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**Polish Easter Tea** 

The Northwile Historical Society will host a Polish Easter Tea from 9 a.m. I p.m. Saturday, April 9. Joan Bittner, owner of the Polish Art Center in Hamtranick, will give a demonstration on how to make Pisanki Easter eggs. She will explain the Polish custom "Blessing" of the Basket", what's in the basket and the tradition behind each item. She will teach the rich cultured traditions behind a Polish Easter celebration.

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The Tea is a fundraiser for Mill Race Village and has been sold out for weeks. Contact the Northville Historical Society for more information at (248) 348-: 1845 or visit their website at www.millracenorthville.org.

#### Special needs open house

ÖÜR Cắmộ, Inc. (WWw. Primme (proprioriginarius đạy càmp for young children with developmental needs, will haye an open house from 10 a.m. noon Saturday, April 9 at Northville Christian Academy, 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville.

At the event, parents can register their children for camp, meet the counselors and take a tour of the camp facilities. This event is free and open to the public.

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### 'Thoroughly Modern Millie'

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Madison Merlanti as "Muzzy" in Northville High's production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" which will begin its run on stage on April 7. For more, see Page A11.

# Businesses brace for Streetscape

### Improvements to begin on April 11

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

With the \$1.6 million Streetscape Enhancement Project set to start on April 11, the Northville Downtown Development Authority held their first coffee and light breakfast meeting to give downtown businesses and residents a better idea of what to expect from the

upcoming project work schedule. Held at Genitti's Hole-in-the-wall, DDA Director Lori Ward along with Department of Public Works Director Jim Gallogly, project manager Scott Lockwood, and project architect Bob Doyle were on hand to answer questions pertaining to overall project information, the communication plan during con-

struction, and its schedule. The work will be limited to East and West Main streets, the Dunlap/Hutton curve and North Center Street, Ward said. Improvements to be made to the area between the face of the private buildings and curb include new paving, trees, landscaping, irrigation, street furnishings and new high-efficient induc-

tion street lighting.

Similar work was Alexander Court and south Center Street this past fall, and this next phase is expected to be completed prior to the Victorian Festival in mid-September.

Several downtown businesses owners who attended the meeting expressed concerns, but they also said the improvements will be good, once finished.

"This will impact our business," said Lori Stempien, owner of Pear-Aphernalia. "We have been through this before and it made it very inconvenient for people. However, it will be nice when it is all done.

Stempien said she wants to know the exact work schedule. She also said attracting new customers may be difficult because they might not enter a business if the sidewalk out front is being worked on. Returning customers, she added, already know that many of the businesses have a rear entrance.

Ward assured business owners they would be notified of each step to be

taken and when. She said entrance into a location will be provided throughout the work. The intent is to also keep streets open during the process, and have workers use a staging area for equipment and vehicles south of Cady Street behind the parking structure.

However, restaurants with outdoor seating could see a week's worth of outdoor dining eliminated during the time work is being performed out in front of them.

Terry Hundley, owner of Tuscan Café, said she is OK with the project, just as long as it does not interfere with the holidays. She said Tuscan has a rear entrance and losing only a week of outdoor seating is not too bad.

Project funding has been bolstered by a state grant of nearly \$700,000. Ward said taxes will not be increased to pay for it, and no special assessment will be

Future update meetings will be held at Great Harvest Bread Company each Monday at 9 a.m. after work begins. For further information or time-sensitive questions, contact Ward at (248) 349-0345 or by e-mail at loriwarddda@ comcast.net.

# MEAP results called strong

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

After reviewing Northville Public School's Michigan **Educational Assessment** Program (MEAP) test scores, it is obvious that faculty, teachers, parents, and above all, students place a strong emphasis on learning and high achieve-

Northville Superintendent Leonard R. Rezmierski said the school is very pleased with the overall scores. He said they have just completed their dissection of them, and by all indications Northville schools have shown strong and good

'It is heartening to know that even during these difficult economic times our students continue to perform well on this important state assessment, as well as every day in their classrooms," Rezmierski said. "The performance by our students on the MEAP is a direct result of the strong partnership between our students, teachers and parents that focuses on success for all students."

The MEAP tests were conducted this past fall for thirdthrough eighth-grade students across the district in order to comply with federal mandates pertaining to math and reading learning. Additionally, Rezmierski said fifth- and eighth-grade students were assessed in science, and sixthgraders and ninth-graders took the MEAP social studies test. This year, students in fourth and seventh grades also took the new MEAP writing assessment, which was field-tested last year.

Rezmierski said writing

Please see MEAP, A12

# Chamber's annual State of the **Community luncheon April 13**

Local leaders address city, township, school and state issues

BY LONKIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

The state's role in local government, fiscal forecasting, test scores and new construction will be some of the points of discussion at the upcoming State of the Community luncheon, which is planned annually by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

The event is set for Wednesday, April 13,

from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Meadowbrook Country Club. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jody Humphries said it is the event that kicks off their spring and summer seasons.

"It is a nice event that allows attendees to get the perspectives and outlooks from our local political and school leaders," she said.

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# City begins budget process

#### Dealing with shrinking revenues

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The fiscal year 2011-12 proposed budget for the City of Northville was presented to the city council at their Monday meeting. Highlights from it include losses in revenue, decrease in taxable value and a proposed millage increase.

Northville Finance Director and Treasurer Sandi Wiktorowski introduced the drafted budget by giving an overview of it and its highlights. This begins the budget process for the city. The next steps will be the three study sessions on April 7, 11 and 25 at 7 p.m., which will take place at City Hall. During these meetings

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department heads will present their respective budgets.

The loss in population, reported in the 2010 census, combined with a decreasing taxable value has left the city with limited options outside of the proposed General Operating Millage increase. Wiktorowski said it is proposed to slightly increase from 13.3 percent to 13.42 percent. The taxable value of the city has decreased 0.96 percent, she stated in her budget overview.

According to the budget report, Northville will see a \$16,000 loss in state shared revenue and nearly a \$15,000 loss from Act 51 revenue. With the possible overhauling of the 6-percent state sale tax, Wiktorowski

said the city can expect to see further revenue loss as well.

One action the budget plan calls for is shifting the cellular tower revenue from the Water/Sewer/Equipment funds to the General Fund. The city has leases with several providers.

Wiktorowskí reiterated the belief that they want to maintain the lowest water and sewer rates as possible. The total budgeted increase for City of Detroit water supply costs is 10.6 percent, but Northville can absorb a portion of this. The proposed increase to water rates is 7.1 percent.

On the other hand, Wayne County sewer costs will increase 13.9 percent. The budget states Northville will only propose an 8.7 percent increase to the users of the system.

Another highlight is shared services. Starting in January of 2012 the city fire department will be providing service to the City of Plymouth, who will reimburse Northville. And because of the population decrease, the city's portion of the shared services costs with Northville Township will decrease from 19 percent to 16.2 percent.



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#### Hay, there

A couple of sheep help themselves to some hay at Maybury Farm on March 26. The farm was sponsoring trips out to its "sugar bush" that day to demonstrate how maple syrup is gathered and then boiled down.

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**Eagle Scout Court of Honor** 

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Montgomery on Sunday,

April 10 at 2:30 p.m. at the

First Presbyterian Church

# Northville Pair earn Eagle Scout rank

CORRESPONDENT

For Cameron Albrant it was the need to see the commitment through to the end and "to never quit." For Johnathan Montgomery it was the sense of tradition and following in his brother's footsteps.

This dedication and perseverance helped Albrant and Montgomery attain the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank for Boy Scouts. All of their hard work and service will culminate for these two Northville High School seniors of Troop 755 at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10 when they receive the Eagle Scout Court of Honor award at a presentation at the First Presbyterian Church.

To reach the rank of Eagle Scout, one must earn 21 merit

badges through mastery of various outdoor skills. But it is the demonstration of leadership and community service that sets the Eagle Scout apart from the rest. Albrant and Montgomery set about to show their commitment by planning, doing and completing their Leadership Service Projects.

Albrant's project involved him planning, organizing and working to clean up an area of the Rouge River in Hines Park. He said he put in a total of 118 project man hours. It was part of the larger Rouge River Restoration Day put on by the Friends of the Rouge.

The project, conducted last summer, involved the removal of trash from the Rouge River and along its banks. He and his group cleared log jams that flow. Over 20 friends and family helped out. This was one illustration of his ability to see the job through.

"If I quit before I finish, then all of the effort would be wasted - and I don't want to waste hard work" Albrant said of his life motivation.

Montgomery's project was conducted at Mill Race Village in September. He led the project, which involved 110 man hours, with advisement from Keith Patterson, vice president of the Northville Historical Society. The goal was to restore the bridge that crosses over the Rogue River tributary stream.

The project included removing overgrown and invasive plants, trimming bushes, grappling branches from the



in Northville.

stream, mulching around plants, and scrape and paint the bridge. Over 30 people from his troop, friends and family attended this project for two days. He said it was finished just in time for a wed-

ding party to cross the bridge. "I worked very hard, and feel very proud and honored,"

Montgomery said. Albrant has applied to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy,

and has been accepted to

the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Montgomery will attend Schoolcraft College and plans on transferring to Central Michigan University to major in business management.



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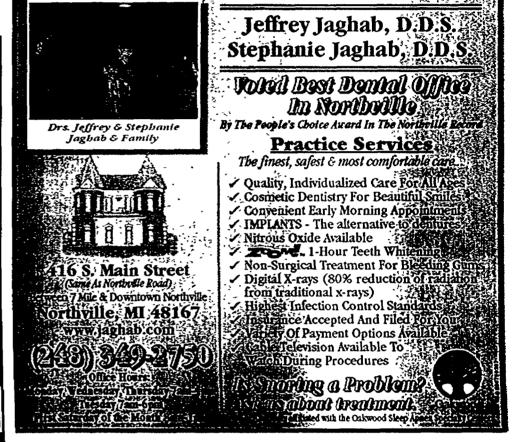
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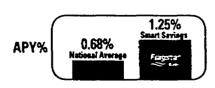
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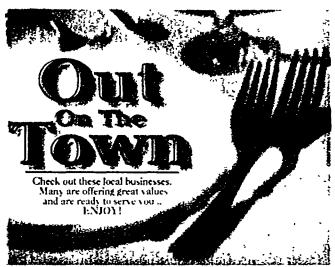


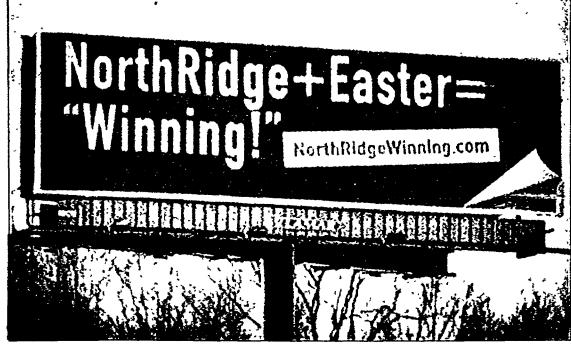


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# At the NorthRidge Church, Easter is all about 'Winning'

A big house, cars, money. All are held in high esteem in everyday life. People that attain such riches are, in the words of actor Charlie Sheen, "winning." NorthRidge Church launched a new campaign for Easter to demonstrate a different kind of winning. "We believe that Charlie Sheen is not alone in presenting a concept of what genuine winning is all about," said Brad Powell, senior pastor. "Our culture tends to get it wrong as well. We want to present what we believe to be a true path to winning. NorthRidge is a church that is committed to sharing the truth of Christ which sets people free and gives them hope. And, Easter is the ultimate celebration of that truth and hope. When you put them together, then you can genuinely experience ... winning. Anything else is, to put it bluntly, a false promise; at best, an illusion."

NorthRidge will hold a total of 11 services at its three locations over the Easter weekend of April 22-24. They promise it won't be your typical Easter service. The theme this year is "MARVEL ... be astounded by the truth."

"We are trying to wake people up to

**ABOUT NORTHRIDGE** 

With its main campus at 49555 North Territorial Road in Plymouth and locations in Ann Arbor-Saline and Brighton-Howell, NorthRidge Church is a non-denominational ministry that serves approximately 20,000 southeastern Michigan residents. Senior Pastor Brad Powell has led the congregation for the past 20 years. NorthRidge offers six services each weekend; four at the Plymouth location and one at each of their satellite locations.

the fact that, though all of us have experienced boredom with church at one time or another, it doesn't have to be that way,' Powell said. "We want people to wake up to a new and different opportunity this Easter. Church can and should be authentic - a place where people can genuinely get to know God and His truth, move past their failures and experience the hope and

promises of God. That's really winning." The campaign will include billboard advertising, direct mailing, digital ads and social network activities. Information will also be available on a NorthRidge site, http://NorthRidgeWinning.com and the church's main web site at http:// NorthridgeChurch.com.

NorthRidge has used similar advertising campaigns in the past. Make no mistake, though, the campaigns are about bringing people closer to God. Powell noted that past campaigns have drawn some criticism, but argues that Christ used "unconventional" tactics to wake people up, too.

"Though there may be some backlash," he added, "it won't be from the people that we're trying to reach. It will tend to come from people who believe that Jesus only speaks the language of tradition rather than God's truth in the language of the

NorthRidge works every week to show that the Gospel is as relevant today as it was in the time of Christ, said Powell. "Sadly, many people are seeking to lock God in the past," Powell said. "The good news is that He's alive and speaking right now. Of course, as was proven when Jesus was rejected and crucified, not everyone loves to hear God speak."







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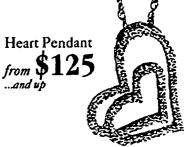
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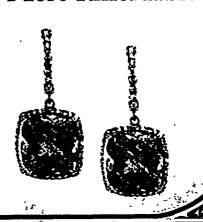
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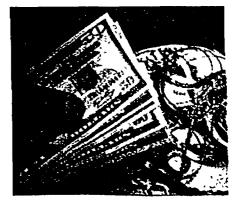
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Silver Springs **Elementary School** student Louie Kondek talks about some of the benefits of the school's "Peer Pais" group that he is a member of.

