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## 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. tonight (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.

The cost for this event is the donation of canned or other non-perishable goods. Drop off donations at the Northville Parks and Recreation Office by Nov. 18 or at the Hillside gym prior to the start of the event.

## Lighted parade

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Holiday Lighted Parade on Friday. The theme is "Holidays Around the World" and entries are invited to follow the theme in order to compete in three award categories. Bands, floats, dancers and scout-

ing groups will march and perform in the evening parade that kicks off the holiday season

in downtown Northville. The parade culminates with a visit from Santa.

The Holiday Lighted Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. and travels through the streets of downtown Northville. Refreshments will be served in Town Square before and after the parade by Northville Christian Assembly.

# All custodians laid off after Christmas

## Move part of school district privatizing service

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

Effective the day after Christmas all of the custodial staff in the Northville Public Schools district will be laid off.

The Board of Education has approved the final lay-off notice to over 40 staff members, including custodi-

al coordinator Kevin Cavanaugh. This decision was some time in the making since the district decided earlier in the school year to contract with the private custodial company Grand Rapids Building Services.

GRBS is set to take charge of the custodial services under a two-year contract that was bid out annually at

\$1.7 million. This, according to Assistant Superintendent Mike Zopf, would save the district over \$800,000 annually.

During negotiations, the custodial union, Local Teamsters 214, offered the district a counter proposal of \$2.5 million.

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*"We continue to remain hopeful that at least some of these folks will make a decision to work with GRBS."*

MARY KAY GALLAGHER  
NPS superintendent



STEVE FECHT  
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## Garden Club wreaths



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Northville Garden Club members Beth DeCoster, left, and Sue Dersha team up to wire some pine cones into a holiday wreath on Nov. 14 at Mill Race Village. Club members were prepping hundreds of wreaths for pick-up that day in what is their largest annual fundraiser. The club should net about \$5,000 from the wreath sale which they put back into their four annual scholarships given to two students each from Northville High and Schoolcraft Community College.

# Cleanup grant sought for The Garage

## Funds to be used for contaminated soil under new restaurant

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

The City of Northville is seeking a cleanup grant from the state to help the developers of The Garage remove any contaminants left over from the location's previous uses.

The City Council approved the plan presented by City Manager Patrick Sullivan to move forward with submitting an application for a Brownfield Redevelopment Grant, which is offered by the Department of Environmental Quality. The estimated cleanup costs are \$250,000, but they will be asking for \$300,000.

According to Sullivan, The Garage Restaurant site at 202 W. Main St. is located over soil contaminated by a previous gas station and dry cleaning operation. He said the building would need to have a vapor intrusion barrier installed underneath the

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# Board tweaks school district's goals

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

Goals for Northville Public Schools remain basically the same — student learning is the overarching priority — but some changes include applying a more

measurable focus in achieving these goals, which were approved by the Board of Education last week.

According to Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, the district goal metrics/target document is a new piece to be used with the

district's and school improvement plans.

Gallagher said what has changed is the goals will have "a more measurable focus, a more definable target and baseline data, and I think a better sense of how we will measure wheth-

er or not we are achieving those goals."

Gallagher said measuring success is important if improvement is to be made. She said the local assessment will use Michi-

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# Welcome home!

## Silver Springs students host Marine Joe Eichholtz

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

Veterans Day at Silver Springs Elementary School was extra special this year.

Northville resident and former student Joe Eichholtz spent the afternoon that day at his old school giving students in David Wayne's fifth-grade class his account of his time in the United States Marine Corps and Afghanistan. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps as a Corporal earlier this fall.

What Eichholtz didn't know was that a surprise party was going to

be held in his honor to welcome him home. His mother, Debbie Eichholtz, is also a paraprofessional at Silver Springs.

During his talk he used photographs and stories to give the students a look into modern history. He brought a number of items he used or wore during his time in Afghanistan. The students passed around and got a close look at the gloves, fire retardant shirts and backpack he brought.

Mr. Wayne had the class writing down 10 facts from Eichholtz's account so they could use them in a writing assignment.



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Joe and Debbie Eichholtz with students from Mr. Wayne's fifth-grade class at the surprise party.

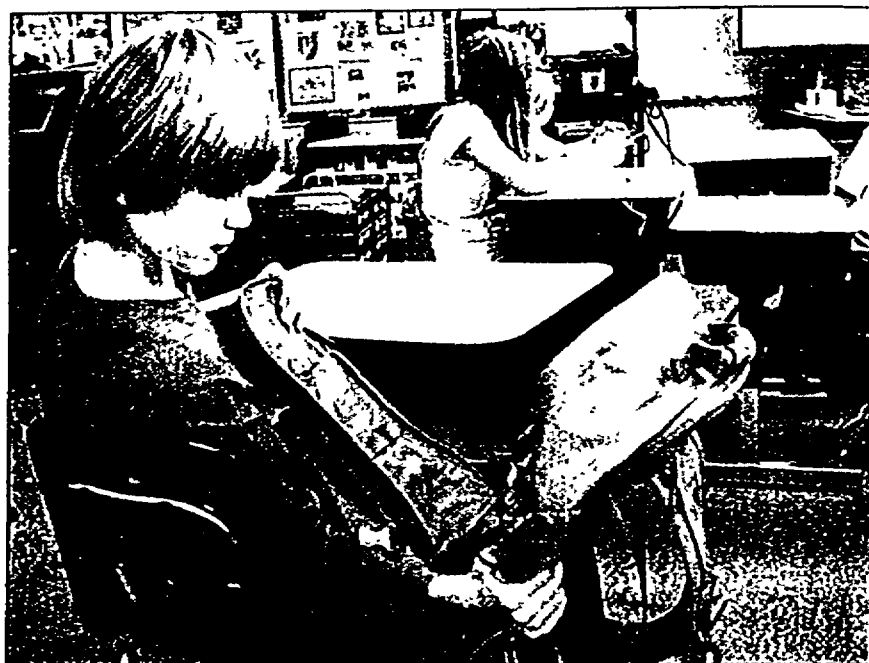
The students were not lacking in questions for him, asking him about the spiders he encountered to the weapons he used.

One student even asked if he had ever used the medical tourniquet he showed them. He said he did on an injured friend and was able to do this because of the training he received by completing the combat lifesaver course.

Eichholtz served as a motor vehicle operator. Primarily, he was driving a seven-ton truck back and forth from Camp Leatherneck to smaller bases around Afghanistan's Helmand province supplying fellow Marines with much-needed equipment, food and water.

His best memory was going to Mt. Fuji in Japan on a training exercise. He said seeing the famous mountain was a dream that came true.

However, he did talk about some of the hardships. He said as a supply driver there were many times he came under fire or had an explosion go off near him. Adding that his last mission, in which he



Fifth-grader Mark Adams looks at Joe Eichholtz's Marine backpack.

had to tow another broken down truck while he was also hauling two large generators, was one of the most difficult.

He said the truck almost flipped a couple of times due to the overload of weight. However, that didn't happen and he was

able to safely reach his destination.

"It was a tough job," Eichholtz said looking back.

After his talk, everyone moved to another room, but he was held back by Mr. Wayne. Collected in the school's library, the

students and some parents prepared a party for him that included snacks and signs reading, "Welcome Back Home Joe!"

While the students sang the Marines' Hymn, his smile said it all.

This would be a Veterans Day to remember.

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# Local financial pro's books help to demystify investing

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Scott Paul Frush of Northville Township is author of "All About Exchange-Traded Funds," just published by McGraw-Hill. He's a chartered financial analyst and certified financial planner who earned his M.B.A. in finance from the University of Notre Dame and his bachelor of business administration degree in finance from Eastern Michigan University.



Frush

Frush, 40, is president and chief portfolio strategist of the wealth management firm Frush Financial Group. He's with Lincoln Financial Advisors in Southfield, but hopes to relocate his one-man shop to Northville soon.

The new book is Frush's fifth financial title through McGraw-Hill and his ninth book. He and wife, Christina, have two children Gabriella, 4, and Ryan, 3.

Frush is working on a new book which will further explore ETFs. "I've had very good response thus far," he said of reaction to "All About Exchange-Traded Funds."

He had to cut material for the book, which has only been out a few weeks. Frush said it's most appropriate for the novice to intermediate investor who knows a little bit about stocks, bonds and personal finance.

Someone who knows the basics of his or her 401(k) plan could follow the recently released book, he said. "Thus far, it's been well received."

He said ETFs resemble mutual funds but trade like stocks, only one of their benefits.

The book is available through Amazon and at such stores as Barnes & Noble. Frush noted it's part of a well-selling series from McGraw-Hill.

He describes ETF benefits as including stock-like tradeability but also having lower cost than mutual funds. ETFs are also transparent and can help avoid conflict of interest, he said.

"ETFs are very tax-efficient," the author said. "There are so many other benefits that make ETFs so advantageous."

His "Understanding Hedge Funds," also published by McGraw-Hill, is his best seller, he said, noting there aren't a lot of such books in the marketplace. He anticipates that "All About Exchange-Traded Funds" will take off.

The Frush family built a Northville

Township home in the Seven Mile-Beck area over some 14-15 months. "We got what we wanted, which is terrific," he said.

Frush likes the charm of downtown Northville with "the modern new subdivisions close by." There's less traffic than elsewhere, he's found.

"Obviously the schools are terrific." His in-laws are building the Cantoro Italian market on Haggerty just north of Five Mile.

Frush grew up in Farmington Hills and graduated from St. Agatha High School. He's worked in the financial field since 1993, starting at Merrill Lynch in Ann Arbor as an intern his senior year of college.

It's not unusual for Frush to be asked for his views on the economy's future. "My take is it's going to be a rough go for the next year" or two. "We're at least moving in the right direction."

The unstable situation in Europe has an impact here, he said, but exactly what is hard to say. "I'm more optimist than pessimist." The housing market will take a couple years to recover, he believes, and is positioning client portfolios with that in mind.

Investment strategies depend on your situation, Frush said. "You have to structure your investments around

that," your objectives. Investors must stay informed; if they turn decisions over to a professional, they need to meet with him or her regularly.

Both conservative and aggressive investors can succeed, Frush said. ETFs aren't necessarily riskier than mutual funds or hedge funds, he said.

The way in which a fund is managed matters most, he said. He compares that to a sports car or minivan: "You can have a safer ride in the sports car than you can in the minivan," depending on the driver.

Work on his new book, which will further explore ETF investing strategies, takes place here and there — including at the gym. "You have to multitask," Frush said. "That's sort of the story of my life now. I feel like I get better thinking done at the gym. I get terrific thinking and writing done at that time."

He's looking at Northville office sites and hopes to join the chamber of commerce and possibly Rotary when things settle down. Frush's writing isn't all financial; he also wrote three self-published trivia books, including 2009's "Ultimate Catholic Trivia."

For more on Frush's investment strategies, visit [www.Frush.com](http://www.Frush.com).

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### Bridge Magazine honors Northville schools

Bridge Magazine named 60 Michigan school districts State Academic Champions for excelling in academic categories ranging from fourth-grade reading to college readiness to graduation rates.

Northville Public Schools was chosen for fourth grade writing, Division 3.

The winning districts are named in the online news magazine published by The Center for Michigan at [www.BridgeMi.com](http://www.BridgeMi.com). The Bridge stories also examine the winning districts' keys to success that can be learned by other districts across the state.

