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## Millage approved overwhelmingly

### Darga, McKindles earn City Council seats

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

Northville voters turned out Tuesday to support the school district and to elect several first-time runners for school board and City Council. The renewal of the nonhomestead operating millage was approved by a wide margin, giving Northville Public Schools

the confidence vote they hoped for and one less financial worry. The district plans for a \$56 million budget, and with this approval they will now see that full amount. Last renewed in 2003, the millage only applies to businesses, rental properties, vacation homes and any other properties in the district that are not primary residences. Those impacted by this will

continue to pay what they are currently paying. The millage makes up 12 percent of the district's yearly revenues. According to Mike Zopf, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, the approval of the 20.91-mills nonhomestead millage will give the district \$8 million annually for the operating budget. Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said while approval of the nonhomestead millage won't solve the district's cur-

rent budget crisis, it ensures that the district receives the full operational dollars currently authorized by the state under Proposal A. She added this is critical to sustaining the programs offered to the students. Board of Education President Joan Wadsworth said they are grateful for the community support. "This is very important to our budget, so this is a celebration

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Richard O'Hare served in the Marine Corps in 1961 and was stationed in Udorn, Thailand as an M.P. for the CIA's "Air America" effort. He points to a photo in his Northville basement of himself during his service.

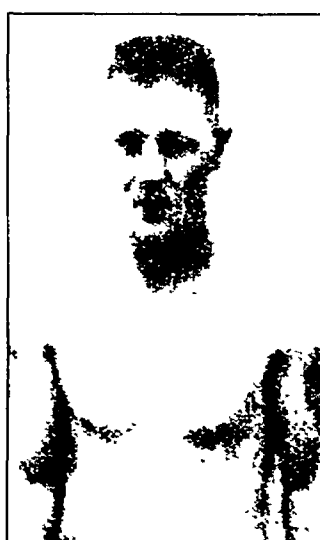
## Northville veteran reveals secret 1961 mission

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

For years, Northville resident Richard "Dick" O'Hare couldn't really say what he was doing in Southeast Asia back in 1961. There were a few times over the years since then when he would tell some friends over a drink at the VFW hall that he was in Thailand, which was usually met with puzzled looks. But now, on this Veterans Day, O'Hare can say with much pride that he played a role in an unknown mission that had the United States Marines Corps providing security at a secret base in Thailand for Air America, also known as the aircraft wing of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"I was just following orders all of these years," he said of staying quiet about his part in Operation Millpond.

According to O'Hare, in



A photo of Marine Corps M.P. Dick O'Hare while he served in Thailand in 1961.

early 1961, he and his fellow Marines of the Third Battalion, Third Marines were not sure where they were going to be deployed. The great fear of

the United States was a communism domino effect. Preventing a communism takeover of Southeast Asia was what brought O'Hare to Thailand.

According to a historical account by retired Marine Col. George Hoffmann, Communist Pathet Lao forces were dangerously close to taking control of Laos. At the time it was believed a Royal Lao victory over the Pathet Lao government not only would have lost a pro-Western nation to the Communist Bloc, but would have put its neighbors, particularly pro-Western Thailand, at risk.

In an attempt to prevent this, President John F. Kennedy decided to increase U.S. support to the Royal Lao government. This increased support came in part in the form of a 20-helicopter fleet, flown by civilian pilots and

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## Girls, Friday is your night out

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

Girls' Night Out kicks off the holiday shopping season in downtown Northville with great food, prizes and fun offered at each participating location.

Organized by the Northville Central Business Association, this annual event is the perfect opportunity to put a dent in the holiday gift-giving list. It's scheduled to be held 5-9 p.m. Friday. A number of downtown businesses are participating with a variety of prizes available.

Orin Jewelers will be offering the grand prize, which is a 14-karat White Gold and Diamond Circle Journey Pendant. It's valued at \$1,750.

Visitors will be able to enter for the grand prize drawing at participating businesses. The entry card will require the name, phone number, e-mail and ZIP code of the registrant.

Orin will not require a purchase for entry as this would require proper licensing from the state. Additionally, the cards will state one entry per person per each participating entry location.

By noon Saturday, all participating businesses will turn in the entry cards to Orin Jewelers. The necklace will be drawn later that day at 2 p.m. It will not be necessary to be present to win, and customer information shall not be distributed to other additional businesses or individuals.

Additionally, each participating store will be having its own raffles with various prizes given out at the

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crews employed by Air America.

This helicopter force covertly flew Royal Lao troops, weapons, supplies and other war materiel in support of the Royal Lao government's anti-Communist military operations. Operations were conducted from an airfield located outside of Udorn, a town in northeast Thailand approximately 40 miles south of the Lao capital of Vientiane.

O'Hare said the base was 150 acres of barren land and it was his job along with over 50 other Marines to guard it from attack. In the beginning attempts were made, but were deterred by the small American force. Goodwill efforts were made with Laos with O'Hare participating in one of these attempts by playing in a basketball game against a Laotian team.

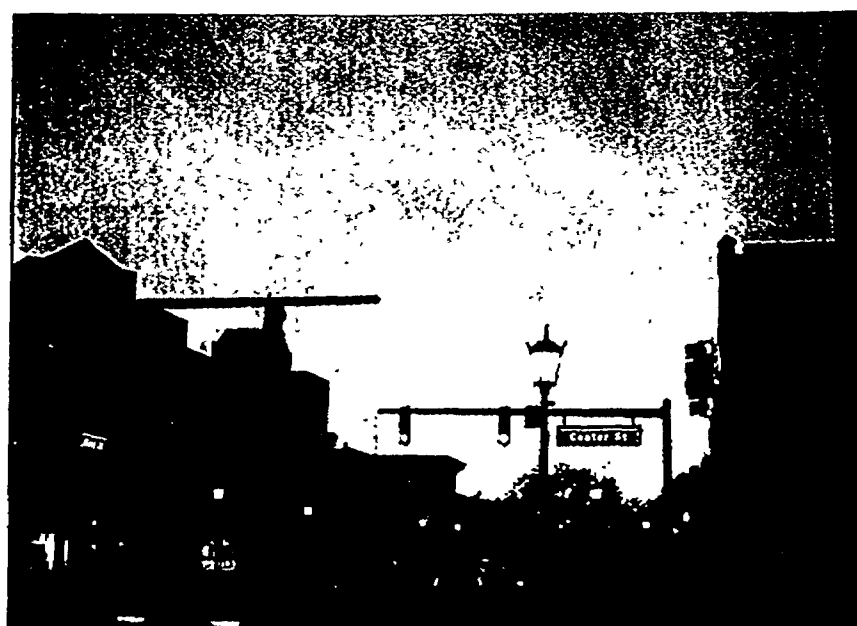
After several months at the base, his time in Thailand ended and he went on to instruct soldiers in counter-insur-

gency tactics at the American base on Okinawa, Japan. He was also stationed at Guantanamo Bay during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

O'Hare said becoming a Marine changed him from an immature kid to an adult very quickly. He learned about responsibility and taking orders. But most importantly, he learned what it meant to be an American.

Nowadays, O'Hare can be found at Northville Township Hall where he is a reserve captain for the police department or at the senior center working with parks and recreation. He still lives with his wife, Jodie, in Northville and looks back at those days and thinks about those serving today. He sees similarities between now and then, and knows from personal experience the importance of every mission.

"I salute everyone who has served, no matter what capacity," he said. "And I also give a special salute and say thank you to those young people serving today. What they are doing means a lot to me and every veteran."



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## Sunset over Main

A nice autumn sunset over W. Main Street in downtown Northville on Nov. 4.

# Versa's development gets the go-ahead from township

## Property on southwest corner of 8 and Haggerty

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

After meeting a few requests and doing a redesign, Versa Development got the green light from the Northville Township Planning Commission for its planned retail location on the southwest corner of Haggerty Road and Eight Mile Road.

At their last meeting, the planning commission had tabled a decision on the Southfield-based company's design and plan to construct an 8,400 square foot building that would house at least two restaurants and another business, which township trustee Chris Roosen said might be Verizon Wireless. However, last week the commission gave their approval upon seeing their concerns

addressed.

Versa was sent back to the drawing board for some aesthetic and circulation details and to clarify the agreement it has with the Haggerty Road Meijer store, which it purchased the property from.

"After some work and administrative reviews, they (Versa) have met the ordinance requirements for setbacks, circulation, architecture and parking," said Jennifer Frey, Northville Township community development director.

Roosen, township board liaison for the planning commission, said Versa did a good job of addressing their concerns, as evidenced in the commission's unanimous decision. He said it should be a nice development and, since the location

is already zoned for this type of use, it should fit right in with the surroundings.

Versa's president Steve Robinson said the requests were not unreasonable. And, with three tenants in the works, it gave them the confidence to move forward in Northville Township.

"This should be a nice development for the Northville community," Robinson said. "We expect to begin work after the start of the year and are aiming for an opening next summer."

Robinson said Versa has purchased an acre and a half from Meijer. One thing the commission requested is the upgrading of the landscaping out in front of Meijer.

The planners also reworked the design by making all of the awnings

the same color, black.

At the previous meeting, Commissioner Robert Nix said the township was looking for some consistency in the architectural plan.

Concerns about parking and pedestrian safety were also addressed. Robinson said Meijer has available parking, which will help with any needs. Setbacks and landscaping items have been added to the plan so the parking lot area is more pedestrian friendly, which Roosen said was a prime concern.

Frey said there are still some "housekeeping" details to work out, like Versa and Meijer establishing a shared parking agreement, before the work will officially start. But she added the plan meets the ordinance and expects to see things get going next year.

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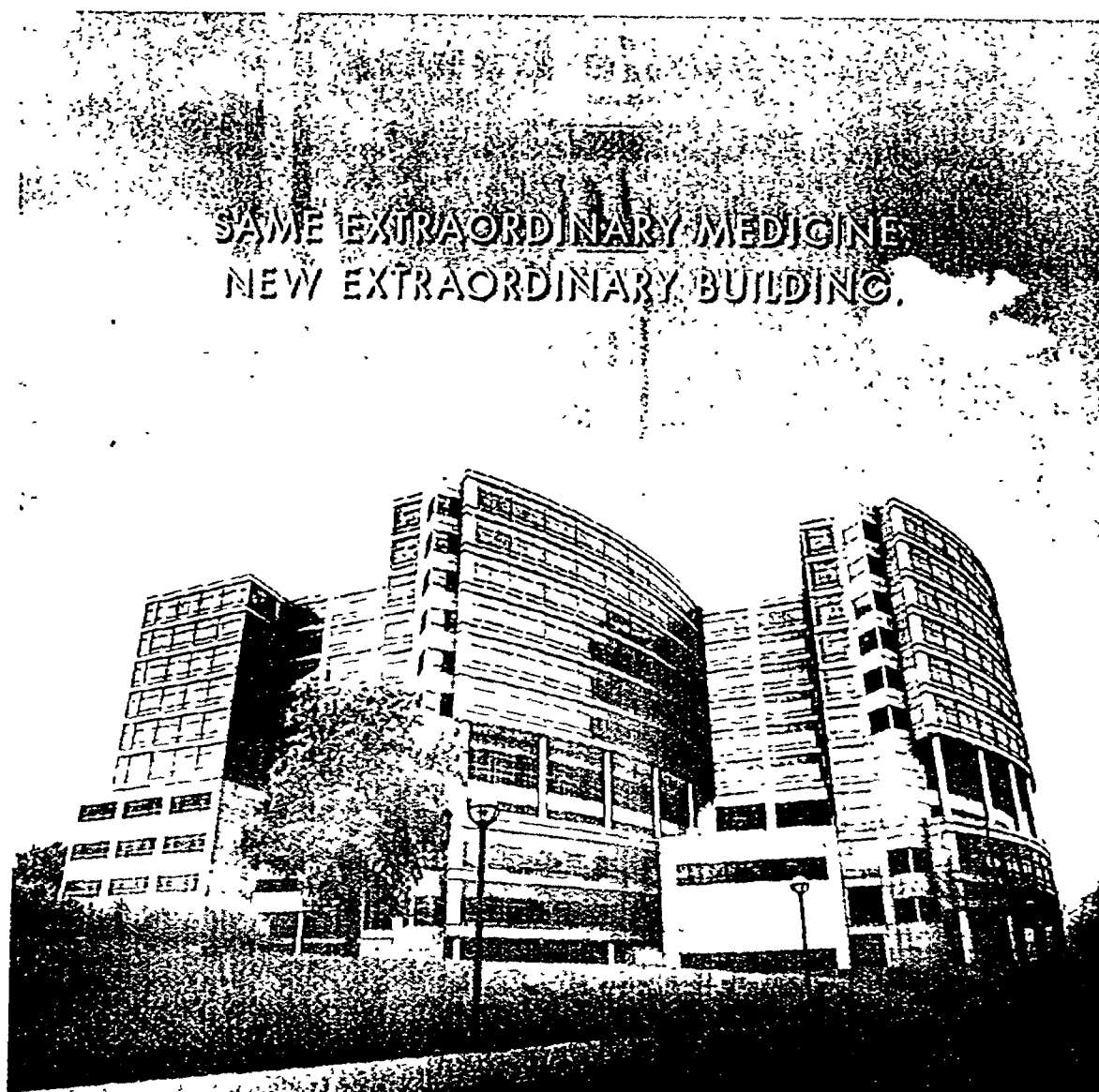
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# Milford man plans congressional run

A war veteran and teacher has decided to run for U.S. Congress in the 11th Congressional District.

Kerry Bentivolio, a Republican from Milford, will seek that party's nomination in the August 2012 primary.

The incumbent for that congressional seat, Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, has indicated that he is running for re-election. State Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, has announced plans to run for

the seat next year. Bentivolio, who describes himself as a populist, distinguishes himself as the only non-career politician in the race.

"I am a statesman first and never wanted to be a politician, but someone needs to stand up for the average folks out there ... and career politicians aren't doing that," Bentivolio wrote in a press release.

Bentivolio, a veteran of two foreign wars, served in the infantry in Vietnam in 1970-71, and served as a member of the U.S. Army National Guard in Iraq in 2007. At age 56, he was evacuated from Iraq with a neck injury. Bentivol-

io also taught high school English for the past 10 years.

"I did what I thought was my duty to serve my country in two foreign wars," Bentivolio wrote in his statement. "I also served locally as a school teacher. The career politicians in Washington and Lansing are in it to serve their own egos and line their pockets with the taxpayers' hard-earned money. ... I didn't go to war just to preserve their corrupt system."

Bentivolio said he understands the outrage at the state of the economy and political system, but asserts that more government isn't the answer. "You can't solve sys-

tematic government-lobby corruption with more corrupt government," Bentivolio wrote. "When powerful interests and big government bureaucrats work in tandem with career politicians that are bought and paid for, everyone else loses." Appealing to politicians and bureaucrats to change the way business is regulated only results in new loopholes and sweetheart deals for the big lobbyists, he said.

Bentivolio said Americans "need to quit feeding the system."

"We need to cut wasteful spending, investigate corruption, and return to a limited constitutional government," he wrote.

Bentivolio said he believes that private innovation is the best way out of the economic crisis, and government should not pick where to innovate. "Henry Ford would have never been able to start up a company in this environment," he wrote. "The steamship and railroad lobbies would have purchased government influence, received tax subsidies and lobbied Ford Motor to death. Big bureaucracy and the wrong type of regulation hurt American innovation, and waste taxpayer dollars on products and services where there might be zero demand."

The 11th Congressional District was recent-

ly redrawn and stretches from Livonia to Milford to Troy. Bentivolio said he is not running a campaign that will divide people geographically.

"I'm not running to be the Oakland County congressman or the Wayne County congressman," he wrote. "I'm running on issues and character. People and businesses in both counties are being squeezed by corrupt politicians and their special-interest allies. The economy is hurting in both counties. My campaign is one that my daughter in Livonia and my neighbors up here in Oakland County can all support."

Bentivolio's campaign website is at [www.bentivolioforcongress.com](http://www.bentivolioforcongress.com).



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## ELECTIONS

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of no loss (in funding)," she said after hearing of the early results.

Running unopposed, newly elected school board members Anita Bartschat and Scott Craig will be filling in for the departing Marilyn Price and Libby Smith. Both new members say they will now be ramping up their learning process. Bartschat says one of the next challenges for her will be learning the finer details of school funding.

