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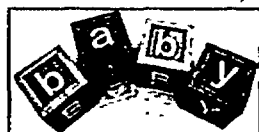
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Baby, Kid and Me Resale

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 clothing, 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.

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.

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.

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School district presents grim outlook

Forum attendees learn impact of possible \$7 million shortfall

BY CAL STONE
STAFF WRITER

Scream 4 may be opening at theaters Friday, but a true horror show took place at the Northville Public Schools community forum at Hillside Middle School last night.

For two hours, those who were brave enough to attend listened to the grim scenario the district will face if Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed hack-and-slash budget passes.

"If implemented," Supt. Leonard Rezmierski said, "the full impact of the governor's proposal will mark the largest single annual funding loss in the history of education in Michigan."

Snyder's unprecedented proposal to take K-12 funding and move it into higher education — combined with an eroding tax base, lower property values and rising utility, fuel and health insurance costs — would leave Northville facing a \$7 million deficit for the 2011-12 school year.

For the first 30 minutes of the forum, Michael Zopf, assistant superintendent for

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To see details of the district's budget and financial overview, visit <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/pdfs/budget-dilemma/budget-dilemma-community-presentation.pdf>.

finance and operations, used a large projector screen to show graphs, charts, facts and figures detailing the district's budget situation. He and Mary Kay Gallagher, who will succeed Rezmierski when he retires in June, also presented the district's options to deal with the deficit.

More than 50 teacher layoffs, classroom sizes up to 40 students and elimination of high school busing are just a few examples of what will happen to one of the highest-quality education systems in the state.

And that would come on top of severe cuts the district already implemented over the

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CAL STONE

Supt. Leonard Rezmierski (right) answers a question about Northville Public Schools' budget situation at the community forum at Hillside Middle School April 13.



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Crazy for a cause

Thornton Creek students wear their crazy hats and head gear on April 12 during a fundraiser at the school for earthquake relief efforts for the Japanese people. For a \$1 donation, kids could wear whatever they wanted. Included here are Kevin Huang, Julia Straky, Ashley Martin-Borghi, Delaney Weedmark, Megan Giron, Emile Rizk, Olivia MacDonald, Demetri Zervos, Gasia Oknayan, and Noah Jackson.

Luncheon surprise: NEF gets \$500,000 anonymous gift

Local leaders look both back and to the future

BY CAL STONE
STAFF WRITER

Four well-known leaders spoke to the crowded room for this afternoon's State of the Community luncheon, but it was an anonymous donor who made the biggest splash with a half million dollar donation to the Northville Education Foundation.

The announcement was made near the end of the luncheon — hosted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia at Meadowbrook Country Club — during the final presentation, made by Leonard Rezmierski. The school district's superintendent brought Eric Barritt, president of NEF, up to the podium to share the news.

"This donor's gift is in support speci-

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Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo (right) presents retiring Northville School District Supt. Dr. Leonard Rezmierski with a plaque acknowledging his years of service to the community during the April 13 State of the Community luncheon at Meadowbrook Country Club.

Citizens committee makes budget recommendations

Next budget meeting April 25

BY LONNIE HUHAN
CORRESPONDENT

Last year, the City of Northville faced a looming financial crisis.

The Oakland County Executive Office predicted a 12-percent decline in taxable values, which had declined by 33 percent the previous three years. This would have led to a potential fiscal year 2011-12 General Fund budget shortfall of \$846,000.

It was getting a bit sweaty at city hall, and this was just the tip of the iceberg.

These concerns led the City Council to commission a group of residents to explore possible solutions. The council members knew tough decisions may lay ahead, so getting community input was essen-

tial.

So a group of 24 citizens was put together to begin the process. It was chaired by former council member Jerry Mittman and vice chaired by former Assistant School Superintendent Dave Bolitho.

According to Mittman, getting more voices involved was the intent.

"They wanted a cross-section of participants," he said. "The hope was that the committee's recommendations would represent the community's desires."

They met over the course of three months and established a list of values. They emphasized maintaining a safe city and level of services needed for that,

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The decline in taxable value for the city is only 0.96 percent. Northville was one of two communities in Oakland County to see its taxable value increase

The next budget meeting is on Monday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in city hall. It will be approved in May.


FROM PAGE A1

"One, we're hoping for some legislative relief," Wadsworth said. "Two, we are entering into negotiations with all our labor groups. And the last is

With nearly 90 percent of the district's expenses wrapped up in staff and benefits, it is the big slice of the budget pie that will surely be focused on as all the employee

Contacting legislators is one of the ways the district asked citizens to help, and school board member Ken Roth explained why that's so important. Of the four legislators who represent the school district — state Reps. Hugh Crawford and Kurt Heise and state Sens. Patrick Colbeck and Mike Kowall — one has served only one full term, two

"Hey, I'm willing to discuss anything at this point, frankly," Roth said.



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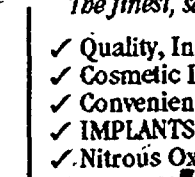
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Help battle Parkinson disease on May 15

Walk-a-thon, 5K run at Northville High School

BY LONNIE HUHMANN
CORRESPONDENT

A great event for a great cause is the best way to describe the Michigan Parkinson Foundation's Walk-a-thon and 5K Run.

This annual spring event is set for May 15 at Northville High School, and the deadline for online sign-up is April 25. This is a huge fundraiser for MPF, and it is a big way to show support even if you are not directly affected by it.

For Westland's Gail McKnight, it is a cause close to her heart. Her husband, Dick, has been living with Parkinson's disease for the last 18 years. McKnight, a volunteer member of MPF's Board of Directors, said Parkinson's is ongoing challenge for the two of them, but they didn't sit around feeling sorry for themselves.

They got involved with MPF so they could make a difference.

"It's a long-term disease,

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For those interested in signing up or looking for other information, go to <http://parkinsonsmi.org/fundraising.php>.

so care and assistance is very crucial," she said. "So it's events like the walk-a-thon and 5K Run that help our foundation raise funds in support of our cause. Many people rely on the funds that are raised, so any help is a lot of help."

The cause for them is to be the premier education and support organization in Michigan for people with PD, their care partners, and the physicians and allied health professionals that diagnose and treat PD patients.

At any one time in Michigan there are 35,000 individuals with PD, and McKnight says there is no cure at this time. Therefore, she says ongoing care is very crucial.

McKnight has been helping

organize the Northville walk and run for years, and says having it at the high school has only made it better. She said participating runners can expect to have the course wind its way through a neighborhood close by. And she added any level of participation is appreciated.

"This is a certified running event, so we encourage runners, especially the younger ones, to come out," she said. "And we also encourage walkers and whoever wants to help."

This year's honorary chairpersons include Northville Township Trustee Marv Gans, 47th District Judge Marla Parker, 35th District Judge James A. Plakes and Kathleen Russell, a person with PD. McKnight says Russell is a true example of a person with PD staying proactive.

McKnight says this year the event has something for everyone, and she adds dogs are more than welcome.



'Hansel & Gretel'

The Marquis Theatre presents a live musical through May 1 - 'Hansel & Gretel,' a fairy tale of two children who are lost in the forest and find a house made of candy. Show times are 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and Sundays. Tickets are \$8.50; group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more are available; please, no children under 3 years of age. The Marquis is located at 135 E. Main, Northville. For more information, phone (248) 349-8110 or visit northvillemarquistheatre.com. Pictured are Edie Jones, of Northville, as Gretel, and Natalie Fill, of White Lake, as Hansel.

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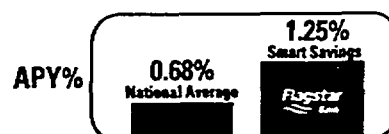
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Group helps promote Northville's beauty

BY LONNIE HUHMANN
CORRESPONDENT

One major factor that has helped maintain Northville as a designated tree city, and which makes it an all-around pleasant looking place to live, is the work of the community's Beautification Commissions.

The commission members from both the city and township have maintained a dedicated consistency from year to year in organizing annual projects, such as the upcoming seedling give-away, and have created new ones like the Friendship Garden set to be constructed at the Northville Township Hall.

This year's Arbor Day Seedling Give-away will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the township hall. It's open to anyone living in the Northville

DETAILS

What: Arbor Day Seedling Give-away

When: Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Where: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

What: Each person will be given up to 5 seedlings.

This year's selections include: Blue and white spruces; butterfly bushes; flowering dogwoods; sugar maples; crab apples; red-osier dogwoods; lilacs; eastern redbuds

Proof of residency required.

school district.

The township group is currently trying to improve the hall's Six Mile and Sheldon road corner with a garden. One aspect to it involves personalized engraved bricks. They are taking requests from people wanting to purchase a commemorative brick, which will be placed permanently in the garden's patio area. They range in size and price.

Proceeds from the sales will go to beautification projects.

It's these projects the commission remains so devoted to, and their beliefs in natural and cultivated beauty makes it easy to volunteer their time and effort.

"I wanted to do something for the community," said Marie Barr of her reason to join the Northville Township Beautification Commission. "Contributing to the beauty of

Northville seems like a great way to do that."

For city commission member Janet Young, the reasoning was similar — and they both agree that giving back is the main goal.

The goals of the two beautification groups is to preserve and enhance the beauty of Northville through public education programs, recognition of outstanding private and public beautification efforts, and implementation of planting programs in public spaces.

In simple words, make it a good place to look at for visitors passing through, or for residents who just love to admire such things as flowering trees during spring.

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American Red Cross awards St. Mary Mercy Hospital tops in blood drives

The American Red Cross and Trinity Health gathered at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center on March 14 to celebrate the success of their 2010 blood drive campaign. St. Mary Mercy was recognized as the top Trinity Health facility with the highest number of units collected, 423 pints from its five blood drives.

"We had the biggest increase in donations out of any of the health systems in Michigan, said David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy. "It's important for us to take a leadership role in this initiative."

"It was wonderful not only what you were able to accomplish as a team in 2010, but the rippling effect you had on other health systems," added Carol

Furlong, donor recruitment director, American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. The 2011 blood drive goal for St. Mary Mercy is to increase donations by 20 percent.

St. Mary Mercy will be hosting blood drives from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. on June 2, Aug. 11, Oct. 27 and Dec. 27 in the Auditorium. The American Red Cross encourages area residents to join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers to donate blood. It takes approximately one hour to donate.

To make an appointment, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redecrossblood.org, click on "Enter a Sponsor Code" and enter "stmarmery." An appointment sign-up sheet is also available in the St. Mary Mercy cafeteria.



The St. Mary Mercy Red Cross team (from left): Trudy Smith, American Red Cross; David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy; Janet Searight, senior HR consultant, OTE/HR and Red Cross team lead; Jim Aldrich, performance improvement specialist; Jeannie Cox, administrative assistant, Marketing/PR; Cyndi Niva, HRIS coordinator, OTE/HR; Sally Santoni, operations manager, Radiology; and Diane Ward, CEO, American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. Not pictured is Marianne Simacek, director, Community Outreach.

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Michigan State University
Sarah Marker, of Northville, has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during an induction convocation this fall on the campus of MSU.

Franciscan University

Northville's David Breitenbeck, a 2007 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central, played the part of a ghost in Franciscan University of Steubenville's spring production of Hamlet by William Shakespeare. Breitenbeck, a senior English major, is the son of Joseph and Deborah Breitenbeck. He has appeared in other university productions, including Life is a Dream.

Wayne State University

The Wayne State University Undergraduate Committee, Department of History, has awarded Emily Doren the F. Richard Place Endowed Memorial Award for 2011. Doren is a 2006 graduate of Northville High School and a 2010 graduate of Wayne State University. The Place Memorial Award was presented in recognition of high achievement as an undergraduate at WSU, and particularly for excellence in the History Department's capstone course and her undergraduate History Thesis entitled: "Hungary and the Treaty of Trianon; The Territorial Consequences of The Peace." A formal presentation of the award was made at the department's annual spring reception April 13 in the Community Room of the WSU Undergraduate Library.

Hope College

Michigan Campus Compact honored nine students - including Northville's Andrew Haggerty and Allison Reynolds - for their dedication and commitment to community service during the organization's 15th annual Outstanding Student Service Awards Celebration April 9 at Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing. Haggerty and Reynolds both received Heart and Soul Awards for their time, effort and personal commitment to their community through service.

Long Island University

Jeanette Dolmetsch (Northville High Class of 2009) was named to both the Academic Honor Roll and the Northeast Conference Academic Honor Roll for student athletes. She is attending the Brooklyn, N.Y. school on an academic and athletic scholarship for soccer and working toward a physician assistant degree.

Dolmetsch was also named the ECAC Division I Defensive Player of the Week; and All-Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year Second Team. The sophomore was starting center back on a defense that ranked among the NCAA leaders in three categories - total shutouts, 15; most shutouts in a row, 7; and most minutes played without a goal scored, 712.



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Math-a-thon

Meads Mill sixth graders participated in the St. Jude Math-a-thon and raised over \$7,400. Last year, the whole school was invited to participate and the same amount was raised, making the sixth-graders this year even more impressive.

Code of conduct policy revised

Proposed changes presented to Board of Ed April 26

The Extra Curricular, Co-Curricular and Athletic Code of Conduct Review Committee was requested by the Northville School Board of Education in September 2010 for the purpose of reviewing the existing Extra/Co-Curricular and Athletic Student Code of Conduct and to determine if any revisions/additions were warranted. The Extra/Co-Curricular and Athletic Code of Conduct was last revised in 2007.

This year's committee comprised the high school principal, athletic director, various administrators, teachers, coaches, the previous Student Assistance Program coordinator, students and parent representatives.

The committee met several times during the months of October 2010 through February 2011. Shortly prior to the formation of the commit-

tee two members attended a training session presented by a national speaker on the topic of school codes of conduct. In addition, during the committee's research it reviewed the code of conduct of a number of school districts. The committee applied the following parameters to the existing document and any proposed revisions to the Northville's Extra Curricular, Co-Curricular, and Athletic Code of Conduct:

1. Fair penalty provisions.
2. That an educational component regarding substance abuse be included with the penalty component.
3. The assessment of increased penalties and educational program requirements for second and third offenses.
4. That the document serves as a disincentive to engage in prohibited/self-destructive behavior.

5. That the student maintains contact with the team/activity for a first or second violation, so as not to isolate the student.

It is the intent of the committee that the revised Extra Curricular, Co-Curricular and Athletic Code of Conduct will be viewed by the students as a means to assist them to achieve their goals and maintain their participation in their chosen activities. It is also the committee's intent that the students and their parents will view the school environment as positive and as a part of the students' support system.

The committee's recommended revisions for the Extra Curricular, Co-Curricular and Athletic Code of Conduct will be brought forward through the Policy Subcommittee for First Reading at the April 26 Board of Education meeting.

Amerman wins big at state Academic Games tourney

Amerman Elementary's Academic Games team won multiple state championship titles at the state tournament last month, nearly sweeping the events they played. Forty-seven of the team's 54 students traveled to Grand Rapids with hundreds of other students across Michigan for two days of intense game-play lasting six to nine hours each day.

The team competed in games of mathematics, logic, set theory and vocabulary. Practicing twice a week for five months, the kids learned strategies such as manipulating fractions, negative numbers, exponents and roots. Monthly regional tournaments gave the kids opportunities to hone their skills. The students' hard work paid off in spades. Out of the eight competitions the team entered this year, Northville players captured six state championship awards.

The Amerman kids all played one of two versions of Equations, a game of creative mathematics, as well as On-Sets, a game of set theory. Students new to the team also competed in a Scrabble-like game called On-Words, while returning players battled in Wif 'N Proof, a complex game of symbolic logic.