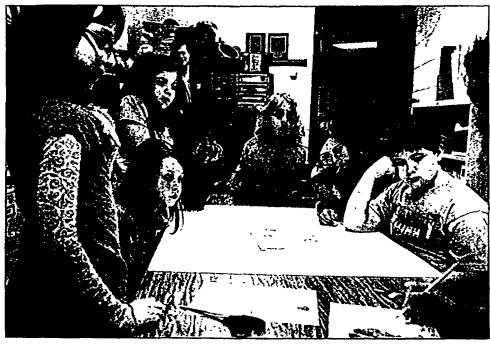


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Silver Springs **Elementary School** counselor Marianne Barry runs a "Peer Pals" out of her office on during a March 30

# Peer Pals matches up student 'buddies'



A group of Silver Springs Elementary "Peer Pals" meet in counselor Marianne Barry's office on March 30. From left are third graders: Skyler Purvis, Abigail Anderson, Brooke Cessante, Julia Jaafar, Kathleen Haiburger, Allie Lavacvek, and Luke Smith. This group calls itself "Louie's Friends Forever" and are teamed up with student Louie Kondek to make his school experience more fun and fufilling.

### More than 90 participating at Silver Springs

CORRESPONDENT

Luke Smith, a third-grader at Silver Springs Elementary, said it best: "Peer Pals is about

This is what Luke and others have learned while participating in the school-wide program called Peer Pals. It's a program in its third year at this Northville elementary school, and success is apparent in the amount students taking part

According to Marianne Barry, Silver Springs' Speech and Language Pathologist and co-founder of the program, over 80 students have participated in it each year. This year there are 90 students.

The goal of Peer Pals is to match up students, called buddies, who have special needs with other students, called peers. They help each other face and overcome challenges. The ultimate goal is for the students to learn about and help each other fully participate in the school environment.

Barry, along with Resource Room teachers Wendy Wilkinson and Pain Schulman, school psychologist Megan Holmes, social worker Amy Morelli, and parent Stephanie Mansfield, modeled the program after the LINKs program used for autistic students at Clarkston Community Schools

Barry said they wanted to extend Links' ideas into broader areas and create opportunities for those who have an area of need to be coached socially or academically by their peers. She added students, with or without needs, can always benefit from peer learning. It's a way to help them stand up on their own so they do not become overly reliant on adult

Peer support encourages student independence and acceptance within the school community," Barry said. "Our students have really embraced

Student peers learn how to do their part through educational/training sessions. They take on one academic or social assignment per week for 20 minutes and each peer pal keeps the same buddy for one semester. Peer pals can have buddies from any classroom or

grade level. There are now six teams of peer pals throughout the school. One day recently, Team LFF, also known as Louie's Friends Forever, got together during lunch to begin the process of creating a team banner. For second-grader Louie Kondek, Team LFF has been a great experience and has helped expand his circle of

friends. "Before, I only had two friends and I wished I had more," Louie said. But because of Peer Pals, "now I have way more friends."

Louie's team has helped him do such things as create games to play at recess. And sometimes they just simply sit down, eat lunch together and talk. Barry said the academic side of the program has also been successful. It has peers practicing with their buddies on such skills as math facts, sight words and reading.

Seeing the smile on Louie's face while he says, "Peer Pal power," is an example of the program's unmistakable suc-

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Hillside Middle School students participating in the Science Olympiad March 26 included (I to r, front) Gokul Kannan, Kamran Ahmed, Afraz Jaweed, Ravi Ravasami, Zach Marks, Robert Hong and Veronica Glaser; (back) head coach Terry Smith-Glaser, Joey Yungman, Jordan Tebbe, Helen Garby, Nirek Sharma, Austin Kittrell and Sammi Yungman.



Northville High School students participating in the Science Olympiad March 26 included (I to r, back) Janeen Crittenden, Andrew Chen, Adam Crittenden, Patrick Huang, Mahesh Rao, Jacob Marks, Bob Fong and Becky Marks; (front) Karishma Chopra, Rachel Crittenden, Priya Kathuria, Tina Liu and Shilpi Sharma. Not pictured are Jay Pinnamaneni, Max Paul, Andrew Schanne, Rajeev Vadhavkar, Nathan Wood, James Chen, Stephanie Hong and Sangini Tolia.



Meads Middle School students participating in the Science Olympiad March 26 included (I to r. front) Eric Tao, Kevin Yang, Jonathan Ni, Lakshmi Thulluri, Jessica Yan, Pooja Dandamudi and Claire Wang; (back) Edward Lin, Yannis Bi , Jared Tao, Harnoor Singh, Jonathan Bi, Pranav Pajjuri, Neil Jain, William Ding, Riya Malhotra, Patrick Chen, Neej Patel, Simran Reddy and Allie Pierce.

# Northville students win Science Olympiad trifecta

Student teams from Northville's high school and two middle schools swept the Regional Wayne Monroe Science Olympiad Tournament on March 26. A 15-member team from Northville High School took first place among twenty local high schools. Meads Mill and Hillside middle schools raiked first and second among 24 schools. The competition was held at the University of Michigan Dearborn.

Science Olympiad is a

national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of K-12 science education, increasing interest in science, creating a technologically-literate workforce, and providing recognition for outstanding achievement.

What began 27 years ago as a grassroots collaboration among science teachers is now one of the premiere science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to nearly 6,200 teams in 50

states. Science Olympiad's ever-changing event lineup provides exposure to a variety of career choices.

Mentored by parent volun-teers, Northville's high school and two middle school teams outscored strong teams from the area, including perennial powerhouses from the Plymouth Public Schools and Woodhaven.

The success of all three teams is unprecedented, paving the way for each team to represent Northville at the

State Tournament at Michigan State University on April 30. This is Hillside's third consecutive year making it to the State Tournament. Meads Mill last went in 2009, and Northville High School in

Events have names like "Bag of Bones," "Forensics," "Write-it-Do-it" "Helicopters," "Anatomy," and "Mouse-Trap Vehicle." In "Sounds of Music," high school students build and play a percussion and woodwind instrument of their own design. Two team members play both a required duet and a composition of In addition to the team victheir own creation, and then they respond to questions about wave mechanics and

Individual events revolve annually, reflecting the everchanging nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology. mechanical engineering and technology. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on group participation, with stu-

acoustics.

dents working collaboratively on academic, laboratory and 'build' events.

tory, Northville High School's squad took first place in eight of 21 events.

"I don't care what place they finish - they are all winners!" said Becky Marks, whose two sons are on the Hillside and Northville High School teams.

To learn more about Science Olympiad, please visit the national website at www.soinc.

#### 2010-11 SCIENCE FAIR COMPETITION RESULTS

#### HILLSIDE MID)LE SCHOOL

8th Grade Scie ce Department Mr. Hall'and M. Vander Veer-

Category: Clemistry 1st Place - Enma Gessert, Gracie Guibord, Hama Harrigan, Mina Piachta and Rachel Showerman (C6) 2nd Place Matthew Schafer (C10) 3rd Place | Blake Kay (C11) Honorable Mention - Daisy Ference and Gabby Wells (C7) Honorab's Mention - Andrew Schafer (C13)

Category: Physics 1st Place - Kelci Henson-Forslund, Alex Klutchko and Allison Pasek

2nd Place - Josh Gertley (P32) 3rd Place - Jonathan Mertz (P4) Honorable Mention - Paige Baal and Raegan Carlstein (P28) Honorable Mention - Connor Ebach, Tyler Harvey and Jeffrey Vartabedian (P33) Honorable Mention - Victor Gong and Megan Sonnenberg (P29) Honorable Mention - Ben D'Aprile

Honorable Mention - Ian Borthwick, Jason Ferrante, Paul Lindow and Sheri Honorable Mention - Lee Moore and

Kyle Zwarych (P23) Honorable Mention - Chris Boerema and Nate Svoboda (P21)

Category: Product Testing ist Place - Jena Drago, Lauren Marcotte and Natalie Wiest (N33) 2nd Place - Tim DeCoursey (N25) 3rd Place - Jake Beason, Josh namilton and Sean McCullough (N28)

Honorable Mention - Madelynn

Adams, Madeline Cooper and Rachel MCIIvaine (N31) Honorable Mention - Kevin Baghaie and Joe Nittmann (N1) Honorable Mention - David Siroonian (N22) Honorable Mention - Harry Kaloustian (N23) Honorable Mention - Courtney Shoup and Anna Fillar (N8) Honorable Mention - Natalie

Category: Human Behavior

Burford and Rachel Grimmer (N17)

(Psychology) and Social Sciences 1st Place - Brianna Andress,

2nd Place - Kyle Wright (S15) 3rd Place - Heather Donnelly and Emily Maresh (S10) and Rachel Mazzara (S3) Honorable Mention - Jacob Sirois and Uriah Shriner (S6) Honorable Mention - Olivia Gardella, Emily Nagyvathy, Olivia Snyder and Rena Zervos (\$12) Honorable Mention - Gracie Goble. Sarah McCormick and Tama Tachian (S16) Honorable Mention - Claire Varvatos and Olivia Ulman (S28) Honorable Mention - Chrissie Clayton (S29)

Category: Botany 1st Place - John Rogers (81) Honorable Mention - Julia Rosinski

Category: Environmental Science 1st Place - Ross Devine and Maxwell Feisel (EV2) 2nd Place - Matthew Bryndza, Michael

Carollo and Kyle Doroudian (EV1)

A gathering of Hillside Middle School students who placed in its recent science fair. Category: Microbiology 2nd Place - Alyssa Hicks (M2)

> Category: Health and Medicine 1st Place - Liz Cauffiel and Taylor

2nd Place - Shayla Croteau and Maddy Holloway (H9) 3rd Place - Samantha Karqilis, Pari Patel and Laura Schuetz (H8) Honorable Mention - Meghana Challa (H1)

Category: Zoology 1st Place - Meghan Ulmer and Sarah Whitcomb (Z9) 2nd Place - Kalı Zurawskı (Z11)

3rd Place - Sejal Dahiya (Z9) Honorable Mention - Alex Fortier, Krissy Shoup and Rebecca Shoup (22)

Category. Earth and Space 1st Place - Julia Moore, Emilia Notarianni, Rachel Seyfarth, John Monterosso and Fred Schulz (E1) 2nd Place - Christian Starr (E4) 3rd Place - Hannah Karam (E2) Honorable Mention - Rhys Watkins



Martin (H7)

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Throughout his entire life Robert stayed passionate about hockey, long after his playing days were done. He watched it on television

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often & looked on with pride as his son Randy played the sport he loved. He was also an avid fan of fantasy hockey & participated in the Michigan Fantasy Hockey League where he won the championship in 2003. In Robert's later years he truly cherished his youngest grandchildren: Wendy's three children Kindra, ROBERT WALTER BECK Matthew, and Sierra, born in 2001, Age 64, of Lawrenceville, Georgia (formerly of Highland, MI) passed away Georgia peacefully & surrounded by family on March 30, 2011. He left to be reunited with the love of his life & wife of 41 years, Charlotte. Robert was born November 25, 1946 in Detroit, Mt. He has touched many lives & accomplished much in his short 64 years on this earth. As a young man he had an entrepreneurial spirit & organized his friends into multiple "business ventures" that will always be remembered by those lucky enough to be "chosen". He also had an amazing gift for the game of hockey, & at one

2005 & 2006 respectively, & Michael's son Collin born in 2004. All of his grandkids affectionately called him "Papaw". He loved all of his grandchildren & cherished every moment he spent with each of them. Robert Beck leaves behind a solid legacy of love, generosity, & laughter. He was a wonderful son, brother, husband, father & friend & we are all blessed to have had him in our lives. He lives on in the hearts of all that knew him. He is preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Charlotte; father Walter, brother John and is survived by his children, Sandra & Charles Porter of Lawrenceville, GA; Michael point was invited to skate at a New Beck of Highland, Wendy & Matthew York Rangers camp, but his country Kreiser of Streamwood, IL; & Randall Beck of Holt; Grandchildren came calling & needed his services in Vietnam. Robert was a proud vet-Cory Porter, Jessica & Tyler Duncan. eran of the Vietnam War & served his Kindra Beck, Collin Beck, Matthew country well. During his time stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, he fell in Kreiser & Sierra Kreiser. Mother: Claire Beck of Highland, Sister: love with a blonde Texan belle, mar-Mary Ann Stevens of Redford: ried her & brought her home to Brother: Jim Beck of Wixom; As well Michigan. Robert resumed his career as a great number of cousins, nieces at Detroit Diesel Allison where he & nephews. A memorial liturgy will went on to become a well respected be held for Robert at Church of the & admired supervisor of the quality department. Their first child, Sandra Holy Spirit 3700 N. Harvey Lake Road, Highland, MI on Friday, April ("Gooch"), was born in 1968 & the Becks had firmly planted their flag on 15, 2011 at 10am. Friends & family

#### **GEORGE HOWARD BRIDSON JR**

may gather at the church at 9am.

There will be a function immediate-

ly following the service at the church.

friends & family at the home of

Michael Beck afterwards to share

stories and celebrate Robert W

Beck's life.

here will also be a gathering of

Beech Daily in Redford, MI. For nine

years the Becks lived there, throwing

multiple parties & being involved in

their community, a legacy Robert will always be remembered for. Robert

moved his family to Highland in 1977

to live on a take & be able to spend

more time fishing, one of his greatest

passions in life. Robert's proud fam-

ily grew when his second child, Michael, came along in 1978. As

Robert reached out to his new neigh-

bors in the Dunleavy Subdivison,

more & more of them would gather

and himself for the rest of his life. In

1984 Robert welcomed the birth of his third child, Wendy ("Winky").

That same year Robert went to the

games when the Detroit Tigers

clinched the pennant & when they won the World Series. He even brought home a piece of the grass from the field & he and his daughter Sandy planted it together in the back-

yard. In 1985 Robert's son Randy

("Bub") was born & he had the family he wanted: two daughters & two sons. Robert became a grandfather

in 1988 with the birth of Sandra's

son Cory. His second grandchild,

Sandra's daughter Jessica, was born

after Jessica's birth Robert helped

his wife open her business "Ain't

children & their dads, something he

enjoyed dearty. Robert retired in

Diesel Corporation.