"There are a lot of complex issues to learn, so I expect to hit the ground running," Craig said.

The Northville City Council had two seats up for election with incumbent Nancy Darga and Ryan McKindles edging out Robert Grant. Both are grateful for the com-

## UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Northville mayor  
(ONE FOUR-YEAR SEAT)  
✓ Christopher Johnson...914  
Northville City Council  
(TWO FOUR-YEAR SEATS)  
✓ Nancy Darga...731  
Robert Grant...446  
✓ Ryan McKindles...652  
Northville Schools Board  
of Education  
(TWO FOUR-YEAR SEATS)  
✓ Anita Bartschat...3,530  
✓ Scott Craig...3,547  
Northville School Millage  
✓ Yes...4,545  
No...1,460  
\*Indicates incumbent

munity support, and now look forward to exciting things. However, they know there are challenges ahead.

Darga is glad she will be able to continue working on such tasks as the formation of the recreational master plan and seeing projects like the downtown walkway project come to fruition. But,

she added there are economic challenges facing the city and believes seeking broader regional solutions is important. She feels she can play a role for the council in seeking these solutions.

Her goal "is to help Northville get through the economic challenges without placing any further tax burden on its residents."

McKindles says he can't wait to get started and is honored to fill the seat occupied by outgoing council member Doug Bingham. He said he will be looking to Bingham and others as resources going forward, and he adds, "I'm a quick learner."

He said his goal is to continue with and build upon the good works already done by Bingham and the council.


Incumbent Mayor Chris Johnson was re-elected to his 12th two-year term.

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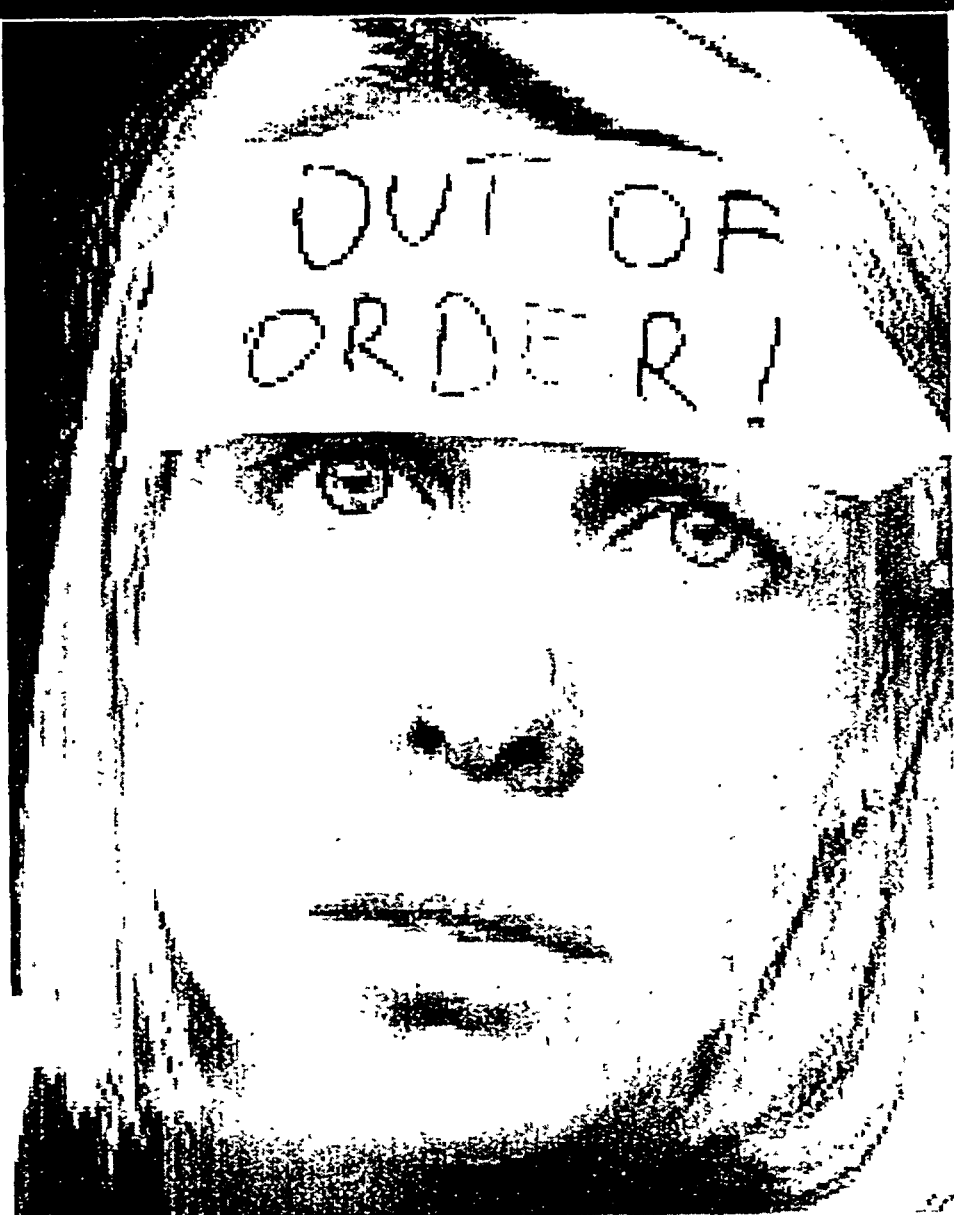
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Mary Jaye, right, and Lilly Roble, 10, take a look at some of the gift baskets up for auction at the Nov. 4 Northville Art House open house. The gift baskets were put together by local shops and businesses and were to benefit the art house's general fund.

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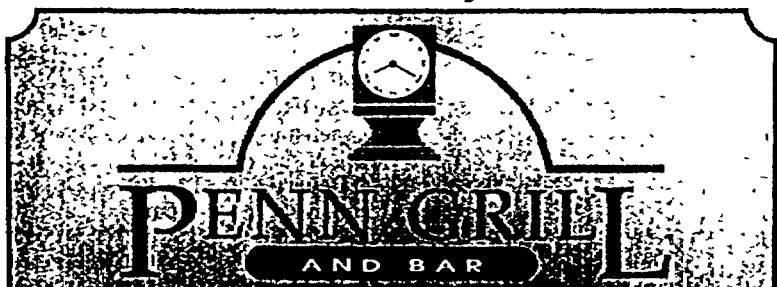


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## Meads Mill 'tailgate' brings school together

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

Music, food, sports and dancing made the first Meads Mill Middle School "tailgate" an all-around fun time for the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students who attended this year's first big after-school event on Oct. 27.

"This is my first time and I'm having a lot of fun," said seventh-grader Spencer Brooks. "It's about mingling, so that's what I'm doing."

Over 200 middle school students turned out for the event. There was dancing to music being turned by a DJ, eating tailgate-themed food at the concessions and a lot of fun to be had with the big inflatable games that were set up inside the school.

Students got the chance to throw a football or hit a baseball at the game set-ups, and outside they had an opportunity to swing a golf club and take a shot at a hockey goal. A pickup basketball game was also played.

This tailgate had something for everyone and the traditional after-school dance was turned into an extravaganza.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chloe Photosios tosses a football during Meads Mill middle school's Oct. 27 tailgating party. The party, with a football theme, featured a dance, snacks and plenty of recreation for its attendees.



Meads Mill seventh grader Connie Caswell takes a swing at a golfball during the school's Oct. 27 tailgate party.

"This is about the students socializing with each other, and with the multiple options provided it gives them an opportunity to meet others from a different grade," Meads Mill Principal Susan Meyer said. "The PTSA came up with this idea and we thought it sounded like it could be a great time. And

it is."

Meyer issued a challenge to the students as the party began, saying she had hit the baseball eight out of 10 times. The students clamored at this inflatable to get some swings in and see if they could match or beat Meyer's hit count.

The sports theme went

over really well.

"I'm a big sports fan, so this is perfect for me," seventh-grader Ryan Padock said while standing at the pass attack QB toss. "Everything I want to do is here. This is great!"

PTA volunteer Rhonda Webber said they wanted to provide students with an event that had more

of a sense of community giving them a chance to mingle. They thought with spirit week going on, what would be better than a tail-gate? She said there will be four other after-school events like this to come, and each will have a different theme.

Around 30 parent volunteers helped put this together. Assistant principal Monty Shambleau said the goal was to add more things, so that maybe more students would want to get involved. He hopes they can build on this.

### GUEST COLUMN

## Proficiency on state-required tests has a new definition

By Robert Behnke  
Guest Columnist

Northville Public Schools is taking a proactive approach to communicating with parents and the community concerning scoring changes to the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and Michigan Merit Exam (MME) tests this year.

Each year, Northville Public Schools' students along with all other Michigan public school students in grades 3-9 are required to take the MEAP and eleventh graders are required to take the MME. If you haven't already, you will soon begin hearing news reports about new cut-off scores, or "cut scores" that the Michigan State Board of Education recently adopted for these tests.

The new cut scores represent a significantly higher standard for student achievement and are intended to more accurately reflect a student's progress toward college and career readiness. Students previously could have answered as few as 40 percent of the questions correctly to be considered proficient. Under the new scoring system, students will have to correctly answer a much higher percentage of questions. Michigan is one of only three states in the nation (along with New York and Tennessee) to move to this top tier level of test scoring.

While performance on the MEAP assessments are important to both the students and the schools, these tests are not the make or break portion of their academic career. The MEAP test is the only performance assessment that the State administers, but is not the only measurement that Northville Public Schools considers when we assess your child's performance

and our own effectiveness. Northville Public Schools is proud to deliver multiple assessments during the school year to monitor the progress of your child's academic achievement. The MEAP tests help us to measure both your child's academic progress and helps us to monitor our own performance in teaching to the state curriculum standards.

Like school districts across the state, Northville Public Schools' MEAP and MME proficiency results are expected to decline when publicly released next spring. The Michigan Department of Education will be releasing recalculated MEAP and MME scores using data from previously administered MEAP and MME tests on November 03, 2011. The recalculated scores for Northville Public Schools, using previous test results (not the most recent MEAP test which was given several weeks ago) can be found at <https://www.mischooldata.org> do show a decline in when applying the new cut score. However, scores will continue to remain higher than the state and county average. Staff will continue monitoring and adapting our curriculum, instruction, and interventions to provide a rigorous and relevant curriculum to all students while ensuring academic growth and performance.

When individual student scores released in the spring, if a student is reported as "not proficient," it does not mean that he or she isn't gaining academic skills or knowledge expected for his or her grade level. It means that on the day of the test, this student was not yet proficient on the material being tested. Many students may require additional help and/or time to master these skills and that is why Northville Public Schools uses a variety of assessments to determine student progress and proficiency at each grade level. Additionally, individual interventions for students take

place when gaps in student learning are discovered at the building and classroom level throughout the year.

Undoubtedly, parents will have many questions about the scoring changes. We will continue to provide information through a variety of communication channels such as newsletters, email, our website, parent-teacher conferences, and more. It is important to work with your child when the results are released and to communicate that a potential change in their score is not a result of lack of hard work and learning on their part. We will provide a parent's guide to talking to your child about MEAP scores when more information from the Michigan Department of Education is available. While Michigan is attempting to raise the standard for the statewide assessments of the MEAP and MME to reflect a level of college and career readiness, it is important to note that this level of performance varies from student to student based on a variety of measures, career pathways, and college choices.

Northville Public Schools will continue to rise to the challenge. Rigorous standards have always been our benchmark. Please know however, that we do not consider proficiency as a benchmark for an individual student. Raw scores and student growth, which are not reported, are a much more meaningful measure of individual performance and are key measures we use as we individualize instruction for each student. This new level of rigor will simply provide a new benchmark against which to measure our students' performance and our own. Please feel comfortable to ask questions of your building principal when the results are shared later this school year.

Robert Behnke is Northville Public Schools' assistant superintendent of instructional services. He can be reached at [behnkero@northville.k12.mi.us](mailto:behnkero@northville.k12.mi.us).

### 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](mailto: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.

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# High school's classic presentation begins tonight

## On stage: "It's a Wonderful Life"

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

The Northville High School Drama Club is bringing the holiday classic "It's a Wonderful Life" to the stage, giving players a chance to see such characters as George Bailey and Mr. Potter brought to life by a talented cast.

The run of shows starts at 7 p.m. tonight in the high school auditorium and continues on through Friday and Saturday at the same time, with an additional performance at 2 p.m. on Nov. 12.

This is the annual fall production for the drama club, and it's one they have been working hard on since the start of the school year.

Director Traci Spada said the cast has taken to the story, made famous by the Frank Capra movie starring Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed and Lionel Barrymore, in which an angel helps a good, but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing what life would have been like if he had never existed.

For Spada and drama club advisor Bryan Johnson, the challenge was to get the students to fully grasp the stage depiction rather than the movie version. Spada said their version is a fast-paced, two-

### TICKETS

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act production set with an elaborate stage displaying an outdoor setting in the small town of Bedford Falls as well as other places like the Bailey home. Stylistically, lighting will help set the scene throughout.

The cast of 30 is highlighted by the performances of seniors Jack Marmaduke (George Bailey), Jackson Freeman (Mr. Potter) and Madison Merlanti (Mary Bailey) along with sophomore Ryan Duda (Clarence).

Spada said it's a fun cast with some new faces adding to the energy and some old ones bringing with them the experience



George Bailey (played by student Jack Marmaduke) is handed a suitcase as Northville High students begin to rehearse their production of "It's a Wonderful Life".

of previous productions.

Marmaduke shines as George Bailey, acting his way through both acts in a manner that evokes laughter with every moon laso and sympathy when he says everyone would be better off without him. He conveys the whole range of acting, capturing George's excitement at one time and the next his desperation.

Merlanti brings to life Mary with such warmth and confidence. She and Marmaduke work very well together. She answers

George at every turn, delivering lines like, "to keep from being an old maid!" with great timing.

As Clarence, Duda brings a younger version of the angel, but it's just as endearing. He works well at setting the scenes and delivers multiple humorous lines.

The performance by Freeman as the scheming, crotchety old Mr. Potter is a sight to see. He has the voice, the hand and facial gestures, and all-around meanness required to play this famous bad guy. He brings a veteran touch to the role, which is his first.

"The entire cast understands that this is a classic, so they have approached it in a serious manner," Spada said. "But they are also bringing fresh eyes to it, which makes it an exciting performance to watch."



George Bailey (student Jack Marmaduke) and Clarence the Angel (Ryan Duda) rehearse a scene from Northville High's upcoming production of "It's a Wonderful Life". The play will be performed beginning Nov. 10 for three consecutive nights.

### CITY OF NORTHVILLE - NORTHVILLE HOUSING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ALLEN TERRACE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING GUTTER SYSTEM

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

Sherry Necelis, Housing Director  
Dianne Massa, City Clerk

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### City of Northville Notice of Public Hearing Wayne & Oakland Counties Community Development Block Grant PY2012

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain public input on the proposed uses of PY2012 Wayne & Oakland County Community Development Block Grant Funds. The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or submit written comments.

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## NEWSMAKERS

## Physician announcements at Botsford Hospital

**Boyd F. Richards, D.O.**, has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. This neurosurgeon sees patients at two locations of Michigan Spine & Brain Surgeons, P.L.L.C.: 22250 Providence Dr., Suite 601, in Southfield, (248) 569-7745; and 26850 Providence Parkway, Suite 215, in Novi, (248) 569-7745.

After receiving his medical education from Kansas City University School of Medicine, Dr. Richards completed both his internship and

neurosurgery residency at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He also completed the endovascular intervention fellowship at the University of Alabama Hospital. Richards has received multiple honors and awards, including the President's Outstanding Graduate Award from the Kansas City University School of Medicine and the Resident Achievement Award from the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.

Richards' professional memberships include the American Osteopathic Association, the American Medical Association, and the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.

**Shannon R. Schnell, D.P.M.**, has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. This foot, ankle and lower leg specialist sees patients in two locations: Nation-wide Foot & Ankle Care, PC, at 10986 Middlebelt Rd. in Livonia, (734) 261-3400; and Sore Feet Podiatry, PC, at 32432 Woodward Ave. in Royal Oak, (248) 549-3338.



