city is the number of addresses that have been "lost." He said just over 80 addresses have been classified this way, which apparently means no one is living at the address or could not be reached.

"This is a pretty high number," he said of the lost addresses. "We have had a number of foreclosures, but we definitely want to see more details on this."

INCENTIVES

on Michigan expenditures.

Gov. Rick Snyder issued his proposed budget stating for the elimination of the film credit to be replaced with a \$25 million program for appropriation in the Michigan Strategic Fund budget. State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, said this proposed revised incentive could work for smaller film companies,

but after talking with some

"bigger film companies" it might not be attractive enough.

"I love that there is a burgeoning film industry in our state, but because of budgetary issues we can't afford to keep offering the incentive in its current form," Colbeck said. "We need to level the playing field. It's not fair to other industries that we target one with incentives and not the others. It's like robbing Peter

State Rep. Hugh Crawford, R-Novi, thinks the final piece

to pay Paul."

will be a bit different then what has been proposed. He said he has received many letters of personal stories stating the positivity of the growing film industry, so he knows the good it has done.

"We have to determine its value and, after an overall analysis and debate, we will see where it stands," Crawford said.

One possibility, Heise said, is that the subsidies could be decreased, but not fully eliminated. "We have to wait and

LICENSE FROM PAGE AT

goes through then Bambar will take the funds to be, "utilized to pay off my clients past due property tax obligations."

Sullivan said the MLCC meets May 1 to determine the

city's decision, and whether or not the license will be renewed.

"I am not sure what the MLCC will do, but they (Bambar) have until May I to try and pay up on the delinquent personal property taxes," Sullivan said. "If not, then we will see what decision the MLCC issues."

Bambar is the owner of the license of the now-defunct Nomi Restaurant and bar, which was located on Main Street in downtown Northville. At issue is two years worth of personal property taxes owed by Bambar.



DOUGLAS M. CROCKETT

Age 50, March 28, 2011. Loving father of Jason, Jennifer, Jessica and Jamie. Loving grandfather of Madison, Kassidy, Aiden, Carter and Jonathon. Beloved son of David and Claire. Dear brother of David, Jr., Terry and Linda DeLancellotti. Also survived by nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, Friday from 4-8pm and Saturday from Noon until Memorial Service at 1pm. Please sign the on-line guestbook at rggrharris com



CYDNEY A. (WARREN) FRANCISCO

Age 49. Beloved wife of Tim J. Fransisco. Dear mother of Logan Chio, Nicole and Holly Fransisco. Loving daughter of Donald and Rayda Warren. Sister of Kelly (Pam) Warren, and Devnie (Richard) Thiedel. Funeral Service was held on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 0 Brien/Sullivan funeral home. Memorial donations can be made to charity of your choice.

Online condolence at: obriensullivanfuneralhome com

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MARY "BETTY" GRIFFIN

Age 94, March 23, 2011. Wife of the late Garnet M. Dear mother of Judith (Larry) Mulkerin, Trish (Steve) Robbins, Terry (Judy), Daniel (Germaine), Sheila (Frank) Carotenuto, Anne Griffin (Larry) Hartson, Katie (Barney) Bulgier and the late Michael (Suzanne). Grandmother of 20 and several great-grandchildren. Sister of Kay Tobias, Jack Buekers, Bud Hanson and the late Fran Maloney and Jim Buekers. Mrs. Griffin taught English, Yearbook and Newspaper at St. Mary's of Redford and Mercy High School. She was proud of her volunteer work at Northville Library and Schoolcraft College. Funeral Services were held at Hoby Family Church, Novi. Donations may be made to the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliot St., Detroit. MI 48207

www.capuchins.org
Online sympathy messages:
obriensullivanfuneralhome com

EUGENE E. KRUEGER

Age 85, passed away March 24, 2011. A graveside service took place at Glen Eden Memorial Park where military honors where rendered. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

FREDA LUKER

Age 85, of Milford, March 24, 2011. Services were held at Christ Lutheran Church, March 28, 2011. Burial Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials: Concordia University, Ann Arbor & Christ Lutheran Pre-school. For information call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

ANN F. PÉLKY

Age 55, passed away, March 26, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. She was born on October 10, 1955 in Ann Arbor, daughter of the late Glen and Marie Johnson. She is survived by her beloved husband Kim of 35 years, her loving daughter Hilary, her sisters: Rita Hines, Etaine Johnson and Jane McCarthy. Ann is also survived by her four legged best friends, Miss Lilly and Harley. She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings; Virginia Wright, Mary Ellen Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Paul Johnson and Carolyn Pummill. A private family service will be held. Online Guestbook

www.phillipsfuneral.com

LESLIE (LES) AND ILEEN (MIDGE) SALMINEN

Milford, MI - Leslie (Les) Salminen, age 85, of Chatham and formerly of Milford, passed away late Friday evening, March 18, 2011 at the Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, Michigan. Twelve hours and twelve minutes later, he was joined in eternity by his wife of almost sixty-five years, Ileen (Midge) Salminen Ileen, age 84, passed away late Saturday morning, March 19, 2011 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. They are survived by three daughters and sonsin-law - Helen and Randy Rockhill of Chatham; Lesley and John Baczuk of Puyallup, WA; and Mary and Trent Moore of Milford; grandchildren -Jennifer, Amy, Richard, Michael, Kiel, Alexandra, Alexander and Isabel, great-grandchildren - Christopher, Lity, Hailey, Carty, Whittey, Hunter, Hayden and Hudson. Services will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at the Sion Lutheran Church In Chatham. Visitation will be from 11:30 a m until their funeral service at 1.00 p.m. In place of flowers, the family requests that memorials may be presented to Sion Lutheran Church, Jacobetti Home for Veterans, and/or Lake Superior Hospice. Their obituary and guestbook may be viewed and signed at:

PÅMELA J. TOKAR

www.bowermanfuneralhome.net

Age 61, passed away, March 26, Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 30 and Thursday, March 31 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon.





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Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23 Details: New this year, pre-registration is required at www.dfcnazarene.org and closes for safety reasons at 600 children or on April 20, whichever comes first. There will be over 10,000 eggs to hunt for age groups 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-11 years old. There will be an "Eggciting" show by The King's Yomen; pictures with the Easter Bunny; games to play, crafts and many special prizes; and hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks for everyone. Bring your family, friends and neighbors (rain or shine) for some "eggstra" special fun. Don't forget your Easter basket.

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

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.

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IT'S YOUR NORTHVILLE BUSINESS Q&A

Jack's barbershop employee Angela Napier cuts a customer's hair on March 23.



Jack's has been keeping hair trimmed for 50 years

1. Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

We specialize in haircutting and styling for the whole family. I specialize in women's and girl's haircuts, as well as men; flat tops, fades, military cuts, regular men/boys cuts and ladies fashionable cuts also.

2. How did you first decide to open your business?

I don't own this business; I am an employee here.

3. Why did you choose the Northville area?

I came to work here at Jack's in Northville from Novi Family Barbershop, where I worked for 17 years. I chose Northville because I've always loved the town's atmosphere, the hometown community feel and of course the variety of shops/cafe-style restaurants. And mostly it was time for me to make a change! I've enjoyed knowing a lot of people working in Novi and, hopefully, if they see this, they will come see me at Jack's sometime.

4. What makes your business unique? We all work very well together,

and have the upmost respect for one another and the appreciation for every single customer that walks in our barbershop

They're a great bunch of people I work with.

5. How has it changed since you opened?

This barbershop opened one year ago February, but Jack's Barbershop has been in business for 50 years.

6. Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far?

I had the privilege knowing and cutting the hair of a very



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Downtown Northville Jack's Barber Shop. Employees Angela Napier, Dave Rouse, and Sarie Dermanelian, right.

DETAILS

Business name: Jack's Barbershop

Address: 149 N.Center Street Suite 102 Northville, MI 48167 Your name and title: Angie Napier, barber/cosmetologist

Your name and title: Angle Napier, ba.
Your hometown: Livonia

Business opened: New business opened February 2010; moved from previous barbershop, which was also called Jack's, on Duniap Street.

Number of Employees: five

Hours of operation: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 8-3 Saturday Your business specialty: hairstyling/haircuts Phone: (248) 348-4147

special customer of mine who passed away in December.
Marvin Galster was his name.
His birthday would have been this month, and he would have been 103! When he turned 100, I had someone from the *Novi Neas* come out and do a story on him in the barbershop. He absolutely

loved that. I will miss him dearly. Happy birthday, Marv! 7. How has the recent economy affected your business?

Jack's

It hasn't affected it much at all; the shop is doing well

8. Any advice for other business

owners?
Yes, come get your haircut at

9. What's in store for the future of your

business?
Building a bigger clientele.

How to backup electronics, data

BY JON GUNNELLS
CORRESPONDENT

ast month, users of Google's popular e-mail system, gmail, experienced a service interruption. For one weekend — and, in some cases, longer than that — users lost e-mails saved in their inboxes, sent folders and more.

The service disruption came as a wakeup call to gmail users, many of whom use the reliable service as a filing cabinet for important communication and documents.

Although only a small number of users were impacted by the snafu, the loss of service for even one weekend served as a reminder that not even technology giant Google is perfect. Computer and smartphone users should regularly back up their information.

Here are a few inexpensive ways to keep your documents, emails, even multimedia safe and secure:

• Email backup: There are countless websites and programs that can help you back up the entire contents of your e-mail account, but none may be easier than Mozilla Thunderbird. In less than five minutes, users can configure Thunderbird to back up their gmail, hotmail or other e-mail accounts. The system essentially duplicates each file in your e-mail account, storing it in a secondary location. If your e-mail host goes down like gmail did, your files will still be available.

Biz Tech

Jon Gunnells

• Google storage: If you already use gmail and Google docs, Google storage is another option to store your larger files or large collections of files. Google offers 20GB of storage for \$5 per year up to 1TB of storage for \$256 per year. I wouldn't suggest storing 1TB worth of your life's collection of music, video and tax returns solely on Google, but the site does provide some piece of mind in case your computer and or external hard drive goes down.

• External hard drives: You may already have one and, if not, you've likely heard of them. External hard drives are a terrific storage option for computer users who have multiple computers, or users who require more space than is available on their laptop. CNet.com offers comprehensive reviews for the best and worst external hard drives of all sizes. Don't have the

money to purchase an external hard drive? You might already have one and not realizes it. You know that expensive XBOX 360 or PS3 that you have lying around? It has plenty of storage — the PS3, for example, can have 250GB of storage per unit or more. It's not the most ideal place to store your music or video, especially if you only use it for gaming — but it is an economical option.

• DVDs, USB drives: If you only have a few files to save, burning them to a DVD or saving them to a USB drive are other options. Both types of storage are cheap and you can always save multiple copies of what you need on multiple USB devices or DVDs.

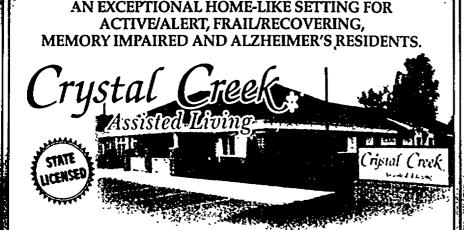
• Dropbox.com: Another online storage site that is ideal for storing files that are shared between non-networked computers or shared between multiple users. With dropbox.com you can save, share and sync all of your folders. Dropbox.com and other online storage sites are ideal for, say, storing things between a work and personal computer.

 Backing up your Smartphone: While just about everyone knows about their phones removable storage (mini SD cards, or SD cards), do they actually back it up? Or do they complain about the difficulty of re-entering new numbers and downloading new apps when they get a new phone to replace the old one they dropped in the toilet? Transfer your phone book and other secure information to you computer in case it ever breaks, gets lost or ends up in a body of water. From there you can even store it on a USB drive, an external hard drive, with Google or anywhere you please. For apps, Blackberry even offers a site that keeps tracks of what you've downloaded and purchased in case you lose the copy on your phone. You can find out more at Blackberryappworld.com

Of course there are many other ways to secure your data and information. As long as you are using at least one information backup method, you won't have any problems the next time gmail crashes or you accidently drop your computer down a flight of stairs.

