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## ON THE RECORD

### SpringFest

Northville Parks and Recreation and the Northville Township Fire Department are teaming up for the third year in a row to celebrate spring-time with games, egg hunt, and a lot of fun activities the whole family can enjoy for free at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17 at Millennium Park south side of Six Mile Road, across from Northville High School. The egg hunt starts promptly at 2:30 p.m.

### Talk with Rep. Heise

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

Heise will talk with residents on Friday, April 15, at Charley's Deli Grille, located at 16873 Haggerty Road, in Northville from 7:30-9 a.m. No appointment is necessary.

Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail [kurtheise@house.mi.gov](mailto:kurtheise@house.mi.gov) to schedule an appointment.

### Sprouting good ideas

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

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

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

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

# S for the big screen Scream



PHOTO BY LONNIE HURMAN

The Next Chapter book store in downtown Northville is in the new Wes Craven horror film, Scream 4. Store employee Dave Reese dressed up in the infamous costume in preparation for the premiere at midnight.

## Downtown Northville store plays a role in new horror flick

BY LONNIE HURMAN  
CORRESPONDENT

The name Next Chapter is what caught the eye of movie director Wes Craven. He not only used the downtown Northville business as the setting for a major scene in his new Scream 4 movie, but he used its name as well.

"This is rarely done, so we are really proud of that," said store manager Martha Nelson of the Next Chapter name making its movie debut.

The bookstore and coffee shop is located at 141 E. Main St.

Last summer, Craven and his crew came to Northville to shoot this fourth installment in this series of successful scare flicks. Courteney Cox, Neve Campbell and David Arquette are among the actors who appear in the Next Chapter scene.

It almost didn't happen though.

Prior to the start of filming, the book store and coffee shop suffered extensive storm damage from an early summer storm.

They had been preparing for their grand opening, but this set them back. And because of this, store co-owner Dan Comaianni did not think Craven would even want to film there.

But they did, and they also helped with some of the repairs. They did such things as install new lightning, paint the interior along with a mural in the sitting area, and stenciled the writing out in front of the store. Comaianni said Craven "was a very gracious guy."

After the filming, Next Chapter went back to preparing for its opening, which it did last August. Since then Comaianni and his wife, Kathy, have worked to make it a destination where one can get a great cup of coffee while looking for a thoughtful book.

### FREE PREMIERE TICKETS

To celebrate the opening of the movie, Next Chapter has teamed up with Livonia's Phoenix Theaters at Laurel Park Place to do a promotional event. Starting today, April 14, from 7-9 p.m. 100 free tickets for the planned midnight premiere will be given away at the book store by Radio Disc Jockey Mike Scott, of 99.5 WYCD. People planning on attending are encouraged to dress up. VIP tickets are being offered as well, and they are priced at \$5 and are good for the run of the engagement.

"This is a great way for us to commemorate the filming, and we are really appreciative of the help Phoenix Theaters has given us," Next Chapter co-owner Dan Comaianni said.

### BUDGET WOES

## Northville police face more cuts

Full-time officers down to just 13

BY LONNIE HURMAN  
CORRESPONDENT

"We are going into uncharted territory." That's how Northville City Police Chief Gary Goss referred to the further projected reductions in departmental staff levels.

But he also says the remaining officers more than fulfill their duties. With the help of technology and an emphasis on efficiency, the department aims to maintain a high level of service.

Goss went before the Northville City Council last week to give his budget presentation of the police department. He said

they are anticipating the retirement of one full-time officer during the upcoming 2011-12 fiscal year and possibly another. There will be no replacements.

This will put the total number of full-time officers at 13. The staff has been cut by over 30 percent in the last couple of years.

In 2009, the department laid off over 20 staff members. This has left the remaining officers juggling multiple responsibilities in conjunction with their day-to-day patrolling and investigative duties. Another result from this is the department is now only open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (but in the case of emergency, entry can be made).

The department will always maintain two full-time patrols, Goss said.

"I applaud our men and women. They have really stepped up to learn new technology, and, overall, we have become more efficient. That has always been the goal with us," he said of the department.

Even with the layoffs and retirements the proposed police budget for FY 11-12 stands at \$2,346,453. Goss points to legacy costs such as retirement and unemployment as two reasons for no significant decrease in expenditures. He added that after 2016 these costs will begin to decrease.

However, he also said the overall department budget has been cut by over 3 percent since its high point in 2007-08 when it was just over \$2,420,000. He said if the legacy costs are not factored in, the budget has been cut by 11 percent since then.

Two things that have led to the budget decrease are contracting with Northville Township for dispatch, and negotiations with the union. Police department union members have agreed to forgo a wage increase and have a freeze on it until 2013.

"We have never been at this staff level," he said. "However, the community should be reassured that we are getting the job done and will continue to."

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## Robostangs heading to nationals

Northville team wins state Chairman's Award at EMU

BY LONNIE HURMAN  
CORRESPONDENT

Teamwork and ingenuity has helped the Northville High School Robotics Team win a spot at the national competition.

After winning the FIRST 2011 Chairman's Award at the state competition, which

was held last weekend at Eastern Michigan University, Team 548, the Northville Robostangs, will now move onto St. Louis, Missouri. At the end of April, they will compete against other teams from around the country.

FIRST -- For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology -- is a non-

profit organization designed to encourage teenagers to pursue interests and studies in science, technology, engineering and math. This is the 11th season the Robostangs have competed in the FIRST competition.

Team Coordinator and

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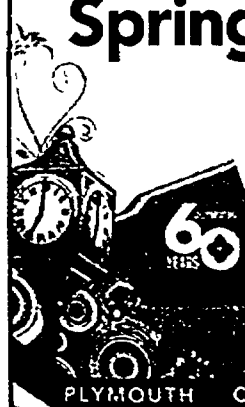


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MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

# Who knows about the gazebo?

## Information needed on former downtown structure

BY LONNIE HUHMAN  
 CORRESPONDENT

Northville Township Trustee Marv Gans needs help with a mystery. He is looking for anyone who might be able to solve the case of the old Northville City gazebo. More specifically, he needs help putting it back together.

It currently sits like pieces of a puzzle at the City of Northville's Department of Public Works building. Gans has done his research and has hit a roadblock. "We can't find any plans for it as far back as 1978, so we are not exactly sure how it should be put back together," he said.

The hope is to take the gazebo, which used to be situated in the town square area off of Main Street in downtown Northville, and have it rebuilt in the designated historical public area of Thayer's Corner. Its original construction date is unknown, according to Gans.

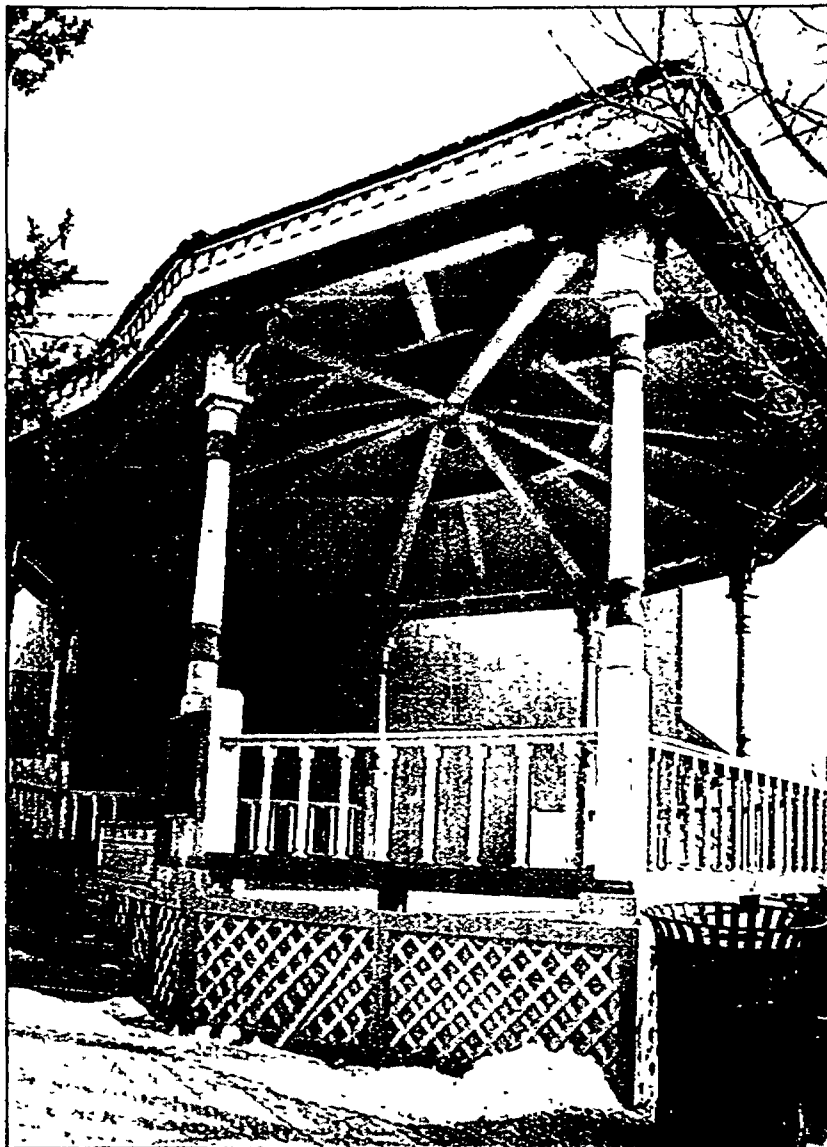
It would become another part to the historic property located at Napier and Six Mile roads. He said it could work as a covered picnic area for the community and visitors.

But he also says moving forward without knowing exactly how to put it back together could be a foolish exercise.

The city took it down several years back, and placed at the DPW yard. For it to make its next move, Gans and his team will need to know all of the details in order to put it back together.

"It's like a jigsaw puzzle, and it would be a big help to get in touch with anyone that remembers it," he said. "It would be a great piece to add."

Now, if you are an historical detective or just someone who knows a thing or two, contact Gans at the township hall at (248) 348-5800.



Marv Gans wants to reconstruct this gazebo at Thayer's Corner, but he's looking for plans on its assembly. If you know, contact him at the township hall at (248) 348-5800.

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# Yoga class focuses on over-30

BY LONNIE HUHMAN  
CORRESPONDENT

Yoga to Diane Siegel-DiVita is about gentle, meditative, stress-releasing poses. But it is also about strengthening the body and its systems.

She makes it sound appealing all-around. For those who practice yoga, they can also speak to this. Those who don't are probably like many others who might not understand it, or think getting into that pose will be quite impossible.

Not surprisingly, DiVita enjoys teaching both types. She said yoga can be for anyone wanting to try body strengthening poses while also getting what she went into yoga for originally ... "stress relief."

A long-time Northville resident, DiVita has been teaching yoga classes for over 30s. She said one thing participants of her classes will know is she is experienced and knowledgeable.

"It made me feel healthier and centered," she said of yoga. "One other great thing about it is that there is always something new to learn."

And she does so by doing such things as attending various workshops each year to maintain her abilities to teach others this ancient physical, mental and spiritual discipline. Her most influential teachers are Aadil Palkhivala, who has a yoga college in the State of Washington, and his brother Jehangir Palkhivala, who travels to Michigan yearly from Mumbai, India.

She said her yoga classes always offer challenges while also respecting each person's special needs. She begins the sessions with about 15 minutes of joint exercise with emphasis on certain lymph nodes then continues with a variety of stretches and poses. While all of the time she stresses proper alignment.

"We often use props such as bolsters, blocks, chairs and straps, which I generally provide," she said of the devices



Yoga instructor Diane Siegel-DiVita, left, watches over student Linda Bush during a class taught in the Northville American Legion hall on Dunlap.



Yoga classes are now offered inside Northville's American Legion hall on Dunlap.

some can use to get into a pose that may be too difficult when just starting out.

DiVita is a registered yoga teacher through the Yoga Alliance. In addition, she is

a past president of the Yoga Association of Greater Detroit (YAGD).

She is a student of the Iyengar method of yoga, which pays strict attention to body align-

ment in Yoga postures.

"Yoga effectively trains the body to develop strength, flexibility and balance. Relaxation techniques are an important part of my yoga classes," she said.

She says her classes are good because she is committed to providing individual attention for individual needs, while keeping it affordable.

She teaches classes at

Northville's American Legion on Dunlap Street weekly. For those who are interested in getting into a class, she can be reached at (248) 344-0928 or email at trianglesix@sbcglobal.net.



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Yoga students Eileen Ajluni, left, and Linda Bush, lower right, take a Monday morning class at the Northville American Legion hall taught by Diane Siegel-DiVita.