Shannon Schnell

Schnell is certified as a wound care specialist. After earning her doctorate in podiatric medicine and surgery from Barry University School of

Graduate Medical Sciences in Miami Shores, Fla., Schnell served her residency at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. During her residency, Schnell served in 2010 as a volunteer with Botsford's medical mission to Guatemala.

Schnell is a member of the American Society of Podiatric Surgeons, the American Podiatric Medical Association, the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association, and the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

## Physician announcements at St. Mary Mercy Hospital

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia makes the following announcements:

**Harmesh Naik, MD**, has been selected by the Commission on Cancer to serve as a cancer program surveyor. A physician program surveyor is responsible for auditing accredited cancer programs across the U.S. for monitoring and improving quality of cancer care per established standards.

"I strongly believe nationwide program standards are important tools to improve cancer care quality and directly benefit patient care," Naik stated. "In my new role, I plan to continue pursuing these goals."

Upon completion of surveyor training, Naik will start his program survey-



Harmesh Naik



Jennifer Gerteisen

or duties in 2012.

Naik is the Medical Director for Oncology at St. Mary Mercy. He is board certified in Oncology and a member of the American College of Physicians and the American Society of Clinical Oncology, and has published numerous articles on cancer treatment. He received his medical degree in Baroda, India, and served his residency and clinical fellowship at Wayne State University. He completed his research fellowship at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Naik is located in the Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center at St. Mary Mercy, 14555 Levan Road, Livonia; (734) 462-2990.

**Jennifer A. Gerteisen, DPM**, podiatry, received her degree at Des Moines University College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines, Iowa. She completed her residency at St. John Hospital & Medical Center, Detroit, and is a member of the American Podiatric Medical Association, Michigan Podiatric Medical Association, and an Associate of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

Gerteisen is located at Dr. Kane & Associates, PC, 35210 Nankin Blvd., Suite 301, Westland; (734) 525-2555.

**Tamam Mohamad, MD**, cardiology, received his degree from Damascus University School of Medicine, Damascus,

Syria. He completed an Internal Medicine residency and Cardiology fellowship at Detroit Medical Center Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit.

Mohamad is board certified in Internal Medicine - Cardiovascular Disease and Internal Medicine. He is a member of the American College of Cardiology and American Medical Association.

Mohamad is located at the Heart & Vascular Institute, PLLC, 4160 John R., Suite 510, Detroit, (313) 993-2577.

**Nicholas J. Szerlip, MD**, neurological surgery, (of Northville), received his degree from Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, La. He completed a neurosurgery residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, Md.

Szerlip is a member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, American Association of Neurological Surgeons, and Society for Neuro-Oncology.

Szerlip is at located the Wayne State University Physician Group Department of Neurosurgery, 4160 John R., Suite 925, Detroit; (313) 966-5007.



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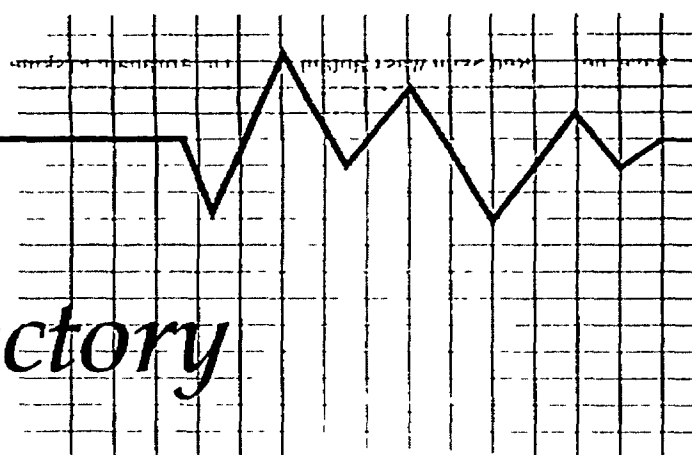
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# Northville mourns loss of a true Captain America

By Debbie Eicholtz  
Guest Columnist

"15 years, 2 months and 20 days. The most frustrating, frightening, angry, rewarding and exquisitely happy days you can imagine – as they really are for any parent."

This is how Tom Cunningham remembers his son, Alec G. Cunningham.

A real-life Captain America, Alec was not your average teenager. Just like this summer's blockbuster film, he had us sitting on the edge of our seats. He made us laugh and cry. His life has ended, just as the Captain America movie did, with the promise of a sequel.

The sequel is his promise, the way he touched all those he knew.

"I would challenge all of you to think about how you are different for having known him," said Tom at his son's funeral on Oct. 27, at Holy Family Church in Novi. "I would suggest that you are different. I believe that you are better people and will grow up to be better adults than you would have been. Perhaps more tolerant, more patient, and more willing to approach and reach out to those different than yourselves. That is Alec's gift to you."

Like Steve Rogers, our Captain was small. His physical frailties might have limited anyone. Alec was far from average; he shared Roger's Super-Soldier serum. In three hospitalizations this year alone, he was virtually bombarded by "vitra-rays," which may not have affected his body – but he emerged with super-powers over people. He inspires us.

"Alec wanted to live life," remembered his mother, Gina. "He wanted to be a part of everything. If he could have, he would have been involved in so many activities; he would have kept going non-stop. He was so proud when he was giv-



Alec celebrates his 15th birthday on Aug. 2, 2011, at AVA Camp at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater with the author's daughter, Tricia Eicholtz, RN.

en a job to do. He wanted to please us, and make us proud, and we always told him he did. He made us proud."

Alec grew up in Northville with his parents and his 12-year-old brother, Tommy. They attended Amerman Elementary and Hillside Middle schools. Having been deprived of oxygen at birth, Alec suffered from cerebral palsy. His arms and legs thwarted his super-human efforts to change the world. His lack of voice became his star-studded shield. Assisted communication devices, like a Dynovox or Tobii gave him strength. Marvel Comics says "Captain America represents the pinnacle of human physical perfection. While not superhuman, he is as strong as a human being can be... with supreme effort."

Alec exuded supreme effort.

Red Skull was Captain America's arch-nemesis. Alec's Red Skull was cerebral palsy. He overcame his enemy. His sparkling eyes warmed

the coldest heart and touched the human soul. A school friend, Hanna Harrigan, wrote on Facebook: "To a guy who I never saw without a smile across his face... (he) inspired me to live my life to the maximum, God bless Alec Cunningham."

Amerman fifth-grade teacher Robin Long remembers Alec's lasting contributions to the Amerman community. "He did a lot for diversity, the idea of including everyone. It stretched everyone's mind to include others who were different. Alec took up space in the world." Adam Ferrara, Alec's cousin wrote on Facebook posting, "Alec Cunningham, you were an awesome cousin. You always had a huge smile, and were always happy. You touched the lives of us all and we will miss you greatly!"

Dr. Abraham Erskine, who created the original Captain America in 1940, and the writers, Joe Simon and Jack Kirby might have envisioned a

magical boy in a motorized wheelchair. In the movie, Erskin says, "I'm looking for qualities that aren't physical." In true action figure fashion, this young man defied his body's limitations to share a contagious smile, an infectious laugh and viral joy.

One of 10 cousins, Marissa Curran, wrote a poem, recalling: "Do you remember? The joy you brought to everyone? The smile on your face. Your sounds of excitement. The brightness in your eyes. Telling us you were happy to see us."

The arena for Alec's greatness became a Miracle League baseball diamond in Southfield. "Sports is how we feel indestructible," expressed a Miracle League buddy, Harry Eicholtz, "I wanted that for Alec." Alec LOVED baseball. According to his mother, the game was real for Alec when he was "Stealing bases, rounding corners on two wheels." When other kids at Camp Invention asked who Harry was and why he was there with Alec, he answered, "I'm his body-guard."

"Alec was a big part of the 9th grade class at NHS," wrote Matt Wheatley, a friend and classmate. "He was a great friend and inspiration to us all. In honor of Alec over 400 students came together and wore his favorite colors, blue and gold. Everyone who knew Alec knew of his passion for baseball and his love for his Miracle League team. Over two days NHS students were able to raise \$790.40 in Alec's name. We hope that by making this donation we can help continue the great work of the Miracle League. Alec will be missed by all, but never forgotten."

Our Captain America's Agent Carter was Tricia Eicholtz. "You taught me so much," said the woman who took him to Authentic Voices of America Summer Camp at the Universi-

ty of Wisconsin, Whitewater, for the past two years. "Tricia became an advocate for Alec," said his mother. "She didn't baby him and for that she received grief from some people who thought Alec should be babied, or protected. Alec loved seeing Tricia stand up for him."

This fall presented Alec with his greatest challenge – a new school. The Coting School in Lexington, Mass. was founded in 1893 with a goal of enabling students with special needs to achieve their highest learning potential and level of independence.

"We knew it would be difficult, but we also knew Alec deserved this," said Gina. "Tommy knew too, and gave Alec such a tremendous gift by doing this without complaining. We tried to look at this as an adventure."

Alec suffered a brain injury during the night at their new home in Lexington. "Alec was the happiest he had ever been. And so excited about everything he was about to be part of," said Tom. "He was at the top of his game."

This 15-year-old superhero died in his families' loving arms on Saturday, Oct. 22, while his power-wheelchair soccer team played in his honor. "Our family will move forward, and honor Alec's memory. We will make our lives meaningful, by finding value in every part of our day, and volunteering to help in areas of need," shared Gina.

"Where the journey takes us now, we're not certain," added Tom.

At the funeral's end, Gina said, "This 'one kid' has made the world a better place with his presence. So, we post a challenge to you. Make a dif-

ference; learn what you need to learn. Every kid belongs and has value. It is the beauty of each and every individual that makes our time here on earth worthwhile. I challenge everyone here to live as Alec lived. He lived, as God would want all of us to live, by being an inspiration to others, by being kind to others and by seeing the value in each and every person we meet. Go that extra mile. You won't regret it. Make a difference."

Alec 'Captain America' Cunningham rests in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville, beside his paternal grandparents, Ann & Gene Cunningham. Alec's life is celebrated by his parents, Tom & Gina and brother, Tommy. He is also survived by his maternal grandparents, Ginny & Mike Ferrara, Godparents, Patsy & Chris Johnson, four sets of aunts and uncles and 10 cousins. Countless Northville Public School children, friends and their families will live out Alec's message. Captain America was the last film I took Alec to see. I gently held 3-D glasses on his nose for 124 minutes. Being with him gave me endless reservoirs of patience. Singing off-tune Motown hits and pushing his chair along the beach in Holland, I never worried about how bad I looked in exercise clothes. Too busy reveling in laughter to care when others stared and chuckled, we danced like no one was watching.

Debbie Eicholtz is a professional at Silver Springs Elementary and has worked for Northville Public Schools for the past 10 years. She has a degree in journalism from Syracuse University.

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The City of Northville Housing Commission requests proposals to replace ninety-nine (99) 30" Free-Standing ADA Electric Range that service the Allen Terrace Apartment Building. All interested bidders should see the application to submit a proposal. Proposal details may be received by contacting: Sherry Necelis, Housing Director, 401 High Street, Northville, MI 48167 (248) 349-8030.

An original proposal and two (2) copies must be submitted by Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened and read to: Dianne Massa, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. Proposals must be sealed in an envelope marked "PROPOSAL - Allen Terrace - ADA Electrical Range Replacement". Faxed and emailed proposals will not be considered. The City of Northville reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities in the proposals that are in the best interest of the City of Northville. Persons with disabilities, who require assistance to participate or attend this public meeting, are requested to contact the housing director at the above number at least 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

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

Sherry Necelis, Housing Director  
Dianne Massa, City Clerk

Affidavit Required

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## 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 1:15, 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.rootsweb.com/~mings](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mings).

## Art appraisal clinic Nov. 18

The Northville Arts Commission will host its third, popular Appraisal Clinic from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. Proceeds of the event will benefit the cultural and educational programs of the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street.

Renowned appraiser, Robert DuMouchelle, and other members of the DuMouchelle staff will be available to verbally appraise antiques, art and collectibles. Robert DuMouchelle is well known from his appearances on PBS television, and the family's venerable downtown Detroit gallery and auction house that has served the Detroit metro area for over 80 years.

Guests may bring items such as antiques, collectibles, family memorabilia, furniture and artwork

## Food Factor



It was an awesome day for learning about the Food Factor Challenge for the Mindstorms, a fifth grade LEGO Robotics team from Amerman Elementary. The Mindstorms team visited Hiller's in downtown Northville to learn about how food is handled and stored in the store. Shown are (l to r, back) Paul Nastelin; Lynn Lederman - Hiller's director of community services; Athrey Gonella; Dhruv Patel; Ryan Reiz; Saaz Malhotra; Brendan Erne; (front) Raymond Jiang; Gabrielle Reiz (team supporter); Rohan Erasala; and Kendall Erne (team supporter). Team member Sai Anantapantula is not pictured.

Large or fragile items should be submitted by photograph. Coins, stamps, and jewelry will not be appraised at this event. Any history one has on an item is important, especially when

bringing in artwork. Typically, the appraiser will want to know the history or provenance of the piece. The appraisers can only give out insurance values and fair market values verbally due to the time constraints.

Registration is strongly advised as it is anticipated that the 15-minute appraisal time slots will fill quickly. The registration fee is \$10 per item with a limit of three items per guest.

Walk-ins without prior registration will be admitted on the day of the event as time allows. Registration can be in-person at the Northville Art House from 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays. Call (248) 344-0497 for additional information or to register.

### "Dracula"

Schoolcraft College's Theatre Department presents theatre performances of "Dracula" Nov. 11-12.

The dinner theatre performances begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served in the VisTaTech Center followed by the performance at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre. Tickets are \$24 per

person.

Tickets for the theatre performances are \$12 per person and the show begins at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre.

Tickets are available in person at the college bookstore or by calling (734) 462-4596.

As in Bram Stoker's novel by the same name, playwrights Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston have adapted the story of a famous vampire. In "Dracula," a mysterious presence appears at Dr. Seward's (played by Nathan Shaw of Livonia) sanatorium near London. The lives of a beautiful young woman (played by Rebecca Himm of Northville) and her idealistic fiancé (played by Jake Edward Beitzel of Livonia) are challenged. In the light of a full, ripe moon; creeping shadows; crying patients; howling dogs and flying bats the stage becomes filled with the irresistible charm of evil. The struggles of three mortal men against the satanic genius of Dracula (played by Scott Dreaver of Canton) is both terrifying and thrilling.

The Schoolcraft College Theatre Department performs under the direction of Dr. James Hartman.

Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus is located on the east side of Haggerty Road between 6 and 7 Mile roads.

## 18th Annual Turkey Shoot

Kids and adults: Pair up, bring your own ball and shoot your best free throws during the Northville Parks & Recreation's annual family free throw contest - The Family Turkey Shoot - From 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 (warm-ups start at 6:30) at Hillside Middle School's main gym.

Divisions are determined by child's age: 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12 years old. Points are given for each basket made, rim shot and miss. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in each age group.

To register or for more information, visit [www.northvilleparksandrec.org](http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org) or call (248) 349-0203.

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**ARMSTRONG, THOMAS DONALD**

May 23, 1927-October 14, 2011

Tom passed away on October 14th, 2011, in Fort Myers, Florida, where he and his surviving wife, Shirley spent the winters. Born to Cyril James and Ruth Hester Armstrong in Detroit, Michigan, the third of four children, Tom spent his childhood in Detroit and his later life in Northville and Novi, Michigan. He was a child model discovered because of his beautiful head of curls at age 3 years. Tom had a reputation as a practical joker and charmed everyone he met with his easy-going ways. At age 17, he lied about his age to join the Navy, and was on the first ship into Japan after the surrender. He spent the next year and a half as an MP in Tokyo, Japan. His adult life was spent as co-owner of Russell Filtration Inc. with first his brother, Jim, then with his son, Randal. He belonged to the Plymouth Rock Lodge Free Masons, and served as a Northville Township Trustee. Tom was an avid hunter throughout his life. Annual trips to Northern Michigan and traveling to Africa, Wyoming and Canada to pursue wild game were highlights of his hobby. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Shirley A. Armstrong, two children and their spouses from his first marriage, Robin Armstrong-Hugg and Larry Hugg of Los Angeles, CA, and Randal and Becky Armstrong of Northville, MI, one granddaughter and Patrick Gordon of Novi, MI, and two great-grandchildren, Jack and Lily Gordon. A third son, Walter C. Armstrong preceded him in death in 1984. Numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, grandchildren and their spouses, and many good friends will also miss him. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 11:00 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Northville. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the charity of your choice.