At the state tournament, students played on teams of five, with third and fourth graders participating in the Minor division, and fifth and sixth graders within the elementary division. The teams first battled eight or nine other contenders in their divisions. Top scoring teams of each division



Pictured (front, from left) are Austin Hu, Abby Deng, Claire Wan, Timothy Wu, Isabella Lee, Krishna Patel, Ryan Vig, Alex Ge, Angela Li, Arvind Ganeshram, Waldo Guzman Barrientos, Andy Maciejewski, Rohan Erasala and Olivia Masse; (second row) Sakina Nagarwala, Jean Xiong, Keaton McGuirk, Alicia Wang, Krithik Vallem, Meghana Cheeti, Carolyn Wu, Lauren Masse, Jennifer Ostrowski, Saaz Malhotra, Dhruv Patel, Justin Lee, Jack Valenti and Brett Arenberg; (third row) Janet Lu, Bhavya Kadiri, Bhavika Gummadi, Serena Wang, Tina Stadnik, Himansu Vepamakula, Andrew Mertz, Aunindya Jyoti, Sai Anantapantula, Raymond Jiang and Janak Mukherji; (fourth row) Nehaar Nimmagadda, Clark Arenberg, Patrick Long, Neeti Gandra, Jenny Yu, Joseph Vig, Brian Hu, Kevin Yan, David Hargitt and Larry Zhao; (back row) Amerman Principal Dr. Stephen Anderson, Administrative Assistant Linda Pinneo, Coaches Marsha Valenti, and Mark Masse, Head Coach Karen Chapel, Coaches Kim Vig, Robin Long and Rui Li.

then entered the playoffs. Of the 47 students Northville brought to the state tournament, 41 made it into the playoffs in at least one of the three games and 20 captured the prestigious state championship titles. Two Northville Minor teams beat out other schools to become co-state champions in both Equations and On-Words. The kids on those teams were Arvind Ganeshram, Janet Lu, Timothy Wu, Claire Wan, Isabella Lee as well as Sai Anantapantula, Alex Ge, Raymond Jiang, Olivia Masse (from Ridge Wood) and Saaz Malhotra. The latter five accomplished the impressive feat of sweeping the state

championship titles in all three of their events by also becoming the state champs in On-Sets.

Eighteen Amerman fifth graders along with three Meads Mill sixth graders competed in the Elementary division. Andrew Mertz, Himansu Vepamakula, Carolyn Wu (from Meads Mill), Aunindya Jyoti and Krithik Vallem captured the state championship title in Equations. In a heated playoff that went late into the second night, Larry Zhao and Clark Arenberg (both from Meads Mill) along with Brian Hu, Keaton McGuirk and Angela Li claimed the state championship titles in both On-Sets and Wif 'N Proof.

Foundation receives \$500,000 gift for Northville schools

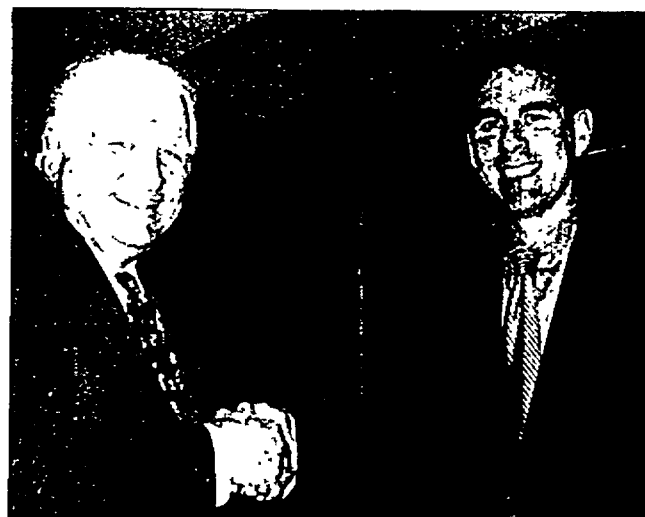
A \$500,000 anonymous gift to the Northville Educational Foundation was announced Wednesday, April 13, 2011 to benefit the students of Northville Public Schools. Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski and Foundation President Eric Barritt shared the good news with local business and community leaders at the annual State of the Community luncheon hosted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce at Meadowbrook Country Club.

"This gift is the ultimate expression of our community's support for Northville Public Schools," Rezmierski said.

"During these challenging economic times our community is choosing through its generous support of the Northville Educational Foundation to act on the local level to protect and grow our excellent educational programs. We deeply appreciate that these donors have stepped forward at this important time to make this incredible commitment to Northville's school children."

The anonymous donors have directed this gift toward funding an artificial turf field for the Eight Mile Stadium, which is beyond the scope of projects identified in the district's proposed Capital Improvement (Sinking Fund) millage request. Rezmierski also noted that he is confident that any remaining funds needed for this project can be achieved through additional fundraising.

The donors hope the \$500,000 capital gift demonstrates the Northville commu-



Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville schools, and Eric Barritt, president of the Northville Education Foundation, at the State of the Community luncheon where the announcement of the \$500,000 gift was made.

nity's long history of supporting Northville Public Schools and made the gift to augment the school district's Capital Improvement (Sinking Fund) millage request on May 3.

The 1-mill Capital Improvement millage request up for consideration in the May 3 election 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. Approval of the millage won't solve the district's budget crisis (which looms at a loss of \$7 million) but it will alleviate some of the pressure on the operating budget and enable the district to keep its buildings in good operating condition.

"When we as school families and community members come together to support our

schools, we are supporting our community as a whole," Barritt said. "Strong schools are the beacon of a strong community where people want to live, businesses can recruit employees, and property values are higher."

Barritt said he also hopes the \$500,000 gift will inspire others to make contributions to the Northville Educational Foundation and support its mission to enhance educational excellence in Northville Public Schools.

For more information about the Northville Educational Foundation and how you can become involved, visit the new website at www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org or contact Foundation Facilitator Jan Purtell at NEF@NorthvilleEdFoundation.org or (248) 344-8458.

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Church of the Holy Cross
Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 427-1175

Church of the Holy Family
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holysfamilynovi.org

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

6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

Church of the Holy Family
Ecumenical Good Friday Worship
Time/Date: noon Friday, April 22
Details: The Novi Ministers Association is participating in an Ecumenical Good Friday Worship Service. Ministers from several of Novi's congregations will be participating in the noon worship.

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

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

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

First Church of the Nazarene
Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Easter Eggstravaganza
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23
Details: New this year, pre-reg-

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

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

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

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian
Location: 44400 W 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit fpcnorthville.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Seder Meal
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. April 21
Easter Worship
Time/Date: 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, April 24

First Baptist Church of Northville
Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church
Location: 45301 W 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
Location: 200 E. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.org
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Single Place
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday

Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.
Contact: For a detailed schedule of all events (dining out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28

Details: Single Place Cards & Games Night. Once again this is our popular monthly informal social evening of games, conversation, snacks, flavored teas or coffee, soft drinks, and ice cream with various toppings; \$5 donation.
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5

Details: Cinco Di Mayo dinner is the theme tonight complete with tacos and virgin margaritas, with games and snacks to follow. Meet and socialize with other singles; \$7 for dinner and \$3 for games and snacks. For dinner reservations call the church office.
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12

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

First United Methodist Church of Northville

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

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

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

Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)
Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565
Sundays

Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and

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ANDREASEN, RICHARD J.

Age 69, passed away April 12, 2011. He was born on June 21, 1941, in Detroit, to Asbjorn and Alvina (Monter) Andreassen. He was the proprietor of Ayzer Inc. Tool & Die Company. He was a Board member of the First Freewill Baptist Church. Richard is survived by his wife of 49 years, Robbie Andreassen; son Richard Andreassen; mother Alvina; sister Audrey Kirkwood; nephews: Michael (Jennie) Eighthy, Brian (Diane) Eighthy, David Demery; and niece Melinda Demery; and also survived by many nieces and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his father Asbjorn and his sister Linda. Visitation was held on April 18, Monday, from 4 - 8 p.m. A funeral service was held on April 19, Tuesday, at 12 p.m. (noon) at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Andreassen family. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

COIL, SANDRA JEAN

Age 56, April 16, 2011. Beloved daughter of Mary Ann and the late Harold. Sister of Ronald. Funeral was April 20, 2011 at St James Church, Novi. Donations to ARC of Western Wayne. Online condolences: www.obrienfuneralhome.com

ECONOMO, JERRY

Age 83, April 14, 2011. Husband of Mabelle. Funeral was held April 18 at St. James Church, Novi. Entombment St. Hedwig Cemetery. Online condolences: www.obrienfuneralhome.com

JONES, KATHRYN

Passed away January 11, 2011. Memorial service will be held April 30th, at 11am at the First Presbyterian Church on Lake Street, in South Lyon.

SNYDER, MARILYN JANE

Age 85, passed away April 14, 2011. She was born on February 23, 1926, in Detroit, to the late Fred and Muriel Schneider. She graduated from Marygrove College with her teaching degree. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was a kind loving person and a dedicated teacher. She was very outgoing loving person with very strong Christian beliefs. Marilyn constantly prayed for others. She did meals on wheels and also took Communion to elderly people who couldn't attend church, and was always involved in many church activities. She taught kindergarten for 25 years and was always visited by her students as they grew up. She had such a powerful and loving impact on them. Marilyn is survived by her children: Robert (Jacqueline) Snyder, Linda (Nathan) Snyder, Michael Snyder; and 6 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Jerome Snyder in 2005. A funeral mass was held on April 19, Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

STIRSMAN, ELSIE

Age 85, April 12, 2011. Funeral was April 16 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Burial Parkview Cemetery. Donations: Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Online condolences: www.obrienfuneralhome.com

WEED, RUTH K.

Age 87, of Lyon Township, passed away April 10, 2011. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

WHITESSELL, RICKY

Age 56, of North Carolina, previously of Northville, passed away suddenly April 11, 2011. A graveside service was held Mon. 4/18/2011 at Rural Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

YOUSOFIAN, LENORE G.

Age 77, died April 15, 2011. A Funeral Mass was on April 18 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

KORTE, DAVID THOMAS

A resident of White Lake, and former resident of Milford and Livonia, died at his home on April 18, 2011 at the age of 69. He is survived by his daughters, Kelly (Jim) Prokes of Milford and Chris (Matthew) Navarre of Livonia; his son, David (Heather) Korte of Gaylord grandchildren, Erika, Taylor, Nicole, April, Jack, Casey, Caroline, Conrad, and Alex; a sister, Judy (Jerry) Dupler; step-mother, Elsie Korte, and her children Susan Kon and Fred Korte; many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Virginia Korte. Mr. Korte was retired from Ingersoll-Rand in Farmington Hills where he worked as an engineer for many years, and has enjoyed working as a bus driver with the Huron Valley School District for the last four years. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Thursday, April 21, at 11AM. Memorials may be made in his name to Community Sharing. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MCMURRAY, KLARA K.

Age 88, April 13, 2011. Funeral was April 16 at St. James Catholic Church. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Donations to Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Online condolences: www.obrienfuneralhome.com

PULK, ANNA

Age 85, passed away April 17, 2011. She was born on November 30, 1925 in Warsaw, Poland, daughter of the late Joseph and Josephine Krajewski. She is survived by her daughter Sandra (Chris) Pulk, her granddaughter, Anna (Kevin) Pollins and her great grandson Drake. She was preceded in death by her husband Bernard. Visitation was held on Tuesday, April 19th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. A Liturgy of the Word funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 20th at the funeral home. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

ROTHFUSS, COLLEEN BAKER

Age 47, of Highland, April 16, 2011. Funeral Services were held at the Milford United Methodist Church, Wednesday, April 20, 2011. For further info call 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



BIZER, LOUISE

A GLAD HEART MAKES A CHEERFUL COUNTESSANCE. PROVERBS 15:13

Louise Bizer passed away peacefully April 14, 2011 at Renaissance Gardens in Fox Run in Novi, Michigan. She was an inspiration to those who knew her. Louise Jordan was born January 6, 1921. Shortly after high school she married Albert Bizer, and together they raised five children, first in Detroit and then in Farmington Hills. She worked for a number of years as assistant to the Farmington Hills Clerk, where she was well-liked and made many good friends, but as she said many times, the joy of her life was being a mother. She genuinely supported her children's interests and passions, and they responded by pursuing rewarding artistic and creative careers. They all established homes and families in the local area, and cared for their mother following Albert's passing in 2004 after 60 years of marriage. Louise spent her final months as a resident in Renaissance Gardens of Fox Run. No longer able to walk and hampered in her use of language by a stroke, her love for life and for people could not be extinguished, and she greeted everyone she encountered with smiles and enthusiasm. In her final days, she was met with a constant parade of staff, residents, and friends, who spoke of her joy, exuberance, and grateful spirit. Louise is survived by her brother, Robert (Lois) Jordan of Atlanta, Georgia, her children Ron (Christa) of Ann Arbor, Bill (Patricia) of Farmington Hills, Randy (Ann) of South Lyon, Jim (Mary Jo Larson) of Bloomfield, Lori Leighton (David) of Lake Orion, and her grandchildren Tim, Stephen, Kate, Matthew, Melissa, Elizabeth, Jordan, Noah, Bryce, and Elaina. Services have already been held at Thayer Rock Funeral Home, Farmington (248) 474-4131. Gifts in her memory may be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

BRINES, ELIZABETH "LIZ"

April 15, 2011, age 90. A wake at the family home Thur. April 21, 6-9pm. Visitation: O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, 248-348-1800, Fri., April 22, 10am until service at 11am. Online condolences: www.obrienfuneralhome.com

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Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livonia-church.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday

7 p.m.

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Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road,

between Eight and Nine Mile roads

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior

Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org ore-mail to office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Sermon: Better Than You

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

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Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

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Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.

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Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030

Sundays 9-10 a.m.; Sunday School for

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9 a.m.; Sunday service in multi-purpose gymnasium

10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship

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8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

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Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind

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Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

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

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion

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

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Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every

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Location: In front of the church

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

Advent Service

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

Cross Walk

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday, April 22

Details: The community will be gathering to carry a replica cross to remember Christ's journey through Jerusalem. All are welcomed to attend this walk and will share the burden of the carried cross. It is recommended to wear comfortable shoes. Prayer and Bibles are encouraged. The walk will take place, rain or shine. Walkers will meet at Novi United Methodist Church and will walk to Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road (near Eight Mile). Arrangements have been made for return carpool to each church.

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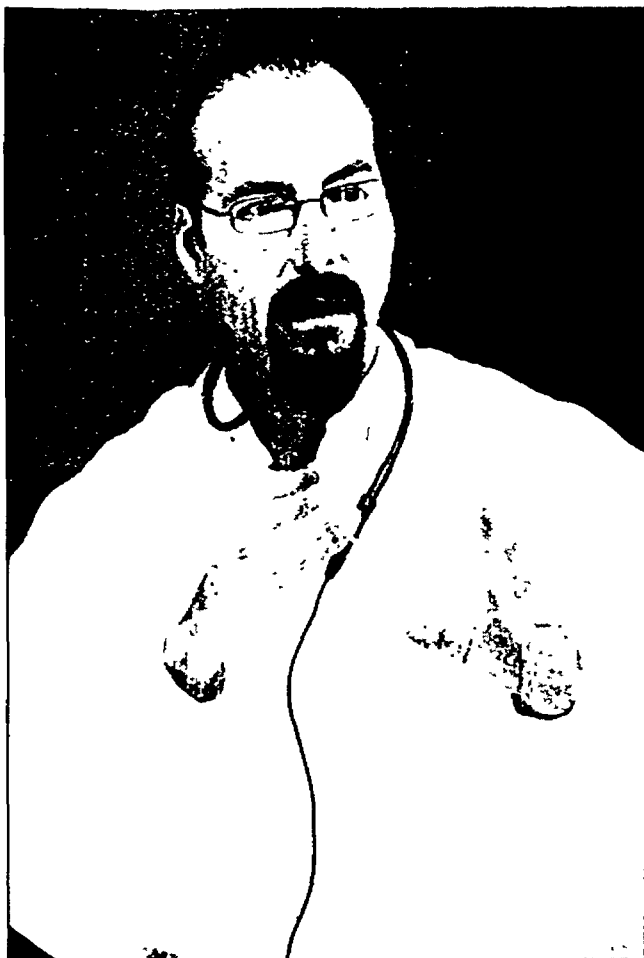
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That's scary!

Moraine Elementary School students (right) react in mock horror to 'Michigan Chillsers' author Jonathan Rand (above) as he tries to scare them during a March 30 assembly. Rand, visiting for March is Reading Month, told the kids how he began writing some of his stories, like turning off the lights in his home, turning on scary music, and cackling evilly.



GIFT

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cally of the May 3 millage to inspire others to vote yes," said Barritt.

Rezmierski, who had just explained that the district is facing a potential \$5.8 million deficit if Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed budget is passed, called the donation "outstanding and unexpected."

At the beginning of his presentation, Rezmierski joked that school funding is so dire right now that upon his retirement in June, he'll be selling pies at the Northville Chamber's Farmer's Market to raise funds. Then he donned a wizard's hat and said, "We're at this point."

