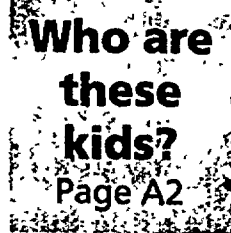


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Christmas Workshop

Northville Historical Society's 33rd Annual Children's Christmas Workshop will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 in the New School Church at Mill Race Village. Enrollment is \$15 per child, payable by cash or check made out to the Northville Historical Society. Contact the Stockhausens at (248) 349-2833 for more information.

Township staying 'above water'

Kubitskey says approved budget balanced and strong

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Staying above water is how Northville Township Finance Director Thelma Kubitskey describes the current budget situation.

"We are watching every pen-

ny. It's a difficult situation for many municipalities throughout the state," Kubitskey said. "Above water is where we are at right now."

Facing declining property values, unreliable state shared revenue and low investment income, Northville Township has

approved a 2012 budget that is balanced and strong, according to Kubitskey.

The proposed total combined revenues and expenditures are expected to be just over \$20 million. The biggest area of spending is on public safety at 69 percent with property taxes bring-

ing the largest chunk of revenue at 60 percent.

Kubitskey said in the budget process the township directors worked to balance it considering the various challenges facing the township. She said this required

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Amerman's long history to life



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michigan Elementary History Teacher of the year Robin Long works with her advanced class on Oct. 25 — including Hannah Shurtleff and Arvind Ganeshran. Long has been with the Northville school district since 1988 and at Amerman for the last 11 years.

Teacher of the Year: 'I love what I do'

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Robin Long is passionate about history and shares that love of learning with her fifth-grade students at Amerman Elementary School.

"I love what I do, I love my work," said Long, recently lauded as the Jim and

Annette McConnell Elementary History Teacher of the Year. "When I come into my classroom, I'm ready to go again."

The Livonia resident started college for an art degree but changed directions. "That just didn't seem to be the right fit," she said.

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Big votes Tuesday: School millage and two city council seats

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

With the non-homestead operating millage and two open city council seats up for grabs, Northville residents have plenty of good reasons to get to the polls this coming election Tuesday.

Both township and city voter ballots will include language regarding the non-homestead millage, which is the proposal of whether or not allow the school district to continue levying the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law. This is required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Simply put, voters will either say yes or no to seeing a continuation of a millage set to be 20.91 mills or \$20.91 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation for a period of 10 years (2012-2021.) This is millage only applies to local businesses, industrial and commercial property, or property that is not the owner's primary residence.

According to Assistant Superintendent Mike Zopf, the funds generated from this millage go toward providing for operating purposes. Zopf said the estimated revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2012 will be over \$8 million.

The Northville Board of Education has two candidates (Anita Bartschat and Scott Craig) running unopposed for the four-year seats.

The City of Northville will be re-electing May-

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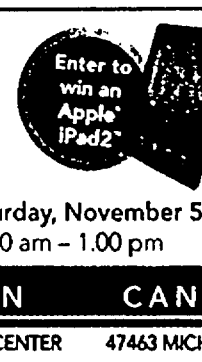
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High school confidential: Who are these kids?

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Last year, the late Pam Fleming, Northville Record staff writer, reported on the Northville Historical Society's search for a Northville High School class of 1917 photo. The 1917 photo turned up in the basement of a grandson of a class member and was placed at Northville High with other class photos.

Martha Nield, past president of the Northville Historical Society and a 40-year township resident, said the NHS photos used to hang in a restaurant on Seven Mile where Rocky's of Northville is now. Her husband, Jim, moved the photos, which belong to the society, to the new high school building in 2000.

"He wanted to know who was in the class," she said. "I think probably in the picture are teachers as well."

The 1926 class photo reproduced here is of a class trip to Washington, D.C., with travelers well-dressed for their trip to the nation's capital. Nield and others are especial-



The Northville Historical Society is looking for help in identifying the Northville students in this photo who went on a field trip to Washington D.C. in 1926.

ly interested with the 75th anniversary of the trip in identifying those in the photo, as well as trying to find the class composite photo from 1920 – the only missing year from 1901 on.

"People are starting to come inside now and clean their closets," she said, adding families will be together for Thanksgiving and can share information. The high school classes go back to 1869, when there was one graduate. The 1920 class had 13 graduates.

The photos hang at the high school now. A sign there indicates eight that were missing but have since been located. The 1926 Washington, D.C., photo is in Principal Rob-

ert Watson's office.

Local historian and City Councilwoman Michele Fecht has photos in her *Images of America* history book on Northville, Nield said. The book photo that's similar to the class trip one is undated.

Nield believes those two photos are from an album, and historians are trying to find out who donated the album. The two trip photos aren't identical.

The 1926 (reproduced here) class members were: Opal Brooks, Avis Brown, Del F. Campbell, Delbert Campbell, Clyde Casterline, Ben Chargo, Bernie Chargo, Mary Chargo, Naomi Colburn, Edessa Dagget, Dortha Dunbar, Ruth Elden, Raymond Elliott, Leslie Fraser, Lynn Fraser, Cecil Fry, Loren Goodale Sr., Kalman Haray, Marjorie Horan, Albert Kohler, Edna Kreeger, Madeline Lauray, Virginia Litsenberger, Eleanor Martz, Bessie Mae Pardee, Beth Ponsford, Luella M. Riley, Arthur Schultz, Albert Stage, Mae Steinmeier, Wilbur Stubervoll, Harry White, Kathryn Wilcox.

The 1920 (missing photo) class members were: Gladys Black, Gibson Carpenter, Ruth Cattermole, Stuart Coll, Mary Helen Fuller, Ethel Limpert, Helen Millard, Helen Miller, Genevieve Palmenter, Pauline Pickett, Margu-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville High Principal Rob Watson takes a look at the school portrait of Northville's class of 1910. The school's looking for help in ID-ing those students who went on a field trip to Washington D.C. in March of 1926.

rite Stucey, George Wilcox, Gerald Woodworth.

Robert Watson, principal at Northville High, is pleased to have the class photos in the school's academic wing. "A lot of them turn up under people's beds," Watson said of missing class photos, adding his praise for Martha and Jim Nields' longtime efforts to complete the collection.

The photos are impressive lining the hallways, with many of them restored by class members. The 1945 class has a small sign in recognition of those "Serving Their Country in World War II."

"In order to understand where we're going, it's necessary to know where we've been," Watson said.

He recalled a graduate, who had grown up in Flushing,

to leave school to fight in World War II. That man got his diploma from Northville last year, and he and Watson had a nice visit.

"He was so proud of that," the principal said. "He took a picture of that (photo collection)."

Watson called the collection "very exciting, it is to me, anyway. It gives them (students) an understanding of the history, how we've grown. I hope they think about it a lot because I sure do."

He recalled that Northville-Novi students used to go to school together. Some students, especially boys, had to leave school to work on farms.

"It really lends a lot of cues about our past history," said Watson, who grew up in Flushing,

Mich., near Flint.

Watson cited the numbers of young men absent for military service in the 1940s. Graduating from high school was less common then.

"I think a lot of kids take college for granted, but it wasn't always that way," said Watson, whose grandfather, still living, attended a school that ended at eighth grade.

Watson's not sure where the 1926 class photo came from, adding it just showed up at the high school. Right now, the 1910 photo is the oldest one displayed, although historical society class photos go back yearly to 1901.

Martha Nield noted Beth Ponsford from the class of 1926 had two sons, Chuck and Jim Lapham, who graduated from NHS in 1952 and '53, respectively. Their father bought the building on Main Street in 1910 that is well remembered as Lapham's Men's Store.

Funding is still needed to restore the photos for 1901, 1902, 1905, 1908 and 1909, she added. Donations in any amount are welcome payable to the Northville Historical Society, 215 Griswold St., Northville, MI 48167.

"I'm really looking for the 1920," Nield said.

To contact the Nields, call (586) 918-7000.

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Bernco's \$697k bid earns Walkway Project work

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Previous experience working with Comerica Bank and on similar projects such as this led the Downtown Development Authority to make a recommendation to award the construction contract for the East Main Street Walkway Project to the St. Claire Shores firm Bernco Incorporated.

The DDA made the decision at a special meeting Tuesday morning so the recommendation could be forwarded to the Northville City Council for their consideration at their meeting next Monday.

Eight bids were received for the contract with Bernco coming in at the third lowest with a project price of \$697,000.

DDA Director Lori Ward said the project budget is \$800,000, which is inclusive of all architectural and engineering fees.

Along with the DDA's budget contribution of \$675,000, the Northville Area Development Corporation has pledged over \$126,000 to help with the funding, Ward said. A contingency of over 10 percent is included in the total project costs.

The Walkway Project was identified in the 2006 Downtown Strategic Plan as

a way to improve pedestrian access to the heart of the downtown, according to Ward. The project would provide public linkage between the Marquis parking lot and Main Street and complete a "pedestrian spine" running from CVS on the north, through the walkway and town square, to the underutilized parking lots south of Mary Alexander Court.

A cut-through is planned at 125 E. Main St. An easement agreement has already been reached with Comerica Bank, making this crucial piece of the project possible.

Ward said one big factor in the selection of Bernco is the past work they have done with Comerica. She said it helps that they are familiar with the bank's facility and security procedures.

The other low bidders for the contract were DMC Consultants of Detroit at \$568,000 and Cedroni Associates of Utica with \$587,000.

Ward said because of the wide spread of the bids further interviews and analysis of the bidders were performed by herself, City Manager Patrick Sullivan, Public Works Director Jim Gallogly and project architect Gary Cooper. They deemed Bernco's bid to be in the best interest of the city after a further check of their client references and past experience was completed.

Volleyball league



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bob White serves during the last game of the morning of Oct. 19 at the Hillside Recreation Center. The center hosts a 50+ drop-in volleyball game on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 to noon. Bob, at 74 years young, is hardly the oldest player: the league has one gentleman who's 90 years old and is a regular player.



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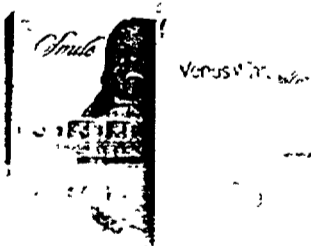
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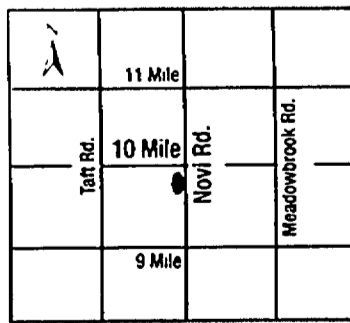
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TEACHER

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Teaching social studies, history and language arts to Amerman students suits her just fine. She likes to help students see the continuum of past, present and future.

"It's something that they can connect to the world at large," Long said. "History is fascinating, and I want them to have that sense of fun with it."

She hopes her students take the more challenging high school history courses.

The statewide honor comes from the Michigan Council for History Education. Long is to be recognized Nov. 5 at the 2011 Michigan Joint Social Studies Conference in Lansing. She's been with the Northville school district at different buildings since 1988.

"I was surprised," she said of the honor. She got a phone call in August and didn't answer right away as she didn't recognize the number. "It was very nice," she said.

"She's an outstanding teacher," said Stephen Anderson, Amerman principal. Long teaches social studies concepts well, he said.

"She has the kids apply the con-



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amerman Elementary teacher Robin Long leads her American History classroom with its 33 students.

cepts almost like a simulation," he said, giving such examples as study of Vikings with related activities. Amerman students have also gone on "treasure hunts" to learn about pirates.

"The motivation I've noticed among many students is great," Anderson said.

In March 2010, Long earned an Administrative Certificate from Oakland University. She also holds an education specialist degree/administration from OU (August 1994), a master of arts degree/learning disabilities K-12 with teacher consultant status (August 1988) from Eastern Michigan University, and a bachelor of science degree in education/mental impairment K-age 26 (May 1983) from Central Michigan University.

In Northville, she's worked at the Bryant Center with severely mentally and emotionally impaired students. Long has been a traveling/itinerant teacher for Northville and Northville community private schools, and worked with learning disabled students both in a resource room and in general classrooms. She's taught several elementary



History Teacher of the Year Robin Long in her Amerman Elementary School classroom on Oct. 25.

grades, both general classrooms and gifted and talented.

She serves on the boards of directors for the Michigan Education Credit Union and Kids 4 Afghan Kids, a nonprofit organization supplying a school, medical clinic and orphanage in Wardak, Afghanistan.

Long is married to Pat and the couple has a 12-year-old son, Pat II, a Hillside Middle School sixth-grader. The Longs opted to send their son to Northville schools under schools of choice.

"My allegiance is to Northville," she said, adding the Livonia district is also sound educationally. "The wood nickels from the state follow him." The arrangement has worked out well for the family.

Long, a 28-year educator, was pleased with the response from colleagues to her Teacher of the Year award. She had "lots of positive feedback from colleagues and also my family," including her sister, who put the news on Facebook.

"It's been a positive, welcoming experience," Long said.

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By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

For the fourth year in a row, Goody Two Shoes is helping customers put their best foot forward this holiday season.

Through Sunday, Nov. 13, the downtown Northville store, owned by Dan Argonis, is collecting kids and adult winter boots for the underprivileged via the Community Clothing Closet at Church of the Holy Family in Novi. As a reward, the store will knock \$8 off the purchase of a new pair of boots.

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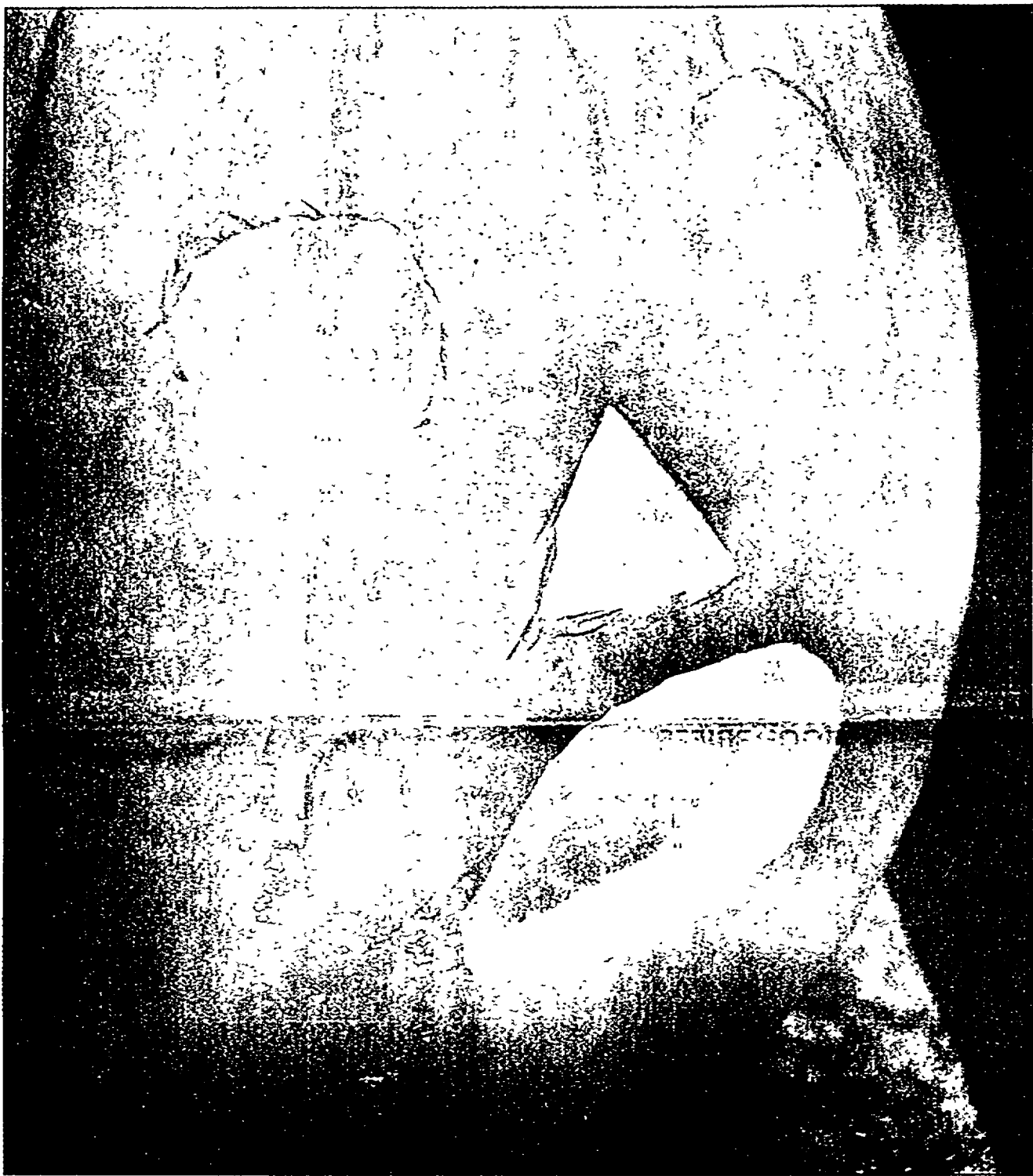
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Northville resident Joan Wadsworth patiently hands out candy to guests to her home on Halloween night.