### BEAUDOIN, GILBERT

Age 43, died 11/6/2011. Visitation Nov. 9, 3-9 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Funeral Nov. 10, 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### BOISVERT, SHARON L.

Age 73, passed away Nov. 7, 2011. She was born on February 16, 1938, in Mt. Clemens, to the late Manuel and Drena (Breton) Workman. She was a member of the Moose, and Eagles Club of Redford. Sharon is survived by her sons: James (Dawn), Richard (Teresa) and Kevin (Boisvert). She is also survived by her sister Delores (Daniel), 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Jack Boisvert and her brother Eugene Workman. Visitation will be held on Nov. 9, Wednesday, from 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Nov. 10, Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942 or University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital Burn Unit, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### COMIS, HARRY A.

Passed away October 27th, at the age of 70, of Highland, MI. He served in the 101st Airborne from 1959 to 1962. He is survived by his wife, Paula, two sons Harry A. Jr. (Kristel) and Walter J. (Shannon) and five grandchildren. Memorial service has taken place. He will be missed by many family members & friends.

### DUNN, JAMIE R.

Age 35, passed away Nov. 5, 2011. Visitation will be held Nov. 10 from 2-7 p.m. A prayer service will follow at 7 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### KRISTOFIK, MARY LOUISE

Age 47, October 30, 2011. Service was Nov. 2 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations to U of M Pediatric Congenital Heart Center. [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)



### KUNDERING, BARBARA C.

Age 90 of Brighton and formerly of Saginaw passed away in the care of her family November 6, 2011. Barbara was preceded in death by Conrad "Al" Kundering her beloved husband of 52 years. She is survived by son Keith Kundering, daughter Barbara (Paul) Jensen, granddaughter Melissa (James) May and her father David Millerick, grandson Wade (Rebecca) Kundering, great-grandchildren Kathryn Kundering, Justin May, and Chase Kundering, step-sister Dorothy (Jerry) Hull, cousins extended family and friends. Barbara was a woman of valor who was proud of her history and her accomplishments. The Tilson family were direct descendants of The Mayflower. In 1981, Barbara was presented the "Boss of the Year" award by the Saginaw Charter Chapter American Business Women's Association. Barbara was also awarded the Certificate of Merit from the County of Saginaw Social Services Board in recognition of outstanding humanitarian services to the people of Saginaw County. Services will take place privately. Memorial contributions encouraged to Michigan State University Spartan Fund Spartan Fund, Michigan State University, 200 Spartan Way, East Lansing, MI 48824 or phone 517 432 4610. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford at 248 684 6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

### LONGEWAY, KENNETH A.

November 1, 2011 age 82. Service was Nov. 4 at St. Raphael Church, Garden City. Donations to Providence Health Foundation or Alzheimer's Association. [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

### MAIN, MARY M.

November 5, 2011, age 94. Funeral was November 8 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice. [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

### MORASCHINELLI, PRIMO PETER

Died 10/26/11. Service was 10/29 at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Novi. Donations to Vitas Hospice or St. Mary Magdalen Church. [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

### PIETILA, ROBERT A.

Age 67, passed away November 5, 2011. He was born in Detroit, son of Kathryn and the late Melvin Pietila. Robert owned and operated R.A. Pietila Roofing in South Lyon for many years. He is survived by his loving mother Kathryn, his siblings Shirley Collins, Ellen Forsyth, Donald Pietila and Jeff (Barbara) Pietila. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his father Melvin and his brother Rick. A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 19 at 1:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. The family will receive friends at 12:00 p.m. prior to the service. Online Guestbook at [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### ROUSSEY, MARTHA ANN

November 4, 2011, age 82. Funeral was Nov. 8th at St. James Catholic Church, Novi. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

### SLOANE, MICHAEL A.

Age 62, died Oct. 14, 2011. A visitation was on Nov. 4 at Phillips Funeral Home and a mass was held on Nov. 5, at Our Lady of Victory, Northville. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

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Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.  
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service  
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Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

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Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF**

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Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
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• Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
• Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
• Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor Danny M. Lott  
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734-453-0190  
[www.stjohnsplymouth.org](http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org)  
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43000 Six Mile Road  
Northville, MI 48178  
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[www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org)  
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The Rev. Richard E. Pape, Pastor

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WEEKEND LITURGIES Sunday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
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Religious Education 349-2559  
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
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777 West 8 Mile Road • 8 Mile and Tall Road  
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Religious Education 349-2559  
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

**Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church**  
54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd.  
Northville, MI 48167  
Pastor Andy Whitten  
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Sunday Service and Children's Church at 11:00 AM  
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Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.  
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Parish Office: 347-7778

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Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
Refuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.  
Youth at 6:30 p.m.  
Rev. David Brown, Pastor  
248-437-2222 • [www.fellowshippepc.org](http://www.fellowshippepc.org)

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10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship  
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Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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Fr. Bob LaCruz, Pastor  
Fr. Michael Zuehl, Associate  
Parish Office: 343-8547 • [www.holyfamilynovi.org](http://www.holyfamilynovi.org)

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[holycrossnovi@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossnovi@gmail.com)

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Phone: 248-437-2983  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Healing Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Pastor Rev. Frederick Assoc. Pastor Rev. Mary Ann  
Website: [www.southlyonfb.org](http://www.southlyonfb.org)  
Email: [bobbysouthlyonfb@gmail.com](mailto:bobbysouthlyonfb@gmail.com)

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760  
Sunday Worship: 8:15, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
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[southlyonumc.org](http://southlyonumc.org)

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Gathering in Jesus Name  
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All Classes 9:00  
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**Wixom**

**CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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Wixom, MI 48393  
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10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship  
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## OUR VIEWS



## Paying back a debt

### Veterans deserve more than pat on back

President Barack Obama recently announced the war in Iraq will come to an end at the end of the year, and that all our troops will be coming home.

It seems Americans should have applauded the president's announcement that he was bringing the U.S. mission in Iraq to a conclusion and ending one of nation's longest wars. But the reaction to the speech seemed to be mixed at best. Those on the right said Obama's announcement was a political ploy in an attempt to boost his low popularity numbers, even though it was George W. Bush who signed the agreement to bring the troops home by the end of December 2011 (it was announced at the shoe-throwing press conference). Those on the left also decried the announcement as something that should have been done much sooner.

One group of people you can bet cheered the news, however, are those in the military and their families. Let's be honest, while the war to date has cost the country more than an estimated \$800 billion, they are the people who paid and continue to pay the real cost. More than 4,400 troops have been killed, and another 32,000 wounded — some suffering devastating, life-changing injuries. The Iraq War may have been one of the longest wars in our history, yet it has been fought completely by a volunteer force. As a result many of our troops have had to serve multiple tours in a nontraditional, but very dangerous theater of war.

In the end, historians will have to debate the merits of this war and its impact on the nation. Regardless how any of us individually feel about the war, however, we as a nation have a responsibility to pay our military families back — including those who are and have served in Afghanistan (and elsewhere in our battle against global terrorism).

Because the end of combat doesn't end the war for our troops — in some ways it is really just beginning. Many of them will have ongoing medical and psychological issues from their war experiences. And to make matters worse, they are coming home to a landscape scarred with unemployment and bitter partisan politics. We must make sure that we are providing them with the tools to succeed in their post-war lives. That means more than just tending to their medical needs. They should have full access to a college education, vocational training and even a job. If that means giving them government jobs re-building our nation's infrastructure then that's what we should do.

Oddly enough, over in Washington, the so-called congressional "super committee" has a couple more weeks to decide on a deficit-reduction plan. According to reports, committee members are discussing major cuts to the defense department, which will most likely mean reductions in veterans' benefits. This is not the time to be cutting aid to our veterans. We have a moral obligation to help them as they reintegrate back into society.

We owe these people — these warriors and defenders of our freedom — more than just a pat on the back once a year in November. They didn't let us down, and we can't let them down.

Think about that as we commemorate Veterans Day tomorrow.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Veterans Day is Nov. 11. Is there anything you'd like to say to our veterans?



"Thank you so much for defending our country. God bless all of you."  
**Jayne Edwards**  
Northville Township



"Thank you very much. You're awesome! You gotta give it up for these guys."  
**Stefan Krasusky**  
Livonia



"I'm just now where I'm at the age where I'm against war ... I'm proud of them for having the courage to do it."  
**Beverly Krasusky**  
Royal Oak



"I think everyone appreciates their noble service and courage. I just hope the Feds find it in their hearts to give them all the things they promised them after they return home."

**Phil McKenna**  
Farmington Hills

## LETTERS

### When cash isn't king

Last week, I went to the Planet Fitness health club in Northville. I wanted to join and offered to write a check or bring cash for a one-year membership. I always pay cash up front; no credit card. They wouldn't accept cash payment up front for a year membership. I can't imagine a business where cash is no good! I also have a problem with a business that is constantly sending me fliers in the mail to join, and then when I try, I am turned down because I want to pay up front with cash. Clark Howard says that "Cash is King" but I guess that it is not for Planet Fitness.

I asked them to take me off of their mailing list.

**Carol Maynard**  
Northville

### Youth football kudos

Football is alive and well in Northville! My son and family had the pleasure of participating for the first time in the Northville Youth Football Association for the freshmen Colts. Following the success of the Mustangs campaign, the Colts played well but were ultimately defeated in their Super Bowl. What a well-run team and league. Volunteers were in place to make game days run seamlessly. The coaches displayed commitment and teamwork and spent many hours building a tough group of boys. Witnessing the conditioning ahead of practice was jaw-dropping.

Many thanks to head coach Mike "we do not walk on the football field" Farrell and assistants Dennis Lauderback, Ray Sandhu, Kevin Weedmark, Mark Klutchko, Brett VanRiper, Jeff Harp and cheer coach, Carol Theisen.

Like any well-run organization, there are a vital few especially deserving of recognition: President Jeff Hood, Colts football director Ray Rachelson, general manager AD Gonzalez, and co-unit directors Dave Hudson and Ashley Gonzalez.

**Tom Isaacs**  
Northville

### Wise move, Gatt

Gatt is wise to drop the issue of e-mail hacking by a campaign worker from his opponent's campaign. If Gatt were keep this issue in the forefront it might remind voters of the still-unexplained e-mail sent by his campaign but made to appear as if it came from the Novi Chamber. The Novi News addressed this Gatt-Chamber e-mail in an editorial back in April and admonished Gatt for not providing a clear explanation of who exactly sent the e-mail and who had the idea to forge the e-mail headers. While not always conclusive, a review of the full headers of the Gatt-Chamber e-mail could provide some idea of the originating computer (or at least the originating computer network), which could assist an investigation into the individual that sent the e-mail. If Gatt attempts to make this a campaign issue someone might decide to conduct such an investigation. Rather than following the lead of his opponent's campaign worker and coming clean on the circumstances of the Gatt-Chamber e-mail, Gatt is apparently following the advice of the proverb that

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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states he who lives in a glass house shouldn't throw stones

**Jeff Gedeon**  
Novi

### Troopers in Novi

It was recently reported that the Michigan State Police were moving in with the Novi Police Department. On my way to work this morning, while most people are still sound asleep, I saw two fully marked MSP cars driving in our great city. One was on Meadowbrook Road and the other on Grand River.

How comforting it is to know that Novi is being protected not only by the brave men and women of the Novi PD, but also by an additional surge of MSP troopers. Kudos to the City of Novi for striking the deal allowing the MSP troopers to use our police station. It is a positive testimony to the cooperative efforts being made by our Novi city government with other agencies to provide more and better services for our residents at no additional costs.

**Bob Gatt**  
Novi

### Tea Party take 2?

The issues are familiar — greedy bankers, unemployment, college debt, lopsided income distribution, political gridlock, etc.

Currently, there is passion without focus at the occupations. To get things done, let's do what the Tea Party did: emphasize our numbers and hold the re-election of our politicians hostage to our votes. Politicians respond to fear. Scare them with passion, our numbers and our intention to vote!

**Robert Katz**  
West Bloomfield

### Opposes abatement

Webster's defines rehabilitation as "restoring something to a former state or condition." Most of us take it to mean that when a house or a building starts to look rundown and on the seedy side, it's time to fix it up or "rehab" it in order to keep the entire neighborhood from going downhill. In 2005, the State of Michigan created Public Act 210 with pretty much the same idea in mind. They decided to offer a tax abatement of up to 10 years to anyone who was willing to rehabilitate a commercial building or a group of buildings. There were certain stipulations required to qualify for the abatement. One was that the building had to be at least 15 years old. That makes sense. Some of the restorations they listed were new or improved floors

and roofs, improved heating or cooling, improved structure and overall appearance of the property. I think it would be pretty difficult to find fault with the intent of this act. Unfortunately there were people out there willing to take advantage of this act to further their own interests.

A few years later, changes were enacted to accommodate the special interests of pretty much one individual in the entire State of Michigan. Section 207.842, Sec 2(h) now allows vacant property to be "rehabbed" and receive public funding as long as they meet certain criteria. A qualified facility can now be a new hotel or motel that has additional meeting space and is attached to a convention center that is at least 250,000 square feet in area. Oh, and by the way, the convention center must be located in a county with a population between 1,100,000 and 1,600,000. I know you're going to find this hard to believe, but Oakland County is the only county in the entire State of Michigan that has a population in that range. And the only convention center in Oakland County that meets the size requirements just happens to be in Novi.

I think you'd agree that it would be more than just a coincidence that only one man in the entire state owns a business that meets all of these requirements. That man is, of course, wealthy businessman and owner of the Suburban Collection Showplace, Mr. Blair Bowman. Mr. Bowman has applied for and has been approved by city council to receive approximately a \$100,000 per year tax abatement for six years. That's in addition to the \$100,000 he currently receives yearly for building the center about six years ago. When Act 210 was amended, they even threw in a little ringer that states that when an individual applies for tax relief, they must state in writing that they would not make the improvements or build the building without the relief. This little gimmick tends to add a sense of urgency to the whole facade.

Mayor Landry, in trying to justify his almost lap dog support of Bowman, was throwing around some monetary and attendance figures that would do justice to some of the Wayne County officials now on the hot seat in their little fiasco. Sometimes I think both the mayor and Bob Gatt seem to be trying a little to hard to rationalize their almost blind loyalty and support for Blair Bowman.

Look, I know, and common sense should tell the good taxpayers of the City Novi that Blair Bowman doesn't need, nor does he deserve, a penny of tax abatement. It is blatantly unfair to every other business owner in the city that he is now going to be given his second tax reduction and they are required to pony up their fair share whether they can afford it or not.

I found it a little ironic that in last week's Novi News an article also on the front page seemed to laud the school board for saving the district nearly \$150,000 over three years by nickel and diming their five maintenance employees and agreeing not to fill a vacant position.

**Dave Shingler**  
Novi

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# What happens in Wayne County, Detroit impacts all

By Tom Watkins  
Guest Columnist

It was 30 years ago this month that the voters of Wayne County went to the polls and decided to reform Wayne County government.

The Wayne County Home Rule Charter became law in part. "We, the people of Wayne County, adopt this Home Rule Charter for the purpose of providing a more efficient, responsive, and accountable government."

Past forward to today and clearly, those reforms did not stick.

Déjà vu? Sadly, today Wayne County is once again steeped in debt and no one seems to be in charge. Scandals pop up as quickly as a Whack A Mole game, and have yet to be beaten down.

Wayne County was named after Revolutionary War hero statesman and General. Mad Anthony Wayne. "History shows General Wayne demanded obedience and loyalty from his men. But he also was very loyal to them, struggling constantly to improve their circumstances. Sure seems a vaguely familiar story today."

Yet Mad Anthony Wayne

must be rolling over in his grave, mad as hell, witnessing the ideals he fought for in the Revolutionary War being trampled on today. A scandal and crisis is a terrible thing to waste.

As Governor Snyder likes to say, we should use the latest crisis that has rocked Detroit/Wayne County to "have a conversation" on ways to improve reform and move forward.

Why not seek ways to minimize costs, enhance efficiency and better market and manage the region through a modern city county consolidation?