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE BRIEFS

Larceny from vehicle

An 18-year-old female resident of Northville Trail told police that someone stole the GPS and purse from her vehicle while it was parked in her parents' driveway on March 24.

She said the vehicle doors were unlocked because it was going to be moved into the garage by her parents, which it was after some time had passed.

Nothing except her driver's license was in the

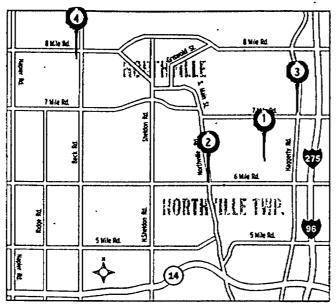
Suspended driving charge

2 A 31-year-old Garden City woman was arrested for driving while on a suspended license on March 24 at Six Mile and Northville roads.

She also had two warrants out on her from the Redford and Westland police depart-

The arresting officer initiated a stop of the woman's vehicle and learned that she had a suspended driver's

license. §
A further LEIN check revealed she had civil and criminal bench warrants, and was eventually handed over to Westland Police. She was not the registered owner of the vehicle either.



Operating while intoxicated

3A 60-year-old Northville woman was arrested for driving while intoxicated on March 24 at Haggerty and Seven Mile

While directly behind the woman, the officer saw the woman cross the solid yellow line several times before stopping the

Once pulling her over, the offi-cer immediately smelled intoxicants coming from the vehicle window. The driver said she had a couple of drinks and her eyes were blood shot. She did not do so well during the subsequent field sobriety tests, stumbling several

She was placed under arrest after a breath test revealed a blood-alcohol of .14 percent.

Larceny from Vehicle

A 63-year-old Waterford Township woman reported to Northville Township Police that on March 27 her vehicle had been burglarized of various items including her wallet and check book. The woman said she had parked her vehicle at Maybury Farms on Eight Mile Road and left it unlocked. She said nearly \$300 and credit cards were taken.

Compiled by correspondent Lonnie

4 injured in head-on crash on Haggerty

on collision on Haggerty Road, just south of

Eight Mile Road, around 9:30 p.m. Sunday. A Chevrolet Tahoe left the roadway on Eight Mile Road, traveled south on Haggerty Road, crossed the center line and struck a Buick Rendezvous that was traveling north on Haggerty Road.

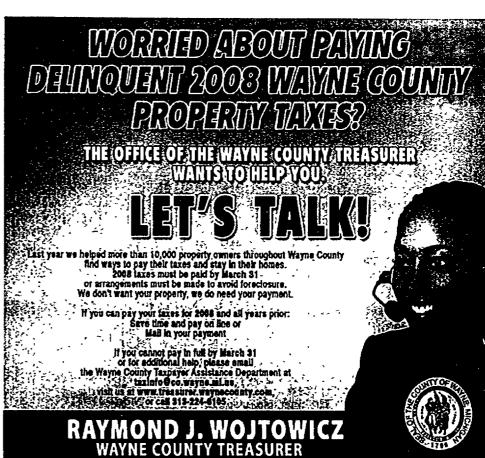
The Tahoe was driven by a 55-year-old Livonia male, who was transported to Botsford Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. He had no other occupants in his vehicle.

The Rendezvous was driven by a 23-yearold Farmington Hills female with two pasHospital with non-life threatening injuries.

A passenger in the Rendezvous, a 22-yearold female from Ann Arbor, was transported by medical helicopter to U of M Hospital with serious injuries. The Northville Township
Fire Department had to extricate this passenger from the vehicle.

A second passenger in the Rendezvous, a 23-year-old male from Farmington Hills, was transported to Botsford Hospital with nonlife threatening injuries

The investigation is on going. Call the Northville Township Police Department with any information at (248) 349-9400.





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OUR VIEWS

Taxable values As they drop, we all lose

Take a look at these figures:

2010 CHANGES IN TAXABLE VALUES

Novi Northville Township	Commercial -9.18% -8%	Industrial -9.43% -10%	Residential -12.83% -4%
City of Northville - Wayne County	-6.7%	-3.4%	-7.8%
City of Northville - Oakland County	-11.9%	•	-14.2%

* Since there is only one property classified as industrial in the Oakland portion of the city, the following chart does not show a % value change in the Industrial class

Property values in Novi and Northville are continuing to fall. That is and is not a profound statement. It is in the sense that these are such a solid communities, with a vibrant arts scene, solid leisure services program and top-rated school systems.

But the lingering effects of the national recession are persistent, and we are far from being out of the grip

And we could go on and on about Gov. Snyder's budget, which proposes some severe cuts, including a major slash in

revenue sharing. An even larger slash is coming in state school aid. Snyder's plan cuts \$470 per student from per-pupil funding, and combined with related cuts the projected deficits for the the Great Depression. local school districts are staggering: \$5.4 million for Novi and \$5.7 million

for Northville.

of the faltering national economy. There are signs of improvement, but they are fragile, and subject to immediate change. The situation in the Middle East, especially with Libya, may have a great impact on the price of oil. Gas is already well over \$3 a gallon and if it goes much higher, it could

slow the economy greatly.

The unemployment rate stubbornly remains high, especially in Michigan, where, if you take into account the people who have stopped looking for jobs and thus are not counted in the official figures, it stands at more than 20 percent.

That's near the levels of

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dent from per-pupil funding, and combined with related cuts the projected deficits for the local school districts are staggering: \$5.4 million for Novi and \$5.7 million for Northville.

Given all those factors it's a wonder property values haven't dropped even further. And as property values have fallen, for the most part so have the taxes the owners pay on them. On the surface, that might seem like a good thing. After all, any tax cut would

But there is a price to pay for everything. While taxes go down, so does the revenue. Cutbacks are made, services are reduced, and the quality of life is affected. Ultimately, the decline in values becomes a

lose-lose situation for everyone. The Novi and Northville communities are far from being unique in this predicament. Nearly every town in the state has experienced a loss of property values, which is why just about every town is cutting back on services and looking for ways to trim their budgets. Numerous cities and school districts are teetering on bankruptcy with no help in sight.

So while it may be tempting to view that lower tax bill with satisfaction, it has to be tempered with the reality that we are paying for that seeming gain.

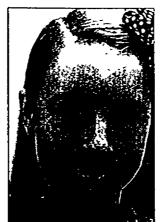
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If you could design a robot, what would you have it do?



"I'd have it do all the stuff I need to do in the morning when I'm half asleep, like get my clothes ready and brush my teeth."

Meredith Monticello Northville High senior



"I'm interested in social robots that are capable of aiding mankind. But around my home, I'd have one that would pick up the empty pop bottles around my room."

> **Beth Hadley** Northville High senior



"I'd have one that would mow the lawn."

Joshua Roys Northville High senior



"I would get something that would organize all my video game player systems' cables."

Jack Jurczyszyn Northville High sophomore

LETTERS

Why are property taxes increasing?

Dear residents of Northville, I am writing to make sure you are aware of the impending property tax increases you are about to

My taxable value went up by 1.7 percent (the City says this is equal to the Inflation Rate Multiplier) and my assessed value went up by 3.4 percent. Here is one of the problems I have with this. Northville Township, Novi, Livonia, Plymouth and Plymouth Township all recognize the fact that property values have declined over the last several years. Accordingly, these municipalities have reduced both the taxable and assessed values of the properties within their boundaries.

My house was appraised at \$524,000 in 2002. In 2007, the appraisal was reduced by 14 percent and in 2010 yet another 9 percent. The City has decided to ignore those statistics and continues to increase the taxable and assessed values year after year.

Some of you may have noticed that several stores and some restaurants have closed their doors permanently in Northville. You also may have noticed that when calling City offices, you get an answering machine, which transfers you to another answering machine, etc. - and the person you are trying to reach never returns your message. This is called good service by the City and therefore warrants more of your tax collars.

I believe it is time for the City to do a reality check. I, for one, will be at City Half to protest the constant increases in my property taxes. I hope you will do the same.

> Gard Andresen Northville

Film industry info

With regard to the article "State's film

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industry incentives under fire" (published March 24, 2011 in the Novi News and on the front of this issue of the Record), some more detail is required. I represent the Michigan Production Alliance, a Novi-based trade group with the mission of promoting the state as a location for commercial and feature work.

It isn't just a question of these three-yearold incentives being under fire on Feb. 17 when the governor announced his proposal, films poised and ready to shoot here began to pack their offices to leave. You see, the governor also made sure to stop the approval process at both the film office and Treasury. This action and the announcement that he had retracted his word that he would leave these incentives alone has effectively crippled our industry which had been, since 2008, growing

Over 2,000 people who have benefited from films have rallied in Livonia, another 700 in Troy. On March 22, a letter-writing campaign produced almost 900 letters in support of

maintaining the film incentives. These were delivered directly to the governor, Senate and congressional offices.

We are talking about jobs and the perception of the state of Michigan, things that are difficult to quantify in traditional terms. A day laborer on a film can earn a week's pay in a couple of days – but that doesn't translate in the state's calculations for full-time hires. When a film shoots in a community like the one in Novi a few years back, the community - benefits in many ways that again the State Fiscal Agency seems unable to tally. The accounting firm Ernst and Young recently completed a study which included areas not covered by other reports, including the SFA. Their study considered per diems which film crew people earn and spend around towns as well as some expenses that do not receive incentives. The E&Y results showed that for every dollar spent in Michigan, through ripple effects the ROI is \$6. That's \$6 for \$1!

Several new proposals have been presented by a coalition of film industry groups in efforts to work with MEDC; the Legislature and the governor. If you agree that these are important, join us and alert your legislator that incentives really benefit everyone. Also, watch for a PSA addressing these points produced by members of the state's film community – it will be amazing!

The incentives were not created to generate funds directly back to the state but rather as a stimulus to diversify Michigan's decidedly nondiverse structure. Michigan has always been a production center which spun off a large infrastructure that began to crumble due to other U.S. states' incentives as well as Canadian opportunities. If we could kick-start our industry, Michigan could be a strong production center again.

Mark Adler, director Michigan Production Alliance

Our Michigan state budget is not a dress rehearsal?

BY TOM WATKINS **GUEST COLUMNIST**

🗬 hange is hard — made even more difficult by the twin processes of democracy and politics. Yet, while change is inevitable, progress should not be optional. To remain competitive on a world

stage, Michigan and America need to change. But the power forces that benefit from the status quo are applying the brakes to necessary change.

Those remain as is" forces cut across Tom Watkins the spectrum from

conservative to liberal, wealthy and working class, private

and public sectors. As the budget battles intensify, the question of who should pay and who will benefit seem akin to fixing targets on the backs of various constituents.

"We have ours — don't touch it" has become the rallying cry. But back when "we got ours", Michigan and America were in much different

Michigan is no longer a wealthy state. Our per capita income has slipped to 37th in the nation with nearly a million fewer citizens working. And those who ARE working are taking home less wages and benefits.

Simply considering what has transpired in Japan and the Middle East these last several weeks, it sure seems that the world is like a kaleidoscope full of constant and unpredictable change, man-made and natural.

Maintaining the status quo as if nothing has changed, when everything has changed, is insane. We must recalibrate to a new normal.

CHANGE REQUIRES REAL ACTION

The country needs sensible energy, foreign/domestic security and budget policies. We desperately need an investment strategy that addresses our decaying infrastructure, and investing in research, development, education and innovation to compete globally. Yet it seems the best our "leaders" can produce is a continuation budget resolution that ducks the tough choices required to get our country's budget in order.

In Lansing, we need to stop pretending and spending, complaining and blaming, and find ways that address the long-term structural budget deficit that remains an impediment to future development. For far too long, our political leaders have been attempting to rebuild our state on a foundation of floating clouds. The sooner we reach a solid foundation the quicker we can get our state working again.

Change happens even as our leaders vacillate and pander.

Michigan is a state in decline. If we do not change we will continue this downward trajectory.

Clearly, one might have policy differences with Gov. Snyder's budget offering. However, it does stop the historical budget game playing that has anchored Michigan to the past while providing a path to the future.