Bridge chose to name the winning districts in November to parallel the state's high school football championships, which culminate this month at Ford Field. Districts were split into eight divisions, just like in football, but the academic divisions were crafted by community type and socioeconomic status.

The school districts were selected based on state statistics, such as MEAP and ACT scores, collected and compiled in a database for the magazine by Public Sector Consultants, a Lansing-based research firm, and Citizens Research Council.

plan for additional professional development and training for teachers during the 2011-2012 school year as part of the recent contract settlement with the Northville Education Association.

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

The early release days for 2011-12 will be Dec. 8; Feb. 15 and May 8. Times are: A.M. Kindergarten: 8:50-10:55 a.m. P.M. Kindergarten: 11:40 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Elementary: 8:50 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Middle School: 8:15 a.m.-1:07 p.m.

High School: 7:21 a.m.-12:17 p.m.

High School (Cooke): 7:50 a.m.-11:56 a.m.

Cooke School: 8:10 a.m.-12:16 p.m.

Hillside (Old Village) 8:20 a.m.-12:26 p.m.

Old Village School: 8:30 a.m.-12:36 p.m.

Extra Care childcare options will be available for students currently enrolled in Kids Club through the Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Program. For more information and registration, please visit <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood>.

### Early Learning Series

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

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

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

For more information or to register, please contact the Early Childhood office at (248) 344-8465.

## Team ALPS



RENEE VARLAMOS

"Keep raw meat separate from other foods" was one of the food safety measures that Amerman Elementary School's fifth grade LEGO Robotics team, Team ALPS, learned when they visited Herc's Prime Beef and Seafood in Livonia for their Food Factor Challenge. Shown (l to r, back) are: Krishna Patel, Connie Gao, David Chembello (food safety-certified manager/owner Herc's Prime Beef), Melina Varlamos, Jean Xiong, and Heidi Huang; (front) Disha Satapathy and Christina Cai.

### Senior All Night Party tickets on sale now

Tickets are on sale for the Northville High School Class of 2012 Senior All Night Party, to be held Sunday, June 3, 2012, following the graduation ceremony.

To purchase tickets for a graduating senior, or to volunteer or donate, please visit the SANP website at [www.nhssanp.com](http://www.nhssanp.com), and download and complete the SANP forms. Parent permission forms must accompany all ticket forms. Ticket prices will go up after Jan. 1.

### District announces early release days

Northville Public Schools recently announced the creation of a new

## SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE EVENTS

### Renowned cellist and pianist perform Friday

In the second installment of Schoolcraft College's 2011-12 Friday Evening Music Series, cellist Robert deMaine and pianist Pauline Martin will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 in the Presentation Room of the VisTaTech Center, located on the college's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between 6 and 7 Mile roads.

Praised by The New York Times as "an artist who makes one hang on every note," deMaine has distinguished himself as one of the finest musicians of his generation, having performed to critical acclaim as soloist, recitalist, recording artist, and chamber musician throughout the world.

Martin continues to earn world-class recognition for her solo and chamber music performances and recordings. She has appeared as soloist with numerous orchestras, including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the New American Chamber Orchestra, Orchestra London Canada and others, and appears regularly with the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings.

The pair will perform Prokofiev's Sonata in C Major, Op. 119; Five Fantasy Pieces for cello and piano, Op. 102, by Schumann; and other works by Beethoven, Grieg and Vivaldi.

Tickets are \$20 per person, \$10 for students. To order tickets visit [www.scbboxoffice.com](http://www.scbboxoffice.com) or for more information on this or any of Schoolcraft College's other music programs visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/music](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/music) or call the Music Office at (734) 462-4403.

The Friday Evening Music Series is sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Foundation and the Music Department, bringing world-renowned musicians to the Schoolcraft College campus. Two other performances round out the 2011-12 Friday Evening Music Series including Tribute to the Andrews Sisters on March 23, and pianist Lori Sims on April 20.

### "Two Spirits" screening exploring Native American culture

The college will host a special screening at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 21 of "Two Spirits" in the VisTaTech Center on the college's main campus in Livonia. The movie presentation and discussion are free and open to the public.

"Two Spirits" interweaves the tragic story of a mother's loss of her son with a revealing look at a time when the world wasn't simply divided into male and female and many Native American cultures held places of honor for people of integrated genders.

Fred Martinez was nádleehí, a male-bodied person with a feminine nature, a special gift according to his ancient Navajo culture. But the place where two discriminations meet is a dangerous place to live, and Fred became one of the youngest hate-crime victims in mod-

ern history when he was brutally murdered at 16 years of age. Between tradition and controversy, sex and spirit, and freedom and fear, lives the truth—the bravest choice you can make is to be yourself.

Shannon Martin is the director of The Zibiwing Center, a distinctive treasure created to provide an enriched, diversified and culturally relevant educational experience which promotes the society's belief that the culture, diversity and spirit of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and other Great Lakes Anishinabek must be recognized, perpetuated, communicated and supported. She is a member of the Three Fires Midewiwin Society (original Anishinabe way of life) and carries a Second Degree in Midewiwin teachings.

The movie and discussion are co-sponsored by Schoolcraft College's Bridging Barriers group and the Focus Series—North America of the Schoolcraft College International Institute, and made possible by a grant from the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

### Schoolcraft hosts three opportunities to explore the Inuit experience

The book "The Long Exile" by Melanie McGrath, and the movie "Nanook of the North", are the focus of Pageturners book club's November selections, exploring issues affecting North America's native Inuit nation during the last half of the 20th century. Pageturners is a student-led book discussion group of Schoolcraft College.

In 1952, the Canadian government forcibly relocated three dozen Inuit from their flourishing home on the Hudson Bay to the barren, arctic landscape of Ellesmere Island, the most northerly landmass on the planet. Among the group was Josephie Flaherty, the unrecognized, half Inuit son of filmmaker Robert Flaherty, director of "Nanook of the North". In a narrative rich with human drama, Melanie McGrath follows three generations of the Flaherty family—Robert, Josephie, and Josephie's daughters—to bring this extraordinary tale of deception and harsh deprivation to life.


"Nanook of the North" will be shown and discussed at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 in the Forum Building. All of these sessions will be held on Schoolcraft College's main campus in Livonia.

"The Long Exile" is available from the Schoolcraft College Bookstore at a significant discount.

The book discussions, and movie screening and discussion are free and open to the public.

For more information about Pageturners' future book selections and discussions, visit <http://sites.google.com/site/scpageturners>.

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Following graduation, Dr. LaFayette entered into a categorical general surgery residency program in Waterbury, Conn.



# Man's best friend

## Flower shop dog 'Sammy' remembered in hearts of many

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Golden retrievers are, by nature, friendly dogs.

But Donna and Larry Podpora's golden retriever, Sammy, took friendliness to a whole new level. Sammy, who was with the Podporas since he was six weeks old, including while they worked at their Novi flower shop, died on Nov. 6 at the age of 9 years.

A sandwich board sign outside of Donna and Larry's Flowers on Novi Road pays tribute to the dog who endeared himself to many customers over the years. Since his death, many people have stopped in to give the Podporas a hug and write about Sammy in a memory book.

"He loved his customers because they were like his friends," Larry said. "He immediately just took to people. And when he put his head on their laps, you could see their heart just melt."

Sammy had been a staple at the flower shop since he was a puppy and made it a point to greet customers at the door when they entered and

walk them out when they left. Larry said he also was able to recognize people's voices when they came to the store, and he could tell if they needed cheering up.

"He was able to dry some tears and put smiles on faces," Larry said.

Alan Brewer and his wife, Sally, wrote in the memory book, "God has used you to show us how to love, give and be happy and thankful for what we have." Alan said Sammy was one of those once-in-a-lifetime animals like Lassie and Benji.

"Sammy just seemed to have the ability to sense people and he would bring joy and happiness to them," Alan said. "He was like an angel from heaven."

Mary Beth Dawson used to bring Sammy treats on her visit to the flower shop. Every time she showed up Sammy put his head in her purse looking for more.

"I'm going to miss him," she said. "He was awesome. A perfect flower shop dog; just an angel."

Bill Ward, a package

carrier in the area, has come across many dogs in his line of work, but none like Sammy. He said Sammy would have been his favorite if he didn't have a dog of his own.

"Sammy was one of the best dogs you could ever meet, and he is going to be missed," he said.

Sammy's toys are still piled up in the store, and the Podporas are asking people to stop in and write their favorite memory in his book.

Donna said going to work every day feels more like a job now without Sammy there.

"It's like something is missing, and we know it's him," she said.

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Donna and Larry Podpora pictured with their well-known flower shop dog "Sammy." Sammy died on Nov. 6 at the age of 9 after a bout with cancer.

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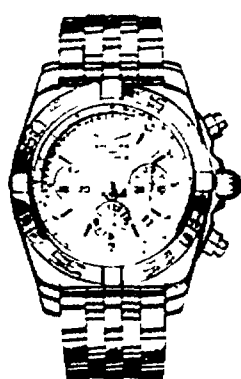
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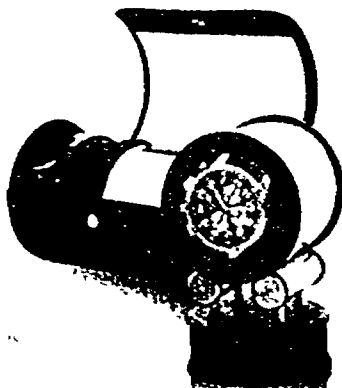
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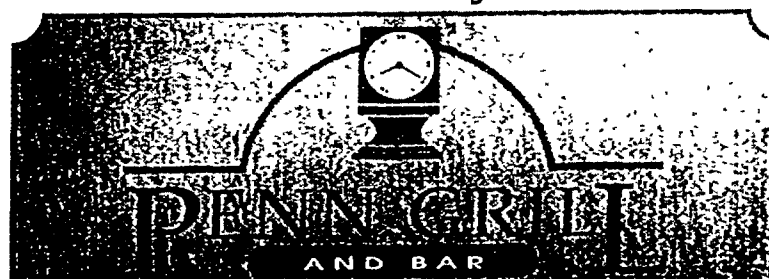
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## NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

### Larcenies from Autos

**1** A string of larcenies from vehicles were perpetrated or attempted on Nov. 11 in Northville Township, leaving a couple of residents without their GPS systems.

Silver Spring Drive was the location of two such incidents. One victim said she had parked her car outside of her apartment with her Tom Tom GPS left inside underneath the seat. She thought she had locked the vehicle, but the police found no signs of forced entry. Another man at the same apartment complex said he found the rear window of his vehicle smashed out, but nothing was missing.

That same day a car parked on Innsbrook Drive had been broken into as well. A Northville woman reported her GPS missing from that car. And finally, another woman found her car with its contents scattered around inside while it was parked on Hayes Court. Nothing was missing.

### Dangerous Drugs

**2** An 18-year-old Novi man was arrested for possession of the designer drug "K2". Northville city police stopped the man near Novi and Eight Mile roads for not having a valid plate or title information after he was spotted driving erratically. The report stated the man's eyes were blood-shot and dilated, and he was shaking as he spoke with the police officer. He said he had not smoked

marijuana but rather K2, an illegal synthetic drug.