Dressed as an important member of the Wizard of Oz gang (Dorothy) Sophie Bassin, 3, hands out candy in front of her grandmother's home along W. Main Street in Northville on Halloween night.

Halloween night in Northville



A jack-o-lantern along Dunlap St. in Northville.

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Melissa Sherry came out on Northville's halloween night as a rancher with her dogs Gotti, left, and Bella acting as her cows.



Trick-or-treaters visit a home along Dunlap Street in Northville on Halloween night.



Wyatt Lussler, 10, trick-or-treats as a serving of french fries on Halloween night.



Monica Wegienka, 15, applied her own makeup and trick-or-treated as a sort of zombie doll on Halloween night.

Two candidates unopposed for pair of school board seats

The Nov. 8 election includes two seats on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education. Two newcomers - Anita Bartschat and Scott Craig - are running for the four-year positions. Each board seat is established

through the local election process. The primary function of the seven-member board is to lead the district by establishing a balanced district budget, setting district policy, hiring district personnel, and giving leadership

to the overarching mission and vision for the schools.

Ultimately, the Board of Education is the connecting point between the local school district and the Northville community. Board of Education meetings

are held generally twice per month on Tuesday evenings. Meetings are open to the public and each meeting offers an opportunity for community members to address the Board of Education.

ANITA BARTSCHAT

Anita Bartschat

Profession: taught middle school science, math and English at private and public schools for five years in Connecticut and North Carolina

Family: husband, Mike; and children - Christoph, 15, Nicholas, 13, Alexa, 9, and John, 7

Education: Wellesley College graduate in political science and education, certified to teach secondary social studies

Related experience: Developed an organization called Christoph's All Stars, after her son was diagnosed with Leukemia in 2007, to raise funding for medical research. Active school volunteer, helped reorganize the drop-off/pick-up routine for Ridgewood Elementary, and an organizer of the Legislative Action Network, and member of the recent sinking fund study committee.

Why are you running?

I want to make a difference. Education plays an important role in our children's lives and I am very passionate about helping the, grow and learn.

My priorities shifted when I became a parent,

and I fully understand the key to unlocking a child's future is through a great education. A school board can make a huge difference if the right people are making the right decisions.

Goals

- To have no personal agenda, and just represent Northville families to the best of my ability.

- Help maintain the excellence of Northville Public Schools.

- Support the entire community.

- Give teachers all the assistance they need.

Priorities

- The International Baccalaureate program.

- Kindergarten schedule change.

Fiscal Challenges

There are various facing the district in the coming years, from the potential change in the kindergarten schedule to an increase in retirement costs. I believe the entire educational program is important for students, so I would not want to 'start hacking the limbs' of that. I would look at any inefficiency in the processes; see where we can streamline things to save time, which ends up saving money. I would also look to use our resources better with the technology that we have in place.

Scott Craig

Profession: educator for 25 years teaches history and government at Seaholm High School in Birmingham.

Education: MA in American history, Wayne State University

Family: wife, Annette Masson, associate professor, University of Michigan

Residence: Northville Township since 2004

Related experience: Within Birmingham Schools, I have served on the Education Council, two Strategic Plans, District Diversity Committee, High School Restructuring Committee, and as North Central chair at Seaholm High School; president, Northville Democratic Club; former social worker at a teen runaway shelter, Detroit Transit Alternative; legislative chair of the Birmingham Education Association; former Fulbright Scholar; taught in the Czech Republic.

Why are you running?

Northville Public Schools are the heart of what makes our community special. We have some of the best schools in the State of Michigan. Maintaining

great schools is directly linked to the quality of life and high property values of this community. As an educator I believe that I have much to contribute to the goal of maintaining excellence in our public schools. I have seen significant damage done to public education by many politicians who know very little about what it takes to educate a child and to maintain good schools. I feel that it is my duty to step forward and offer my knowledge, based on actual experience and education.

Goals:

Our children face a world of incredible challenges. The globalization process of the last 20 years has put our youth in direct competition with eager young students and workers all around the globe. While our Northville Schools are one of the top 10 rated districts in the State of Michigan, that is not good enough. As a nation we lag behind much of Europe and some of the developing world educational systems in key areas such as math and science.

Northville parents expect their children to be prepared to succeed, by entering the best universities, and

successfully competing in the difficult job market of the future. We also want our children to become well rounded in their lives and their world outlook. This means developing and maintaining schools that teach the whole child.

As a community we must honestly assess, innovate, and improve our schools. Our children need us to recognize and rise to these challenges.

Priorities:

- Prepare students for a global world.

- Smart fiscal management.

- Focus resources on the classroom. Classroom size and available resources are of concern.

- A well rounded education for every student. Students need exposure to the arts, music, engineering, foreign languages and cultures. We need to educate the whole child and help open up possibilities.

- Promote 21st century learning. We need to upgrade the district technology and promote learning that involves student inquiry and creative thinking.

Fiscal Challenges:

We are facing incredible challenges due to

diminishing resources allocated by the state to education. We have to be very smart about how we spend our resources. In addition, we need a long-term solution to properly fund public education. Certain funds were dedicated to public schools under the Proposal A constitutional amendment in 1994. In the past two years the state legislature and 2 governors have raided these funds and reallocated public school funds to help plug holes in the budget and to provide significant tax cuts to businesses. This is wrong and goes against the intent of Michigan voters who support proposal A.

As a member of our Northville School Board I hope to both spend our funds very carefully, but also help educate our community about the need to revise the state school funding formula. We need School Aid Funds to be protected and our local communities should have more control over its own destiny. Our current political structure has stripped our community of local control. With the taxes that we are paying, we should not be experiencing the funding shortages in Northville that we are experiencing.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

"It's a Wonderful Life"

The Northville High School Drama Club and NHS Stage Parents announce the sale of tickets for the Drama Club's fall production - "It's a Wonderful Life".

Show dates and times for "It's a Wonderful Life" are Nov. 10, 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and \$5 for seniors age 55 or older. You may pre-order tickets via e-mail at nhsdramatickets@comcast.net. Be sure to include your name, performance(s) you wish to attend and number of each type of ticket you are ordering. You will receive a reply with instructions on where and when you may pick up your tickets.

District announces early release days

Northville Public Schools recently announced the creation of a new plan for additional professional development and training for teachers during the 2011-2012 school year as part of the recent contract settlement with the Northville Education Association.

Work on the District's Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plans will take place during four (4) Early Release Days throughout the school year. Students will attend school during the times listed below. Transportation will be provided to and from school.

The early release days for 2011-12 will be Oct. 31; Dec. 8; Feb. 15 and May 8. Times are:

A.M. Kindergarten: 8:50-10:55 a.m.
P.M. Kindergarten: 11:40 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Elementary: 8:50 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
Middle School: 8:15 a.m.-1:07 p.m.
High School: 7:21 a.m.-12:17 p.m.
High School (Cooke): 7:50 a.m.-11:56 a.m.

Cooke School: 8:10 a.m.-12:16 p.m.
Hillside (Old Village): 8:20 a.m.-12:26 p.m.

Old Village School: 8:30 a.m.-12:36 p.m.
Extra Care childcare options will be available for students currently enrolled in Kids Club through the Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Program. For more information and registration, please visit <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood>.

Early Learning Series

Northville Public Schools presents the Early Learning Series for parents with children from birth to 5 with educational consultant Cathy Shapero as the presenter. She will provide relevant information to provide balance in your child's life to maximize learning. Workshops include:

Nov. 15-Supporting Your Child's Physical, Emotional and Intellectual Development

March 13-Understanding and Embracing Your Child's Personality and Learning Style to Maximize Learning

The workshops are free and run from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main. Free child care is provided for children 33 months and toilet trained (pre-registration required). Donations will be collected for Northville Civic Concern.

For more information or to register, please contact the Early Childhood office at (248) 344-8469.

NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS

McScholarship for Romana

The Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association (SEM-MOA) has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Amrit Romana, a Northville resident and freshman at University of Michigan. Romana is one of 17 McDonald's employees in southeastern Michigan to be awarded a scholarship by local McDonald's owner/operators in 2011.

Romana was chosen to receive the scholarship because she demonstrated a strong commitment to both her work at McDonald's and her performance in the class-

room.

The program recognizes and rewards the accomplishments of McDonald's student-employees who excel in their studies, serve their communities and work hard to deliver an outstanding experience for McDonald's customers.

Applicants for the scholarship were required to complete and submit an essay of 500 words or less and receive a recommendation from their store manager or owner/operator. The applicants also had to meet the scholarship requirement of having an excellent employment performance rating and a satisfactory grade point average. Seventeen scholarships in total were granted throughout southeastern Michigan in 2011.



Amrit Romana



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CHURCH

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

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Parenting with Love and Logic Class

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Nov. 21

Women's Bible Study

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays

Midweek program for children and youth
4:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Oct. 5

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 CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road

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

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m.

GET LISTED!

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

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

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

Women of the Word

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays through Nov. 15

Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Acts entitled "Acts of the Holy Spirit - Preparing Our Hearts for God's Lessons". There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

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 p.m. every Thursday

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville

Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up

hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings 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.

Sept 15: Single Place Sloppy Joe's & Euchre. Come play euchre or learn how as we have qualified teachers among us. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship with other singles. \$7 for the dinner & social ice cream that follows.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 205 East Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon

Contact: (248) 437-2875

Annual Rummage Sale

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11; 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 12 (\$1 bag sale 11 a.m. noon)

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Website: www.bcsouthlyon.org
Email: bcsouthlyon@comcast.net

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Northville stylist couple opens 'dream' Salon Unity

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

John Takacs has lived in Northville some 15 years, wife Pamela some 30, having grown up here and graduating from Northville High School. The longtime hair stylists opted to open their new Salon Unity in the township.

"This is our leap of faith," said John, who grew up in Dearborn Heights and graduated from Aquinas High School. Their 7-year-old son, Joseph, attends Northville Christian School, and they wanted to be close to home and the school.

"Oct. 11, our son's birthday, we opened our doors," he said. John, 42, and Pamela, 41, spent their two-decade careers as stylists at a Northville-Novi area salon and decided the time had come to venture out on their own. The salon is closed Sundays, "for family and worship, absolutely," said John of their family, active in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville where he's a deacon.

The couple praises their most recent boss, Halim Sultani of Tres Jolie in Novi. He encouraged them and kept them working until they were ready to move, unusual in their industry, Pam said.

"He would say 'Let me help you with that.' He's a great friend, a great friend," she said.

They had two stylists come with them, "people



Pamela Takacs, co-owner of Northville Township's Salon Unity, shampoos the hair of customer Linda St. Denis on Oct. 20 at the newly opened location at Haggerty and Six Mile.

who have the same vision you do, the same ethics," she said. She and John agree their business ethics and faith are key to their new business.

John is an Eastern Michigan University graduate with a bachelor's degree in clinical psychology and communications. Pam has two associate's degrees from Schoolcraft College in small business management and liberal arts.

They don't see a separation between work, fam-

ily and faith. "Our business practice is morally grounded," he said. "People want to be treated fairly and with great respect." He describes it as a "back to basics" approach.

They've been asked about going into business for themselves right now in tough Michigan times. "It's a question that everyone asks us. It's been a dream of ours for a long time now," he said. "If not now, when? You just have to close your eyes and leap.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville resident Karen Alexander gets her hair done at Northville Township's Salon Unity by co-owner John Takacs on Oct. 20. Salon Unity is located at the southwest corner of Haggerty and Six Mile.

DETAILS

Salon Unity's on the southwest corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, at 16999 Haggerty. The phone is (734) 420-0640, the website www.salonunity.com. Hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

That's what we did."

He also praises the "wonderful clientele that have been loving and supportive." One customer comes from Chicago for her hair appointments.

"We wanted to stay close to home, close to our son's school," John said. "We love Northville."

Pamela does just coloring which she notes has come a long way. Men have theirs colored in some cases now, and that's improved in recent years along with women's coloring.

"We've been really busy," said John, whose work includes cutting, styling

and perming. "We're busy and we're booked."

"It's just the point in our life where we figure now is the perfect time," she said, with their son in school all day.

They found Northville Township officials helpful. "They were so kind and helpful," Pam said. "It was a nice surprise." They plan to get involved with the chamber of commerce.

The couple worked with a salon designer for the former video store space, incorporating mostly their own ideas. Two walls are windows, letting in plenty of light even on a recent rainy day. With furnishings, they aimed for a more residential feeling, John said.

"It's a great location," he said. "We love the location." Freeway proximity is helpful for more distant clients.

Their haircuts start at \$38 and special occasion styling at \$75, which means they compete more with higher-end salons. They said the business is competitive with many such independently owned salons in the region.

Word of mouth is their best advertising, Pam said. A woman at a grocery store with a good hairstyle will often be asked where she goes for hair services.

Pam's been in Northville some 30 years now, and admits she was less appreciative as a child. "It's funny how your ideas change as you get older, you like that hometown feel," she said.

"I love living by a downtown area," her husband said. "It has a great sense of community," and is a great place to raise a family.

Salon Unity, named in part for their Christian faith, has seven staffers, including four stylists.

"It is exciting," she said of their new business venture. She'd thought it would be more stressful. "I'm very, very thankful that it has been an easy transition. It's not daunting, it's fun and I just hope and pray it continues to be this fun."

Their fax number is (734) 420-0629.