Indeed, the outlook for the district's finances is bleak, and Rezmierski urged the community to attend tonight's forum at Hillside Middle School (7-9 p.m. in the cafeteria) to learn details of the "dire economic outlook" the district is facing with a "budget already cut to the bone."

The super said there are three things people can do to help:

1. Vote yes on May 3 in support of 1 mill that will bring in \$2.4 million for each of the next five years for facility needs.

"We have never requested this," said Rezmierski. "It's one of our few avenues. Approval won't solve our budget crisis, but it'll keep our buildings in good condition and help alleviate pressure on our operating budget."

2. Contact local legislators and let them know the proposed education cuts are unacceptable.

3. Support the NEF, which has given the district \$300,000 this school year alone.

Rezmierski said that despite the economic problems, the district continues to reach higher, and cited the International Baccalaureate program as one example. It was Rezmierski's last of many State of the Community addresses, and the accolades for his dedication to the district over the years were flowing. Jody Humphries, chamber president, gave him a gift basket with certificates from 18 local restaurants.

"You can't leave us because you're going to eat with us forever and ever," she said.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

Chris Johnson, City of Northville mayor since 1987 (when gas was 95 cents a gallon, as Humphries noted),



Attendees of the April 13 Northville State of the Community luncheon at Meadowbrook Country Club listen to a speaker.

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introduced Rezmierski, and fought back tears as he recalled meeting first at the school board meeting when Rezmierski was first hired.

"Our community is not what it is without an excellent school district," said Johnson.

He said that even though the state has done a lot (of damage) to this community without ever really visiting it, there remains a "real pride" in Northville. He said the criteria that the governor wants to base revenue sharing on, like cooperation and pooling of resources, has already been happening here for a long time. He noted the hazardous waste days, a collaboration between the city, township and Livonia, as one prime example and said there are 37 different partnerships the city has with the township, Livonia, the school district and others. The mayor said the city long ago adopted best practices like accountability and transparency.

Johnson pointed out that in 2001 the state portion of the city's revenue sharing was \$332,000. "And this year, if all goes well," he said, "it will be \$52,000. The state solves its revenue issues on the backs of local communities."

He noted that property values in the Oakland County portion of the city rose, making it one of only three communities in the county with that boast, and said that offset the decline of property values in the city's Wayne County portion.

Several projects will help bolster downtown in the future: streetscape, the walk-through next to Comerica Bank on Main Street, improvements to roadways, plug-in stations for electric cars, and DDA business



State Rep. Kurt Heise talks to the gathering for the Northville State of the Community luncheon on April 13.

assistance grants. Johnson also rattled off the names of numerous new businesses which are keeping downtown thriving, including Repurpose, a resale shop that is featured in HGTV's television show Cash & Cari and brings new visitors to Northville after every episode airs.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Also new to Northville is recently-elected State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth), who gave a quick presentation before heading to Lansing where the Legislature is currently in session. With the state's budget a hot topic, he said it's "changing by the hour." The latest is a three-tier pension tax that will not tax

individuals over 67.

Heise said the goal is to have the entire budget approved by June, which gives schools some stability to plan their budgets. The entire process he said is about 10 steps, and right now legislators are at number four.

"But we're always looking for ideas," the rep said.

Heise said Snyder's goal is to give job providers the tools needed to create jobs.

"I've been in government 20 years," he said, "and I never created a single job."

That will be done, he said, by creating a tax and regulatory climate that empowers businesses and by a flat 6 percent tax for all businesses that will "get us out of this rut."

He said brownfields and film incentives are two areas where progress is being made. (Later on, Johnson noted that part of the new *Scream 4* movie, which premieres Friday, was shot in Northville.)

Heise said he is pursuing annexation legislation with the same language proposed by his predecessor, Marc Coriveau, and mentioned the \$3.1 million Natural Resources Trust Fund grant for the Seven Mile property that was part of a major annexation battle a few years ago.

The former Scott Correctional facility (on Five Mile and Beck roads) is being handled by the state's Department of Management and Budget, which is trying to decide where the property will go. Heise said he is consulting with township officials, and that he thinks the property will end up commercial.

He finished up his presentation with a jab at the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's "ridiculous" rates, and called it a "criminal enterprise" under former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

"What really is the true cost of that operation," he asked.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

The next speaker, Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo, started his presentation by acknowledging Rezmierski's lifetime of contributions to the community.

"You raised our hopes, raised our game," said Abbo before presenting the super with a resolution from the township.

Although the township has seen a 35-percent increase in its population in the last decade according to the recent census figures, Abbo said he's only surprised by the positive

press that fact has received. Township leaders, he said, share his commitment to long-term vision.

In previous State of the Community presentations, Abbo had taken shots at then-Governor Jennifer Granholm, a Democrat. He continued that tradition by inviting Snyder to see Northville's best practices and adding, "He'll be blabbering away."

But he also jabbed at the Michigan's top Republican by asking the governor to "fix all that's wrong in state government before telling us how to function," and added that Northville Township should be held up as an example for other communities to emulate.

Abbo cited a variety of collaborative efforts and shared services (some of which were merely verbal agreements even before Johnson became mayor) like recreation and dispatch.

"They were controversial at the time," said Abbo, adding that if you were to ask anybody now, they'd agree that those services are now superior.

While some communities struggle with yearly budgets, the township budgets for 20 years and adjusts annually. There have been no new taxes, and the millage requested last August was overwhelmingly approved.

An open and accessible government is key to the township's success, said Abbo, but it's community members joining with the government that make it special. Pending off the annexation attempt by Livonia in 2009 took a joint effort and the hard work of a steering committee. Now the township has hired a firm, Stantec, to develop a master plan for the property that will be a "recreational jewel and a lasting legacy" for Northville, said Abbo.

But the glowing presentation came because of tough decisions like furlough days, a hiring freeze, elimination of out-of-town travel and working with cooperative bargaining units.

"And there have been no layoffs of public safety officers to balance the budget," Abbo said proudly.

In spite of a 20-percent reduction in property values, the township has a AA bond rating, many parks, an impressive township hall and police facility, and a new water tower. Abbo implored the governor to "look at what we've done and take our ideas to other communities and the state. We all created a community that serves as a model for success. We should all take pride in that."

Northville Record online

Have you checked out our newly redesigned website? It's chock full of local news from the Northville community and is updated often. There are several cool features at www.hometownlife.com that allow



you browse through the latest news and features from your neighboring communities, too; allow you to chime in with your opinion on our stories, editorials and letters to the editor; check out our amazing photo galleries and videos that are captured daily by our reporters and photographers. Readers can also find garage sale listings — with a map! — each week from Wednesday-Sunday. So, bookmark www.hometownlife.com to be sure you're always in-the-know in your hometown. You can also find us on Facebook by searching "Hometownlife."

Run for Hope

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

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

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

Registration the day of the event is at 8 a.m. Free T-shirts go to all participants who register by May 2. T-shirts will be available for purchase the day of race. Auction items including massages will be available for bidding at the race. A short

memorial tribute to honor our loved ones will follow race.

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

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

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

Buy Michigan Now event returns to Northville to celebrate state Aug. 5-7

Buy Michigan Now is again teaming up with Downtown Northville to host an upbeat celebration of Michigan, Aug. 5-7. The family-friendly Buy Michigan Now Festival will showcase various Michigan entertainers, businesses, products, and educational opportunities with the goal of revitalizing the local economy.

Launched in 2007 by Lisa Diggs, Buy Michigan Now is a statewide initiative to inform, educate and encourage organizations and consumers, to refuel Michigan's economy by purchasing products and services made in Michigan and from Michigan-based companies.

"The Buy Michigan Now Festival is a little different from a lot of other summer events. It's a fest with a cause," said Diggs. "In addition to providing great food, entertainment, and fun, we are dedicated to helping Michigan businesses grow. It's going to be companies like these, each adding one or two more jobs that brings our economy back on track, and we want to help them do it."

The weekend celebration focuses attention on Michigan-based businesses and locally-produced merchandise to help stimulate the economy. Main and Center streets in central Northville will be closed to allow for pedestrian traffic. Local Northville merchants



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Workin' out

Kathy O'Brien smiles as she work out with "band twists" with Silver Strength exercise class member Linda Schwelnu on April 4. The class is offered through Northville Parks and Recreation and takes place at the Northville Community Senior Center.

will host a sidewalk sale, while Michigan vendors set up shop under tents in the streets. The event also features live entertainment in Town Square and a kids zone dedicated to family fun.

The Buy Michigan Now Festival is scheduled to run from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 and Saturday, Aug. 6 and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. More than 100 vendors and merchants are expected to participate and the festival is free to the public.

For information on vendor or sponsorship opportunities, contact Buy Michigan Now (248) 390-0974 or info@BuyMichiganNow.com.

Concours d'Elegance of America holding track event

The Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's (formerly held at Meadow Brook Hall) announces the First Annual Concours Track Event at Michigan International Speedway (MIS).

Owners of classic cars from around the country are invited to bring their machines to MIS on Friday, July 29 to experience thrill of driving on a high speed raceway.

A special "100 Years of Indy" class of 33 vintage Indy cars will be on the field at the Concours at St. John's Sunday, July 31. Priority participation in the driving event will be given to the vintage Indy race cars.

Many of the pre-1964 cars that raced in the Indianapolis 500 are expected to participate as well as other vintage racers, also on display at the Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's.

Spaces in the track event are limited, so McCarter encourages those interested to sign up as soon as possible. Registration Forms are available at the Concours website (www.concoursusa.org) or call the Concours office at (248) 643-8645 and one can be

mailed or faxed.

More information on the Concours d'Elegance of America and all ancillary events please refer to our webpage at www.concoursusa.org <<http://www.concoursusa.org>>.

Dancing star at Murray studio

Alec Mazo and Edyta Sliwiska of Dancing with the Stars are participating in a fundraiser to support the Van Andel Research Institute (VARI) in Grand Rapids on April 29. While they are in Michigan, they have consented to teach private and group classes at Detroit area Arthur Murray studios. The classes are not open to the public and are available to students of the studios only.

On Tuesday, April 26, Edyta will be at the Northville studio at 42000 W. Six Mile Road, Suite 250, from 1-10 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call (248) 349-1133.

Arbor Day Foundation names Northville Tree City USA community

Northville was recognized by the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry.

Northville has earned this national designation for 12 years.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Northville has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community. Tree City USA communities must have a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"We commend Northville's elected officials, volunteers and its citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees provide numerous environmental, economic and health benefits to millions of people each day, and we applaud communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority."

Communities that earn Tree City USA recognition not only have taken the time to meet the four standards, they know that trees:

- Promote healthier communities by filtering the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles.
- Moderate climate - conserve water and provide vital habitat for wildlife.
- Reduce the heat island effect in urban areas caused by pavement and buildings.
- Increase property values and reduce energy use and add beauty to our homes and neighborhoods.

More information about Tree City USA can be found at www.arborday.org/treecityUSA.

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Alea Hibbeln gathers some produce for a customer at Northville's Hiller's Market on March 25. Hibbeln offers a shopping service and more through her company Got Errands.

Got errands?

Entrepreneur wants to help area residents

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Alea Hibbeln of Novi is a busy mom with a husband, — Tom, and young son, Mason.

"He's in school now, but I'm always running here, there and everywhere," she said.

So what better way to supplement the family's income than starting an errands business?

"It just seemed like I could help other people who have full-time jobs and get home late but still need to get things done," Hibbeln said.

She does have another job outside the home, and said that she never runs her errands while doing others. She can run errands for businesses, new moms or busy moms like herself.

"There seems to be a lot of need for this," Hibbeln said. "Before my son was in school, there were times that I felt like I needed another person (to

GOT ERRANDS?



DETAILS

Business: Got Errands

Owner: Alea Hibbeln, chief

Errands runner

Web: www.IGotErrands.com

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help her.)

She charges \$15 an hour for most services, not all, and 60 cents per mile.

"If I'm doing laundry for someone and light meal preparation, I would charge a little more," Hibbeln said.

"It just depends on what the job is."

Services include dropping off or picking up dry cleaning, DVDs or library books; picking up groceries, prescriptions; post office; returning items — all those little things that people have to do that take time.

She'll do such light meal preparation such as chopping, dicing and slicing, but not full meals.

She also does party preparation and setup.

Her hours are from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. during the week and weekends. "I will work weekends," she said. "If I really get to know a client, things can be negotiated."

Her coverage area is Novi and Northville. She ran an ad in Hometown newspapers' special sections and is still receiving calls from that marketing effort.

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TSC Michigan receives Orion Environmental Award

Northville-based TSC Michigan has earned Orion Energy Systems' Environmental Stewardship Award for the company's reduction in energy consumption using Orion's lighting platform. Orion products are distributed in Michigan by Keen Technical Solutions, Traverse City.

At TSC Michigan's new research and development site, 371 high-intensity discharge (HID) light fixtures were replaced with Orion's Compact Modular™, high-intensity fluorescent (HIF) technology.

"We work hard to practice sound energy conservation and recycling programs — and today's award is proof of our efforts," said TSC's Chief Executive Officer, Allen Ibara. "We believe in promoting sustainability through our products as well as leading

our industry in environmental practices in our own daily operations."

The completed project reduces light-related electricity consumption at TSC Michigan by 61 percent. Orion's system is expected to decrease the amount of kilowatt-hours TSC Michigan consumes for lighting from an annual 348,340 kWh to 213,216 kWh.

As a result of the decreased energy consumption at TSC Michigan, the company is helping keep harmful greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere.

In total, the company will decrease carbon dioxide emissions by 2,816 tons over the life of Orion's fixtures as a result of the kilowatt-hour reduction, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. During that same

period, TSC Michigan will reduce 11 tons of sulfur dioxide and 4 tons of nitrogen oxides.

The reductions are the air-scrubbing equivalent of a 39-acre forest or removing 34 cars from the road. It also is the conservation equivalent of saving 17,601 gallons of gasoline every year, according to the EPA.

As a result of the energy system installation, TSC Michigan is projected to cut its light-related energy costs 61 percent.

The environmental and cost benefits to TSC Michigan are possible because of Orion's patented high-efficiency technology that cut costs by 50 percent or more while providing 50 percent more light than the industry standard high-intensity discharge. Orion's fixtures also are easy to install and maintain.



Jongho Kang (from left), Jerry Wilcoxson, Allen Ibara, Chris Brown-Orion Energy Systems, Seungho Choi, Joe Leeson, Changwoo Choi. All of these gentlemen are TSC-Michigan with Chris Brown in the middle-Orion Energy Systems.

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CoreTech moves to Northville

CoreTech System (Moldex3D), an independent molding CAE solution provider, announced the move to its new U.S. office in Northville.

"With the new facility, Moldex3D Northern America will be hosting a series of Moldex3D training and certificate sessions on a regular basis," said Kenny Lu, CEO of Moldex3D North America. "Moldex3D Users will be able to receive comprehensive hands-on training by Moldex3D specialists via utilizing high performance work stations and obtain the knowledge necessary to fully run Moldex3D productively. Meanwhile, we are fully committed to help support our valuable customers in any way that we can. An experienced and sophisticated engineering team will be working with our clients."

The new office address is Farmington Hills Corporate Center I, 21800 Haggerty Road Suite 109 Northville, MI 48167; phone (248) 946-4570.

Vegetarian Fair at Hiller's

In a 2009 survey, advocates at the nonprofit Vegetarian Resource Group reported about 1 percent of Americans are vegan, roughly a third of the people who reported being vegetarians. The trend is growing. More and more people are turning to a vegetarian diet as well as a flexitarian diet.

Hiller's, understanding the importance of providing a variety of healthy and tasty foods for the vegan, vegetarian and flexitarian, is hosting a Vegetarian Fair at the Northville store (425 N. Center Street) from noon-3 p.m. Saturday, May 14.

Road weight restrictions

The Road Commission for Oakland County

(RCOC) Board of Road Commissioners was expected to lift weight restrictions for commercial trucks on its non-all-weather roads effective at 6 a.m. April 11. Imposed Feb. 23, the restrictions will have been in place for 47 days.

Each spring, in accordance with state law, RCOC reduces the weight limits on these roads as temperatures begin to rise and the ground begins to thaw. As the road subsurface thaws, the non-all-weather roads' ability to carry weight is reduced, meaning that a weight that wouldn't affect a road under normal conditions, might now damage the road.