I say to those opposing Gov. Snyder's budget: Provide an alternative - one that spends only what we are willing to tax ourselves for and a sensible road map to job cre-

Polling data seems to suggest that Michiganians are willing to tax themselves to provide more state services. I have yet to see any data that suggests we want more taxes to protect the status quo - that has not taken us where we need to go.

To those who think a tax hike is the solution for what ails us, bring it on! Where is the legislation and statewide referendum to place a tax hike on the table? I hear the talk, I just don't see the walk.

Let's stop falling as a nation and state and reach a realistic and solid foundation to begin the necessary rebuilding.

What is taking place in Washington and Lansing is not a dress rehearsal, it's the beginning of the final act that will determine ours and our grandchildren's fate. Let's begin leading change.

Like it or not, the curtain is com-

Tom Watkins is a U.S./China business and educational consultant. He was Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05 and president and CEO of the economic council of Palm Beach County, Fla., 1996 to 2001. He can Le reached at towatkins88@gmail.com.

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\$10k scholarship

First Lady Michelle Obama listens to Robert Hsu (right), a senior at Northville High School who is one of 52 students nationwide who will receive \$10,000 as the state of Michigan winner of the 2011 AXA Achievement Scholarship in association with U.S. News & World Report. The scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a program of Scholarship America, one of the nation's largest nonprofit private sector and educational support organizations. All of the scholarship recipients are graduating high school seniors who demonstrated ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals and the ability to succeed in college. Hsu created a new organization that promotes heart disease and obesity awareness at his school and community. The organization empowers youth to make healthy decisions for the future and fundraises for heart disease research. Hsu is a member of Rotary Interact, Novi Housing and Development Committee and is the captain of the Science Olympiad.



LANSING UPDATE

Heise announces funds for trail improvement project

Northville Township will receive \$3 million to purchase land from the former Northville State Hospital and link the South East Michigan Greenways Network, State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) announced. The funds come from the state's mineral, oil and natural gas royalties, which are constitutionally required to be spent on land acquisition and park improvement projects.

"Moving forward with the recommendations of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board will allow Northville to improve the quality of life for all Michigan residents for years to come," said Heise. "The Linear Park Acquisition - Phase 2, includes the purchase of 36 acres of land from the former Northville State Hospital, which are in addition to nearly 15 acres purchased during Phase 1. This is a \$3 million project with the intent to preserve a 200year-old forest and link up SE Michigan Greenways Network.'

Residents of Northville Township have already matched most of these funds with a 20-year 1 mill property tax, approved by the voters in 2009 to purchase most of the site for \$23 million.

Funding for the MNRTF comes from private companies that lease state-owned land to build and run oil and gas wells, and perform other mineral exploration, as well as the royalties on the production of those wells. The Trust Fund board then awards grants to local governments to purchase and develop land for recreational use and protect lands of environmental importance or scenic beauty.

This trust fund is a constitutionally mandated grant program for local governments," Heise said. "The funding from this trust cannot go anywhere else. I voted for House Bill 4292 because it is required to release the funds and perform our constitutionally required duty."

Sen. Colbeck comments on Michigan State Police Regional Policing Plan

The Michigan State Police (MSP) announced the adoption of a regional policing model designed to enhance services while relying less on a traditional post buildings model. According to MSP, the plan emphasizes enhanced technology and data-driven policing without laying off a single trooper. State Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton), who chairs the Senate Appropriations State Police and Military Affairs Subcommittee, issued the following statement after reviewing the new plan:

"I fundamentally believe Michigan needs to reinvent itself, and that means rethinking the way state government operates to achieve that goal. The MSP's announcement to restructure its operations is a prime example of cutting costs while improving services and I would like to commend Col. Etue and her staff for the thoughtful, well-designed plan.

"As we continue to make government more efficient, it's become increasingly apparent that the costs associated with maintaining outmoded post buildings far outweigh their usefulness, given the advancements in technology and communication. Today, a state trooper's cruiser is. for all intents and purposes, a mobile office equipped with technology and communications equipment that reduces the need and cost of maintaining an expensive brick-and-mortar post model.

Heise supports Gov. Snyder's local government reforms

State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth, 20th District) expressed his support for the sweeping local government reforms proposed by Gov. Rick Snyder which would eliminate barriers to regional cooperation, preserve critical services and attract businesses and workers.

"Having 20 years of local and county government experience, I fully appreciate the challenges and promise that Gov. Snyder's new proposal brings to Michigan's communities," said Heise.

Snyder's proposal addresses specific policy areas that emphasize consolidation and service sharing, accountability and transparency, and controlling compensation costs. "Western Wayne County communities have already addressed many of these issues, and are leading the way on collaboration and cooperation," Heise said. "They should benefit from the plan."

Heise was to attend meetings of the Plymouth City Commission and Northville City Council Monday to provide them with copies of the governor's proposal, and to discuss options for the two communities which recently

announced a new joint fire service. "As challenging as it might be, Gov. Snyder's best practices approach will benefit those communities that are willing to be held accountable to their taxpayers by finding ways to consolidate their services and control employee costs," Heise said.

Sen. Colbeck coffee hours

State Senator Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton) has scheduled a series of coffee hours to meet with local constituents and discuss issues facing local communities and the state. The coffee hours are free and all residents are invited to come to the meeting nearest their home.

"We are facing difficult economic times in Michigan and there will be tough decisions that we'll need to make in order to return opportunity and prosperity to our state and our residents. I encourage District residents to join me at one of

these public meetings so that all voices can be heard and we can discuss some of the options before us."

Due to budget cuts to the Legislature, Senator Colbeck does not have the funds to staff and maintain a district office as has been the practice of legislators in the past. Colbeck hopes that the coffee hours will provide residents another opportunity to meet with their state senator and share their thoughts or concerns.

"Technology has provided us with quick, easy ways to communicate and I encourage people to email, fax, or call my office or visit my website or Face Book page if they have an issue they would like to discuss," Colbeck said. "However, I believe that it is just as important for people to have the opportunity to speak with their elected officials face to face and I look forward to meeting with many folks from around the District personally during these scheduled forums."

The coffee hours schedule: 8-9 a.m. April 4, Canton Coney, Joy Road, Canton; 9-10 a.m. April 11, TV's Diner, 2441 Fort Street, Trenton; and 8-9 a.m. April 25, Big Boy, 27050 Telegraph, Flat Rock.

Residents can also contact Senator Colbeck by calling his office at (517) 373-7350 or toll-free at (866) 262-7307, by email at senpcolbeck@senate. michigan.gov, on his website at www. SenatorPatrickColbeck.com or on Facebook at Senator Patrick Colbeck.

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.

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

Meet with Heise

State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) is sponsoring office hours every second Monday of the month, at the following times and locations: • 10-11 a.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville;

1-2 p.m., Wayne Community Center, 4635

Howe Road, Wayne; and

 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth.

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-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appoint-

OPINION

Bringing transparency to title insurance costs

BY BERNARD J. YOUNGBLOOD **GUEST COLUMNIST**

hen it comes to buying auto insurance, health insurance or life insurance, most of us will aggressively shop for the best and most competitive prices.

But when it comes to purchasing a title insurance policy on the most significant expenditure we ever make our home - we never give the cost a second thought until it's too late.

That's because title insurance is a hidden cost of buying or refinancing a house. one generally presented to

us in a slew of paperwork by our real estate broker or loan officer at closing. If we object, we're typically told we are squashing the deal because our interest rate lock is expiring or, when the real market is robust, the seller will entertain other offers.

Bernard J.

Youngblood

On the purchase of a \$200,000 home, the cost of a title insurance loan policy for a homebuyer can range from \$597 to more than \$1,000. A buyer can cut that rate down to about \$375 if he or she gets a simultaneous loan rate in conjunction with the owner policy the seller is required to obtain.

But if the seller's and buyer's respective real estate agents work for competing brokers, these brokers often have exclusive relationships with different title insurance carriers. These relationships often negate any potential savings, a problem com-pounded by the lack of true competition in our region for title insurance.

Late last year, the Federal Trade Commission cited is one Wayner Qakland and 1 2 11 11 1 Macomb counties and the Portland, Ore., area as two places where title where a monopoly exists in title insurance.

The lack of competition drives up the price tri-county residents are forced to pay when they purchase or refinance a house, and contrib-

Think back to your last home purchase or refinancing. Wouldn't it have been nice to save a couple of hundred dollars on title insurance that you could have instead spent on other home improvements or put in your bank account?

utes to our ranking as one of the country's most distressed real estate markets.

Think back to your last home purchase or refinancing. Wouldn't it have been nice to save a couple of hundred dollars on title insurance that you could have instead spent on other home improvements or put in your bank account?

Since most consumers don't know where or how to shop for title insurance, my office has introduced a new feature on our website at www.waynecountylandrecords.com.

The site features a title insurance rate calculator, which prompts consumers to enter either their purchasing and financing cost or their selling price. They will then immediately receive pricing information from the title insurance companies that are licensed in Michigan. The information includes website links and phone numbers for the various providers.

This is a great tool for both homebuyers and home sellers. It empowers consumers to make informed decisions and it brings transparency to a purchase that consumers generally have no awareness of or control over.

More importantly, it will help spur competition in a local industry that has been deemed monopolistic. And competition will breed many positives for our local real estate market.

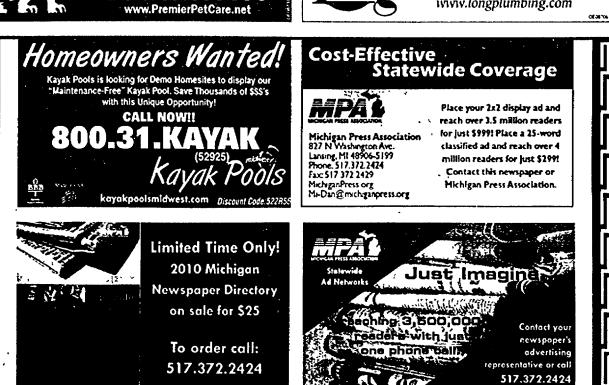
Bernard Youngblood is the Wayne County register of deeds. The Register of Deeds Office is the place where people record documents relating to land transactions. His office is located at 400 Monroe Street, Seventh Floor, Detroit. He can be reached at (313) 224-5854 or by email at rodhelp@co.wayne mi us.

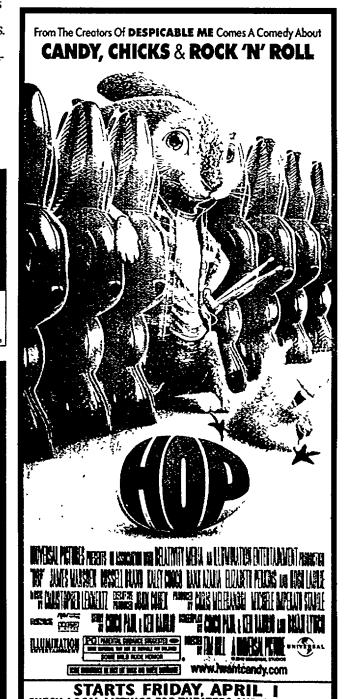


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Spreading the word of West Point

Northville grad will soon be a first lieutenant

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

The West Point Military Academy is looking for wellrounded leaders. That's why Northville High School gradu-ate Will Blickle entered this renowned institution four years

Blickle will be graduating later this spring as a part of the Class of 2011 and move onto full-time service as a first lieutenant in the Army, but for now he is spreading the word about the school that taught him so much about being a leader.

One of the greatest challenges he had to overcome at West Point was the responsibilities a true leader must consider each

The idea of being ultimately responsible for others was dif-ficult at first," he said looking back to his early days at the historical school on the Hudson River in New York.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Will Blickle, Northville High graduate (2007) and current United States Military Academy at West Point senior, talks to a current crop of Mustangs on March 22 to stir their interest in attending the academy.

"Even if I did everything correctly, it did not matter because if someone I was in charge of did not then it was my mistake. That was tough, but it really taught me what a leader really must be."