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NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Monroe Bank & Trust winner in of Governor's Service Award

Monroe Bank & Trust (MBT) was named the winner of the 2011 Michigan Community Service Commission's Governor's Service Award for Corporate Leadership on Oct. 24 at a ceremony with Governor Rick Snyder at the Gem Theatre in Detroit. MBT was one of five finalists in the corporate category.

Monroe Bank & Trust operates a branch in both Plymouth and Northville.

The Corporate Leadership Award recognizes the commitment made by all employees, both hourly and salaried, and includes corporate volunteer programs, monetary contributions, in-kind gifts, and employee-driven volunteer service. The other finalists were AT&T of Detroit, Bay Regional Medical Center of Bay City, Comerica of Detroit and the Michigan Baseball Foundation/ Great Lakes Loons/EDPN 100.9 FM of Midland.

"We are very honored to receive this recognition on behalf of the MBT employees who give so generously of their time and talents throughout each and every year. It is especially humbling to be in such prestigious company with our fellow nominees," said President and CEO Doug Chaffin.

This year's finalists were selected by a statewide peer review panel comprised of representatives from non-profit organizations, schools, businesses and the MCSC Board of Commissioners.

"Michigan is blessed to have so many volunteers who are working together to make a difference in their communities," said Governor Snyder. "Though we can never truly thank them enough for their service and for the profound impact they make in their communities, the Governors Service Awards are a way that we can recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Michigan's dedicated volunteers."

CFCU open house

Community Financial Credit Union is hosting an open house from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 to experience the credit union difference.

As a credit union, Community Financial is a not-for-profit cooperative that offers similar services as the big banks as well as personalized service and financial solutions that meet specific needs.

Visit branches in Plymouth, 500 S.

Harvey; Canton, 6355 N. Canton Center Road or 47463 Michigan Ave; Northville, 400 E. Main; or Novi, 23890 Novi Road. Enter to Win an Apple iPad during the open house hours. For more information, visit www.cfcu.org.

Michigan retailers expect good holiday sales

Nearly nine of 10 Michigan retailers expect a holiday season as good or better than last year, with more than one in three projecting their sales will rise by more than 5 percent, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

On average, retailers are forecasting a 6 percent gain for their businesses during the holiday season.

"Michigan's retail industry is generally upbeat as it prepares for the holiday season," said MRA President and CEO James P. Hallan. "Last year snapped a string of poor holiday data, and most retailers fully expect additional gains this year."

The survey showed that 54 percent expect to increase sales (35 percent of respondents by more than 5 percent and 19 percent by 5 percent or less) and 35 percent foresee no change from last year.

The International Council of Shopping Centers and National Retail Federation separately predict total U.S. retail sales will climb 2.8 percent or less for the holidays.

Michigan retailers' projections came during a month of continued sales growth.

The Michigan Retail Index for September found that 46 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 36 percent recorded declines and 18 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 57.9, up from 55.9 in August and 53.6 in July.

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

Looking forward, 45 percent of retailers expect sales during October-December to increase over the same period last year, while 24 percent project a decrease and 31 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 61.4, up from 61.1 in July.

Nationally, the U.S. Commerce Department reported that retail sales rose 1.1 percent in September.

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Meetings

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Old Village School

CITY OF NORTHVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Date: First and third Monday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

DOWNTOWN Development AUTHORITY MEETING

Date: Third Tuesday of each month

Time: 8 a.m.

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

Contact: downtownnorthville.com

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: First and third Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall

HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: First Monday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.

Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Last Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Third Thursday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Date: Second Tuesday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

Senior Events

SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Location: 303 W. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-4140

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

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11 a.m.: Cribbage

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

Friday

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie

Monday

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxyrise

11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

Tuesday

8 a.m.: Walking Club

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

Wednesday

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxyrise

11 a.m.: Strength Training

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Bridge

1 p.m.: Cribbage

7 p.m.: Bridge

CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL

Time/Days: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Location: Recreation Center at

Last harvest



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Baresford hauls a pretty big pumpkin away from the Northville Farmers' Market on Oct. 27. That day was the market's last day until May of 2012 when it'll begin its season again on the first Thursday of the month at 10 a.m.

Hillside

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

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

HEALTH WALKING

Date: Monday-Friday

Time: 8-10 a.m.

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

PILATES CLASS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

BUNCO

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month

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

FRIDAY FLICKS

Time: 1 p.m. every Friday

Details: Cost is \$1.

Library Lines

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY

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

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

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

Racing in the Rain Book Discussion for Kids

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8

Details: Have you ever wondered what your dog is thinking? Kids in 4th-6th grade join us for snacks and a chat about Garth Stein's novel *Racing in the Rain*: My Life as a Dog, a wonderful story about a seriously funny dog. Please call to register.

Picks & Sticks Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8

Details: All ages will enjoy the kaleidoscopic style of this popular string band. Hear a mixture of acoustical folk, swing, traditional, pop, jazz and ethnic songs. This program will be held at the Northville Community Center next door to the Library. Program is sponsored by the Friends of the Northville Library. Please call to register.

Drop In Evening Family Storytime

Time/Date: 7-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9

Details: Children can wear their pajamas and enjoy a lively storytime about precious pets. Best suited for children 3 and older; but all ages welcome. No registration; just drop in! Older children are also welcome to attend.

Magician Tom Plunkard's It's Magic Show

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10

Details: Brace yourself for a truly engaging, amazing and hilarious magic show. All ages welcome; 100 free tickets available five minutes before the show at the Information Desk. Tickets not available in advance.

Little Me Storytime for Little Ones

Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 11

Details: Little ones, babies to 2 years, along with parents and caregivers, enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. No registration; just drop in! Older children are also welcome to attend.

National Gaming Day

Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12

Details: All ages can enjoy an afternoon playing board and card games on National Gaming Day @ Your Library. You can also participate in Wii Super Smash Bros. Brawl free play. Just drop in.

Tween Magic Workshop

Time/Date: 4:15-5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15

Details: Tweens ages 9-12 learn amazingly simple yet simply amazing tricks to surprise friends and family. Limit 30 attendees. Call to register.

Kidz Time for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Graders

Time/Date: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17

Details: This fun after school program features stories, games and crafts. Please call to register for "Falling over Footballs."

Parks & Recreation

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

Office Location: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School)

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Date/Time: 6:30 p.m. fourth Wednesday every other month beginning in January

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

DROP IN ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Thursday; 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$4 per person

DROP IN BADMINTON

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

DROP IN PICKLEBALL

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

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

Details: \$2 per person

Time/Date: 12-3 p.m. Wednesday; 6-8 p.m. Saturday; 1-3 p.m. Sunday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

DROP IN TABLE TENNIS

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

Location: Recreation Center at

Hillside

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

DROP IN CO-ED 50+ VOLLEYBALL

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

Volunteering

ARBOR HOSPICE

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

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

Friends of the Northville District Library

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

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

Time: Day and evening training classes

Location: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield

Details: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is needed.

Contact: Mary, (800) 770-9859

Meals-On-Wheels

Date: Ongoing

Time: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Details: Permanent and substitute drivers needed.

Contact: Eileen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna (248) 348-1761

Northville Arts Commission

Time/Date: 7 p.m., second Wednesday of each month

Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady

Details: Seeking volunteers and City Commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House. Candidates need only to have a passion for expanding the arts in Northville! Committees are formed to assist in the development and facilitation of Art House educational programs, events and exhibitions. Contact: 248-344-0497; email art-houseoffice@northvillearts.org or visit www.northvillearts.org.

ABOUT ETC.

The Lists: Etc. includes Meetings; Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks and Rec; Volunteering; Support Groups; Clubs and Groups; Class Reunions; Golf Outings; and Health Events.

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

Web: Visit www.hometownlife.com to view a complete listing.

Susan B. Galli Angel Fund

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

Contact: (248) 349-2598

Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Program

Details: In as little as two to four hours a week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free, 18-hour/three-day training program is provided.

Contact: (800) 882-5720 Ext. 8361 or (248) 967-8361 or visit http://vna.org.

YWCA of Western Wayne County

Details: The YWCA is looking for volunteers to assist with office help, after-school programs, building projects, communications and marketing in various locations throughout western Wayne County.

Contact: Tabatha Manuel (313) 561-4110 Ext. 20 or tmanuel@ywca-www.org

Support Groups

ANGELA HOSPICE GROUPS

Location: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia

Contact: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

General grief support groups

Time/Date: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

Details: Open to all losses.

Loss of spouse/significant other support group

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month

Suicide loss support services

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

Heartstrings-parents who have lost a child

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

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

Grief supports quilter's group

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month

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

Women's grief support group

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

Anxiety Disorder Support Group

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Details: Aim for Recovery offers support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders and their families. Meetings consist of planned behavioral lessons and discussions. Educational material will be available. Donations for the program and materials are accepted.

Contact: Robert Diedrich at robtddrich@msn.com

Codependency Support Classes

Time/Date: Held weekly, every Tuesday night or Thursday mornings

Location: Northville.

Details: Weekly topics about codependency and issues related to all types of relationship problems and dysfunctional life style habits that can be creating unhappiness in your life.

The immigration debate

A leading voice on immigration reform and the first Muslim woman to be elected to the Michigan Legislature, Rep. Rashida H. Tlaib will discuss "Understanding the Immigration Debate" at a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 in the Forum room inside Hillsdale Middle School, located on the south-west corner of 8 Mile Road and N Center Street in Northville.

She is an outspoken activist for immigrant rights and the daughter of Palestinian immigrants. Tlaib grew up in south-west Detroit, the eldest of 14 children, and has a bachelor's degree in political science from Wayne State University and a law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Her 12th House District is located in the southwest corner of Detroit and Wayne County. Joining Rep. Tlaib on the stage will be Ryan Bates, Director of the Alliance for Immigrants Rights and Reform Michigan (AIR). AIR is a branch of the wide coalition working to reform the immigration system and support immigrant rights.

Free and open to the public, the town hall is the latest in a series sponsored by the 214-member Northville Democratic Club for the interest and education of the public.

Questions from the audience and discussion will be welcomed as time permits. For further information, contact Rashida Tlaib at rtlaib@msu.edu or (734) 420-2133.

Holiday Art Market

Buy Michigan, buy local and buy art! If you are looking for something unique for your gift giving (and receiving) this holiday season, stop by the Art House in historic downtown Northville at 215 W. Cady Street. Hand-crafted work in painting, print, making glass mosaic, fiber photography, jewelry and mixed media will be for sale by well-known local artists.

These artists have been asked to supply unique items especially, but not exclusively, for holiday gift giving. The opening reception for the seventh annual Holiday Show is 6-9 p.m. Friday and 10-4 p.m. Saturday. There will also be a book sale in the lower level gallery this night. Proceeds will benefit both the Friends of the Northville Library and the Northville Art House.

Holiday Art Market will continue through Dec. 10 with additional special activities held from 6-9 p.m. Friday Dec. 2 and

ing Northville's enchanting Candlelight Walk. Winners will be drawn for several raffle baskets of merchandise and coupons from local businesses currently on display. Tickets may be purchased up until 8 p.m. this night.

The Northville Art House will participate in Northville's Gals Night Out from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11. Begin your evening at the Art House with your girlfriends as you shop the Holiday Art Market while enjoying libations and refreshments. Art House instructor Julie Woodard will be hosting a free craft workshop during this evening's event in our lower-level classroom. Free classes by Nancy Cassel of Finger Massage will also add to the ambience.

Regular Art House hours for the Holiday Art Market are 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Saturdays and 9 a.m. on Thursdays in November and December. For more information, please call (248) 344-0397. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street, north-south of Main Street and two blocks west of Center Street and is a facility of the city of Northville.

Northville reunion in Florida

More than 30 years ago, former Northville residents who found vacationing there began the tradition of an annual reunion. This reunion is the annual February reunion held at a local location in a room in Springwood at Orlando. The reunion is held at the Northville School (located at 1100 W. Cady Street) and the reunion is held at the Northville School (located at 1100 W. Cady Street) and the reunion is held at the Northville School (located at 1100 W. Cady Street).

Community sharing of memories sharing of experiences the past and present the reunion is held at the Northville School (located at 1100 W. Cady Street).

On the last day of the reunion is scheduled, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Waterfront Inn. The Village is a popular retirement community of 85,000 residents in central Florida. In the afternoon, for the first time, the reunion will be held at the Northville School (located at 1100 W. Cady Street). The reunion is held at the Northville School (located at 1100 W. Cady Street).

Mobile Knit Shop

Another Mobile Knit Shop event has been scheduled in Northville, inside of the Arts of Inspiration at 133 Main in the Northville Square Mall from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 11 (on Nov. 11, the event will be at the Northville School (located at 1100 W. Cady Street)). The event will feature a free

Making masks



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Grace Ryba, 5, dons her "scary mask" that she's made in an Oct. 25 craft time at the Northville District Library. The library was hosting pre-Halloween projects for kids that day.



Vickie Townsend works with her daughter Kelsie, 6, in making a "scary mask" during a pre-Halloween craft time at the Northville District Library on Oct. 25.

man's Mobile Knit Shop where knitters and crocheters can get free help with an unfinished knitting or crochet project in order to complete or repurpose it. Or for those who would prefer unfinished projects can be donated, to support area charitable knitting programs.

A discount will be offered in exchange for donated yarn. Free techniques and stitches will be available.

Mobile Knit Shop brings a portable storeclassroom to area venues. Merchandise available at events includes yarns, knitting accessories and notions.

project kits, how to books and patterns as well as some finished items and gifts. A calendar of both private and public events is also available on the website.

For more information, contact Terri Rossman at (248) 421-2566 or terri@terrirossman.com.

"The Muses and Present"

The Muses, a group of independent artists from the Detroit area who gather each week to paint from live models in addition to other subjects, will have a

collection of their works on exhibit at the Village Theater in Canton Nov. 1-28.

Participating artists include Candace Brancik (Milford), Sandra Borer (Ann Arbor), Jeff Canelos (Northville), Dana Fileta (Novi), Linda Logan (Huntington Woods), Peggy Kerwan (Novi), Barbara Eiko Murphy (Northville), Kathleen O'Connell (Dearborn) and Mary Step (Novi).

The venue is located at 5040 Cherry Hill Road. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday as well as one hour prior to theater performances and during performances.

Reel Michigan Film Festival call for entries deadline April 23

After a successful premiere of Reel Michigan 2011, the Northville Art House and charity partner Northville Civic Concern will present the second annual "Reel Michigan Film Festival June 23, 2012."

Reel Michigan is now accepting Michigan-made or Michigan-themed short films (25 minutes or less, including credits) as a part of the city's popular Arts & Acts event held June 22-24. Arts and Acts is a vibrant, annual celebration of the arts in Southeast Michigan featuring art, music, film plays and more.

Reel Michigan welcomes all genres, from student films to the experimental. Industry speakers and possible workshops will be included in Reel Michigan 2012 as well as an after-party where attendees can mingle with local filmmakers, meet the crew from Northville Civic Concern and watch awards are given out for the best films in several categories.

Films will include any project filmed with any type of camera and includes digitally made films. All entries must be submitted on a DVD only. Reel Michigan will only accept entries from filmmakers who filmed their entry in Michigan or whose film is Michigan-themed. Selected films for Reel Michigan screening will be notified via email no later than May 21, 2012.

For the entry form and more information, email Lisa@ReelMichigan@gmail.com.