A state legislation could be drafted similar to the Wayne County Charter Commission 30 years ago to allow local voters to decide if they would like to consider reforming and consolidating their governmental bodies and creating a constitution for a new form of local government that keeps the decision making in local hands.

The status quo should not be an option.

Today, the reasons to restructure and reform the self-serving insider dealing Detroit/Wayne County government become more apparent each day. We have too much government and now mismanagement and corruption with a system of government that predates the Model T. It is outdated and non-functional.

Provide one good reason, beyond preserving political fiefdoms as to why we need two separate govern-

mental bodies to govern our affairs in a shrinking region.

Detroit's population dropped by 25 percent in the past decade and is now at slightly more than 700,000, the lowest level since 1910. For the third year in a row, Wayne County has led the nation in counties with population declines. Both Detroit and Wayne County have massive deficits and no plan to close the gap.

The resources we once had to support these duplicative layers of government are unsustainable. Basic services suffer as fading tax dollars prop up an aging system of duplicative and non-responsive government.

The role of government "to serve the people" seems lost. Why not seek ways to

minimize costs, enhance efficiency and better market and manage the region through a modern city county consolidation?

This should be done across the state. To maintain government structures created in a different age when we are living in a fast-paced, hyper-competitive disruptive knowledge economy where ideas and jobs move around the globe effortlessly, is insane.

Leaders should be driving us to governmental structures that offer regional leadership, effective and efficient local government, and a globally competitive regional economic climate.

## Models to emulate

There are city/county consolidation models to

consider, most notably in Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Lexington/Louisville and Nashville.

Clearly, what we once had in Detroit/Wayne County is gone, never to return. With the implosion of the auto industry, globalization and technology, the world has permanently changed. These radical changes require an equally radical governmental restructuring.

There have been significant changes in how business has responded to shifting global change. Meanwhile, our city and county governments simply continue stumbling along.

There is much to gain and nothing to lose by having a serious conversation about the pros and cons of how we can structure

government to serve the people and make Detroit/Wayne County and the region a global economic magnet.

When county government is hundreds of millions of dollars in debt and no one is in charge and when "to serve the people" becomes "help yourself" change is needed.

Reform has a way of wearing out - and it is time for Reform 2.0 in Detroit/Wayne County. The question remains: Will leadership emerge at the state, local, civic, political, business, public or private sector to get the conversation rolling?

Tom Watkins has 30-plus years experience in the public and private sectors leading reform efforts. He can be reached at tdw@kbs84@gmail.com.



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Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month  
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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

**ABOUT ETC.**

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Web: Visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) to view a complete listing.

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7 p.m.

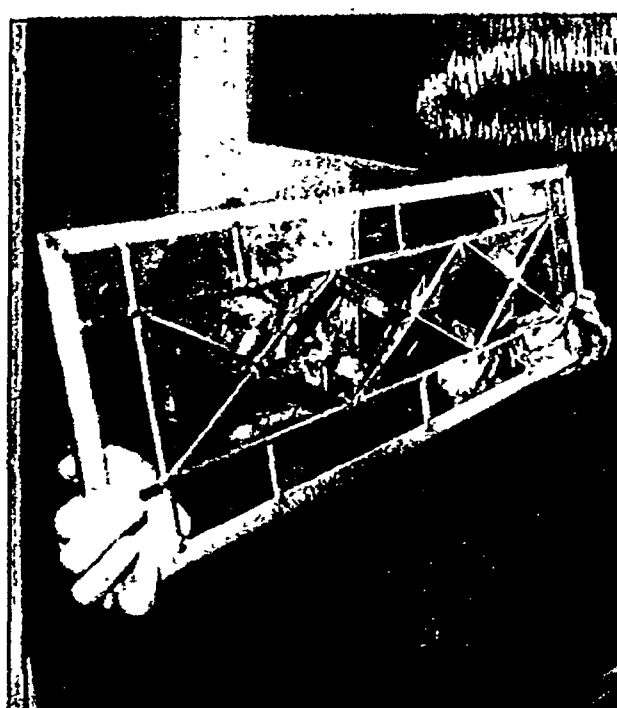
Location: City Hall

**ARTS COMMISSION**

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.



— JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Tiffany glass**

Mostly covered by a pane of glass, John Zarwaski - owner of downtown Northville's Tiffany Art Glass shop - takes a look at a restoration project during his Nov. 4 open house. The E. Main St. shop was holding an open house that night in conjunction with Northville's First Friday activities.

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## GIRLS

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end of the evening.

The event will also have Starring "The Gallery" celebrating its sixth anniversary. Located at 118 W. Main Street, the shop will be decked out and in the holiday spirit. The store's offerings that night will be highlighted by its new line of beads called Novo Beads. These are compatible with Pandora, Troll and other major interchangeable jewelry lines.

"As we look forward to the beginning of our seventh year in business, we want to thank all of our friends who have made this journey possible," owner Mary Starring said of the Girls' Night Out celebration.

Starring will have complementary wine and hors d'oeuvres available, and she will be offering a savings of 16 percent off any total bill for those shopping at "The Gallery."

Another participant is the Northville Art House. During the evening, Julie Woodard, an instructor at the Art House, will be hosting a free craft workshop in the lower level classroom. Another reason to stop at this Cady Street location is the free massages being offered by Nancy Cassel of Trager Massage.

Mark the calendar, Girls' Night Out expects to be a great evening in beautiful downtown Northville.

## MORE HOLIDAY EVENTS

**First Friday Experience:** 6-9 p.m. Nov. 4 and Dec. 2.

Downtown Northville's merchants and galleries continue the First Friday tradition with special art exhibits, music, demonstrations and related events. Participating stores are open 6-9 p.m., many offering complimentary refreshments.

**Holiday Home Tour:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov. 19. Get ideas to beautify your home for the season on this self-guided tour of five homes professionally decorated for the holidays.

Tickets, \$20, may be purchased at Gardenvue or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200.

**Holiday Lighted Parade:** 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. Welcome Santa Claus to town during the Holiday Lighted Parade, which kicks off at Cady near First

Street and winds through town. Sparkling lighted floats will celebrate the theme "Holidays Around the World." After the parade, Santa will pull up a chair in Town Square to meet children and hear their wish lists.

**Holiday Movie at the Marquis:** 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, Marquis Theatre. After the Holiday Lighted Parade, enjoy a free, holiday-themed movie, sponsored by Orin Jewelers and presented by the Northville DDA.

Pick up free tickets at Orin Jewelers. For more information, visit [www.DowntownNorthville.com](http://www.DowntownNorthville.com).

**Greens Market:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20. Find natural holiday trimmings for your home or office and support Michigan growers during Northville's Greens Market.

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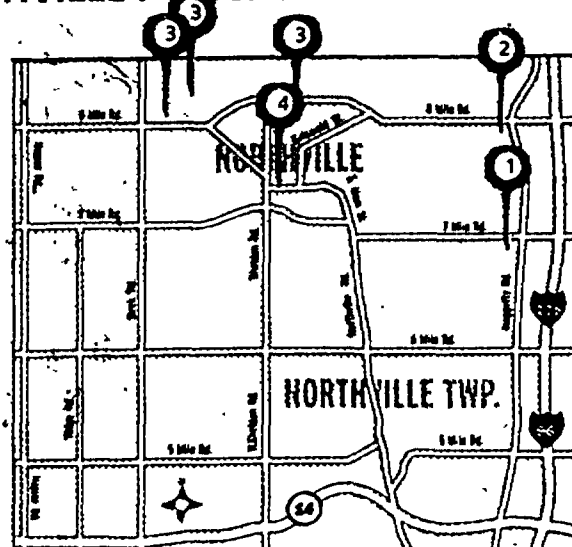
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### Breaking and Entering

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A DTE employee told police that they have had incidents of theft at other substations.

### Retail Fraud

**2** Two individuals were arrested by Northville Township police for allegedly stealing nearly \$500 in DVDs from the Meijer store on Haggerty Road.

On Nov. 3, a 26-year-old Bloomfield Hills man and a 26-year-old Madison Heights woman went into the media department at Meijer and were observed by security putting multiple DVDs into a basket. The woman then went into a bathroom while the man stood outside. It was reported that she exited the bathroom with her purse looking full and the basket nearly empty.

The store's loss prevention officer attempted to stop the two thieves, but they ran through the parking lot. They were later found by the police hiding in the grass near the Hampton Inn.

### Malicious Destruction

**3** Two Northville teens have been apprehended for allegedly committing multiple acts of property destruction.

One of these incidents occurred on Oct. 30. The victim, who lives on Pond Island Court, reported to Northville city police that his mailbox appeared to have been smashed or blown up. There were reports of similar acts, which also included damage to vehicles, on Abbey Court and Novi Street.

The two teens admitted to the crimes and said among other things they had been smashing out the side mirrors and tail lights of vehicles. Both were caught by Northville Township police and will be petitioned to the Oakland County Juvenile Court.

### Assault

**4** An unknown person allegedly roughed up a Northville couple while they were at Poole's Tavern on Main Street.

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A 49-year-old Northville man told police that on Nov. 5 he and his wife were at Poole's when he asked a man, who appeared to be drunk, at the bar to calm down on the foul language he was using and directing at the bartender. The Northville man said the man had asked him to go outside, but he refused, only to have the man pick up the stool he was sitting in and grab at him. His wife was poked in the eye during the incident.

The suspected drunken man was eventually pulled outside and away by his friends. A vehicle description was given to police.

There were witnesses to the incident, including the bartender. However, the Northville couple said they did not want to press charges at this time.

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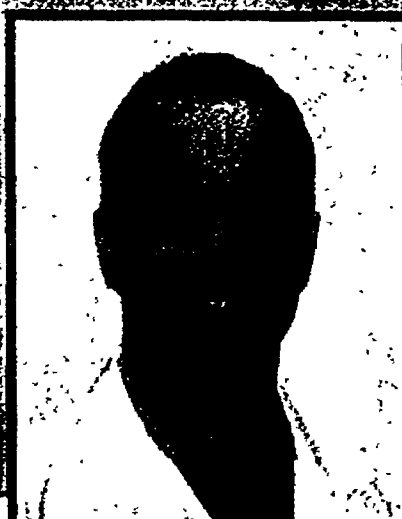
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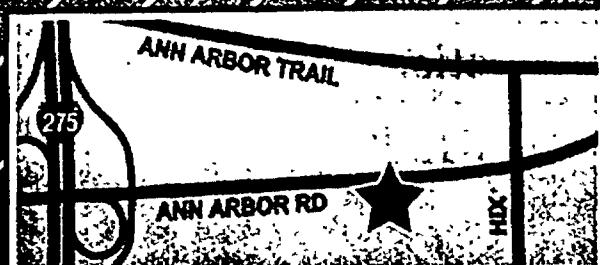
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Northville's Dan Sims kicks the final few meters of the race for 11th place to earn All-State status at Saturday's Division 1 State Finals. PHOTOS BY JEFF THEISEN

## Sims, Noles make history for Northville's cross country boys

### Mustangs have two boys All-State runners for first time

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Chris Cronin has had a lot of talented teams throughout his decades of coaching at Northville High School — but what he's never had until this year was two All-State boys cross country runners.

Dan Sims, a sophomore, and Nick Noles, a freshman, earned 11th and 29th, respectively, to earn the All-State Division I honors. The top 30 runners are each given the distinction. "Dan showed loads of potential last year, but this year he set specific goals and ran towards them," said Cronin. "I think his race at Michigan State was the turning point for Dan. He got a taste of what the 'next level' was all about, and he wanted more."

According to his coach, Sims is built for the course at Michigan International Speedway, where the state finals were run last week. His time of 15:42 proved that. Cronin added the standout runner



Northville's Nick Noles (left) is all smiles after getting his All-State medal for finishing 29th at the Division 1 State Finals on Saturday.

should be a competitive racer in every meet he runs for the next two years. In addition to his All-State athletic honors, Sims' cumulative grade-point average and finish at the finals automatically qualifies him for Academic All-State honors.

Sims' finish was the best of a Northville runner, male or female, since the girls'

team All-State harrier Devon Rupley ran to 13th in 2001.

Noles ran to 29th with a time of 16:01 to earn his All-State nod — not too shabby, especially considering he is the first ninth-grade harrier to race at the state finals for the Northville boys program.

Noles entered the season as a JV runner but quickly moved up to the number three

spot behind Sims and senior Edward Clifton. Noles continued to make time improvements, breaking the 17-minute mark at the Wayne County Championships and 16-minute mark at the regional race in Brighton.

When asked to describe Noles' season, Cronin only had one word: Meteoric.

"There is no doubt that Nick's success at the KLA Conference finals (fourth overall) and the regional (13th) gave him the confidence to go out and run with the state's best," Cronin said. "Nick is a smart runner. He can visualize what he needs to do to be success in each race, and then he goes out and executes. It's easy to forget that he is just a freshman when you watch him running."

Clifton finished 52nd in the state finals with a time of 16:18. After running 11th at the regional, the senior had hoped to break into the top 30, but it wasn't to be. With 1,000

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## Girls harriers place eighth at state finals

### Team has rougher day than expected

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

There were high hopes for the Northville Mustangs girls cross country team as they headed to Brooklyn to compete in the state finals last week — most of those hopes firmly set as lofty goals by the team itself.

Unfortunately, the girls didn't reach their goals — but they still turned in a top-10 performance nonetheless as they scored 259 points. Taking first was Grosse Pointe South with 106 points, followed by Saline with 111 and Grand Haven with 163.

"I am proud of what we accomplished this season and looking forward to next year as we prepare again to make a trip to the state finals," said coach Nancy Smith.

Northville stuck with their usual strategy of running a tight pack of harriers together throughout the race. Their times, however, weren't up to par with what the team had been running previously.

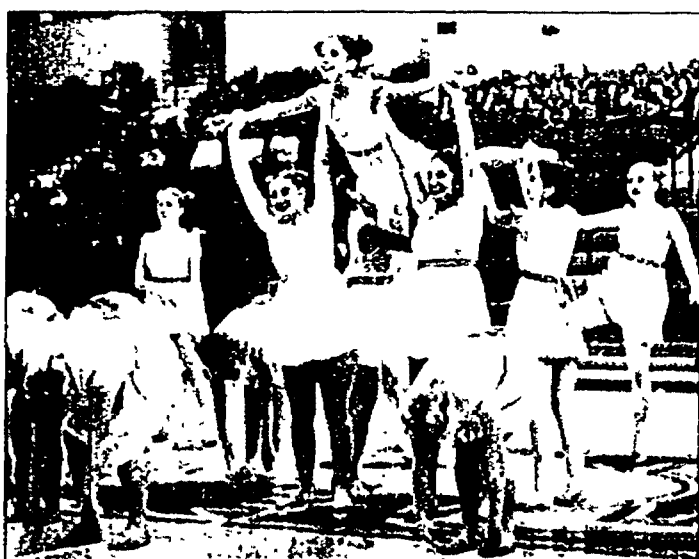
"Our one- and two-mile splits were not consistent with the previous two weeks, which played into our placing," said Smith. "It is a much differ-

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Northville Mustang cross country runner Gina McNamara competes in the Aug. 31 multi-team meet at Cass Benton Park.



The Northville Mustangs dance team competed in its first meet of the season last week at Eastern Michigan University.

## Dance team repeats as Mid-American champions

### Northville squad starts out right where they hoped in 2011

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Coming into their third season, the Northville Mustangs dance team set the goal of being just as good, if not better, than they were last year.

So far, so good. The squad, coached by Tracy Kielb, competed last week at the Mid-American Dance and High

Kick Championship in Ypsilanti. The result? A repeat as the varsity jazz champions as the 22-member squad finished ahead of Dexter with their routine to the song "When I Grow Up."

The jazz routine showcased a number of difficult lifts and impressed the judges with its series of synchronized turns.

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### ON TAP

The next competition for the Northville dance team will be November 19 when they compete at the UDA Great Lakes Dance Championship at Clarkston High School.

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CC's Jon Malone (foreground) somehow got his hands on this pass from teammate Kyle Cooper even though Canton's No. 1 got his glove on it. Malone eventually cradled the ball and ran it in for CC's second touchdown of the day.