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# Northville middle schoolers battle with books

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Students from Hillside Middle School, Meads Mill, Our Lady of Victory and St. Paul's Lutheran competed to win prizes in both the reading competition and the Costume competition.

The Story Sleuths, a team of sixth graders from Meads Mill won the reading competition with a score of 276 points, out of a possible 280 points. Team members included: Nick Bartschat, Renae Nichols, Michael Zhang, Valerie Zhang and Larry Zhao. The team was managed by Anita Bartschat.

Second place was awarded to Reading with the Stars, a team of 8th graders from Meads Mill. Third place went to the Reading Wizards, 7th graders from Meads Mill and Hillside. Fourth place was a tie between the Baby Einsteins, sixth graders from Our Lady of Victory and the Page Turners, seventh

graders from Meads Mill.

Although the teams all did a wonderful job dressing in costume, the judges awarded the following in the costume competition: Most Creative: the Textbooks, eighth graders from Meads Mill; Best Literary Characters: the Page Turners from Meads Mill; and Best Fit to Team Name: The Living Dahls, seventh graders from Our Lady of Victory. Honorable mention went to the Story Sleuths from Meads Mill.

Suzanne Schimanski-Gross, Teen Services librarian, said, "Battle of the Books is such a fun event for this age group. The teams really outdid themselves with their creative team names and costumes this year. We carefully select the books that they read as a team, so it's rewarding to see them reading books they might not have chosen otherwise."

Books are selected by Northville District Library librarians, who choose well-reviewed young adult novels in a variety of genres, including historical fiction, humor, science fiction, fantasy and adventure stories. Battle titles are kept secret and announced at the start of the competition in mid-December. Complete scores and photos can be found at the library's website on the teen page at [www.northvillelibrary.org](http://www.northvillelibrary.org)



Three members of the Third Place team the Reading Wizards confer on their answer to a battle question. Team members are seventh-graders from Meads Mill and include: Mohsin Arsiwala, Tejas Bedi, Zahra Dawson, Arpit Jain, Tasneem Nagarwala and Harnoor Singh.

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## Children's Exhibit gives kids chance to express themselves

BY LONNIE HUHMAN  
CORRESPONDENT

Capturing everyday moments was the theme for this year's Children's Exhibit, which was created by the kids and teachers of Northville's Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs.

However, the creation process and learning experience lasted nearly a year, all of it leading to the moment in which the children felt self-esteem through expression.

Program Coordinator Eileen Freeman said the exhibit is another way they promote the kids and their creativity.

"We base our teaching on observing and listening to the children. Once we understand their interests we can then extend that knowledge into the learning," Freeman said of the program's learning techniques.

She went on to say the staff sees each child as competent, full of potential and active in constructing his or her own knowledge through interactions with others. Their goal is to see the children as rich, strong and powerful. Therefore, she says they try to fully understand their viewpoints and abilities.

This project encapsulates all of these things.

This was their sixth annual event, and for the last couple of weeks a sampling of works from each of the classes was on display at the Northville Square. The opening night was a big deal for the families. Many came to celebrate.

"We just love this community location. It offers an ideal way to help put the focus on the children," she added.

The displays also included documentation in the form of books, panels and photos to show how the projects emerged and how the children worked together.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Early Childhood Center student Chelsea Ciaravalle, 4, left, takes a look at some of the bead and stone artwork that she and other pre-schoolers created. The artwork's currently on display inside Northville Square.



An example of the kind of bead and stone artwork created by Northville Early Childhood students.

Four-year-olds in Sandy Maynard's half-day afternoon class created a display called Cooperative Learning through Sensory Integration. She said the highlight was watching the children interact with each other.

"Everyone in the class was thoughtful and considerate of each other. It was always seen as a class project to do together," Maynard said. "I am very proud of them."

Her students formed clay pieces into beads that were then tied on to some branches they used to fashion into a small tree.

Pride is what these young creators felt.

"It's fun seeing our beads up there," 4-year-old Ella Jordan said.

This moment for Ella may be the seed in a lifetime of learning and expression.



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Old Village student teacher Marisa Ketchum, right, gives a high-five to student Michael Baron, 14, left, as he and Blake Boshaw, 14, complete counting cans the school's donating to Civic Concern. Old Village took its turn during the month of March in donating food and personal care items to Civic Concern and collected items from parents and staff.

## Old Village shows its concern for community

BY LONNIE HUHMAN  
CORRESPONDENT

For 27 years Marlene Kunz has directed the work at Northville Civic Concern. She and her team of volunteers distribute food items every second and fourth Friday of each month. They are helping nearly 170 families in the community who are in need because of such things as job loss or health issues.

The importance of the work she does remains the same as it was the day she started. Kunz said the needs of others have only grown in recent years due to the downturn in the economy. Civic Concern not only has many people arriving early on distribution days to receive food and canned goods to help feed their families, but the organization also reaches out to those who are home-bound.

One facet of Civic Concern that not only helps out its services immensely, but it's also crucial to its existence is the assistance from Northville schools and churches. Throughout the month of March, Old Village School collected canned goods and food to give to Kunz and her team.

"If we did not have the help from the schools and churches we could not keep up with it," Kunz said of the yearly demands. "Because of them we are able to keep our shelves full, and they enable us to cover the entire year."

Each Northville school takes a month during the school year while local churches come through during the summer. Old Village collected 200 items during their month.

Old Village Principal Art Fischer said they have been doing this for years, and they plan on doing so for many more.

"There are huge needs for many community families, and we know how important it is for Civic Concern to do this," Fischer said.



Old Village School substitute teacher Renee Robinson works with student Dwayne Barron, 11, as they count food the school collected from parents and staff for Northville Civic Concern. Old Village gathered up their donations on March 29.

"All of the schools know this, and that's why we help."

Kunz said it is hard to always ask for help. However, she knows help will always be needed.

Through the efforts of the schools and churches, it's obvious the Northville community knows this and is wholeheartedly in support of Civic Concern's service.

If you would like more information on Civic Concern, or if you want to help out, contact Kunz at (248)344-1033.

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**BARNEY BAILEY**

Age 81, passed away April 8, 2011 at home. Visitation was held on April 12. A funeral service will be held on April 13 at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**DR. ALBERT F. DICK**

Age 91, of Northville, passed away peacefully April 5, 2011. He was born August 21, 1919 in South Haven, Michigan to Albert and Blanche (Hildreth) Dick. Albert proudly served his country as a Sergeant in the Army during World War II. He obtained his Bachelor of Science from Iowa University and his Doctor of Chiropractic from Lincoln Chiropractic School in 1948. He owned Albert F. Dick, Chiropractic in Northville from 1962-2005. Dr. Dick was a dedicated chiropractor for 57 years; many people benefited from his kind and giving nature. He was a life member of the VFW Post 4012, the NRA, and a past member of the Westland Lion's Club. For many years Dr. Dick raised and trained Brittany Spaniels. Another important hobby of his was fishing. His Presbyterian faith was very important to him. He is survived by his dear friends Fran Dougher and Patrick Dougher. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Arthur Dick. To honor Dr. Dick's request he was buried in the Veteran's section of Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or Season Hospice, 27355 John R. Ste. 100, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. (248) 349-0611.

**PETER JOHN GILBERG**

Husband of the late Deloris M. Husband of the late Deloris M. Father of Timothy (Riga) & the late Richard. Grandfather of four & great-grandfather of seven. Service was Apr. 9, Holy Family Church, Novi. Online condolences: [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**KEVIN S. GILCHRIST**

Age 30, a lifelong resident of Northville, passed away suddenly April 5, 2011. He was born June 29, 1980 in Atlanta, Georgia to Stanley and Martha (McIntyre) Gilchrist. Kevin was a 1998 graduate of Northville High School. He graduated from Hillsdale College with a Bachelors degree in Mathematics and Physics. He then furthered his education by earning his Masters degree in Industrial Engineering at Georgia Tech University. Kevin was a consultant with Accenture for over 8 years. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He loved baseball; playing at both the high school and collegiate levels. He enjoyed snow skiing and was a big fan of the Detroit Tigers. Kevin is survived by his loving parents Stanley and Martha Gilchrist; his grandparents Charles III and Irma McIntyre; his brother Chad (Alison) Gilchrist; his nephew Chase Gilchrist; his aunts, Marjorie (Gary) Evans and Susan (John) Cervini; and his uncles, Barry Gilchrist and Anthony (Mary Ann) Gilchrist. He is also survived by several cousins and many friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents William and Martha Gilchrist. A memorial service was held Saturday, April 9, 2011 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Pastor Thomas M. Lubeck officiated the service. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to St. Paul's Lutheran Church 201 Elm Street, Northville, MI 48167 or New Hope Center for Grief Support 315 Girswood, Northville, MI 48167. Arrangements were entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home (248) 349-0611

**DON LAFLAMBOY**

Passed away April 4, 2011. Visitation was held on April 8. A funeral service was held on April 9, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

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**DON L. MCGRADY SR.**

Age 75, passed away April 8, 2011. He was born on June 13, 1935, in Welch, West Virginia, to the late Dock and Clara (Marshall) McGrady. He served in the U.S. Army in the 11th Airborne. He lived in the South Lyon area for 42 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church of South Lyon. Don was a wonderful husband and father. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Carolyn McGrady; children: Donna Ann (Joel) Stephens, Donald Daniel (fiance Ann Weber) McGrady, Julie Lynn Hoskins; grandchildren: Brett Adam Stephens, Stacy Renee Stephens; great-grandchildren: Brayden Parker, Taylor Nicole, and Blake McGrady. Visitation will be held on April 10, Sunday, 3-8 p.m.; April 11, Monday, 2-8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on April 12, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon, 60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon. In loving memory of Don L. McGrady, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**THOMAS MARTIN O'CONNELL**

Service was April 11 at St. James Church, Novi. Donations to: Live Like Andi Foundation, P.O. Box 521, South Lyon, Michigan 48178. [www.livelike-andi.org](http://www.livelike-andi.org). Online condolences: [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**ROGER LUND OBERTS PH.D.**

Age 59. Dearest husband of Mary Minsel Oberts. Beloved and cherished father of Julieanne, Ted, and their mother Ann Oberts. Dear brother to Faith Sanko (Larry). Beloved Papa to Julie Minsel Emery and Mollie I. Minsel, and their children Caroline, Elyse, Anna, Elaine and Jackson. Uncle to Eric Sanko and Joy Baran. He passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 10th 2011. Celebration memorial service will take place on Saturday, April 16th at 1:00pm at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, 48335. Memorial contributions to Julie and Ted Oberts' higher education pursuits can be made to PO Box 966 Novi, MI 48376.

**JOHN STANLEY SAMIDE**

Age 68 of Milford. Passed away on April 5th, 2011. He is survived by his loving wife of 49 yrs Monika. Daughter Angie, Son John & his wife Julie. Four grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He will be laid to rest at the Great Lakes Veterans Cemetery in Holly on April 22nd at 1:30 p.m. The Memorial Service will be held at the Highland Hills Baptist Church in Highland; on April 23rd at 1:00 p.m. The family request that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society in the memory of John Samide.

**PHYLLIS SKELTON**

Visiting Thurs, April 14, 2011, 10am until time of Memorial Service 10:30am at Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi. Memorial donations to Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences: [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**MARVIN ZAMMIT**

Age 75, passed away April 4, 2011. Visitation was held on April 6. A funeral service was held on April 7 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**Egg Fair**

St Paul Lutheran Church's Easter Fair will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16. It will include a petting zoo, three egg hunts (for different age groups), face painting, crafts, pictures with the Easter Bunny, games and prizes. The church is at 201 Elm St., up behind Hiller's in downtown Northville. For more information, call the church at (248) 349-3140.

## Local libraries working together to reach teens

### TeenPosium events lead up to Motor City Comic Con

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Neighborhood Library Association did not want to wait long to build on the success of their first program last fall.

Starting on Saturday, the five libraries in the association — Lyon Township, Novi, Northville, Salem-South Lyon and Wixom — will kick off TeenPosium 2011: Countdown to Comic Con.

The 12-event program caters to teenagers and features everything from movie nights to jewelry and candy making and crafts. It comes to a close with the ZombProm on May 6, a zombie ball where everyone is encouraged to dress like a zombie, enter contests and win prizes.

"It's a great opportunity for teens to check out the local libraries," said Jennifer Erridge, head of youth at the Salem-South Lyon District Library. "Once they come into the library we have an opportunity to show them services and items that might be of interest to them."

"It's a fun and different way for them to spend their free time."

The upcoming Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi on May 13-15 was the motivation behind the program. Teens in grades six-12 are encouraged to check out the programs at any of the libraries and have a chance to win passes to the Comic Con and a grand prize of a spot in a movie as an extra.

Julie Farkas, director of the Novi Public Library, said the association was looking at different ways to cater to their teen users, and said the program would not be possible without everyone on board.