In addition to the eight vials of K2, the man had in his possession a pipe and blunts used to smoke it. He was arrested for possession of the drug

and paraphernalia. The man said he did not know it was illegal.

### More LFAs

**3** Two larcenies from autos were reported to Northville City Police

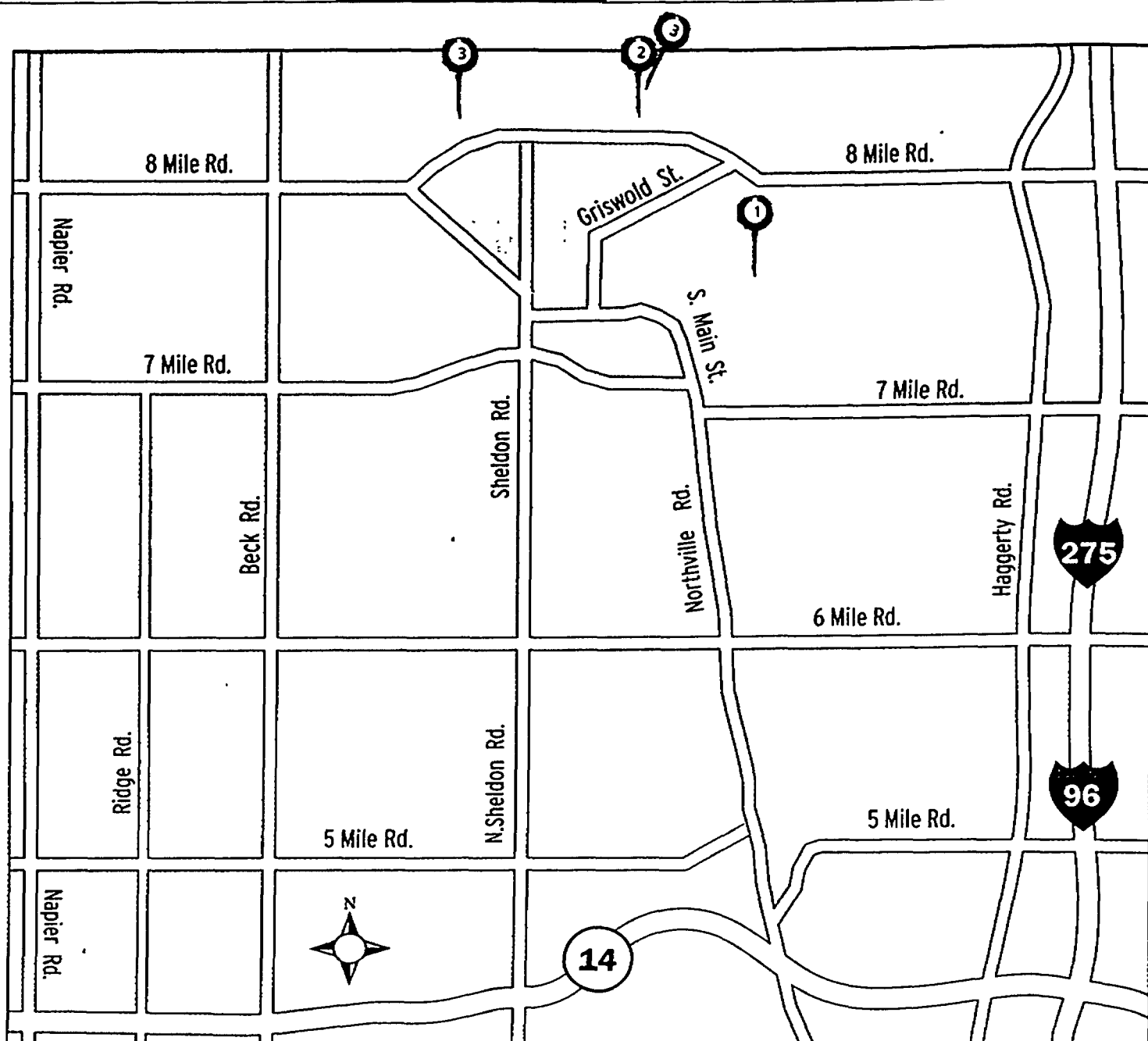
on Nov. 13 after the victims found valuable items missing from their vehicles.

One Northville man said that while his car was parked on Allen Drive an unknown suspect had

stolen his satellite radio and a variety of CDs. He said he had locked the car. Another man had his compound bow and its accessories stolen from his vehicle while it was parked on Jeffrey Drive.

Apparently the suspect gained entry through the unlocked rear hatch door. These cases are closed due to no leads.

Compiled by correspondent  
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# Life lessons

By Julie Brown,  
Staff Writer

As a businesswoman, Christine M. Baese of Schneider Logistics in Farmington Hills has expertise she was glad to share with Northville High School students.

"Do you ever have to deal with difficult customers at Guernsey's?" Baese asked Holly Robinson, 16, an NHS junior, during a job interview session Thursday, Nov. 10. Robinson, among some 30 students who participated, gave the practice interview high marks.

"I learned a lot from it," said Robinson, who wants to go into a health field, possibly as a nurse practitioner. "It was good experience for the future."

Some 30 NHS parents, many with business backgrounds including human resources, volunteered for the morning, said Cheri Sclater, Business/Computer Science Department chair and School Improvement coordinator. She teaches the Beyond High School class at NHS which includes career exploration and such topics as resume preparation and interviewing skills.

"I thought it would be a better experience for the students, more authentic," Sclater said of the first-time effort. Each interview (students met with two interviewers) ended with a critique.

"That's tremendous advice for students to take with them," Sclater said.

Interviewer Baese told another student it was good she specified she baby-sits for seven families. "Anything you can put a number on" is beneficial, Baese said.

Students were encouraged to dress for success and most remembered. Jacob Hanlon, 15, a sophomore, said, "This is definitely not what I normally wear" of his suit and tie.

"For my first interview, I think I did really, really well," said Hanlon. "I got more confident in interviewing. This was a pretty good experience for me, exposing me to the work world."

Hanlon plans to major in history or science and become a high school teacher. Classmate Ity Raza, 16, a sophomore, plans to become a physician.

"I liked it," Raza said of the interview experience. "It was pretty good."

Before students arrived in the cafeteria, the business professionals chatted for a few minutes. Suzanne Hicks works in HR for International Automotive Components in Southfield. Daughter Alyssa, 15, is a freshman at NHS.

"I was very impressed that they're starting at the high school level to get the students prepared," Suzanne Hicks said, adding that's more common in college. She encouraged the students to think about their special projects where they were team leaders, "try to help them establish they have done quite a bit."

In her regular work, Hicks sees recent college graduates who need to work on communication, including writing styles in the corporate environ-



PHOTOS BY CHERI SCLATER

Student Andrew Copsey interviews with Anita Bartschat for practice job interviews in the Beyond High School class at NHS.

ment. "The texting may not be the most appropriate," she added with a smile.

Colleague Jenna Ulicki, a 2009 Michigan State University graduate now working on an online master of business administration degree at Davenport University, also participated. "It's good to have a little bit of nervousness," Ulicki said. "It keeps you on your toes."

Jim Sopha's son, Matthew, 18, is a senior at NHS. Sopha is chief operating officer for Jackson National, which offers financial services. "I think reducing some of the stress," the elder Sopha said of practice interviews, which were evaluated for the class. Students can demonstrate how they'll best meet an employer's needs, he said.

Parent Lisa Falk is with the Red A Benefit Group, based in Grand Rapids but slated to open an office here soon. It focuses on health care, including for clients like school districts.

"Just exposure to what it's going to be like," Falk said of the sessions. "Anytime you get to practice and get exposure to something I think it makes it easier." Son Vance Hecimovich, 15, a sophomore, participated in interviews.

Hecimovich learned "the correct way to apply for an actual interview." He's planning to become a firefighter/paramedic and already has Awareness Level training in hazardous materials obtained through Explorer Scouts and his hometown fire department.

"It's always nice when young folks have such clear direction," added one of his interviewers, Rita Bryndza, who has worked in banking/financial controls.

Teacher Sclater had a few butterflies in her stomach at first but was pleased with the event midway and at the end. "I think it's going well," said Sclater, who gave the wrap-up announcement five minutes before interviews ended.

"They're going to go back and remember

those things," she said.

In Beyond High School, students evaluate career choices and how their skills match, "to align it with a career that would be a best fit for them," Sclater said. Most go on for college, and the training is helpful for choosing a major as well.

"These experiences and skills will help them get jobs along the way," Sclater said.



Student Vance Hecimovich interviews with Rita Bryndza. The practice interviews at Northville High helped students with job interviewing skills. Hecimovich is already at work on credentials for his firefighter paramedic career.

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## New and Then Gala

Northville residents (left) Karen Amick and Jane Pewtress attended The New and Then Gala which gave patrons an inside look at the restored Saarinen-designed Cranbrook Art Museum before the first installation would go into the galleries. On Nov. 11, Cranbrook Art Museum is having its official grand re-opening to the general public from 9 p.m.-midnight. The Cranbrook Art Museum underwent a \$22 million restoration and expansion over the past two years. During the first 11 days of the grand re-opening—Nov. 12-21—the museum will be open daily from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. A special 11-day membership will be available during that time for unlimited visits and programs for just \$11. For more information, call (248) 645-3320.



## Cattle Baron's Ball

(Top, l to r) Teresa and Shane Kay of Washington Township and Melissa and Doug Weiland of Northville were part of the 1,200-plus donors who recently attended the Cattle Baron's Ball at Joe Louis Arena. Over \$1.4 million was raised—more than \$300,000 from the live auction alone. (At right) Tracey Edwards of Northville gave the mechanical bull a run for its money on behalf of the American Cancer Society.



## Celebrations @ Home

Northville residents Karen Crorey-Dallafior, ASID; Ken Dallafior, Donna Brown and T.C. Stier attend the Michigan Design Center's Preview Evening of Celebrations @ Home to benefit Variety, the Children's Charity. Crorey-Dallafior designed the Mardi Gras Magic vignette and Brown designed the Dining Under the Tuscan Sun vignette. Variety's next fundraiser is Wed. Nov. 2nd for "Extreme Restaurant Makeover" at Andiamo's of Bloomfield Township. Tickets are \$100-\$150; call (248) 332-7173.



Model Cindy Crawford, representing the Cindy Crawford Home line of Art Van Furniture, graciously met with over 1,000 supporters of L. Brooks Patterson's Rainbow Connection at the Art Van Headquarters in Warren. The "Simply the Best" party was just that and more.

In the top photo, Crawford (left) is shown with Raffaella Moda, of Northville. The bottom photo is Northville residents (left) Kara Workman, stylist; and Jessie Simcheck, owner of Salon Tre Bella V in Northville.

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## 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. 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.

## Northville site opening to collect gift-filled shoe boxes

While many Northville families are busy with holiday activities, a group of local volunteers is focused on filling empty shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, hygiene items and notes of encouragement for needy kids overseas. Northville families are participating in the world's largest Christmas project of its kind—Operation Christmas Child—an effort that has hand-delivered 86 million gifts to kids worldwide since 1993.