"These restrictions help to ensure that roads last as long as possible, with as few potholes as possible," explained RCOC Chairman Eric S. Wilson.

The restrictions do not affect passenger vehicles. Approximately 2,000 of RCOC's 2,700-plus miles of roads are non-all-weather.

Weight restrictions are enforced by weighmasters employed by the Road Commission, the state, local communities or the Sheriff's Department. Violations of the weight restrictions can result in a citation.

A "truck operators' map" is available from the Road Commission that shows which roads have weight restrictions. The map is available by calling RCOC's Department of Customer Services — Permits at (248) 858-4835 or by visiting the department's offices at the RCOC facility at 2420 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford Township (office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.). The map is also available on RCOC's Web site, www.rcocweb.org (in the "Weighmaster" portion of the "Permits" section).

For a statewide listing of which counties have lifted spring weight restrictions, visit the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM) Web site, www.micountyroads.org.

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"Charlie Brown" at Village Theater

The musical "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" opens Thursday, May 12 and runs through Sunday, May 15. The show is about 1½ hours long, including a 15-minute intermission, the perfect length of time for small children who can't sit still long.

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" is a show everyone can relate to," said director Barbara Bloom, of Novi. "It is the kind of musical written about children yet employing humor and language used by adults. If you know or enjoy 'Peanuts' you will love 'Charlie Brown.'"

The cast includes Connor Keliikuli of Northville as Schroeder and Melissa Perry of Walpole Lake as Lucy.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, has free parking, is handicap accessible and has a concession stand.

For tickets (\$12), call (734) 394-5300.

Ambassador John Bolton to speak at Wayne 11th Republican Dinner

The next political season is now in high gear as the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee (Wayne 11th CDRC) charges on to continue its appeal to the voters in the district. Their goal is to deliver their message through outreach and grassroots efforts.

"We can't only rely on party loyalists for our support," stated Joe Xuereb, chairman of the Wayne 11th CDRC. "We need to focus our efforts and message on the average citizen. Our message also needs to be very relevant to all people."

One of the methods of raising adequate funds for their efforts as well as the chance to network with elected officials, community activists and precinct delegates is the Wayne

**Celebrate Bollywood**

Join in the fun at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 6 at the Village Theater in Canton as members of the Michigan Philharmonic under the director of Nan Washburn along with Indian percussionists and soloists, perform the music of the Indian film industry known as Bollywood. This high-energy, multi-media performance is the culminating event of Canton Culture Week, May 1-6 sponsored by the Canton Commission for Cultural, Arts and Heritage celebrating the arts and diversity of the Canton community. Concerts tickets are \$25 and include a pre-concert reception at 6:30 sponsored by the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities in Canton and Station 885. For tickets and information for the Bollywood Concert - please call 734 451-2112 or online www.michiganphil.org. For more information about the events during Canton Culture Week please visit www.cantonfun.org.

11th Congressional District Republican Committee Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner. It will be held at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia on Monday, May 9.

The evening's keynote speaker is Ambassador John Bolton, former US Ambassador to the United Nations and frequent Fox News contributor. Featured speaker is Nolan Finley, The Detroit News Editorial Page editor.

The doors open at 6 p.m. for a private VIP photo reception; a cocktail photo reception begins at 6:15 and the dinner program begins at 7. Tickets are \$50 per person (if payment received by April 29; \$60/person after) and a table of 10 is \$450 (deadline April 29). Tickets for the VIP photo reception with Ambassador Bolton are \$150 per person. Inquiries can be handled by e-mailing info@wayne11th.com and checking www.wayne11th.com. This event is open to

the general public with ticket purchase.

Children's book published locally

Northville Publishing & Marketing has published Liam's Luck and Finnegan's Fortune, written by Timothy Kiernan. In achieving one's goals and dreams, luck is not a substitute for hard work. Is a four-leaf clover really lucky? That's what Finnegan tells Liam, and boy—does his luck start to change. First, Liam catches more

fish than ever before, and then he makes an unbelievable discovery. What Finnegan doesn't know is that someone important knows about his new lucky clover and wants Finnegan to help him discover why the forest is changing. Can Liam's luck and Finnegan's fortune help save the forest and all of its creatures? Kiernan lives in south-east Michigan with his wife,

Kim, and son, Brendan. His inspiration for writing Liam's Luck and Finnegan's Fortune came in part through his son's fascination with flying insects (especially bees), as well as his rich Irish heritage.

He enjoys spending time with his family and friends, being outdoors, reading, listening to music, and is an avid sports fan. Visit his website, www.timothykiernanbooks.com.

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 or by contacting Shelly King at (248) 348-7600 or via e-mail at 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.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PUBLIC Accuracy Test for the May 3, 2011 Election has been scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the Township Hall lobby located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election count the votes in the manner prescribed by the law. The public is welcome and invited to attend.

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DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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LOCAL

Spring Blood Drive

Location: Our Lady of Victory Church, 770 Thayer, Northville
Time/Date: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 1
Details: Open to the public; all donors welcome. Call or e-mail to schedule an appointment -- (248) 701-5221 or chrisab-beyl@comcast.net.

"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

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

Location: 108 E. Main, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-0522

Mystic Madness

Details: interactive murder mystery
Time/Dates: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays April 30 and May 4

Royal Treatment

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30
Details: Arrive at 6:30 for a champagne toast and a seven-course dinner. After dinner head into the theater to see the interactive comedy, "Mystic Madness". There may be some wedding cake involved as well; \$49.95 per person

Blues Brothers and Jerry Lee Lewis Tribute

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Saturday May 14
Details: \$49.95 per person

Two Comics Walk Into a Church

Time/Dates: 5 p.m. Sunday, May 22 and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 23
Details: The comedy of Kerri Pomaroli & Ron Mc Gehee in their smash hit; \$39.95 per person inclusive.

Fairy Tea Party

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday June 26
Details: \$16.95 adults; \$8.95 children 3-10; free for 3 years and under.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Come out of the cold

Still dressed for the winter-like temperatures of outside, Nirvan Daram, 4, plays a puzzle game at the Northville Public Library on April 6. Its current hours are: Mon. - Thurs.: 10am to 9pm, Fri. - Sat.: 10am to 5pm, and Sun.: 1pm to 5pm. The library is located at 212 West Cady Street, Northville and its phone # is 248-349-3020.

Northville Newcomers & Neighbors

"Putting on the Glitz"

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 11
Location: Fox Hills Country Club
Details: Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show; members \$30; guests \$33
Contact: Claudia Snyder, khunclaudia@hotmail.com

Mustangs' Baseball Collecting Hygiene & Snack Items for Troops

Date: May 16-20
Location: participating Northville Public Schools
Details: Organized by NHS Baseball, students are encouraged to donate tax-deductible hygiene and snack items at school such as: Large baby wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, non-medicated eye drops, gel deodorant, shower gel (no bar soap), sanitizing gel, disposable razors & shaving cream, single serve packets of powdered drink mix to flavor water (no lemon-lime), gum, individually wrapped hard candy, protein/granola/cereal bars, nuts, cans of Pringles or Fritos, and beef sticks/turkey or beef jerky

(NO PORK PRODUCTS), Girl Scout cookies (no homemade food). Donors are encouraged to include brief non-political notes of thanks and support, along with updates on sports, current events and news makers. In a complementary effort, athletes and families of the Northville Baseball-Softball Association (NBSA) are encouraged to step up to the plate. NBSA donation opportunities are currently being developed. NHS Baseball will also collect items at its Armed Forces Day celebration and double-header starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday May 21 at the varsity baseball field. All appropriate items will be shipped by the West Point Parents' Club of Michigan, in conjunction with Operation Support Our Troops, Inc. Michigan troops on duty in Iran and Afghanistan will receive, then share the treats with their military comrades from across the United States.
Contact: NHS Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach Bill Flohr at (248) 761-9694 or info@precisionbaseballone.com.

18th Annual Garden Walk

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

13

Location: Garden Walk Central is at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Avenue, Northville
Details: The Country Garden Club of Northville invites you to attend its Eighteenth Annual Garden Walk featuring six gardens in charming Northville. Other unique attractions include a garden market, live music, and refreshments. Proceeds from the event support charitable contributions to local and national horticultural causes. Cost is \$10; tickets available at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main in downtown Northville, after June 13.
Contact: (248) 348-3263; www.cgcncv.org

Northville Art House

Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville
Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering.
Hours: 1-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-9 p.m. on first Fridays of each month
Details: Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.
Mosaic Art Exhibit & Online Auction
Details: Online auction is open now and closes at 5 p.m. April 27. Register for online auction at www.BiddingForGood.com/DWB-MSF. Free and open to the public.

Northville Community Senior Center

Location: 303 W. Main Street
Contact: (248) 349-4140
Birch Run Outlet Mall Trip
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12

Details: Register by May 5; \$12 prepaid covers round trip transportation

Detroit Tigers Trip

Date: June 16

Details: Register by May 11; \$40 prepaid includes transportation, ticket and lunch.

Portofino on the River Trip

Date: July 20 (register by May 16)

Details: Register by May 16; \$45 prepaid includes transportation, cruise and lunch

Fashion Frenzy Fashion Show and Luncheon

Time/Date: noon-3 p.m. Thursday, June 2
Details: RSVP by May 24. Chico's will be providing the latest in summer fashions at the Northville Community Senior Center-prizes, music and lunch

Senior Fest

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, June 8
Details: RSVP by June 3. Back again - Senior Fest 2011 will be held at the Northville Community Senior Center. Great music, lunch and prizes!

Mill Race Historical Village

Location: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main

Street near Ford Field

Details: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Village buildings open free to the public 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct.

Contact: (248) 348-1845

Weekly Events

(*Grounds closed to public)

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 10 a.m. Mill Race Weavers in Cottage; 5 p.m. Rehearsal; 7 p.m. Historical Society Board Meeting
Friday: Closed for Good Friday
Saturday: 3-5 p.m. Wedding*
Sunday: Happy Easter!
Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 7 p.m. Lions Club
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang, 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats
Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

Civil War Events

Location: Mill Race Village
Civil War Display
Dates: May 1-31
Location: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street
Contact: (248) 349-3020
Civil War Children's Classes
Time/Date: May 19 and 21
Details: As the country commemorates the Civil War's sesquicentennial, we will look at this historic time in our country's history and learn many fascinating things. The children will choose a card with a Northville Civil War soldier's name and information. They will become that soldier for the class. We will look at the map and figure out where they lived, learn about what battles they fought in and maybe died in. Then learn what they did when they returned from war. Time for ages 8 and under is 4:15-5:45 p.m. Thursday; 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday for ages 8 and older. Cost is \$15
Contact: (248) 348-1845 for reservations
Fourth of July Activities
Time/Date: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, July 4
Details: Buildings open after parade. Civil War Soldiers from American Civil War Shooting Association will be encamped behind the Yerkes House. Music by 5th Michigan Regiment Band, an authentic Civil War band.

Victorian Festival

Dates: Sept. 16-19
Details: Michigan 21st Infantry Company H encampment on the grounds of Mill Race Village. Step back in time to the period of the Civil War - 1861-1865. From the moment you set foot in their campsite you'll see history come alive. This group takes pride in the authenticity of their clothing and accu-

Please see **CALENDAR, A17**

ELECTION NOTICE TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011 NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TO THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, to vote on the following:

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS MILLAGE PROPOSAL, BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.00 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2011 to 2015, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2011 is approximately \$2,414,147?

YES 0
NO 0

THE POLLS WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE FOLLOWING POLLING LOCATIONS:
Northville Township Polling Locations

1, 15	Moraine Elementary School	46811 Eight Mile Road
2, 8, 9, 13	Silver Springs Elementary School	19801 Silver Springs Drive
6, 11	Winchester Elementary School	16141 Winchester Drive
3, 4	Northville High School	45700 Six Mile Road
10, 14	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Road
5	Kings Mill Clubhouse	18120 Jamestown Circle
12	Meads Mill School	16700 Franklin Road

Salem Township Pct.3 Polling Location
Ridge Wood Elementary School 49775 Six Mile Road

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 278 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 AMENDING THE PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION ACT

I, **RAYMOND J. WOJTCOWICZ**, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of March 11, 2011 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan Northville Public Schools

Taxing Authority	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 2, 2010	1 mill	2015
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2010
Northville Public Schools	June, 2003	18 mills	2012 (non homestead only)
	September, 2004	.25 mills	2012 (non homestead only)
	November, 2005	3 mills	2012 (non homestead only)

ABSENTEE Ballots are available at the office of the Township Clerk, 44405 Six Mile Road. The deadline for receiving applications for absentee ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 2011. The Township Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absentee voting on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For questions, please call the Township Clerk's Office at 248-348-5800.

Each resident voting on the above must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America and eighteen (18) years of age or over; and,
- A registered voter as of April 4, 2011.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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ELECTION NOTICE CITY OF NORTHVILLE RESIDENTS

To the qualified electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special School Election will be held in the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 for the purpose of voting on the following proposal:

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SINKING FUND MILLAGE FOR BUILDING AND SITE/CAPITAL PROJECT PURPOSES 1.00 MILL FOR 5 YEARS

Full text of the proposal(s) may be obtained from the City Clerk Office, City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, ext. 1961 or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of March 4, 2011, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of Northville, in said County, is as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Oakland	-	.25 mill	2002-2011 incl.
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974 January 8, 1988 August 6, 2002	1 mill 1 mill 1.50 mill	unlimited unlimited unlimited
Northville Public Schools	June 2003	18.00 mills	2003-2012 incl.(non-homestead only)
	September 2004	.25 mills	2004-2012 incl.(non-homestead only)
	November 2005	3 mills	2012 (non-homestead only)
City of Northville			
Street Improvement	March 4, 1997	1.92 mills	unlimited
Northville District Library	May 3, 1994	1 mill	unlimited

WAYNE COUNTY TREASURERS STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 AMENDING THE PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION ACT

I, Raymond, J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of March 22, 2011, the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 2, 2010	1 mill	2015
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974 January 8, 1988 August 6, 2002	1 mill 1 mill 1.50 mill	unlimited unlimited unlimited
Northville Public Schools	June 2003	18.00 mills	2003-2012 incl.(non-homestead only)
	September 2004	.25 mills	2004-2012 incl.(non-homestead only)
	November 2005	3 mills	2012 (non-homestead only)
City of Northville			
Street Improvement	March 4, 1997	1.92 mills	unlimited
Northville District Library	May 3, 1994	1 mill	unlimited

CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLLING LOCATIONS - MAY 3, 2011 SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Precinct 1 Wayne County Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
Precinct 2 Oakland County Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.

The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and remain open until 8:00 P.M. Polling places are handicapped accessible and each precinct is equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions and ADA compliant voting equipment.

The City Clerk's Office, located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2011 for the purpose of obtaining absentee ballots and receiving absentee ballot applications for ballots to be mailed. On Monday, May 2, 2011, until 4:00 p.m., qualified electors requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person and vote the ballot at the City Clerk's office. Absentee ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us, or by calling 248-449-9913.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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Proposed Cooke playground to honor late student

Raising funds for Luc Nguyen's 'Playhouse'

BY LONNIE HUHMANN
CORRESPONDENT

Luc Nguyen touched many lives. It's now his family's hope that his life will continue to affect others through the eventual construction of a playground at Cooke School in Northville.

The plan is to build a playground at Cooke and have one section of it dedicated as Luc's Playhouse, in memory of the little boy who passed away on March 12 from complications during surgery.

Ha Nguyen, Luc's mother, said building a playground would be a great way to remember him.

She said, "Many times special needs children are forgotten and not enough is done for them. So we believe this playground would be a great way to give many a chance to play and have fun in ways they thought they never could."

Luc was born with Schizencephaly, and his family was told he would live only a short time. But he defied the outlook and lived to be nearly six years old. Ha said despite his condition, Luc was a happy boy and never complained. He attended Old Village School and the Nguyens are residents of Westland.

One memory that stands out for the Nguyen family and those who knew Luc was his love of the game show Wheel of Fortune. Ha hopes the playground design would include a wheel similar to the one from the show.

According to Old Village School Principal Art Fischer, the plan is to build an inclusive playground area for the over 200 students, which includes Old Village students, currently attending Cooke School. He said the estimated cost is \$300,000. The multi-phase plan would create a playground to serve students of varying abilities with features including wheelchair accessibility and sensory play.