England and Wales Research

Learn how to locate and order vital certificates, census and parish records. Watch and discover research methods to help you in your own family searching as the Northville Genealogical Society presents an "England and Wales Research" seminar at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady.

At 15 preceding Jeffrey Mason's presentation there will be an informative roundtable discussion that explores the possibilities and cautions of sharing files on the Internet with other genealogists. The public is welcome to attend both free of charge.

Individual help on genealogy is offered by Society members in the Local History Room at the Northville District Library on Monday afternoons 1-3 p.m. and also by appointment. For more information, call Suzanne Monaghan at (734) 243-7866 or check the web site at www.vrootweb.com/mungs.

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OUR VIEWS

Nov. 8

Support school millage renewal

Local voters will decide a vital school operating millage on election day.

This is a 20.91-mills non-homestead millage that was renewed by voters in 2003. If your Northville home is your primary residence, this will have no tax impact. It applies to vacation homes, rentals, businesses and other properties that are not primary residences — and only means that those property owners will continue paying the same millage rate they are currently paying.

Vote yes, and nothing changes.

Vote no, and the Northville school district takes a blow that will be devastating. The millage means \$8 million — or 12 percent of the district's revenues. Take away those funds, combined with the funding cuts the state has already made in the last few years, and Northville will certainly lose its distinction as one of Michigan's premier districts. That money is used to operate buildings, pay staff and buy textbooks and supplies.

The state already assumes school districts will be able to collect the maximum millage allowed by law, so the state subtracts that money from the funds it gives districts via the per pupil allowance. In Northville, that millage is the equivalent of \$1,100 per student.

Although the district is seeking a 10-year renewal of 20.91 non-homestead mills, only the maximum allowable 18 mills will be levied, with the balance of the approved millage available in the event of the need for future Headlee Rollback adjustments.

The *Northville Record* recommends voter approval of the school operating millage.

School Board

Scott Craig and Anita Bartschat are running unopposed for the two open four-year seats. It's disappointing that only two individuals are willing to step up to the challenge of making difficult decisions that affect the future of local children. Yes, we're impressed that these two answered the call, but we wish others would have made it a race and given voters a choice.

Northville City Council

As a recap of our endorsements that appeared in last week's *Northville Record*, our choices for two seats on city council are incumbent Nancy Darga and newcomer Ryan McKindle. (Mayor Chris Johnson is running unopposed).

The *Northville Record* offers endorsements as a responsibility and expectation of your local newspaper. We know the issues that these candidates will face because we cover council meetings, school board meetings and this community as a whole. Most citizens don't have the time to get to know each candidate.

Our job is to meet one-on-one with candidates, ask hard questions, find out their agendas and then determine who we think would be the best person for the position. We also look at the proposals to determine the impact on the local community.

The *Northville Record* applauds ALL the candidates who ran in this election. Offering one's own time to help make this community a better place is indeed commendable. Don't ignore their efforts. We encourage all eligible voters to get to the polls Tuesday and make their choices on the ballots. Local elections like this one may not get your attention like the presidential election, for example, but the impact local leaders have on your day-to-day life is tremendous. Voting is your right and privilege — if you don't take advantage of it, your right to complain later is lost.

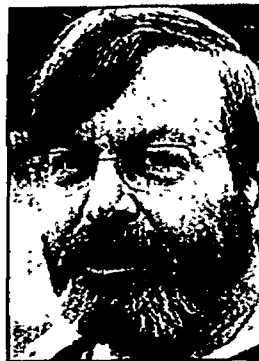
COMMUNITY VOICE

Tuesday, Nov. 8 is election day. Do you plan on voting?



"I am voting, yes. I realize that to build good communities, you need good schools and school boards."

Hugh Jordan
Redford (Northville Township firefighter)



"Yes. Absolutely. I realize how important local elections are."

Raymond Rodriguez
Northville



"I don't vote — that's just me. But I am registered."

Janice Krupp
Novi



"Yes. I'm a retired teacher, so school board elections are important to me."

Kris Frogner
Northville

LETTERS

Super support for school millage

On Nov. 8, voters in Northville will be deciding a ballot question regarding a non-homestead millage renewal request. Again, this is a renewal millage on non-homestead property only. It will add no new taxes for business, and have no tax impact to homeowners of primary residences. However, if it does not pass, Northville Public Schools will lose over \$8.2 million in revenue based on 2010 taxable values. This is the equivalent of \$1,100 per pupil.

In spite of difficult economic times in the state and nation over the last several years, our community leaders have done a good job of maintaining the quality of life and quality of education in Northville.

Going forward, let's make sure they have the resources needed to continue to educate our children consistent with the ideals that make us such a great community.

I will be voting yes on Nov. 8 and encourage others to do so as well.

Mark J. Abbo
Northville Township Supervisor

Schools need millage renewed

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, Northville Public Schools voters will be asked to renew a previously approved 20.91 mills non-homestead millage that comprises approximately \$8 million of the school district's annual operating budget.

What is this exactly? It is a renewal (no new taxes) on businesses, rental properties, vacation homes and any other properties in the Northville School District which are not primary residences. Last renewed in 2003, the millage would be renewed for a 10-year period, beginning in July 2012.

But, you ask, didn't we just approve a capital improvement (sinking fund) millage on May 3, 2011? Yes, we did. But a sinking fund is limited in how it can be used. It is restricted to: 1) high priority facility repairs directed toward safety concerns (buckling carpet, uneven sidewalks and soft surface installation in play areas); 2) facility or system replacement (boiler or mechanical rooms, gym floors, roof repairs); 3) facility or building improvements (HVAC, upgrading interior lighting to energy efficient fixtures); and 4) technology infrastructure upgrades, which does not include equipment or software.

The non-homestead millage can be used for operating expenditures: to meet staff payrolls, purchase textbooks and

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classroom supplies, and operate the school's buildings. It allows the district to sustain the educational programs we are known and admired for. The current renewal equates to 12 percent of the district's yearly budget.

How does the millage work? When the voters passed Proposal A in 1994, it allowed the state to provide a majority of the funding for our school districts through a per pupil foundation allowance. But in order to receive full funding from the state, school districts were given the authority to levy and collect on non-homestead property located in its district, providing more equity among schools districts and more school accountability. The current millage of 20.91 mills works out to about \$1,100 per pupil, and as long as this can be collected, the state will pay the balance of the funding, for a total of \$8,019 per pupil. But if the district cannot collect the \$1,100 through the non-homestead millage, the state won't make good on the full funding. Thus, the district will lose \$8 million from its operating budget.

Prior to our move to Northville in 2004, immediate family members living in the southeast Michigan area all told us the same thing — if you want the best public schools, live in Northville. We continue to see our schools rank highest in the state in all measurement formats. I, personally, would like to continue our fine reputation of outstanding academic achievement by voting "YES" on Nov. 8. Won't you join me?

Cyndy Jankowski
Northville

Renew the non-homestead millage

In these times of budget and services cuts, Northville Public Schools voters must ensure that additional funds are not lost from the schools' budget and go to the polls on Nov. 8 to renew the previously approved non-homestead millage. This millage comprises \$8 million of the Northville schools' annual operating budget and in these times every dollar, let alone such significant dollars, count.

It is important to note that by voting in favor of the non-homestead millage renewal, there are no added taxes for businesses, and no tax impact to homeowners of primary residences. In other words, we all simply continue to pay the same millage rate we pay now, while maintaining that vital school funding. Indeed, the state assumes that all districts levy the maximum allowable millage, and by making that assumption, it will not compensate the district for lost revenues if the millage does not pass. Thus, if this millage is not renewed, Northville Public Schools will lose over \$8 million in revenue. That is a cut our schools, our students and our community simply cannot afford.

Vote to renew the non-homestead millage!

Kerry Reith
Novi

Here they go again

The Republicans didn't win the 2010 election in Michigan. The Democrats did. The Democrats won the election for the Republicans by staying home and not going to the polls. The simple truth is that, in Michigan, if Democrats vote, they win.

Why did Democrats stay home? The Republicans, with their endless supply of money, through their media blitz and dishonest ads, convinced Democrats that Republicans were going to win and that and going to the polls would be useless.

They are doing it again!

The propaganda, this time, is that Obama is going to be a one-term president, a goal D.C. Republicans actually expressed was their number one priority — not jobs.

"I voted for him in 2008, but I'm not going to vote for him again". (Have you seen that TV ad yet?) Republicans have already started the media blitz. Michigan is a pivotal state for both parties. Don't be sucked in.

Remember how we felt in 2008 when Obama won? We can all feel that way again. Let's not let the Republicans win by default in 2012.

Allyn Ravitz
Commerce Township

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Library goes to the dogs for a day to promote reading program

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Enzo would have loved to see the pet adoptions at the Salem-South Lyon District Library recently.

Three cats and one dog were adopted through the Furry Friends Pet Adoption open house Oct. 22 at the library, which is part of a Neighborhood Library Association plan to get people in five communities to read and talk about the book, "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by award winning author and documentary filmmaker Garth Stein. The book's main character, Enzo, is a soulful dog who tells the reader his insights about life, human behavior, death and the afterlife.

The Neighborhood Library Association, which also involves libraries in Lyon Township, Northville, Novi and Wixom. The goal of the NLA's Community Reads program is to bring residents together to read and discuss the same book, as well as attend related events and presentations. Enzo educated himself by watching television and listening to his master Denny Swift, an up and coming race car driver.

The reader learns that navigating life's issues is a lot like the techniques needed on the race track.

"It was a great way to bring all the communities together for a common purpose of reading," explained Lindsay Leiver, SSLDL public relations coordinator. "It was a good book choice for all



South Lyon resident Kathryn Kopko, 9, gets acquainted with a couple of the pets that were up for adoption.



Furry Friends Pet Adoption brought some of its animals to an Oct. 22 open house at the Salem-South Lyon District Library, as part of the Neighborhood Library Association's reading program revolving around the book, "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by award winning author and documentary filmmaker Garth Stein.

ages."

Other events in this program included separate adult, teen and youth discussions; a visit from a pet psychic; information about pet first aid and health care; and the final event, Pedal to the Metal: The World of Drag Racing, which will be from 7-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3

The public is also invited to meet Stein from 7-8 p.m. at the Novi Public Library. Registration is required for the author visit.

The Novi Public Library can be reached at (248) 349-0720 for more information.

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Katie Young gives "Bella" a hug during the Furry Friends Pet Adoption open house Oct. 22 at the Salem-South Lyon District Library.

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Golden Gala kicks off Schoolcraft's 50th anniversary celebrations

Throughout the 2011-12 academic year Schoolcraft College will host a variety of events and sponsor a number of activities in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the college's founding on Oct. 24, 1961.

On Oct. 22, the celebration began in earnest with more than 900 people attending The Golden Gala: Ever Upward event on the college's main campus in Livonia.

The evening started with the opportunity for attendees to take a tour of the campus to experience how much has changed in the past 50 years. "What started out as a cornfield now is a bustling campus with 36,000 students, 10 buildings, all filled with state-of-the-art classrooms and labs, and the technology needed to support learning in the 21st century,"

said Gregory Stempin, chair of the board of trustees.

Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, said it is important for the school to reflect on its 50-year history and success. "Because of the commitment of faculty, staff, administration and, most importantly, the community, we have provided education and training for tens of thousands of people across Michigan and throughout the world, including many of the leading professionals working in our community today."

"As we look forward to our next 50 years, we continue to find innovative ways to educate and inspire students to achieve more than they thought possible."

A welcome reception featuring hors d'oeuvres sponsored by

the college's renowned culinary arts program was followed by opening ceremonies. In addition to several proclamations from local, state and federal institutions, Schoolcraft College's Choral Union performed the college's hymn, *Look Ever Upward*, under the direction of Jonathan Drake. The 25th Anniversary Time Capsule was opened and the 50th Anniversary Time Capsule was sealed. Items in the time capsule from 25 years ago included an IBM PC operating manual and a newspaper from Oct. 24, 1986, with a headline reporting record profits for Ford Motor Co. A specially commissioned piece of artwork, commissioned by Sarah Olsen, professor of art at Schoolcraft, was unveiled.

Following a strolling dinner and international coffee bar presented by the college's Culinary Arts program and Food Services, the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Riccardo Selva, and local favorite, Fifty Amp Fuse, provided entertainment and the opportunity for dancing until midnight.

A highlight of the evening occurred at 10 p.m. with the lighting and



PHOTOS BY STEVE FECHT

The VisTaTech Center was magically transformed into a venue fit for a Golden Gala celebration.



Brenda Cronin, nursing instructor, demonstrates the realism of Baby Hal during the campus tours prior to the start of the Golden Gala. Baby Hal is a simulation mannequin used in the Health Professions Simulation Lab for training nursing and EMT/paramedic students on the treatment of infants.

ceremonial ringing of the college's famous Bell Tower. A musical lightshow featuring Aaron Copeland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*, performed by the Schoolcraft College Synthesizer, under the direction of Barton Polot, capped off the official activities for the night at the base of the tower at 10 p.m.

Throughout the evening guests visited the special 50th Anniversary Historical Exhibit Hall, sponsored by alumna Dr. Gary Gable and his wife, Lisa. Featured were 10 special

displays highlighting the evolution of the college's Athletics, Business Development Center, Children's Center and Child and Family Services Department, Continuing Education and Professional Development, Culinary Arts, Mathematics Department, Nursing, Public Safety (Criminal Justice, Fire Technology, EMT/Paramedic and Homeland Security), Sciences, and Transition Center, in addition to the early years of the college and the college in general through the past 50 years.

Gable, the college's Distinguished Alumni honoree in 2010, said of the celebration, "It is really impossible to say what the best part of the celebration is. I think that overall the collective impact this wonderful institution has had on so many former students who came here not knowing what their future held and the direction they received is the best part."

"We have 12 people in our group tonight, five of whom have direct ties to the college as students themselves or their children are graduates," said Gable. "We are all so proud and excited by this opportunity to show off this wonderful institution to our friends and family this evening."

The Golden Gala event marks the beginning of a year-long celebration of the college's contribution to the community.

A complete listing of all the events and activities celebrating Schoolcraft College's 50th anniversary throughout the entire 2011-12 academic year can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu/50.

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Marijuana possession

A 25-year-old Northville man was arrested for marijuana possession after police observed a baggie with the illegal drug in plain sight inside the vehicle he was driving.

On Oct. 25, Northville Township police stopped the vehicle for an expired license plate tag near Seven Mile and Northville roads. Initially, the reporting officer stated detecting the odor of marijuana inside the vehicle upon making contact with the man and his passenger, a 25-year-old Northville woman.

A check on the driver came back that he had a suspended license, and as the officer went back to talk with him, the baggie was then observed inside. He was cited for both offenses.

Trespassing

A Halloween weekend brought out more Seven Mile Road property trespassers. Multiple individuals were found trespassing on Oct. 28, 30 and 31 on the Northville Township-owned property. The first incident involved three men who said they parked at Ward Church on Six Mile Road and then walked north toward Wayne Road. It was there that they were discovered by police.

The other incidents involved a total of four people who said curiosity and picture taking is what brought them to the closed down psychiatric hospital.

Open intoxicant in vehicle

A 59-year-old Northville man was ticketed for having an open beer in his car after police found him asleep in his parked car.

Northville Township police discovered the man sleeping while parked in the lot of the Six and Park Party Store. After knocking on the window to wake the man up and speaking with him, the police report stated the man and car smelled of intoxicants. An open beer was observed in the center console.