This year-round project of Samaritan's Purse is coming to its peak, as local businesses, churches and schools prepare to collect gift-filled shoe boxes during National Collection Week, Nov. 14-21. Volunteers can drop off their shoe box gifts to help kids in 100 countries know they are loved and not forgotten at Ward Church, 40000 W Six Mile Road, Northville, from 4-8 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 1-

## Beautification award



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The Northville Beautification Committee has noted Asher Citgo for its efforts — with lots of flowers and decorative vines spilling out of planters — at their Seven Mile and Rogers location. Pictured here are the Beautification Committee's Karin Amrein, left, and Janine and Rick Asher.

4 p.m. Sunday; and 9-11 a.m. Monday

Operation Christmas Child, a project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, uses whatever means necessary to reach suffering children around the world with these gifts of hope, including sea containers, trucks, trains, airplanes, boats, camels and dog sleds. Tracking technology also allows donors to "follow" their box to the destination country where it will be hand-delivered to a child in need. To register shoe box gifts and find out the destination country, use the Follow Your Box donation form found at [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).

## Prowl for Owls

Have you ever heard a real owl hoot or seen one up close? If not, the Department of Natural Resources has the nature hike for you. Join one of the Owl Prowls at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at Maybury State Park in Northville.

Join a park naturalist for a 30-45 minute walk through the woods. Listen as the owls are called and see if they respond. See if you can spot some on their perches. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. After the program stay around for a bonfire with marshmallow roast taking place at all the parks with the exception of the Eddy Discovery Center at Waterloo.

The Owl Prowls will meet at various locations within the parks that, in some cases, might be more easily accessed by roads other than a park's main entrance.

The Maybury Owl Prowl, which is sponsored by the Friends of Maybury, will take place at the concession building off the 8 Mile Road entrance just west of Beck

All the events will take place rain or shine. Bring something to drink, a roasting stick if you have one, and a great outdoor or nature story to share. Pre-registration is not required. For details, call (734) 787-0062 or email: [ball4@michigan.gov](mailto:ball4@michigan.gov).

## Stop senior hunger

At least one in nine seniors is at risk of going hungry due to the inability to obtain sufficient food for their household or having to choose between food and medical care. For four weeks at the end of November and beginning of December, Comfort Keepers Northville/Ann Arbor is asking the community to make food donations to the STOP Senior Hunger food drive to help local seniors and raise awareness for this growing epidemic.

"Hunger Action Month is in September, but seniors go hungry all year," said Kim Policelli, owner of the Northville/Ann Arbor franchise. "We cannot fight every factor affecting hunger, but we can start here in our community by creating awareness about the issue and helping family members become more aware of the signs of hunger and malnutrition."

The Comfort Keepers Northville/Ann Arbor Franchise will be hosting a food drive Nov. 28-Dec. 19. The drop locations for the food drive will be the Northville Christian Assembly of God, the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northville, Citizens Bank in Northville, and TCF Bank in Northville. The community may also drop off donations at the Comfort Keepers office at 332 E. Main Street in Northville. The donations must be nonperishable food

items only.

For more information on the local STOP Senior Hunger campaign, please contact the Comfort Keepers office in Northville at (248) 349-2111 or (734) 622-0600.

## Heise bill exempts nursing moms from jury duty

The Michigan House recently approved a bill to allow a nursing mother to claim exemption from jury service for the period during which she was nursing her child, state Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) announced.

"Government can learn a lot from the people it serves," Heise said. "This legislation is the result of responsive legislation to a constituent's idea that was

successfully passed by the House."

Under House Bill 4691 courts would have to receive and process notes provided by doctors or certified nurse midwives in order to exempt nursing mothers from jury service.

"This is common-sense legislation that has been endorsed by the Michigan Judges Association and helps working families throughout Michigan," Heise said. "It also shows how one person's idea can become law and how one idea can make a difference in the community."

## Northville reunion in Florida

More than 40 years ago, former Northville residents located in Florida, or vacationing there,

began the tradition of an annual reunion. This reunion is always in mid February in that state. Former locations have been in Sebring, Avon Park or Tampa. The most recent hosts were Esther (Hanson-Atwood) and Robert Clark, Sandy (Gotro) and Mac Burns and Evelyn (Uppy Clark) Graham.

Camaraderie, sharing of anecdotes, sharing of events of the past and present is the entertainment for the event.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, the reunion is scheduled from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Waterfront Inn, The Villages, a popular retirement community of 85,000 residents in central Florida. To make reservations for the luncheon contact host, Hazel (Hammond) Keliher at (352) 259-1146 or [hjk-dancer@aol.com](mailto:hjk-dancer@aol.com). Cutoff date for luncheon reservations is Jan. 12. There will be no snow. Cutoff for room reservations at The Waterfront Inn is Dec. 30. Contact Kathleen "Charlie" Cunningham at 1-800-592-0774. Other hotels in the area are Marriott Towne Place, Comfort Inn and Suites, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn.

## Mobile Knit Shop

Another Mobile Knit Shop event has been scheduled, in Northville, inside of Hearts of Inspiration at 133 Main, in the Northville Square Mall from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesdays through December). The event will feature, Terri Rossman's Mobile Knit Shop where knitters (and crocheters) can get free help with an unfinished knitting or crochet project in order to complete or repurpose it. Or, for those who would prefer, unfinished projects can be

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**Time/Day:** 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English); 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday  
**Holy Days:** 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
**Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment  
**Priests:** Father Bob LaCroix,

pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor  
**CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH**  
**Location:** 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit [www.crosspointemeadows.org](http://www.crosspointemeadows.org).

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

**Destiny Worship Center**  
**Location:** Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville  
**Contact:** DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit [www.dw3c.org](http://www.dw3c.org).  
**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia  
**Contact:** (248) 442-8822 or [www.newhopecenter.com](http://www.newhopecenter.com).

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Location:** 44400 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-2345 or visit [www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Parenting with Love and Logic Class**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Nov. 21  
**Women's Bible Study**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
**Location:** 217 N. Wing  
**Contact:** (248) 348-1020  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH**  
**Location:** 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-3647 or [firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org](http://firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org)  
**Family Bible Hour:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Family Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible Study:** 6 p.m.  
**Family Movie Night:** 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
**Location:** 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 348-7600 or visit [dfcnazarene.org](http://dfcnazarene.org)  
**Sunday Schedule:** 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service  
**Wednesday Schedule:** 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast  
**Thursday Schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group  
**Women of the Word**  
**Time/Date:** 9:25-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays through Nov. 15  
**Details:** The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Acts entitled "Acts of the Holy Spirit - Preparing Our Hearts for God's Lessons". There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St.  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit [firstpresbyrian.org](http://firstpresbyrian.org)  
**Sunday Worship**  
**Time:** 9:30, 11 a.m.  
**Single Place**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville  
**Details:** Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.  
**Contact:** For a detailed schedule of all events (dining out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org).  
**Sept 15:** Single Place Sloppy Joe's & Euchre. Come play euchre or learn how as we

**GET LISTED!**

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

have qualified teachers among us. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship with other singles. \$7 for the dinner & social ice cream that follows.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Location:** 205 East Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon  
**Contact:** (248) 437-2875  
**Annual Rummage Sale**  
**Time/Date:** 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11; 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 12 (\$1 bag sale 11 a.m. noon)  
**Details:** Collection is 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1-10

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
**A Stephen Ministry Church**  
**Location:** 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.  
**Contact:** (248) 349-1144 or [www.funmchurch.org](http://www.funmchurch.org)  
**Sunday worship:**  
**Times:** 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-May); 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend)  
**Pastors:** Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor  
**Coffee Hour:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)  
**Healing Service:** 4 p.m. first Monday of every month  
**Logo Youth Club:** 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)  
**Men's Club:** 8 a.m. second Saturdays

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Location:** 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0565  
**Sundays**  
**Time:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Location:** 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 427-1175 or [churchoftheholycross.com](http://churchoftheholycross.com)  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.  
**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. Worship Service  
**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. second Saturday of month  
**Blue Christmas Service**  
**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10  
**Details:** For those who experience loss and sadness at the holidays.

**LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Location:** 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake  
**LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Location:** 15431 Meriman Road, Livonia  
**Contact:** 734-427-8743 or visit [www.livoniachurch.net](http://www.livoniachurch.net)  
**Sunday Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible School:** Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**Location:** 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads  
**Contact:** Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org) or e-mail to [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org)  
**Please see CHURCH, A11**

# Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

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Deadline: Tuesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday

**BRIGHAM, LOUISE DILDINE**

Age 96 and a resident of Milford since 1942, died on November 10, 2011. She was preceded in death by husbands, William Dildine (1991) and George Brigham (2003) and grandson, Ross William Dildine. She is survived by her son, David R. (the late Janet) Dildine of Lombard, Illinois and the daughter of her heart, Verna (John) Colegrove; granddaughters, Kay Linda Dildine and Sherie Georgits; grandson, Brian Fuchs; and five great grandchildren. She was aunt Louise to many, including Marge & Ron, and had many dear friends including Dottie Sheffer, Barb Tressler, Jean Ricketts and Duane (Robert) Karr. Born on March 16, 1915 in Tharptown, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Robert Alexander Chesney and Mercie Cordelia Tharp, Louise grew up in Shamokin, where she was a 1933 graduate of Shamokin High School. In 1941 she married William Dildine, and in 1942 they made their home on East Liberty Street in Milford. In her early years in Milford she worked at the Milford Times with editor Bob Rowe, and later began her work as a Report Writer with the General Motors Proving Grounds. Louise would go on to work at the Grounds from 1949 until her retirement in 1974. She was ever active in the community, serving on the Huron Valley School Board from 1957-1963, volunteered many years at Huron Valley Hospital where she was a President of the Volunteers Association, and devoted eleven years as a member of the Milford Planning Commission. She was also a long time member of the Oak Grove Cemetery Committee, helped to support the building of the Oak Grove Cemetery Bridge, and was a very active member and Past President of the Milford Historical Society. Louise loved Milford and her home on East Liberty Street where "she never had a bad neighbor". Memorial Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home on Monday, November 14, 2011, with interment in Oak Grove Cemetery. Memorials are encouraged in her name to the Oak Grove Cemetery Fund. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

**BURKHART, SANDRA M.**

11/8/2011, age 61. Mother of Holly Ann Britcher & Patrick S. (Laura) Burkhardt. Grandmother of Tyler, Zoey Teddy and Nathan. Service was 11/12 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

**CHOPRA (GROVES), SHARYN**

Age 48 passed away October 27, 2011. She was born on June 08, 1963 to parents Gerard Groves and Mary Brown and was a graduate of Northville High School, Class of 1981. She is survived by her children Christina and Jordan, her mother Mary R. Brown and her siblings Michael Robert Brandon, Theresa Shapardanis, Beth Borland, Diane Porter, Daniel A. Groves, Brian Groves, David Groves, Lynda Harris and Greg Groves. A memorial service was held Friday, November 4th, 2011 at Generations Funeral Home in Farmington Hills, MI.