The ultimate goal is to encourage teens to

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

- Steampunk Jewelry - April 16, 1-2:30 p.m. Lyon Township
- Movie: Scott Pilgrim vs. the World - April 19, 6:30 p.m., Novi
- Superheroes through the ages - April 21, 7-8 p.m., Salem-South Lyon
- Japanese Craft Night - April 25, 6-7 p.m., Wixom
- Movie: Iron Man 2, April 26, 6:30 p.m., Salem-South Lyon
- Comics Creators Workshop - April 29, 6-7:30 p.m., Northville
- Movie: Hellboy - April 30, 1:30 p.m., Wixom
- Make-n-Take Candy Sushi - May 2, 6-7 p.m., Wixom
- How to be a Zombie 101 - May 3, 7-8 p.m., Northville
- Manga Mania - May 4, 7-8 p.m., Novi
- Thriller Dance Class - May 4, 6-7 p.m., Wixom
- Finale: ZombProm, May 6, 7-10 p.m., Novi

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make the library "one of their choices," Farkas said.

The program starts Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Lyon Township Public Library with the steampunk jewelry event.

"We hope they will at least come to one of the programs and it would be nice for them to try to check out a library other than their own," Erridge said.

For more information about the events, visit [www.teenposium.org](http://www.teenposium.org).

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# American Legion spreading its word

## Changes to building, organization

BY LONNIE HUHMAN  
CORRESPONDENT

There is an overall renovation going on at the Northville American Legion Post. However, it's not just aesthetic work being done. It's also the post's place in the community.

Northville's Lloyd H. Green, American Legion Post 147, which is located 100 W. Dunlap Street, has a long history dating back to 1919 when it was established as one of the

organization's original charter locations, Post Commander Dan Wiseley said.

The legion is the nation's largest veteran service organization. Post Commander for the last year, Wiseley said they are committed to the mentoring and sponsorship of youth programs in the community, advocating of patriotism and honor, promotion of a strong national security, and continuing devotion to fellow service members and veterans.

Wiseley and the other post members want to put the post back in its proper place as a location to assist veterans while also acting as a community center used for various social activities. It has been committed to these things, but he says the overall image of it needs to be revived.

Recent developments at the post include a general sprucing up of the building including renovations to several rooms, re-flooring and wiring, and installation of new windows. Some of this work was done by local Eagle

Scouts and dedicated member Rich Thurmand, who passed away recently. Wiseley said the efforts of Thurmand and others have been crucial in keeping the post going.

But he says much more needs to be done to the building, which has aspects to it dating back to the 1800's. The Northville Historical Commission has granted approval for the post to make renovations.

"Each time we get into fixing something we find something else needs to be repaired, but that means more funding is needed. So

we are taking it one step at a time."

Another development is the re-integrating of Novi's Legion Post 19 into the Northville location. Novi, like many other posts, has struggled lately and Wiseley said it makes more sense to combine their efforts. He said membership on the whole has decreased in the last two decades, and this has made it difficult for posts to carry on with their normal work.

For Post 147, work includes such things as providing assistance to veterans at

the Veteran Affairs (VA) Hospitals in Detroit and Ann Arbor, promoting youth activities and providing scholarships, and offering the community a place to gather, which yoga classes do each week. They also have their monthly functions like the steak and rib dinner set for April 1.

"We believe we are an important part of the community, and we would like to regain that position as a place for helping others," Wiseley said. "We want local veterans and the community to know that we are here."

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### Calling all bug hunters

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

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

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

For more information or to sign up, visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

### Arbor Day seedling give-away

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

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

### Baby, Kid and Me Resale

The First United Methodist Church of Northville is hosting a Baby, Kid and Me Resale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, April 29 and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday April 30. Organizers are currently looking for donations, including gently used baby equipment and toys; baby, kid, and maternity cloth-



### Living Stations

"The Living Stations of the Cross" play created by Farmington native Kelly Nieto is a dramatization of the crucifixion of Jesus, featuring live music written by Nieto and other theatrical elements that bring the story to life. The Archdiocese of Detroit has adopted it for 25 performances at Detroit's Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. A local family will be in the production. Anita Berger portrays Talitha, a townspeople, in opening and closing songs/scenes with her daughters, Lauren and Lily. The shows on April 1, 13 and 15 sold out, and more than 18,000 tickets are expected to be sold. There are matinee performances and weekend performances still available. Tickets are \$15. For more information, visit [www.livingstations.org](http://www.livingstations.org) or contact Nieto at [kelly@livingstations.org](mailto:kelly@livingstations.org) or at (248) 444-7695.

ing, including coats, shoes, and costumes; kid's furniture, décor, toys, and books, and strollers.

To donate gently used items, please contact Sandra at (734) 306-0734. Proceeds support the MOMS (Moms Offering Moms Support) group. MOMS, is a non-denominational group based on Christian values, offers support to families of young children through friendship, informational programs, and community service. MOMS is a not-for-profit organization.

### Letters Home art project

St. John's Episcopal Church (574 S. Sheldon Road) is hosting Letters Home, an art project depicting the plight of the homeless, from now until April 22.

Letters Home is an art installation piece that draws attention to homelessness. Sally Thielen and Susan Clinthorne co-created it with the hopes of generating questions and responses. It is an assemblage of many objects that are associated with those who may be homeless such as the signs that were once held by individuals on the streets. Also a cardboard home, a shopping cart and returnable cans and bottles are featured. The signs were all purchased and the project was explained to the individuals.

"One of the interesting things for me is to watch people's reactions to the exhibit," said Susan Clinthorne. "We've all seen 'those people' holding the signs and a few of us have given cash or food. But a lot of us can't bear

to look. The installation gives the time to look and time to generate feelings and questions. We can begin to relate to the individuals who have created the signs."

### Celebration Youth Orchestra auditioning

Auditions for the Celebration Youth Orchestra will be held from noon-8 p.m. May 12 and 13 at Evola Music, Haggerty Road, Canton. The MPYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of original repertoire. All ensembles are open by audition. Please visit [www.mpyo.org](http://www.mpyo.org) for audition information.

### Harold Reihl benefit

There will be a benefit for Harold Reihl, former store manager at CVS at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 1 at Rebecca's.

About a year ago, Reihl was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He left CVS for six months and underwent chemotherapy and radiation, and returned with a clean bill of health. He worked for the past six months until he went in for a routine checkup and they found spots on his liver. Later tests confirmed that it was the cancer, and it had spread. His last day was about a month ago now, and he has officially retired. He will be undergoing an experimental treatment to attempt to stop the cancer from spreading further, and he may be undergoing more chemotherapy. The benefit is to help raise money to help cover his medical costs.

Tickets are being sold for the dinner, which will start at 8 p.m. After, there will be a general reception for people who didn't come to the dinner to come by and give their well wishes to Harold. There will also be a raffle after the dinner. Donations for items are currently being sought. Organizers will also be accepting cash/check donations at the benefit.

If you would like to make a donation, contact Teresa at [ashley.booms@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.booms@gmail.com) or (248)982-6137

### Walk-N-Fund to help foster children

Walkers and runners participating in the Saturday, June 4, Walk-N-Fund Run will help raise public awareness and financial support for Royal Family Kids Camp (RFKC) held July 11-15 at a camp near Gladwin, Michigan, sponsored locally by Detroit First Church of the Nazarene in Northville and Northville Christian Assembly church.

The Royal Walk-N-Fund Run event will feature a four-mile walk and four-mile fun run. Registration will be from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and the walk and fun run events will begin at 9 a.m. at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty north of Eight Mile in Northville.

The walk and run will be along the I-275 bike path from the church to Grand River and back.

The fee of \$30 per walker/runner will include an event commemorative tee-shirt, water and a snack. The event is free to children 12 and younger. Those who register by May 4 will have their names entered in a door contest to have a chance to win prizes.

Interested persons may register in advance by visiting [www.dfnazarene.org](http://www.dfnazarene.org) or by contacting Shelly King at (248) 348-7600 or via email at [sking@dfnazarene.org](mailto:sking@dfnazarene.org). Registration forms also will be available the morning of the fundraising event. A sponsored walker form is available for those runners/walkers who wish to raise money in this way.

Many walkers and runners will be collecting pledges of financial support from friends, family and colleagues at work as an additional way of raising money for Royal Family Kids Camp.

### 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 WADL TV38 wants to shine the spotlight on 38 of southeast Michigan's best community-based organizations by

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Each of the 38 groups selected will be awarded with significant broadcast time on WADL TV38. The station will produce 30-second messages for 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.wadl-tv38.com/great38](http://www.wadl-tv38.com/great38). An average of three outstanding community programs will be selected each month to receive this coveted recognition throughout the next twelve months.


### 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.

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# Local Dems growing, celebrating with gala

BY LONNIE HUHMANN  
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The notion that our country can be divided into red and blue states has some truth to it, and for particular in-state regions you can do this as well. The Northville community gets tagged with being mostly red, or better yet conservative. But is this true, or are things more purplish?

According to the Northville Democratic Club, the community is not all red. They say they are growing and gaining confidence in their local voice -- and point to the increasing membership as evidence to this.

The NDC has been around for over a decade, but it wasn't until Scott Craig took over the club presidency in 2005 that it really took off.

"In 2010, we had a record year for membership that reached over 200, and this year we expect to break that," said NDC member Lisa DiRado. "We are gaining sup-

port through the events and meetings we organize."

On April 30, the NDC will again be hosting their Democratic Spring Gala. This is also sponsored by the democratic clubs of Livonia and Plymouth. This will be their second and is held at the Meadowbrook Country Club from 7 p.m.-11 p.m. This year's guest speaker is Democrat Congressman Gary Peters, Michigan's Ninth District.

DiRado and fellow Northville resident Susan Nichols head up the gala. Both volunteer their time to the club because of family inspiration and belief in democratic values.

Nichols says the big event is a great chance for democratic voters in the community to network with like-minded political leaders and others. And in addition to the great dinner, attendees will get to enjoy the music of Steve King and the Dittilies.

"We want to get the word out and let people know there

are other democrats out there," Nichols said of the Northville community.

Other things they do include sponsoring a town hall series featuring speakers and article of the month nights, where they discuss relevant political news articles. Above all, they have been an active grass roots organization. During recent elections they did extensive ground work and organizing.

"We are tucked into a red area, but we are getting more and more support," DiRado said.

For those closeted Northville Democrats, help is around the corner and if you want a Gala ticket or the date of the next meeting you can go to their web site at <http://www.northvilledems.com> or email Nichols at [snich96@aol.com](mailto:snich96@aol.com).



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Shown at last year's gala -- Senator Carl Levin and Club President Scott Craig.

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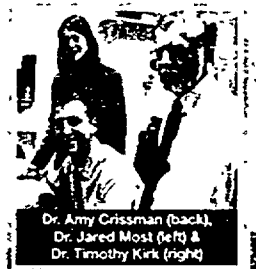
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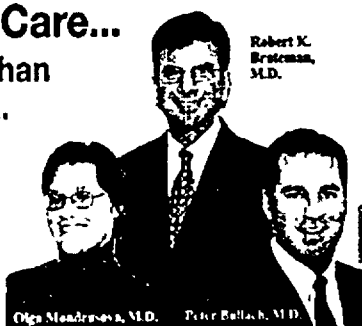
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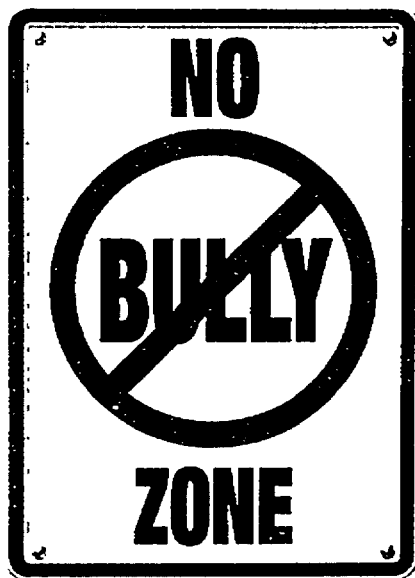
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### OUR VIEWS



## The key role

### Parents play a big part in stopping bullies, boosting self-esteem

Experts agree bullying is on the rise in schools, and they also agree on at least one other thing: The Internet is playing a huge role in the spike in incidents.

Much of the bullying, much of the threatening, is being done at home, on the computer. It starts as a minor tiff during school hours, but escalates in the relative safety of cyberspace, where kids being bullied can respond without the immediate threat of a punch in the nose.

It escalates because friends of both the bully and the bullied get involved, on Facebook pages and MySpace accounts, on sites like Formspring that appear to offer more anonymity. Kids feel safer, thus braver, when all they have to do is type. They often don't realize they might have to back up that tough talk the next day at school.