"The goal is to have a playground for all ages and abilities," Fischer said.



The Nguyen family: Luc with his sister, Cammy, 7; father, Cong; and mother, Ha.

HOW TO HELP

For those interested in donating to the playground fund, contact the Northville Educational Foundation at 248-344-8458 or NEF@NorthvilleEdFoundation.org.

Luc's Playhouse area alone would cost over \$20,000, so it is Ha's and Fischer's hope that more funding can be raised. Fischer said a generous donation to the project was recently fulfilled when \$116,000 was raised to benefit the special needs students at these two Northville schools. A NASCAR racecar driven by Daytona 500 champion #29 Kevin Harvick was auctioned off, and a large portion of that will go to the playground.

A similar playground exists at Old Village, and Fischer can attest to its popularity. Cooke would be similar, but much larger and with more options. There would be equipment installed to give wheelchair-bound children the opportunity to swing on the swing sets.

A fall dedication service in Luc's memory is in the works. For the Nguyens it will be a grateful moment.

"The amount of donations so far is a testament to the love people have for Luc, and we are really comforted by this," Ha said.



JULIE VOLLES

Met Monica

Morgan Bock of West Bloomfield and Angela Bond (right) of Northville attended the JARC charity red-carpet screening of Meet Monica Velour, starring Kim Cattrall and Dustin Ingram, at the Birmingham Palladium April 12. The evening began on the red carpet at the Uptown Palladium, followed by a screening of Meet Monica Velour and a Q&A session with film writer/director Keith Bearden, actress Kim Cattrall, actor Dustin Ingram and producer Gary Gilbert. The sell-out success wrapped with an afterglow at Chen Chow in Birmingham. Meet Monica Velour opened Friday in Michigan and is playing exclusively at the Birmingham 8 Theatre.

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NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Angela Hospice honors Northville volunteers

Volunteers give over 35,000 hours of their time each year to support the patients and programs at Angela Hospice. The Livonia-based hospice has more than 450 active volunteers, who help in a variety of ways - from baking cookies, to providing companionship for patients; assisting with fundraising; or delivering supplies; answering phone calls,



Burtch

held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 12, during National Volunteer Week. During the dinner, held at

hosting ice cream socials, or mailing out letters. To thank the volunteers who help out in too many ways to count, Angela Hospice

the Italian American Club of Livonia, pins were presented to 78 volunteers who reached milestones for each 5 years or 500 hours of service. A special award, Volunteer of the Year, was given to Jane Cuba of Livonia. Northville volunteers who were honored included Dort Burtch (3,500 hours); Judi Fortuna (1,500 hours); Susan Kurylo (1,000 hours); Margaret Levine (15 years); and Judith O'Meara (1,500 hours).

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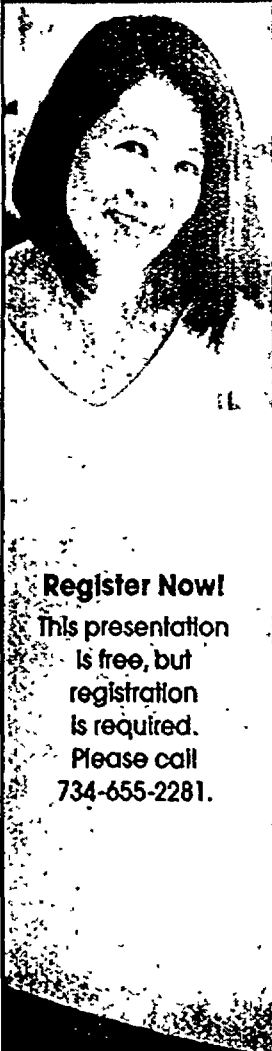
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CALENDAR

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racy of their performance. There will be civilians on hand to show life as a post master, laundress, midwife, etc. No admission fee.

Cemetery Walk

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Oct. 16

Location: Oakwood Cemetery.

Details: This year's cemetery walk will focus on Northville in the Civil War. We will feature some soldiers and their families as well as other citizens and how they were affected by the war. Learn the different aspects and impact of the Civil War on the community in this educational and entertaining presentation. Refreshments following at the Art House; tickets \$10.

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

Maybury State Park

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

Contact: (248) 349-8390, Friends of Maybury (248) 349-8358 or FriendsOfMaybury.org.

Northville-Now Business

Networking Breakfast

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road

Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ready, set, ...

Avery Peters runs in the gym at the Recreation Center at Hillside on April 5 during a Coach Dave "Sports Sampler" for kids. Coach Dave East taught some pre-schooler that day a few basic sports including dodgeball, baseball, running, and, of course, good sportsmanship.

other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.

Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancial-groupinc.com

Designer Show House and Home Tour Preview Party

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23

Location: 800 Griswold, Northville

Details: Visit with the designers; seek their advice; small plate strolling dinner, silent auction and signature cocktail. Advance RSVP

required. The self-guided home tour of five Northville area homes will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 with the last-chance tour from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. Sponsored by American Association of University Women Northville-Now and hosted by Dr. William Demray, DDS.

Contact: www.aauwnn.org

REGIONAL EVENTS

Library friends

Date/Time: Monday, May 23, 11:30

a.m.

Location: Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

Details: The Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Novi, and Northville Public Libraries are sponsoring a book and author luncheon, which will be held at Fox Hills Country Club. The cost is \$25. The featured speaker will be Wall Street Journal columnist Jeffrey Zaslow, who has authored the best sellers, *The Girls from Ames*, and *The Last Lecture*, as well as *Highest Duty*, a memoir of Captain Sully Sullenberg, the pilot who successfully landed U.S. Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River. This is the 25th anniversary of the book and author luncheon.

Contact: Tickets may be purchased between April 15 and May 15 at the Plymouth, Canton, Novi, and Northville public libraries. No tickets will be available at the door.

Jazz @ The Elks

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

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

Details: These events are keeping the uniquely American tradition of jazz alive in southeast Michigan. A \$5 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres and live jazz in a beautiful club setting; limited seating.

April 26: Naima Shambourger, vocals, with Sven Anderson, keyboard; Marion Hayden, bass; and George Davidson, drums.

Women's Network Source

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. second Mondays

Location: Real Estate One, 346 N. Lafayette, South Lyon

Details: Networking and educational meetings; cost is \$5. Women's

Network Source was established to empower, motivate and support women to become successful entrepreneurs. WNS welcomes women curious about exploring whether to start a new business or learning how to grow their current business to attend an upcoming meeting

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

Moondusters Ballroom

Dance Club

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. lessons, 8-11:30 p.m. dance every Saturday

Location: Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads, Livonia

Details: Lessons are \$6, dance with live music is \$6, cost for both is \$10.

Contact: Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197

Suburban Collections Showplace

Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi

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

Motor City Comic Con

Time/Date: 12:30-7 p.m. Friday; 10:30-6 Saturday; 10:30-5 Sunday, May 13-15

Details: 22nd annual event featuring Cindy Williams, Tim Sale, George Takei, Carmien Infantino,

Dean Stockwell and James Robinson. Motor City Comic Con gathers comic book and multimedia dealers from across the country offering a vast variety of pop culture merchandise, including comics, tee shirts, movie memorabilia, posters, and more. Over 250 comic book creators, writers and artists will be on site at Comic Con, as well as more than forty actors from the film, television and sci-fi movie industry. Comic Con offers big fun for kids young and old. Tickets are \$22 in advance; \$25 at the door; \$50 advance for the weekend or \$55 at the door. Advance ticket holders welcome 30 minutes prior to show opening.

Contact: www.motorcitycomiccon.com

Baseline Folk Society

Location: JWH Center for the Arts Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Details: Entertainment includes eight open-mic spots (and lottery if more show up) Sign-up is between 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

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

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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.

1. THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND GOALS.
2. THE SOLICITATION FOR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE).
3. THE CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING.
4. DBE SUBCONTRACTOR REPORTING FORMS

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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In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. You may be eligible even if you have retired and are receiving a pension. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/ Widower's benefits).

Call attorney J.B. Bieske at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you are considering applying for Social Security Disability Benefits or if you have been denied. His Livonia office is located on Six Mile Road just West of I-275 and his Novi office is on Haggerty just North of 12 Mile Road.

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Japanese disaster

Get involved; help is still needed

On Dec. 26, 2004, a massive earthquake occurred under the Indian Ocean just off the coast of Indonesia. The 9.0 magnitude quake created a series of tsunamis that devastated Indonesia and Sri Lanka. The death toll was measured in hundreds of thousands.

For those of us living on the other side of the world, details of the death and destruction caused by the quake-induced tsunamis was slow in coming. Much of what we saw in the days that followed was videos taken by tourists who videotaped the event as it unfolded.

Such was not the case March 11 as the world watched in real time as a 23-foot wall of water swept across the Japanese coast, destroying buildings and claiming the lives of an untold number of people who had little time to escape.

The power of Mother Nature is something to behold, but so is the response of mankind to such disasters. Governments, including our own, have committed resources to help the living and find those trapped in the wreckage. But we as people can also help the Japanese people and we must.

For two and a half hours this past Sunday, the JSD Women's Club and the Japan America Society of Detroit and Windsor hosted a baked goods and crafts charity sale at the Novi Civic Center in support of Japanese earthquake and tsunami relief efforts. More than 80 volunteers sold cakes, cookies and various handmade craft items with 100% of the proceeds going to the Japanese disaster relief fund through the JBSD Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Eiji Kato, foundation president, said the organization has received more than \$330,000 in generous contributions from businesses and individuals to support the disaster relief efforts in Japan.

But you can still do more. Here's two ways that are simple to do:

- Similar to its efforts to help Haiti after the earthquake in 2010, Red Cross is accepting donations either online or via text message. Simply text REDCROSS to 90999 to donate \$10 from your phone. You'll be prompted to confirm with a second text reading YES.

- The Salvation Army, which has had a presence in Japan since 1895, also is accepting donations via text message. Those interested in contributing \$10 to the group can text "japan" or "quake" to 80888.

We urge readers to get involved and make a donation. Ten dollars isn't a lot of money — a few fast food meals at best. We also ask that you remember in your prayers those who have lost loved ones in the disaster and to those who face the arduous task of rebuilding. Recovery will take time, but with the help of the world, we know it will happen.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Where are the worst pothole roads in the area?



"I would have to say it's right at the intersection of Eight Mile and Center in Northville. That's a bad one. It's horrible."

Steve Jansen
Novi



"It used to be Beck Road, but they just fixed it. But Sheldon, top to bottom - between Northville and Plymouth - is pretty bad still."

Andrea Scampa-Kreso
Canton (Northville teacher)



"Wow! There are so many. It's a toss up between Eight Mile from Novi Road to Meadowbrook, or Beck Road from Seven Mile to Eight. Holy smokes, that's bad!"

Matthew Aron
Northville



"The worst would be Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile. It's so bad you have to drive between the lanes."

Stephanie Lee
Northville

LETTERS

Vote YES on the Capital Improvement Millage

I am writing to encourage readers to vote YES on the Capital Improvement (Sinking Fund) Millage for Northville Public Schools. Over the past several years, all public schools in Michigan have been handed significant budget cuts, with Northville taking the second largest per-pupil cut in the state just this past year. I applaud the NPS school board, administrators, teachers and all service personnel for doing a phenomenal job keeping these cuts away from the classroom thus far. As part of this effort, the school board and administrators have chosen to delay every possible non-emergency maintenance cost for the past six years.

Now we are faced with the reality of this choice, at a time when public school funding is poised to receive its biggest cut in recent memory. The facility repair "due to haves" have become "must haves" nice to have" of upkeep over the past six years. Should we continue to delay maintenance in hopes that public school funding will eventually increase? Or should we pay for this by eliminating some of the educational programs that make Northville one of the best school districts in the state? Thanks to the cooperative efforts of many people in this community, we don't have to take either of these paths. Establishing a separate source of funding for capital improvements is the right choice.

Like many people, the quality of Northville's

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schools was one of the reasons we chose to move to Northville. Having safe, well-maintained facilities is not only important to today's students, but also to families who are considering moving to Northville in the future. We need to protect our investment.

There is no silver bullet; this millage will not solve all of our school funding issues. By voting YES on May 3 can relieve some of the strain on our school budget and invest in our schools while keeping our tax dollars here in Northville.

Please vote YES!

Kelly Wessner
Northville Township

Support the NPS Capital Improvement Millage

I believe it is important for all residents in the area served by the Northville Public Schools to support the May 3 Capital Improvement Millage. The district is facing a major operating budget deficit estimated at \$5.7 million next year. The proposed millage will produce approximately \$2.7 million next year if approved and can only be used to provide building and facility repair. It is important to spend this level of money on building and facilities because there has been an ongoing shortage of funding (all operating funds come from the state) and building and facility repairs have been deferred over the last few years in order to maintain educational quality. Educational quality will still be at risk with approval of the millage, but less so and the buildings will be safer and fully usable.

Northville schools have been and can continue to be a drawing card for people moving into this area. Providing buildings in good repair is part of that very good reputation which helps with real estate values (that have not gone down as much as many in the area), as well as maintaining a better sense of pride in the schools by our children and staff.

If we do not keep our schools in good repair we will have a much larger bill in the long term when we have to replace them with whole new buildings.

My children (five) have all gone through the Northville schools and were given a very good education. I believe we must provide to children in our schools, the best opportunity we can for a very good educational experience.

Joseph L. Dunkerley
Northville Township

Pamelama gave me an education on the word 'tough'

BY CAL STONE
STAFF COLUMNIST

I used to think that I was pretty tough. Not in the sense that I could kick somebody's butt, but rather that I could handle a lot physically and mentally.

From eye surgery as a baby through a severely broken wrist, two fractured ankles, surgery on both knees, teeth knocked out by a baseball and more stitches than a sewing convention, my body has had its share of abuse.

Then there was cancer followed by a divorce, bankruptcy and only seeing my three kids a few days a month — more than enough mental anguish as well.

So, yeah, I thought I was tough. That was until I got to see a now-110-pound woman from Indiana show me what that word (and courage and strength) really mean.

When I met Pam Fleming about a dozen years ago, she was a robust, red-headed, rosy-cheeked Irish woman with a slight, but charming, Southern accent. She's still got that drawl, but her body has changed.

The first time we met, I was interviewing her for a writing position at a business publication where I was the editor. She came highly recommended

by another staff member — and he was right.

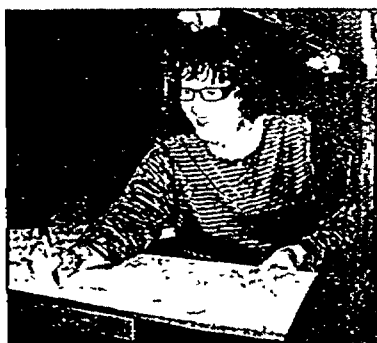
She was prolific; a godsend for any editor. It didn't matter what story I threw at her, she gobbled it up. And her copy was what we call "clean" — nearly perfect; error-free. I rarely had to ask her to follow up with more detail. She thought like a reader. What more could I ask for?

When the publication closed in January 2002, thanks in part to the after-effects of 9/11, I was out of work for a few months until I got a call to edit the *Novi News*. When a staff writing position became open, I called Pam, who was juggling a couple of part-time retail gigs to make ends meet.

A few years later, I bounced over to the *Northville Record* and asked Pam to join me on staff. My Novi successor asked if I'd swap her with his writer, who was pretty darn good too. "No way," I told him. "I might have been born yesterday, but I stayed up all night. Pamelama (my nickname for her) is going where I go."

She was stellar in Novi, and she equally embraced Northville and all its beats — city, township, cops, business, features and education. If you've been reading these papers for the last eight years, you know she IS the face of the *Record* in Northville, not me. People called her with story ideas. They told her all the juicy "off the record" info. And that was just fine by me. What more could I ask for?

The recession whittled our staff down



Pam Fleming signs the back of the old wooden Northville Record sign, which used to hang above the newspaper's front door on Main Street. It was donated to the Northville Historical Society in March 2010.

to three — Pam, me and our trusty photographer, John Heider — we rolled with it. You do what you gotta do, right? I took on both the Novi and Northville papers; John shot more photos and became our company's leader in videos. And Pamelama — she just kept on writing — even when she learned in January 2009 that she had pancreatic cancer. Pretty harsh news when you're just 54, eh?