**CRAIG, JOHN T. "JACK"**

Age 70, of Novi, formerly of Redford, passed away 11/9/2011. Private services held. Contributions to U of M Anatomical Donations Program. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

**CANON, WILLIAM**

William Harold Canon died November 13, 2011 at the age of 60. Bill was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on July 17, 1951. He was the fifth of six children born to Dr. Maurice and Elizabeth Canon. Bill and his siblings, Joan, Robert, Peggy, Michael and John, grew up in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Bill completed his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1973. He took time after college to travel and enjoy his mid-20s. In 1976, Bill started a small landscape construction company in Tullahoma, Tennessee. In a chance encounter at a popular Tullahoma gathering place, Bill met Patricia Lynn Alexander, whom he married on November 5, 1977 at his parents home in Chattanooga. Bill left Tullahoma with his small family in 1982 to pursue a Masters of Landscape Architecture degree at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. He graduated at the top of his class with top honors and a 4.0 grade point average. In 1985 Bill moved his growing family to Shirley, Arkansas to take a position with Fairfield Communities. In 1987, Bill took an estimating position with Reinhold Landscape, Inc. and so began his career in Michigan. He quickly advanced to Vice President of Construction, a position he held for six years. In March of 1993, Bill started what would become one of the largest, most respected landscape construction companies in the Midwest. The WH Canon Company has been named one of the top 100 landscape construction companies in the country by a respected trade magazine, and has created some of the most recognized, high profile landscapes in Michigan. Bill was honored to have worked directly with the famed Maya Lin on the Rosa Parks Circle in Grand Rapids and the Wave Field at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. A true testament to Bill's character is found within his company. Most of the employees working for WH Canon today came on board with Bill in 1993. Most of his company's work is with prior clients. He valued and cared deeply for his employees and colleagues, and he was known and respected for his high ethical standards, honesty and integrity. The success of WH Canon afforded Bill the opportunity to enjoy activities he loved: obtaining his pilots license, salmon fishing on Lake Michigan, spending time at his cottage in Manistee, MI and traveling the Midwest on his Harley motorcycle. William is preceded in death by his parents, Maurice and Elizabeth Canon. He is survived by his wife Patricia, his five children, Andrea Canon Dawson (Patrick), Casey Canon and Shelby Canon, three grandchildren, Madeline, Jack and Demetri, and his five siblings, Joan Catignani, Robert Canon, Peggy Burkhalter, Michael Canon, and John Canon. Visitation services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. Please send donations in memory of Bill Canon to the Melanoma Research Foundation, 1411 K Street, NW Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005 [www.melanoma.org](http://www.melanoma.org)

**DIROCCO, LENORE**

November 7, 2011, age 87. Funeral was November 11 at St. James Church, Novi. Donations to Providence Health Foundation. Online condolences: [obnensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obnensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**GILBERT, MARY**

Age 97, passed away October 12, 2011. She was born on February 1, 1914 in Canada, daughter of the late John and Ella Reinhard. She is survived by her loving children, Norma Kolotelo, Linda Goraj, Donald (Tonita) Ayers and Shirley Vokes. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Harry Ayers in 1996 and her son-in-law Richard Goraj in 1993. A memorial service will be held December 3, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**GRABLE, CHRISTINE ANNE**

Age 56, of Marshall died early Sunday morning, November 6, 2011 at her home in the loving care of her family. Mrs. Grable was born on November 16, 1954 in Detroit to Charles Albert and Alta Ruth (Thompson) Sorenson. She was a graduate of Northville High School, the class of 1973. She continued her education attending Grand Valley State University. Christine had been employed as a photography assistant for Angela Carson Photography in Northville, Michigan. In 1976, she married Robin L. Billings. The marriage ended in divorce. She was then united in marriage to Brian N. Grable on June 25, 1994. The marriage ceremony was held at home of Christine's parent's in Northville. She is survived by her husband, Brian, daughter, Rebecca Mae (Allen) Weyer of Marshall, sisters Barbara (Alan) Bennett of Northville, Catherine (Dan) Thomas of Northville and Amy (Tim) Ruffing of Novi, MI, numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her loving brothers and sisters-in-law, Bruce (Deborah) Grable, Judy (Doug) Smith, Linda Ballard and Brett (Jacqueline) Grable all of Marshall. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Alta Sorenson, father and mother-in-law, Lester and Agnes (Nelson) Grable and a brother-in-law, Jack Ballard. Visitation was held Thursday at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 723 Old US 27 North, Marshall. A funeral service to celebrate the gift of her life was held Friday, at the Marshall United Methodist Church, 721 Old US 27 North, Marshall. A committal service was held Saturday at Fort Custer National Cemetery, 15501 Dickman Rd. Augusta MI. Friends who wish may make memorial contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or the Charity of One's own choice. To leave a personal message and sign the on line guest book, please visit [www.kempf-funeralhome.com](http://www.kempf-funeralhome.com)

**JOHNSON, DWIGHT F.**

Age 69, November 10 2011. Funeral was November 13 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Mr. Johnson rebred from GM-Willow Run Plant after 47 years. [obnensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obnensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**JACKSON, JOSEPHINE D.**

November 9, 2011, age 94. Funeral was Nov. 12 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations to MI Humane Society. Online condolences: [obnensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obnensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**In Memory Of****IN MEMORY OF CHARLES "BUD" MARTIN**

APR 3, 1935-NOV 17, 2003  
 We thank God for every precious moment we spent with you. You are in our thoughts every day. Thank you for every life lesson, every warm hug and every encouraging word.  
 "We love you! We miss you!"

**MCQUESTEN, KATHLEEN M.**

Age 54, passed away Nov. 9, 2011. Memorial service will be held Nov. 20 at 12pm at the First Presbyterian Church, South Lyon. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**MORRIS, LOIS W.**

Passed away at home, surrounded by her family, on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 after an extended illness. She was born May 8, 1925 to the late Willie and Anne (Horner) Davis in Hilham, TN. Lois lived in Rochester, MI for many years and retired from Northville Downs Race Track at age 75. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard (Dick) Morris. Lois moved to Cary, NC to live with her daughter and here, she enjoyed the sunshine, trees, flowers and wildlife. At her 85th birthday party she said, "I've had a good life and I have enjoyed living it." Lois will be remembered for her devotion to family, generosity, and sense of humor. Lois is survived by her daughter, Sherry Folkman of Cary, NC, son, Jim Qualls and wife, Jan of Lake Orion, MI, Sandy Rafferty of Pinehurst, NC; grandchildren, Sam and Sara Qualls, Kurt, Max and Kass Folkman, Lindsey Neal, great-grandchildren, Jack and Whitney Folkman, Cliff and Caroline Neal, sister, Elaine Reed of Gainesboro, TN. The family received friends from 6-8 pm, Friday, November 11, 2011 at Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, 200 SE Maynard Rd, Cary, NC. A memorial service will be held in May, 2012 in Tennessee. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Wake County, 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607. Condolences and fond memories may be offered at [www.brownwynnecary.com](http://www.brownwynnecary.com)

**MUIR, DOROTHY J.**

Age 77, of New Hudson, MI passed away on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born February 13, 1934 in Brighton, MI. The daughter of Charles and Agnes (Goudier) Coe. On November 18, 1952 she married Joseph Muir. She was an accomplished pianist and accordion player. Surviving are her former husband, Joseph Muir; sons Michael (Amy) Muir, and Patrick (Rose) Muir; grandchildren Michael and John Muir. Memorial Service was held Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Keeshn Funeral Home, Brighton (810-229-9871). Memorial contributions in Dorothy's name are suggested to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Please visit Dorothy's Book of Memories at [www.keeshnfuneralhome.com](http://www.keeshnfuneralhome.com)

**OWEN, JENNICE "JENNY"**

Age 57, of South Lyon, passed away 11/13/2011. Visitation will be held Sat. 11/19 from 11am-1pm with memorial service at 1pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville 248-349-0611

**WHALEN, DONALD JAMES**

A longtime resident of Milford, died November 9, 2011 in the care of his family. Don worked over 30 years with Michigan Bell and was proudly retired. He enjoyed the challenge of odd projects and building things needed around the home. Don delighted in time spent with his family and loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren deeply. He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Sandy; children, Wendy (Jim) Williams, Debra (Charles) Gelsinger, Ken (Bobbie) Whalen, Steve (Selene) Whalen, Mike (Tammy) Whalen, Shawna (Rick) Broda, his 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, sister, Vivian Scheans. Don was preceded in death by one grandson. Interment of ashes and Military Honors were held at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan. For further information please call Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors at 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

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## CHURCH

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**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Church School:** 10-11 a.m.  
**Fellowship Hour:** 11 a.m.  
**Merry Widows Luncheon**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month  
**Pilgrim Fellowship**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sundays

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**  
**Location:** 41355 Six Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 348-9030  
**Sundays 9-10 a.m.:** Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children  
**9 a.m.:** Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium  
**1015 a.m.:** Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)  
**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**  
**845-1030 a.m.:** (café)  
**Wednesday Family Night**  
**7 p.m.:** Adult elective classes; junior and senior high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville

Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

### NOVI - NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

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

### NOVI UNITED METHODIST

**Location:** 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com  
**Sunday Worship**  
**Time:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Healing Service and Holy Communion**  
**Time/Date:** 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month  
**Peace Vigil**  
**Time/Date:** Noon, first Sunday of every month  
**Location:** In front of the church  
**Details:** Members of the congregation and

the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

### Advent Service

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

### OAK POINTE CHURCH

**Location:** 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
**Contact:** (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org  
**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday  
**ReNew Life Group Ministries**  
**Time/Date:** 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday  
**Details:** Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspective.  
**Women's Life Groups Ministries**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday  
**Men's Life Groups Ministries**  
**Time/Date:** 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

### ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

**Location:** 23455 Novi Road  
**Contact:** Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

### Preschool/Kids Choir

**Time/Date:** 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday  
**Details:** For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

### OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Location:** 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

### OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Location:** 770 Thayer, Northville  
**Contact:** (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org  
**Saturday Worship**  
**Time:** 5 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship**  
**Time:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

### OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Location:** 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth  
**Contact:** Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891  
**Wednesday Bible Study:** 7 p.m.  
**Sunday Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

# Your Invitation to

# Worship

## Brighton

**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 5051 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114  
 810-227-3113  
 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship  
 10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 Rev. Dale Hedblad, Pastor  
 www.lordoflifelutheran.com

**HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
 www.hscrc.net  
 at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.  
 810-231-9199  
 Fr. John Rocus, Pastor  
 Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
 Please visit our Shrine of Holy Family and St. John the Baptist

## Highland

**HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 2350 Harvey Lake Rd. (248) 887-4556  
 Contemporary Service  
 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays  
 Men's Bible Study & Breakfast  
 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:15 a.m.  
 3rd-8th Grade Youth Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.  
 Pastor Nick Ruffer

**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
 120 Bishop St., Highland  
 off Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-59  
 • Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 • Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 • Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
 Pastor: Danny Wilson  
 889-7253 or 887-4556

**HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
 248-887-1311 • www.myhmc.com  
 Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
 Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.  
 Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Plus Young Adults, Recovery, Chorus & Kids, Girl & Boy Scouts

## Livonia

**FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 Services held at:  
 Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
 18360 Hubbard Road • Livonia  
 South of Six Mile Road  
 Adult Sunday School 12:15-1:15 p.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.  
 Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
 Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided

## Plymouth

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
 A church that shares the light of Christ  
 574 S. Sheldon Rd. • Plymouth, MI 48170  
 734-453-0190  
 www.stjohnsplymouth.org  
 Services on Sunday mornings at:  
 7:45 AM - Eucharist - meditative (with music)  
 8:45 AM - Eucharist with Contemporary Music  
 11:45 AM - Eucharist with Traditional Music