For others, pressure builds up, in life and in school, for which a key release is the Internet. Cyberspace provides a convenient soapbox from which to launch diatribes, to make threats, to issue warnings.

Parents play a key role here, not just in keeping track of what their children are doing on the Internet, although every expert ever quoted on the subject calls that a critical necessity. But bullying situations are also teaching moments, not just for teachers, but for parents. One way is to teach kids to stand up to bullies and mean kids. Rather than ignore it or ask "Why are you doing this to me?" the best thing kids can be taught to do is to stand up and say, in a clear, strong voice, "Stop."

The biggest message is to stand up for ourselves. It's a skill; it takes practice. The key is getting parents to deal with the issue, too. Too often, in these days of economic woe, in homes where both parents work or where there's only one parent, the job of parenting gets shoved off onto teachers.

But this problem isn't happening in school; it's largely happening at home, and parents need to step up and police it. When kids get into trouble, the police or the teacher who reported them or friends trying to help get heaped with the blame. But that's killing the messenger.

Parenting is not the job of teachers; it's the job of parents. And parents who aren't sure what to do or feel overwhelmed by the responsibility should know they're not alone. There is plenty of help available to recognize warning signs.

Parents just need to take advantage of it.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

Has the earthquake, tsunami and subsequent nuclear plant problems in Japan changed how you feel about nuclear power?



"It does impact my perception, especially when it's catastrophic. It's scary because it's tainting the food and water source over there."  
Jackie Christensen  
Northville



"I would now say I would be against nuclear power because of what happened in Japan."  
Jennifer Thompson  
Northville



"I guess so. Even though my dad worked in the nuclear power industry, it makes you think twice about it and if they can keep it safe."  
Debbie Shen  
Northville



"No it does not, because there's a risk in everything that is beneficial to us. Plus I work in the health care field, so I understand a bit more about nuclear exposure."  
Heather Banefiels  
Rochester Hills

### LETTERS

#### Taxing pensions not the answer

There is some loud squawking over our governor's plan to correct financial problems left behind by former Gov. Granholm. Wisconsin's former Gov. Doyle left even worse conditions behind for Gov. Walker. Walker chose the frontal attack for resolution of Wisconsin's deeper debt problems; our Gov. Snyder chooses to tax pensions and more indirect efforts through local units.

In most states, political charity brought about ballooning public payrolls and militant aristocracies of the organized. Left-leaning press predictably portrays the organized as put-upon underdogs and aggrieved regardless of any reality. Armed with this flag claiming the heartlessness of the treasury, the "underdog" organized and operated on their familiar road to accommodation. As industrial industries weakened, however, union leaders saw more power and pay dirt from the public treasuries in manipulating the elected. The surge of public service employment illustrates uncompetitive growth of government of these costly untouchable investments brought progressive decay in quality and so many fuzzy functions. American private sector thrives, America thrives. Decades now of political restraint on American private domestic production of marketable goods and resources has hurt the nation. Still, a weakened private sector remains alone as the source of all wealth, growth, and innovation for America. If it fails, we fail! Uncompetitive public service employment is too fat, and rational connections must be struck with the private sector and our military, with exceptions made for those with emergency responsibilities. Taxing our pensions

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does not answer reducing cost of government which requires privatization and rewritten lopsided benefits. Cutbacks in these government-created charities is a tough pill to swallow, but rolling back the obvious excesses will lower taxpayer interest in political crop rotation of the officeholders in 2012.

Empty suits in Washington watch the Great Lakes states being paralyzed with their absurd debt and shaky captain. America liberally overloaded itself with debt and crippled itself sufficiency endangering her future. America needs a hint of leadership soon, or face what the wise de Tocqueville cautioned about the road to "the equality of only servitude and restraint offered

in socialism." A congressional cork jammed in the bottle offered to expand America's debt ceiling denying the drunks another drink would be impressive. Definitions these days float with the circumstances, so any threats are suspect. The dance is over — lead or shut up and await a Tea Party tsunami coming in 2012.

James Nowka  
Northville

#### When we were 'young'

So Gov. Snyder thinks it's not fair to "young people" paying taxes to support the services that seniors are using, so seniors should pay taxes on their pensions. Well, along that line of thinking, maybe we should take away their taxpayer-funded shuttle bus service and make them pay for their own transportation. Also perhaps we could pass a law prohibiting senior discounts at stores so they have to pay full price like the "young people" have to and, in doing so, pay more in sales tax.

But is it fair that seniors are still helping to fund schools through sales, property and income taxes that they may pay while they no longer have kids in school? Also, it should be remembered that in most cases a lot of the schools that "young people" are sending their kids to were built with the taxes paid by the seniors when they were the "young people" as they set aside funds for their senior years while they also paid taxes to fund services for their seniors.

Does the governor want to set one generation against the other or find a way to work together for the benefit of all?

Patty Gibson  
Novi

## Northville schools facing severe budget crisis, as are others

BY LEONARD REZMIERSKI  
GUEST COLUMNIST

I am writing you today to update you on the extraordinary budget challenges facing Northville Public Schools and the efforts underway by the school district to manage the impact on student learning and our outstanding educational programs. I'll also share some ways you can help.



Leonard Rezmierski

Since Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder began releasing the details of his proposed state budget last fall, we have all been hearing about the huge financial reductions coming for public schools. But nothing could have prepared us for the devastating cuts to K-12 education contained in Governor Snyder's current budget proposal. If implemented the full impact of the Governor's proposal will mark the largest single annual funding loss in the history of education in Michigan. As you are all well aware, public

schools in Michigan have faced budget challenges for more than six years now as a result of severe cuts in state funding. The Northville Board of Education and district leaders have long recognized the need to conserve our resources. Over the last year alone, the district has made staff reductions including the elimination of 35 teaching positions; eliminated one administrative position at Central Office; reduced transportation services at the secondary level; and further reduced already strapped district and building-level supply budgets, all with focus on protecting student learning programs.

Under Governor Snyder's current budget proposal, Northville Public Schools faces a funding loss of \$470 per student for the 2011-12 school year on top of an increase in the district's mandatory state retirement contribution equal to \$230 per student. Additionally, in 2012-13 the district will experience a loss in special education funding equal to \$91 per student. Combined the impact of these actions for Northville Public Schools is a budget loss of \$5.8 million (or \$791 per student). And this is

before taking into account the impact of other economic factors including an eroding tax base; lower property values; and rising utility, fuel and health insurance costs.

If implemented, these devastating actions will have a direct effect on our classrooms through larger class sizes; additional teacher, support staff and administrator lay-offs; and further reductions in services and supplies across the school district. This is unacceptable if Northville and Michigan are to create new jobs, as well as retain and attract talented workers. We need now more than ever to invest in K-12 education so that all Michigan children are prepared for college and to compete on a world stage. Strong public schools are the foundation of a strong community where businesses can recruit employees, people want to live and property values are higher.

If we stand a chance of turning the tide on these draconian cuts to school funding, we will need your help.

• First, understand Michigan's school funding crisis and its impact on Northville Public Schools. Earlier this week, two Budget Dilemma

Community Forums were hosted by our Board of Education. The goal of the forums was to create an understanding among schools families and the community of the district's unprecedented budget challenges; share some of the painful choices in programs and staffing that will likely need to be made for 2011-12; and outline the proactive steps the district is taking to address, to the extent possible, the impact on student learning. If you were unable to attend one of the forums, the information presented is available on the district website at [www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us).

• Second, join many of our school families and staff and contact your state legislators to voice your concern about the depth of the proposed cuts in school funding. You can send your lawmakers an e-mail, make a phone call, or meet with them in person. Contact information for Governor Snyder and the state legislators representing the Northville school community are available on the district website at [www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us).

• Third, get informed about the district's Capital Improvement (Sinking Fund) Millage Proposal and

VOTE on MAY 3. The 1-mill request will provide the school district with approximately \$2.4 million for each of the next five years to make much-needed repairs to the district's facilities. These monies can only be used for facilities needs, and by law cannot be used to pay salaries or benefit or purchase supplies such as textbooks. Approval of the millage won't solve our budget crisis, but it will do two important things — help alleviate some of the pressure on our general operating fund and enable us to keep our buildings in good operating condition for our students and staff. You can find more information about the millage, including a list of proposed projects, on the district website at [www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us).

Thank you for your continued support of Northville Public Schools. Working together, I am confident we can continue to provide an outstanding educational experience for all of Northville's young people.

Leonard R. Rezmierski is the superintendent of Northville Public Schools. He can be reached at [Rezmiere@northville.k12.mi.us](mailto:Rezmiere@northville.k12.mi.us).

# Protect yourself from cyber crimes

Expert tells Walsh audience Internet safety is a shared responsibility

BY LONNIE HUHMANN  
CORRESPONDENT

It might be cliché to say, more and more we are going online to do such tasks as pay bills, post photographs or get in touch with old friends. But we are, and in various ways. The cyber world offered by laptops and phones make them important tools, but for some they are weapons.

That's how Timothy Frasier referred to the use of Cyberspace by some criminals or people who are getting duped.

Frasier spoke as the keynote speaker for the Stop. Think. Connect forum held at Walsh College's Troy campus on April 5. He is the Director of the National Cybersecurity Awareness Campaign, which is sponsored by the Department

of Homeland Security.

This campaign is a key element in President Barack Obama's 2009 Cyberspace Policy Review.

During his presentation, he stopped to count out to three seconds. At three he said another identity was stolen. This is so common, that it has also happened to him.

He said there are individuals out in the world wanting to do harm, and even worse, there are others who don't know the damage their actions may be doing to a home or business computer system. This is when it becomes a weapon. Stolen identity, fraud and stalking can all result from this.

"We know to do this, but we don't always do it," he said of technology users staying vigilant against hackers and

viruses.

This forum's primary motivation is to persuade Americans to see Internet safety as a shared responsibility -- at home, in the workplace, and in our communities -- and demonstrate that shared responsibility by bringing together a coalition of federal, state and local government, as well as private sector partners.

Two recent examples of this fear were the exposure of Verizon customers through Epsilon, who cared for the cellular phone company's customer database, and also student information at Eastern Michigan University being hacked. Many times it is one person doing much damage.

"This is a call to action. We need to lead by example and be a source of help for others," he said in closing.

He said anyone interested in learning more, can go to <http://www.dhs.gov/files/events/stop-think-connect.shtm>.

## Operating under the Influence and Assault

**1** A 17-year-old Northville female has been charged with operating a vehicle under the influence after she allegedly assaulted a 47-year-old Northville man.

On April 7, a Northville Township Police Officer was dispatched to Dearborn Court on the report of an assault and private property accident. Upon arrival, the officer took a statement from the man. He said the girl had parked in his spot and would not move her car. He went back inside to telephone the police when he looked out and saw the girl backing her car into his, which was parked behind hers.

He then attempted to take the keys out, and it was then he said she began punching his face.

The reporting officer said she seemed intoxicated so he gave her a field of sobriety tests. She initially refused the breathalyzer, but back at the station she took one and it registered over the limit.

## Retail Fraud

**2** A 20-year-old Livonia woman was arrested on April 9 for attempting to steal over \$200 in clothing from the Kohl's on Haggerty Road.

The police report said the Kohl's Loss Prevention Officer spotted the woman grabbing the clothing and then went into the changing area. She came out and tried to leave the store, but she was stopped by the officer.

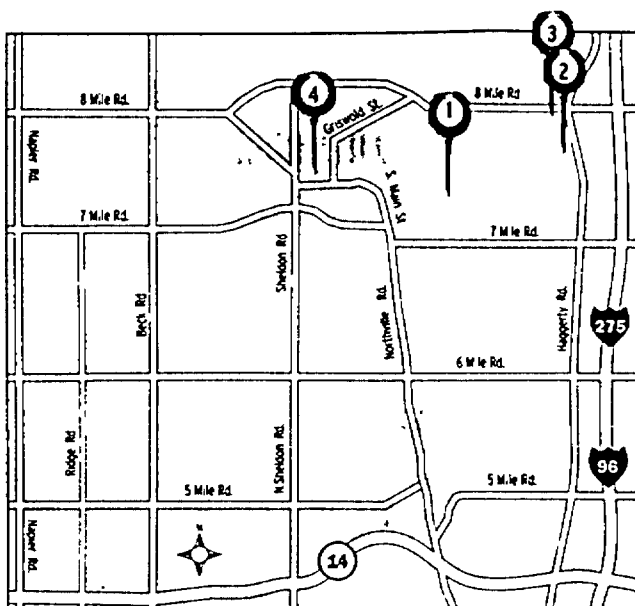
She admitted to the Northville Township officer that she had concealed the merchandise and was trying to leave without paying.

She was arrested for retail fraud theft second degree.