Blickle recently came home on break and spoke at Northville High School and

with local Boy Scout troops as a part of the Cadet Public Relations Council. The goal of this program is to get the word out on what West Point is all

about and what it can offer. "It was great to see some of my old teachers and tell people about the opportunities West Point has to offer," he said of

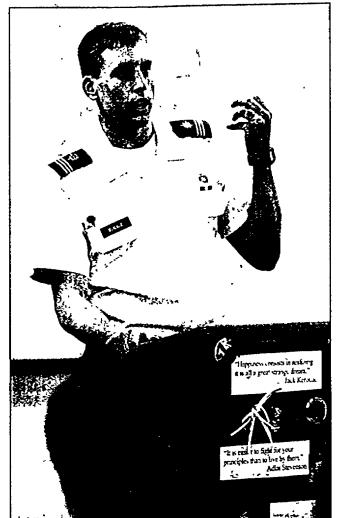
his talks in the Northville area. "The fathers at the Boy Scout meeting said it was as attentive as they had ever seen the kids.

That was a great compliment."
At West Point he extended his NHS swimming career as a "walk-on" to the Army Swimming Team and also studied abroad in the Middle East, in Egypt and Jordan. He serves as the academic officer for his cadet company and last year completed six weeks of underwater training at the

Special Forces Dive School.

"It has really been interesting, and I have enjoyed all of the opportunities I have been given," he said. "Not a lot of people know about West Point. It's a place where you can get a free education, prestigious degree and job upon graduation. But above all, it's a place that prepares you for life in general and gives you the skills to fill any leadership position."

Blickle will serve in the intelligence branch of the Army. In addition, his two brothers, Brody and John, also NHS graduates, are currently attending West Point. Will's parents are also active in the West Point Parents Club of Michigan.



Will Blickle talks to a Northville High history class about his experiences at West Point.

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Shad Brook Subdivision Paving SAD & Water Main Improvements Charter Township of Northyille March 28, 2011

Sealed Bids for Shad Brook Subdivision Paving SAD & Water Main Improvements will be received at the office of the Charter Township of Northville until 2:00 pm local time, on April 11, 2011, by the office of the Township Clerk located at 44405 6 Mile Road, Second Floor, Northville, MI 48168. The approximate quantities of major items of work involved are as follows:

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The Contract Documents for this project are on file and may be examined on and after 2:00 pm, March 28, 2011, at the following locations: the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 3400 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150; area offices of McGraw-Hill Construction/ReproMAX, 36060 Industrial Road, Livonia, MI 48150; Reed Construction Data at www.reedepr.com; the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), 43636 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-3204; Washtenaw Contractors Association, 3135 South State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48108 and Department of Public Services -Charter Township of Northville, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Copies thereof may be obtained on or after 2.00 pm, local time, March 28, 2011, at the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150. A fee of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) non-refundable will be charged for each set of Contract Documents. An additional fee of Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) non-refundable will be charged for each set of Contract Documents which are

Bid Security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or Bid Bond for a sum no less than 5% of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

The OWNER reserves the right to accept any Bid, reject any Bid, or waive irregularities in Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of 90 calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of

No pre-bid meetings are scheduled for this project.

Donald Weaver, Director of Public Services Charter Township of Northville

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Two Northville residents bring financial expertise to Girl Scout Board

James Davis and Jennifer Foulk have been elected to the Board of Trustees of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan (GSHOM). The two Northville residents were named to the volunteer positions at the organization's annual meeting, held March 16 in Ann Arbor. Davis, a certified public accountant, is chief financial officer of MWW Automotive,



Jennifer Foulk and Jim Davis to our board." said Jan Barker, CEO of GSHOM. Their experience in accounting, finance and strategic planning will be true assets to our volunteer leadership team."

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central and northeast Lower Michigan. GSHOM was formed in 2008 as a merger of five Girl Scout councils serving Ann Arbor, Saginaw, Midland, Bay City, Jackson, Kalamazoo and Lansing.

Other GSHOM board members and board devel- in opment committee members from the Ann Arbor ... region are: Joyce Blomgren, Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools Business Department (retired), Ypsilanti; Jill David, JD At Your Service, Plymouth Kathleen Gripman, Global LT, Plymouth; Elizabeth Janda, Brooks, Cushman, PC, Plymouth; Anamaria Kazanis, ASKSTATS Consulting, Novi; Anne Mattson, District Court Judge (retired), Ann Arbor; Pat Schroeder, Zurich Insurance, Canton and Ingrid Sheldon, Huron Valley Tennis Club, Ann Arbor.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-07-11 - 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 amendment adopts the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code, by reference, as the Property Maintenance Code for the City of Northville.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on March, 2011 and was adopted by the City Council on March 21, 2011. The ordinance shall become effective on April 1, 2011. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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Women's leadership event

Anne Doyle, former Detroit television sports reporter and Ford executive, has written a book focusing on the topic of women's leadership. She will be at the Next Chapter bookstore from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday,

Doyle will talk about her perspective on the changing role of women leaders in America, including some insights on her research which involved interviewing dozens of our country's top women leaders from many walks of life. She'll also be signing books. The event is open to the public, but space is limited.

New Chapter is located on East Main Street, across from the gazebo in downtown Northville.

Dittilies singing for Dems

The four-club Democratic Spring Gala '11 has signed one of the Detroit area's favorite bands to play for their event at Meadowbrook Country Club on April 30, according to Lisa DiRado, co-chair of the event for the Northville Democratic

Steve King and the Dittilies was unanimously chosen by the chair's of the four clubs, Jim Amar of the Community Democratic Club (Canton and environs), Richard Thomas of the Livonia club, Mary Maguire of Plymouth club and Lisa DiRado.

The band, born out of Steve King's high school years at Bentley in Livonia, will provide after-dinner entertainment and dance music at the Gala at Meadowbrook County Club, on Eight Mile Road, west of Haggerty.

Further information on Spring Gala '11 may be had by contacting Lisa DiRado at (2480 380-1898 or ldirado@ comcast.net.

Calling all bug hunters

Volunteers are needed for Friends of the Rouge's annual Spring Bug Hunt on Saturday, April 30. Interested volunteers must pre-register by April 15. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult.

The event begins at 9 a.m. " at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Environmental 1 Interpretive Center. Volunteers are assigned to teams of fourto-eight people that each travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river. The number and type of bugs found is used to assess each site and data are submitted to the MDNRE and Rougé communities.

The Spring Bug Hunt is partof a long-term monitoring program that was created in 1998 to train local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge and supported by the Erb Family Foundation.



"Once Upon a Mattress"

Northville resident John Bouffard (second from left) stars as the King in "Once Upon a Mattress" at the Village Theater in Canton. The show also includes Northville resident Stephany Renwick as Rowena. Novi's Gannon Styles as Prince Dauntless, and is directed by Allison Soranno of Northville. Shown with Bouffard are Bridget Leary, Kristi Schwartz and Tim Chanko. The show is a Tony award-winning musical comedy that tells a familiar story and launched the career of the legendary comedienne Carol Burnett. First brought to the stage in 1959 and later made into a movie starring Glee's Mathew Morrison, it now appears courtesy of the Spotlight Players April 8-17. For showtimes and ticket info, call (734) 394-5300.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.therouge.

Sprouting good ideas

The Northville Farmers Market has the seed of an idea for a "Friends of the Market" group. If you can check signs, be a secret shopper, send an email, answer questions or pass out newsletters, or costume a scarecrow... you are needed!

Attend the first meeting of the Friends of the Market at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 at the Northville Chamber of Commerce office, 195 South Main Street (the purple house).

Please RSVP to sherwatkins@northville.org, or call (248) 349-7640 if you plan to come, or are interested but cannot attend.

The Northville Farmers Market opens at 8 a.m. Thursday, May 5 with flowers, food, early salad greens and... veggies; baked goods, honey, crafts, and lunch.

Run for Hope

The fifth annual Run for Hope 5K run/walk at scenic Maybury State Park, presented by Northville Roadrunners to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, will take place Saturday, May 14 with fitness expert Peter Nielsen in atten-

New Hope is 501 c-3 nonprofit bereavement outreach center located in Northville with grief support services throughout southeastern Michigan.

The 5k run/walk is at 9 a.m. and there will also be a 1-mile run/walk at 8:30. Pre-register online by May 2 at www.firstgiving.com/newhopecenter. Registration forms and more information are available at

www.newhopecenter.net. Registration the day of the event is at 8 a.m. Free T-shirts go to all participants who register by May 2. T-shirts will be available for purchase the day of race. Auction items including massages will be available for bidding at the race. A short memorial tribute to honor our loved ones will follow race.

Maybury State Park is located at 20145 Beck Road, Northville. The park is located at Eight Mile and Beck Road; enter off of Eight Mile and follow signs to Walnut Shelter. Car fee is \$6. The event will take place rain or shine.

The cost to participate is \$25 for people 16 and over and \$15 for children 8-15 who register. by May 2: After May 2: and day of the race add \$5. Children under 8 can participate free. Each entrant can collect donations from sponsors and run for free.

Contact New Hope Center at (248) 348-0115 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9-1 Friday for more information.

Nearly 350 attend health fair

From blood pressure checks to prostate exams, nearly 350 men participated in St. Mary Mercy's Prostate Screening and Men's Health Fair held on March 5 in Livonia.

This community outreach benefit program provided a variety of free services for men ages 40 to 70-years-old. The health fair consisted of a prostate exam by a physician, blood test for Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA), total cholesterol and HDL check, blood pressure check, eye and foot exams, skin cancer checks by a dermatologist, and a chance to meet the new da Vinci robot used to perform minimally invasive surgeries. Prostate cancer is the second most` prevalent cancer among men, and early screening and detection can save lives.

"It is part of the mission of St. Mary Mercy Hospital to improve the health of our communities and this program exemplifies that commitment. It is wonderful to see brothers, fathers, sons and friends come this Men's Health Fair and support each other for, this important screening, said Marianne Simancek, RN, Community Outreach direc-

As a non-profit organization, St. Mary Mercy reinvests its resources back into the community through new technologies, vital health services and access for everyone regardless of their circumstances, known as the Community Benefit Ministry. It is an organized and measured approach to meeting community health needs. In fiscal year 2010, St. Mary Mercy spent \$11 million in community benefit dollars.

Arbor Day seedling give-away

The Beautification Commissions of Northville Township and the City of Northville will jointly hold an Arbor Day seedling give-.away from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 23 at the Township Hall (44405 Six Mile Road).

Arbor Day seedlings will be available at no charge to city, township and Northville School District residents. Please bring proof of residency. You must attend in person to pick up your seedlings; requests by phone or mail will not be accommodated or large requests of groups or schools.

Spotlight presents "Once **Upon A Mattress**"

Once Upon a Mattress is a Tony award-winning musical comedy that tells a familiar story and launched the career of the legendary comedienne Carol Burnett. First brought to the stage in 1959 and later made into a movie starring Glee's Mathew Morrison, it now appears courtesy of the Spotlight Players at the stateof-the-art Village Theater in Canton, April 8-17.

Directed by Northville's Allison Soranno; the cast includes locals John Boufford of Northville as King Sextimus; Gannon Styles of Novi as Prince Dauntless; and Stephany Renwick of Northville as Rowena.

Shows are April 8-10 and All performances are at The Village Theater at Cherry

Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.spotlightplayersmi.org or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door.

Reel call for entries

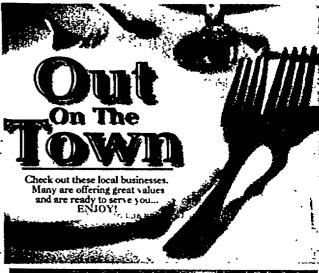
The Northville Art House and charity partner, Forgotten Harvest, present the first annual "Reel Michigan" Film Festival on Saturday, June 25. Reel Michigan will feature Michigan-made or Michiganthemed short films as part of the City's popular Arts & Acts event held June 24-26.

Arts and Acts is a vibrant, annual celebration of the arts in southeast Michigan featuring art, music, film, plays and more.