## Northville

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN**  
 Experience Life Each Week  
 Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School and Children's Programs  
 www.nvcalle.org  
 41355 Six Mile Road  
 248-348-9030

**WARD CHURCH**  
 40000 Six Mile Road  
 Northville, MI 48178  
 248-374-7000  
 www.wardchurch.org  
 Traditional Worship at 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
 Contemporary Worship at 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
 Children's Programs available at 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
 The Traditional Service is broadcast on the radio each week at 11 a.m. on 560 AM

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
 200 E. Main St. at Hudson • (248) 348-0111  
 Worship & Church School - 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
 Children Available at All Services  
 Youth League Pres. - Wed. 4:15 to 5:30 M.S. & M. III  
 Singles Peace Ministry - Thurs. 7:30 p.m.  
 Rev. Dr. Peter J. Lister, Pastor  
 www.fpcnorthville.org

**Destiny Worship Center**  
 www.dw3c.org  
 Saturdays @ 6pm  
 Meeting at Ridge  
 Wood Elementary.  
 49775 Six Mile Road

## Milford

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 Preschool, Pre-K & K-8 • Ms. Symon  
 620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
 Church office: (248) 684-0695  
 Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.  
 Jun-Aug - Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.  
 Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
 The Rev. Richard E. Pape, Pastor

**FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD**  
 VISITORS WELCOME!  
 133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5695  
 Pastor Steve Suraya  
 Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
 Adults 6 yrs. 5th grade Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 p.m.  
 Middle School/High School Groups Sundays 12:30-2:30 p.m.  
 Young Adults Sunday 8:45 p.m.  
 Website: www.fbmilford.org

**OAKPOINTE Milford**  
 1250 South Hill Rd.  
 (248) 685-3560  
 www.oakpointe.org  
 Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
 Adventland Children's Programs: Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
 Middle/High School Youth Groups  
 Sunday Evening 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
 Life Groups: Various Times & Locations

**WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 11168 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48301  
 248-887-1218  
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
 Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday All Ages 7:00 p.m.

**MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805  
 Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10:00 a.m.  
 Nursery care available @ 10:00 a.m.  
 A heritage of area worship since 1836

## New Hudson

**NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation**  
 57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165  
 Phone 248-474-9108  
 Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.  
 Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister  
 Website: http://www.newhopeuuc.org

**NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 5670 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson MI 48165  
 (248) 437-4212 • Gerald S. Nankin, Pastor  
 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship 10:30 a.m.  
 www.nhucm.org

**ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI**  
 46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374  
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.  
 Reverend George Chamley, Pastor  
 Parish Office: 347-7778

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345  
 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.  
 www.faithcommunity-novi.org  
 WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM  
 "Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile  
 248-348-7757 • www.mbcoc.org  
 Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
 Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

**OAK POINTE CHURCH**  
 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
 Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.  
 Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
 Casual, contemporary service  
 Phone (248) 912-0043  
 www.oakpointe.org

## South Lyon

**CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
 (Missouri Synod)  
 Pastor Terry Nelson  
 437-8810 • 486-4335  
 Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile  
 Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.;  
 Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

**Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
 22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon Ave. at 10 Mile Road  
 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

**The Church of Christ**  
 21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178  
 248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncc.org  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School,  
 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship  
 Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.  
 Rob Callicott, Pastor

**FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 10774 Nine Mile Road  
 Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582  
 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) of SOUTH LYON**  
 Sunday School 11:30 a.m.  
 Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 Nursery Care Provided  
 Check us out on the web: www.fpcsouthlyon.org  
 248-437-2875 • 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) •  
 Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder, Pastor

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**  
 "Best of our Heritage in a Fresh New Way"  
 48380 Pontiac Trail • Wixom, MI 48393  
**NEW WORSHIP TIMES:**  
 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM  
**EDUCATION HOUR - 10:15 AM**  
 248-624-9525 www.st-matthew.org

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 41671 W. 10 Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375  
 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.  
 Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor  
 248-349-2652  
 www.umcnovi.com  
 "Loving God, loving each other and living our core values"

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375  
 Weekend Hours  
 Saturday 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.  
 Fr. Bob LaCruz, Pastor  
 Fr. Michael Zuelch, Associate  
 Parish Office: 348-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL**  
 40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48375  
 Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am  
 Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am  
 Rev. Ann Webber, Rector  
 holycrossnovi@gmail.com

**OAK POINTE CHURCH**  
 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
 Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.  
 Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
 Casual, contemporary service  
 Phone (248) 912-0043  
 www.oakpointe.org

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON**  
 60620 Manone Ann St., South Lyon 48178  
 Phone: 248-437-2983  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
 Senior Pastor: Rob Frisvold / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Wenzel  
 Website: www.fbcsothlyon.com  
 Email: fbcsothlyon@comcast.net

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760  
 Sunday Worship: 8:15, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 Nursery Provided  
 Reverend Sandra Wilcoxon  
 southlyonfmc.org

**BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH**  
 Gathering in Jesus Name  
 52909 10 Mile Rd. • South Lyon, MI 48178  
 Sunday 10:30 and 1:30  
 Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
 Mike Ragan, Pastor  
 734-347-1983 pastor cell  
 Old fashioned preaching KJV

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**  
 Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Plow  
 at Liberty St.  
 Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
 All Classes 9:00  
 Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-1651

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 28900 Pontiac Trail (just south of Silver Lake Rd.)  
 Contemporary Worship Bible Based Messages  
**3 Sunday Services**  
 8:45, 10:00 & 11:30 AM  
 248-486-0400 • www.crossroadscc.net

**CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 28900 Wixom Rd.  
 Wixom, MI 48393  
 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship  
 Rev. Kenneth Warren • 586-531-2021  
 www.cpcnow.com

## Wixom

## Halfway?



Mike Mnich has over 50 mature trees on his lot at 18245 Edenderry Drive, and each year he goes through about 140-200 bags leaves. "This year we tried something different – get a jump on them and get the leaves picked up when they are about half down," he said. "Well, that resulted in only 106 bags (they are stacked three wide on the street) but they are still coming down, like a bad snowstorm! Each year we secure the help of a lawn service, do some bagging ourselves and hope some blow over on our neighbors' lawn." Mnich also makes sure to give the waste removal guys a "thank you" of some sort at the end of the season, like a tin of fresh baked cookies.

## Meetings

**NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Date:** Second and fourth Tuesday of the month  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Old Village School

### CITY OF NORTHVILLE CITY COUNCIL

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

### DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

**Date:** Third Tuesday of each month  
**Time:** 8 a.m.  
**Location:** City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.

**Contact:** downtownnorthville.com

### PLANNING COMMISSION

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

**HOUSING COMMISSION**  
**Date:** Second Wednesday of every month  
**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Location:** Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

### HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

**Date:** Third Wednesday of month  
**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** City Hall

### ARTS COMMISSION

**Date:** Second Wednesday of every month  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

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

### BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

**Date:** First Monday of every month  
**Time:** 8 a.m.

**Details:** Individuals and organizations invited to attend.

**Location:** Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

### NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

**Date:** Last Tuesday of month  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Date:** Third Thursday of month  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Township Hall

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**Date:** Third Wednesday of month  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Township Hall

#### YOUTH ASSISTANCE

**Date:** Second Tuesday of every month  
**Time:** 8 a.m.  
**Location:** Northville Town-

## ABOUT ETC.

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

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

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

ship Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

**Contact:** Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

## Senior Events

### SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

**Location:** 303 W. Main St.  
**Contact:** (248) 349-4140

**Thursday 9 a.m. TOPS; Massage by appt.**

**10 a.m.:** Yoga

**11 a.m.:** Cribbage

**Noon:** Walking Club

**12:30 p.m.:** Pinochle

**Friday**

**11 a.m.:** Poker

**11:30 a.m.:** Walking Club

**Noon:** Walking Club

**1 p.m.:** Movie

**Monday**

**8 a.m.:** Walking Club

**9:30 a.m.:** Mah Jongg

**10 a.m.:** Beginning Line Dance; Oxyrise

**11 a.m.:** Adv. Line Dance

**12:30 p.m.:** Pinochle/Euchre

**Tuesday**

**8 a.m.:** Walking Club

**10:30 a.m.:** Yoga

**11:30 a.m.:** Walking Club

**12:30 p.m.:** Pinochle

**Wednesday**

**8 a.m.:** Walking Club

**9 a.m.:** Foot Reflexology by appt.

**10 a.m.:** Oxyrise

**11 a.m.:** Strength Training

**11:30 a.m.:** Walking Club

**Noon:** Bridge

**1 p.m.:** Cribbage

**7 p.m.:** Bridge

### CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL

**TIME/DAYS:** 10 a.m.-noon

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

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

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

### HEALTH WALKING

**Date:** Monday-Friday

**Time:** 8-10 a.m.

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

### PILATES CLASS

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. each Tuesday

### BUNCO

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

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

### FRIDAY FLICKS

**Time:** 1 p.m. every Friday

**Details:** Cost is \$1.

## Library Lines

### NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY

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

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

**Contact:** (248) 349-3020 or [northvillelibrary.org](http://northvillelibrary.org) for information regarding programs and library materials. The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving.

### Thanksgiving Crafts for Kids! Loopy Leg Turkeys

**Time/Date:** 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22

**Details:** All ages can enjoy making a fun loopy leg turkey. Just drop in. Due to space limitations, we cannot accommodate daycare, preschool or after school care groups.

### Foreign Films @ the Library

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21

**Details:** See a well-reviewed German film, *Soul Kitchen*, about a restaurant that becomes the farcical focus of two brothers in Germany. Running time: 100 minutes, not rated). English subtitles.

## Parks & Recreation

### NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

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

**Contact:** (248) 349-0203 or visit website at [northvilleparksandrec.org](http://northvilleparksandrec.org).

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

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

### DROP IN ADULT VOLLEYBALL

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

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** \$4 per person

### DROP IN BADMINTON

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

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

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

### DROP IN PICKLEBALL

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

**Location:** Community Se-

nior Center, 303 W. Main St

**Details:** \$2 per person

**Time/Date:** 12-3 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 6-8 p.m. Saturday; 1-3 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

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

### DROP IN TABLE TENNIS

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

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

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

### DROP IN CO-ED 50+ VOLLEYBALL

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

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

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

## Volunteering

### ARBOR HOSPICE

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

**Contact:** (248) 348-4980 or [mngysko@arborhospice.org](mailto:mngysko@arborhospice.org).

### Friends of the Northville District Library

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

### Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

**Time:** Day and evening training classes

**Location:** 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield

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

**Contact:** Mary, (800) 770-9859

### Meals-On-Wheels

**Date:** Ongoing

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

**Details:** Permanent and substitute drivers needed.

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

### Northville Arts Commission

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., second

Wednesday of each month

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

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

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

### Women's grief support group

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

### Anxiety Disorder Support Group

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

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

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

**Contact:** Robert Diedrich at [robtddrich@msn.com](mailto:robtddrich@msn.com)

### Codependency Support Classes

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

**Location:** Northville

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

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

### Crohn's and Colitis Support Group

**Date:** First and third Wednesday of each month

**Time:** 7-9 p.m.

**Location:** Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center

**Details:** Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left.

**Contact:** Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

### Emotional Eating Weight Loss Class

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

**Location:** Northville

**Details:** If your weight loss efforts do not work, emotional eating could be the reason. Learn more and get started on your way; \$60 for three weeks; limited class size; pre-register now.