& meet in the Becks' backyard. From these gathering's Robert and his wife Age 79, passed away April 3, 2011. --He was born on June 4, 1931, in South Lyon, to the late George and Evelyn (Hibert) Bridson. He was a Charlotte co-founded the Dunleavy Tri-Lakes Homeowners Assn., & served on their boards for many life long resident of South Lyon and years. "The King" had a great relationship with all of his neighbors. He a member of St. Joseph Catholic loved volunteering & organizing spe-Church and the V.F.W. Post #2502. He is survived by his wife Dolores cial neighborhood events for the children through the Association. Egg Bridson of South Lyon, 6 children: Dennis (Sherry) Bridson of South Lyon, Douglas (Jili) Bridson of hunts, summer picnics, bike parades, Halloween parties, or playing Santa at the Christmas Party, Robert would always be involved & South Lyon, James (Kathy) Bridson of Norcross, GA, Jeffrey (Beth) loved every second of it. To many, Bridson of Pinckney, David Bridson Novi, Julie Bridson of South Robert was like a second father. And through his generosity & warm heart Lyon, and 10 grandchildren: Jennifer he embraced the role. Fishing was a (Aalan), Michael (Arny), Stacy, Infelong passion for Robert. He Joseph (Kelly), Allana, Kattyn, enjoyed annual fishing trips to Gaylord, MI where he fished many great-grandchildren: Chase, Peyton, and Aaden. He was preceded in lakes, including his favorite, Oley Lake, which he has fished at since he death by 2 brothers James and Jack Bridson. Visitation was held on April was a child. He founded & ran the annual Leonard Lakes Fishing Tournament for over 20 years. This 5, Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m., April 6, Wednesday, 2 - 9 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will event was very popular on Dunleavy Drive, & was looked forward to every be held on April 7, Thursday at 10 year. The awards ceremony after the a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. tournament included a potluck dinner Memorial contributions may be that became a wonderful tradition in made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178 or Active Faith Community the neighborhood. In 1983 Robert won a Michigan Angler's Award for catching the fifth largest channel cat-Service, P.O. Box 188, South Lyon, fish in the state that year. That certifi-MI 48178. Arrangements were made cate hung proudly on his wall next to by Phillips Funeral Home, South the biggest catches of his children

Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

#### **DONA MAE GOODRICH**

just a few years later in 1992. Robert Age 82, passed away March 31, 2011. She was born on July 6, 1928, in Saginaw, to the late William T. and Lola V. (Luecke) Ingalls. She was a member of the Presbyterian had a special place in his heart for Cory & Jessica, as they were his only grandchildren until 2001. Shortly Womens Club of St. Andrews That Cute", a crafting consignment store on the corner of Duck Lake Road & Wardlow Road in Highland. It was also during this time that Robert taught fishing classes for blitches. Presbyterian Church in Dearborn Hgts., and an Eastern Star. Dona is survived by her husband Eugene "Bud" Goodrich of South Lyon; 2 daughters: Deborah G. Koval, Diane (Wayne) Domine; brother William T. (Lois) Ingalis; 4 grandchildren: Erin 2002 after 37 years with the Detroit Koval, Jessica (Anthony) Tobis, Christina (Peter) Parrish, Michael Domine and her great-grandchild Abigail Tobis. Visitation was held on April 3, Sunday from 12:30-8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A funeral was held on April 4, Monday, at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. Memorial Contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 5005 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244, Attention: Development

Department. Online guestbook www. Phillipsfuneral.com

**PHYLLIS ELAINE GRAHAM** Age 82 of Novi, went into the presence of the Lord at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday (April 5, 2011) in their residence. She as born August 15th,1928, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Everett and Marian Scherich, and was born again in Jesus in 1954. She married Clayton Graham on December 29, 1956, in Jackson, Michigan. She leaves behind her loving husband, Clayton, and three loving children Michael C. (Cindie) Graham of Gilford, New Hampshire, Mrs. Peggy A. (Rick) Koloian of Plymouth, Michigan, and Patricia A. (Kyle) Riehle of South Lyon, Michigan. She now is reunited with her daughter, Kathryn Susan. She was dearly loved by Katie, Holly, C.J., Jessica, Catherine, Rebecca Alyssa, and Joshua, her grandchildren; and Jaden and Graham, her great grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Malpass of California and Barbara Aune of Illinois. Phyllis was a wonderful mother and grandmother, who made every activity of her grandchildren a priority. She was often seen on bleachers and church pews encouraging her family. Phytlis was an active member in God's kingdom work, including Fox Run Bible kudy, backyard Bible clubs, Bible Study Fellowship, and a community Bible Study. She devoted much time to serving the elderly by providing transportation and other needs, and also served in the after-school Care program. She was also a member of the Daughter of the American Revolution and currently fellowshipped at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton. After graduating Manistee High, she attended Central Michigan University. Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 on Friday, April 8 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 11:00 a.m. at Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church in South Lyon. Officiating will be Pastors David Brown of Fellowship Church and John Shinn of Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to either Fellowship Church or Calvary Baptist.



#### **DOLORES "DEE" KEEGAN**

2011. She was born on June 30. 1928 to the late Own and Rose (LaCrosse) Carroll. Dee is survived by her children: Gary Koval, Gail (Mike) Terrana, Karen (Mark) Ziginow, Keith (Wanda) Koyal, Patricia (Larry) Gregor; Deborah (Dave) Duby, Peggy Hickok; sisters: Kareen Atwood, Sharon Lange; 17 grandchildren and 20 great-grand-children. She was preceded in death by her husband's: Leo Koval , Frank Keegan; her two brothers, one granddaughter, one great-grandson, and her stepdaughter. A memorial service was held at Colonial Acres Clubhouse, South Lyon on April 5. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

#### RICHARD G. MORRIS

A resident of Milford, formerly of Brownstown, Michigan, Owner & Founder of Dick Morris Chevrolet in Commerce Twp., died on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at the age of 75. Funeral Services were held at Church of The Holy Spirit in Highland on Tuesday, April 5th, For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors com

#### **BILLY JOHN WILSON**

South Lyon, MI. Passed away Sunday, March 27, 2011. Billy's hobbies included riding motorcycles and collecting Harley Davidson memorabilia. He was a loving father, a kind and caring person who had a good sense of humor. A memorial service will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Hamburg, MI at a

#### **ELEANOR ANN ZAMESNIK**

Age 86, passed away April 4, 2011. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon, MI.

#### NORTHVILLE/NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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

Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 427-1175

Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi org Mass Schedule

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

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a m. Saturdays or by appointment

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

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road -

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a m.-3 p m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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

resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience. **Destiny Worship Center** 

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville

Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org Easter Eggstravaganza

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 Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a m. Men of Purpose Prayer

Group: 7 p.m. fae Kwon Women of the Word

Time/Date: 9:25-11.15 a.m.

Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church** Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter.

**Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross** Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7.45 a.m., 10 a m.

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

Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a m. second Saturday of month Faith Community Presbyterian

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt ,

Time/Date: 2 p.m. April 16 Palm Sunday Worship with Cantata

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, April & Seder Meal

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. April 21

Easter Worship Time/Date: 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sundly, April 24

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 pm.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.n. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a m. first Saturda) of every month

First Baptist Church of

**Novi-Family Integrated Church** 

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

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30 pm.: fourth Sunday of every

First Presbyterian Church of Northyille

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

Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Single Place

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200

E. Main, Northville

Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles. 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings leature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with at ice cream social. Contact: For a detailed schedule of all events (dining

out, weekend activities, etc.) call (48) 349-0911 or visit

www.singleplace.org.

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. April 7 Details: Single Place presents Ms. Jannifer Yogel, who is a certified personal trainer at Fitness 19 in Livonia. She will be speaking on Finding What Works, exercise and nutrition planning, for each individual person. (One plan does not fit all.) Bring your questions, she has the answers Ice Cream Social will follow. \$9donation.

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14 Details: Single Place presents Delphine Goodwin to discuss Genealogy - Do You Know Who You re? Come join us, meet other singles, and enjoy an ice tream social

that follows; \$5 donation Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28.

Details: Single Place Cards & Games Night Once again this is our popular monthly informal social evening of games, conversation, snacks, flavored teasor coffee, soft drinks, and ice cream with various toppings; \$5

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5 Details: Cinco Di Mayo dinner is the theme tohight com-

plete with tacos and virgin margaritas, with games and a snacks to follow. Meet and socialize with other singles, \$7 for dinner and \$3 for games and snacks. For dinner reservations call the church office.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12

Details: Single Place Presents Bob Scanlan who will speak on open communication. If you sometimes have difficulty communicating with someone, find out how to deal with the problem. Join other singles for an ice cream social that will follow.

**First United Methodist Church of Northville** 

A Stephen Ministry Church Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville org Sunday worship:

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

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

Please see CHURCH, A9



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Deadline for both issues: Thursday, April 28th. Please specify in which group of newspapers you would like your "In Remembrance" to appear:

Group 1: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers serving the Canion, Farmington Garden City, Livonia, Phymouth, Redford, Westland, Barmingham, Royal Oak, Clinson, Berkley, Ferndale, Hunkington Woods, Pleasant Rudge and Southfield communities Group 2: Hometown Weekly Newspapers serving the Milford, Northville,

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Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept. May) Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of

every month Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April) Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communica-

tions director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@fumcnorthville.org Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of

Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565 Sundays

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

Lakes Baptist Church Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake Livonia Church of Christ

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

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7

**Meadowbrook Congregational** Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sermon: Better Than You

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. **Merry Widows Luncheon** Time/Date: 1t:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Asking Questions adult education class Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

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

Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship

center; children's super church on the second level (208/210) **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** 

8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

**Wednesday Family Night** 

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

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events. Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter. com; www.novijewishcenter.com

**Novi United Methodist** 

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com Sunday Worship

Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion

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

Peace Vigil

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and

the community will stand united in prayer for

**Advent Service** 

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# **Sharing service with students**

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BY DEBBIE EICHHOLTZ **GUEST COLUMNIST** 

Naval Officers in full dress uniform aren't common in elementary school. Silver Springs students were delighted to have Midshipman George McClymont share his favorite book, "The Giving Tree", by Shel Silverstein, during March is Reading Month. "I came to Silver Springs because I think reading is very important, especially, reading for fun."

From Northville High School's Class of 2010, George is now a freshman at the United States Naval Academy. He told fifth, fourth, second and first graders that in eighth grade he wanted to attend one of the most prestigious schools in America, in Annapolis, Maryland. "I wanted to repay the nation for all of the civil liberties I enjoyed while growing up.'

Gretchen McClymont, George's mother tells us, "I am very proud of George for attending the naval academy and serving his country. He is getting a fabulous education in and out of the classroom. The experiences he has already had and will continue to have over the next nine years are amazing. My first reaction? When he was interviewed at the academy and received a LOA, (Letter of Acceptance) in September, I realized he was going there. I cried-but it was because I was happy for him as it was his first choice for college."

George is just one of the outstanding young men from Northville deciding to serve their country. I consider myself so blessed to be acquainted with recent Northville graduates who attend every U.S. Service Academy. My boys grew up with these kids. George wrestled with Cliff Peterson, NHS class of '08. Peterson is attending the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., dreaming of being a fighter pilot. Peterson's mom. Carol, said, "My son, Cliff,

#### MARINE MOM'S MUSINGS

fell in love with airplanes and flight in elementary school, influenced by his grandfather, who also shares that passion. During his middle school years, we lived in Germany. He was active in Boy Scouts of America in Germany, which had a lot of military support. Some of his Boy Scout leaders were Air Force officers, and many of his trip's included stops at Air Force bases in Germany. Cliff's aunt and uncle were both Air Force Academy graduates. By the time he began his freshman year at Northville High School, he was dreaming about attending the Air Force

Uniforms come in three at the Blickle household and at West Point, the U.S. Military Academy, in West Point, N.Y. William Blickle, NHS class of '07, graduates from West Point in May. "Having my brothers here, at West Point has made us closer: we all experience and, sometimes, endure the same things," Will confides. His West Point brothers; Brody Blickle, NHS class of '08, is a junior and John Blickle, NHS class of '10, is a freshman.

\*I decided to attend West Point because I wanted to serve in the Army and I felt the West Point route was the best way for me. I wanted to be an officer and, while I could have done ROTC at a civilian school, I think West Point offers the best opportunity for leadership growth and development," says the eldest Blickle brother.

Laura Blickle, the boys' mother has tremendous pride in her sons. "I would recommend West Point, in the high-

est regard, to anyone." Will added, "Getting accepted to West Point is similar to getting into any prestigious university. You obviously have to have good grades and participate in many activities, but West Point also requires



Cliff Peterson in the cockpit of a glider.

some demonstrated athletic ability and leadership experience. Being a member of clubs and teams is great, but West Point looks for those who have served in leadership positions

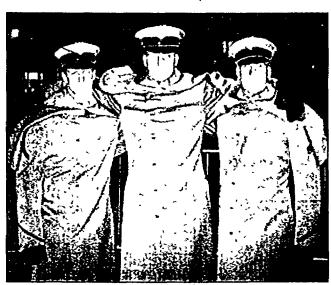
within those organizations." Cliff said, "The Academy clearly isn't for everyone. It takes a lot of willpower and determination, but most importantly, a reason to be there. If you cannot understand that when you graduate, you will be, first and foremost, an officer in the U.S. Air Force, and that everything else is technically secondary, then the Academy is probably not right for you. Until I realized this myself, I actually had a difficult time here."

The Blickle brothers, McClymont and Peterson each faced daunting admissions requirements to attend their respective service academies. "The admissions process is lengthy and involves receiving a Congressional nomination from your Senator or Representative," according to

You've got in, now what? Carol says her son's "Journey to the Air Force Academy began 25 days after graduating from NHS. While other high school grads were spending the summer with friends, getting ready to set up their college dorm rooms or working at part time, Cliff left for Basic Training and his life at the Air Force Academy, a four-year university program, followed by a minimum of five years of



George McClymont reads to a first grade class at Silver Springs Elementary School.



Brothers Brody, John and William Blickle in uniform at the Army-Navy game in December.

active service in the Air Force. It felt like he was leaving home forever with thoughts of a distant visit at Thanksgiving and Christmas and perhaps a week or two over the summer."

What does Cliff hope to gain from an education at the USAFA? "I came to the Air Force Academy because I want to fly and the Air Force has the coolest planes, but that isn't why I stayed. I stayed because I realized that being an officer in the Air Force is a fantastic thing to do. Someone once told me "there is no nobility in war, but there is in the profession of arms." I was 18 when I arrived, and though I am only 21 now, I feel like I have matured sig-

their kids to go away to college, but Carol tells us, "He left taking only his cell phone, the clothes on his back, some toiletries, and two pairs of combat boots. The first thing they took away was his cell phone, the second thing was his hair, and the third thing was his civilian clothing. The most bone chilling reminder of his absence was his spotlesslyclean bedroom. Such a contrast to the mountain of clothing that had decorated his floor for the past four years. How ironic that I could miss that messy heap after years of frustration over the typical teenage bedroom. His empty room brought tears to my eyes. No phone calls during basic training. Limited phone calls all first semester. No phone calls during survival training. The separation consumed me at the outset, but became bearable over time, especially with the help of other Air Force Academy parents who could guide me through uncharted waters, filling in the gaps when I had no contact with my son."

Cliff, George, John, Brody and Will are receiving the best possible educations available at either public or private uni-

"A West Point education is broad and based in the sciences," said Will, "but we also take a good number of humanities courses. You can major in whatever you like, but you graduate not only an expert in one field, but a well rounded individual, able to converse in many different disciplines. This prepares you for anything you might experience in your responsibilities as an officer."