## Shamrocks stop Canton

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

Given the opportunity, Bronko Nagurski would have strapped on his leather helmet and jumped into the mix during Saturday afternoon's Division 1 district championship tilt between Canton and host Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Playing 1930s-style football when passes (nine combined) were scarce and brute force in the trenches was vital, the 10-1 Shamrocks edged the Chiefs, 21-14, to advance to this weekend's regional round of playoffs against Ann Arbor Pioneer (9-2).

In the end, CC won the game by a foot — the distance Canton running back Kevin Buford's fourth-and-4 run deep in Shamrock territory, deep in the fourth quarter, fell short — and an arm: CC quarterback Kyle Cooper's right one, which delivered a game-tying 62-yard scoring strike

to Jon Malone and a key fourth-and-8 laser early in the fourth to Matt Doneth to keep the Shamrocks' game-winning drive alive.

Canton, which led 14-7 at the half, finished 9-2. "We just didn't make quite enough plays," said Canton head coach Tim Baechler. "That third quarter just kind of melted away — I think we ran three plays — and we couldn't get them off the field. We had a good drive going in the fourth quarter, but they made just enough stops.

"That's our offense. That's what we do. I thought we left a couple things out there; we missed a couple passes. It just wasn't in the cards, I guess."

CC outgained Canton, 284-277, in total yardage. Of the 103 plays run from scrimmage, only nine gained more than eight yards.

"We told the boys all week that it was going to be a 48-minute game and

that it was going to come down to the fourth quarter," said CC head coach Tom Mach. "We knew they were a very good team that comes after you hard. I'm proud of the way the kids came through in the fourth quarter. They played with a lot of heart and soul."

Canton grabbed a 7-0 lead on its first drive when senior running back Zac Merillat did a Shamrock shake at the line of scrimmage and outsprung the CC secondary to the end zone for a 42-yard TD.

The Shamrocks countered on their first possession, manufacturing a seven-play, 60-yard scoring drive that ended with David Houle's 10-yard TD run up the gut. Alex Kozlowski tacked on the first of his three extra points and the game was deadlocked at 7-7.

The Chiefs marched to the CC 12 on its next drive, but came away empty when Anthony Darkangelo recovered a

fumble on a first-and-10 play.

Canton finally broke the deadlock on the last play of the first half when Buford bulled into the end zone from 1 yard out to give the Chiefs a 14-7 advantage. The TD was set up four plays earlier when Michael Boes recovered a fumble at the CC 10. Kyle Adams had pinned the Shamrocks deep with a booming 66-yard punt.

CC's game-tying play — the 62-yard Cooper-to-Malone hook-up — was sandwiched in between a pair of Canton three-and-outs.

The game-winning drive — a 13-play, 55-yard monster that chewed up close to seven minutes — was capped by a 2-yard scoring plunge by Houle, who gave the Shamrocks a 21-14 lead. The TD came three plays after Cooper hit Doneth with a 20-yard connection on a crossing pattern on fourth-and-8 from the Canton 25.

## Pioneer, CC to meet after 12-year hiatus

Shamrocks look to keep win streak alive

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

To say Tom Mach has had his fair share of wins over Ann Arbor Pioneer is like saying there are a lot of pasties in the Upper Peninsula — it's a bit of an understatement.

Since 1988, Mach hasn't lost any of the eight regular-season games his Shamrocks have played against the Pioneers. The closest contest was in 1994 when Detroit Catholic Central pulled off a 7-0 victory.

But Pioneer has the victory that probably matters the most to Mach — a 3-0 win over the Shamrocks in the 1987 state championship game. That year, the Pioneers also upended the Shamrocks, 7-2, in the regular season.

The two teams will finally get to square off in a game that truly matters to both squads again this weekend when the Shamrocks host the Pioneers in the regional final at 1 p.m. Saturday. The winner moves on to play the victor of the Rockford/Grand Blanc game next week in the semifinals.

Pioneer is currently 9-2 on the season after beating Temperance Bedford, 35-10, last week. They have a nine-game win streak under their belt currently.

The good news for Shamrocks fans is the Pioneers don't have the best of luck against Catholic High School League teams. Their only losses of the year are to DeLaSalle, 43-28, and Brother Rice, 27-14. Both teams are still in the playoffs with DeLaSalle playing Detroit Cass Tech this week in Division I and Brother Rice playing



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Shamrock David Houle is upended as he gets to the line in CC's Nov. 5 game against Canton.

Southfield in Division II.

The Shamrocks are 10-1 on the season after upending the Canton Chiefs last week with a come-from-behind victory, 21-14.

The Shamrocks won't be looking to do anything they haven't done all season. They're going to rely on their multitude of backfield options while opting to throw when the down-and-distance and defensive tactics call for it. On the defensive side of the ball, they'll continue to play with intensity and the focus of getting penetration and shutting down Pioneer's key weapons.

Pioneer will find themselves playing a game much tougher than they've faced before. Out of their regular-season wins, only Temperance Bedford (6-3 regular season record) and Monroe (7-2) were a teams that made the playoffs. The Pioneers have had two fairly easy contests in the playoffs (beating Monroe and Temperance Bedford each for a second time) before landing the Shamrocks on their schedule.

## Undefeated



NANCY KAMINSKI

The girls seventh-grade Hillside volleyball team went undefeated the whole season and took the championship at the Novi Invitational Volleyball Tournament at the beginning of October. Shown are Ally Blough, Coley Brown, Leah Cousino, Kendall Freisen, Marie Grace, Hannah Grewal, Nikki Heinonen, McKenna Hill, Jessica Kaminski, Hannah McMeekin, Sammie Noles, Paige Rosinski, Sam Rutowski, Sydney Schembri, Shelby Warford, Abby Willner and Coach Alissa Lowman (and daughter Emily).

## NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Northville girls basketball to start annual alumni game

The Northville High School girls basketball program would like to start an annual alumni game and they are looking for players to help get that tradition rolling in the right direction.

The program is looking to get former players together and the game is open to any girl who earned a varsity letter in basketball and graduated from Northville High School.

Currently, the game is scheduled for 7 p.m. December 27.

Anyone interested in playing in the alumni game should e-mail Todd Gudith at gudithto@northville.k12.mi.us with their name, e-mail address and graduation year.

Deadline to respond is November 25.

### Northville graduate key in Albion's equestrian program

The team championship that had eluded the Briton hunt seat team by just a few points all season finally became theirs in the first half of their double-header at the University of Michigan on Nov. 5.

Led by senior team captain and Northville graduate Lannis Smith, who won her over fences debut in the Open division, the Britons took control of the points with a strong ride from Meredith Michalec (Rochester Adams) with a win in Advanced walk, trot, canter.

The Britons have now completed the first half of the intercollegiate hunt seat season and will not return to competition until January of 2012.

— By Sam Eggleston

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## U11 champs



GREG BORCHANIAN

Northville Arsenal knocked off the Plymouth Tigers 3-0 on Oct. 25 to win the WSSL U11 Boys Division 1 Title. Goals were scored by Brendan Bebb, Jack Borchanian and Evan Gresens to clinch the title. Pictured (from left) are Carter Goebel, John Bebb (assistant coach), Anthony Montemayor, Josh Anderson, Jake Delcampo, Jack Cooney, Joe Hardenbergh, Ryan Owens, Reid Garback, Matthew Martin, Evan Gresens, Brendan Bebb, Nick Couyoumjian, Sean Gibney, Jack Borchanian and Greg Borchanian (head coach).

# Mustangs finish second at KLAA championships

## Swim squad breaks two conference records

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It wasn't the finish the Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team was hoping to have when they competed in the KLAA championship meet last week, but the end result was nothing to scoff at, either.

The squad, coached by Brian McNeff, had hoped to walk away with a first-place finish in the KLAA event. Instead, the squad finished second, but they made a lot of noise along the way.

"Our goal has been to win this meet all year-long and, unfortunately, we came up short," McNeff said. "I am extremely proud of every single one of our girls that competed. All of them dropped time and continued to fight in every race. A lot of our swimmers and divers won their heats or moved up spots and scored us a lot more points than expected. We were able to get a few more state cuts and also put us in a great position to compete with the best teams in the state in two weeks."

And that's not all. The 200 medley relay team of Maddy Kipke, Sarah Lohman, Shannon Lohman and Briana Schoenek broke the school record that was just set last year with a time of 1:50.49, which was good for sec-

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Mustang Sarah Lohman swims at last year's MHSAA state finals meet.

ond place at the meet.

If that weren't enough, Catherine Cui and Andrea Meister went out and broke conference records. Cui set the new mark in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:10.28, and broke both the conference and school records with a first-place time of 1:06.25 in the 100 breaststroke. Meister set both the school and conference records with 434.1 points in the dive event.

"Although I am disappointed that we were unable to win, I could not be happier with the effort and determination that our girls put in every race," said McNeff. "I talked to them all year about putting your heart into every stroke they take and they did it on Friday and Saturday."

Many Mustangs earned points for the team, which contributed to their second-place showing.

In the 200 freestyle, Lia Nagata took fifth in 1:58.01, followed by Kipke in sixth and Leah Erlandson in 12th, Susan Morris in 19th and Jessica Yan in 23rd. In the 200 individual medley, Cui took first while Sarah Lohman was 10th, Lauren Jarzembowski was 12th, Megan Conner was 14th and Maria Gutowski was 19th.

Schoenek led Northville in the 50 freestyle, swimming to fifth overall with a 25.17-second showing, followed by Emily Butler in ninth and Sarah Garrity in 10th.

In diving, Meister finished first while Mattison Boucha was fourth, Claire Ostrowski was 14th and Erin Aquinto was 17th. In the 100 butterfly, Shannon Lohman finished second in 58.42 seconds, followed by Nagata's 10th-place showing and Leann Dimitroff in 18th, Gutowski in 20th and Maeve Nichols in 24th.

Schoenek was the top swimmer for Northville in the 100 freestyle, swimming a 54.75-second race for ninth place while Butler finished 11th and Morris was 17th. In the 500 free-

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team is slated to compete again when they swim in the Last Chance meet today before heading to the MHSAA state finals next week.

style, Grace LaFreniere finished fourth in 5:24.12, followed by Jessica Yan in eighth, Emily Ifverson in ninth and Michelle Song in 18th.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Butler, Shannon Lohman, Nagata and Cui took third in 1:41.64 while Kipke took fourth in the 100 backstroke in 59.43 seconds, followed by Shannon Lohman in sixth, Sarah Garrity in 14th and Madison Schulz in 19th.

Northville was led by Cui in the breaststroke with her first-place finish, followed by Sarah Lohman in second, Jarzembowski in ninth, Conner in 12th and Shelby Mroz in 19th.

The team finished the team with a third-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay as the team of Schoenek, Butler, Nagata and Cui finished with a 3:39.85.

## DANCE

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"(The) key to the win was that all of our dancers executed the turn section with precision," said Kielb. "If any team member is out of position, the judges can mark us down in multiple categories, such as overall effect, synchronization and group execution."

The Northville team also competed in the hip-hop category, taking third place with a routine entitled "Run The World." Plymouth High School won that category, followed by Garden City.

Competitive dance performances are scored on four main components, all totaling to a potential 100 points from each judge. The components are technique, overall effect, choreography and group execution. Each category may have sub-components such as synchronization, difficulty and transitions.

Kielb was very pleased with both performances by the squad.

"The team has very strong leadership from an experienced group of upperclassmen," she said. "They are work-

ing extremely hard and I was happy to see it come through in their first competition. We still have room to improve in hip hop and this will be a strong focus in our practices."

Northville returns a solid nucleus of experienced dancers who have been working together under Kielb. There are 16 returning members of the 2010-11 team that took a number of first-place finishes, including grand champions at the NDA Motor City Spirit Championships.

Leading the team are returning seniors and team captains Caroline LaFayette, Kelly Owens and Connie Vlahakis. Also returning this year are juniors Delaney Dickens, Danielle Evasic, Lauren Gron, Katie Howe, Alexandra Key, Lauren Layne, Jaimee Risher and Emily Zion as well as sophomores Andrea Bess, Micaela Donnelly, Catherine Drummond, Lauren Hall and Emma Yakima.

The six new members of the team are sophomores Katelyn Bonanno and Riley Gaidica and freshmen Emma Gessert, Rachel Showerman, Sarah Whitcomb and Christina Zitkus.

## BOYS

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meters left in the race, Clifton was in the 40th position, but he faded into the headwind at the finish.

"Edward just didn't have the extra 'go' in his step today," Cronin said. "He is an amazing runner, but he was off today."

Clifton's season was highlighted by a time of 15:57 at the regional and a third place finish at the KLAA Championships —

all after battling sickness that held him back for nearly three weeks.

"I think Edward proved that he is capable to running more than just the 800-meter on the track," Cronin said. "He hopes to run in college. Wherever he ends up, they will be getting a major talent."

Now Cronin just has to wait for 2012 when he returns both his All-State runners and a slew of runners with the potential to help Northville stay at the top of the KLAA and beyond.

## GIRLS

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ent race than other meets as you have to get out fast and establish yourself and then hang on."

Rachel Coleman was the team's top finisher, racing to 57th in 19:14

while Erin Zimmer ran to 65th in 19:18. Alison Robinson was next, running a 19:23 for 68th, followed by Erin Dunne in 77th in 19:28, Taleen Shahrighian in 83rd in 10:30, Alex Rodriguez in 130th in 19:56 and Gina McNamara in 151st in 20:08.

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## Varsity outscored by Walled Lake Braves for title, 29-14

The varsity Colts met the Braves at Livonia Franklin High School Nov. 5 and were surprised to find a vastly improved team from the one they defeated a month ago. The Braves startled the Colts by scoring a touchdown and two extra points on the kickoff return. Then, the Colts received the kick and came on strong. Alec Coppock set the pace with a 50 yard run, and then Justin Zimbo carried in a touchdown. With Cole Ginnell's kick, the Colts evened the score to 8-8. Colt Michael Minick set an onside kick bouncing. The Braves ran a short carry offense, gaining yards and first downs despite tackles by Mason Pitt and Trevor Wojciechowski. The Braves' attempt at a passing play was stymied by Zachary Prystash, and they were forced to punt.

Now the Colts tried to move the ball, but were hampered by questionable Braves tactics. Only some of the transgressions were noticed by the officials who called a few personal fouls against the Braves. But the Colts' progress was hampered throughout the game. The Colts achieved a key first down after carries by Prystash, Zimbo and Minick but lost possession on downs. Still, the Colts strongly defensive action, particularly by Alex Putman, held the Braves at the 50-yard line. The talented Colt receiver Alessandro Gonzales picked up the Braves punt.

In the middle of the second quarter, the Braves, now in possession but deep in Colts territory, made a long pass which was almost broken up by the Colts swift David Dillon, but not quite, and the Braves had another touchdown for a score of 8-16. Now, the Braves tried an onside kick and the ball hit a Colt player and bounced back to the Braves, who recovered the ball themselves. The Colts defense had to rise to the occasion, which they did, with key tackles by Anthony Feisel and Joseph McCormick. Additional tackles by Nicholas Wilds, Conrad Landis, and a sack by Mason Pitt helped hold the Braves for a while. But, the Braves quarterback threw the ball again for a touchdown and the score was 8-22. The Colts had to try some more aggressive plays



DIANE KILAR

Varsity Colts Michael Minnick (50), Jeremiah Dunne (44) and Austin Hayek (66) block for quarterback Justin Zimbo (24) as he makes his way into the end zone for a touchdown in Saturday's Superbowl game against the Braves.

The kickoff came to ball carrier Ginnell, with blocking provided by Joseph Nelson. Despite a variety of ball carries and pass attempts, the Colts could not connect, and the half ended with the Colts down by 14 points.

In the second half, the Colts came out energized, and a series of running plays by Coppock, Prystash, the QB Isaiah Popp who set up Coppock to bring in a necessary first down, and then a touchdown. The extra point kick was blocked, however, leaving the Colts down by 8 points. That touchdown would be the Colts' last score of the game. The Colts defense initially looked in control, with sacks by Ty Kilar, Dillon, Minick and Mason Pitt. The, when Minick recovered a Braves fumble, fans were hopeful that the game might turn around. Carries by Prystash, and blocking by the Colts linemen, especially Coppock, Feisel, and Jeremiah Dunne, did not move the ball enough, and the Colts defense had to come out yet again. This time, Defensive tackles Zimbo, Ameer Moussaed, and Jacob Walker, held the Braves for a while. Colt Timothy Elliot stopped the Braves from achieving a first down at a crucial moment and the Colts looked ready to go, but a failed pass attempt forced a turnover on downs.