## Warrant Arrest

**3** On April 7, a 28-year-old Belleville man was detained after a stolen vehicle check on his car revealed he

## NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS



had an arrest warrant placed on him.

While conducting routine vehicle checks at the Meijer parking lot on Haggerty Road, the reporting officer said he spotted a vehicle occupied by one man. The check cleared the vehicle, but its owner had a warrant. The officer made contact with the man and found out that he is the owner, but he had no idea he had a warrant.

The man was taken into custody and later released to the Novi Police Department.

## Counterfeit Bills Passed

**4** On March 30, the CVS on Dunlap Street, called

Northville City Police to report the passing of two counterfeit \$20 bills.

After emptying their register drawers, the CVS staff thought the two particular bills were fakes.

No one was arrested for this, but a description of a potential suspect has been given by CVS employees.

They said he is an African-American male with glasses and who is 6' tall.

The bills were confiscated and will be given to the United States Secret Service.

Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhmann

# No charges filed in accident that killed South Lyon man

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Prosecutors Office will not seek criminal charges against a Belleville man involved in the accident that killed South Lyon resident Jeffrey Bowman.

According to Northville Township Police officials, Robert Dewhirst, 48, was traveling westbound on Eight Mile Road near Beck Road in his 2007 Jeep Liberty, when he drove left of center and struck the 2007 Ford Edge Bowman was driving in the eastbound lane. Bowman, who worked for the Department of Homeland

Security and was in charge of the federal marshals on flights out of Detroit and previously protected three U.S. presidents while in the U.S. Secret Service, was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. His 12-year-old daughter, who was a passenger, survived the accident.

The Northville Township Department of Public Safety submitted the results of their investigation to the prosecutor's office, and referred calls to the county.

Maria Miller, spokesperson for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, said there isn't sufficient evidence to

charge Dewhirst with a crime.

"Our office must look at the case to see there is evidence presented beyond a reasonable doubt. We deny a warrant when there is insufficient evidence to allow us to charge," Miller said.

Bowman's wife, Kristen Calder-Bowman, said she did not want to comment on the prosecutor's decision. The couple has two daughters, 12-year-old Lexi and 9-year-old Brooke, who both attend South Lyon schools. A memorial fund was been set up in their honor. Contributions to the Jeffrey D. Bowman Memorial Fund can be made at any Huntington Bank in Michigan.

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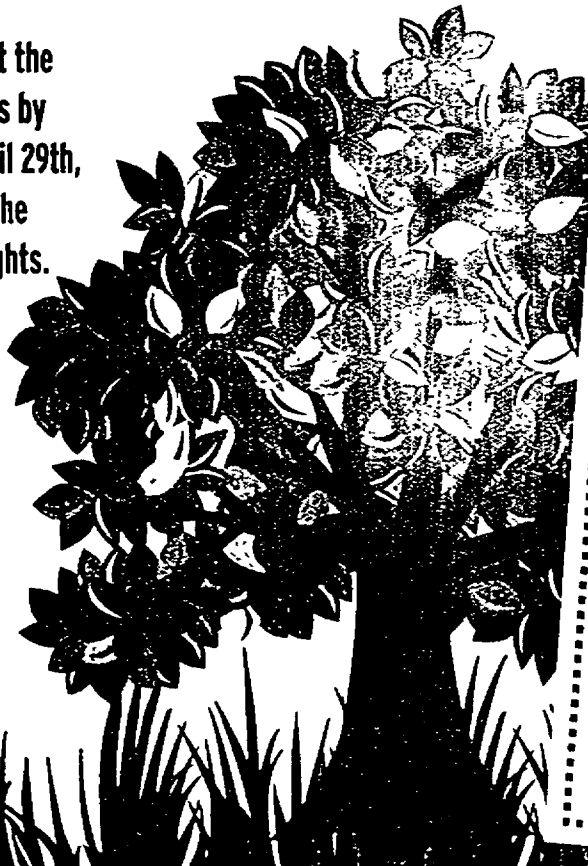
**Deadline for submissions: 4/29/11**

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Selected winners will have their name, age, hometown and photo in the next Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

### Lucky winners from last month's contest



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Age: 6  
Northville



Parker Howard  
Age: 5  
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Merida Roperti  
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Maverick Roperti  
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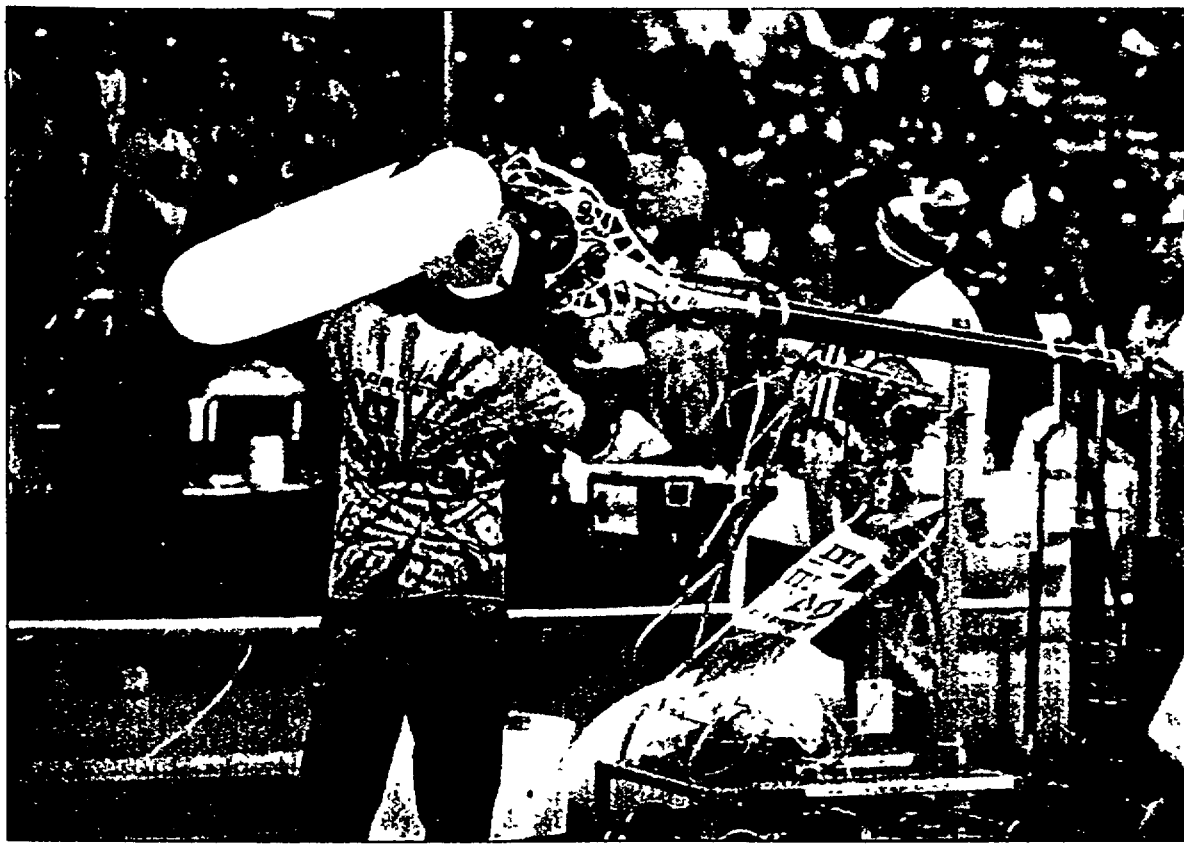


Edén Messner  
Age: 11  
Garden City



Scoop, the newshound, will be offering contests on a monthly basis. Look for Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page monthly in this newspaper!

Northville's Joshua Johnson and the Robostangs' robot, Scorpio, at Eastern Michigan University last weekend.



## ROBOSTANGS

FROM PAGE A1

Teacher Julie Fisetite said winning the Chairman's Award is a great honor because it entails a "whole team effort." She said there are currently 70 team members.

"There are a lot of hands in the pot when we do these projects, so sometimes frustrations can arise," she said. "But we

are a team and we prove that through our cooperation and hard work."

This award is the most prestigious one, according to team members Marlena Folk and Forest Ickes. To win it a team must be promotional, community service focused and willing to reach out to others and act as mentors. For the competition, teams write an essay about themselves, provide an executive summary for the project, give a presentation,

and answer the judges' follow-up questions.

Folk and Ickes, both juniors, said at each level, from district to state, they have tried to become even better-rounded. Team captain Ryan Wood said the many specialties on the team have helped in their success. He pointed out senior Beth Hadley as a key contributor. She has been accepted at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"Building the robot is

only half the job, albeit it is an important part, but the other half is just as crucial to our overall success," said Wood, who will be attending Lawrence Technological University next fall to study electrical engineering.

The Robostangs now look ahead when they get to take their robot, Scorpio, to the nationals.

"It will be fun. These competitions always are," Fisetite said.

## NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## LOCAL

### "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](http://northvillemarquistheatre.com)

### Handcrafters 32nd Annual Spring Fling Artisan Market

Times/Dates: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday; 9-5 Saturday; 11-4 Sunday; April 15-17

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

Details: Event description: Event features HGTV featured artist Andy Kirsch and over 75 juried fine craftspeople and artists; fiber to jewelry to gourmet food and home décor. Admission is \$3. Contact: Stephanie Jones at (734) 459-0050 or [handcraftersunltd@yahoo.com](mailto:handcraftersunltd@yahoo.com)

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Time/Date: 9:30-10:45 a.m. Saturdays

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**Maundy Thursday**  
Thursday, April 21, 7:30 pm  
Worship with Seder Meal

**Good Friday**  
Friday, April 22, 12:00 Noon  
Community Service at  
Holy Family Catholic Church  
Meadowbrook, N. of 10 Mile Rd

**Easter Sunday**  
Sunday, April 24  
Sunrise Service - 7:00 am  
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## BIRTH



Eliot Tadashi Moore

## Moore

Ian and Christine Moore of Canton announce the birth of son Eliot Tadashi Moore, born Feb. 28, 2011 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital, Commerce Township.

Grandparents are James and Carolyn Moore, of Northville; and John and Carol Kapusky, of Northville. Great-grandparent is Walter Miyao, of Redford.

## WEDDING

## Millard &amp; Hollowell

Shirley and Fred Millard, of Northville, announce the marriage on Dec. 3, 2010, of their granddaughter, Michelle Lee Millard, of Commerce, to Jeffrey John Hollowell, of Plymouth, son of John and Patricia Hollowell, of Plymouth. Betty Canto, of West Bloomfield, is the grandmother of the groom.

The wedding was held at Laurel Park Chapel and the reception followed at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

Michelle is the daughter of Marcie Reed of Waterford, and the late Stanley Millard. The bride was accompanied down the aisle by her grandfather, and she wore a white strapless couture designer gown by Maggie Saterro. Her bouquet was of gardenias, roses and calla lilies. Athena Fleming, of Dexter, a cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

The bride's best friend, Tanya Schott, was matron of honor. The bride's sister, Amber Millard, and step-sister, Bobby Schroeder, both of Wolverine Lake, were the bridesmaids. They all wore marine blue strapless gowns and carried hydrangeas and calla lilies.

The best man was the groom's twin brother, Thomas Hollowell, of Plymouth. Brother Chase Hollowell, of Plymouth, and the bride's brother, Charles Millard, of East Lansing, were the groomsmen. They wore dark blue tuxedos with marine blue vests



Michelle Millard and Jeffrey Hollowell

and a white rose in the lapel.

Michelle Works at Shore Mortgage Company, and Jeff works at Hatchi. They reside in Commerce and will go on their honeymoon at a later date.

## ENGAGEMENT



Rachel Ward and Dana Wood

## Ward &amp; Wood

Rachel Marie Ward and Dana Michael Wood, both of East Lansing, are engaged to be married this spring in Northville.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Terri Osborn, of Missouri City, Texas; and Richard Ward, of Ypsilanti. She graduated from Northville High School and Michigan State University and works as an human resources generalist for Cooley Law School.

The groom-elect is the son of Stacey Wood and Joe Rupley, of Adrian. He graduated from Adrian High School, Adrian College, and Cooley Law School and is an attorney for the Johnson & Wyngaarden law firm.



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## NEWSMAKERS

### Riney to lead Henry Ford Health System

Bob Riney of Northville has been promoted to president and chief operating officer of Henry Ford Health System.

Riney has been executive vice president and chief operating officer. Riney began his career with the System in 1978, working part-time as a building specialist while attending college. During his tenure and unique career track with Henry Ford, he has worked in almost every business unit and has held numerous leadership positions.

These include senior vice president and chief administrative officer, senior vice president and chief human resources officer, and vice president of Organizational Design and Effectiveness.

"I love this organization and the unwavering commitment of every member of our team to being the best health care system in the country," said Riney.