Each student at a U.S. service academy has an obligation to serve their county in an officer's capacity after graduserve for five years. However, Will is in for even longer. "I will serve eight years after graduation. Normally, it's only five, but I entered into a program in which the Army will provide me the option to go to any U.S. graduate school for free in return for transferring my three-year reserve commitment

into an active commitment." What will these dedicated, brave young men gain in return for their educational hard work

and dedication? "As far as benefits go, the Academy is awesome, said Cliff. "It is a (monetarily) free education with a guaranteed job at the end. And they pay you to go here! The best thing about it is the opportunities. You can do all sorts of cool things, for example, I spend most of my time down at the airfield teaching people to fly gliders. It does, however, take up all of your time, and even for locals, keeps you far away from home for long periods of time. If you aren't prepared to cope with that, all of the benefits of the Academy can be lost on

"After graduation, I receive a month off (Graduation Leave) and then I return to West Point to serve as an Athletic Intern for the swim team," said Will. "I'll basically be an assistant coach for the fall semester, which will be a great opportunity to give back to the team I have been a part of for the last four years. After that, it's off to Fort Huachuca in Arizona for the intelligence officer basic course. I find out in the fall

where I will be stationed." Where will their education and service to country lead these brave young heros? George says in 25-30 years he'll be "out of the military, hopefully, working for a Fortune

500 company."
"I want to fly after graduation," said Cliff, "and based on the way the Air Force is currently handing out jobs, I am extremely likely to get a pilot spot. Normally, you are required to serve a minimum of five years upon graduation, but due to all the extra training involved, pilots have to serve at least 10 upon the completion of pilot training. I am looking to spend a full career of at least 20 years, so a minimum com-

mitment is not an issue for me." How do their mom's feel about their son's choices?

"I couldn't be prouder of my son's choice of service to his country," said Carol. "I have learned to accept that the Air Force controls when he is permitted to come home for visits! No longer can we claim him as a dependent on our tax return. He is more theirs than ours at this point. His future belongs with the Air Force and he sees himself staying in the Air Force until he retires. Right now, he studies hard for his degree in systems engineering and management, maintains his physical fitness, holds a leadership position in his squadron, and is a soaring instructor pilot, volunteering 15 hours a week at the Academy Airfield, teaching other cadets to fly gliders.

"I love the picture of him on the mantle in his Air Force uniform," Carol continued. "I have watched him grow from a boy into a man. He is safe now and my worries are few. But when the risks are greater, I will always know that he is following his passion, that he has intentionally made his choice, and that serving our country comes from his heart."

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



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# **SOCIAL SECURITY**

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Northville High student John Castonguay as "Trevor" in the school's musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie".

Erin Donohoe, right, portrays "Mrs. Meers" in Thoroughly Modern Millia." With her is cast mate Madison Merlanti.

# Drama Club's "Millie" roars into the 1920s

**BY LONNIE HUHMAN** CORRESPONDENT

It's the 1920s and a young woman ventures to the big city with the hope of finding her dreams, but what she finds does not quite meet up to her idea of being "thoroughly modern."

The Northville High School Drama Club is set to begin its annual spring musical. This year they are showcasing a musical story called Thoroughly Modern Millie. Drama Club Coordinator Bryan Johnson expects it to be a great show.

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#### **DETAILS**

Show dates are April 1, 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. inside the Northville High School Theater. The April 9 show has an additional show at 2 p.m. Tickets can be bought at the theater box office or by telephone at (248) 349-3400, extension 50427.

"It's a fun comedy with big dance numbers," Johnson said. "We have really captured the look of the '20s with our sets and having the live band will make this a really good show."

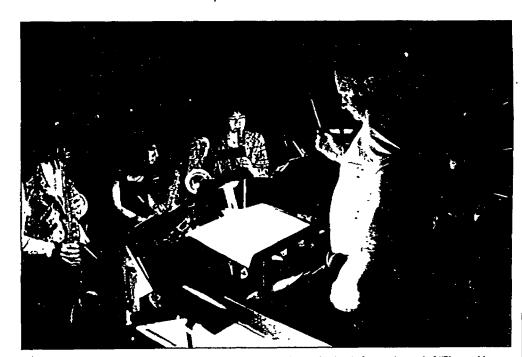
Northville freshman Halle Bins plays the lead role of Millie while senior Kyle Traicoff plays one of her love interests. Stage Manager Daniel Robinson, a senior, said the cast and crew have put in a lot of hard work to make the last production of the year a good one.

"We wanted to do a big dance show," Robinson said. "And that's what people can expect."

Because it is a big show, it took a big cast and production staff to pull it off. Nearly 50 students are involved with the show.



Kyle Traicoff, right, as "Jimmy" along with John Castonguay Trevor" during a scene from Thoroughly Modern Millie.



Northville High teacher and band director Mike Rumbell directs the orchestra during a rehearsal of "Thoroughly Modern Millie".

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# City wants bookstore to revise its outdoor seating

BY LONNIE HUNKAN CORRESPONDENT

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It is a community pastime to walk down the sidewalks in the City of Northville on a warm summer evening or crisp fall day.

Outdoor seating at various restaurants and cafes in the downtown adds to the pedestrianfriendly atmosphere, and it also helps generate more business for merchants.

It was this balance the City Council discussed at their Monday meeting. Next Chapter, an East Main Street location for books, magazines, snacks and coffee, has again gone before the council with an outdoor seating application.

City Manager Patrick Sullivan made a recommendation to the council to reject the application. He said the length of the fenced-in seating area was the main sticking point. For him, the question before the council is what length are they comfortable with? He recommended it should be four to five feet.

Dan Comaianni, co-owner of Next Chapter, said his design plan is set up to take into account his inventory's security. The fence is attached to the store front because he says it helps his staff to monitor "the comings and goings" of its visitors. He has revised it to be shorter than last year's 13 feet length.

He has met with Downtown Development Authority Director Lori Ward and Public Works Director James Gallogly, in addition to Sullivan, with the hope of reaching a compromised plan. His 2010 application was approved.

Some council members gave testimony from residents who thought Next Chapter's seating

arrangement was too barrier-like. However, a handful of residents showed up to the meeting and voiced their support for the bookstore and cafe.

Mayor Chris Johnson, Mayor Pro-tem James Allen and Sullivan's report all spoke about the perceptions voiced to them by some residents. Allen said he can think of 20 "complaints" told to him in which the individual said Next Chapter's outdoor setup had presented a visual barrier. The manager's report said the setup might be violating the ordinance standard of unduly impeding pedestrian traffic.

But they also made it very clear they are in support of the business having outdoor seating; it just needs to be more open and pedestrian-friendly.

Northville resident Diane Wright said she,

accompanied by her child, is a daily walker in downtown. She gave her support to Next

"Having the feaced in area right in front of the building is good! Wright said of the disputed

design detail. She said it is a favorite of many moms who like its safe feeling while also being a fun place to

hang out. In the end, Council Member Nancy Darga said further discussions should take place between the two parties to reach a revised plan. A motion was then unanimously approved calling for referring the application back to the applicant.

Comfianni must sit down with city officials again to devise some compromised revisions and, if these changes meet city desires, it could be administratively approved.

"Each speaker usually gives an update of the latest news from the past year as well as a look at the horizon and what the community might expect to see."

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Abbo said he will be speaking on behalf of the township on such matters as budget forecasting 20 years into the future, proactive planning and general efficiency. He said he will be pointing to some specific positive steps

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taken by the township in providing quality services.

Our solid waste pickup has been a positive thing for the community as a whole," he said. "Our pricing has been stable for four years, and because of such decisions like the purchasing of bins for the entire community we will not have to raise these rates for at

least another three years." Johnson said his talk will focus in on the potential impact the State of Michigan budget could have on the city. He added he will also speak to the future happenings in downtown.

One area will be the upcoming construction season, specifically the streetscape and walkway projects," Johnson said of his talking points.

Two topics Rezmierski will most likely point out are the recent above state average test scores students achieved on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests, and the upcoming Capital Improvement Millage Proposal set for a May 3 vote.

Humphries is excited to have Heise as a first-time speaker because he is newly elected. She said he will probably give us a better idea on what is happening in Lansing.

The sponsor for the event is St. Mary Mercy Hospitalian Chamber and community members are invited to attend. The cost is \$40 per person.

Those interested in attending can RSVP by e-mail to chamber@northville.org.



# Time to celebrate National Library week of April 10-16

Libraries are places for new beginnings. Whether you are getting your first library card, learning new computer skills, or planning a trip, the library is the place where your story begins. This National Library Week, join our nation's libraries and librarians and Create Your Own Story @ your Library.

The Northville District Library is celebrating National Library Week with three special programs: Become A Blogger: Online Journaling on Tuesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. This class will demonstrate how to set up your own blog and post your experiences and opinions. On Wednesday, April 13, plan to attend Up the Rouge: Paddling Detroit's Hidden River at 7 p.m. Hear Michigan Notable **Author Joel Thurtell discuss** 

DETAILS

For more information, visit the library's website: www.northvillelibrary.or or call (248) 349-3020. Library hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10-5 Friday Saturday; and 1-5 Sunday.

his experiences and environmental insights into our local water treasure, the Rouge Riyer. Bring the kids to hear Sensational Storyteller Adam Mellema on Thursday, April 14 at 4:15 p.m. 100 free tickets will be distributed five minutes prior to the presentation.

All ages are invited to drop by for our Family Evening Storytime on Wednesday, April 13 from 7-7:30 p.m. for "Wild About Wings" stories. Pajamas are optional for kids! Drop in for our

Morning Storytime for toddlers and preschoolers on Thursday, April 14 at 10:15 a.m., or for our Little Me Storytime for Babies and Little Ones on Friday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m.

"Every day, libraries across the country are helping people create their own unique stories," says Library Director Julie Herrin. "Whether it is by opening a book and exploring distant lands, or by learning how to use new technologies to find a job, people at our library are creating new stories for themselves.'

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

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remains an area of emphasis in the district aschool we risk improvement plans.

These skills are needed, but it is a challengeable area," he said of writing. "So we are spending an enormous amount of time trying to ensure our students gain this desirable skill prior to graduation and moving onto

college." The MEAP is one of the criteria used by the State of Michigan in assessing public schools under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Northville schools plan on doing a further assessment by taking a closer look at their delivery systems or teaching methods, so they can determine where improvements need to be made and how they can be implemented.

Rezmierski said the next steps will have the, "administrators and educators

#### NORTHVILLE . **PUBLIC SCHOOLS** 2010 FALL MEAP SCORES TO STATE AVERAGES\*

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\* These numbers represent the percentage of student who performed at the "proficent" or "advanced" levels " New baseline data as this is the first year of the new MEAP writing assessment in grades 4 and 7.

SOURCE: Michigan Department of Education

across the school district using this data, along with other assessments of student learning, to improve our curriculum and instructional practices, enhance student intervention and support programs, and establish school improvement goals."

He said the question now is how to keep the scores at these levels.

He said the faculty and teachers are more critical of themselves than anyone else, and maintaining and progressing learning achievements is the goal.

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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 hunch (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.

#### State of the Community

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host the annual State of the Community Luncheon on Wednesday, April 13 at Meadowbrook Country Club (40941 West Eight Mile Road, Northville). The event sponsor is St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

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 Rezmierski.

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.

#### New Hope benefit

Swing Into Spring will be held Friday, April 8 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. This benefit for New Hope Center for Grief Support, a 501c3 in Northville offering grief support services.

Master of ceremonies will be Chuck Gaidica. Appetizers will be served at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. with auctions, live music and dancing rounding out the evening.

Tickets are \$40 each (cash bar not included) and must be purchased in advance; casual summer attire is required. Register online at www.newhopecenter. net or call the New Hope office at (248) 348-0115.

#### The Great 38 promotion

Do you know of a deserving community project that provides a service, activity or event that helps to enrich southeast Michigan?

Detroit's WADLTV38 wants to shine the spotlight on 38 of southeast Michigan's best community-based organizations by recognizing their dedication and commitment to the lives of others. Each of the 38 groups selected will be awarded with significant broadcast time on WADLTV38. The station will produce 30-second messages for



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#### The Cocktail Hour

Angela Kay Miller and Julia Glander star in The Tipping Point Theatre's current performance, The Cocktail Hour, by A.R. Gurney. John, played by Brian Sage, has written a play about his family — warts and all — and before it hits the stage, he knows he better get his father's permission. What better way to do this than over cocktails at the family home? Well, maybe not. The show runs through April 30, at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$28 to \$30 for adults and \$26 to \$28 for students and senior citizens. Call (248) 347-0003 for more information.

daily broadcast that will amount to over thirty minutes of complimentary air time.

WADL-TV38 is seeking nominations throughout the year from organizations that have exemplified outstanding support for the southeast Michigan community through their leadership and charitable efforts.

Whether these groups worked to raise funds for the hungry, generated resources to organize a family festival or directed resources to send kids to camp by acknowledging these organizations and sharing their successes, we hope to encourage others to engage in service to the community to help move our state forward.

Viewers can nominate worthy groups from southeast Michigan by logging on to the WADL TV38 website: www. wadldetroit.com/ great38. An average of three outstanding community programs will be selected each month to receive this coveted recognition throughout the next twelve

#### Handbell performance

Tickets are on sale now for the

Detroit Handbell Ensemble's concert this Sunday, April 10, at 4 p.m. at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi.

Fourteen performers will present a variety of music under the direction of Michael Burkhardt. The ensemble will perform on five plus octaves of Malmark handbells and five octaves of Malmark Choirchimes.

The Detroit Handbell Ensemble is an auditioned concert choir and its members are 1 e church musicians, educators, composers, engineers, and business professionals from across southeastern Michigan. Since 1991, the ensemble has performed for varied audiences and has a strong tradition of blending performance and education in its concerts.

Director Michael Burkhardt is internationally known for his innovative and inspiring hymn festivals and for his work with children. A composer and author of music resources, he is in frequent demand as a choral clinician, organ recitalist and hymn festival leader. Under his direction, the Detroit Handbell Ensemble has become known

for its creative programming and artistic expression.

An afterglow will follow the 4 p.m. concert.

Tickets are \$8 presale and \$10 at the door for adults. For students over age 10, tickets are \$4 presale and \$5 at the door. Children 10 and under are free.

The concert is open to the public. Meadowbrook Church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roadsin Novi. For thither infor2 >1 mation, call the church office at (248) 348-7757.