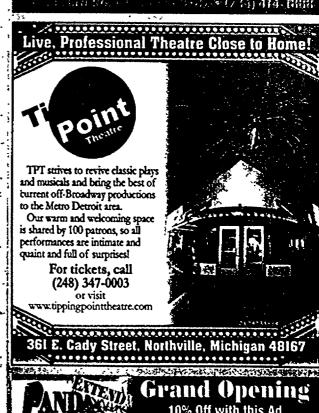
On June 25, film and movie buffs will be treated to a variety of short films, including documentaries, comedies, drama and animation.

Reel Michigan is now accepting short films that are Michigan-made, Michiganthemed or by Michigan filmmakers. Filmmakers interested in participating should visit: http://ci.northville.mi.us/ Community/ArtsCommission/ ArtsAndActsCallForEntries-ReelMichigan2011.pdf or email ReelMichigan@gmail.com to find the call for entries. Entry submission is \$10 (\$5 for students) and films can include any project filmed with any type of camera and includes digitally made films.

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In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 "Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2011-2012 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Glenn Cerny Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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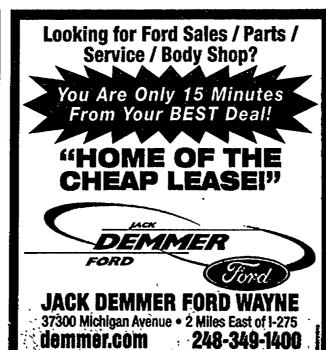
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Relay for Life of Northville forming teams now

This year, cancer is poised to take over as the **\$1** killer of Americans, surpassing heart disease. The good news is that nearly half of all cancer deaths are preventable, and that events like Relay For Life, not only educate people on what they can do to reduce their cancer risk, but also raise funds that lead to better treatment and more lives saved. There is some good news on the cancer front: - the cancer death rates have fallen for the second straight year, according to the American Cancer Society, which means progress in the fight against can-

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"All of us who participate in Relay are a part of the curehelping to save lives from cancer," said Nicole Abdilla, ACS representative.

"Everything we do at Relay For Life contributes to reducing cancer mortality and incidences. Whether it is raising dollars that go to support free patient programs services and research or volunteering to new volunteers that commit to advocacy and education efforts - we're all a part of the fight."

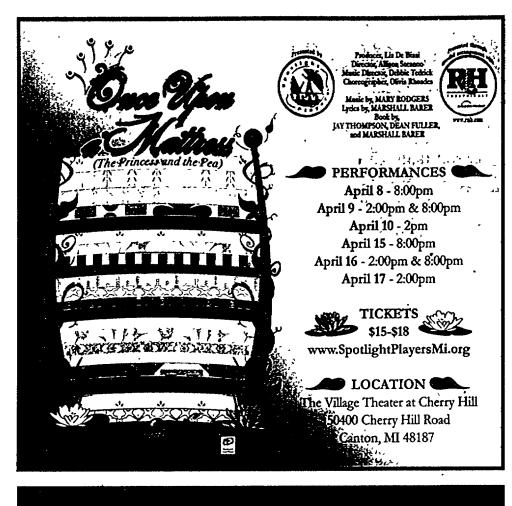
This year's Relay will be held at Ford Field from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. May 14-15. Relay For Life offers everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer, and everyone is encouraged to get their team together currently recruiting more teams to join the event. Teams are often made up of coworkers, friends, and family members. Many businesses, schools, organizations and religious groups also build teams also. Prior to the Relay event, team members raise dollars through by fundraising activities and securing sponsorships. While during the Relay, teams members camp out overnight and take turns walking a track in an effort to raise awareness and funds in the fight against cancer. This year, some businesses downtown are making a special event out of participating in Relay by raising money for the event and donating a percentage of proceeds May 14 to Relay For Life.

This year marks the fifth year for Relay For Life of Northville. Last year, 13 teams raised over \$60,000.

At the event, many activities will take place, one being the Luminaria Ceremony at 9:30

p.m. on Saturday. While the Luminaria and Survivor Ceremonies offer us time to remember those we've lost and celebrate those who have won the battle, while the Fight Back Ceremony gives everyone a chance to make a personal commitment to how they're going to fight back against this disease and take action against cancer throughout the year. .

If you are interested in starting a team or joining a team, log on to www.relayforlife.org/ northvillemi and follow the links to the Relay For Life of Northville. If you're not able to join a team, simply log on to give make a donation. For more information, call (248) 663-3410. Together we can win the fight and create a world with less cancer and more birthdays.



Ford volunteers focus on children, families

The Ford Volunteer Corps collected 25,000 diapers, 600 contains of baby formula, 900 cases of baby wipes and 10 strollers as part of its focus on children and families for last week's Ford Accelerated Action Day.

Volunteers loaded four Transit Connect vans and distributed the cargo to various nonprofit agencies including The Detroit Area Diaper Bank in Canton. Then they unloaded the vans and went back out and loaded them again.

The essentials will help thousands of needy families in the metro Detroit area. Ford employees brought the much needed item's to more than a dozen Ford locations including the Automatic Transmission New Product Center (ATNPC) in Livonia.

Nonprofit agency partners told the auto company that most assistance programs do not provide diapers and Ford employee volunteers helped fill the need with their contributions, said Eric A. Mitchell, public affairs spokesman for Ford/Automotive Components

Baby formula is always in demand to nourish the most community's most vulnerable resident, said Mitchell, a Livonia resident.

Diapers are a huge hole in the "safety net." There is no assistance for diapers, they're not paid for or provided by WIC, Food Stamps or Medicare, according to the diaper bank's

The diapers, formula and other items were collected over four days last week (March 21-24) and everything was picked up last Friday for distribution to nonprofits.

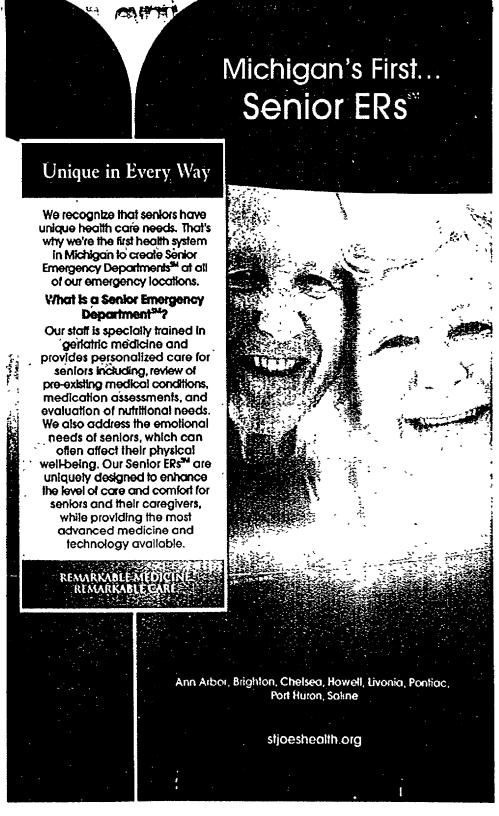
The diaper drive was part of last week's Acclerated Action Day in which Ford workers leave the office and head out into the community to renovate facilities that serve families and children.

Several action days are planned throughout the year, each with a special focus.

Ford Motor Company encourages salaried employees to take two work days per year and volunteer in their local area. Last year, more than 20,000 Ford employees and retirees performed 100,000 hours of work on community projects - the equivalent of \$2 million of inkind corporate contributions, according to the Ford Motor Company website.

The Ford Volunteer Corps; established in 2005, continues Ford's legacy of caring worldwide. On May 13, the Accelerated Action day will focus on the environment by creating nature trails, revitalizing gardens and protecting water resources.









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 newspaner.

LOCAL

History-themed art exhibition opening Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 2

Location: Art & Ideas Gallery, 15095 Northyille Road; two miles south of Northyille

Details: Free opening event for interactive art project is for all ages. The "Collaging History" exhibition arranges historical imagery across 40 feet of gallery walls. Gallery talk at 6 p.m.; refreshments afterwards.

Contact: www.artandideasgallery.com.

Country Garden Club of Northville Meeting

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. April 5 Location: Cady Inn, Mill Race Village "Hansel & Gretel" Time/Date: through May 1; 2:30

p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Location: Marquis Theater, 135 East Main, Northville

Details: A fairy tale of two children who are lost in the forest and find a house made of candy. Come see this fun, not scary, musical with lots of singing and dancing. Tickets for all public performances are \$8.50 Group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more. Please no children under the age of 3.

Contact: (248) 349-8110 or visit northvillemarquistheatre.com

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs The Children's Exhibit ~ "Capturing Everyday Moments"

Time/Date: Opening night April 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Exhibit open for viewing through April 13, 2011. Location: Northville Square, 133 W. Main Street

Details: This exhibit includes a sampling of work from each of the classes in the NPS Early Childhood programs. In our sixth annual exhibit we invite you to join us as we celebrate children, honor their unique qualities and capture the power of ordinary moments



BY STEVE FECHT

Images of America

Michelle Fecht presented her book, "Northville: Images of America", at the Friends of the Library's annual meeting on March 20. The book was available for purchase and signing, and the Shawn Riley Band performed.

that constitutes the child's story. Contact: (248) 344-8465 or www. northylile.kt2.mius/earlychildhood

Handcrafters 32nd Annual Spring Fling Artisan Market Times/Dates: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday; 9-5 Saturday; 11-4 Sunday; April 15-17

Location: Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street Details: Event description: Event features HGTV featured artist Andy Kirsch and over 75 juried fine craftspeople and artists; fiber to jewelry to gourmet food and home décor. Admission is \$3.

Contact: Stephanie Jones at (734) 459-0050 or handcraftersunitd@ yahoo.com

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 northylifeclasses@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 northyilleclasses@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.

arrer June 13. Contact: (248) 348-3263; www.cgcrw. org

Northville Chamber of Commerce Rise & Shine

Time/Date: 8-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6

Location: Northville Sports Den 133 W. Main Street (lower level, use rear of building).

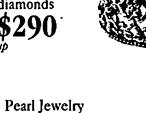
Details: Join other Chamber members for breakfast (on your own), small group networking and an update on community activities. Date is changed to the list Wednesday of the month due to the State of the Community Luncheon scheduled for April 13. Contact: Please RSYP by email to chamber@northville.org.



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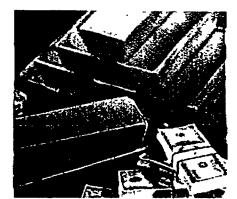


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Ozeir slams home top area honor again

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BY CHRIS JACKETT - CORRESPONDENT

Few area athletes could compare with the production of reigning All-Area Player of the Year Samer Ozeir. The senior Novi forward increased his point, rebound, block and assist averages from an award-laden junior season last year, earning him a repeat atop the All-Area list. He kept the Wildcats in tight games all season as they finished the year 18-4 and KLAA champions.

"Samer had a truly outstanding season, coming off of a junior year that saw him earn All-County honors and the Area's Player of the Year, expectations were high," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said. "Not only did he meet them; he exceeded them. He was unbelievably consistent and efficient despite every team's best effort to stop him."

Ozeir was dominant on the court despite being heavily guarded by opponents. He produced 19 points, 12.6 rebounds, 2.2 blocks and 2.3 assists per game in a season where he recorded 18 double-doubles and also earned All-Conference honors. He verbally committed March 22 to take his talents to Columbia University (NY) in the fall.

These numbers were all increases from the 15.5 points, 9.1 rebounds, 1.6 blocks and 0.4 assists he averaged in 2009-10.

First team

Andrew Baldwin (Northville Sr. F)

There were few who matched Baldwin's grit and determination during competition this season. Averaging 15 points, 6.5 rebounds and three assists per game, this Mustang All-Conference selection kept Northville competitive throughout the season despite battling some of the toughest local competition week in and week out from the likes of Novi and Livonia Stevenson.

"For the third year in a row, Andrew was amongst the leaders in every statistical category," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "He's asked to do so many things on our team, from score to defend the opponent's biggest post threat, to rebound and to decision make. He plays through sickness and injury, never having missed a game in three varsity seasons. He's a tremendous competitor and

Rob Laney (Novi Sr. G/F) Laney was the vital ingredient in the Wildcats' KLAA title run. Although he missed a month of action with a thumb injury during conference play, his return sparked Novi past opponents they had previously lost to. Novi's season ended in district action when Laney was ill and unable to play.