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

### Food Addicts Anonymous Information Session

**Details:** Twelve-step program for individuals suffering from food obsession, over eating, under eating, and bulimia; weekly meetings held in Canton, Ann Arbor and other metro Detroit areas; no dues, fees

**Please see ETC., A13**

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Continued from page A12 or weigh-ins; everyone welcome including those who think they have food problems or are concerned about someone who may. **Contact:** (734) 913-9614 or foodaddicts.org

### New Hope Center for Grief Support

**Details:** The groups meet on a regular basis in various locations. All services offered at no cost. **Contact:** (248) 348-0115 or go to <http://newhopecenter.net>

### From Grief to New Hope

**Date:** second Tuesdays in December only  
**Details:** New Hope Center for Grief Support offers three different age specific groups for men and women whose spouse has died, including one for young widows and widowers, Circles of Hope. During the same time they meet, we offer a group for children suffering the loss of a loved one, New Hope for KIDZ and Teens. New Hope also offers a group for parents who have lost a child. The From Grief to New Hope eight week series is offered several times during the year in areas throughout southeastern Michigan. All of New Hope's services for adults and children are available at no cost to the participants. **Contact:** (248) 348-0115 or visit [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net) for further information.

### Circles of Hope

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. second Tuesdays  
**Location:** First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville  
**Details:** Ongoing support group for widows and widowers; group divides into three sections depending on stage of grief; meets same time as children's support group.

### New Hope for Kidz and Teens Support Group

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of each month  
**Details:** Meets at the same time and location as adult group for children ages 3-18 who have lost a loved one; kids divided into different age groups.

### Starting Again

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month

**Location:** Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road

**Details:** Ongoing support group for widows and widowers who are facing the empty nest, either still working or recently retired.

### Wayfarers

**Time/Date:** 2-3 p.m. second Wednesday of each month  
**Location:** Ward Presbyterian Church, Room A107  
**Details:** For semi-retired or retired widows and widowers.

### The Lunch Bunch

**Time/Date:** Noon third Wednesday of each month  
**Details:** This is a monthly lunch group for widows and widowers; locations vary, call Ed Drost at (734) 261-8045 for more information.

### PARENTS OF HOPE

**Details:** Small groups for parents who have lost a child are offered at some of our From Grief to New Hope workshops. Monthly support groups are also offered at the following times and locations:

#### Livingston County

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month

**Location:** Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 9455 Hilton Road, Brighton

#### Oakland County

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of each month

**Location:** Orchard Lake Community Church, 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake

### PSYCHOTHERAPY & COUNSELING SERVICES

**Contact:** (734) 420-8175  
**Codependency Support Group**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Thursday  
**Details:** For those who grew up in dysfunctional families or have a pattern of unhappy or bad relation-

ships. Weekly class sessions with different topics related to codependency issues and recovery; cost is \$12.

### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE TRANSITION CENTER

**Location:** Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads

**Contact:** For more information, and to register, call (734) 462-4443, e-mail [transition@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:transition@schoolcraft.edu) or visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/transition](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/transition)

### Divorce Center

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

**Location:** Women's Resource Center, Room 225 McDowell Center

**Details:** Open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce; first meeting each month is group discussion; second meeting features a guest speaker; no fee or registration required.

### SPACE FOR CHANGING FAMILIES

A nonsectarian community service of the National Council of Jewish Women/Greater Detroit Section

### Divorce Support Group

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. every

anxiety and or depression; lack of motivation or low self esteem; relationship problems. A group support system which will offer discussion, information and offer ways to encourage problem solving tools will motivate those wishing to be happy and successful. Sessions are \$12

**Contact:** Register by calling 734-420-8175.

## Clubs and Groups

### AAUW, NORTHVILLE/NOVI BRANCH

**Contact:** For information e-mail Harriet Sawyer, membership Vice President at [sawyerh@wowway.com](mailto:sawyerh@wowway.com) or call (734) 420-3270.

### BEAUTIFUL SINGLES HIKING

**TIME/DAY:** 9:30 a.m. first and third Sunday of the month

**Location:** Maybury State Park

**Details:** Join singles of all ages for hiking and other activities.

**Contact:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/BSHiking/> or Bill at (586) 909-6938

### CAMERA CLUB

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m.

### Club Membership Meeting

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 22

**Location:** The Cady Inn at Mill Race Village on Griswold in downtown Northville.

**Details:** Please note this change in date, due to the Thanksgiving holiday

**Contact:** Scott Craig, [sraig27@comcast.net](mailto:sraig27@comcast.net)

### NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

#### Research Help

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. every Monday and by appointment

**Location:** Northville District Library, Local History Room

**Details:** Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members.

**Contact:** Tille Van Sickle (734) 595-7806 or <http://rootsweb.com/~mings>

#### Monthly Meeting

**Time/Date:** 1:15 p.m. computer genealogy class, 2:30 p.m. general meeting, second Sunday of month.

**Location:** Northville District Library, Carlos Meeting Room, 212 W. Cady St. Local History Room at the Northville District Library on Monday afternoons 1-3 p.m. and also by appointment.

**Contact:** For more in-

**Details:** Are you experiencing skin, facial and nail changes during your cancer treatment? Botsford Hospital's Cancer Center is offering an American Cancer Society program called Look Good... Feel Better that provides information and cosmetic advice to women battling cancer.

**Contact:** For more information or to register, please call Jeri Davis, MSLW, at (248) 473-4813.

### Tai Chi Class

**Time/Date:** 4:30-5:30 p.m., every Wednesday

**Location:** Botsford Hospital-Community Room of the Zieger Administration and Education Building

**Details:** Looking for a way to improve health and relieve stress? Don't miss Botsford Hospital's offered with Dr. Alex Green, a Botsford pathologist. The class meets from in the. The first class you attend is free and each additional session is \$5.

**Contact:** For questions about this program, please contact Dr. Green at [ajgreen@botsford.org](mailto:ajgreen@botsford.org) or call (248) 471-8729.

### LYMPHEDEMA CLINIC

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

**Details:** A comprehensive lymphedema clinic in

low. Cost of flu vaccine is \$15. Pneumonia vaccine is offered for \$35. Medicare (Part B) and Medicaid are accepted.

**Contact:** (734) 727-7000

### STRENGTH TRAINING CLASSES

**Location:** American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap, corner of Center Street

**Date:** Mondays and Fridays

**Details:** Diane DiVita offers Strength Training classes (light weights with a little yoga stretching) for adults.

**Contact:** For more information, call Diane at (248) 344-0928 or visit [triangle-six@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:triangle-six@sbcbglobal.net).

### PSYCHOTHERAPY AND COUNSELING SERVICES

**Location:** Northville Counseling Center

**Contact:** (248) 348-1100 or (734) 420-8175 to register.

### ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL

**Location:** 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia

**Contact:** (734) 655-4800 or [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org)

### Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

**Time/Date:** 3-4:30 p.m. first Thursday of each

## Pedestrian pathway



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A pedestrian walks north along the newly-completed Northville Bennett Arboretum Pathway on Nov. 15. An official ribbon-cutting grand opening of the walkway that runs southeast from Seven Mile and Sheldon took place on Nov. 16. The brick retain wall pieces are planted with native vegetation.

### Tuesday

**Location:** Hooper Evaluations Building, 26400 Lahser Road, Suite 306, Southfield.

**Details:** Help for men and women dealing with the many conflicted feelings regarding divorce and separation. Led by a trained facilitator, Andy Mather. Fee is \$5 per session. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0

### WIDOWED FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

**Details:** Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit is a peer support group.

**Contact:** For more information, call Marilyn at (586) 739-9406

### WIDOWED MEN

#### Meet for Breakfast

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Tuesdays

**Location:** Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia (1/4 mile north of Five Mile Road)

**Details:** This is an informal peer group where men have an opportunity to meet with other widowed men who are ready to help you cope or become involved in the other activities planned by Widowed Friends of AOD.

**Contact:** Dick (313) 534-0399.

### YOUNG ADULTS

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

**Details:** Susan McKenna, a life coach, author and motivational speaker, is hosting a support group exclusively for young adults (high school through 20's). The major issues that this age group deals with are issues with parents;

### second Tuesdays

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

**Contact:** Laura Williams (248) 912-7529, [LWilliams1@twmi.rr.com](mailto:LWilliams1@twmi.rr.com)

### GARDENERS OF NORTHVILLE AND NOVI

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month, Sept.-May

**Location:** Northville Art House at 215 W. Cady Street, Northville

**Details:** Visitors welcome. **Contact:** Marcia (248) 349-2352 or visit [gardeners-northville-novi.org](http://gardeners-northville-novi.org)

### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington Road

**Details:** Discuss novels, plays, poetry and nonfiction. Reading Poetry by Mark Strand. Goody Night. **Contact:** (248) 349-3121

### NORTHVILLE BOOK CLUB

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. one Friday per month

**Location:** Solid Grounds Coffee House, 133 W. Main St., Suite 222

**Details:** Reading "The Autobiography of My Mother" by Jamaica Kincaid.

**Contact:** [northvillebookclub@gmail.com](mailto:northvillebookclub@gmail.com)

### NORTHVILLE DEMOCRATS CLUB

**Contact:** [www.northville-democrats.com](http://www.northville-democrats.com)

formation call Suzanne Monaghan at (734) 243-7866 or check the web site at [www.rootsweb.com/~mings](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mings).

### NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS

#### Meet & Greet Monthly Coffee

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. first Tuesday of each month

**Location:** members' homes

**Details:** All welcome to socialize, meet, greet friends and neighbors and learn about the activities and interest groups this club has to offer.

**Contact:** Carolyn Schnepel (734) 259-8092 or visit [www.northvillnewcomers.com](http://www.northvillnewcomers.com)

### OPTIMIST CLUB OF NORTHVILLE

#### Meetings

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. on first and third Wednesdays

**Location:** Bee's Knees Store, 141 East Main Street, Northville

**Details:** The Optimist Club of Northville locally raises funds to support local children organizations and agencies.

**Contact:** Jennifer Mackay (248) 790-2705 or Lori at [lorldow@comcast.net](mailto:lorldow@comcast.net)

## Health Events

### BOTSFORD

**American Cancer Society's Look Good ... Feel Better Program**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-noon, second Monday of each month

**Location:** Botsford Cancer Center located at 27900 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills

conjunction with Botsford Hospital's comprehensive lymphedema management program. The clinic helps patients with lymphedema or venous insufficiency gain control of their lives through education, exercise, self-massage techniques and compression garments.

**Contact:** (248) 471-8120

### FREE HEALTH AWARENESS SEMINAR

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m., Tuesday nights

**Location:** Health for Life Chiropractic, Highland Lakes Plaza, 43059 Seven Mile Road, Northville

**Details:** Meet Dr. Ryan Cooper and see how Chiropractic can help reach varied health care goals.

**CONTACT:** (248) 449-1630 or [RyanCCooper@gmail.com](mailto:RyanCCooper@gmail.com) or [www.hfchiro.net](http://www.hfchiro.net) Please RSVP

### FLU SHOTS

**Time:** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Wayne, 33030 Van Born Road, at Venoy, (734) 727-7100. Walk-in days are Mondays and Thursdays. Appointments only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

**Location:** Taylor, 26650 Eureka Road, east of Inkster Road, (734) 955-3900. Walk-in days are Mondays and Thursdays. Appointment only days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

**Location:** Dearborn, 6450 Maple, west of Schaefer Road, south of Warren Road, (313) 216-2201. Appointment only on Thursdays.