#### **Commissioner Cox sponsors** annual park clean-up day

With warmer temperatures approaching, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia) is calling on Western Wayne County residents to pitch in for the 7th Annual Park Clean Up at Bennett Arboretum in Northville.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 7. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Cass Benton Pavilion and the work day will run from 9 a.m.-noon. Volunteers

will remove invasive species and collect debris.

The first 50 volunteers to register will receive a free pair of tickets to attend a Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park.

For more information and to register, contact Commissioner Cox's office at 313-224-0946.

#### Northville in the Civil War

When President Lincoln issued a call for troops 150 years ago, Michigan responded. Northville sent some of its finest young men to fight in the War of the Rebellion. Many of these men enlisted in Co. D 5th Michigan Cavalry.

Follow Co. D 5th Michigan Cavalry from recruitment and training through battles and for the lucky ones, mustering out and a safe return trip home. Discover who these courageous young men were at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 at New School Church - Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold, Northville. Learn about the battles they fought and died in. See and hear about the horrors of Andersonville Prison where some of our men were sent after being

captured by the Confederates.

Dan Puschell has done significant research on Co. D. Hear about it from the "horse's" mouth. Donations appreciated for admission. Reserve seats by calling the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845; visit www.millracenorthville.org.

#### Celebrities Against Autism

April is Autism Awareness Month. While it gives the general public the opportunity to think about those with autism, the fight against the disorder continues all year long and so does the work of Celebrities Against Autism. The organization is challenging people in southeast Michigan to bring awareness all year long and help those in need.

One in 91 children is affected by the neurological disorder. With relatively no insurance coverage for the early intensive therapy the children require, the families are often left to cover most of the expenses, which can total \$50,000 per year. Celebrities Against Autism raises funds to provide assistance to them through the Family Grant Program.

To help support the mission of Celebrities Against Autism, purchase the paper puzzle pieces for \$1 through April through the Celebrities Against Autism website (www.celebritiesagainstautism.org) or at the partnering organizations, including Women's Lifestyle Magazine, the Kroger Company, Magic 105.1, the Detroit Red Wings, LaVida Massage and Great Clips Salons.

Celebrities Against Autism hosts several events to promote autism through the year. Autism Awareness Campaign Cars travel around the area delivering information. Celebrities Against Autism participates in the Rochester Christmas Parade each year. The biggest event comes on April 8, 2010, when Celebrities Against Autism will be at Joe Louis Arena for the Detroit Red Wings game versus the 2010 Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks holding a raffle. Michiganders can also help by volunteering, hosting a fundraiser, organizing a casual day for each in offices, providing auction items and donating to help Michigan families.

'Michigan has become a destination for some of the finest autism treatment in the world." said former Northville resident Val McFarland, founder of Celebrities Against Autism. "I have met people from many different countries who have relocated to get their children the best care available. We are fortunate to have the many fine treatment centers right here in Michigan."

McFarland has personally been in the fight against autism. Her youngest son, Callahan, was diagnosed with autism at the age of 2. Through intensive treatment for five year, he is still autistic but can enjoy family activities, such as ice skating, jet skiing and bowling.

Visit www.celebritiesagainstautism.org or call 248-515-

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The Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 7:30 pm. at the Northville Township Hall in the Meeting Room, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, to consider an Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate from Techno SemiCHem Co., Ltd , under Act 198 for the Public Acts of 1974, as

Any owner, resident, taxpayer, or legislative body of any taxing unit, which levies ad valorem property taxes on the property in which this facility is located, may appear at said hearing and give testimony.

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#### Bennett Arboretum Pathway Project!

Northville Township would like to invite you to an informational meeting on the Bennett Arboretum Pathway. This pathway is funded by Wayne County, Northville Township, City of Northville and the Rouge River Project Office. The path will provide a connection between the City and the Township, while offering access to recreational and educational opportunities along the path. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting on April 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at Township Hall to discuss the storm water educational components along the path. It is the townships hope to educate the residents on various ways they may implement storm water management techniques in their own yards.

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212 W. Cady Street

Contact: (248) 349-3020

Time/Date: May 19 and 21

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#### LOCAL

"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: 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 that constitutes the child's story.

Contact: (248) 344-8465 or www. northville.k12.mi us/earlychildhood

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

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

Contact: Stephanie Jones at (734) \$59-0050 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 northvilleclasses@yahoo.com

Codependency Support Classes Time/Date: Held weekly, every Juesday night or Thursday morn-

Location: Northville. Details: Weekly topics about codependency and issues related to



Harp is hip

Jazz harpist Christa Grix will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10 at First Presbyterian Church. For over 30 years Christa Grix has been engaging audiences in Southeastern Michigan with her unique skills as a harpist. A Northville resident, Grix is a good friend of the church's Concert Series and has been featured as a guest performer on several occasions. For this performance Grix will be joined by fellow jazz musicians Kurt Krahnke (bassist) and Pete Siers (percussion). All three musicians are local jazz legends. An elegant afterglow reception follows the concert. CDs will be for sale and an art exhibit featuring the work of Grix's husband, Michael Mullen, will be on display. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for seniors; free for students 18 and under. Visit www.fpcnorthville.org for concert information and directions to the church.

all types of relationship problems and dysfunctional life style habits that can be creating unhappiness in your life.

Contact: (734) 420-8175 or e-mail northvilleclasses@yahoo.com

18th Annual Garden Walk Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13 Location: Garden Walk Central is at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Avenue, Northville

Details: The Country Garden Club of Northville invites you to attend its Eighteenth Annual Garden Walk featuring six gardens in charming Northville. Other unique attractions include a garden market, live music, and refreshments. Proceeds from the event support charitable contributions to local and national horticultural causes. Cost is \$10: tickets available at Gardenviews. 117 E. Main in downtown Northville, after June 13.

Contact: (248) 348-3263; www.

Northville Chamber of Commerce State of the Community Luncheon

Time/Date: noon-130 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 Location: Meadowbrook Country

Club Details: Sponsor for the event is St. Mary Mercy Hospital. This annual event showcases the past year's accomplishments of our government/school district partners. Chamber and community members are invited to attend. Luncheon cost is \$40 per person. Contact: Please RSVP by email to

chamber@northville.org. Friends of the Market Organizational Meeting Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19

Location: Northville Chamber of Commerce office 195 S. Main Street, Northville (the purple house)

**Details:** The Northville Farmers Market opens Thursday May 5 at 8 A.M. with flowers, food, early salad greens and veggies, baked goods, honey, crafts, and funch. Help our seed of an idea sprout, grow, and our Farmers Market bloom.

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

Northville Art House Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville

Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org for on-going art classes, fectures, events, rentals, volun-

teering. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-9 p.m. on first Fridays of each month **Details:** Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open

to the public. Mosaic Art Exhibit & Online Auction

Details: Online auction is open now and closes at 5 p.m. April 27. Register for online auction at www.8iddingForGood.com/DWB-MSF. Free and open to the public. Reel Michigan Film Fest Date: June 25

Details: Call for entries deadline is April 1. Now accepting Michiganmade or themed short films. Entry submission is \$10; \$5 for students.

Email ReelMichigan@gmail.com or visit: http://ci.northville.mi.us/ Community/ArtsCommission/ ArtsAndActsCallForEntries-ReelMichigan2011.pdf. Sponsored by Northville Art House. Contact: (248) 344-0497

Mill Race Historical Village Location: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field Details: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Village buildings open free to the public 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct. Contact: (248) 348-1845 **Weekly Events** 

(\*Grounds closed to public) Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #737; 7 p.m. Docent Meeting

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open Saturday: 1-3 p.m. Polish Easter Tea - Sold Out Sunday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. King's 8th; 3-5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #41475; 6:30-8 p.m. Yenture Crew #8 Monday: 10:30 a.m. Northville Garden Club; 7 p.m. Lions Club Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang: 7 p.m. Cub Scouts 755 Den 4; 7 p.m. "Northville in the Civil War, Co. D 5th Michigan Cavalry\* Presentation in Church - Free and open to the public Wednesday: 1-2:30 and 4-5:30 p.m. "One Room School House Experience" Children's Class; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group:

Civil War Events Location: Mill Race Village Northville in the Civil War, Co. D **5th Michigan Cavalry** Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 Details: Follow Co. D 5th Michigan

Cavalry from recruitment and

American Civil War Shooting Association will be encamped behind the Yerkes House. Music by 5th Michigan Regiment Band, an authentic Civil War band. Victorian Festival Dates: Sept. 16-19 Details: Michigan 21st Infantry Company H encampment on the grounds of Mill Race Village. Step back in time to the period

of the Civil War - 1861-1865. From the moment you set foot in their campsite you'll see history come alive. This group takes pride in the authenticity of their clothing and accuracy of their performance. There will be civilians on hand to show life as a post master, laundress, mid-wife, etc. No admission fee.

**Cemetery Walk** Time/Date: 4-7 p.m, Oct. 16 Location: Oakwood Cemetery. Details: This year's cemetery walk will focus on Northville in the Civil War. We will feature some soldiers and their families as well as other citizens and how they were affected by the war. Learn the different aspects and impact of the Civil War on the community in this educational and entertaining presentation. Refreshments following at the Art House: tickets \$10.

Contact: (248) 348-1845 for more information.

Maybury State Park Location: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads.) State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually (\$6 annually for seniors 65 and older).

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

Northville-Novi Business Networking Breakfast

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

and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays) Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200

Haggerty Road Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10. Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroup@c.

#### **REGIONAL EVENTS**

Jazz@The Elks Time/Date: 7:10:30 p.m. fourth

Tuesdays Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, just west of Haggerty Road in Plymouth. Details: These events are keeping the uniquely American tradition of jazz alive in southeast Michigan. A \$5 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres and live jazz in a beautiful club setting; limited seating. April 26: Naima Shambourger, vocals, with Sven Anderson, keyboard; Marion Hayden, bass; and George Davidson,

**Women's Network Source** Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. second Mondays

Location: Real Estate One, 346 N. Lafayette, South Lyon Details: Networking and education meetings; cost is \$5. Women's Network Source was established to empower, motivate and support women to become successful entrepreneurs. WNS welcomes women curious about exploring whether to start a new business or learning how to grow their current business to attend an upcoming meeting.

Contact: Debra Downing at (248) 252-2952 or downingddd@aol.com

#### Moondusters Ballroom Dance Club

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. lessons, 8:30-11:30 p.m. dance every Saturday Location: Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads, Livonia Details: Lessons are \$6, dance with live music is \$6 cost for both is \$10 Contact: Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197

Suburban Collections Showplace Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue,

Contact: (248) 348-5600 or www.suburbancollectionshowplace.com.

**BaseLine Folk Society** Location: JWH Center for the Arts Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Details: Entertainment includes eight open-mic spots (and lottery if more show up) Sign-up is between 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

Contact: Mike Mullen, president and founder of BaseLine Folk Society, at (248) 347-6881



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Manager Tom Palushaj says Burger Delux's meat is top quality Angus beef, and it's cooked by head chef Larry Ago (shown).

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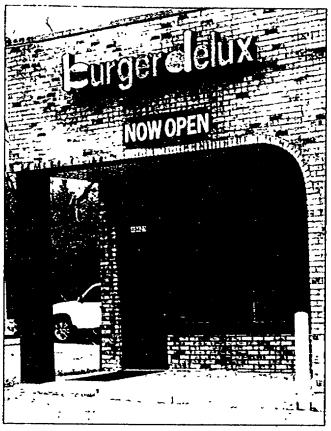
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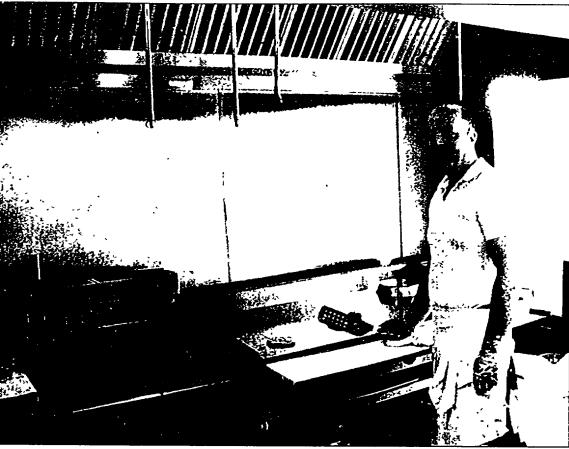
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#### IT'S YOUR NORTHVILLE BUSINESS



This new Burger Delux restaurant, located at 40420 Five Mile Road, has



# It's not your average burger joint

### Burger Delux's fresh ingredients set it apart

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

Burger Delux is not your everyday burger joint, and after a bite into one of their cheeseburgers one will realize this place is dif-

This new restaurant, located at 40420 Five Mile Road, has been

open for three months, but they are hoping to get the word out on what they ofter and how it is different. According to Manager Tom Palushaj, one thing that helps them stand out is the freshness of their ingredients.

"We never use frozen product. Our meat is top quality Angus beef and our French fries are

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freshly cut Idaho potatoes," Palushaj said. 'Our goal is to offer our patrons the taste of homemade food cooked and served by great service in a friendly atmosphere."

"And," he added with a smile, "they don't have to clean-up the

Burger Delux not only is a

place for great burgers and fries, but they also serve soups made daily, gyros, sliders, chicken sandwiches, wraps and quarter pound Black Angus hot dogs

Palushaj said the reception has been great so far, and he said he has received nothing but compliments. He pointed to the reviews at Yelp.com, a site for restaurant reviews, as evidence to that.

This was seriously the best burger I have had in this area," one Yelp reviewer said of Burger Delux.

If you are looking for something new, Palushaj says come in and try them out.

"We want the community to know that we are here and they should give us a try. The product will speak for itself."

They do deliver for orders of \$50 or more. For more information, go to www.burgerdeluxellc.

#### DETAILS

Name: Burger Delux Location: 40420 Five Mile Foad, located at Lake Pointe Plaza in Plymouth

Phone: (734) 420-5111 Hours: 11 a.m.: 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon-8 p.m. Sunday

### NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Avers part of patent

Livonia-based Admiral Tool & Manufacturing of Michigan has been assigned a patent (7,909,731) developed by six co-inventors, including Wayne M. Avers of Northville, for a "vehicle shift module assembly

The patent application was filed on Aug. 6, 2008 (12/187,047). The full-text of the patent can be found at http://patft.uspto.gov/ netacgi/nph-Parser?Sect1=PTO2&Sect2=HI TOFF&p=1&u=%2Fnetahtml%2FPTO%2Fs earch-bool.html&r=46&f=G&l=50&co1=AN D&d=PTXT&s1=20110322.PD.&s2=%28MI. ASST.%29&OS=ISD/03/22/2011+AND+AS/ MI&RS=ISD/03/22/2011+AND+AS/MI

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#### TSC announces agreement with Johnson Controls-Saft

TSC Michigan Incorporated has been selected to supply lithium-ion electrolyte to Johnson Controls-Saft for use in advanced batteries for hybrid and electric vehicles. Northville-based TSC Michigan incorporated is a subsidiary of South Korea's Techno Semichem, which develops components for electric vehicle lithium-ion batteries.