"Rob was outstanding as a playmaker for us this year,"

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Novi coach Cory Heitsch said. "He made those around him better and can do a bit of everything on the floor."

Averaging 13.2 points, 4.9 assists and 6.1 rebounds per game, Novi was 11-0 with Laney on the floor and 7-4 without him.

Parker Millington (Milford Sr. F)

Anyone familiar with the Milford basketball program is no stranger to Millington. Leading the Mavericks with 13 points and four rebounds. per game, the senior also led the team in threes (32), defensive rebounds (66) and free throw percentage (71 percent).

"As a three-year varsity basketball player, Parker brought quite a bit of game experience, composure and confidence to the Maverick back court," Milford coach Chip Lutz said. "An excellent scorer, Parker was typically the defensive focal point for other teams to try and contain. He consistently drew the other team's best defender, as well as constant double teams."

Ryan Zukowski (Lakeland Sr. G)

As the heart of the Eagles' basketball program, Zukowski led Lakeland to a pair of district victories with a combined 37 points in two games against Milford and Walled Lake Northern. Throughout the season, he led his team with 11.2 points and five rebounds per game.

"Ryan was our best athlete and was often asked to guard the other team's best player, as well as to lead us. in scoring," Lakeland coach Robert Brugger said. "Ryan's work ethic and dedication to Lakeland basketball will

surely be missed." Chris Milon (Novi Sr. F) Nearly averaging a doubledouble, Milon provided a onetwo punch in the paint for Novi. Working side-by-side with Ozeir, Milon averaged 9.9 points, 9.2 rebounds and 2.5 blocks per game. He committed to Allegheny College on Monday.

"Chris was just awesome this year. He is a special kid and special talent, whose best ball is still ahead of him," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said. We don't feature a post and so many other options around him offensively, it would have been easy for Chris to sulk or become frustrated. Instead, he realized he could impact the game in other facets, with his efforts on the defensive end, the way he attacked and pursued rebounds. His ability to rim run, catch, gather and explode to the rim is on par with the best in the state."

Second team

Bryce Groshek (Northville Sr. G)

Averaging 13.5 points, three steals and 2.5 assists per game, Groshek paired with Baldwin to provide a formidable scoring threat in the



JOHN HEIDER ! STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

won the game 58-49.

Mustangs' offense. He played multiple positions in his three years on varsity, helping him to an All-Conference honorable mention.

Brian Bush (Novi Sr. G) "With so many scoring threats by his side, Bush was responsible for containing the oppositions' top scorer on defense and providing senior leadership. Helping Novi to an 18-4 record and KLAA title, Bush still managed to earn 7.7 points, 1.2 steals per game and an All-Conference nod while leading the

Wildcats with 43 three-pointers, many in clutch situations. Chuck Sanders (Lakeland

Averaging 10 points and seven rebounds per game, Sanders took some of the

defensive pressure off Zukowski when the Eagles were on offense. His efforts earned an All-Conference honorable mention as he helped Lakeland to a 11-11

record. Jeff Schmitz (South Lyon

Despite competing in a very tough KLAA Central Division, Schmitz led the Lions with 12 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. Throughout the season, he took 14 charges, led his team in blocked shots and was second on team in both field goal and three-point shooting percentage, with both hovering around 43 percent. His consistency earned him an

All-Conference honor. Colin Wedesky (South Lyon East Sr. C)

An 0-20 record is always hard to deal with, but it was Wedesky who gave the Cougars a shot in a few games. His play helped East stay close with KLAA Central Division champion Livonia Stevenson in a 50-45 loss. Wedesky's power down low allowed the senior to average 10 points and 10 rebounds per game while earning All-Conference honors.

Honorable mention

Milford - Joey Miller (Sr. G) Northville - Al Myers (Sr. F), Levi Perry (Sr. F) South Lyon - Luke Short

Chris Jackett is a free-lance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

Weather has impact on local sports

Northville has to readjust schedules, training to accommodate Mother Nature

> BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

They say that March either comes in like a lion and out like a lamb or vice versa. So what happens when it just comes in and hangs around with snow and chilly temperatures?

Well, at Northville High School, spring sports' schedules and training get messed up, that's what.

The Northville Mustangs had to cancel several games last week, which has led to difficulty in rescheduling and trouble getting proper training hours in. But, it's not necessarily a new thing for the school's athletics.

*Last year we had a good first week then the second week it snowed for the whole week," said athletic director Bryan Masi. 'We have had a couple springs like this. Most of the teams are still practicing indoors. We will try to make up as many games as we can. It will be difficult in some cases due to the scheduling conflicts."

The problem with rescheduling with many teams is a difference in school vacation schedules, Masi said.

Our biggest problem is the county calenders," he said. "Most times the counties are not on the same schedule for Spring Break. Half of our league is off the first week of April (Oakland and Livingston counties) the other half (Wayne County) are off the third week of April. If all the counties followed the same Spring Break (the first week of April) many of our competitions could start when we return the second week of April. We would not have to try to play all these events so early. It really would help to have a State Common Calendar so all districts are off the same time."

Losing games off the schedule is never fun, but it's not the biggest worry for most coaches. Instead, getting kids outside and practicing on the field and getting training hours is.

The girls have really not let the weather affect them," said Northville soccer coach Eric Brucker, who's team has been practicing in temperatures right around 30 to 35 degrees. "The soft ground on our practice field has been the biggest hurdle. You go for a quick change of direction and you just sink. The hope is that another week of dry weather and the field will be more solid. We have moved our portable goals all around the practice area in an attempt to not tear up the field too bad."

The coach added that another faction besides coaches and athletic directors may not be happy about the weather, either.

"I'm sure the moms are not too happy; with multiple layers and muddy conditions, there is a lot of laundry to be done," joked Brucker.

Northville had several sports cancel events, including boys lacrosse, which lost three games off their jampacked schedule.

"It really is awful this year, the worst I have seen," said boys lacrosse coach Greg Durham. "I never had to cancel the first three games of the season."

Northville will attempt to reschedule as many games as possible. Updates can be found at their school page on www.highschoolsports.net.

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

Mustangs capture chilly home opener

Northville shuts out Livonia Churchill to begin girls soccer season

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The temperature, officially, was at freezing when the Northville Mustangs took to the soccer pitch

Monday. It was evident, too, as the Mustangs girls had ice in their veins, shutting out the Livonia Churchill Chargers to earn a victory in their season opener,

"For the opening game of the season, it was nice to start off with a win," said second-year head coach Eric Brucker. "There was not a lot of jitters out of the girls as they were very loose and ready to play. We still have a lot of work to do as we start division

ON TAP

The Northville girls soccer team will be back on the pitch today when they "play at Walled Lake Western with a 7 p.m. start state state

games next week."

Neither team had much luck warming up on the sideline nor on the field during the first half, ending it with a 0-0 tie before the Mustangs finally

found their feet and started scoring. Emily Bush opened up the game with a goal that would prove to be the game winner as she ran from the back side and headed in a high floating cross from Jenni Borawski for the 1-0

lead. Seven minutes later, Borawski added a goal of her own off a corner from Claire McHugh.

After the second goal was scored, both teams were showing signs of slowing down thanks to fatigue and the constant cold from the brisk spring temperatures.

Churchill put together a handful of strong scoring opportunities, but strong play by goalie Kiki Hilmer kept the Chargers from finding the back of

With 8:50 left to play in the game, the Chargers made their most aggressive attack on the net. A long through ball forced Hilmer off her line and outside the 18-yard box. Churchill came in hard on a breakaway and Hilmer was

called for an intentional hand ball outside of the box. She was forced to leave the game after being yellow-carded by the officiating sir and Kaitlin Girbach came into the game to replace her and preserved the shutout.

Northville added their final tally of the game for the 3-0 decision when Mallory Weber beat three defenders and placed a perfect pass to the foot of Becky Reynolds, who one-timed the shot past the Chargers goalie for the

Northville is now I-O on the season while Churchill fell to 0-1.

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Catholic Central earns first two wins

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Shamrocks beat Holt, East Grand Rapids

SPORTS BRIEFS

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Catholic Central Shamrocks lacrosse team started the season out like every coach hopes their team will - with wins.

The squad, coached by Dave Wilson, earned two victories to begin the 2011 campaign with notable wins over Holt and East Grand Rapids.

Against Holt, the Shamrocks hosted their foes and held a narrow 3-2 edge heading into the third quarter when they were finally able to open up some scoring to earn the victory. Tommy Orr led the way, scoring four goals in that contest while Mitch Burgin added three more.

The team then traveled to East Grand Rapids last

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rent sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls to participate in the

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team will also be distributed.

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ON TAP

The Catholic Central Shamrocks lacrosse team will play again today when they host Northville at 7 p.m. They will play again April 2 at Western Reserve Academy at 2 p.m.

Saturday and earned a convincing 13-7 victory in a game that was chock full of 17 penal-

Burgin had three goals to lead his team to victory while Mike Birney added two goals and two assists. Ian O'Brien was masterful at the face-off, winning 14 of 24 to help his team.

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

p.m. April 6-8 at the high

school. Cost is \$60. E-mail

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Dance team information

varsity dance Team will have

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Tuesday, April 5 in the NHS

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of the candidates in prepara-

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5:30 April 26-27 in the NHS

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Contact Mary Beth Yakima,

Booster Club, at yakimamb@

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Tracy Kielb, Coach, at tkielb@

President, Dance Team

Forum. There will be informa-

requirements and expectations

2012 school year at 7 p.m.

The Northville High School



Catholic Central's Alec Mooradian ended his second undefeated season for the Shamrocks, capping it off with a State Championship at 135 pounds.

CC's Mooradian makes it three in a row

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Death, taxes and Alec Mooradian winning a state title have become a face of life.

Three years of high school · and three state titles for the junior Shamrock. His latest came at 135 pounds, capping off a 55-0 season and increasing the career win total to 159 with a single loss.

"Alec, this year, became the second wrestler in the history of CC Wrestling ever to win three titles, tying Trevor Stewart," said coach Mitch Hancock. "He's a Champion in every aspect of the sport. He trains extremely hard, believes he can win every time he steps on the mat, and gets the job done."

It was a simply a year of if Alec was in it, he won it. He collected titles at Kent County, Oakland County, Goodrich, CC Invite and Observerland along the way.

Hancock is lucky enough to have Mooradian for another year, but he sees even bigger things for the three-time high

school champ.

school champ.

it is Alec is a very smart individual who has the ability to go onto the next level and win a NCAA Title," he said.

First team

Ken Bade, CC sophomore The 125-pounder was the second Shamrock to win a title at the State Finals. He finished the year 51-4, collected titles at regionals, District, Kent County and Observerland.

"I am very pleased that Ken was able to accomplish his

WRESTLING ALL-AREA

Wrestler of the Year Alec Mooradian, CC First team Ken Bade, CC Logan Marcicki, CC

Joe Johnson, South Lyon Drew Garcia, CC Kevin Beazley, CC Miles Trealout, CC

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Jake Haddad, South Lyon East David Sparling, Novi Second Team

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goal of winning a state title," said Hancock. "He persevered in the finals and found a way to win. He keeps swinging the hammer till he gets the job done. This young man is fully committed to Christ, family, academics and to our wrestling program. He's a special Shamrock."

Logan Marcicki, CC freshman

The 130-pounder was the last to collect a title for the Shamrocks at the State Finals. He finished his inaugural year 41-7 and becomes the third CC freshman in history to win a title, joining Mooradian on the list. Marcicki also won a title at the Observerland tournament.

"Logan is one of the most talented individuals in our room," said Hancock. "Before the finals he had the calmness, confidence and poise of senior. It was unbelievable. He has the ability to be one of the all-time greats to ever walk the halls here at CC."

Joe Johnson, South Lyon

senior The senior Lion lost a shot at the state title in the final second of the 135-pound match, falling 3-1 just before things looked headed to overtime. His season was remarkable with a 57-2 record, winning titles at the KLAA finals, districts and regionals. He recorded 42 pins and 261 take-

downs, both school records. "Joe had a terrific season," said coach Brian Wilson. "His leadership, motivation, sacrifice and hard work really helped drive him to the top. He will continue to wrestle at the next level and will be very successful."