Like I said, I thought I was tough. Pam was about to give me and everybody else a serious lesson about life. She didn't quit her job and travel the world (even though all of us kept telling her to take that dream trip to Ireland), but she did continue to enjoy her biggest thrill, golf, as much as she could (and

REACH OUT

Want to reach out to Pam Fleming? Take a few minutes and send her an e-mail or a card. She'd enjoy hearing from you.

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trust me, you wanted to be teamed up with her when it came time to hit the links). She bought a cool condo and a new Ford. And, of course, she kept writing. What more could I ask for?

Pam has spent the last two years battling this vile disease that I must ask God about when I meet him. Two years plus is a long time, my friends. Very long when you're undergoing chemotherapy, medication, experimental drugs, in and out of the ER, continuous trips to a variety of medical facilities, and ... writing for a weekly community newspaper.

Yes, Pam kept it up far longer than any of us thought she would. I e-mailed her on a Monday in February to see how things were going, and her reply was one I truthfully had expected many, many months prior. "I can't do it anymore."

I knew then that it was bad if she was going to quit writing. The weeks before, she had been writing from her bed, making calls to sources for stories and doing everything she could to keep it going.

Although I don't hear from her every

day anymore, we keep in contact via e-mail, text messages or phone calls. I e-mailed her to see if it was OK to stop by last Wednesday after Northville's State of the Community luncheon (where Township Supervisor Mark Abbo asked everyone during his presentation to keep Pam in their thoughts and prayers. That was classy).

"Sure," she texted. "Stop on by afterwards if you have time. :)"

If I have time. Yes, I believe I have time, Pamelama. In fact, I wish I had given her more time and support these last two years, but I get wrapped up in my own little world and think that my woes are actually serious. In comparison, they're not.

A few weeks ago, Hospice started helping out, and her friend Chris has been the friend that we all hope we have if we're ever in this position. I won't mince words with you: Pam is frail. She has an oxygen tank and was barely able to sit up on the couch when I visited. We small-talked for a half hour before I had to leave and write a story about the luncheon that, at that moment, seemed like the most trivial piece of journalism ever.

I hugged her, careful not to squeeze too hard. I then went to my car and wept. I was sure that I was friends with the toughest woman in the world. What more could I ask for?

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Why you should vote yes May 3 for sinking fund millage

BY JOAN WADSWORTH
GUEST COLUMNIST

Interestingly, one question I hear about the district's capital improvement (sinking fund) millage concerns the general fund budget. Many folks are worried about the severe cuts for K-12 schools contained in the governor's proposed budget and wonder how the capital improvement millage will affect the overall budget for the district. It is important to note that a capital improvement millage can only be used for building repairs and improvements. These funds cannot be used for salaries, benefits, textbooks or supplies.

So, what difference will this millage make for our students?

A big difference. First, with recent cuts in state funding, the district has restricted spending on building and site repairs. This year, for example, the district has spent about \$250,000 (or 0.4 percent of total spending) on building and



Joan Wadsworth

site repairs from the general fund. Folks may be a bit surprised that with an annual budget of \$66 million, the district spent only \$250,000 on building improvements and repairs.

The fact of the matter is that in recent years, as we have faced cuts in state funding, we have deferred many capital expenditures in favor of spending in areas that support student learning. Eventually, however, the district will not have the option of deferring needed repairs (for example, if the useful life of a boiler or a school building roof is exhausted), and a greater amount of funding will be diverted from the general fund to make these necessary repairs.

So, a capital improvement millage, which would provide the district with \$2.4 million for each of the next five years, would enable the district to make future building and site repairs

without draining significantly more resources from the general fund.

While at first glance it may seem that the capital improvements millage would have a relatively small effect on the general fund budget, in reality the capital improvements millage will protect the general fund. The millage funds will allow us to fix roofs, replace boilers, and make other repairs and improvements now without depleting our already limited general fund.

In exploring the need for a capital improvement millage, a study committee convened by the Board of Education worked with an outside construction management firm to inspect all of our buildings and identify the top priority improvements and repairs. The projects, which will be completed over the course of the next five years, include roof replacement and repair, boiler replacement, parking lot resurfacing and sidewalk replacement, among many other projects. In addition, we will improve

our technology infrastructure to facilitate the increased use of the network and expand wireless capability.

By no means does the capital improvement millage 'solve' our funding problems. But it does relieve the general fund of about \$250,000 in expenditures and, importantly, protects the general fund from anticipated repair costs, which could be substantial. In these challenging times, the capital improvement millage is a wise investment for the Northville community.

PROTECTING OUR INVESTMENT, AS WELL AS THE GENERAL FUND

Certainly the capital improvement millage is important because it protects the general fund. But it also protects the investment all of us have made in the Northville Public Schools — and that is smart business. This millage maintains and improves our school buildings, and, since schools drive property values, this

millage helps to protect our property values and our strong community.

And, since our children are our ultimate investment in the future, a millage that supports schools and student learning makes sense.

My three children graduated from Northville schools in 2002, 2004, and 2006. Their Northville education prepared them very well for college and the world of work. While they were growing up, they benefitted from tremendous community support for their education. Now, my husband, Steve, and I look forward to supporting the children in our schools today, just as others helped to support our children.

Strong schools help create great communities. While Lansing seems to be working in the opposite direction, Northville voters can make a difference for our schools and community.

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Old school vs. new school when it comes to education reform

BY SEN. PATRICK COLBECK
GUEST COLUMNIST

"Old school" is a term I find myself referencing more and more often as the state struggles to address its funding shortfall without negatively impacting our education system. The debate seems to have become entrenched in the "old school" way of thinking.

Yet this "old school" format has not solved the chronic funding shortages or dampened the cries for new money from the state's unions. Continuing to follow this same path will only lead to the same result. I propose it is time we change the debate, do away with old school thinking and start to look at solving the problem from a "new school" perspective.

Old school thinking uses threats and scare tactics to bully the state into funding



Patrick Colbeck

concessions. It frightens parents by telling them that teachers will be laid off, class sizes will increase and sports and other extracurricular activities will be cut. This old school thinking seeks to punish our students and teachers rather than enact true reform to our education system.

We need to enact a new way of thinking about school reform. This "new school" thinking places the focus on educating students, rewarding quality teachers and cutting costs through compensation and structural reforms that do not adversely impact the classroom.

There is a national movement to reform our schools led by former DC public

schools chancellor Michelle Rhee that I believe embodies this "new school" way of thinking. Known as Students First, the organization seeks to put the needs of students and teachers first instead of the special interest groups or wasteful bureaucracies.

The policy agenda of Students First can serve as a blueprint for real reform in Michigan. The premise is simple: elevate the teaching profession by valuing teachers' impact on students, empower parents with real choices and real information and shift spending of taxpayers' money to get better results for students.

Our current system of teacher retention and compensation is outdated and unsustainable. It does not recognize and reward excellent teachers. We need to shift the focus away from tenure, last-in first-out

policies and automatic step increases and onto teacher performance and effectiveness. Excellent teachers should be rewarded and encouraged.

In addition, we need to increase opportunities for parents to be involved in the education of their children. Expanded school choices, greater transparency in education spending and insight into school and classroom operations will allow parents more input in the system.

Finally, we need to reexamine how our tax dollars are being spent. The problem is not insufficient funding; the problem is an ineffective use of our education dollars. An analysis by the Hoover Institute at Stanford University found that higher spending does not result in a better education.

In fact, the study concluded that "expenditures per

student have increased over time, and the distribution of the expenditures has been according to popular emphasis: The level of teacher education has increased, teacher experience has increased, and student-teacher ratios have fallen. But the desired outcome—student achievement—has remained flat."

The analysis concluded that it is not a lack of resources but rather the way the money is being allocated that is preventing real improvement in education and suggests that by rewarding high performing teachers through a more effective compensation plan our students will benefit from a better education.

Governor Snyder's budget proposal includes \$12.2 billion for the school aid budget out of a \$45.9 billion overall budget; meaning over 25 percent of the state's budget

would go to school aid. We don't need to spend more, we need to spend smarter.

This leads us back to the concept of a "new school" approach to education in Michigan. A new school approach will focus first and foremost on our students, reward good teachers and channel dollars more effectively into our classrooms. Over the next several weeks, I will be laying out a more detailed plan to achieve these results as we move Michigan away from the "old school" style of education management and toward the new and I look forward to a productive discussion about the best way to achieve educational excellence in Michigan's schools.

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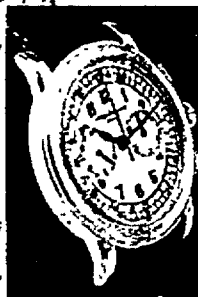
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LANSING UPDATE

Lansing from a New Perspective cable show airing

This month, several local cable stations will begin airing a new cable show moderated by Senator Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton). The show, titled Lansing from a New Perspective, will feature discussions aimed at addressing topics of importance to residents of the 7th State Senate District.

"It is important to me as a representative of our district in Lansing that we find as many avenues as possible to let people's voices be heard," Colbeck said. "The cable show is one opportunity to expand the discussions and bring together people with differing views as we seek to find the best ideas for moving our state forward."

The first installment of the program will run through the month of April. The show is scheduled to run on the Comcast cable system on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.; on Channel 12 of Van Buren Township's cable system VBTv on Mondays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. and 11 p.m.; and Sumpter Township's Community Access Channel, Channel 12, at various times daily.

April's show features several residents of the 7th District in a discussion about Michigan's education system. April's guests include: Paula Ford from Plymouth, Dan Kurt from Canton, Carla Malcomson from Flat Rock and Ann Haener-Maghen from Grosse Ile. The panel guests are parents with children in at least one of our state's four different schooling options: a public district school, a private school, a public school academy and a homeschool.

"This month's show features a dynamic panel of individuals who all bring their different experiences with our state's education system to the table. During the show we discuss the pros and cons of the education experience we are providing to Michigan's children. I encourage district residents to watch the show and then share their opinions with me."

Senator Colbeck can be reached through the web at www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com, by e-mail at senpcolbeck@senate.michigan.gov, on Facebook at Senator Patrick Colbeck or by calling his office at (517) 373-7350 or toll-free at (866) 262-7307.



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Tax day tea party

Tea Party members, from left, Jeff Noble, Sandy Grulke, Bill Kost and Myra Noble protest at the southwest corner of Eight and Haggerty on Friday, April 15. The Plymouth-based group, which calls itself the 'Rattle with Us Tea Party,' was protesting against U.S. government spending and urged elected officials to pursue energy sources here at home.

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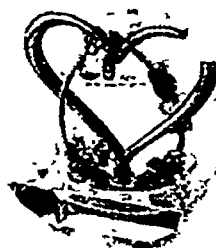
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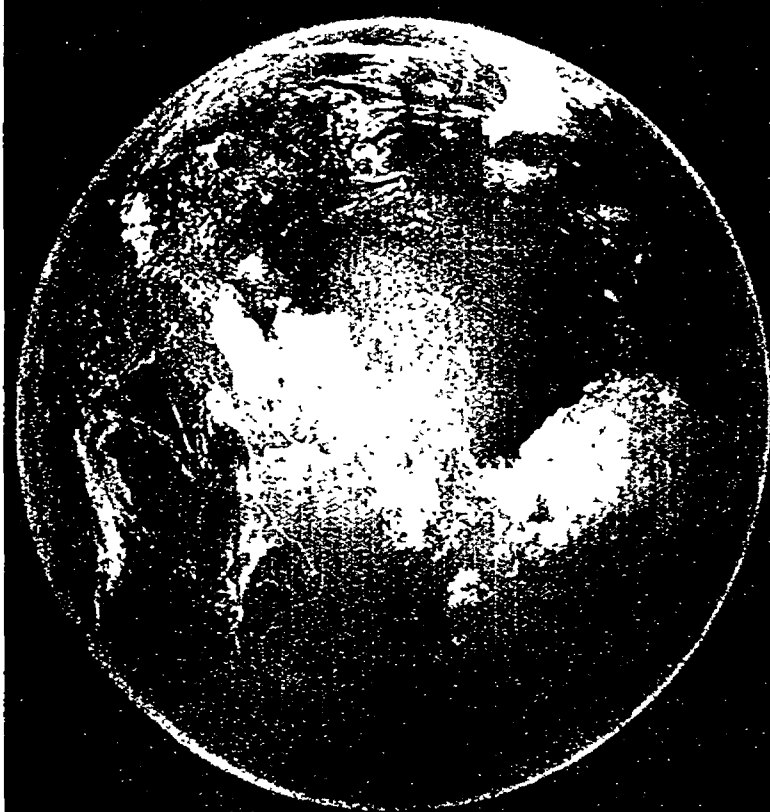


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Northville Rowing Club unveiled

When thoughts turn to Michigan high school sports, people naturally think of football, basketball or one of the many teams with long traditions throughout the state. But at Northville High School, a group of determined students and parents aim to add crew to that list.

A new co-ed club sport, the Northville Rowing Club (NRC) has attracted a full roster of 28 committed students who will begin immediate competition against top established teams at local, state and regional levels.

Despite the prevalence of water, crew remains relatively unknown in Michigan. One of the oldest Olympic sports, crew more commonly known as rowing, is the ultimate team sport and one of the few that utilizes every major muscle group in a true test of mind, endurance and strength.

Northville Rowing Club got its start in the fall of 2010 when a handful of students had the opportunity to row with the award-winning Saline Crew. Following successful recruiting efforts, NRC trained hard throughout the winter at the Wyandotte Boat House and recently found additional space closer to home at Northville Square, thanks to the generosity of owners Margene and Bob



Northville Rowing Club members hard at work during winter conditioning at Wyandotte Boat Club.

Buckhave.

With the ice finally melting on Ford Lake in Ypsilanti, NRC was able to get on the water in early April courtesy of the Saline team who is allowing boat and equipment rental.

As crew is a club activity rather than a school sponsored sport, NRC faces the hurdle of expense and currently exists only due to the volunteer work and financial backing of its members who have had to cover coaching and race entry fees along with uniforms. Future goals include the purchase of their own boats and equipment.

Northville Rowing Club is currently practicing daily

to compete in their first race (called a regatta), of the Spring Scholastic Season, the Hebda Cup on Saturday, April 30, sponsored by the Wyandotte Boat Club. The team is also preparing to travel to Cincinnati for the Midwest Scholastic Championships where they will face teams from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to Northville Rowing Club, interested in more information or wanting to experience the excitement of a regatta is encouraged to visit the Club's website at www.NorthvilleRowing.com.

Tennis girls have successful week

The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team had a very successful week as they walked through four matches and earned victories in each.

The squad earned 9-0 victories over Salem, South Lyon and South Lyon East last week and a tougher 7-2 victory over always-competitive Ann Arbor Huron.

Joanne Weber at (No. 1 singles) played the best tennis of her career at Northville," said coach Sandy Woolfall about her match against Ann Arbor Huron. "Her two set, 7-6, 7-6, match lasted over two and a half hours. She even came from behind in the second set to finally finish off her opponent."

Erin Doud, at two singles, also found herself challenged for the first time this season against Huron. She won a close first set match and then simply dominated the second set to secure the victory.

Not all of the tough matches were ended well, however. Mackenzie Powers, who has been a terror to foes at No. 3 singles so far this year, took her first loss of the season. Her two set match went on for two hours.

"Mackenzie never gave up and came so close to taking the match to a third set," said Woolfall.

Northville is now 4-0 in the Central Division with only Novi left to play when they return from spring break next week.

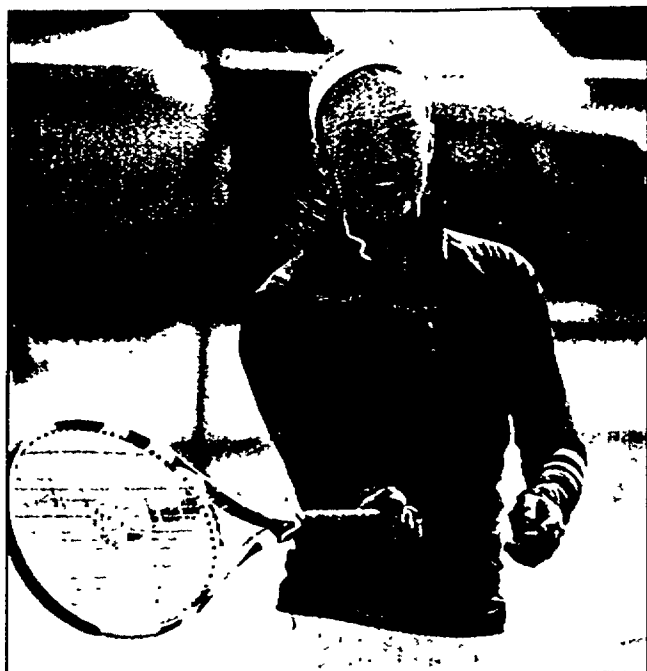
Boys lacrosse still finding ways to win

The Northville boys lacrosse team didn't start this season looking to get ranked in the state polls, but it sure doesn't hurt.