Bob Riney

### Janice Ford attends EF Foundation conference

Northville resident Janice Ford attended EF Foundation for Foreign Study's annual conference on March 4-6, 2011 at Caesar's Palace Las Vegas. Recognized for program leadership, Ford, an international high school exchange coordinator for EF Foundation, joined nearly 400 colleagues from across the country at the three-day event. She attended workshops and informational sessions designed to enhance professional development.

In Ford's position as an International Exchange Coordinator, she is supporting a priority United States foreign policy goal of expanding communications between U.S. citizens and people from other countries. She along with EF Foundation's full-time professional staff, is responsible for matching the right students with the right host families, enrolling them in high school and providing students, schools and host families with ongoing guidance and support throughout the year-long exchange experience.

"The EF Foundation annual conference was exciting and informative," said Ford. "It was a great opportunity to meet with my colleagues and learn about new ways to ensure the highest quality exchange experience for our students, host families and schools. I am excited to put into action all that I have learned."

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BY DEBBIE EICHHOLTZ  
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12:31 a.m.

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A phone call . . . it finally came. As anticipated as something Neal Armstrong uttered about mankind and footsteps in July 1969.

"Hey Mom, it's me, JOE!" said Lance Corporal Joseph Eichholtz.

Thirty-five days had passed since he deployed for Camp Leatherneck, in the Helmand Province of southern Afghanistan, near the border of Pakistan, the Taliban's vacation paradise and shooting range.

This is the same greeting he would have used when he called after football practice, to be picked up from Northville High School, where he graduated in 2007. It's the same greeting he used when he bounced off the school bus, coming home from Meads Mill Middle School. It's the same greeting he used when he burst through the front door, returning from Silver Springs Elementary School. And it's the greatest greeting a mother could ever hope to hear -- at any hour of the day (or night).

It was, without a doubt, the best 12-minute phone call since Alexander Graham Bell said, "Watson, come quickly, I need you." I replied, with my voice cracking, "Joe is that you?" Our conversation resembled a Rice Krispies commercial, with unlimited snaps, crackles and pops. There is an echo as he assures me, "I'm doing fine. It's a hell hole here, though."

I ask all the questions a mother concerns herself with: "What are you eating? How is the food? Where do you sleep? What is your base

like? Who's your Commanding Officer? Are you safe?" Joe replies, "It's just about as bad as I imagined it would be here, then a hundred times worse." Suddenly, without anywhere nearly enough time or answered questions, he says, "Mom, I gotta go, but I love you."

I'm crying now, as I share this with you, but nothing like the tears I shed on that dark, early morning as the precious, magical device went silent in my trembling hand.

I wear a necklace that he gave me when the Marines finally allowed him to come home after 25 months in Okinawa, Japan. It's not very attractive, it doesn't complement any outfit and it's really rather scratched and shabby looking. The military dog tag is engraved with a prayer. I repeat the prayer it says every morning when I put it on and every evening when I take it off.

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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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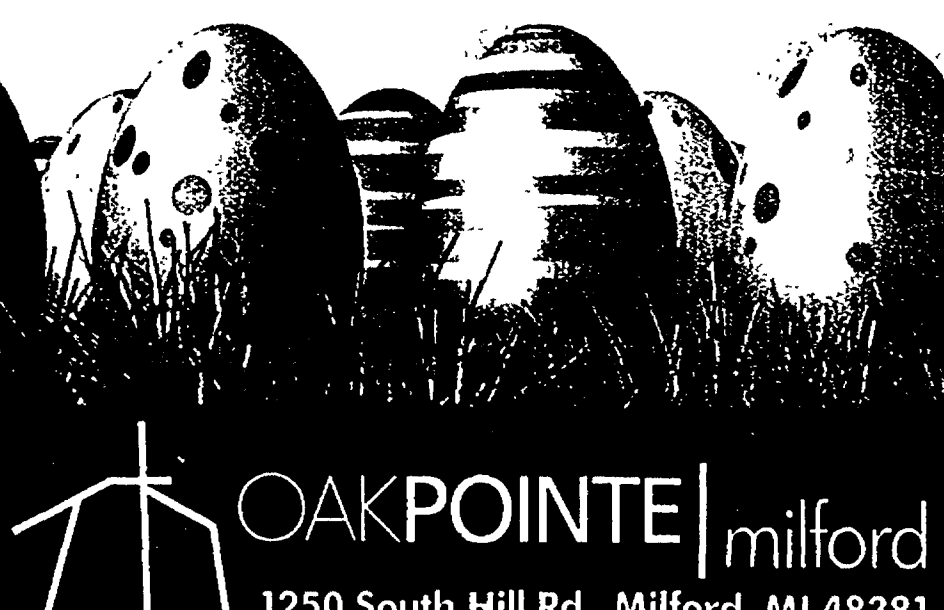
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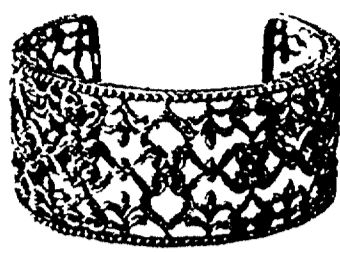
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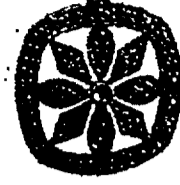
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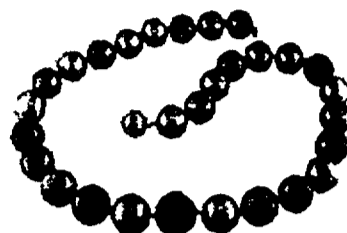
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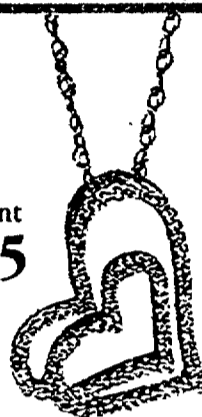
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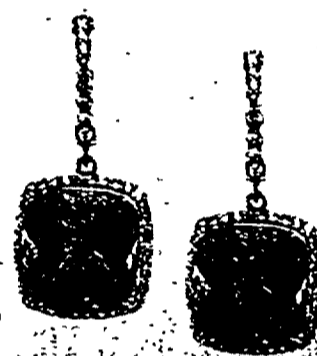
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## Mustangs make short work of competition

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team has been lamenting about the weather and how it has been preventing them from playing.

So, when the team got the chance to get out and play, they made the best of it. The girls squad defeated Stevenson last Sunday, 8-1, and earned a first-place finish at the Grosse Pointe South Tournament, earning 20 out of a possible 24 points.

"This is probably our best showing in a number of years for our singles players, coming in first in every flight," said coach Sandy Woolfall of the tourney.

Joanne Weber earned three wins at No. 1 singles, defeating players from Grand Rapids, Grosse Pointe South and Traverse City Central on her way to the top spot.

"Joanne had a great day," said Woolfall. "She played some of the best tennis I've seen her play."

Erin Doud was unstoppable at two singles, winning every match 6-0, 6-0 on her way to the first-place finish.

"Erin was on cruise control all day, never dropping even one game," said Woolfall. "Erin played a lot of tournaments during the off season and has worked hard to improve her game."

At No. 3 singles, Mackenzie Powers took the top spot, losing only three games in six sets of tennis, while Alex Jeannotte, a freshman, won the first-place medal with three wins.

The doubles teams weren't as dominate, however, with the No. 1 doubles duo losing all three matches.

"The one doubles flight in addition to the one singles were the two toughest flights of the tournament," said Woolfall. "All the teams had some of their strongest players in this spot."

The two doubles team of Ally Weaver and Jackie Kjolhede, who are partners for the second-straight season, won the first-place medal, which is the same finish as the fourth doubles team of Emily Toupin and Lauren Starr.

The third doubles team of Elizabeth Sakorafis and Christy Snyder won two out of three matches.

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

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team will play again when they visit South Lyon East today at 4 p.m. before visiting Novi April 29 at 4 p.m.



Mustangs Claire McHugh, left, and Emily Bush surround a Plymouth Wildcat during an April 7 home game.

## Kickers top Plymouth for a little revenge

Squad tops team that knocked it from last year's playoffs

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It was soggy. It was cloudy. It was a mere 47 degrees.

But the Northville Mustangs girls soccer team? They were on fire.

The squad, coached by Eric Brucker, notched a 1-0 victory over the Plymouth Wildcats last week, avenging a loss in the 2010 playoffs that sent the Mustangs home for the year. That game, which ended after two overtimes on a penalty kick with a 1-0 final, was a bit warmer than this one.

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team will be back on the pitch today when they play at South Lyon at 7 p.m. before hosting South Lyon East April 26 at 7 p.m.

The Mustangs weren't about to let the same thing happen to them this time around, even with the game starting as a defensive struggle that found neither team being able to find the back of the net. Northville's back line of Alyssa Moulds, Ali Hawksford, Alexa Mencotti and Tess Bradley shut down any advances from the Wildcats.

"My defense is getting more and more confidence with each game," Brucker said. "We need to take that confidence and keep moving forward."

The second half, however, found the Mustangs exposing a crack in the stout Plymouth defense. With the ball in the left corner of the field, sophomore Gabbie Guibord and freshman Megan Buckingham played a little give-and-go pass in side the Plymouth defense to open up a scoring chance. Buckingham took the return pass and fired it on goal, playing the

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Mustang Tess Bradley makes a throw in from the sidelines on April 7.

## CC's Rotterdam glides to Player of the Year honor

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

Any time Detroit Catholic Central junior Damon Rotterdam took to the ski slopes, good things were sure to happen for the All-State Shamrock. The All-Area Player of the Year, Rotterdam won the Division I state title in the giant slalom in a two-run time of 55.2 seconds. He also finished fourth in the slalom with a time of 1:17.76, helping the Shamrocks to a seventh-place team finish.

"Damon is an all around strong technical ski racer," CC coach Tom Gable said. "He led the CC team into the state finals and finished first-team All-State in both events. He displays a commitment to the sport which motivates his teammates to ski their very best."

In addition to his success at the state meet, Rotterdam finished first at the Mount Brighton League giant slalom, and first in the slalom and second in the giant slalom at regionals. He also earned All-Regional and All-Catholic honors.

### First team

Taylor Janssen (Lakeland So.)

Finishing 12th at the state meet in the giant slalom in 56.92 seconds, this young Eagle has a lot of potential to lend to his squad for the next two seasons.

Ian Pierce (CC Jr.)

Earning All-Region and All-Catholic along the way, Pierce added All-State honors to his resume with a 15th-place finish in the slalom at the state meet in 1:21.31. He also finished 29th in the giant slalom in 58.79 seconds.

"Ian has the team's most consistent racer showing athletic ability in every aspect of ski racing fundamentals," CC coach Tom Gable said.

"He is a well-balanced skier in both slalom and giant slalom events, giving the team needed points in post-season meets. Ian gave the team the depth which helped our effort to advance into the state finals."

Brad Blunden (South Lyon East Sr.)

Despite spraining his knee the day before the state meet, Blunden managed to finish 46th in the slalom in 1:36.74 and 54th in the giant slalom in 1:03.52. He qualified for the meet with an eighth-place regional finish of 42.41 seconds in the slalom and finished 10th in the giant slalom in 34.18 seconds.

"Brad performed honorably all season long, leading the team as well as being an outstanding example to his fellow teammates," South Lyon United coach John Thompson said.

Austin Feight (Novi Sr.)

Feight was the first-ever

### ALL-AREA SKIING

Skier of the Year

Damon Rotterdam, CC

First team

Taylor Janssen, Lakeland

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Claire Hester, South Lyon

Michelle Rich, Novi

Second team

Jim Herzog, CC

Brady Mahar, Milford

Paul Geyer, South Lyon

Kyle Brush, Milford

Lyndsay Moser, Milford

Calla Spillane, Novi

Stephanie Tollis, Milford

Lucia Li, Novi

Honorable mention

Milford - Kara Jacoboni (Sr.)

Novi - Kuni Hotta (Sr.), Steve

Speers (Sr.), Paige Morris (Jr.)

Novi skier to qualify for the state meet, making the cut with an eighth-place regional finish in the giant slalom in 33.95 seconds. His state-meet showing landed him 47th in the event in 1:02.17. He also was just fractions of a second off from qualifying for the slalom after landing in 13th at Regionals in 43.56 seconds.

"He's our first racer to ever make it to the state meet," Novi coach Wendy Whiteside said. "He worked really hard in four years and accomplished something not all kids do."

Kelsey Griffin (Lakeland So.)

Among All-Area girls, Griffin was the most consistent. Her solid showings on the slopes earned her 17th in the slalom event at the state meet in 1:23.0. She also finished 23rd in the giant slalom at states in 1:05.08.

Cheryl Craig (Lakeland Sr.)