Drew Garcia, CC fresh-

Garcia capped off a 49-8 freshman campaign with a runner-up finish at the State Finals at 152 pounds. He won titles at the CC Invite and at Kent County, finished second at Goodrich and third at Oakland County.

*Drew Garcia had an amazing year," said Hancock. "You usually don't see freshman accomplish what Drew has in the upper weight classes. He lost in the state finals by a point. That one point is going to drive Drew to never experience it again."

Kevin Beazley, CC junior The 171-pounder finished his junior season as the state runner-up. Beazley earned titles at Observerland, district and regionals along the way to a 43-7 record.

"His attitude and willingness to go above and beyond are unmatched," said

Mike Babicz, CC Andy Erickson, CC Zack Colone, CC John Montgomery, Northville Trevor Maresh, Northville Logan Crandall, South Lyon Chris Caverly, Novi Honorable mention CC: Casey Hagan, Tim Naubert, Andrew Thompson, Alex Goings, Chas Schneider, Alex Kas, Joe Silvestri, Jay Peterson, Rob Coe Northville: Travis Compo, Alex Coe, Andy Boyd Milford: Jeff David South Lyon: Durim Gega, Collin Anglin, Sam Hier, Frank Roth Novi: Beau Bielski, Senior

Hancock. "He battled injuries all year and persevered through the difficult times to help this team."

Shahbaig Sidhu, Alan Mencer

Miles Trealout, CC senior The senior finished his Shamrock career with a state runner-up at 189 pounds. He earned titles at Oakland County, the CC Invite and Observerland along the way to a 49-5 record.

"Miles is a Mule," said Hancock. "He doesn't look for recognition, isn't very flashy, nor does he compete for awards. He is an old-school type of athlete, who I believe, likes training more than competition. Miles is a prime example of what guys who come into our program, without a whole lot of prior experience, can accomplish.

"I know he will go on to the University of Michigan and do great things for coach McFarland and the maize and blue."

Ian Stirton, Northville senior

The 125-pounder finished seventh in the state, capping off a 55-13 season. He placed third at districts and regionals.

"Ian's success is no surprise," said coach Bob Boshoven. "He is one of the hardest working wrestlers to come through our program. In almost every match that could have gone either way, Ian pulled out the win on sheer heart and determination."

Malik Amine, CC fresh-

man Amine ended his freshman season at 112 pounds with a fifth-place finish at state. He collected titles at Oakland County and Observerland with a runner-up finish at the CC Invite en route to a 42-13 record.

"Malik Amine is one of the most competitive wrestlers on our team," said Hancock. "He did amazing things for a freshman at a very tough and deep weight class. He is a determined young man who will have a great career at CC.

Nick Mason, CC junior The Shamrock 145-pounder finished fifth in the state with a 40-9 record. He won a title at Observerland, finished runner-up at Oakland County and Kent County and was third at the CC Invite.

"Nick had a great season," said Hancock. "I know he didn't accomplish his goal of winning a state title, but he'll use this experience as motivation. I expect Nick to have a great senior year and to accomplish his goal of winning a title." Tyler Foley, South Lyon East senior

The Cougar senior finished his career with 174 wins and a sixth-place finish at the State Finals at 112 pounds. Foley went 52-6, earning a title at the Ypsilanti Invite, Rochester Adams Invite, districts and regionals. He went undefeated at team tourneys in New Boston Huron, Fowlerville and Jefferson.

Jake Haddad, South Lyon East senior

The 171-pounder finished his Cougar career with a fifthplace finish at the State Finals. He went 49-12, earning a title at the Ypsilanti Invite, runner-up finish at districts and Rochester Adams tourney and third at regionals.

David Sparling, Novi senior The Wildcat 189-pounder finished his senior season with an All-State performance, taking eighth. He went 47-12, finished second at the South Lyon invite, third at Observerland, third at KLAA and third at districts and regionals.

Second team

Alex Sokoll, Lakeland The senior Eagle marched all the way to the State Final tournament for his last hur-rah. He finished 42-13 at 215 pounds, earning a win at the final meet.

Evan Toth, CC The Shamrock freshman went 36-14 at 103 pounds and qualified for state. He won titles at Kent County, Oakland County and at Observerland.

TJ Fagan, CC The CC junior won titles at Goodrich and the Catholic League, racking up a 34-12 record at 112 pounds.

Riley Hanson, CC The sophomore went 38-11, qualifying for state at 135 pounds, the same weight as champion and teammate Mooradian. He placed second at Oakland County and

Observerland. Mike Babicz, CC The CC sophomore finished 38-15, collecting a regional title and a spot at states at 140

pounds. Andy Erickson, CC The senior punched a ticket to state and finished his senior year 31-17 at 160 pounds. He was the Catholic League champ and Observerland

champ.

Zack Colone, CC The junior 112-pounder went 32-7. He won a title at the Toledo Catholic Central tourney, finished runner-up at Observerland and fifth at the CC Invite.

John Montgomery, Northville

The senior went 37-18 at 152 pounds, finishing with a run to states. He was third at districts and regionals.

Trevor Maresh, Northville The Northville junior qualified for state and finished 43-18 at 171 pounds. He was third

at districts and regionals. Logan Crandall, South Lyon

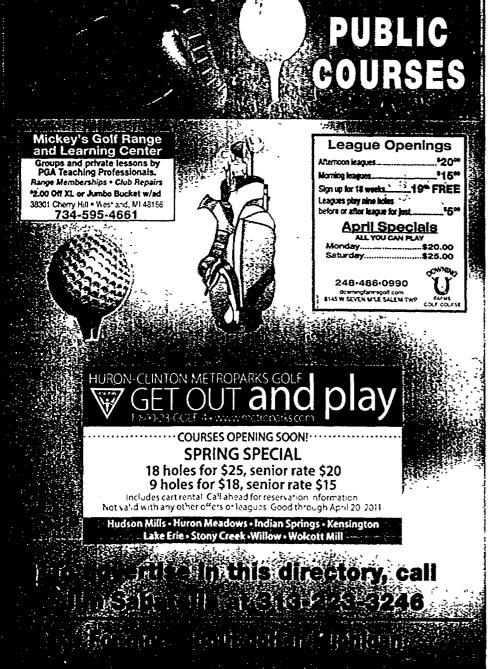
The Lion junior went 47-10 at 103 pounds, qualifying for state. He finished runner-up at Oakland County, third at districts and third at regionals. He was second on the team in takedowns with 130.

and pins with 25. Chris Caverly, Novi The 145-pound senior went 38-14 on his way to becoming a state qualifier. He finished first at the South Lyon invite

and fourth at regionals.

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MSU offers 'go green' tips for spring lawns

With spring here, thoughts turn to lush green lawns. Michigan State University Extension has a website offering knowledge on lawn care.

MOW HIGH - RECYCLE CLIPPINGS

- Mow at least 3" high
- Return clippings to recycle nutrients Sweep or blow clippings from walks
- and driveways onto the lawn Taller grass crowds out weeds and
- promotes deeper roots · Deeper roots help the lawn survive
- droughts

CHOOSE LAWN-TYPE FERTILIZERS

- · Choose lawn fertilizers with low or no phosphorus (the middle number) and follow the directions
- Avoid using "triple" products (e.g. 12-12-12)
- Confirm spreader setting before applying

CLEAN UP - AVOID SURFACE WATER

- Maintain a NO APPLICATION zone near lakes, rivers, streams and storm
- Never discharge clippings near lakes, rivers, streams or drains
- Sweep fertilizer granules from walks and driveways onto the lawn
- Wash your spreader on the grass

WATER SMART

- Don't soak your lawn and avoid night
- · Watering should not produce puddles; lighter, more frequent watering is
- · Brown lawns are OK; dormancy is a natural response to drought, however, some water may be necessary during an extended drought of more than a
- · Following Go Green Lawncare Tips will reduce the amount of water your lawn needs

Soil compaction, soil layering and excessive thatch buildup are common problems on home lawns in Michigan. These conditions do not allow adequate water movement into the soil, drainage of water through the soil profile, adequate oxygen in the soil or easy root growth. The results are shallow rooting, inefficient water use and poor turf health.

Cultivation (also called aerification) is the process of physically modifying the soil by removing plugs from the soil profile. There are several types of specialized equipment designed for this procedure. The most common include those with hollow tines that remove a core of soil. Others have solid tine spikes that punch iles into the soi

SOIL COMPACTION AND SOIL LAYERING

Soil compaction is the result of soil particles being pushed together. It severely reduces the air spaces in the soil. Maintaining air space in the soil is important for water drainage and oxy-



gen exchange for turf roots. Compaction problems are most severe in fine-textured soils (high clay content). Severe compaction can result when these soils are subjected to high traffic. This is a common problem where turf is established on subsoils excavated from basements during the house construction process. Soils containing a higher sand content are more resistant to compaction, but heavy traffic can still compact these soils. Soil layering occurs when different soils are stacked one on top of another. This condition results in poor water movement between layers and inhibits root growth into the lower soil layer. This also occurs when subsoils excavated from basements are plated on the suiface, then a shallow layer of topsoil is placed on top of the subsoils. This problem is also evident when sod is placed directly on very fine- or very coarse-textured soils.

Under these conditions, cultivation techniques can improve water infiltration and increase the air space. This procedure will provide for better rooting. which will allow the turf to be more resilient and better tolerate traffic, drought stress, and weed, disease and insect pres-

THATCH

Thatch is the accumulation of dead and decomposing turf stems, leaves and roots intermixed with live plant roots. Clippings do not contribute to thatch buildup. Clippings decompose quickly and should be returned to the turf.

Thatch is the brown layer between the soil surface and the green top growth. A thatch layer of approximately hinch is beneficial because it acts as a buffer at the soil surface and protects the plants from weather extremes. Thatch that builds up over 1 inch, however, can inhibit water and air movement and eventually weakens the turf stand. The thatch layer is home to a variety of microorganisms that are responsible for its decomposition. A buildup of thatch occurs when it is being produced faster than it is being decomposed. Some grasses, such as Kentucky bluegrass, accumulate thatch faster than others. Compacted soils and overwatering also encourage thatch formation. Effective thatch control requires an integrated program combining proper grass selection, irrigation, fertilization, and timely cultivation and dethatching.

CULTIVATION EQUIPMENT

There are several types of cultivation tools. MSU research indicates that using a machine that removes a core of soil is more effective than those that slice or push holes into the soil using solid tines. For hollow tine machines, the combination of tine size and spacing will determine the amount of that you can remove. Tines at least, ¼ inch in diameter should be used. Larger tines are suggested for more severe compaction or thatch problems. As a general rule, there should be a hole every 3 inches and you should aerify between 4 and 6 percent of the

surface area (see table below). Wide tine spacing and small tine diameter have little effect on a turf. For example, compare an aerifier in the table below that has a 2- by 2-inch spacing with one that has a 4- by 6-inch spacing. It would require six passes with the latter to achieve the same number of holes as one pass with the closer spacing.

DEPTH OF CULTIVATION

Generally, the deeper the cultivation, the better. As a minimum, we suggest 2.5 inches. Let's say a thatch layer of 1.5 inches exists on a site and the tines reach only to a depth of 2 inches
— only % inch of soil will be brought to the surface with each tine. Considering the low percentage of area affected (see table), this activity will have almost no impact on mixing soil with the thatch, regardless of the number of passes.

CULTIVATION FREQUENCY AND TIMING

For many bluegrass lawns, one cultivation per year is adequate. If there is a significant thatch layer (1 inch or more) or the area is severely compacted, two or more cultivations per year will be beneficial. When it becomes evident that the thatch has been reduced to less than 1 inch and the turf is rooting well into the soil below, the frequency of cultivation can be reduced to annual treatments. The degree of compaction, soil conditions and the use of the turf will determine how frequently cultivation will be needed.