The team, coached by Greg Durham, is currently ranked ninth in the state. They proved their worth in that ranking by beating Howell, 21-2, and Canton, 19-6, last week.

"We are starting to get on a roll and gain confidence in our

NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP



No. 1-ranked Mustang doubles team member Danielle Romano warms up before her match on March 28.

goalie and defensive systems," said Durham. "It was good to get both wins before spring break."

The team was led by Jakob Kippola against Howell as he scored five goals and had four assists. Dylan Gelven added five goals and two assists while Nicke Melucci had three goals and an assist. Other goal scorers were Joe Chase (2), Andrew Accardo (2), Max Grezlik (2), Andrew Bumbaugh (1) and Dan Cooke (1).

Against Canton, which was undefeated before facing Northville, the Mustangs jumped out to a 6-0 lead and didn't look back. Melucci, Gelven and Kippola each had five points in the game while Grezlik added three goals and Cooke and Chase added two each.

Northville is currently 5-1 with their only loss coming to Catholic Central.

Girls lacrosse notches two more wins

The Northville girls lacrosse team notched two more wins last week as they continue to prove to be a team to beat in

2011. The squad, coached by Jamie Francek, beat Salem, 7-3, before topping Lakeland, 12-6.

The victories weren't without their scares, however, as the Mustangs found themselves trailing the Lakeland Eagles, 5-3, at halftime.

The team focused at the half, however, and came back to hold the Eagles to just one more goal while firing home nine of their own.

Leading the way was Kelsey DeRidder, who has truly stepped into her own this season, as she notched four scores in the contest. Charlotte Peterson, as scrappy as ever, scored three, as did Tenley Mustonen. Reena Pullukat and Claire Beaudoin scored one goal each in the winning effort.

Against Salem, Northville took the lead and didn't look back as they followed DeRidder and Peterson to victory as they notched three goals each. Mustonen added the other tally in the 7-3 victory.

- By Sam Eggleston

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SOCCER

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season, so I'm not terribly disappointed. Scoring in practice is one thing, but scoring in the game is a completely different issue. I think it'll come in time for us."

Weber connected with Cheslik for an open shot with six seconds left, but it was right at Gauruder, sending both teams into the half tied 0-0.

"We have a little more speed up top, helping out a bit with Jamie Cheslik, the freshman, and we have Emily Bush, the sophomore. That helps open up a lot more space," Brucker said. "We're still putting pieces together. While these guys only replaced four starters, we had to replace 10. I don't want to call it a rebuilding year, but for a team that still hasn't lost yet, we're doing pretty good."

Caruso and Cheslik tallied the majority of the scoring opportunities for their respective teams throughout the first 59 minutes of play, but it was the 60th minute where Weber broke through to score the game's first goal.

Northville freshman Megan Buckingham took a short corner kick from the right

side, passing the ball low into a crowd for a shot that went off the crossbar and back to Buckingham on the right side as the defense was pressing forward. With two defenders still guarding the posts, Buckingham skipped the ball into the center of the box, where Weber emerged from a group of players to knock a shot high into the heart of the goal from four yards out.

"It just kind of worked out," Brucker said. "We have some setups for corner kicks. The ball coming back to the person playing it in, Megan, that kind of helped out. I think the deflection back to her just kind of worked out and we finished."

Looking for an equalizer in the final 20 minutes, Greenhalgh forced her way into every loose ball that came within 30 yards of her, while junior Katie Seelenbinder kept Weber from getting any more clean shots off for the Mustangs.

"That's classic Greenhalgh for ya. She's a workhorse. She's got a great combination of size and speed. The number one thing about her is she's so relentless, I swear she never tires out," O'Leary said. "Katie Seelenbinder, for defense, played a great job against Mallory Weber. I

mean, fantastic. That's a huge assignment and she did a great job all game long shadowing Mallory Weber. And then Molli did a real nice job for us at the end there making a big play up top."

With time winding down, Novi senior Molli Krick took the ball into the left side of the goal box, outmaneuvered her defender and had to go to the ground to hit the ball so it would thread through a crowd in front of the net to connect with Jarvis in the center for an easy goal five yards out with 23 seconds remaining.

"We let it slip away," Brucker said. "The game's 80 minutes and we didn't get it done for the last 23 (seconds). It's typical Novi/Northville rivalry. You never know what you're going to get. I think we wore them out in the second half with them just coming off spring break and us having got five games under our belt."

"The team's frustrated, you can tell in their emotions. We'll regroup. We'll take a tie on an away pitch and make sure we defend our own field in a couple of weeks when they come to our house and hopefully we take care of business."

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SOFTBALL

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22-5 win in a rule-shortened five-inning game.

Fenech led the offense with three hits, three runs scored and four runs batted in. Junior left fielder Ellie Asher was 3-for-3, including a long three-run homer to left field. Chapekis had three hits and three RBIs and Buckingham added three hits and scored four runs.

The offensive numbers just kept piling up as Fisher had a double, a triple and an RBI, while Deacon had two doubles and two runs batted in and junior right fielder Caitlin Childers had a double, a single and an RBI. Hasse added two hits and an RBI and Williams had a double, two RBIs and reached base three times.

Pond and Thibodeau shared the pitching duties, scattering nine hits and only allowing one walk between them.

While the results weren't as convincing as their wins against John Glenn, the Northville Mustangs had a great double header against the Stevenson Spartans and

walked away with one win and one loss.

The Mustangs improved their overall record to 7-3 and are 1-1 in the Central Division and 3-1 in Kensington Conference play.

In the first game of the twin bill, the Mustangs followed the lead of Fenech, who went 4-for-4 with three RBIs while Deacon went 3-for-4 with one RBI.

The game started off as a pitcher's duel between Pond and Stevenson's Jacqueline Johnson. Stevenson scored in the top half of the first for a 1-0 lead, but Northville tied it in the bottom half of the inning on a single by Fisher and Fenech's RBI double over the right fielder's head.

The game would remain tied, 1-1, until the fifth inning. Stevenson scored in the top half of the inning for a 2-1 lead, but Northville rallied to score five runs to take a 6-2 advantage. Buckingham started the rally with a single in the hole at shortstop. After Williams walked, Fenech tied the game at 2-2 with another RBI double to right field. Hasse drove in the lead run with a single to center and

Deacon made it 4-2 with a RBI single to right to drive in Williams. After a single by Caitlin Childers, Northville added two more runs on Asher's double over the right fielder's head.

Northville added its final run in the sixth inning on a leadoff single by Buckingham and Fenech's RBI single. Williams

Pond pitched a complete game and picked up her seventh win of the season. She allowed eight hits, but struck out four and only had one walk.

In the second game, Northville's bats went silent, as they could only manage five hits in the contest.

In the first five innings, Northville's only hits were singles by Buckingham and Deacon. Northville scored its only two runs in the sixth on singles by Fisher and Buckingham followed by Williams' two RBI single to left center.

Pond and Thibodeau combined to allow just one earned run with five strikeouts.

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won the 800 meters in convincing fashion, finishing in 2:00.44 — six second faster than his nearest competitor. In addition, Clifton was part of the 4x400 team that ran to victory along with Eric Tang, Ryan Flanagan and Sims.

Despite the loss, McIntosh sees a lot of potential in his team.

"Our team is struggling in the sprints and relays, however with hard work, maybe some of the boys will surprise us later on this season," he said.

The team regrouped and joined a field of impressive competitors for the Dearborn

Elks Relays — a first for Northville. The meet was won by Detroit Catholic Central, which took the title with 70 points.

Northville, which was missing about 33-percent of its team due to spring break conflicts, had several highlights.

The team scored 18 points in the running events, scoring two second-place finishes, two third-place finishes and a fourth out of the eight running events.

The high hurdle and intermediate relay teams of Andrew Schanne, Jahanzab Jahania, Charlie May and Justin Hsieh took third in both relays while the 4x1600 relay team of Neson Nesmith, Ashwin Easow, Jason Lerner and Cini ran a very impressive

race, finishing second behind Catholic Central in a grueling 20:12.08.

The distance medley relay team of Flanagan, Tang, Clifton and Sims also took home a silver medal. The team finished in 11:19.23, less five seconds behind Catholic Central.

Northville also scored in the 4x800 with a team of Trent Johnson, Easow, Joseph Craig and Neil Valecha.

"I believe the families of these fine athletes should be acknowledged as they had their boys available to run even though spring break was upon them," noted McIntosh.

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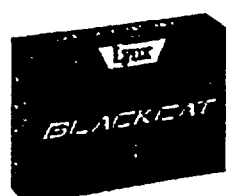
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Quad winners

The Northville girls varsity tennis team is shown on April 9 with their trophy after winning the Grosse Pointe South Quad Invitational in Grosse Pointe. Northville won all but two of the singles and doubles matches (losing only #1 doubles and #3 doubles) and toppled host Grosse Pointe South, Traverse City Central and Gabriel Richard. The undefeated Mustangs resume match play after spring break when they travel to Novi on April 29.



Lauren Grigg (left), Northville High senior, and Madison VanAntwerp, Detroit Country Day senior, both won All-State First Team Ice Hockey Awards this year. They were recently honored at an awards banquet where former NHL player Chris Chelios was the guest speaker.

Life-long friends earn top hockey honors

Grigg, VanAntwerp picked for All-State teams

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It's a friendship that started before kindergarten and has not only survived the test of time, but also the test of rivalry.

Northville's Lauren Grigg and Detroit Country Day's Madison VanAntwerp first met when they were in a program called Wondergarten. It didn't take long before they were fast friends, hanging out together and wishing that one day they could be like their older brothers, who were in the same class and played hockey together.

"We were a lot more into hanging around boys and playing sports than the other girls in our class, so we ended up being friends because we liked the same stuff," said Grigg. "Neither of us wanted to play with dolls or wear girly clothes -- we would play street hockey with other kids in our neighborhoods or play hockey in our basements with our brothers and friends."

But, as with many areas that enjoy the sport, there was no girls hockey team for Grigg and VanAntwerp to play on. So, the two girls joined the Novi hockey program and found themselves playing side-by-side with the boys. At first, no one even seemed to care, but the rough-and-tumble sport soon started baring its fangs.

"When we first started, we didn't really notice that we were treated differently, but as we grew up in youth hockey it got a lot worse," said VanAntwerp, who resides in Northville. "I remember one kid would yell at me every game and say 'Girls don't play hockey!' Then I would always yell back and say 'Watch me!' It didn't bother me though because most of the boys treated me well and acted as my big brothers. Some of my favorite years of hockey were playing with the older boys and my older brother, Michael. They taught me a lot about ice hockey, and without that experience I don't think I could have been the hockey player I am today."

And the player that VanAntwerp is today is an

All-Stater. She and Grigg were selected to the All-State team after their 2010-11 season came to a close. Grigg was named to the Division I First Team All-State and was runner-up for the Miss Hockey title. VanAntwerp, who was a three-year captain at Country Day, was named to the Division II First-Team All-State squad. Both players were top 10 for point totals throughout Michigan this year.

Of course, it didn't hurt that they spent six seasons sharpening their skills with the boys teams before moving on to girls travel teams together and, eventually, apart.

Despite attending different high schools and having hectic schedules, the two girls have managed to remain friends throughout the years.

"I attend Northville High School, but Maddy went to Country Day. It was tough on our friendship, but we still remained friends and got together when we could," said Grigg.

She noted that the duo, along with their friend Kaitlin Girbach, had been in Girls Scouts together and had helped at Neinas, an underprivileged elementary school in Detroit. Back then, they helped do things like have a Christmas party or a Valentine's Day party.

"We quit Girl Scouts in sixth grade but Maddy, me and our friend Kaitlin continued getting together to collect things and help out at the kindergarten there ever since. Last year we helped out at a retirement nursing home together."

She said Maddy, herself and Kaitlin have been going to summer camp at Camp Henry the last five years, so that helped keep their friendship.

VanAntwerp and Grigg could both be attending Michigan State University in the fall, which means that they may have a chance to hang out on a more regular basis—just like the good old days.

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



Northville's Lauren Grigg (right) and Detroit Country Day's Madison VanAntwerp girls joined the Novi hockey program and found themselves playing side-by-side with the boys.

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Being a good neighbor can often avert problems

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Tony Schippa of Plymouth likes his neighbors.

Schippa lives in downtown Plymouth in a home that his wife's a third-generation owner of. "We pretty much know everybody on the street," said Schippa, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth.

He hasn't heard in his 10 years in real estate a lot of questions from prospective buyers on neighbors. "I don't know if I've ever encountered anybody telling me that," said Schippa, president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. WWOCAR is merging with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors and Schippa will be president-elect of the newly formed group.

His home dates back roughly to the World War I era, although he hasn't researched its history extensively. His father-in-law says the basement was

dug out by his uncles.

"I think more people hang out in their back yards," said Schippa, although his family likes the front porch just as previous generations did for visiting.

"I think communication, talking," he said of what it takes to be a good neighbor. Schippa grew up in rural Milford.

"Back at that time, our nearest friend was four miles away," although neighbors were closer. He recalls neighbors chipping in with food during births, deaths and illnesses.

These days, Schippa will get out his snowblower to be a good neighbor, helping with sidewalks and driveways when possible. His neighbors return the favor.

"It's being a good person," he concluded of a good neighbor.

Renters aren't necessarily bad neighbors. Schippa has a home in the neighborhood he doesn't own but which has had good tenants. One set became good friends.

"I'll say 'hi' and introduce myself," said Schippa, adding some people think greetings and "Have a nice day" are odd for strangers.

He agreed calling police should be a last resort for neighborhood trouble.

"I think it should be very specific to a certain need," Schippa said. "You should try to work it out among yourselves."

Sgt. Mark Gajeski of the Canton Police said it's fine to call police if you feel unsafe. "Anytime you don't feel safe, obviously, contact the police. You can remain anonymous. We never tell anyone who the complainant is on an anonymous complaint."

Those are often loud parties, and the revelers may ask responding police, "Who called?" The name isn't given to them, Gajeski said.

Sometimes problems can be worked out through cordial conversation. "If you want to remain good neighbors, you should always approach them first and work it out," Gajeski said.

"Follow-through is very important,"

he noted. Sometimes people complain to police about an ordinance violation but aren't willing to pursue it or go to court. You'll need to make your identity public in court.

Gajeski and colleagues will hear people say, "Oh, no, I don't want to do that." He recommends you check with your township or city to see who owns the property and try contacting the landlord.

"The ordinance people are really good about that," Gajeski said of Canton Township.

If you're moving into an area, it's worth your while to check with local police on any crime/neighbor problems. Canton, along with Livonia, Inkster and Detroit, participates in an Internet crime mapping program. For Canton, it's www.crimemapping.com/map/mi/canton.

"I think any time people live in close proximity they're bound to get on each other's nerves once in a while," Gajeski concluded of neighbors — and families.

Party room use: ask lawyer

BY ROBERT MEISNER
GUEST COLUMNIST

Q: I am trying to determine whether the association's use of its party room in our clubhouse can be considered a public accommodation under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) where we do not rent the room to businesses, community organizations or educational seminars?

A: A place of public accommodation is a facility whose operations affect commerce and fall within at least 12 categories, including the following:

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2. Establishments serving food or drink;
3. Places of exhibition or entertainment;
4. Places of public gathering;
5. Sales or rental establishments;
6. Service establishments;
7. Public transportation terminals;
8. Places of public display or collection;
9. Places of recreation;
10. Places of education;
11. Social service center establishments; and,
12. Places of exercise or recreation.

However these examples could, on occasion, cover a community building if it rents rooms to local businesses, community organizations such as a meeting place for educational seminars or, perhaps, places of exercise or recreation if a fee is charged. In any event, you are best advised to get an opinion from legal counsel regarding the utilization of your clubhouse area.