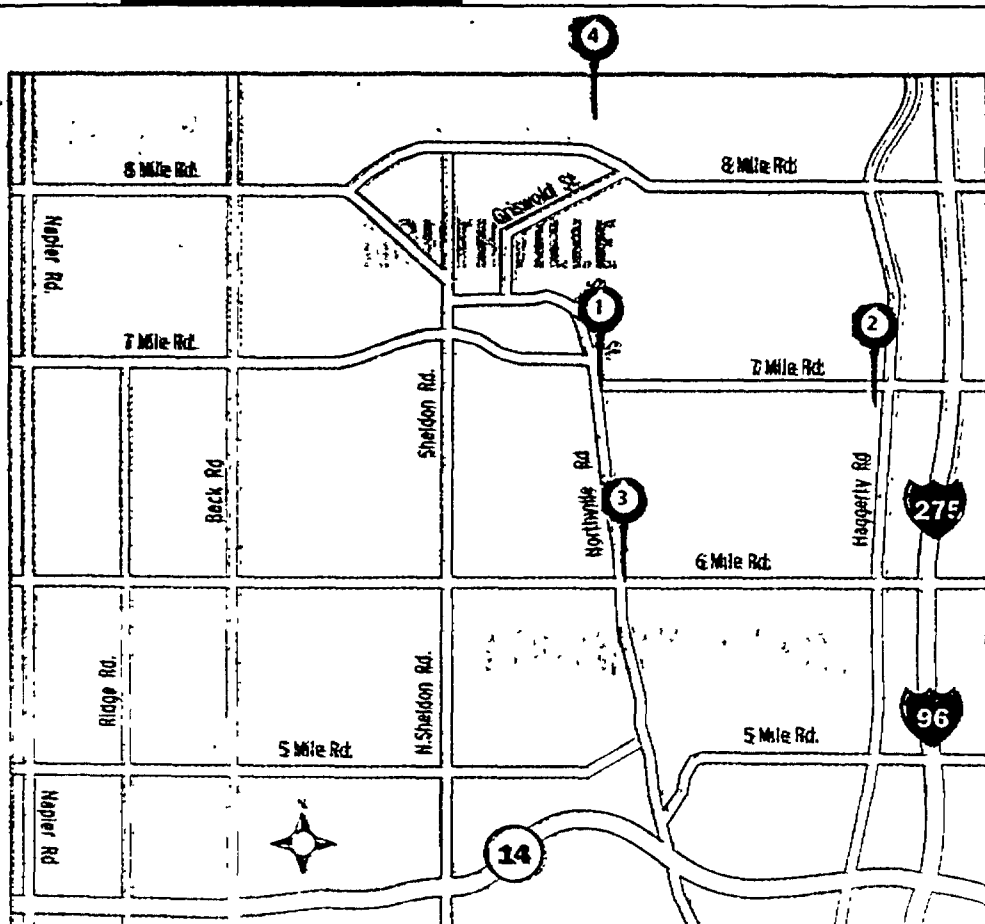
Driving while license revoked

A Taylor man was stopped for speeding on Oct. 30, and after a check on him he ended up being arrested for driving with a revoked license and cited for having an open beer in his vehicle.

A Northville city police officer was running radar checks on Novi Road and observed the man's truck was going over the speed limit.

He was stopped at Allen Drive, and upon making contact with him the police reported smelling alcohol inside the truck. The 49-year-old man admitted to having at least four beers that day, but police found him not to be intoxicated. He also said he had no license and had several past alcohol-related offenses.

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William P. Hampton

Best Lawyers, a peer-review publication in the legal profession, has named William P. Hampton as the "Detroit Best Lawyers Municipal Law Lawyer of the Year" for 2012.

Hampton, a former Oakland County Circuit Court Judge and state legislator, has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1995 in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Family Law, Land Use and Zoning, Real Estate Law, and Municipal Law. He is currently serving as attorney for the Cities of Bloomfield Hills and Auburn Hills and for the townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield. He is also currently serving as special counsel for the cities of Pontiac and Royal Oak. Hampton is a member of the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys, Mich-



William Hampton

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"We continue to believe—as we have believed for more than 25 years—that recognition by one's

peers is the most meaningful form of praise in the legal profession," said Steven Naifeh, president of Best Lawyers. "We would like to congratulate William P. Hampton on being selected as the 'Detroit Best Lawyers Municipal Law Lawyer of the Year' for 2012."

Darlene Zimmer

Darlene Zimmer has joined Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel (CBWM) as sales manager of their Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti office. Zimmer comes to CBWM from Real Estate One in Novi. She has 12 years of experience as a Realtor, with nearly \$60 million in residential sales transactions. She is a 13-year resident of Northville.

"Darlene is a focused and competitive leader and brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge," said John North, CBWM chief operating officer. "We are very pleased that she has joined our leadership team."

Detroit Cool



JULIE YOLLES

The theme of the 18th Annual Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's Partners Gala was "Detroit Cool" as a tribute to honoree Kid Rock and the Kid Rock Foundation at Ford Field. Stations throughout Ford Field included local favorites—Faygo pop, Vernor's Floats, Better Made potato chips, Bad Ass Beer and elephant ears—which were served up by (left) Vicky Biselas of Flat Rock to Katie Bischoff of Northville along with worker Frank Biselas of Flat Rock.

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Dr. Victoria Dooley outside her Novi Road clinic.



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Doctor opens first practice in Northville area

Free flu shots offered to first 24 people

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

There is a new doctor in town.

Dr. Victoria Dooley, a board certified family medicine physician and recent graduate of the McLaren Medical Group, opened her first practice Northville-Novi Family Medicine on Novi Road, just south of Nine Mile Road.

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ley-Sinai Hospital, and is the lone doctor at her practice.

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Dr. Victoria Dooley does a check up on Melissa Santhony in her new Novi Road office. Dooley's practice is located at 21580 Novi Road and she is offering free flu shots to the first 24 people.

time during normal business hours that will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

She also is implementing e-appointments to handle urgent care issues that do not require the patient

to come into the office.

To celebrate her opening, Dooley is giving free flu shots to the first 24 patients who visit the office located at 21580 Novi Road, suite 200.

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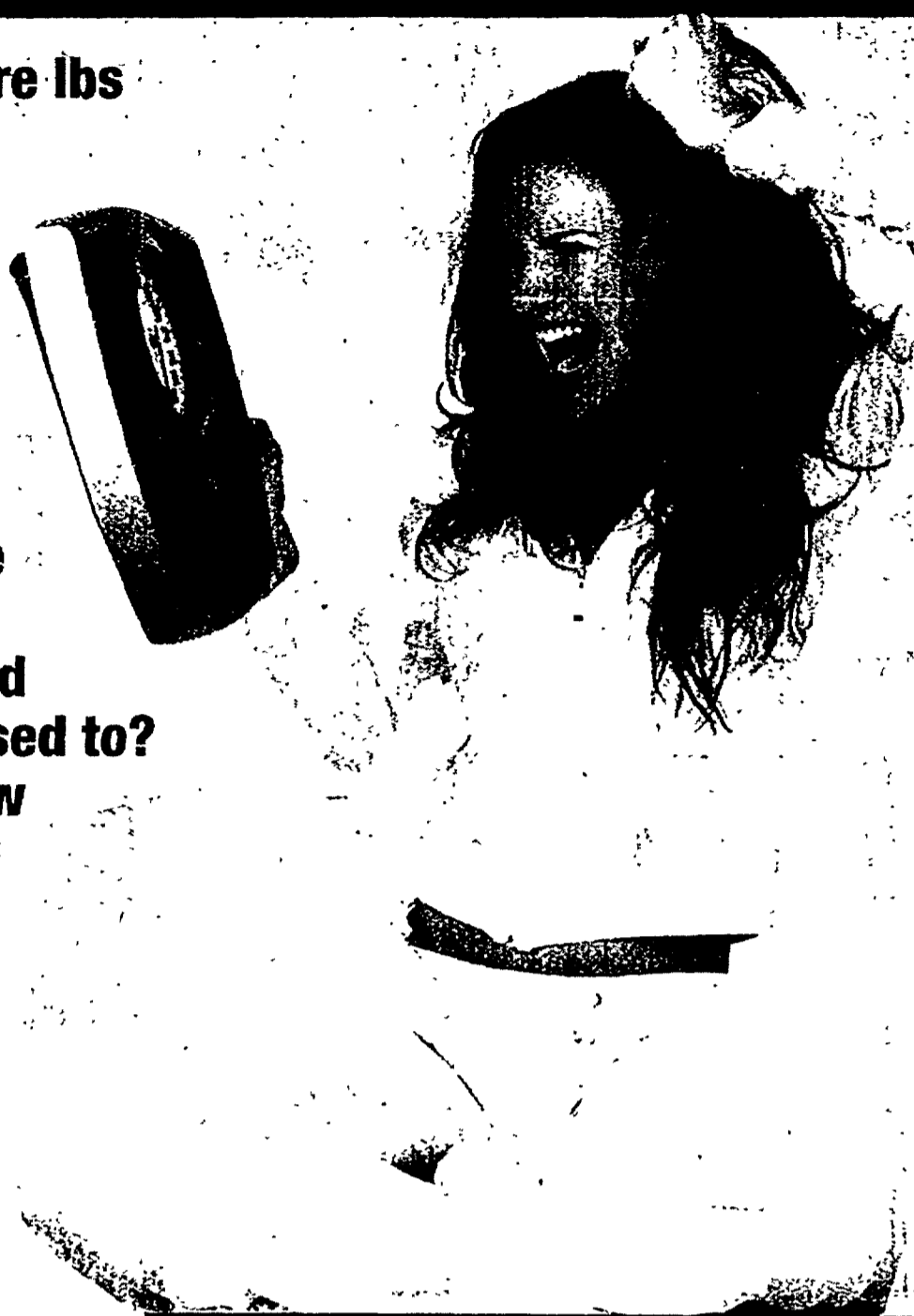
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Northville Mustang running back Brandon Love is wrapped up for a loss by CC's Garrett Wiska during the team's Oct. 29 game at Catholic Central. CC won 56-6 and will advance in the playoffs to host Canton High at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. For more photos of the CC-Northville game please see page B3.

Shamrocks cruise past Northville

First-round playoff game ends in a rout

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It wasn't the game anyone expected when Northville and Detroit Catholic Central squared off last Saturday — well, maybe it was the game the Shamrocks were looking for.

With each team heading into the game with an 8-1 record and both squads making their ability to score very clear all season long, it appeared, on paper, that the game was likely going to be a shootout.

When the smoke cleared, it was the Catholic Central Shamrocks who did most of the shooting as they walked away with a 56-6 victory. They will now play Canton in the second round.

"It is unfortunate that Saturday's outcome was not indicative of the success our team experienced this season," said Northville coach Matt Ladach after the game. "I am very proud of our team, and I am proud of their accomplishments."

For Catholic Central, the victory is the first step in achieving their next goal — a state championship. In the beginning of the year, Shamrocks helmsman Tom Mach said his squad was after the Central Division title — which they did not obtain — followed by the Catholic High School League championship and then the state title. They achieved success in the CHSL title hunt, and now hope to repeat their success.

In the game against Northville, the Shamrocks looked poised to be the best team in the state, playing nearly infallible football in the first two quarters as they scored touchdowns on four of its first five possessions to take a 28-6 half-time lead.

The team punched out 253 yards in the first half and brought out more air power than they have throughout the rest of the season. Quar-



Shamrock David Racey leaps high to deflect a pass to Mustang Andrew Poterala on Oct. 29.

terback Kyle Cooper hit his favorite target, Matt Doneth, on a 40-yard score with just over 4:30 left in the first half to make it a 21-6 game. Halfback Anthony Darkangelo got in on the passing game, too, throwing a pass to David Racey for a 13-yard score to make it 28-6 with just under a minute left in the second quarter.

Northville looked strong to start the game, gaining almost 70 yards on its first drive to score on a nine-yard jaunt by quarterback Jeff Gertley. Jeff Sims missed the extra point to make it an 8-6 game.

That was the last time the Mustangs would see the end zone, putting up just 42 yards over the next four possessions heading into halftime.

Catholic Central was led by Alex Kozlowski on the ground as he picked up 71 yards and two touchdowns on seven carries. He was one of eight running backs in the CC offense that picked up a total of 249

yards on the ground. Kyle Cooper went 5-for-6 passing for 145 yards — including a 4-of-5 performance for 118 yards in the first half.

Northville followed Gertley in offensive production as he picked up 67 yards through the air with a 10-for-23 performance and another 54 yards on the ground on 14 attempts. Brandon Love added 24 yards on 13 attempts. Brett MacDonald had 11 tackles on defense for the Mustangs.

While Catholic Central looks to this weekend for their next game, Northville looks to the 2012 season.

"This loss hurts badly, and I am bitter," said Ladach. "I don't like being pushed around, and we were on Saturday. However, the off-season starts now, and an emphasis will be made on getting bigger and stronger. I am confident that our players feel the same way, and we will welcome the challenges that await us in 2012."

History in the making

Girls harriers capture first-ever regional title

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Coming into this season, Northville girls cross country coach Nancy Smith knew she had some very special runners on her team.

If those individual runners could come together, push themselves and strive to be the best, then the team, as a whole, could be great.

Not only did those Mustangs come together all season long, they pushed themselves to be the best in school history last week as they became the first-ever girls cross country squad at Northville to earn a regional championship.

"We talked all week about what we had to do to win the region and they did exactly that and better," said Smith.

Northville outlasted the stiff competition as they used their pack-running technique to score 66 points for the victory. Taking second was Brighton, which finished with 100 points.

The race was extremely competitive with 17 runners turning in times under 19 minutes — of course it helped that the conditions last Saturday were pretty much perfect for distance running. Northville took advantage of that, running at their top speed and setting career-best performances across the board.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls cross country team will race in the state finals Saturday in Brooklyn at the Michigan International Speedway.

Sophomore standout Rachel Coleman led the way for the Mustangs as she took seventh overall in 18:42. Right behind her in 13th was Taleen Shahrighian, who ran an 18:48, while senior Gina McNamara turned in an 18:51 for 14th place. Finishing in 15th was Erin Dunne, who ran an 18:53, while Erin Zimmer took 17th in 18:59. Allison Robinson was 18th in 19:04 and Katie Vandervoort was 19th in 19:06.

"The most impressive part of the day was the way these seven girls ran today, working together as one the entire race and maintaining close contact with each other the entire time," said Smith.

The spread between the top seven was only 43 seconds and between first and fifth was 17 seconds.

"All seven of them ran a great race and I am so proud of what they accomplished," Smith said.

The Mustangs will be shooting for a top spot in the finals, which features teams from across the Lower Peninsula.



LYNNE MOSTELLER

The Northville Mustangs girls cross country team earned a regional championship last week with an elite squad of runners. Pictured are (from left) Allison Robinson, Katie Vandervoort, Erin Zimmer, Erin Dunne, Gina McNamara, Rachel Coleman, Taleen Shahrighian and Coach Nancy Smith.

Three to represent boys squad at finals

Tough regional keeps Mustangs from qualifying as a team

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

In what could be considered one of the top regionals in the state of Michigan this year, the Northville Mustangs knew they would have to turn in some impressive times in order to make a trip to the state finals.