TSC Michigan, Inc. creates electrolytes and tabs for advanced lithium-ion battery cells for hybrid and electric vehicles. It shipped its first electrolyte products to the Johnson Controls-Saft lithium-ion automotive battery plant in Holland, Mich., in February.

Lithium-ion batteries are the leading choice for rechargeable portable consumer devices, industrial products, and nearly all newly-introduced hybrid electric vehicles. Every lithiumion battery requires electrolyte and TSC Michigan's electrolyte is designed to allow the best energy-density performance at the lowest cost available.

This emerging and demanding advanced Lithium-ion battery sector will require continuous improvement, driven by research and development at the TSC Michigan site. "We'll work with our customers and partners to develop a product that will provide a competitive advantage and enable them to succeed in this rapidly growing global market, "said

Allen Ibara CEO of TSC Michigan. "We look forward to working together to satisfy the electrolyte needs of one of the global leaders in the Lithium-ion battery sector."

Johnson Controls-Saft has a historical relaonship with TSC Michigan's parent Techno Semichem, Ltd. "We're pleased with TSC Michigan's progress in developing an electrolyte production site. It's satisfying to see the growth in lithium-ion manufacturing influence key material suppliers to locate manufacturing in the United States. We expect this trend to continue as the lithium-ion market grows," said Elizabeth Rolinski, vice president of Operations for Johnson Controls-Saft.

#### Michigan retailers upbeat for spring

Most Michigan retailers (62 percent) are optimistic about spring sales,

following six consecutive months of sales gains over last year. That's according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey, conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

"Michigan's improving economy continues to produce optimism within the retail industry, said James P. Hallan, MRA president and chief executive officer. "While retailers recognize the economic problems still out there, such as high unemployment and a sluggish housing market, their confidence remains solid."

"At this point, it appears that retailers are watching rising gasoline prices with concern but don't expect them to choke off the improvement in retail sales," he added.

The Michigan Retail Index for February found that 43 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 35 percent recorded declines and 22 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 55.2, up from

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

Looking forward, 62 percent of retailers expect sales during March-May to increase over the same period last year, while 9 percent project a decrease and 29 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 72.3, the same as in January.



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#### **OUR VIEWS**

# Snyder's budget

### Calls for changes need to be heard

All over the state — including Oakland and Wayne counties — voices are rising in protest to Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed budget.

It's hardly surprising. Snyder promised a hard-hitting document that would finally address the state's huge deficit. It was expected to be painful, and to draw protests as seemingly everyone who might be impacted by the planned cuts would stand up to protect what they have.

Few will be spared the cuts and some, particularly some businesses, will actually fare better under the new budget than what is in place now.

So far, Snyder has stayed his course and seems not to be wavering on what he wants to implement. But the voices of opposition are rising. On March 14, rallies were held around the state to protest the cuts. There was a small presentation at the Baldwin Public Library in Livonia (go to www.hometownlife.

#### Their basic contention was that the combination of tax breaks for corporations

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counterproductive.

com to see a video of the rally by John Heider, Novi News/Northville Record staff photographer) led by an organization called A Better Michigan Future. Speaking at the event were Casandra Ulbrich, vice president of the state Board of Education; Danielle Atkinson, of a women's advocacy group called Mothering Justice; and Ryan Gesund, a Royal Oak small business owner.

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increases on low-income families is skewed and will be counterproductive.

They said the governor and Legislature should scrap the budget and start from scratch.

Not likely, but they do have some points to con-

sider. And while there were few in the audience at the Baldwin, all seemed to be on the same page - none supported governor's plan.

They need to be heard. The Novi/Northville area is probably more financially sound than many other areas of the state, but even here the effects of the dismal economy have been

felt. Cities are cutting back, reducing staff and looking at sharing services. Gov. Snyder said everyone should share the pain. We agree. But everyone means everyone, and tax breaks for some do not constitute an equitable sharing of the pain. This budget is far from being finished. People will

continue to weigh in and pressure will be placed on the Legislature to make changes. We expect to see some. We hope to see some.

The voices of the people calling for them need to be

#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

Has the recent rise in the price of gasoline changed your driving habits?



"Oh, absolutely, Instead of running here and there I'm now very much multitasking and driving in a loop, making a conscious, concerted effort to drive less."

> Dawn March Northville



"I haven't yet, but we've purchased cars with good fuel economy. So, we took a rise in prices into consideration."

Robert Moeller



'Well, not really. I just got back from a driving trip to Arizona, but I won't be traveling far out of town any time soon."

**Victor Geluso** 



"Not really. I don't have any trips planned, but the prices haven't changed my local driving."

Gwen Paradowski Northville

#### **LETTERS**

### Schools sinking fund millage a

As someone who both lives and works in Northville and was a member of the Sinking Fund Study Committee, I am voicing my support for the sinking fund millage. Our district is known for the quality of our schools which includes the condition of our facilities. Given the significant reduction in funds received by the district over the past several years; it has become increasingly more challenging to fund needed repairs and upgrades to our buildings.

The sinking fund millage provides a way for Northville Public Schools to fund repairs and needed improvements without placing additional strain on the operating fund. The operating fund, which covers items such as salaries and benefits, textbooks, technology equipment and buses, has historically been the source of funds for needed repairs and improvements as well. The sinking fund will provide the funding needed over a designated time frame (five years) to cover specific repairs and improvements. These specific repairs and improvements are not "nice to haves" but necessary to preserve the quality learning environment which defines our district. Further, a sinking fund millage offers a lower cost approach since funds are received and utilized by the district in annual installments. By receiving the funds in this fashion it

The health of our community is inextricably linked to the quality of our schools. We must maintain our schools to assure our children receive a world class education. Additionally,

incurred with a bond issuance.

eliminates interest expense which is typically

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.



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the quality of our schools is paramount to attracting and retaining Northville residents and businesses, which in turn, affect our property values.

For all these reasons, I urge you to vote YES on the capital improvement (sinking fund) millage on May 3.

> **Audrey Mistor** Northville Township

#### Challenge's Donigan's accusation

This is in response to a letter written by Hannah Donigan.

Everyone prejudges. If we didn't, our lives would be chaos. If I slip on the path while walking the dog at night I automatically slow down, prejudging that there may be more, difficult to see, ice ahead. Our days are animated with the knowledge gained from the day before. Over time, if well formed and justly applied, this knowledge can lead to wisdom. Unfortunately, the opposite can also occur. "Anti wisdom" is destructive; the ugly side of prejudging. We refer to such thought as prejudice. An accusation of prejudice can be used as the "mother of all trump cards" to end a disagreement. @1.40-4

Having said all this, I publicly run the risk of prejudging Ms. Donigan for an accusation made in her March 24 letter to the editor. The general thesis of her letter is that the current Republican Party does what it does, with the goal of making President Obama a one-term president. I appreciate her angle on politics. It's healthy to hear and ponder all sides. Only then can we, as a nation, hope for collective wisdom. Unfortunately, the argument presented was sabotaged when the trump card was pulled; "They fear and dislike the content of our president's mind and the color of his skin."

How does she know this? Have people told her that's why they didn't vote for President Obama? Is she able to discern the thoughts of others? Could it be that assigning prejudice, as a motive, to a group of people who approach problems differently, is in fact being preju-

I only bring this up because this is not the first time I have read or heard such an accusation. It is hurtful and presumptuous.

> Merri Cullen Northville

# On the road: Look to Ford Motor as a way to transform our schools

BY TOM WATKINS **GUEST COLUMNIST** 

ublic education can learn from Ford — "Change or die!" Ford Motor Co. has a special place in my heart. I paid my way through college by



working summers at Ford bending, welding, assembling and painting metal at Ford.

In the late '70s during my stint in the Ford Rouge complex, foreign car companies were trouncing

domestic brands. In 10 short years starting in the mid '70s, Japanese automakers acquired 30 percent of the U.S. market.

American carmakers reacted in then-classic fashion: denial, then blame, scapegoating and, finally, protectionism. Today, under Bill Ford and Alan Mulally, leadership at Ford is executing a transformational plan to cut costs, enhance quality, innovate, stabilize market share and restore the company to profitability.

Like Ford, schools need to change. Public education is far behind the domestic auto industry in accepting the new reality and crafting a new

course in a changing world. Far too many of our schools are acting like nothing has changed - when everything has changed.

The protectors of the educational status quo are similarly at a crossroads, spinning through the same responses: denial, blame, scapegoating and protectionism, when what they need to do is to adopt Ford's mantra of "Change or die!"

#### PARALLELS BETWEEN CARS AND SCHOOLS

Consider the parallels between the paths the domestic car companies have taken and the journey yet to be taken by our schools:

Auto executives received raises and bonuses despite losses in profit and market share. This nonsense was finally stopped until their companies returned to profitability. During the past lost decade, superintendents, principals and teachers received raises and contract extensions, along with golden health care and pensions, even as the state's revenue plummeted and student performance remained stagnant at best.

Auto company boards of directors behaved like ostriches, sticking their heads in the sand and enjoying the good life as losses mounted. Knowing the state faces a minimum \$1.8 billion deficit and local districts suffer falling tax collections school boards continued to enter into multiple-year contracts that are unsustainable and reduce the number of hours of instruction.

The auto industry realized its cost structure and legacy costs were unsustainable and took action to address the imbalance. To date, in far too many schools actions taken to address these issues border on anemic to non-existent.

At first, the domestic automakers blamed their market share losses, poor quality and declining profits on their competitors and the unions. Today, schools blame academic decline on the kids, parents, unions, school choice, lack of money from Lansing and charter schools.

"It's not my job" was the chorus on the factory floor back in the day. That was later replaced with a gulp and, "It's not my job that is disap-pearing, is it?" Now management and labor work together as a team to understand that quality and affordability are everyone's job. Michigan educators, however, work to contain change instead of working together to innovate.

Manual labor was replaced by technology to the point that today's auto

factories have become some of the most technologically advanced spaces on the planet. But today, it seems, digital, personalized and e-learning opportunities are fought against by those anchored to the old ways of education, holding back our children and Michigan's collective future.

Today, innovation and the ability to adapt to changing market conditions have been hotwired into Ford's DNA. The same cannot be said about our schools.

The domestic auto industry has fought through change, modified its approach and cost structure, and emerged once more to compete as a global innovator.

#### **EDUCATIONAL TRANSFORMATION** NEEDED

Like the auto industry, we are past the point where incremental changes are sufficient. Major change is now required to get many schools out of financial distress and educational bankruptcy. Competition and educational improvement on the world stage are on steroids even as we in struggle with incremental change.

Gov. Rick Snyder promised during his State of the State Address to deliver a special message on education to the legislature this month. It

couldn't be more timely. The ticket to making Michigan competitive again is education.

Michiganders, we have a choice. Like the auto industry of the past, we can continue to delude ourselves into thinking we have a divine, preordained right to be a great state that is economically and spiritually secure. Or we can harken back to our roots and realize those achievements must be earned all over again through imagination, ingenuity, innovation, hard work and risk.

An education transformation must be part of the reinvention of our state. This requires more than minor tweaks to the current education system. Education in Michigan cannot be reformed, it must be transformed. Like the auto industry, education is in need of a major overhaul to prepare our children for

Ford has a better idea, the right idea — will Michigan? Like Ford, it is time for Michigan and our schools to change or die.

Tom Watkins, EducationNews.org's 2010 Upton Sinclair Award winner, is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He served as state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He can be reached at: tdwatkins88@gmail.com.

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Northville Public Schools **BOARD OF EDUCATION** Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month

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City of Northville CITY COUNCIL Date: First and third Monday of the

month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St. . **DOWNTOWN Development AUTHORITY MEETING** Date: Third Tuesday of each month Time:8am Location: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St. Contact: downtownnorthville.com PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: First and third Tuesday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: City Hall HOUSING COMMISSION Date: Second Wednesday of every

month Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St. HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: Third Wednesday of month Time: 7 p.m. Location: City Hall **ARTS COMMISSION** Date: Second Wednesday of every ~

month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St. **BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION** 

Date: First Monday of every month Time:8 a.m. Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.

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44405 Six Mile Road Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

# Senior Community Center

Location: 303 W. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-4140 THURSDAY 8 a.m.: Walking Club 9 a.m. TOPS; Massage by appt.

10:30 a.m.: Yoga 11 a.m.: Cribbage Noon: Walking Club 12:30 p.m.: Pinochie

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

MONDAY

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Noon: Walking Club 12:30 p.m.: Pinochie/Euchre TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY 8 a.m.: Walking Club 9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt. 10 a.m.: Oxycise

11 a.m.: Strength Training 11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

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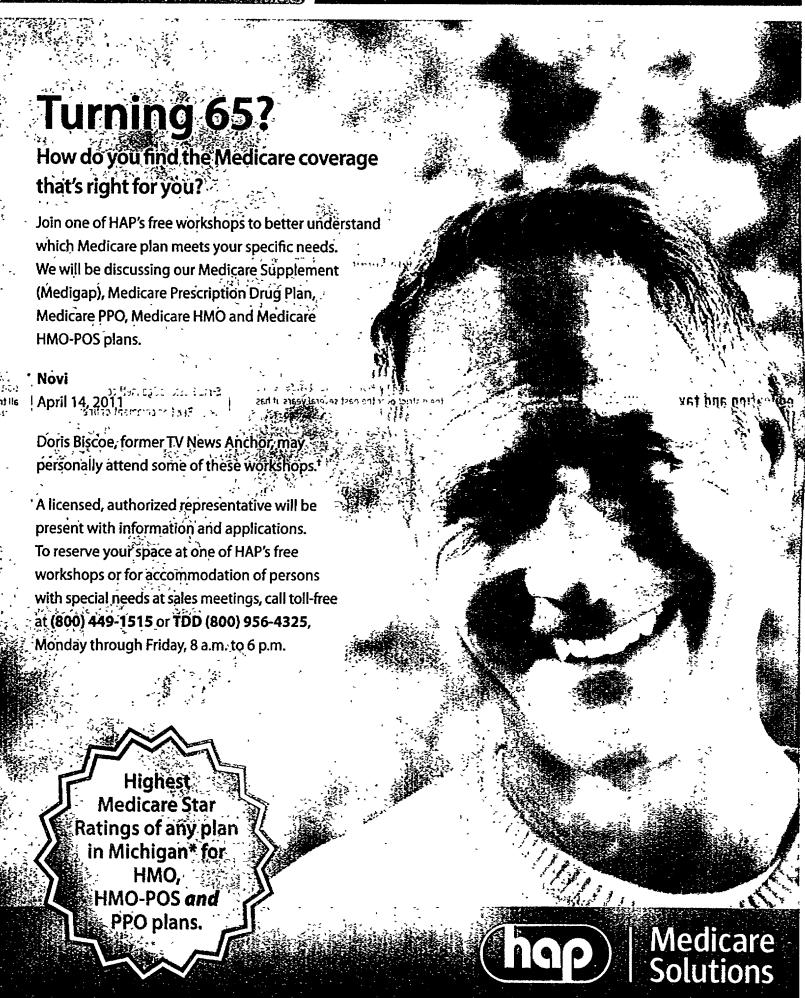
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Landscaping Tricks" area will be home to informative and interesting seminars on curb appeal and sustainable landscape practices, presented by Michigan Landscape Design Services. Also within this area, the "Garden Right Trunk Collection" show, hosted by "Donald Trunk" will provide an entertaining and animated twist to learning about economic gardening.