Providing a one-two punch for the Eagles, Craig teamed with Griffin to provide consistent efforts. Craig also competed at the state meet in both events, finishing 32nd in the giant slalom in 1:05.97 and 37th in the slalom in 1:34.05.

Claire Hester (South Lyon Jr.)

Hester was one of the strongest area skiers, finishing 13th in the regional giant slalom in 36.92 seconds. She hit a snag in the first run of the slalom event at Regionals which added nearly two minutes to her time, but Hester's second run was 13th among all skiers' second runs in 22.73 seconds.

Michelle Rich (Novi Sr.)

Bringing her best to Regionals, Rich finished 17th in the slalom in 52.47 second and 25th in the giant slalom in 38.55 seconds.

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## SKIING

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"Hard worker. Again, someone who hadn't raced before high school and, by her senior year, was competitive and was my first or second place putting her times in," Novi coach Wendy Whiteside said.

### Second team

**Jim Herzog (CC Sr.)**  
Captaining the Shamrocks with consistent performances, Herzog finished had his best showing at Regionals, where he finished sixth in the giant slalom (33.86 seconds) and 12th in the slalom (43.53 seconds).

**Brady Mahar (Milford Sr.)**  
Winning his team's World Cup Most Valuable Skier award, the captain led the Mavericks with two steady finishes at Regionals. Mahar finished 24th in the giant slalom (35.66 seconds) and 26th in the slalom (48.77 seconds).

**Paul Geyer (South Lyon Fr.)**  
Although the youngster earned a regional disqualification in the slalom event, he finished 12th in giant slalom at Regionals in 34.25

seconds. His All-Region and All-Conference honors will make him a force for the Lions during the next three seasons.

**Kyle Brush (Milford Jr.)**  
With an 11th-place finish in the giant slalom (34.2 seconds) at Regionals, Brush would have fared well in the regional slalom event had he not earned a disqualification on one of the two runs.

**Lyndsay Moser (Milford Sr.)**  
Finishing 21st in the giant slalom at Regionals (38.04 seconds) and 32nd in the slalom (58.43 seconds), Moser won the Eagles' World Cup team MVP award.

**Calla Spillane (Novi Jr.)**  
After a slow start, Spillane finished the season strong at Regionals by finishing 25th in the slalom (55.42 seconds) and 29th in the giant slalom (38.86 seconds).

**Stephanie Tollis (Milford Sr.)**  
At Regionals, Tollis finished 31st in the slalom (58.15 seconds) and 36th in the giant slalom (39.70 seconds).

**Lucia Li (Novi Jr.)**  
In a regional effort, Li finished 26th in the slalom (56.72 seconds) and 46th in the giant slalom (40.60 seconds).

# Shamrocks best Mustangs

## Northville can't keep up with cross-town rival in lacrosse

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The weather has been a bit kooky, but the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks have hardly noticed.

The squad, led by coach Dave Wilson, has been making a point of getting wins despite the sloppy, wet conditions and cool temperatures. One of those wins, in fact, was against Northville on the last day of March. The two teams squared off at Catholic Central and the Shamrocks used their home field advantage to squeeze out an 11-8 victory.

Tim Urso led the Shamrocks with three goals and two assists while Tommy Orr added two goals and Mitch Burgin had two goals and one assist. Conor Schwalm, not to be outdone, added two goals and an assist to his season stats while Mike Birney added a goal in the win.

The Shamrocks also took their first loss of the season last week when they traveled to Hudson, Ohio to face Western Reserve Academy—a perennial powerhouse in the lands south of the border.

The Shamrocks stayed in the game throughout, but were unable to get the victory as they fell, 12-10.

Burgin found the back of the net four times and added an assist to his growing numbers,



LAURIE IRISH

CC goalie Bernie Eisbrenner makes a save in the Shamrocks' 11-8 win over Northville.

while Urso notched four goals and Schwalm tacked on four assists.

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

### ON TAP

The Shamrocks will be back in action Saturday with a 1 p.m. game at Brighton before hosting DeLaSalle next Tuesday at 7 p.m. Northville will play against April 27 with a 7 p.m. game against Salem at home before visiting South Lyon East at 7 p.m. April 29.

# Northville runs in competitive Pioneer Indoor meet

## Mustangs' Al Myers wins high jump

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Ann Arbor Pioneer Indoor Meet, an annual event held at Eastern Michigan University, is always chock full of intense competition, that's why most teams only send

their best athletes to compete.

Thankfully for Northville, their best athletes are the ones that are capable of turning in some outstanding performances. Take senior Al Myers, for example. He jumped 6 feet, 2 inches in the high jump and the end result was him walking away with a first-place finish — and he just missed leaping 6-4.

"Al, again, did an impressive job," said coach Gordie McIntosh, who went on to say that his entire team turned in some impressive results.

The distance medley relay team of Edward Clifton, Ryan

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will be back in action today when they host South Lyon at 3:45 before traveling to Dearborn Saturday.

Flanagan, Dan Sims and Chad Cini ran to second place, finishing in 11:22.

"The boys did a tremendous job, considering it's the first time they ran this particular event together," said McIntosh. "Their individual times were more than respectable, and I am proud of the team as a whole."

The shuttle hurdle relay team of Andrew Schanne, Abhiraj Narsinghia, Charlie May and Justin Hsieh took

fourth, as did the 4x800 team of Ashwin Easow, Sims, Flanagan and Clifton.

Jason Lerner also had a great day, running the 3,200-meter event and finishing eighth overall with a time of 10:34.2. The most impressive part of the run was that he improved his time by 31 seconds from his previous two-mile event.

"He should be very proud of his effort," McIntosh noted.


Other athletes competing at the meet were Michael LaFramboise, Grant Miller, Eric Tang, Jonathon Li and Matt Sierra.

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

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# Baseball team has rough start to season

Mustangs drop three, but bounce back for win

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

No coach wants to talk about how their team dropped three games to start the season, but any coach will be happy to discuss how they put it behind them and earned their first win of the season.

The Northville Mustangs boys baseball team, coached by John Kostrzewa, took a 3-2 loss to Walled Lake Northern to kick things off before dropping a double-header to Bedford, 9-3 and 11-1.

"We struggled in all aspects of the game," said Kostrzewa. "Like everyone else, we haven't had a whole lot of quality practice time outside and it really showed. We were fundamentally poor in all aspects of the game during all three losses."

But the Mustangs found their fundamentals in time to put up a 2-0 win over the John Glenn Rockets last week.

Jake Hansen was the winning pitcher of that game, going five innings while striking out nine and fighting through a couple of long

## ON TAP

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innings. Bobby Sable came in for relief over the final two innings and kept John Glenn off the board. Jeff Gentley was the offensive standout, going 3-for-4 with a triple, a stolen base, a RBI and a run scored.

"Overall, we continued to struggle offensively, but it's still very early," admitted Kostrzewa. "Defensively, we made quality pitches at key times to get us out of some middle and late inning jams, which was good to see and played solid defense behind Jake and Bobby. I thought we were much better fundamentally and competed very well throughout the entire game."

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



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Northville's Emily Bush races up the sideline toward the Plymouth net.

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ball on the far side of the net and past a diving Plymouth goalie for the game-winning score.

Northville climbed to 3-0-1 with the win while Plymouth dropped to 1-1-1.

In a game that was plagued by wind and cool temperatures, the Northville Mustangs were disappointed to find themselves stuck with a tie against the Plymouth Canton Chiefs, 1-1.

"It was a tough game," said Brucker. "Canton had us over-matched with size, but my girls fought hard."

The play early was back and fourth as both teams tried to feel each other out. But at 16:30, Canton made a move that would prove fruitful as midfielder ally Krause collected a 50/50 ball and beat two

defenders, lacing a high, arching shot over the outstretched hands of Northville's goalie for a 1-0 lead.

Northville responded just about a minute later, scoring one off a corner kick as Claire McHugh placed a high, floating corner toward the back post and over the head of the Canton keeper. Guibord was in the right place at the right time and poked the ball across the line for the only Northville goal of the night and a 1-1 tie.

The second half started with Northville dominating the play with several scoring opportunities but nothing to show for it. The Canton keeper made several great point blank saves and on two occasions, when the keeper was beat, her defenders cleared the ball off the goal line.

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

# Northville softball splits with Allen Park

Squad wins opener, but can't hold on in night cap

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

You win some and you lose some—and sometimes that happens on the same day.

The Northville Mustangs softball team, coached by Kary Couchman, earned a win and a loss last week when they split a Saturday doubleheader with the Allen Park Jaguars. The Mustangs routed their foes in the first game, winning 12-4 in nine innings before losing the second game of the twin bill, 5-2.

While the score seems like the entire first game was a lopsided affair, the truth of the matter was the Mustangs had their hands full through most of the contest before breaking it open in the extra innings.

Northville opened the scoring in the second inning, using singles by junior third baseman Suzanne Hasse—who had three hits and two RBIs in the game—and catcher Allie Chapekis to take a 1-0 lead following an Allen Park error.

But the Jaguars weren't going to just throw their hands up in despair and quit. Instead, they bounded back and took a 2-1 lead in the fourth inning, forcing the Mustangs to play from behind to tie it in the fifth inning on a walk to Chapekis, a sacrifice bunt by freshman designated hitter Micaela Petrucci and a well-hit RBI single by junior right fielder Caitlin Childers.

Allen Park took a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the fifth inning, but Northville fought back to tie it in the top of the sixth on a leadoff single by Rachel Deacon and RBI doubles by Hasse and pitcher Laura Pond. The game remained tied into extra innings before Northville

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broke the game open in the top of the ninth with eight runs.

The Mustangs loaded the bases on an Allen Park error, a hit batter and center fielder Jennifer Buckingham's infield single—her third hit of the game. Northville then used RBI singles by Deacon, Hasse, senior Katie Fenech and Petrucci, who had two hits and two runs scored in her first varsity appearance. The performance gave Northville a four-run lead.

Following another RBI by Pond, Childers put an exclamation point on the inning with a three-run double to left center field.

In the night cap, Allen Park wasn't about to let Northville repeat their performance.

The Jaguars jumped to a 5-0 lead before Northville scored two runs in the seventh to break up the shutout.

Northville, which had 15 hits in the first game, could only manage seven hits in the second game. Buckingham had two singles for five hits on the day and Pond had a single and a long triple to center field. Senior shortstop Karly Fisher had two singles and bats in all four at-bats. Deacon also singled for Northville and Fenech added an RBI.

Pond pitched all 16 innings in the doubleheader for the Mustangs with eight strikeouts. Pond did not walk any of the Jaguar batters.

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

# Girls lacrosse gets two more wins

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Northville's two girls lacrosse contests last week were games of extremes. The first game, against Canton, was extremely one sided. The second, against Plymouth, was extremely close.

Thankfully for Northville, both games ended in their favor.

The girls defeated Canton, 18-3, before edging past Plymouth, 7-6, to keep their season going in the right direction.

Against Canton, the Mustangs jumped out to a 10-3 lead in the first half and didn't even bother to look back. Earning the win between the posts was the ever-vigilant Rachel Jurczynski, who stopped 12 shots on goal to secure the victory.

Earning goals for the

Mustangs were Kelsey DeRidder (5), Charlotte Peterson (4), Rylee Donovan (2), Alivia DuQuet (2) and Kaitlyn Sabourin, Reena Pullukat, Erin Vogel and Tenley Mustonen.

Against Plymouth, things were much closer. In fact, the Wildcats took a 6-5 lead with 9:09 left in the game. But, the always-dangerous Peterson tacked on a goal at 8:18 to tie it, 6-6, before adding a game-winner at 5:38 for the 7-6 win. Jurczynski had 10 saves in the game to preserve the victory.

Peterson ended the day with three goals and an assist while Vogel added two goals and Mustonen and DeRidder had one each. Katie Bielskis added an assist in the winning effort.

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

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, April 22, 2011 in observance of Good Friday. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 25, 2011.

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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## Charter Township of Northville Notice of Public Hearing

The Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. 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 amended.

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.

Sue Hillebrand  
Township Clerk

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND REZONING OF 41001 SEVEN MILE ROAD CHAPTER 170 ARTICLE 3 AND ARTICLE 15

The following proposed ordinance amendments will be presented to the Board of Trustees for Adoption on April 21, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. at a Regular Board of Trustees meeting held at the Northville Township Municipal Building at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

The Board will consider rezoning the former State Hospital Property located at 41001 Seven Mile Road from Seven Mile Road PUD to OS-Office Service, R-3 One - Family Residential and Residential RM-1 Multiple Family Residential.

A complete copy of the proposed amendments is available in the Clerk's office at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, 48168 during regular business hours 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and are available on the Northville Township website: [www.twp.northville.mi.us](http://www.twp.northville.mi.us).