Impressive times were indeed run and while the Mustangs did not make the cut as a team, they did manage to qualify three individuals for the finals.

"Obviously, we are disappointed to not have a team at MIS, but taking three individuals from Regional 6 is incredible," said Chris Cronin, the team's coach.

Sophomore Dan Sims, senior Edward Clifton and freshman Nick Noles all earned a berth to the finals thanks to some impressive running.

ON TAP

Northville's three runners will compete in the state finals Saturday at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Sims finished in sixth place overall, running a 15:41.51.

"I talked to Dan after his win at the KLAAs championships and we felt that 15:40s was a 'doable' time for him on the Huron Meadows course," said Cronin. "What we have seen all year with Dan is his ability to race with the best. When Dan runs, he combines talent, preparation and a competitive drive that you only find in elite runners."

Clifton proved that he is more than a track standout this season and, coming off

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Northville Prep Hockey finishes fall season on a hot streak

The fall season is over for the Northville Prep Hockey Team and the Mustangs have reason to be optimistic about the upcoming winter campaign.

That's because the Mustangs finished with a 9-5 record, including winning six of their last seven games and outscoring their opponents 48-15 over that stretch.

Northville will open the 2011-12 winter season Nov. 9 at 8:30 p.m. against Novi at Novi Ice Arena.

Farmington United 3, Northville 1

The Mustangs wasted no time in playing a tough opponent as they opened their fall season Sept. 10 against Farmington Unified, a team comprised of players from Farmington Harrison and North Farmington. Northville held the Flyers scoreless until they picked up three goals in the second period. Dominic DiComo scored the lone Mustang goal with just over two minutes remaining off of passes from Ryan Bloom and Taylor Turner.

Northville 5, Novi 1

Northville earned its first victory of the season on Sept. 11 by beating Novi 5-1. Tim Eis started the scoring just 17 seconds into the game when he converted a pass from DiComo. Alex Ridener upped the score to 2-0 less than 90 seconds later with an assist to Cameron Layne. Christopher Tripi and Nicky Stegmeyer each added unassisted goals midway through the second period to increase the cushion to 4-0. Bloom closed the scoring in the third period with assists to Henry Chang and Eis. Goalie Nick Zalewski recorded the win.

Brighton JV 8, Northville 2

The Brighton JV team showed why it's going to be one of the top teams in the state as it handed Northville an 8-2 setback on Sept. 14. Brighton dominated the game from the start, tallying three goals in each of the first two periods. Sean O'Malley finally put the Mustangs on the board early in the third period when he blasted in a 25-foot



BOB TRIPI

Tim Eis (right) and Ryan Bloom (left) have been helping power the offense for the Northville Prep Hockey Team which won six of its last seven games. The Mustangs finished the fall season with a 9-5 record.

slap shot. O'Malley later set up Kellan Flayer in the closing minutes with Northville's only other score. Brighton outshot Northville 42-15, including 21-1 in the first period.

Salem 8, Northville 5

Northville ended up in an offensive shootout with Salem on Sept. 18 but came up on the wrong end of an 8-5 decision. After giving up an early goal, the Mustangs scored the next three goals to take a 3-1 lead in the first period. Layne started the scoring when he tipped in a shot from the point by Troy Youmans. Tripi then put the Mustangs ahead with an assist to Stegmeyer. Bloom and Chang then set up Eis for the next goal. Salem responded with four goals to jump back in front 5-3. Tripi notched his second goal of the game to cut the margin to 5-4 in the second period. After Salem went back up by two goals in the third period, Youmans tipped in a shot from Eis to cut it back to one. However, Salem scored an empty-net goal with 1:40 left to seal the win.

Northville 7, Hamilton Southeast 0

In the opening game of the Midwest Fall Classic Tournament, Bloom exploded for four goals to power Northville to a 7-0 win over Hamilton (Ind.) Southeast on Sept. 30. Bloom scored twice in the first period and added a pair in the third. Drake Eaton and Eis each

had goals in the second period, and Tyler Marcotte started the scoring in the third period when he converted a pass from Stegmeyer. Zalewski was the winning goalie.

Northville 5, Hartland Blue 1

The offense continued to surge in the second game of the Midwest Fall Classic Tournament on Oct. 1 as Northville breezed to a 4-1 win over the Hartland Blue team. Tripi started off the scoring in the second period when tallied off a breakaway. Bloom broke a 1-1 tie at 11:59 of the third period with an unassisted goal. He then set up DiComo for the third Northville goal. Stegmeyer added a score less than a minute later. Ridener closed the scoring with an empty-netter. Jeremy Onofrio notched the win in goal.

Salem 3, Northville 2

For the third straight game, the Mustangs outshot and outplayed their opponent but this time they fell short 3-2 to Salem on Oct. 1 at the Midwest Fall Classic Tournament. Bloom put Northville up 1-0 off a pass from Eis at 13:07 of the second period but Salem tied it up on the power play less than a minute later. Salem added two goals in the third period to build a 3-1 cushion. DiComo fed Eis in front of the net with 51 seconds left to cut the margin to a goal, but Northville could not get the equalizer despite pulling the goalie.

Northville 10, Pinckney 3

Bloom registered a hat trick and Eis had four assists on Oct. 9 as Northville hammered Pinckney 10-3. Bloom tied the game early in the first period when he poked in a rebound in front of the net. After Pinckney regained the lead off a power-play goal, the Mustangs blew the game open. Layne scored with 62 seconds left in the first period to tie it at 2. Bloom scored his second goal during a man advantage 3:48 into the second period. Northville added single second-period goals from Flayer, Bloom, and Stegmeyer and two from DiComo. In the final period, the Mustangs closed out the scoring with tallies by Tripi and Chang. Onofrio who played the final two periods earned the win in goal.

Howell #1 Prep 5, Northville 4

The outlook looked pretty promising when DiComo took the opening faceoff and scored off a breakaway just 6 seconds in the game, but the outcome was a 5-4 loss to Howell #1 Prep on Oct. 14. After Howell tied it later in the period, Marcotte and Eis scored to put the Mustangs up 3-1. Howell came back with two goals in the second period and two in the third to jump ahead 5-3. Bloom pulled Northville within 5-4 with 22 seconds remaining but the Mustangs could not get the equalizer.

Northville 8, Bay Area 3

Northville's offense was too much for the Bay Area Thunder on Oct. 16 as the Mustangs rolled to an 8-3 win. O'Malley gave Northville a brief 1-0 lead with 4:50 left in the opening period before the Thunder evened it a few minutes later. The Mustangs responded with four straight goals in the second period to take command. Eis tallied twice along with single goals from Flayer and Chang. Two goals by Bay Area cut it to 5-3 but DiComo, Eis and Bloom each picked up third-period scores to put it out of reach.

Northville 8, Brighton Prep 1

The Mustang offense kept pouring out the goals just 24

hours later as it they beat Brighton Prep 8-1. Bloom scored the first two goals of the game followed by a single tally from Eis. Brighton got their only score late in the second period. Tripi, Flayer and Layne then capped the scoring with single goals.

Northville 3, Hartland Gold 1

Northville stretched its win streak to three games with a hard-fought 3-1 victory over Hartland Blue. The Mustangs jumped out to a 2-0 advantage on first-period goals by DiComo and Stegmeyer. Hartland cut the deficit in half but Eis sealed the win with an empty-netter in the final seconds.

Northville 8, Hartland Blue 1

The Mustangs completed a sweep of both Hartland prep teams with a convincing 8-1 win over Hartland Blue on Oct. 23. Northville again built an early lead on goals by DiComo, Eis and Marcotte. DiComo picked up scores late in the second period and midway through the third to push the lead to 5-1. Eis, O'Malley and Stegmeyer finished the scoring in the final 3:33.

Northville 7, Orchard Lake St. Mary's JV B 4

Northville wrapped up the fall season on Oct. 30 with a 7-4 victory over Orchard Lake Saint Mary's JV B team. DiComo again scored the first goal of the game and was followed by Bloom and Flayer to push the Mustangs up 3-0. OLSM got on the scoreboard in the second period but Northville followed with goals by Bloom, Eaton and Eis. OLSM pulled within 6-4 late in the third period but Tripi added an insurance goal into the final ten.

The fall team was comprised of Ryan Bloom, Tim Eis, Nicky Stegmeyer, Kellan Flayer, Christopher Tripi, Drake Eaton, Sean O'Malley, Troy Youmans, Alex Ridener, Cameron Layne, Dominic DiComo, Taylor Turner, Tyler Marcotte, Nick Zalewski, Jeremy Onofrio, Henry Chang, Nick Strom and Shane Gregory.

— Submitted by Bob Tripi

Shamrocks have tough game ahead against Canton

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catho-

lic Central Shamrocks should be excited for the fact that they are playing Canton in this week's dis-

trict playoff game.

Historically speaking, it's been a matchup that has bodied well for the CC gridders. The last time the two teams met was in 2009 when the Shamrocks earned an overtime win, 31-24, in the regional final. The Catholic Central squad went on to win

a state championship.

In 2003, the Shamrocks defeated the Chiefs, 38-7. They then went on to win a state title. In 2002, it was a 24-7 victory over the Chiefs before the Shamrocks went on to claim the championship. In 1990, the first time the two teams ever played, Cath-

olic Central took a 35-22 victory before marching to a state crown.

The Shamrocks, who have 10 state titles to their coach's credit, will host Canton (8-2) in the district final this Saturday at 1 p.m.

Canton's two losses this year came from Livonia Churchill, 27-26, and Plymouth, 31-30. They avenged the latter loss last week when they beat the Wildcats, 24-21, on a game-winning field goal to advance in the state

tournament.

Of Canton's victories this year, four have come against teams that made the playoffs.

The Chiefs have traditionally had an offense similar to that of Catholic Central with big linemen up front making holes for speedy running backs. Both teams also boast strong defenses.

Catholic Central has averaged 29.1 points per game while holding their foes to just 8.2 points per game.

BOYS

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an illness that has hampered him in the past few weeks, placed himself in 11th overall with a 15:54.82.

"Timing is everything," said Cronin. "We got 'Neddy' back just in time. His third at the KLAA and 11th at Regional 6 in Brighton were huge. We spent more time on the track this week and you could see Edward's confidence increase with each workout. I knew he would race well at the Regional after Wednesday's workout. I'm thrilled for him. He really is a complete runner and now he gets to showcase that on the biggest state of the season."

Noles, who has started to be known simply as "Nick the Quick," continued his incredible freshman campaign by finishing 13th overall with a 15:57.69.

"I expected the 15th regional place to sort out around 16:04, but with perfect weather conditions, times were going to be ridiculously fast," said Cronin. "Nick ran so well at KLAA, and his proximity to Edward, made me consider the possibilities — what if Nick ran the perfect race?"

Noles ran out around the 25th place to start the race and then began to move his way through the back at the 3,000-meter mark. At 4,000 meters, he was in a position to do some damage and qualify for the finals.

"There's no let up in Nick, and, with 350 meters left, he moved up right behind Edward," said Cronin. "At that point, I knew he was on his way to MIS. Last year, I felt that Dan was the best freshman not running at the state finals. This year, the best freshman will be there — and his name is Nick Noles."

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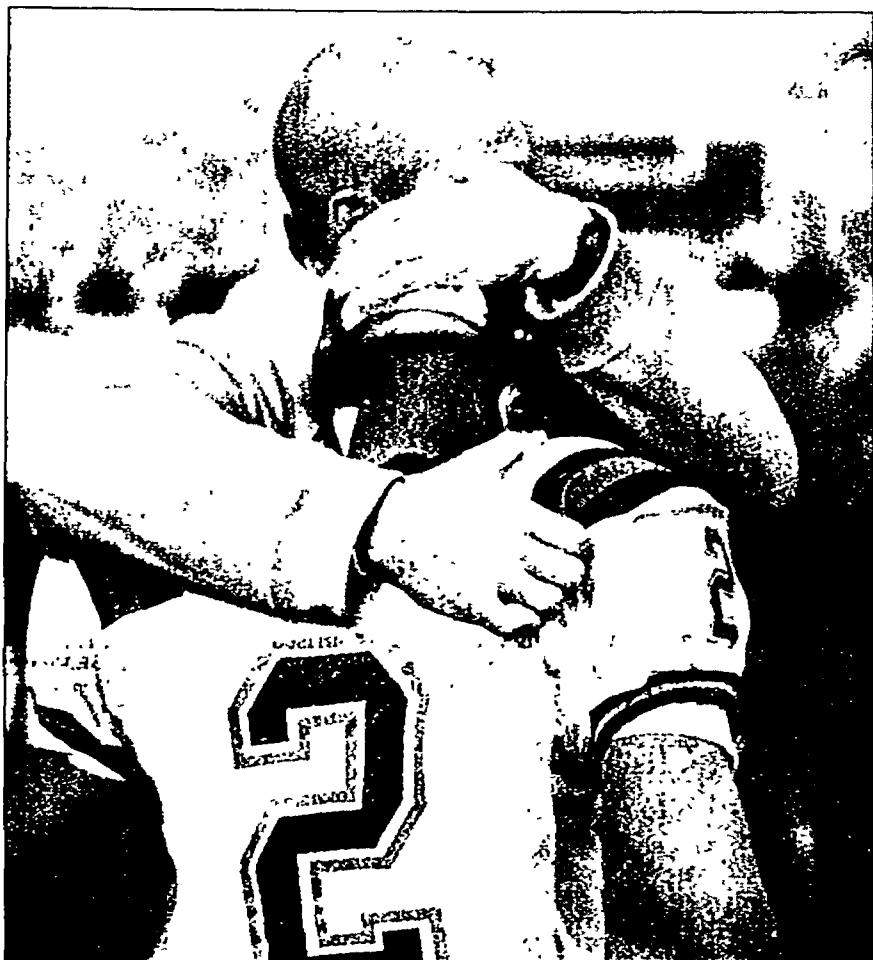
Mustang fans cheer on their team during the Oct. 29 game at Catholic Central.



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Northville Mustang Andrew Wright was knocked out of play for awhile after this play when his ankle was caught beneath his body as two Shamrocks team up for a tackle. Wright did re-enter the game later on, but was limited in his pass catching due to a tough ankle injury.