The show is performed by Bryan Mitnick of Begonia Brothers in Northville. A seminar on perennials will be presented by Sandra Healey of Earthenioy Flowerscaping in the "Dirty Little Landscaping Tricks" area as well.

• The "Green Thumb Theatre" will provide a wide range of seminars on various landscaping and gardening topics, presented by the experts of Southeast Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association and the MSU Master Gardener program. Guests are encouraged to "Ask the Master Gardener" their toughest gardening ques-

· Learn how to accomplish an attractive brick design through do-it-yourself brick paving seminars, conducted by Soulliere Decorative Stone.

Event: The Spring Home & Garden Show

Location: uburban Collection Showplace (formerly Rock Financial Showplace); Grand River Avenue between Beck and Taft roads, Novi Hours: 2-9 p.m. Friday, April 8; 11-9 Saturday, April 9; and 11-6 Sunday, April 10

Cost: The cost for adult admission (ages 13 and up) is \$8; children ages 12 and under are admitted free! Seniors (ages 60 and over) are admitted for just \$7. Included in your ticket price is a one year subscription to Better Homes & Gardens magazine, Discount \$1-off coupons are available on www.novihomeshow.com, at your local Panera Bread Bakery-Café and in area newspapers.

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# National Take-Back Initiative: Get rid of drugs on April 30

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The drop-off site for pharmaceuticals is the Northville Township Police Headquarters located at 41600 Six Mile Road.

The first NTBI in September 2010 was an overwhelming success; 121 tons of pills were turned in nationwide. This will be a great opportunity for those who missed the first event or have subsequently accumulated unused or unwanted prescription drugs, to safely dispose of them.

For further information, contact Officer Mike Burrough at (248) 349-9400.

#### **NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS**

#### Marijuana possession

On March 25, an 18-year-old male resident of Northville Township was issued violations for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

The arresting officer on patrol noticed three vehicles parked at the Sunoco Gas Station on Five Mile Road, nd one vehicle exited the lot after spotting the patrol car. The police stopped the Hyundai at the Tanger Elementary School, and once contact was made the officer smelled the odor of marijuana inside the car. A search turned up both marijuana and pipes to smoke

The passenger, a 19-year-old Northville male, was also issued two violations for possession.

#### Retail fraud

2 A 51-year-old Detroit man was arrested on March 30 for stealing two bottles of liquor from the Meijer store, located at Haggerty Road.

The arresting officer apprehended the man after spotting him running and being chased by the Meijer Loss Prevention Officer. The suspect ran out of the store without paying for a bottle of 1800 Silver Tequila and one 1800 100 Proof. He was charged with retail fraud, theft third

#### Health and safety violation

3 A Health and Safety Violation, according to the Michigan Smoke Free Law, was issued to Havana Lounge on March 26.

During a routine patrol, the reporting officer stated that a check of this Center Street location led to the violation after speaking with two 17-year-old Northville males. The two teenagers stated they had been seated inside the business, which they are not allowed to do.

Havana was issued the violation, and



Northville City Police will further submit a report to the Wayne County Health Department.

#### Damage to private property

A 17-year-old Northville man reported to 4 police that his vehicle was damaged by another driver on March 16.

The complainant stated a "blacked-out SUV" was "tailgating" his vehicle while driving on Sheldon Road. The 17-year-old gestured the SUV driver to back off, but he said to no avail. The SUV driver eventually got out at a red light near Mary Alexander Court and Center Street, and punched the rear of the car leaving a dent.

The suspect was identified and police made contact with him to get a further report. The suspect is a 20-year-old Northville man and said he did punch the vehicle because he said the driver of it "gave him the finger." He did agree to pay for the nearly \$600 in damages.

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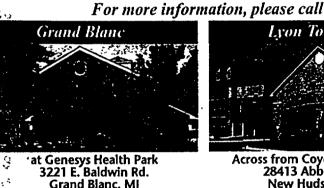
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# SPORTS

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Mustang high jumper Al Myer clears 5 feet, 11 inches at Northville's March 31 meet.

# Mustang boys start track season off on right foot

Squad has strong showing at EMU Invite and vs. South Lyon

The Northville Mustangs boys track and field squad came into the season not knowing what to expect from their overall capabilities. After the EMU Invitational last Wednesday and the dual meet against South Lyon the next day, the team now knows to expect a chance at victory if they turn in strong performances.

In the Eastern Michigan University Invitational -Al Myers, a senior, who took fourth place in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 2 inches. In addition, the spring medley relay team of Andrew Schanee, Myers, Justin Hseih and Edward Clifton took fourth overall.



Mustang track athlete Sean Wagner clears 7 feet, 6 inches in the pole vault on March 31.

The very next day, the Mustangs had their first team test and they came away showing they have the ability to compete in their division. The squad earned a victory over South Lyon thanks to the determination of runners Dan Sims, Schanne, Ryan Flanagan and Clifton, who won the 4x400 relay to secure the victory with a time of

Our team, in cold, cloudy weather conditions, was able to pull out a close

victory against South Lyon," said first-year coach Gordie McIntosh. The boys did a great job against South Lyon. Probably the most exciting race was the 1,600-meter run, as it was a spring to the finish with the South Lyon runner out-dueling Northville's second-place finisher, Dan Sims, by less than half of a second."

Northville earned several point-scoring finishes in the contest, including a first in the 4x800 in a time of 8:55.91 with a relay team of Christian Guenther, Ryan Tish, Sims and Clifton. The relay team of Jahanzeb Jahania, Hseih, Eric Tang and Schanne earned a first as well in the 4x200 with a 1:41.98.

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Mustang Anton Travis competes in the 100-yard dash.

# Northville starts softball season at full throttle

### Squad crushes Ann Arbor Pioneer in doubleheader

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

Someone must have forgotten to tell the Northville Mustangs that softball scores aren't supposed to be lopsided.

The Mustangs, coached by Kary Couchman, opened the 2011 campaign with a statement-they are here to win. The squad simply crushed their Ann Arbor Pioneer foes in the opener of a doubleheader, 15-0, before securing a 14-3 victory in the nightcap.

In the opener of the twin bill, the Mustangs relied on the dual pitching of Laura Pond and Nikki Thibodeau, who combined on a two-hit

"Pond pitched the first three innings, with six strikeouts, while only allowing one walk," said Couchman. "Thibodeau pitched a perfect inning, with two strikeouts.

Four Northville hitters had two hits each to lead the offense. Senior shortstop Karly Fisher had two singles and scored two runs while junior centerfielder Jennifer Buckingham had a single, a long triple, scored three runs and drove in another. Junior Suzanne Hasse, the team's designated hitter, drove in three runs with a single and a double, and scored two runs while freshman catcher Allie Chapekis had a single, a double and also drove in three runs. Senior first baseman Katie Fenech had a single and scored two runs while Rachel Deacon and Ellie Asher added RBIs.

In the closing game, Pioneer scored two runs in the top of the first inning before Northville roared back for a 14-3 win.

Hasse led the offense again with two hits, including a long home run to left center field and three RBIs. Buckingham had three hits and scored two runs while Fisher and Chapekis each had two hits and scored two runs. Junior second baseman Maggie Stewart and junior left fielder Ellie Asher each had a single and two RBIs. Deacon and Katie Fenech also had singles as part of Northville's 13-hit attack.

Pond picked up her second win of the day, pitching the first two innings with three strikeouts before freshman Jessica Jones made her debut, pitching three solid innings, allowing only two hits and no earned runs.

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

# Girls lacrosse team earns two victories

# Squad beats Troy Athens, Plymouth; falls to Brighton

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team may have started their season with a loss, but they've rebounded nicely and haven't bothered to look back.

The squad, coached by Jamie Francek, suffered a 14-3 loss to the powerful Brighton Bulldogs to begin their sea-son March 28, but they came back two days later with an 11-7 victory over the Plymouth Wildcats, followed a day later by an 8-5 win over Troy Athens.

"The team is playing pretty well right now," said Francek. "We're getting better, improving on our mistakes and learning to play as a team.'

Against Brighton, the Mustangs just couldn't find their rhythm, scoring all three goals in the final minutes of the first half and getting shut out in the second. Tenley Mustonen, Charlotte Peterson and Erin Vogel all scored in the game and Rachel Jurczyszyn stopped 19 shots on . goal in the losing effort.

But, undeterred, the team pressed forward.

"Overall, we're a young, athletic team which is getting better with more experience," noted Francek.

Against Plymouth on March 30, the Mustangs pounded out an 11-7 victory, jumping ahead 7-3 in the first half before putting it away with a 4-4 showing in the second.

Leading the way was Peterson, who is the team's goal leader at this point in the

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# A Lock for Player of Year honors

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Simply put, Lakeland's Stephanie Lock was the most dominant player in the area

Teams would do whatever they could to stop her offensively, and she still averaged a staggering 17.3 points a contest. On the other end of the floor, she snagged around 11 boards while also snagging 2.1 steals and 2.2 blocks a game.

She set the Lakeland singleseason scoring record with 364 points and finishes as Lakeland's top career scorer and rebounder in history.

"Simply one of the most accomplished student-athletes to attend Lakeland in its history," said coach Mike Head. "Easily the most valuable player on our team, and the target of every opponent's defensive gameplan. Stephanie had a stellar season statistically, truly proving herself as one of the county's best basketball players. Offensively or defensively, Stephanie significantly impacted every game this year.

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#### First team

Kerri McMahan, Novi

It isn't easy for freshman to make the All-Area First Team, but Novi's speedy guard ran her way onto the team by averaging 9.8 points a game to go with 3 assists, 2.5 steals and 3 rebounds.

"Not only lead team in scoring, assists, steals and free throws attempted, but as all true point guards and great players, she made everyone around her better," said coach

Alyssa Armiak, Novi

Gabrielle Williams, South Lyon Willow Cohn, South Lyon East Honorable Mention South Lyon: Emily Slavik, Jessica Mehr, Danielle Godair Lakeland: Ciara Schultz, Rose Deren, Callie Vivian, Marlayna Malvich, Jillian Parsons Milford: Claire Fuelling, Michelle

Novi: Jade Anteloc SL East: Taylor Jones

Tierney

The Wildcat senior shot 35 percent from three-point range while averaging 6.5 points, 2 assists and 2.3 steals per game. Armiak was voted KLAA All-Conference and was a four-year varsity player for Novi.

"She was the best on the ball defensive player we have ever had," said Kelp.

Alex Moynes, Northville The junior center averaged nine points, four rebounds and three blocks a game for the Mustangs. She was voted KLAA All-Conference and nominated for the MHSAA and BCAM Reaching Higher College Showcase for under-classmen that will be played in

"Alex is a threat on both sides of the court inside with good leaping ability," said coach Todd Gudith. "She has developed into a tougher player this season and improved dramatically over her sophomore season. She faced many double teams throughout the year and was a difficult match-up for a number of teams. Her size can intimidate those that tried to go inside on her, causing them to get their shot blocked or forcing them to alter their shot."

Lindsey Bandyk, Milford The senior guard earned KLAA All-Conference honors after averaging 11 points, 2 rebounds and a steal each game.

"Lindsey's presence on the court is greatly respected by all of our opponents," said coach Jennifer VanGeothem. "For the second consecutive year, she lead our team in scoring. In addition, she really improved on defense and was often asked to guard the opposing team's top guard. Lindsey's work ethic and passion for the game set a high standard for our underclassmen to follow."

Kristin Short, South Lyon The senior guard earned KLAA First-Team honors for the third consecutive year. She set the school record with 33 points in a game this year. She averaged 15 points, 5.2 rebounds, 4.3 steals and 2.4 assists. She also shot 39 percent from three, canning 38 shots from behind the arc.

"In a game of uncertainty, Kristin has been one of the few constant performers in the area over the past four years," said coach Erica Thomas. This season, with a young team around her, there were quarters and games where she carried our team on her back and willed us to win. Kristin helped our team overcome tremendous adversity on and off the court with her composed demeanor and competitive instinct."

#### Second team

Joanna Beaton, Novi The senior forward averaged 8.1 points, 3.8 rebounds and led the team by hitting 74 percent of her free throws. She was voted KLAA All-Conference and won the "Hardest Worker on the Team" award for the second straight

Meredith Williams,

Northville The junior point guard averaged 6.2 points, three assists, three steals and 3.3 rebounds a game for the Mustangs. She was voted KLAA All-Conference.

Lauren Smith, Milford The senior center averaged 8 points, 5 rebounds and 1.3 assists for the Mavs. She led Milford in rebounding and was second in scoring.

Gabrielle Williams, South

The 5-10 junior guard averaged 9.4 points, 6.5 rebounds, 2.5 steals and 1.5 assists for the Lions. She earned All-Conference KLAA and served as a captain for South Lyon.

Willow Cohn, South Lyon

The Cougar junior averaged 7 points and 7 rebounds with two steals a contest. She was voted KLAA All-Conference.

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Sweeping the 110 high hurdles were Northville runners Schanne, Hsieh and Charlie May, who finished in 17.9 seconds, 19.05 and 19.65, respectively. Schanne also took first in the 300 hurdles with a 45.23 showing, followed by Hseih in second in 47.72 and Jahania in third, 49.79.