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS ANNUAL ARBOR DAY SEEDLING GIVEAWAY

The Beautification Commissions for the City of Northville and the Township of Northville will jointly host the annual "ARBOR DAY Seedling Give-away" which will be held on:

Saturday, April 23, 2011  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (or until seedlings are gone) at  
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Marie Barr, Chairperson  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

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## CITY OF NORTHVILLE - NORTHVILLE HOUSING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ALLEN TERRACE LOBBY - HEATING AND COOLING REPLACEMENT

The City of Northville - Northville Housing Commission requests sealed requests for proposals to replace the existing air handler with an electric heating coil along with the Air Conditioning split system that services the front lobby and the office of the Allen Terrace Apartment Building. All interested bidders should see the application to submit a proposal.

This is a federally funded project. The Contractor on this project must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 requirements, Anti-Kickback Act, Federal Operational Safety and Health Act and Department of Labor Standards and Regulations as set forth in the Contract Bid Documents. Proposal details may be received by contacting: Sherry Necelis, Housing Director, 401 High Street, Northville, MI 48167 (248) 349-8030.

An original proposal and two (2) copies must be submitted by Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened and read to: Dianne Massa, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. Proposals must be sealed in an envelope marked "PROPOSAL - Allen Terrace Lobby- Heating and Cooling Replacement". Faxed and emailed proposals will not be considered. The City of Northville reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities in the proposals that are in the best interest of the City of Northville. Persons with disabilities, who require assistance to participate or attend this public meeting, are requested to contact the housing director at the above number at least 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

Sherry Necelis, Housing Director  
Dianne Massa, City Clerk

An electronic version of this Request for Bid can be obtained from the City's web site.  
<http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PurchasingAndRFPs/ProposalsBids.htm>.

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NORTHVILLE BENNETT ARBORETUM PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION BID

Sealed Bids will be received by the Clerks Department, Second Floor, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, on or before May 5, 2011, 3:00 p.m. local time for construction of the Northville Bennett Arboretum Pathway. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

Work to be done includes the construction of: HMA pedestrian pathway, wooden boardwalks, modular block retaining walls, a pedestrian bridge, and all related work.

Funding for the project work is being obtained in part through the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

THE BIDDER SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED WITH THE BID DOCUMENTS:

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2. THE SOLICITATION FOR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE).
3. THE CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING.
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Bid documents may be examined on or after April 15, 2011, at the office of the Department of Public Services, First Floor, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI, 48168.

Bid documents may be obtained on or after April 15, 2011, from the office of Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc., 905 South Blvd. East, Rochester Hills, MI 48307 upon payment of \$50 non-refundable deposit. An additional non-refundable charge will be required for mailing bidding documents. Plans may be requested by calling (248) 844-5400.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, or Bid Bond by a recognized surety, in the amount of 5% of the total of the bid price. A proposal, once submitted, becomes the property of the Charter Township of Northville. In the sole discretion of the Charter Township of Northville, the Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to allow a bidder to reclaim submitted documents provided the documents are requested and retrieved no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled bid opening.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance, and labor and material bonds in the amount of 100% of the bid price and satisfactory insurance coverage.

After the time of opening, no Bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days. The Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid, and to make the award in any manner the Charter Township of Northville believes to be in its best interest.

Any further information may be obtained from David Eno, P.E. at Spalding DeDecker Associates, (248) 844-5400. Questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the engineer, in writing or by fax at (248) 844-5404. Questions will not be accepted if received less than 3 calendar days before the bids are due.

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## TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

# The difference between employees and contractors

BY DAN HOOPS  
GUEST COLUMNIST

A common question that comes up in employment law is the status of the workers: employees or independent contractors? What is the difference between the two and why does it matter? Well, it is because the law imposes different levels of responsibility on employers depending upon the status of their workers.



Dan Hoops

Under state law, an employer can be held liable for any negligent or intentional acts of their employees if the employee is acting within the scope of their employment at the time their wrongful act occurred. The scope of employment can be something as simple as operating a photocopier at work or driving a company car, to eating lunch during company time or wearing a uniform off premises. For any wrongful act or injury that occurs during this "scope of employment", the employer can be held responsible under the theory of vicarious liability.

The actions of an "independent contractor", however, are not imputed to the employer. The theory being that there is limited control over both the contractor and the work the contractor has been hired to complete. This does not mean that the employer is never responsible, however imputing the independent contractor's wrongful action to the employer is much more difficult to prove in a lawsuit.

As you can imagine, a lot of money could be at stake for an employer if an employee's mistake or wrongful conduct is imputed to the employer. For example, if an employee stocking shelves in a grocery store intentionally punches someone she believes is shoplifting from the store, the victim may sue the grocery store for battery; even though the store neither threw the punch nor authorized the employee to do so.

So how do you determine whether someone is an

employee or an independent contractor? In some instances, it is as easy as looking at the particular job. A person hired to paint a house is most likely an independent contractor. Why? Well how much control do you have over the task? You and the painter agree on the price and color of the paint, maybe a completion date. Does the employer determine the painter's hours? The brand of paint or brushes for the job? Do you pay for the painter to take a break, vacation or for lunch? No. For the most part, the house painter is an independent contractor and any wrongful acts that occur during that job should not be the responsibility of the employer.

Compare the house painter to an administrative assistant in an office. Does the employer provide a desk, telephone and computer for this person? Are particular assignments given to the worker? Lunch break and hours established for the assistant? In this scenario, it would seem that the employer would have a lot of control over the job and the assistant would be considered an employee.

Now, if the administrative assistant stole the identification of a customer of the employer, should the employer be liable to that customer for any damages that resulted? Sure. Should the homeowner be responsible if the house painter broke into a neighbor's house and stole a lawnmower? No.

Clearly, most employers want to limit any liability for the wrongful actions of their workers; this is basic dollars and cents. The law gets a little grayer when employers try to limit the amount of control over their worker's jobs to make the workers appear to be independent contractors rather than employees. Many business owners think that if they have a contract with their workers that specifically provides "you are an independent contractor" that the individual is an independent contractor; this is an absolute fallacy. The common law will determine the individual's status for purposes of state law.

Now, the trickier part: taxes. Employers are responsible for withholding and paying

a portion of social security and Medicaid taxes for their employees. If the worker is not classified as an "employee", but an independent contractor, the employer is responsible for this additional tax. As a result, many employers would rather categorize their workers as independent contractors than have to pay an additional amount of tax. And this leads to employers finding themselves in hot water with the Internal Revenue Service for incorrectly categorizing their employees as independent contractors.

The standard for someone being an independent contractor or employee under state law is not as strict as the standard under federal law, which is what the Internal Revenue Code is and what the IRS enforces. Penalties for incorrectly categorizing an employee can be severe, including unpaid withholding taxes for all subject years, interest and penalties based on the taxes not properly withheld. If you have any questions as to whether a worker should be considered an employee or an independent contractor, you should search www.irs.gov and review Publications 15 and 15-A.

As if employers do not have enough to worry about when it comes to running their business. Any time the decision is made to hire workforce, this baby step carries with it enormous responsibility on the person requesting the assistance. These decisions should be carefully considered; screening potential candidates of their character and background is just as important as knowing their past work experience.

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## NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Vegetarian Fair at Hiller's

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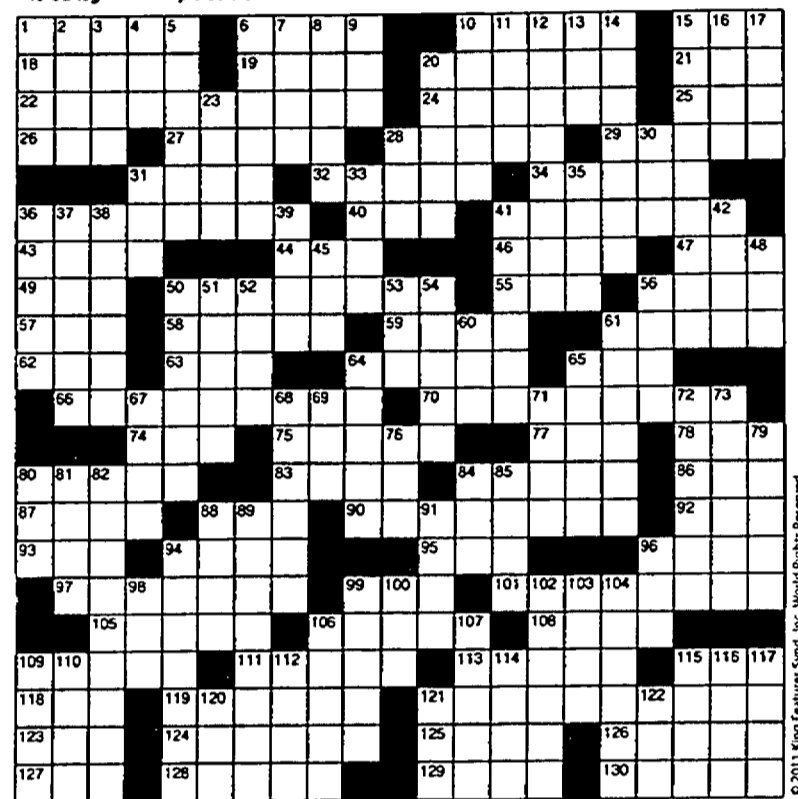
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# Why Don't Employers Call Me Back?

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Is there any worse confidence killer than rejection? I think it goes back to childhood, when you want a new bike for your birthday but you end up getting a pack of tube socks instead. You immediately wonder if you did something wrong and that's why you didn't get what you wanted.

Go forward a few years when you end up taking your cousin to the prom because everyone else turned you down. And the college years? Basically a parade of rejection that feels like an endless line of Rockette kicks to your confidence.

Or maybe that was just my experience.

Still, that same game of "Is it me or them?" continues well into adulthood as you begin searching for a job. You make a list of your best qualities, send them to employers, get dressed up and try to woo them in an interview. Then you wait. And wait. And wait. The phone never rings.

Job seekers want to know why they can seemingly do everything right, and yet, still they don't hear back from employers. We're not talking about getting turned down for the job -- we're talking about not even hearing a "Sorry, but the position has been filled." So we went to the source to find out. Submitting the application

For a job seeker, the application process is full of

anxiety and excitement. When you're looking for a job, each available position represents a possible new beginning. Before you've submitted an application, you've already daydreamed about your first day on the job. The problem is that to some employers, you're just one in a dozen. Or in some cases, one in 500.

"In the current market, if you post a job, you will get buried with résumés," says Matthew McMahon, partner at staffing firm McMahon Partners LLC. "Maybe 5 percent are in the ballpark." This means plenty of hiring managers spend their time reading irrelevant applications that don't help them find the right candidate. As a result, they have less time for you. "You simply don't have time to respond to [all applicants]."

To many job seekers this attitude may sound cold and impersonal. After all, behind each of these applications is a person waiting for a return call. McMahon cannot possibly respond to each one individually, but he does take the time to reach out to applicants who show promise.

"If somebody is close, but slightly off target, I will usually take the time to give them a call, learn about what they are looking for, tell them about the sort of roles I fill, and keep the notes for future use," he says.

How about the ones who miss

the mark completely?

"If the person isn't even close (or has not read the description), I don't bother spending the time because they are obviously applying for everything," he says. Take that as further proof that throwing your application at every open position and hoping to have some success is not the way to conduct a job search.

Can you expect any changes soon?

OK, so that's how things are now, but can job seekers expect to have a more personal interaction with the hiring managers in the future? Possibly, says Caitrin O'Sullivan of iCIMS, a provider of

software for human resource companies to track recruiting activity and applications.

"If an organization, especially a medium or large one, were not leveraging an applicant tracking system, it's difficult for job seekers to understand the magnitude of applications flooding recruiters [and] HR managers' desks -- especially during a period of high unemployment," O'Sullivan explains. "Just visually scanning through all of these résumés can take hours upon hours of manpower. To have to communicate with every one of those applicants on top of that would be a truly formidable task."

That's not to say things will always be that way. As someone on

the forefront of tracking technology, O'Sullivan sees an increase in interest among companies that can and do keep job seekers updated at regular intervals.

"As more and more organizations are investing in and leveraging HR technology and [applicant tracking systems], it is much easier for the HR team to automate and streamline that process and enable applicants to be aware of their status within the review process," O'Sullivan says. Although not all employers use tools that allow for such tracking, it's something that iCIMS has provided to human resources departments to benefit job seekers.

Until everyone gets on board, don't expect to hear back from employers to learn where you stand. You're always free to call an employer to check on the status of your application or to see if the position has been filled. As long as you are courteous and don't pester them, most companies will let you know one way or the other.

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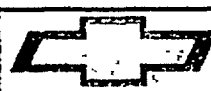
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