Robert Meisner

Q: We are thinking about buying a co-op and I am wondering if we can get any financing from any of the big banks, and, what type of security the lending institution will require?

A: I can only tell you by way of example that in New York City where half of the co-ops in the world are located, there are hundreds, if not thousands, of co-op loans made every day. Banks that lend on individual co-ops include Citibank, Chase, Wells Fargo, HSBC, Bank of America, Capital One, etc., although, I am not necessarily recommending any particular lender. Typically, the loans are secured by a pledge of the shareholders' proprietary lease and stock certificate and a UCC-1 Financing Statement filed with the County Clerk and/or Department of State. Obviously, no mortgage is recorded as the loan does not create an interest in real estate. There is also something called a Recognition Agreement which is a three part agreement between the borrower (shareholder of the co-op), co-op corporation and bank pursuant to which the co-op corporation recognizes the bank's interest in the collateral and agrees to give it notice and time to cure before enforcing its rights under the proprietary lease to terminate a tenancy and evict the shareholder. In some respects, it is actually far more useful than mortgages for condominium clients as the banks that hold co-op loans often cure when they are sent a copy of the default notice in order to preserve their collateral while typically mortgagees never do.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$99.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 7-13, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	4002 Berkeley Ave 1635 Brockview Dr 769 Buckingham Rd 45834 Buckley Rd 739 Copeland Cir 7124 Foxridge Dr 45824 Gainsborough Dr 47958 Gladstone Rd 7950 Kaser St 2070 L Wayette Dr 1665 Lone Wolf Ln 45151 Mettlochall Ln 1628 Paschock Ln 43960 Parkside St	\$83,000 \$147,000 \$113,000 \$210,000 \$123,000 \$185,000 \$162,000 \$282,000 \$126,000 \$172,000 \$171,000 \$125,000 \$145,000 \$130,000
Dearborn	42720 Redfern St 44497 Savery Dr 245 Scarlett Dr 49449 Taft Ln 44721 Village Ct 47828 Vistas Circle Dr S 385 Westbourne Ct 1256 Whutter Dr 48765 Woodson Way	\$120,000 \$41,000 \$235,000 \$90,000 \$133,000 \$190,000 \$375,000 \$130,000 \$60,000
Garden City	29484 Alvin St 29526 Alvin St 31940 Chester St 33440 Donnelly St 29964 Florence St 5956 Gilman St 5911 Lathers St 29745 Rosslyn Ave	\$26,000 \$40,000 \$55,000 \$65,000 \$49,000 \$74,000 \$23,000 \$74,000
Livonia	29458 Barkley St 9412 Bassett St 28623 Bayberry Park Dr 20507 Beatrice St 30231 Bentley St 11369 Cardwell St 13951 Cardwell St	\$123,000 \$115,000 \$129,000 \$15,000 \$136,000 \$117,000 \$110,000
Northville	12144 Cavell St 9145 E Bassett Ct 28537 Elmira St 32653 Five Mile Rd 19910 Floral St 18525 Middlebelt Rd 16236 Quakerdown Ln 36543 Roycroft St 37840 Southampton St 17524 Starnich St 29025 W Chicago St 34128 Wadsworth St	\$67,000 \$139,000 \$68,000 \$59,000 \$35,000 \$100,000 \$205,000 \$135,000 \$178,000 \$112,000 \$90,000 \$56,000
Northville	18220 Arselot Dr 39456 Champion Ct 15908 Crystal Downs E 19509 Dartmouth Pl 19513 Dartmouth Pl 16893 Dunswood Rd 48899 Freestone Dr 18825 Heather Ridge Dr 15917 Johnson Creek Dr 16050 Johnson Creek Dr 16277 Johnson Creek Dr 16673 Lyonhurst Cir 359 N Rogers St	\$370,000 \$179,000 \$438,000 \$61,000 \$60,000 \$210,000 \$5,000 \$525,000 \$133,000 \$125,000 \$18,000 \$215,000 \$295,000
Plymouth	18227 Parkshore Dr 16271 Westminster Dr 16952 Yellowstone Dr 1450 Ann Arbor Rd W 19777 Beacon Hill Dr 4775 Crabtree Ln 1645 Francis Ave 14241 Hulsdale Dr 40451 Newport Dr 284 Pinewood Dr 357 Sunset St 1749 Turkey Run 51013 W Hits Dr	\$450,000 \$20,000 \$75,000 \$16,000 \$360,000 \$170,000 \$48,000 \$376,000 \$66,000 \$180,000 \$155,000 \$270,000
Redford	11667 Centralia 13469 Crosley 13576 Fenton 16925 Five Points St 17629 Five Points St 25215 Keeler 9551 Lucerne 16529 MacArthur 24841 Midland 19326 Negaunee 15456 Norborne	\$35,000 \$77,000 \$25,000 \$41,000 \$12,000 \$14,000 \$48,000 \$32,000 \$16,000 \$20,000 \$52,000
Westland	17750 Riverdale 9920 Rockland 11301 Royal Grand 2151 Ackley Ave 31640 Ann Arbor Trl 34713 Birchwood St 33143 Chelf Ln 37795 Gichrist St 32025 Harvard St 34809 Hoveley St 30351 Julius Blvd 33484 Krauter St 34141 Majestic St 35635 Melton St 6917 Mohican Ln 35935 Palmer Rd 28345 Powers St 1844 S Brandon St 31649 S Butler Cir 7353 S Kingston Ct 31995 Steinhauer St 241 Stephanie Dr 558 Van Sull St 37241 Vincent St 8260 Vista Ln	\$30,000 \$71,000 \$37,000 \$14,000 \$95,000 \$155,000 \$105,000 \$70,000 \$57,000 \$62,000 \$60,000 \$30,000 \$85,000 \$19,000 \$86,000 \$45,000 \$14,000 \$28,000 \$102,000 \$63,000 \$28,000 \$53,000 \$67,000 \$77,000 \$203,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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Beverly Hills	17310 Beverly Rd 19955 Old Pond Ct 15805 N 14 Mile Rd	\$273,000 \$268,000 \$50,000
Birmingham	32896 Birmingham Ln 1560 Ashford Ln	\$195,000 \$535,000
Commerce Township	1666 Birmingham Blvd 2460 Buckingham Ave 1371 Cedar Dr 664 Chesterfield Ave 876 Madison St 547 N Old Woodward Ave	\$970,000 \$149,000 \$247,000 \$660,000 \$320,000 \$363,000
Farmington Hills	5643 Antlers Ct 1965 Applebrook Dr 4963 Farrington Ln 8690 Golfside Dr 4642 Ponderosa St 4980 S Duck Lake Rd 1910 Thorncrest Ct	\$338,000 \$64,000 \$230,000 \$107,000 \$101,000 \$70,000 \$325,000
Farmington Hills	33635 ARA Loma Dr 29042 Augusta	\$115,000 \$390,000
Warren	2714 Collingham Ave 27322 Country Ridge Cir 29952 Elders St 21210 Gill Rd 29434 Glen Oaks Blvd W 22220 Glenwood Creek Dr 35163 Knollwood Ln 24509 Lakeside St 21326 Mulberry Ct 26021 Old Homestead Dr 36321 Old Homestead Dr 29664 Pine Ridge Cir 28236 Shadylane Dr 39322 Silverthorne Blvd 23777 Stony Creek Dr 36597 Valley Ridge Dr 30038 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 48 29378 Weatherlane Ave	\$43,000 \$271,000 \$45,000 \$52,000 \$60,000 \$45,000 \$140,000 \$125,000 \$140,000 \$179,000 \$250,000 \$85,000 \$115,000 \$265,000 \$200,000 \$245,000 \$43,000 \$290,000
Westland	28900 Wellington St 664 Hill Crest Ct 910 Panorama Dr 958 Panorama Dr 999 Stone Barn	\$190,000 \$205,000 \$135,000 \$120,000 \$245,000
West	45441 Addington Ln 24179 Broadmoor Park Ln 41491 Burroughs Ave 28227 Carlton Way Dr 47648 Chettersham Dr 4353 Emerson Way 24570 Enchanted Dr 22751 Folsom Dr 44778 Gwinnett Loop 44350 Lafayette Dr 44667 Mansfield Dr	\$333,000 \$40,000 \$346,000 \$120,000 \$60,000 \$25,000 \$329,000 \$325,000 \$63,000 \$313,000 \$215,000
Westland	24181 Avian Dr 43181 Sandstone Dr 24451 Venice Dr 39704 Village Wood Cir 41080 W 10 Mile Rd	\$148,000 \$258,000 \$265,000 \$135,000 \$95,000
South Lyon	15221 Nine Mile Rd 54125 Birchwood Dr 57323 Hidden Timbers Dr	\$17,000 \$30,000 \$270,000
Southfield	28429 Everett St 17030 Hilton St 26474 Isenworth Pl 30276 Southfield Rd 24617 Templar Ave	\$30,000 \$68,000 \$135,000 \$20,000 \$32,000
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13 Growing Jobs in HealthCare

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Forget all the talk about the recession and the economy - well, at least try for a minute. Think about what you want in a career. On any given day you probably would like to have most or all of the following:

- Good pay
- Opportunity for career growth
- A stable industry
- High demand for your work

Everyone would like to be compensated fairly and all workers want the chance to climb the professional ladder. Plus, if you know your services are sought after, you can feel confident that you won't be out of a job in the foreseeable future.

In tough economic times, this kind of job sounds like a fantasy. But it's a reality for the health-care industry. Unlike many fields, health care can't be outsourced - unless you want to go overseas to fix your sprained ankle. With a growing population that's living longer, the need for medical personnel continues to rise.

Another attractive aspect of working in health care is that education requirements for various positions range from a high school diploma with some training to advanced medical degrees combined with extensive training.

If you're considering a job in health care, here are 13 jobs that you might want to consider, along with their projected employment growth and mean annual wage, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Emergency medical technicians
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2006 employment: 201,000*
Projected 2016 employment: 240,000
Mean annual wage: \$30,870

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Mean annual wage: \$34,060

Chiropractors
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Dental hygienists
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2006 employment: 167,000
Projected 2016 employment: 217,000
Mean annual wage: \$64,910

Dental assistants
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2006 employment: 280,000
Projected 2016 employment: 362,000
Mean annual wage: \$32,280

Dentists
<<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/dentist/>> treat patients for conditions concerning their teeth and gums. They also perform routine checkups for patients in order to prevent any dental problems.
2006 employment: 136,000
Projected 2016 employment: 149,000
Mean annual wage: \$147,010

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons
<<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/oral+surgery/>> perform surgery on a patient's jaw or mouth. For many people, the first time they see an oral surgeon is for problems with wisdom teeth.
2006 employment: 7,700
Projected 2016 employment: 8,400
Mean annual wage: \$178,440

Orthodontists
<<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/orthodontist/>> treat patients who need braces or retainers to straighten their teeth.
2006 employment: 9,200
Projected 2016 employment: 10,000
Mean annual wage: \$185,340

Nursing aides
<<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/nursing+aide/>>, orderlies <<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/orderly/>> and attendants <<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/attendant/>> work in hospitals or health-care facilities, helping patients perform routine tasks such as walking, bathing or eating.
2006 employment: 1,447,000
Projected 2016 employment: 1.71 million
Mean annual wage: \$23,920

Home health aides
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2006 employment: 787,000
Projected 2016 employment: 1.17 million
Mean annual wage: \$20,850

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2006 employment: 292,000
Projected 2016 employment: 361,204
Mean annual wage: n/a

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2006 employment: 2.5 million
Projected 2016 employment: 3.1 million
Mean annual wage: \$62,480

***Salary data and employment projections based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook <<http://www.bls.gov/OCO/>> . Accessed on Jan. 19, 2009.**

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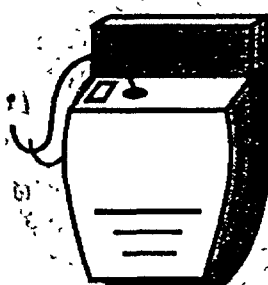


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By Dale Buss

As it seeks revive the Lincoln brand once and for all, Ford has a number of things in its corner.

First and foremost, Ford has committed to providing its luxury brand with seven new or substantially overhauled new products, many of them within the existing MK product and brand architecture, over the next four years. A completely new C-segment sedan will be part of that roster, said C.J. O'Donnell, Lincoln's group marketing director. "You're going to see an enhanced, freshened, stronger and more competitive MK range as well as a few new entries," he promised.

O'Donnell said that Lincoln also must double down in product development on two things that have emerged as clear attributes of the first generation of MK products: design, and technology. "With the MK range we already have a distinctive and stunning design language that we need to leverage more," he argued. "It is eye-catching, and its appeal is giving customers reason to pay attention to what we're doing. In the luxury category, design is the entrée to telling your broader story."

For Lincoln, promotable technology elements include better-mileage power trains under Ford's Eco Boost program, new hybrids, and MyLincoln Touch infotainment systems. "We've had a lot of resonance with the in-car technology that we're delivering in our product now,

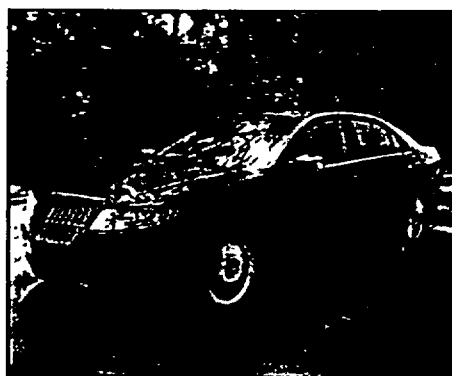
especially recently," said Ford CMO Jim Farley early this year. And Ford CEO Alan Mulally told auto-securities analysts at the North American International Auto Show in January that Lincoln developers will "take the platform to the next level" with innovations in areas such as electronic controls.

The MKZ Hybrid is showing O'Donnell some of what new products and technology might be able to accomplish for Lincoln in the months and years ahead. When it was introduced at the beginning of the year with the same \$34,600 sticker as the conventional MKZ, Ford expected the hybrid to account for about 15 percent of sales.

But during the first quarter, MKZ Hybrid tracked at 20 percent of sales instead, promoted as the most fuel-efficient luxury sedan in the U.S. market. Customers "just love the performance" and the "quietness, comfort and power" of the MKZ Hybrid, said Ed Witt, a Lincoln dealer in San Diego, who has sold more of the vehicles than any other dealer so far.

What's more, 70 percent of MKZ Hybrid buyers are new Lincoln owners, and more than half migrated to the brand from imports, O'Donnell said.

But O'Donnell maintained that Lincoln's already-improving product picture isn't confined to just the MKZ Hybrid. He also cited the MKX



The 2011 Lincoln MKX is attracting a growing crowd.

The new MKZ Hybrid already is a big hit with luxury buyers.



crossover, whose sales jumped 11 percent in March (though they were down nearly 5 percent for the quarter compared with 2009).

"The craftsmanship in the interior of that car has moved on significantly," he said. "And we've made technology messaging a core part of the communications for that car, which is clear in the new advertising campaign. This product continues to retain Lincoln loyalists; but at the same time, half of MKX customers are new to the brand."

One more thing should help Lincoln add to these bursts of product momentum: the brand recently received the highest score for durability of three-year-old vehicles in the latest closely watched J.D. Power survey, vaulting past premium marques Porsche, Lexus and Jaguar for the top spot.

O'Donnell also firmly believes there is the opportunity for Lincoln to gain some traction with its marketing, and quickly. Naturally, the chance starts with improving products. "A lot of positioning today really does focus on the core attributes that qualify us as a luxury

brand: design, driving dynamics including the power train and vehicle handling. Those are core to being in the luxury category, and you have to be exceptional in those attributes to be considered by any luxury buyer. Then the differentiator is innovation."

Lincoln is attempting to boost its credibility for innovation in the eyes of luxury buyers with an ad campaign, "Smarter than luxury," that it launched several months ago. "It is getting excellent results," O'Donnell said, despite a decided lack of evidence so far in actual sales figures. "Memorability scores and impressions of the brand are tracking upward rather aggressively."

What's more, Ford is attempting to partner with Lincoln dealers as never before in creating a fresh and winning new brand. But while the company promises a raft of new models and effective new marketing, it wants a couple of big things from dealers: fewer of them selling the cars, and big investments in facilities, people and processes by those Lincoln dealers that remain.

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