The Colts continued to struggle. It appeared as if the Braves would score again as their quarterback sent a long pass towards the end zone, but Prystash, with perfect timing, broke it up. The Braves could not be stopped, and continued to try their passing plays. Dillon broke up one pass and Feisel tackled the ball carrier short, but still, with the ball deep, the Braves scored another

touchdown and an extra point was carried in, for a scoreboard that read 14-29. Although the fans thought the Colts could score again in the fourth quarter, it was not meant to be. The Colts defense certainly gave it their all, with excellent tackles by Artan Tagani, Austin Hayek and Thomas Rys, so at least the Braves could not add more points. The Colts starters, who in all previous games this season sat out for at least part of the game after running up the Colts' advantage, began to tire. Even so, a late game interception by Prystash fired them up and the game ended with the Colts still pressing to score.

The Colts season came to an end but the careers of these young men are just beginning. So many talented seventh grade athletes will be back next fall that the Varsity Colts in 2012 are sure to be, like this year, the team to beat. And, the eighth graders already have cleared their schedules to start training for the High School athletics this winter. Thanks to great coaching and dedicated parents, the future of Northville football is certainly exciting.

—Submitted by Kristina Dunne

## JV Falcons Upend Colts, Claim Super Bowl Title

The JV Colts ran into a foot-ball machine in facing the Livonia Falcons for the 2011 Western Lakes Junior Football League Superbowl. The two-time defending Superbowl champion Falcons worked methodically and used their strong running game to their advantage to claim their third consecutive title, 29-0 over the Northville Colts.

The Colts won the toss and deferred the ball to the Falcons to open the game. The Falcons opened with a strong and deliberate running game. Ryan Silberg and Patrick Walker combined on a tackle early on and Elijah Gash and Marcello Gonzalez made stops to slow the Falcons' offense. The Colts forced multiple long third down plays on the drive, but the Falcons were able to convert key first downs despite strong efforts from Colts defenders Ryan Doroudian, Robert Johnson, and Nick Prystash. The Falcons chewed off much of the time during the first quarter on the drive and eventually scored to go ahead 6-0. Prystash intercepted the extra point pass to keep the score 6-0. Following the touchdown, the Falcons converted a perfect onside kick that bounded back into the Falcons hands and took over again on offense in Colts territory. The Colts defense stepped up as Joey Borthwick, Gash, and Abe Khoury made key stops and forced the Falcons to punt to the Colts 22 yard line. Late in the quarter the Colts finally took over on offense. Prystash on a pass for a 29-yard gain on first down into Falcons territory. Khoury followed that gain with a 9-yard scamper and the Colts looked strong on offense. However, a Colts fumble on the next play resulted in a turnover and the Falcons took over on their own 40-yard line. The Falcons took advantage of the momentum and drove the ball deep into Colts territory as the quarter ended, 6-0.

The Falcons scored on the first play of the second quarter and increased their lead to 14-0. The Colts could not consistently move the ball on their second possession and were forced to punt the ball back over to the Falcons. The Colts defense played strong again led by tackles from Gash, Walker and Khoury, forcing the Falcons to turn the ball over again to the Colts on downs. The Colts found yards hard to come by on offense despite a strong running effort from Gash. The Falcons took over on offense and again, the Colts defense dug in with tackles from Silberg, Gash and Johnson. The Colts took over on downs on their own 18-yard line late in the half. Gash opened with a 9 yard run to start the drive. A Colts fumble on second down halted the possession and the Falcons

capitalized scoring late in the half to take a 22-0 lead into halftime.

The Colts opened with the ball in the third quarter. The Falcons defense held the Colts offense despite a nice run from Abe Khoury and a Khoury to Prystash pass. Anthony Abbott made consecutive tackles on defense and Ryan Silberg defended on a Falcons fumble, turning the ball back over to the Colts. The Colts moved the chains on offense with runs from Gash and another Khoury to Prystash another play. The Colts couldn't sustain the drive and were forced to turn the ball over to the Falcons as the quarter ended 22-0 Falcons.

The Falcons scored on a long run to open the fourth quarter extending the lead to 29-0. The Colts defense played strong the remainder of the game. Jett Giammarusti, Khoury and Gonzalez made multiple tackles in the quarter. The Colts couldn't overcome the turnovers and strong Falcons running game and the Colts claimed the Superbowl trophy, 29-0.

The JV Colts made the Northville community proud in 2011. Despite being undersized for most of the 2011 season, the Colts played as a team with toughness, heart and desire to finish the regular season with a 7-1 record and earn their way to the Superbowl!

—Submitted by Joseph Lack

## Freshmen fall to Livonia Falcons in Superbowl, 12-0

The freshman Colts, who were undefeated in the regular season, couldn't pull off a Superbowl win this past Saturday at Livonia Franklin High School. In the first half, the Colts held their own against the Falcons. With just three minutes left in the half, the Falcons had recovered a fumble at their own 24-yard line, but Nick Lauderback made a touchdown saving tackle. Then, the Falcons tried a flea flicker play but were dropped for a loss by James King and Mick Farrell. On third down, King and Brandon Slusser went in on a tackle, causing a loss of yards. Then with seconds to go in the first half, the Falcons made a long pass attempt that was broken up by Slusser. Brennan VanRiper, Isaiah Gash, King and Aidan Hayek were all in on tackles, causing a turnover on

downs at the end of the scoreless half.

The Colts kickoff to the Falcons at the start of the second half landed the ball on the 45-yard line and Andrew Hayek made a strong tackle. Colts defense continued to stop the Falcons with tackles by Adam Bis, Joshua Klutchko, Gavin Nafso and Kellen Gonda. However, the Falcons managed to score with the extra point stopped by Lauderback, assisted by Slusser and Aidan Hayek. The Falcons kicked off was recovered by Aidan Hayek on the Colts 39-yard line. There was a fumble on the ensuing play and the Falcons recovered on the Colts 44-yard line. Lauderback, Zachary Shoemaker, Aidan Hayek and King all participated in stopping the Falcons and the ball was turned over again on downs. On the next drive, the Colts tried again with Jackson Weedmark, Lauderback and Gash all on the run but they were stopped by Falcons and the Colts turned over on downs at the Falcons 48-yard line. Neither team got anywhere in their next possessions and the third quarter ended with no addition to the score.

In the fourth quarter, the Colts had the ball on their own 47-yard line but couldn't get anything going and the Falcons took over on downs. On their next possession the Falcons succeeded with a quarterback sneak and a 20-yard run in for a touchdown. Lauderback, VanRiper and Joseph Chiaravalle were all in on the stop of the extra point. On the kickoff, there was an exciting return by Gash who got to the Falcons 45-yard line. Then, a personal foul on the Falcons gave the Colts another 15 yards and they were at the 30-yard line with some good field position. Gash ran on the ensuing plays but just couldn't find a hole and again the ball was turned over on downs. The Falcons were met by Ryan Logan and Chiaravalle on their next runs and then a tackle by Slusser caused a fumble that was recovered by Logan and it looked like the Colts had a chance in the last few minutes of the game. But it wasn't meant to be and the Falcons let the clock run down with the score Colts 0, Falcons 12. Despite the loss, the Freshman Colts had an amazing season! Great job players and coaches!

—Submitted by Amber Slusser

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Steve Ciric, co-owner of Northville Township's Rumi's Passion Bakery, recently donated \$2,000 to Northville Civic Concern. The donation came about from sales the 5 Mile Road bakery had through a Groupon promotion. Ciric donated half to Civic Concern and half to Forgotten Harvest.

## NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Gallery celebrating anniversary

The State of Mind Art Gallery is celebrating its one year anniversary from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 with an event called "meet the artist and make a deal."

Located in downtown Northville at 120 E. Main Street, owner Ro Lambert says this is a great opportunity to meet the creators and find some great deals. Thirty of the 40 artists who have their work at State of Mind will be participating, offering discounts from 10-25 percent off their regular prices.

Lambert wants to say thank you to the Northville community for all of their support.

"There is no better place I would rather be than here in downtown Northville," Lambert says.

The gallery's collection of art ranges from paintings and jewelry to ceramics, glass, photography, woodwork, fiber art, metalwork and even more. Many of the items are one-of-a-kind and everything is made by a Michigan artist, which is the basis for the gallery name.

One artist that will be on hand that day will be Jim Williams. He has a variety of paintings on display inside the gallery.

"I see this as a win-win event for both the artists and customers," Lambert said. "I'm really excited because we have something for everyone."

To learn more about the gallery go to <http://www.stateofmindgallery.com> or call (248) 773-7390.

—By Lonnie Huhman

### Phillips to introduce governor

Phillips Service Industries, Inc. (PSI) announced that it has the honor of introducing Michigan Governor Rick Snyder at the Michigan Emerging Conference on Nov. 14 at COBO Exhibition Center. Bill Phillips, owner of the company, is a Northville resident. His son, Bob, of Novi, will do the introduction.

"Entrepreneurship will play a significant role in sustaining and reinventing Michigan," said Governor Snyder. "It's always great to connect with creative, talented business leaders dedicated to being part of the solution."

Established in 1967, PSI is a privately-held company headquartered in Livonia, that oversees seven technology-based subsidiaries, which include Beaver Aerospace & Defense, Sciaky, Inc., Evana Automation Specialists, Mountain Secure Systems, PowerThru, PSI Repair Services and Skytronics, Inc. These subsidiaries serve a wide variety of industries, from automotive, aerospace and defense, to energy, medical and semiconductor. Their products and services help reduce costs and maximize efficiency for many Fortune 1000 companies, as well as the U.S. military. Overall, PSI's innovative technology supports critical programs like Homeland Security, defense research and space exploration.

"PSI is honored to introduce Governor Rick Snyder at the Michigan Emerging Conference," said Jay Hollingsworth, public relations manager at PSI. "PSI is one of the most innovative companies in the world, and we're proud to have our roots right here in the great state of Michigan."

### Bailey & Shamoun supporting Holiday Helpers

Bailey & Shamoun Interiors of Northville has selected Holiday Helpers as its mission for the 2011 Christmas season, kicking off with a Ladies Night Out on Nov. 11 at their downtown Northville store.

"Holiday Helpers is a great cause," said Kathryn Bailey, owner, Bailey & Shamoun. "Their mission is to serve children who are hospitalized during the holiday season — something that brings joy and a sense of caring to a child during this special time."

Shoppers will have the opportunity to purchase a \$5 donation card for Holiday Helpers at the Bailey & Shamoun Interiors Store.

This donation will fund toy purchases for hospitalized children in Michigan.

Holiday Helpers is a non-profit organization started and run by several Grand Valley State University students — many graduates of Northville High School. Holiday Helpers mission is dedicated to easing the burden and stresses of children's hospital stays that coincide with the holiday season. For further information: [www.holidayhelpersmi.org](http://www.holidayhelpersmi.org)

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## MEDC seeks business incubator proposals for start-up support

The Michigan Strategic Fund and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation today issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from high-performance business incubators or accelerators in Michigan to support entrepreneurs in launching and growing start-up companies throughout the state.

"Early-stage companies require seed capital and access to a strong network of public and private resources," said MEDC President and CEO Michael A. Finney. "We are confident that with the funding of these organizations and the types of services they will provide, we will continue to accelerate the growth of innovative technology start-ups in Michigan."

The total amount of available funding is \$6 million. This funding may be used to support up to three years of services for each incubator or accelerator award made by the MSF. The maximum request allowable under this RFP is \$2 million.

In order to be considered for a grant, applicants must submit a comprehensive business plan for delivering entrepreneurial services to start-up businesses, such as marketing assistance, legal services, and training. Applicants must develop a dashboard of indicators to measure the effectiveness of the business incubator and accelerator programs that also ties to the state's strategic goals.

In June 2011 the Michigan Legislature mandated that a portion of the funds appropriated to the Michigan Strategic Fund for innovation and entrepreneurship be used for business incubators and accelerators located in the following governmental units: Houghton County, Kent County,

### DETAILS

The RFPs can be viewed online at: <http://www.michiganadvantage.org/Public-Notices-Requests-for-Proposals/> Electronic versions of each business plan proposal must be sent separately to the MSF via email to [incubator2012@michigan.org](mailto:incubator2012@michigan.org) by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23. Proposals will not be accepted via U.S. mail or any other delivery method. Prospective bidders may submit questions regarding the RFP via email by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 to [incubator2012@michigan.org](mailto:incubator2012@michigan.org). The MSF will not respond to questions that are not received by the above date and time. In addition, questions that are phoned, faxed or sent through regular mail will not be accepted.

Responses to all qualifying questions will be posted on the MEDC's website, [www.michiganadvantage.org](http://www.michiganadvantage.org) at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a public-private partnership serving as the state's marketing arm and lead agency for business, talent and jobs, focuses on helping grow Michigan's economy. For more on the MEDC and its initiatives, visit: [www.MichiganAdvantage.org](http://www.MichiganAdvantage.org).

ty, Macomb County, Oakland County, Washtenaw County, a city with a population greater than 650,000, and a Midland County satellite site of an incubator located in Isabella County.

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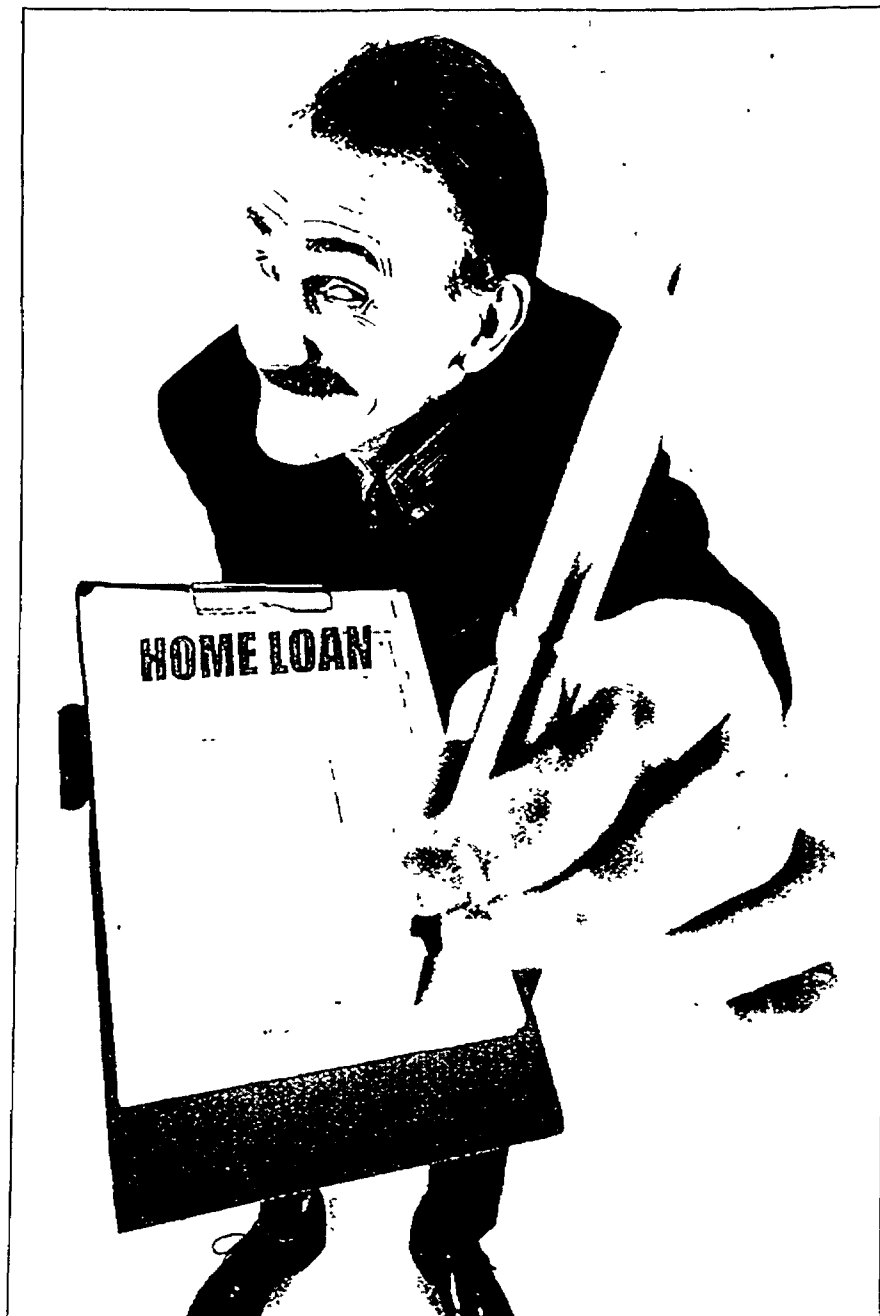
Consumers are promised they will receive their loan in 24-48 hours or refunded their deposit. To date, no one has received the promised refund. Two of the complainants who did not receive their loan were told that funds could not be released due to their credit history unless they paid an additional insurance premium at which time the funds would be released. One victim faced this excuse on several occasions and wired the scammers over \$6,000.00 but still has not received a loan.