Catholic Central vs. Northville

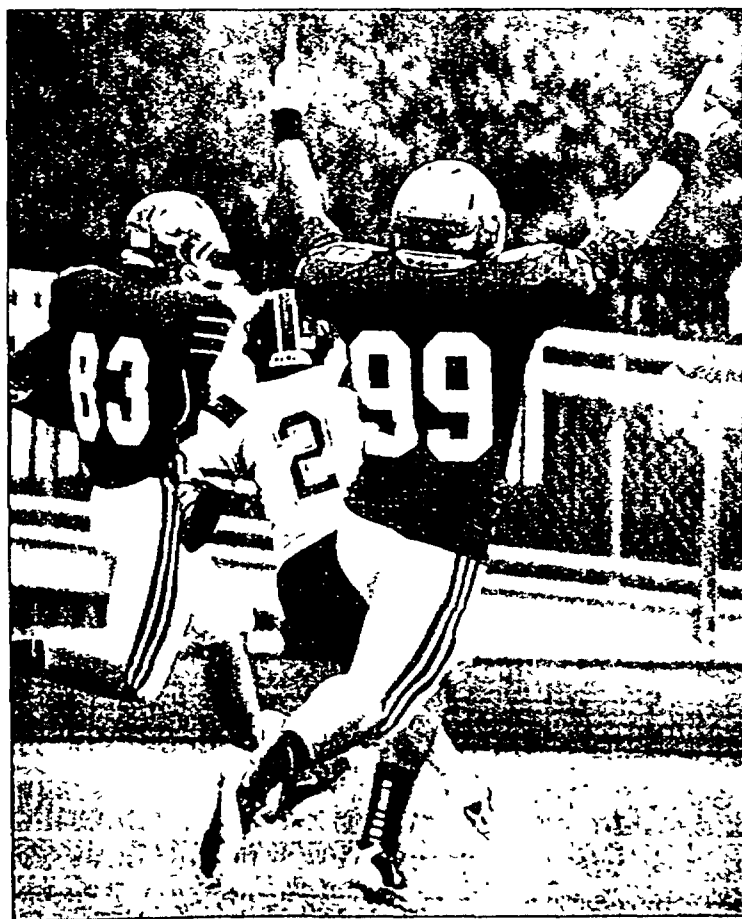


Mustang runningback Brandon Love is consoled by a coach with moments to go in Northville's tough 56-6 loss to CC.

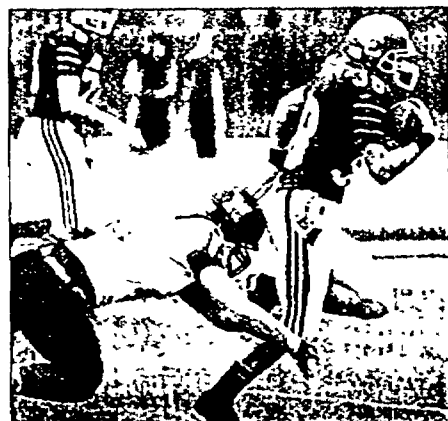


Mustang QB Jeffrey Gertley gets some support from his mom Jean after Northville's tough 56-6 loss to CC on Saturday.

Shamrock Jamal Jasser, right, celebrates the touchdown of teammate Matt Doneth.



The Shamrocks kept up their run-defense stopping abilities all the way to the end of the game as Dan Bowen, bottom and others team up to tackle Max Grezlik.

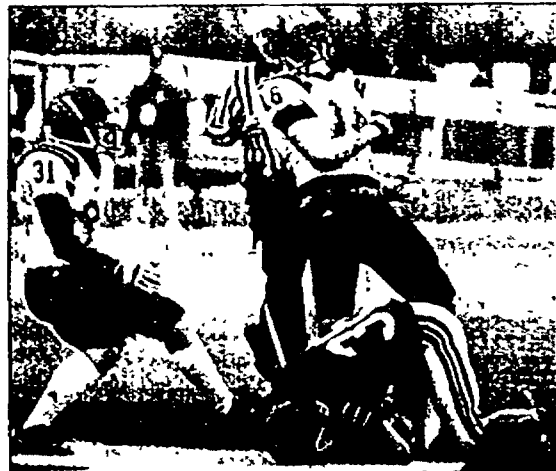
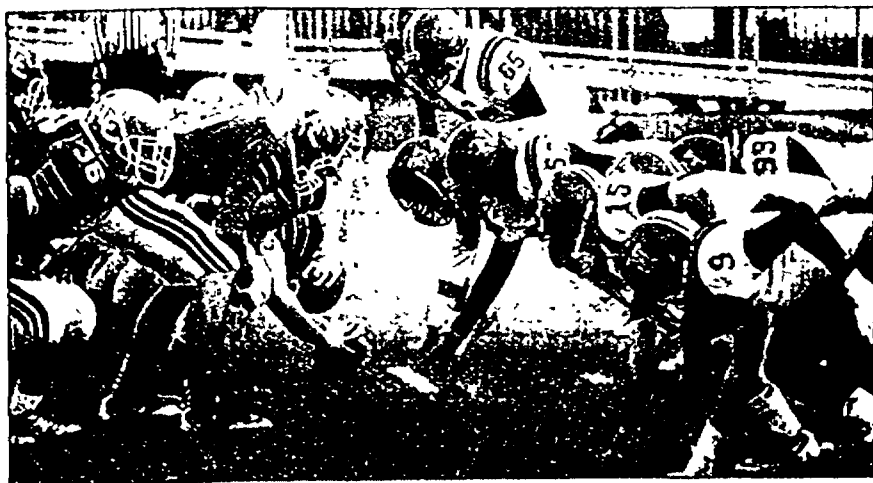


CC's Anthony Darkangelo was stopped by Northville's Brett MacDonald on this play - after a good yardage pickup.



Mustang QB Jeffrey Gertley eludes a tackle by CC's Dylan Roney.

Catholic Central and Northville line up against each other as the Shamrocks attempt an extra point.



Mustangs Brett MacDonald, right, and Jeffrey Hewlett celebrate stopping CC's David Houle.

Varsity defeats Commerce Chargers in playoff, 36-16

The Chargers never really had a chance when they met the Colts on their home field in Commerce Sunday. The Colts had easily run them down earlier in the season and this game seemed to be a replay, just with chillier weather.

The Colts kicked to the Chargers and then proceeded to allow only short runs forward with tackles by Mason Pitt, Harry Dyson, Michael Minick, plus many others. Then, an interception by Colt Alessandro Gonzalez brought the football over the line for a touchdown and the first points were on the board. The reliable Cole Gingell placed the ball for two more points. When the Colts kicked off to the Chargers, they again held them back, forcing a punt, but Minick, with an exceptional reach, blocked and intercepted the ball.

The game continued in this fashion, with the Colts' defense often taking the offensive. In the second quarter, Dyson intercepted the Chargers' pass, and then a long pass from Gonzalez brought in another touchdown for a score of 22-0. The Chargers were able to finally score, despite a powerful tackle by Colt Austin Hayek, and then the Colts ran in a touchdown on the kick return for a score of 28-8 before the half. The Colts went into halftime strong with Isaiah Popp chasing the Charger who received the Colts' kick, executing an essential tackle preventing a Chargers score.

In the second half the Colts dominated the field. A quick touchdown, this time run in by Joey Nelson, brought the score to 30-8. To their credit, the Chargers did not give up, faking a punt for a nice pass and a first down. But, Colt defensive tackles by Ethan Moss, Jacob Walker, and Zach Tardich caused

ON TAP

The varsity Colts meet the Walled Lake Braves Sunday, Nov. 6 in the final gridiron contests of the season, the Super Bowl. JV will face the Livonia Falcons, and the freshmen go up against the Falcons at Livonia Franklin High School on Nov. 5.

a turnover on downs, and Nelson ran in another touchdown. A final Charger touchdown after a long pass could not change the course of this game. The scoreboard read 36-16, and the Colts experimented with offensive plays as the clock would down, with carries by Mason Williams. After the Colts failed to gain a first down, a tackle by Colt Timothy Elliot and then a fumble recovery by Walker sealed the Chargers' fate.

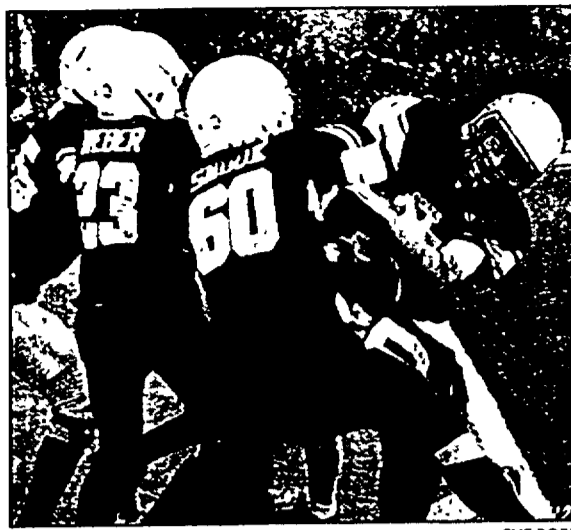
— Submitted by Kristina Dunne

JV upends Eagles, 19-6, to earn Super Bowl birth

The JV Colts (8-1) bounced back in strong fashion from their loss last week to the Northville Stallions with a dominant victory over the Livonia Falcons, 19-6. The Colts, with the victory, earned a berth in the Western Lakes Junior Football League Super Bowl where they will face the Livonia Falcons.

Coach Al Khoury's Colts came out fired up and inspired, firing a dominant defense and a methodical offense to upend the Eagles and earn their way to the Super Bowl.

The Colts won the toss and deferred the opening kickoff. The Colts defense stepped up and took control of the trenches. Ryan Doroudian and Robert Johnson combined on a hit followed by tackles from Abe Khoury, Joey Borthwick and Elijah Gash forcing a fourth down and long on the Eagles 34-yard line.



Varsity Colt Al Gonzalez (15) falls into the end zone for a TD in their playoff win against the Chargers Oct 30.

Borthwick stuffed the fourth down run and the Colts took over on offense. Marcello Gonzalez ran for positive yardage and Gash reeled off 12 more yards for a first down. The offense stalled and the Colts were forced to punt. The Eagles once again could not move the ball against the strong Colts defense. Ryan Silberg, Jett Giammarusti, Johnson and Khoury made tackles and Gash drove the Eagles runner back on fourth down to hand the ball back over to the Colts. The quarter ended scoreless.

The second quarter opened with Colts back Nick Prystash dashing for 18 yards on a key third down to the Eagles 15-yard line. Gash played into the end zone from there for the game's first score, 6-0 Colts. The Colts defense again proved dominant. Refusing to give up a first down, Giammarusti, Khoury and Gash made stops forcing an Eagle punt to the Colts 44-yard line. The Colts pulled off some trickery with Daniel McLaughlin pitching to Khoury who connected with Gash on a pass to move the chains. Gash followed that play with a 44-yard touchdown run that left Eagles defenders chasing the speedy back. The extra point was blocked and the Colts

led 12-0 late in the half. After the kickoff the Colts defense came up with a big play as Jeffery Varner recovered a fumbled snap on the Eagles 24-yard line handing the ball back over to the offense. The Colts offense couldn't capitalize on the turnover, as the Eagles intercepted on the 10-yard line with less than a minute left in the half. The Eagles utilized their timeouts to try to move the ball, but the Colts defense refused to give up yardage and forced a fourth down situation with :05 left in the half. That's when the game broke open for the Colts. The Eagles quarterback launched a long pass attempt near midfield and Colts defender Elijah Gash intercepted at the Eagles 44-yard line. Gash reversed field and with a key block from Ben Brady headed to the end zone. Gash was met at the 10-yard line where he broke two would be tackles and launched into the air over a defender to score with no time left on the clock. The Colts went into halftime with a commanding 19-0 lead.

The third quarter featured limited offense with both team's defenses playing strong. Ryan Silberg, Patrick Alexander, Anthony Abbott, Alexander Bayer, Brady and Khoury made tackles in the quarter,

effectively preserving the lead for the Colts entering the final quarter. Jake Khoury, Daniel McLaughlin and Joey Borthwick ran the ball effectively in the quarter, chewing up a good chunk of the clock keeping the Eagles offense off the field.

The fourth quarter opened with the Eagles forcing and recovering a Colts fumble. After tackles from Nolan Loomis, Abbott and Borthwick, the Eagles finally broke through for a score, closing the gap to 19-6 Colts. The Colts defense dug in late in the quarter with aggressive tackles from Jeffery Varner, Gash, Brady, Prystash, Abbott and a sack from Robert Johnson to highlight the quarter and secure the victory for the Colts, 19-6.

— Submitted by Joseph Lack

Freshmen earn big playoff win against Chargers, 19-6

The undefeated Freshman Colts (9-0) held off the Commerce Chargers, 19-6, for another win and a well-deserved spot in the league Super Bowl this weekend.

The Colts didn't disappoint their fans with an early pass completion from quarterback, Ayden Oliver, to Kellen Gonda on fourth down and setting the Colts up with good field position for an Isaiah Gash touchdown run on the next play. In the second quarter the Chargers had possession but their ball carriers were no match against Brandon Slusser, James King and Gash, who caused the Chargers to turnover on downs. Both teams were unable to make much progress and they each turned the ball over on downs during their next possessions. But just as the half was drawing to a close, the Chargers' ball carrier found a hole and made a 72-yard touchdown run, tying the game.

The Chargers had possession at the start of the second half but were met with Jordan Morgan; who refused them any yards and, ultimately, the Colts caused a turnover on downs and an opportunity to control the ball. Once the Colts had control, they made progress with two carries by Gash, a quarterback keeper by Mick Farrell and two strong carries by Brennan VanRiper, bringing them to the one-yard line. With only one yard to go, the Colts fumbled the ball and the Chargers took over on their own 2-yard line. Ryan Logan responded with a quarterback sack on the ½ yard line and it looked like a safety was imminent. But, the Chargers made a bad choice to punt and the ball bounced backward and was downed on the 5-yard line. With the Colts in control at the 5-yard line, they promptly scored with a Gash scamper into the end zone.

Both teams held strong for a good portion of the fourth quarter until Gash sacked the Chargers' quarterback allowing a final Colts' turnover on downs at the Chargers 49-yard line. Then it was VanRiper who put the final nail in the Chargers' coffin with three powerful runs getting the Colts the first down as he stayed on his feet despite dragging a good number of the Chargers defense along with him as he got the first down for the Colts in the final minutes of the game. VanRiper then clinched it with a touchdown and Gash was in for the extra point. This playoff game highlighted the strength of both the Colts' offense and defense, the commitment of the players, their dedication to teamwork and the depth of the player's abilities. It was an entire team effort and these freshman Colts truly deserve the honor of playing in the league Super Bowl.

— Submitted by Amber Slusser



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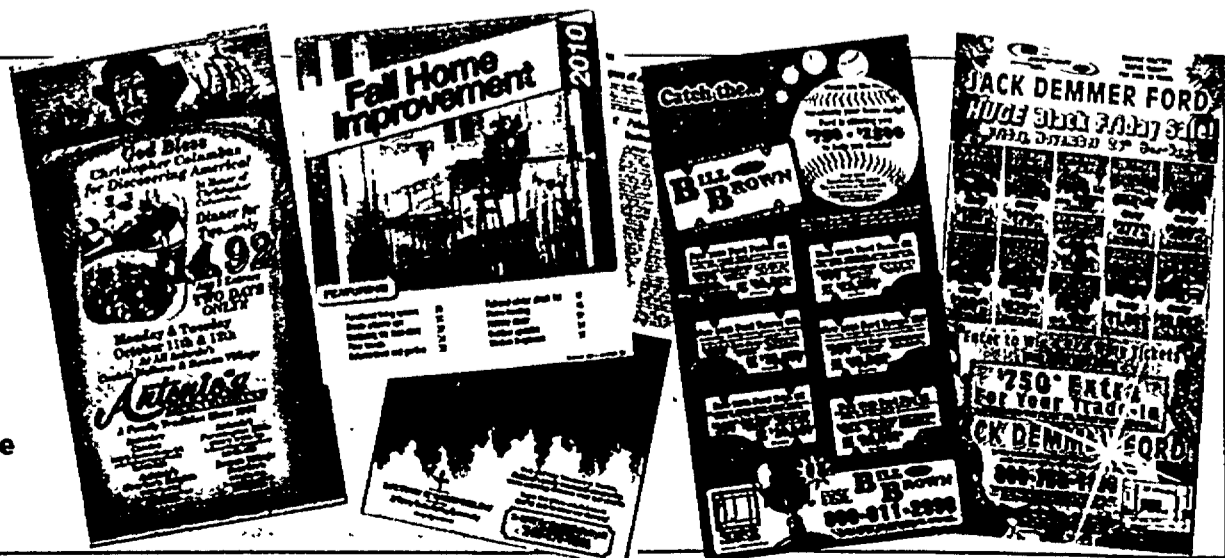
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Keep fire safety in mind when cooking for Thanksgiving

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving, the busiest day of the year for fire departments involving kitchen equipment. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Did you know?