CULTIVATION TIPS

The cultivation process will cause some injury to turf. Fertilizing approximately a week before cultivation will increase the growth rate of the grass and promote quick recovery. Cultivating during spring or fall is most desirable because the turf will recover quickly. Many cores will be left on the lawn after the operation. These cores can be broken up by dragging a mat over the lawn to sift the cores back into the turf. Seeding the lawn after a cultivation procedure is a very effective way to introduce more desirable

For best results, pay attention to the moisture content in the soil when cultivating. Soil that is too dry will not allow the tines to penetrate adequately. Wet conditions may cause unnecessary damage to the turf. Effect of Tine Diameter and Spacing

on Percent of Area Affected Tine diameter (inches) Tine spacing and percent of area affected

	2" x 2"	2" x 4"	4" x 6"
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% %	2.8	14	0.5
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<u> </u>	7.7	3.8	1.3
74	11.0	5.5	1.8
1	19.6	9.8	3.3

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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

18215 Birwood Ave	\$130,000
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1839 Birmingham Blvd	\$236,000
1771 Cole St	\$785,000
1668 Graefield Rd Unit 64	\$55 000
1936 Haynes St	\$99,000
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Beverly Hills

603 Suffield Ave	\$735 000
1492 W Lincola St	\$220 000
Commerce Township	
2798 Aldrington Ct	\$220 000
7925 Applebrook Dr	\$50,000
8426 Arks St	\$83,000
8623 War Bonnet Dr	\$125 000
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29947 Beacontree St	\$90,000
29472 Juneau Ln	\$155,000
2TI30 Middlebelt Rd	\$69,000
37029 Ridoedale Ct	\$59,000

27560 Royal Crescent Dr	\$160 000
37099 Sandalwood	\$150 000
39248 Salverthorne Brid	\$226 000
22114 Tulane Ave	\$76,000
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17630 Ramsgate Or	\$77,000
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1601 Hidden Valley Dr	\$340,000
1844 Ovendale I.n	\$195,000
219 W Lafayette St	\$104,000
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28364 Carlton Way Or	\$116 000
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17016 Metrose SI	\$103,000
29982 Rambling Rd	\$110,000
30220 Southfield Rd # A243	\$22,000
White Lake	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
657 Red Bank Dr	\$254,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Career Seminar

A Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. You can learn about the free pre-licensure course.

For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

• Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a three-hour Continuing Competency course, required for license renewal for both Builders and Maintenance and Alterations Contractors licenses, on Tuesday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

For those with licenses issued prior to Jan. 1, 2009, three hours of continuing competency are required each licensing cycle. The instructor, Don Pratt, CGB, CGR, CGP, CAPS, of CECS of Michigan, LLC, will present

one hour for each of the required subjects: legal issues, codes, and safety issues. Registration fees are \$55 for members or guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org/ events.php.

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a seminar for leasing professionals called Leasing 101: The 2011 Tour on Friday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arborbased Success On Site will provide guidelines to increase occupancy immediately. Topics to be presented include Competitive Analysis, Closing from Start to Finish, Secure Contacts when they call, hit websites, or send e-mail, Meet and Greet Interface, Follow-up and more. The entire leasing process will be covered.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and

\$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at: www.builders.org/ events.php.

 Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council will hold a three-part seminar series called "Your Master Planned Business" on April 19, June 15 and Oct. 19.

The seminars will be presented by Dawn Drozd, business coach and CEO of ClearVision Business Coaching. Part One, to be presented on April 19 is "Measure Twice, Cut Once." Part Two is "Your Master Blueprint" and will be held on June 15. Part Three is "Project Review" and will be held on Oct. 19.

The April 19 program will begin at 12:30 p.m. with lunch followed by the seminar from 1-2:30 p.m. It will be held at the Ford Conference & Event Center at 1151 Village Road in Dearborn in conjunction with the Pella Pro Expo being held at that location later that day. The June 15

and Oct. 19 programs will each run from noon to 2 p.m., including lunch, at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

Registration fees for members or guests are \$40 per person for each seminar or \$80 per person, if you register for all three seminars. For further information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at: www.builders. org/events.php.

Investors

The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Entrance fee is \$20 for nonmembers to be applied to annual membership, For information, call (313) 819-0919 or visit www.reiawaynecounty.org. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, the association will host Dennis Priem from Lead Paint Safety Classes LLC. Call (734) 552-3316. He will be speaking on the EPA's lead paint safety standards and liability lawsuits.

Energy tax credit a boon

Q: Can you give me some information about the Residential Renewal Energy Tax

A: Individual taxpayers are eligible for a personal tax credit equal to 30 percent of the cost of



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The applicability

of this credit has been extended until Dec. 31, 2016, and the previous cap of \$2,000 has been eliminated. You are best advised, however, to speak with your tax accountant. Q: I have heard that the Residential Energy-Efficiency Tax Credit has been repealed. Could you describe what it was and what is going to happen, if you know, regarding any extension?

A: The federal tax credit was equal to 30 percent of the amount expended for purchasing new, efficient technologies such as water heaters, furnaces, boilers, heat pumps, central air conditioners, insulation, windows, doors, roofs and fans. The maximum amount of this tax credit for all technologies placed in service in 2009 and 2010 was \$1,500. However, this provision expired on December 31, 2010, but there is currently a bill in Congress to extend this program, but it has not passed as of yet. You may want to write your legislators in Congress regarding this act.

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4900 Harrison St	\$190.00
8682 Lathers St	\$60.00
1027 Melrose St	\$157,00
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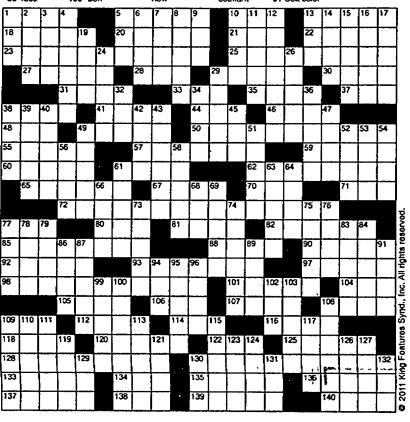
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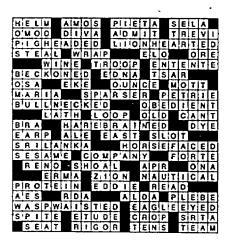
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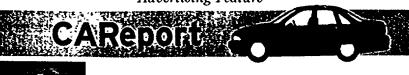
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Audi, VW's luxury brand, has said that it wants to topple BMW as the largest premium-car maker in the world, right about when its parent company plans to knock Toyota off the other pedestal.

Audi plans to achieve its goal largely by growing in China, India, Brazil and Russia. It also is counting on boosts from introducing 13 new or upgraded models

But Audi still is counting on further contributions from the United States. The American luxury-car market is mature as a market can be - and took it on the chin during the Great Recession - but that hasn't stopped Audi from posting a 29percent U.S. sales increase last year and plotting to boost sales by another 12 percent this year.

Part of the reason for its success in America is that Audi has been carving out a brand identity for itself distinct from other luxury makers, as illustrated byits series of TV ads disdaining "old luxury" in the industry, such as Mercedes-Benz.

"We no longer wanted to be this obtuse, hidden, over-intellectualized brand but one that is in the front window of conversations where America is," said Scott Keogh, Audi's chief marketing officer in the United States, explaining the brand's advertising presence in big events such as the Super Bowl.

In explaining Audi's U.S. strategy recently, Johan de Nysschen, president of Audi of America, added: "Our quest is not for an Audi to be parked in every driveway, but for Audis to be parked in the right driveways -- those of dynamic, progressive, successful people who don't need incentives to buy an Audi but see it as a reward for their achievement."

Of course, BMW isn't exactly going to roll over for Audi, issuing word this week that it plans an expansion in its lineup of all-electric vehicles and hybrids - a technology where Audi notably has been lacking - and that its global sales increased by 22 percent in February.

BMW also has announced that it plans to search for a new advertising agency to help it get its message across better in the U.S. market.

Meantime, BMW has presented a series of four short non-fiction videos online

Audi is relying on the new A8 to power further gains in the U.S. market.

The car's interior beckons luxury buyers.

titled Wherever You Want To Go --"documentaries" on topics that are at least ' related to BMW's business of making powerful, fast, fun-to-drive automobiles.

The series is "inspired," BMW says, by the upcoming launch of ActiveE, an early electric vehicle that will be available for lease in limited U.S. markets later this year. ActiveE represents the second phase of a three-phase BMW program to develop a dedicated electric vehicle that will launch in 2013.

Meanwhile, in announcing the Mercedes-Benz Driving Academy, Mercedes-Benz cited the success of a similar school in the U.K. and also itssense of felt responsibility for helping to reduce the high incidence of inattentive driving and accidents among American teenagers, given the unimproved state of "driver's ed."

"Despite the dramatic changes in vehicles, highways, and the driving environment over the past 60 years, driver education remains relatively unchanged in the U.S.," said Alexander Hobbach, senior manager at Daimler AG. "The skills

required to simply get a license do not fully prepare young drivers to meet the demands of the road. Mercedes-Benz recognizes this issue and as a result is creating an educational program for the U.S. that is based on the best teaching methods and tools available."

Although the company didn't say specifically how it plans toaddress the issue, surely the rising problem of distracted driving - which has been targeted by federal regulators and conceded by other auto makers - has to be high on the list for "German re-

engineering" of how teenagers drive.
Actually, Mercedes-Benz provided few details for its plans or methods for the school. Among them was the indication that its instructional framework will include the notion of "restricted driving privileges once a novice driver starts driving solo."

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Overview

Nursing is the largest healthcare occupation today, with 2.3 million jobs. A passion for healthcare and a compassionate nature are crucial for this field. Registered nurses work to promote health, prevent disease and care for ill or injured patients. Many nurses work directly with patients, observing and recording symptoms, assisting physicians, administering medicine and assisting in rehabilitation. RNs also put together nursing care plans and instruct patients and their families in proper care.

Training and Education All nursing students must graduate from an approved nursing program and pass a national licensing exam. Though diploma and two-

year associate's degree programs exist for nurses. many employers prefer candidates with a bachelor's degree or higher.

Opportunities Sixty percent of the 2.3 million RNs in America work in hospitals, though opportunities for nursing are as diverse as the patients being treated. The following are

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nurses serve: Hospitals - The largest group of RNs are hospital nurses, who provide bedside care and carry out medical regimens. Hospital nurses usually specialize in one department - pediatrics, surgery, etc. - though some nurses rotate departments. Offices / Clinics - These highprofile nurses serve in doctors' offices, clinics, emergency medical centers and ambulatory centers. Their duties include giving injections, dressing wounds, aiding examinations, assisting with minor surgery and maintaining records. Nursing Care Facilities - RNs in nursing care facilities

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Pros and Cons of Nursing The looming shortage of qualified nurses is expected to result in higher salaries for RNs. Some employers are already offering sign-on bonuses as high as \$14,000 to entice qualified candidates.

Nurses can also enjoy increased job security and less fear of layoffs. The 24hour nature of many hospitals and residential care facilities lends itself to flexibility in scheduling and the ability to work part-time, and many employers offer childcare, educational benefits and bonuses. The scarcity of nurses, however, can lead to RNs being overworked and quickly becoming burned-out. Nurses must also be prepared to be on their feet most of the time, and take strict precautions against disease, radiation and accidental needle sticks.

Salary

Median earnings for nurses were \$48,090 in 2002. The middle 50 percent earned between \$40,140 and \$57,490. Nurses in employment services enjoyed the highest earnings, with a median of \$55,980. General medical and surgical hospital nurses earned \$49,190; home care nurses made \$45,890 and physicians' office nurses earned \$43,850.

Industry/Job Growth Employment of registered nurses is expected to grow more than 27 percent -faster than average for all occupations through 2012, with 623,000 new jobs added. Growth will be driven by technological advances in patient care, an increasing emphasis on preventative care and the aging of the baby boomer generation.

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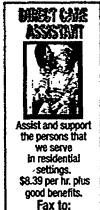
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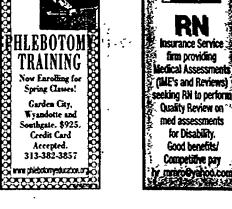
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