Northville continued their event sweeping with a trifecta in the 800meter run, as Clifton took the top spot in 2:10, followed by Ashwin Easow's 2:16 and Joe Chou in 2:22. The team also swept the long jump as Grant Miller put up a leap of 16-9 for the win, followed by Chou's 16-5 and Michael

LaFramboise's 16-5 for second and

third, respectively.

Ryan Flanagan ran a 54.35-second race in the 400 for first place to help his team to victory while Myers took first in the high jump with a 6-0 leap and Sean Wagner finished third with a 5-3.

Finishing in second place in the 1,600 was Sims with a 4:46.68, while Trent Johnson ran a 4:52 for third. In the 3,200, Jason Lerner ran an 11:05.9 for second while Johnson put up an 11:13.61

Also taking third-place finishes were Griffin Goble, who threw 103 feet in the discus, and Jonathon Wines, who threw the shot put 35.4 feet.

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



Mustang Luke Dodge races in the 100-yard dash.



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Mustang discus thrower David Hownshaw in action on March 31.

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year. She notched six goals, . including four in the first half. Mustonen added three goalsin the win while Katie Bielskis and Kelsey DeRidder added one each.

Earning assists were Peterson, Bielskis, DeRidder, Alexis Cook and Reena

Jurczyszyn had 15 saves in the win.

victory just a day later, beating Troy Athens, 8-5.

The squad led by just one goal after the first half, 4-3, but sealed the game with

strong defense and goaltending

in the second. Peterson had five goals in the game, including three in the second half, while Alivia DuQuet, Bielskis and DeRidder each added one goal. Earning assists were Meredith Brady and Kaitlyn Sabourin.

Jurczyszyn had her best game so far this season, tallying 21 saves to keep her team in the win column.

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



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# Catholic Central starts season off undefeated

### Baseball team has wins over three opponents

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

If a coach could pick any way to start their season, it would be with victories against league opponents.

Thankfully for coach Bill Lis, that's exactly how the Detroit Catholic Central baseball team has hammered out the opening weeks of their season. The squad, which is now 4-0 over all, handed defeats to Catholic High School League rivals Divine Child and DeLaSalle and another to non-league opponent Detroit

Western. Against Western, which was the season-opening contest, the Shamrocks earned a 6-3 victory. Tanner Waterstreet earned the win on the mound while Ryan Keller slapped a two-run home run to help ensure the victory.

The Shamrock's continued their strong play as they took on DeLaSalle just days later. The squad won the opening game of the twin bill, 10-5, with Mitchell Gatt earning the victory and PJ Nowak hitting a two-run homer and Greg Voutsos cranking a grand slam for the win. In the nightcap, the Catholic Central squad led, 9-4, but the game was called due to darkness and will be

finished April 16.

Catholic Central didn't have a problem with darkness when they played Divine Child, however, winning the opener, 5-3, before expanding on that score with an 8-3 victory in the closer. John Lawless was the winning pitcher for the first game and Chris Boher getting the nod in the second. Keller added to his stats with a tworun homer in the nightcap, a game that also found Bobby Dulzo hitting two home runs of his own.

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#### **SPORTS BRIEFS**

#### Dance company info

The NHS Varsity Dance Company is preparing for next year and would like to invite any student interested in dance to attend an informational meeting, along with their parents/guardians, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 in the Forum at the high school; it will last approximately one hour. You'll have the opportunity to find out what the Dance Company is all about, meet current dancers and their parents, and find out the participation requirements before auditions on May 6.

If you're unable to come or

would like additional information, please contact Mari Anne Guidobono at 248.761.7072 or mguidobono@yahoo.com.

#### Cheer clinic

The Northville High School Cheer Program invites all current sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls to participate in the 2011 High School Prep Cheer Clinic Series. These clinics will be conducted by the NHS cheer coaching staff and the varsity cheer team. Clinics are offered each Monday from 5-7 p.m. through April 11. Registration forms and additional information are available www.northvillecheer.com.

#### Pom prep clinic

The Northville High School pom pon program is sponsoring a pom prep clinic for girls who are currently in middle school or high school that would like to improve their pom skills in preparation for spring tryouts. Information regarding tryouts for JV, varsity and the middle school pom team will also be distributed.

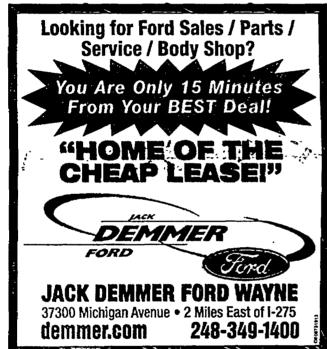
Clinic dates are 5:30-7:30 p.m. April 6-8 at the high school. Cost is \$60. E-mail northvillepompon@comcast. net for registration information.

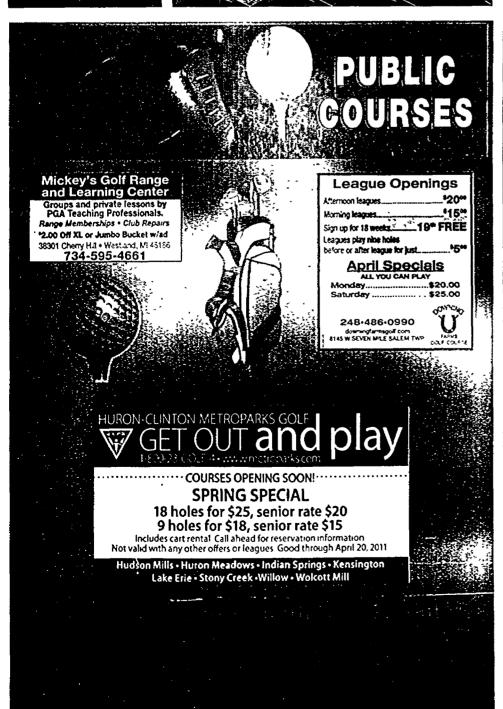
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# Owning a home usually a boon come tax time

BY JULIE BROWN **OSE STAFF WRITER** 

The possibility of eliminating the mortgage interest deduction from Americans' tax returns has caused a stir in real estate circles.

Kathy Coon, broker/owner of Real Living Great Lakes Real Estate with offices in Rochester Hills, Clarkston and West Bloomfield, is president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, which is merging with the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. She'll be president of the new merged group, the name of which will soon be announced.

She's been in real estate since 1990 and sees tax benefits to owning a home.

"There's a significant benefit at the federal level. There is a lot you can deduct in terms of your closing costs," she said. And there are tax benefits at the state level too."

Mortgage interest deduction is important. "You're building equity," she said. "History has shown over the last 100 years there's a benefit in home ownership."

The last few years have been difficult, she acknowledged, "and challenging. It's an interesting market here in Michigan."

She's seen a bottoming out of prices in the past several months. "Listings are down. We're seeing a lot of buyers in the market." Her office and other agents she knows are seeing multiple offers on properties in good shape, well-priced.

\*Then we're going to start seeing an upswing in the value of these proper-

"It would be a terrible thing, I think, if the government removed the benefit." Coon said of the mortgage interest deduction. "Our industry certainly fights to keep that deduction in place.'

It's "for the consumers' best interest. They keep chipping away at the consumer. They're the ones who are ultimately hurt, she said.

Coon doesn't see taxes as a big factor for new buyers. "I think first-time buyers are just so

excited about home ownership." Taxes are less important, she said, but a side benefit.

Offering a different perspective is Dan Smith, a Northville resident and vice president/mortgage banking for First Place Bank of Livonia. "So many people buy houses for all the wrong reasons," said Smith, who believes you should buy to put a roof over your head.

Smith said it's always a mistake to take on a lot of debt. "Somehow people perceive it as more affordable because of the deduction, and it is," said Smith, who favors capping property tax and other deductions.

In the past, he's seen some people run up credit card balances and put them on a home equity loan. "They're giving it all away. You've got to live somewhere. They'd be living in the

"I don't think it should be even in the

investment column," Smith, a severaldecades veteran of his field, said of owning a home. "Lenders, banks, consumers, all guilty as charged." Those considering a home purchase must weigh their income and overhead, he

So many people, they just go into it so leveraged. I love my home, I love going home to it. To me, it's the hub of your life," Smith concluded.

National experts in real estate have varied views but rally around the mortgage interest deduction as a plus.

Owning a home offers myriad benefits throughout the year, but some of the financial advantages of home ownership are most apparent at tax time," said NAR President Ron Phipps. broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I. "As many of today's hardworking American families are feeling a financial squeeze, the tax benefits that can come from owning a

home can be a welcome relief."

A number of tax deductions and credits are still available for homeowners; these include deductions - with specific limits - for mortgage interest and capital gains on home sales, and credits for certain energy-efficient home improvements. Even with these benefits, homeowners pay 80-90 percent of all U.S. federal income taxes.

"It's been suggested that many of today's tax incentives for home ownership primarily benefit wealthy individuals, but that's simply not true," said Phipps. 'As today's public debate continues about what home ownership means for families, communities, and the nation's economy, there's no question that for many, owning a home is still the best way to begin building wealth."

Ninety-one percent of homeowners who claim the mortgage interest deduction earn less than \$200,000 a year, and the ability to deduct the interest paid on a mortgage can mean significant savings at tax time. For example, a family who bought a home in 2010 with a \$200,000, 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage, assuming an interest rate of 4.5 percent, could save nearly \$3,500 in federal taxes when they file this year, according to the

"Realtors see the very real positive impact of home ownership every day with our clients," said Phipps. "Recent proposals to reduce or eliminate the mortgage interest deduction and remove government support of the housing finance market could have disastrous consequences for the economy, not to mention making it harder or nearly impossible for millions of families to own their own homes. We believe America must continue to invest in home ownership, for the future of our families and our nation."

For homeowner tax season tips, visit www.HouseLogic.com. HouseLogic is a free source of information from NAR that helps homeowners maintain and enhance the value of their homes and engage in issues that affect their local communities.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

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## 'Specialist' may not. be all that claims say

Q: I have seen on the statements from our attorney that a so-called "collection specialist" is handling our matters. I have inquired as to what a collection specialist is and got a response that is somewhat yaque. Do you have any idea what a collection specialist is?

A: Frankly, I doubt if the collection specialist is an attorney or, for that matter, a certified legal assistant. It is probably someone who is assisting administratively in the collection of assessments. That doesn't make that person a "specialist" in the sense of obtaining a degree

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Robert Meisner

in that particular area. It is probably a euphemism for an administrative assistant who does not have a legal assistant degree.

You are best advised to request a full explanation as to what is meant by a "collection specialist" from your attorney and absent receiving same, find an attorney that utilizes legal assistants and attorneys to collect assessments.

0: I live in a condominium where ! they have failed to clean my -sidewalk and/or my driveway on two separate occasions. I have complained to the management company but they refuse to respond in a timely fashion. I am thinking about docking them for having me hire a snow removal contractor to take away the snow from my driveway and walk. Do you think that is a good idea?

A: Probably not, your

condominium documents. as do most, do not allow a co-owner to deduct from his or her assessment obligation the cost of work which they had to undertake which allegedly is the responsibility of the association. What will probably happen is that the Association will consider your assessment to be delinquent and seek collection activities. You in turn have a right to sue for mismanagement, but you do not have a right to withhold assessments because of mismanagement or deprivation of services. Indeed, this writer wrote that section of the Michigan Condominium Act 25 years ago. You are best advised to consult with an attorney to write the association and the management company a letter indicating that you will seek recourse against them for all damages incurred by you because of their failure collectively and individually to properly maintain the condominium in accordance with the condominium documents.

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

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559 Overlook St	\$35,00
8079 Springdale Dr	. \$86.00
9669 Steephollow Dr	\$450.00
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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 instruc-

tor, 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 v/ww. 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 cov-

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.

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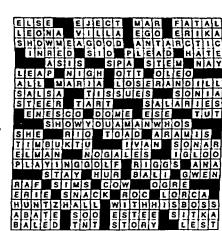
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Conventional wisdom states that college-educated workers earn higher salaries because the their jobs require more education and advanced skills. In addition, fewer workers have college degrees, so they are harder to find in relation to workers without degrees. Indeed, according to the most recent U.S. Census Bureau data, 19 percent of Americans hold a bachelor's degree, while approximately 31 percent have a high school diploma.

Census data also shows that the mean income for a college graduate is \$58,613, a significant difference from the \$31,283 mean income for a high school graduate. You might reason, then, that to bring home a sizeable paycheck, you need to go to college. Although that's often true, there are exceptions. Many jobs pay workers well because their daily tasks are dangerous, difficult or extremely specialized. Experience also factors into the equation because many employers value years of experience more than their years of education. These jobs not requiring a degree aren't necessarily easy to perform nor they easy to land.

That's not to say you shouldn't earn a college or graduate degree if you want. However, if college isn't the right option for you or if it's not a plausible option in the

short-term, consider these 15 professions that don't require a college degree but pay well:

1. Aides supervisor \$63,231\*. Aides supervisors supervise homehealth aides, which involves setting their work schedules and monitoring their performance to ensure quality care for patients.

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14. Payroll supervisor \$72,951. Payroll supervisors oversee the process of calculating compensation based on workers' hours, reviewing timecards, distributing pay and adhering to government regulations for payroll.

15. Real estate broker \$79,494. Real estate brokers maintain their own real estate businesses that help home buyers look for houses or condominiums. They research neighborhoods, find available homes, and assist buyers through the financial and legal aspects of the purchase process.

\*Salary data based on figures from CBSalary.com.

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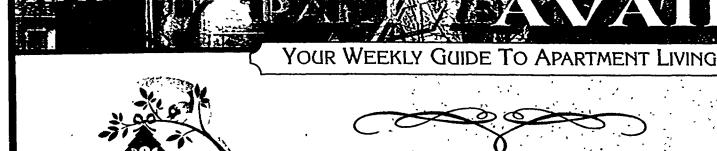


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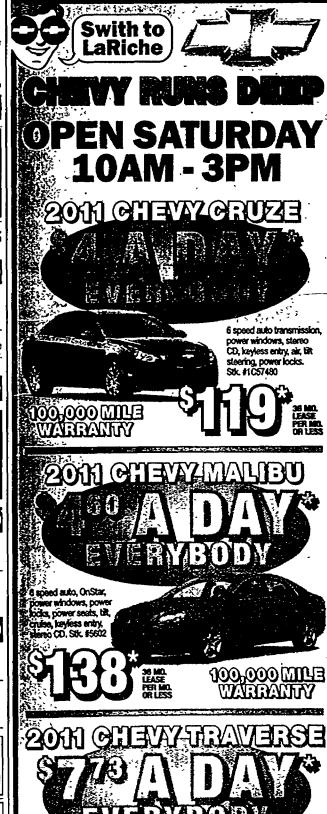
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