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.

- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.

- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.

- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids.

The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.

- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.

- Keep knives out of the reach of children.

- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.

- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.

- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.

- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or

books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside the kitchen.

The NFPA also notes that cooking and cooking fires are the No. 1 cause of home fires and home injuries. More information can be found at www.nfpa.org/education.

These cooking safety tips apply all year:

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.

- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a home cooking fire:

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.

- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.

- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.

- Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.

- For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.



Tool helps to fight fraud

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am advised that the Oakland clerk/register of deeds has announced a new property fraud alert system. Do you have any information about it?

A: The Property Fraud Alert System which has been established by Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Bill Bullard Jr. will "empower property owners to protect themselves from improper filings against their property for mortgage fraud, to improper foreclosure, to frivolous liens." As Clerk Bullard said, "Timely knowledge is the most important tool we can give someone so



Robert Meisner

they can take the proper action early in the process before they get mired down in red tape

and the system." The Property Fraud Alert System is a way for Oakland County residents and business owners to protect themselves and their property against fraudulent claims against them. People should sign up at the Oakland County Register of Deeds, website, [HTTP://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod](http://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod), to receive an e-mail whenever the County office records anything regarding their name or business name. These transactions range from property deeds to liens against the property from new mortgages to foreclosures. Anyone wanting to take advantage of the service should go to the clerk's website, [HTTP://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod](http://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod), select Register of Deeds, then click on the green button labeled Property Fraud Alert Service and follow the prompts and instructions to register for the alerts.

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A: It all depends upon your purchase agreement, but more than likely the taxes, including the special assessment, were prorated between the buyer and the seller based upon the date of closing and you may be obligated to do so. You should check with your real estate agent as to the basis for having to pay that amount.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner.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 July 18-22, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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32388 Arlington Dr \$163,000
17840 Beverly Rd \$107,000
BIRMGHAM FARMS
23750 Woodlynne Dr \$1,100,000
BIRMINGHAM
458 Bennaville Ave \$120,000
2563 Dorchester Rd \$144,000
1950 Graefield Rd \$83,000
1097 Lakeside Dr \$790,000
240 Millrace Dr \$725,000
551 N Old Woodward Ave \$142,000
1211 Pierce St \$821,000
1774 Pierce St \$515,000
782 Smith Ave \$518,000

1667 W Lincoln St \$150,000
662 Wallace St \$625,000
2424 Windemere Rd \$170,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
1547 Kensington Rd \$420,000
326 Lakewood Dr \$780,000
1738 S Hill Blvd \$115,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
2856 Heathfield Rd \$200,000
1944 Klingensmith Rd \$40,000
5425 Longmeadow Rd \$1,625,000
183 N Williamsbury Rd \$431,000
1756 S Hill Blvd \$90,000
7165 Sherwood Dr \$305,000
726 Tennyson Downs Ct \$943,000
2737 Turtle Lake Dr \$503,000
2748 Turtle Lake Dr \$1,350,000
2599 Warwick Dr \$277,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
8495 Buffalo Dr \$115,000
8717 Edgewood Park Dr \$1,225,000
8158 Eldora Blvd \$120,000
5741 Strawberry Cir \$277,000
2467 Yasmin Dr \$80,000
FARMINGTON HILLS

35088 Bunker Hill Dr \$150,000
30989 Cedar Creek Dr \$182,000
25674 Chapelweigh Dr \$83,000
31115 Country Ridge Cir \$192,000
21840 Indian Creek Dr \$30,000
21085 Metroview Rd \$320,000
29731 Monterey Cir \$145,000
29718 Nova Woods Dr \$143,000
35000 Savannah Ln \$164,000
29302 Stillwater \$228,000
FRANKLIN
19850 Chelsea Pl \$478,000
MILFORD
1894 Bristol Ct \$350,000
219 Hickory St \$79,000
2656 Katie Ln \$30,000
NOVI
47578 Baldwin Ct \$583,000
44663 Copland Ln \$200,000
27051 Ladbroke St \$45,000
40528 Lenox Park Dr \$230,000
44589 Ludlow Dr \$390,000
24707 Nepavine \$530,000
41509 Reindeer Dr \$350,000
22813 Renford St \$30,000

45334 Roundview Dr \$258,000
24705 Sarah Flynn \$204,000
24251 Saybrook Ct \$465,000
43999 Stassen Ave \$172,000
41323 Todd Ln \$137,000
46170 White Pines Dr \$87,000
SOUTH LYON
1053 Colt Ln \$180,000
54900 Grenelefe Cir W \$392,000
24460 Wedgewood Dr \$30,000
501 Wellington Dr \$105,000
726 Westhills Dr \$233,000
SOUTHFIELD
28533 Brentwood St \$31,000
21590 Concord \$85,000
23255 Cornerstone Village Dr \$38,000
26628 Franklin Pointe Dr \$30,000
26435 Isleworth Pt \$212,000
28536 Regent Ct S \$33,000
29985 Spring River Dr \$95,000
17550 W 12 Mile Rd \$375,000
WHITE LAKE
2995 Cooley Lake Rd \$295,000
9231 Hickorywood St \$40,000
8656 Newport Dr \$245,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - WAYNE

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647 Aylesbury Ct \$70,000
47123 Bayview Ct \$187,000
8329 Chatham Dr \$80,000
8188 Endicott Ln \$432,000
384 Filmore St \$87,000
50104 Grant St \$218,000
45933 Graystone Ln \$133,000
50309 Hancock St \$275,000
42050 Hanford Rd \$145,000
6941 Harvard Ln \$49,000
44720 Heather Ln \$220,000
50174 Heron Ct \$351,000
858 Mystic Ct \$215,000
629 Pheasant Woods Dr \$258,000
2191 Pinacraft Dr \$77,000
2074 Preserve Cir W \$126,000
706 Princess Dr \$181,000
320 Roosevelt St \$140,000
41426 Singh Dr \$279,000
46962 Southgate Dr \$199,000

41246 Southwind Dr Unit \$43,000
1791 Walnut Ridge Cir \$165,000
1443 Whittier Dr \$111,000
1052 Wildwood Ln \$169,000
49212 Wooster Ct \$250,000
GARDEN CITY
28459 Beechwood St \$30,000
28824 Birchlawn St \$35,000
28490 Florence St \$75,000
29172 Florence St \$25,000
960 Gilman St \$80,000
32469 Rosslyn Ave \$63,000
LIVONIA
36664 Angeline Cir \$73,000
36086 Ann Arbor Trl \$23,000
28674 Bayberry Ct E \$102,000
20431 Brentwood St \$105,000
11324 Cranston St \$183,000
8961 Denne St \$111,000
8991 Farmington Rd \$150,000
11682 Farmington Rd \$72,000
16950 Farmington Rd \$88,000
34907 Grove Dr \$107,000
15075 Hubbard St \$25,000
18015 Merriman Rd \$65,000
14559 Newburgh Rd \$95,000
20320 Oporto Ave \$198,000
35489 Parkdale St \$135,000
29481 Robert Dr \$103,000
10061 Seltzer St \$58,000

8937 Sunbury St \$99,000
16738 Whitby St \$175,000
15165 Yale St \$125,000
NORTHVILLE
19642 Aqueduct Ct \$63,000
18243 Arselot Dr \$390,000
45011 Broadmoor Cir S \$323,000
45023 Broadmoor Cir S \$423,000
16385 Brookwood Ct \$257,000
17205 Crestbrook Dr \$900,000
15940 Crystal Downs E \$632,000
16602 Doral Dr \$95,000
48955 Freestone Dr \$447,000
19664 Fry Rd \$85,000
46066 Greenridge Dr \$330,000
49988 Hidden Point Dr \$531,000
15721 Penderbrook Ln \$406,000
20033 Rippling Ln \$180,000
17637 Rolling Woods Cir \$470,000
16345 Weatherfield Dr \$235,000
16163 Westminster Dr \$20,000
PLYMOUTH
492 Arthur St \$286,000
550 Auburn St \$265,000
1298 Beech St \$225,000
9445 Corinne St \$160,000
44681 Jodi Ct \$155,000
332 N Mill St \$99,000
350 N Mill St \$102,000
1697 Nantucket Rd \$192,000

51329 Northview \$224,000
40563 Orangelawn Ave \$135,000
51043 Plymouth Ridge Dr \$600,000
1168 Simpson St \$225,000
325 Sunset St \$120,000
8903 Tamarack Ct \$309,000
8911 Tamarack Ct \$332,000
11937 Trailwood Rd \$245,000
REDFORD
8840 Dixie \$57,000
13536 Fenton \$68,000
13220 Hemingway \$36,000
19379 Lexington \$36,000
9931 Luxerne \$60,000
16192 Ryland \$81,000
20539 Seminole \$425,000
9327 Tecumseh \$56,000
9623 Woodbine \$15,000
WESTLAND
7567 Alma Ct \$140,000
30798 Avondale St \$67,000
33053 Chief Ln \$75,000
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table, Shaker style chairs, cathedral
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machine, sm. chest freezer, washer &
dryer, Tivoli Brewing copper mug,
stemware, cordials, flutes, cranberry &
Fenton glass, tea pots, silver tea set,
mirror collection, eye wash cups,
apothecary bottles, shaving mugs,
1932 Exhibition wall pocket, several
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lection, Intaglio Art Glass globe,
corks, Japanese jar & finger bowls,
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Saturday, November 5, 10:00 am - 2

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NOVEMBER 9
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• Cat 5' forks
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NEW VELOSTER GETS MORE ATTENTION FOR HYUNDAI

By Dale Buss

Hyundai already has had a great year: U.S. sales were up by 31 percent through three quarters, boosting its market share to a record 5.6 percent. But the brand is keeping its foot on the accelerator in an attempt to extend its achievements.



Dale Buss

The new, stylish, "three-door" Veloster is part of Hyundai's plan to maintain the attention of American consumers, as is a new six-cylinder Azera full-size sedan. Hyundai marketers also want to refine their approach to the Super Bowl by emphasizing the Hyundai brand in TV spots rather than focus as much on specific products as in the past.

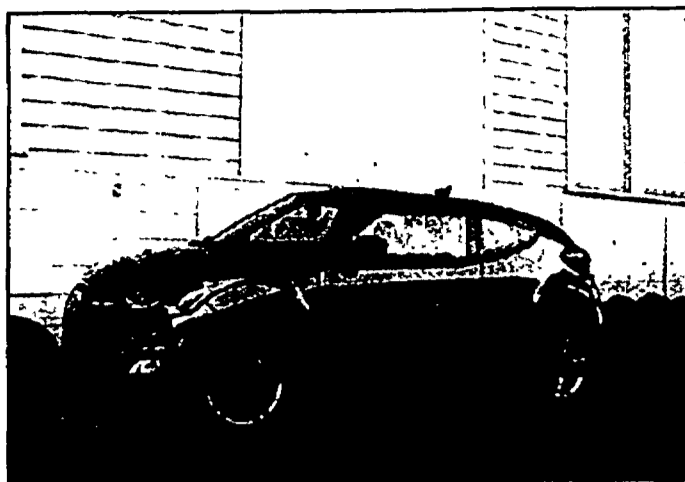
Veloster is an exciting new vehicle: Its low-slung design places the car somewhere between

a sedan and a coupe, with just one rear door, and it's stocked with lots of cockpit gadgetry that will appeal to Millennials especially, such as a seven-inch multimedia touchscreen that integrates all entertainment and telematics.

At the same time, prices start at just \$17,000. It's a good time for Hyundai to introduce such a vehicle, having to watch out for resurgent Japanese brands this fall, with their vast line-ups of Hyundai competitors, as well as solid small-car entries from GM and Ford.

Hyundai marketing executives are calling the new Veloster (tagline: "Engineered for Whatever") a "halo car" even though such nameplates typically shine their light at the priciest end of a product line.

But up there, Hyundai already has Equus and Genesis, and its biggest need right now is to keep reminding entry-level buyers — who are in play now more than at



The new Hyundai Veloster was just selected "Urban Car of the Year" by Decisive Magazine.

any time in a generation — why they should consider boosting the Korean automaker's share even more.

Veloster's marketing will include an ambitious campaign to match, featuring 15-second TV ads with voice ambassador Jeff Bridges, videos, events, concerts and even a full-length documentary centering on iconic music, which makes sense given that Pandora is one of its digital features.

Veloster has "plenty of features, laudable fuel economy and sharp looks," making it a "top pick for a fun-to-drive hatchback," according to Edmunds.com. The car's biggest advantages include "lots of features for the money," the innovative three-door design, high fuel economy of 40 mpg on the highway, balanced ride and handling, its distinctive styling, a large cargo space, and Hyundai's famously long warranty coverage.

Veloster is powered by a new,

1.6-liter, direct-injected four-cylinder engine that generates 138 horsepower. Buyers have the choice of a six-speed manual transmission or a new six-speed automated dual-clutch transmission with shift paddles. Because the car weighs only 2,600 pounds, these impressive powertrain combinations zip drivers where they want to go. And next year, Hyundai promises a 208-horsepower, turbo-charged version.

The three-door layout, of course, is Veloster's most prominent design feature. Edmunds.com says that the coupe-like driver-side door lets drivers get in and out easily while two passenger-side doors provide added convenience for loading people or things.

Among the down sides of the Veloster, Edmunds.com said, are poor rear visibility, noticeable road noise, and cramped rear seats.

Veloster may be one of

Hyundai's biggest product reaches yet in the U.S. market. Both Genesis and Equus also have been reaches for the brand because of how the company is trying to thrust itself into a crowded U.S. near-luxury segment without any heritage there — and keep the move under the Hyundai brand, unlike Japanese competitors that have created separate luxury marques such as Lexus and Acura.

Nevertheless, Hyundai has become a force in the U.S. market over the last 15 years by skillfully mixing promotion of specific products along with advancement of strong concepts that undergird the whole brand. Early last decade, for instance, its trailblazing 100,000-mile warranty allayed U.S. consumers' fears about product quality. And then, during the Super Bowl three years ago, Hyundai introduced Assurance, a ground-breaking plan to release new buyers from their leases or loans if they lost their jobs in the foundering economy.

Now, Hyundai marketers want to use the 2012 Super Bowl to advance more of an overall feeling for the brand. With its three spots — two during Super Bowl XLVI from Indianapolis, on NBC on February 5, and one just before kickoff — Hyundai will focus more on sparking an emotional connection with consumers and less on giving them practical reasons to buy particular nameplates, Steve Shannon, Hyundai's CMO in America, told Ad Age.

Presumably, another goal is to make Hyundai an iconic Super Bowl advertiser. "We need to get the headset on," Shannon said. "The bar is high."



Veloster sports a unique three-door layout -- plus a hatchback.

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