The Michigan Office of Financial & Insurance Regulation has informed the BBB that UNITED COMMERCIAL CREDIT is not an active Michigan corporation and that it does not have a valid license to provide lending and financial services in Michigan. The BBB report is being revised to reflect the BBB's current investigation.

The BBB reminds consumers that advance fee loans are illegal and advises against wiring money to anyone you don't know. Consumers should also be leery of any websites or e-mails they receive which claim to guarantee loans regardless of credit. Remember, anytime you're asked to pay money upfront to qualify for a loan, the offer is fraudulent.

Signs of an advanced fee loan scam:

- You are guaranteed a loan even if you have no credit, bad credit or a bankruptcy.
- You are guaranteed a loan even if local legitimate lending institutions have refused you.
- Upfront fees are not disclosed.
- You are asked to wire money to the company to pay an upfront fee for insurance, administration or legal fees
- The company pressures you to send the money right away.



- Written communications contain typos and grammatical errors.
- When you telephone, no one is ever "in"; your calls are not returned, or the voicemail box is always "full."

Victims of bogus loan brokers are encouraged to file a complaint with

the BBB (www.bbb.org) or (248) 223-9400 and the Michigan Attorney General's Office at (877) 765-8388. While the chance of recovering the payment fee is minimal, victims can provide information to help BBBs warn consumers and assist government investigations.

## Finding recourse for a hoarder

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: What do we do with someone who is hoarding all kinds of junk in their condominium unit, including a situation which is causing mold, animal waste, vermin and a potential fire hazard?

A: It is, of course, a difficult problem, but most of the time your condominium documents allow for recourse by the association. Obviously you need to identify the problem and the association's obligation, if any, to deal with it. You need to request access with a board representative and an outside expert to scope the problem. You need to deliver the scope to the co-owner and give them a date certain to have the place cleared out or restored, if applicable. Upon the co-owner's failure to remove the stuff and restore it, if applicable by the date certain, after notice



Robert Meisner

to the co-owner the association's expert should have the stuff removed and the work done, if at all possible, upon the advice of counsel.

If you need an Injunctive Order from the court, you will have to start a lawsuit. You may also want to consider contacting local social service agencies to determine whether or not there is a psychological problem with the "co-owner." Obviously, if the owner does not remove the materials, you may have the right under the documents to do so without liability to the association, its managers, directors, etc. On the other hand, you may have to get an Injunctive Order and hopefully recover all costs, expenses and legal fees from the co-owner.

Q: Can you give me some information concerning the insurance requirements which FIA is now requiring of homeowner and condominium associations?

A: For all new and established projects with more than 20 units, the homeowner's association is required to obtain and maintain an Employee Dishonesty-Fidelity Bond Insurance. The association must maintain this insurance for all officers, directors of the association and all other persons handling or are responsible for funds administered by the association. The coverage must be no less than the sum equal to three months aggregate assessments in all units plus reserve funds unless a state law mandates that a greater amount of required insurance. If the homeowner's association engages the services of a management company, the Homeowner's Association must require the management company to maintain the insurance coverage for its officers, employees and agents handling or are responsible for funds of, or administered on behalf of, the homeowner's association. The required coverage must meet the following requirements:

1. Must name the owner's association as an obligee;
  2. Must be an amount not less than the estimated maximum of funds, including reserve funds, in the custody of the owner's association or managing agent at any given time during the term of each bond;
  3. In no event may the aggregate amount of such bonds be less than a sum equal to three months aggregate assessments in all units plus reserve funds unless state law requires a maximum amount of required coverage.
- Obviously, it is important that you review this requirement with your attorney to make sure that your association is in compliance.

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

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 1-5, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

2249 Ashbourne Dr	\$410,000
43118 Avon Rd	\$180,000
6862 Carriage Hills Dr	\$139,000
39464 Cather St	\$110,000
48551 Central Park Dr	\$345,000
7072 Copper Creek Cir	\$107,000
41922 Coventry Way	\$127,000
1920 E Roundtable Dr	\$118,000
8401 Forrest Dr	\$125,000
46011 Graystone Ln	\$168,000
3256 Greenwood Ct	\$235,000
50048 Hancock St	\$129,000
45537 Holmes Dr	\$210,000
42501 Majestic Ct	\$115,000
277 Meadowlake Rd	\$160,000
45417 N Stonewood Rd	\$110,000
47742 Pavilion Rd	\$320,000
44344 S Umberland Cir	\$159,000
41703 White Tail Ln	\$110,000

#### GARDEN CITY

31476 Bridge St	\$65,000
31440 Chester St	\$67,000
29160 Florence St	\$57,000
32919 John Hawk St	\$60,000
6548 Sharon St	\$69,000

#### LIVONIA

36300 Six Mile Rd	\$128,000
9725 Adams St	\$125,000
38182 Ann Arbor Trl	\$29,000
34480 Capitol St	\$112,000
14950 Caveil St	\$105,000
28409 Cleveland St	\$98,000
38122 Dolores St	\$85,000
36240 Dover St	\$90,000
17522 Edgewood St	\$210,000
11017 Edington St	\$175,000
14224 Ellen Dr	\$120,000
14626 Ellen Dr	\$120,000
19992 Ellen Dr	\$383,000
14718 Fairway St	\$115,000
9915 Farmington Rd	\$215,000
17907 Floral St	\$113,000
29436 Grandon St	\$60,000
15900 Harrison St	\$95,000
37951 Jamison St	\$105,000
11750 Jarvis St	\$126,000
36340 Lyndon St	\$169,000
11300 Mayfield St	\$115,000
14378 Melvin St	\$145,000
31621 Middleboro St	\$45,000

18217 Norwich Rd	\$79,000
19341 Norwich Rd	\$180,000
14217 Park St	\$123,000
34678 Pembroke Ave	\$215,000
33657 Pondview Cir	\$30,000
14693 Riverside St	\$165,000
38347 Roycroft Ct	\$168,000
35954 Scone St	\$128,000
18819 Shadyside St	\$123,000
16943 Yorkshire St	\$270,000

#### NORTHVILLE

49525 Seven Mile Rd	\$385,000
12381 Anchor Ct	\$56,000
18312 Blue Heron Pointe Dr	\$450,000
41648 Elk Rd	\$180,000
550 Grace St	\$495,000
262 Hutton St	\$180,000
42801 Itham Ct	\$51,000
18241 Parkshore Dr	\$550,000
18128 Pinebrook Dr	\$285,000
18537 Steep Hollow Ct	\$530,000
18885 Stonewater Blvd	\$471,000
710 W Main St	\$828,000

#### PLYMOUTH

46701 Barrington Ct	\$269,000
11636 Butternut Ave	\$90,000
14695 Garland Ave	\$70,000
44860 Lynn Dr	\$95,000
40441 Newport Dr	\$70,000

9055 Northern Ave	\$226,000
12426 Pinecrest Dr	\$122,000
51339 Plymouth Lake Cir	\$575,000
9255 Red Maple Ct	\$318,000
1150 S Harvey St	\$415,000

#### REDFORD

15836 Lenore	\$24,000
19144 Macarthur	\$40,000
11367 Mercedes	\$60,000
10038 Riverdale	\$22,000
9003 Seminole	\$53,000

#### WESTLAND

30742 Ann Arbor Trl	\$49,000
34569 Blackfoot St	\$48,000
33605 Calumet St	\$12,000
38000 Hixford Pl	\$86,000
8286 Huntington St	\$10,000
34943 Lewis St	\$63,000
29836 Lonnie Dr	\$85,000
29049 Manchester St	\$23,000
34425 Marina Ct	\$88,000
6143 N Berry St	\$39,000
6275 N Dowling St	\$42,000
27608 Powers St	\$30,000
1511 S Sutton St	\$104,000
1745 Selma St	\$30,000
570 Van Sull St	\$66,000
640 Van Sull St	\$80,000
516 Worchester St	\$112,000

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18300 Beverly Rd	\$190,000
18166 Kinross Ave	\$162,000
32076 Rosevear St	\$251,000
31773 Walther Ct	\$341,000

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30875 River Crossing St	\$186,000
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#### BIRMINGHAM

1676 Barnbury St	\$110,000
532 Bennaville Ave	\$224,000
748 Chapin Ave	\$435,000
444 Chester St	\$150,000
2438 Chesterfield Ave	\$550,000
5435 Devon Ln	\$676,000
1048 Ridgedale Ave	\$275,000
1244 S Eton St	\$111,000
565 S Glenhurst Dr	\$428,000
541 Wimbledon Dr	\$340,000

2744 Yorkshire Rd	\$475,000
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#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

4683 Brightmore Rd	\$417,000
2142 Coach Way Ct	\$240,000

#### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2075 Bootmaker Ln	\$201,000
7022 Cathedral Dr	\$285,000
3301 Highmeadow Ct	\$175,000
841 Highland Dr	\$1,150,000
1556 Island Ln	\$400,000
2745 Lahser Rd	\$180,000
1170 Lenox Rd	\$385,000
7141 Leterese Dr	\$165,000
1736 Saint Johns Ct	\$250,000
4425 Squirrel Rd	\$200,000
5245 Wayfind Ln	\$890,000

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4235 Bluebird Dr	\$435,000
1723 Carriage Hill # 206	\$293,000
7969 Farrant St	\$586,000
7904 Flagstaff St	\$470,000
4085 Forest Edge Dr	\$251,000
2160 Palmetto	\$230,000
4983 Parkgate Dr	\$343,000
5870 Pickbourne St	\$32,000
340 Polvadera St	\$122,000

#### FARMINGTON HILLS

36986 Dartmoor Dr	\$88,000
23410 Haynes St	\$103,000
39283 Heatherbrook Dr	\$250,000
28357 Kendallwood Dr	\$144,000
29040 Oak Point Dr	\$174,000
35746 Old Homestead Dr	\$225,000

32777 Raphael Rd	\$85,000
35986 W 13 Mile Rd	\$575,000
28341 Westerleigh Rd	\$115,000

Lathrup Village	\$50,000
27610 Goldengate Dr W	\$50,000
27051 Lathrup Blvd	\$135,000

#### MILFORD

266 E Canyon Dr	\$211,000
623 Mill Pointe Dr	\$185,000
827 W Maple Rd	\$235,000

#### NOVI

27453 Albert St	\$237,000
27355 Benjamins Way	\$45,000
51195 Brompton	\$205,000
26226 Fieldstone Dr	\$230,000
27079 Ladbroke St	\$217,000
41692 Magnolia Ct	\$116,000
41050 N McMahon Cir	\$54,000
24559 Olde Orchard St	\$43,000
25524 Portico Ln	\$115,000

24822 Portsmouth Ave	\$275,000
47154 Scarlet Dr S	\$187,000
23325 W Le Bost	\$124,000
28311 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000

61155 Allen Dr	\$205,000
58721 Carriage Ln	\$298,000
1375 Cartwright Ln	\$287,000
52073 Copperwood Dr N	\$50,000
495 Eagle Way	\$195,000
995 Oak Creek Dr	\$140,000
21001 Pontiac Trl	\$218,000
51847 Red Cedar Ct	\$295,000
831 Westbrooke Dr	\$209,000
302 Whipple St	\$75,000

#### SOUTHFIELD

21767 Hidden Rivers Dr N	\$30,000
29146 Rambling Rd	\$40,000
30057 Rambling Rd	\$48,000
28673 Regent Ct N	\$31,000
21335 Wallace Dr	\$51,000

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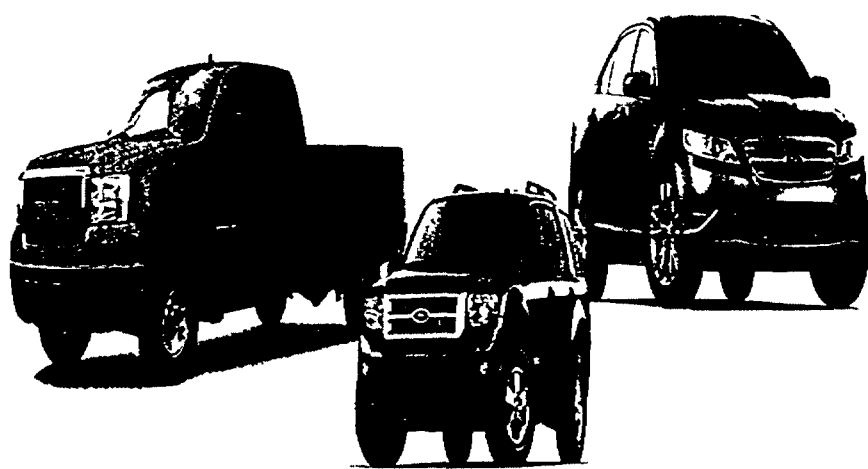
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# Do Background Check On Potential Employer

**Alina Dizik  
Special to CareerBuilder**

Job seekers aren't the only ones who should undergo a lengthy background check; it's important that candidates research the company, too. Anything from pending lawsuits, bankruptcies or layoffs can be enough to raise a red flag. It's important to understand what you're getting into before accepting any position. Doing background research also will help you ask all the right questions during an interview and impress hiring managers. Not sure where to start when it comes to researching the company?

Here's how to conduct your own background check on a potential employer: **Check the finances** "Always look at the financial stability of the company," says Jonny Laurent, vice president and general manager of Sage Employer Solutions, a recruiting firm. While it may be difficult to find specific information for a private company, it's important to try. Do online research, search local news sources and ask former or current employees -- do some quick digging to make sure your employer is viable. When companies experience important financial events like bankruptcies, there's a greater chance you'll be able

to find out about them and track results. **Gauge the company culture** Speaking to current or former employees can help you understand whether you're a cultural fit with the company before you take the job. If you're not comfortable with areas of a company's culture, it can hurt your career. For example, a place that prizes cutthroat tactics to get ahead may be the wrong fit for someone who is looking for a team-oriented environment. "Find people in your network or close to your network who do work or have worked for them and start a dialogue," says Laurent, who suggests LinkedIn as a good start.

"Unless there is overwhelming evidence that the company is a bad fit, do not sell the company short and still interview, but now you can interview with open eyes."

**Check its problem-solving record** The way a company approaches problems can be a good indicator of whether you'd want to work there and how the company treats its workforce. Before taking a job, find out "what has been the company's greatest challenge over the past year and how have they approached and solved the problem," says Jayne Mattson, senior vice president of Keystone Associates, a career management company with offices in New England. In a weak economy, it can be especially telling to see how a company has dealt with tough times. For example, if it's been able to grow an area of its business -- and you're being hired for a new position -- it can be a sign of good leadership.

**Track layoffs and career progression** For most people, the biggest fear once they take on a new job is a layoff. And while that risk can't be entirely prevented, it's good to understand a company's track record. If the company has had multiple rounds of layoffs, it pays to be more careful when taking the role.

Additionally, try to find out who had your job previously, why she left and where she went. Knowing your career options after you're ready to move jobs can be a good way to gauge fit.

If you have any lingering questions, don't be afraid to speak up when talking with the recruiter or during an interview with the company. Not only will it help calm your anxiety, but it'll show hiring managers that you've done your homework and understand the company. A background search "will help you and the company make sure the role is going to be a good fit for both of you," Mattson says. "Ask questions that will get to the heart of what you are trying to understand, so you will make the right career decision."

*Alina Dizik researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues for CareerBuilder. Follow @CareerBuilder on Twitter.*



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