**Details:** The Wayne County Department of Public Health offers flu shots for residents at its clinics be-

### month

**Location:** Classroom 1

**Details:** No fee or registration required. For more information call Audra Frye, Alzheimer's Association (248) 426-7055.

### Breast Cancer Support Group

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. second Tuesday of each month

**Location:** Classroom 10

**Details:** The group offers a place for patients and survivors to gather and share experiences, learn coping techniques and find support and strength. For more information, contact (734) 655-1162

### Free Seminars - Michigan Bariatric Institute

**Details:** MBI offers three laparoscopic surgical weight loss options. Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding and Sleeve Gastrectomy at a free monthly seminar in the St. Mary Mercy hospital Auditorium. To register call (734) 655-2693, (877) Why-Weight or visit hospital Web site.

**Helen Palmer Image Recover Center**

**Details:** Offering a spa-like atmosphere with image-enhancement services to help cancer patients heal from the inside out and regain their self-confidence in a supportive and caring environment. Services include: Free consultation and assessment, skin care, hand and nail care, massage therapy, reflexology, hair replacements, haircuts and styling of hair and wigs, prosthetics and bras, lymphedema compression products and educational resources.

Services offered to patients from any hospital and the general public.

**Contact:** (734) 655-8810



## OUR VIEWS

# Giving time

## Salvation Army, local charities need help

Across the parking lot, you can hear the unmistakable ringing of a handbell. Yes, the Salvation Army Red Kettles are out throughout metropolitan Detroit, collecting coins and currency to help the less fortunate.

The sound of the handbells marks the official kickoff of fundraising for the holiday season. Granted, it's only a week until Thanksgiving, but Christmas displays have been up since Halloween in some stores, and many residents already have their homes decorated and the lights turned on.

For some, that transition from one holiday season to the next may be a bit drastic, but it's not too early to start making a pitch for another holiday item helping the less fortunate.

Volunteers are the spirit of the holiday season. Without them, much of the charitable giving that is done during the holidays would not happen. The ability of charities to provide Christmas for needy families depends on volunteers from the Salvation Army's bell ringers, or local charitable organizations like Community Sharing, Goodfellows and even local businesses, Scout groups and school children who collect toys for Toys for Tots.

In September, the U.S. Census Bureau reported the number of Americans in poverty jumped to 15.1 percent in 2010, a 27-year high. Michigan's poverty rate also rose to 16.8 percent, up from 14 percent last year.

Last Christmas, the Salvation Army saw a nearly 20-percent increase in demand for assistance and expects requests to increase again this year as families and seniors continue to struggle with limited resources, according to Maj. Mark Anderson, general secretary and metro Detroit commander for the Salvation Army.

Continuing that long-standing tradition, now through Dec. 24, bell ringers will collect donations at more than 400 Red Kettle sites at places like Kroger, Walmart, Macy's, Sam's Club, J.C. Penney, Walgreens, Gordon Food Service, ACO Hardware, Hiller's markets and the Salvation Army Family and Thrift Stores.

Christmas is an especially important time for the Salvation Army. The money raised through the Red Kettle campaign helps support millions of people in poverty who turn to the Army for food and toys at Christmas, utility and homeless assistance, senior and child care, drug abuse treatment and many other social services.

For those who would like to give their time to the cause, the Salvation Army has volunteer spots for bell ringers open at the more than 400 Red Kettle locations it maintains throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. All volunteer opportunities are posted at [www.ringbell.org](http://www.ringbell.org). Anyone can log on and pick a preferred location and shift that is convenient for them.

It's also easy to give to the Salvation Army by putting money in the Red Kettle, by calling (877) SAL-MICH, by logging on to the website at [www.salmich.org](http://www.salmich.org) or by texting "GOODMICH" to 80888 to make a \$10 donation, enough to feed one person for an entire month. Standard text messaging rates apply.

The Salvation Army is currently accepting applications for Christmas assistance. In 2010, the Salvation Army provided 91,553 Christmas gifts to children and seniors.

Families in need of assistance should contact their local Salvation Army Corps Community Center to set up an appointment. To find the center closest to you, visit [www.salmich.org](http://www.salmich.org) or call (248) 443-5500. Early applications are strongly recommended. The assistance program is reserved for families with children, those with special needs and senior citizens. Applicants must bring a picture ID for each household adult, birth certificates for household children and a current utility bill, as well as proof of household income and expenses.

For those who already committed themselves to helping — you know who you are — we say thank you. In these tough economic times, it's great to see the concern and caring you have for your fellow residents.

Holidays are about love and helping others.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### When should Christmas music start being played?



"The day after Thanksgiving. I'm a business owner, and I have to have my store decorated by the 15th of November."

**Kevin Rogers**  
Ferndale



"If I have my choice, the day after Thanksgiving, to give Thanksgiving its respect."

**Peter Artemas**  
Royal Oak



"After Thanksgiving. We haven't even had Thanksgiving yet. Santa Claus shows up around the Thanksgiving parade."

**Kate Brown**  
Brighton



"Dec. 1. I think we tend to skip over holidays and ignore Thanksgiving."

**Pam Finch**  
Plymouth

## LETTERS

### Football alive and well

My son and family had the pleasure of participating for the first time in the Northville Youth Football Association for the freshman Colts. Following the success of the Mustangs campaign, the Colts played well but were ultimately defeated in their Superbowl.

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, Rav Sandhu, Kevin Weedmark, Mark Klutcho, Brett VanRiper, Jeff Harp and cheer coach Carol Heisen.

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

### Cemetery Walk kudos

The Northville Historical Society had a very successful Cemetery Walk again this year. Northville in the Civil War featured stories of soldiers buried in Oakwood Cemetery as well as information relating to the war such as medicine of the time, music in the Civil War, pensions, etc. Civil War era music was played by Al Smitley and friends at their campsite in the parking lot across the street from the cemetery. Refreshments were served at the Art House.

The Society wishes to thank all those who helped make the day successful, including those who purchased tickets to see our amazing cast of actors: George Fomin, Dan Puschell, Jackson Freeman, Russ Dore, Cheryl Pearson, Chuck Burke & Marji Terakadis, John & Cindy Bullington, Peggy McMichael, Kevin, Faye & Rose Cramton, Kurt Kinde, & Jake Luikart.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who make this event possible: Richard Allen, Ardith Borgis, Janice Cannistraro, Nancy Darga, Ed Gabrys, Dianne Griswold, Lyn Hotia, Diana Klawitter, Jennifer Luikart, Chuck & Andrea Murdock, Heidi Nielsen, Tara & Vicky O'Neil, Don & JoAnne O'Rourke, Irene Petroski, Judy Poole, Bill Rice, Cheri Sample, Sharon Voge, Barbara Wilson, Abbey Wright Geddes, and Cathy Young. A special thanks to Al Smitley and friends who entertained us at the camp, and Linda McCarthy at Knightsbridge for ticket sales.

A salute to Fred Shadko who has filmed this entire event. It will be available for sale soon. For information on the Northville Historical Society, call (248) 348-1845. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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p.m. Mill Race Village is located at 215 Griswold in Northville. You can visit their website at [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org).

**Tillie Van Sickle**  
Northville

### Opposes charter schools bill

The Michigan House of Representatives will be considering Senate bill 618 which allows an expansion of the number of charter schools over the existing cap. Charter school lobbyists and Republicans are pushing hard for this bill, with good reason. About 80 percent of charter schools in Michigan are run by for-profit corporations — that's the highest portion of any state in the country. These corporations run their schools like corporations run businesses — to extract as much profit from operations as possible.

Private corporations that run schools are not accountable to elected school boards, so there is no local control; they pay their teachers less than the public sector and have a 200-percent higher teacher turnover rate. A large portion of their income is spent on consultant fees and high real estate rent (that's usually paid to the corporate entity that manages them.)

A Western Michigan University study shows that for-profit charter schools spend 44.8 percent of operating budgets on instruction vs. 60 percent in traditional public schools. And we've probably all heard that 17 percent of charter schools "do better" than public schools. Well, 37 percent do worse and 46 percent show no difference. That's a net negative in student performance.

The now-defunct investment firm Lehman Brothers predicted "The education industry may replace health care as the focus industry" — because they recognized a huge private business opportunity funded with public dollars. Public education is one of the cornerstones of American democracy — the "great equalizer." Private profit from public dollars undermines that — and that's the nefarious basis of the push for expanded charter schools. With our recent Wall Street bailout debacle, we can't afford any more private profit,

public loss schemes.

Please contact your state representative and ask him/her to oppose SB 618. It's not a good move for the schools we value. In Novi, our representative is Hugh Crawford. Phone: (517) 373-0827. Fax: (517) 373-5873. E-mail: [HughCrawford@house.mi.gov](mailto:HughCrawford@house.mi.gov).

**Kathleen Hood**  
Novi

### More crony capitalism

"And we have a winner" could have been the declaration the night Novi City Council approved a tax abatement for the Suburban Collection Showplace.

As owner Blair Bowman seeks to expand his business from an expo center into convention and lodging he has sought and received a financial advantage over existing hotels, some of which may have come here because of his initial business and now he hopes to take that business from them.

Some on council seem to feel the city is somehow obligated to insure the Showplace is successful in whatever business Bowman may choose to take it. I would have to agree with Councilman Mutch; it is not their role as city government to pick winners and losers.

Some may say well if it is good for the Showplace it will be good for Novi, so why not. I say consider some other government issues.

new bridge to Canada The auto companies, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the unions are for it. Our governor is for it, as was our previous governor and it was approved by the State House under Democrat leadership. But now even with Canada offering to put up our share of the money for the bridge with our state under Republican control, one millionaire managed to block it for his own financial gain.

The great recession — some say we are still in it, and with some financial reform and regulation put in place by President Obama and Democrats in Congress to prevent another financial meltdown like what occurred in 2008, we are no doubt a long way from full recovery. And yet the Republicans want to repeal what little regulation was passed and campaign on more deregulation, the very thing that led to The Great Depression and the Great Recession.

What do all of these have in common? Our elected officials acting on behalf of special interest. Whether it is for campaign cash, political support or just a gift so your community gets something, it is Crony Capitalism. This gift to Mr. Bowman is a glaring example, so it is no wonder we can't get our government to work for the people.

Again, the Republicans are doing exactly what they accuse others of.

**Chuck Tindall**  
Novi

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## GOALS

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gan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores and other ways to target achievement. She said these tools will be used because "if we want to measure our progress, we have to have a target."

She said questions like, "How will we know if they have learned it? What will we do if they haven't? How will we respond if they have already learned it?" are being and will continue to be used by district leaders.

One example from the measuring document has the MEAP being used as a metric for writing. The target here is 100-percent proficiency. If a student is not, then a response to intervention plan will be put in place.

Some plans to reach these goals are already moving forward. The International Baccalaureate program is one new opportunity being intro-

## DETAILS

The goals of the Northville Board of Education include:

- all students gaining proficiency in math, reading and science
- increasing student opportunities/programs while closing the achievement gap
- enhancing the collection, interpretation and use of data to help drive decisions made by teachers and administrators
- continue to stabilize the district's fiscal well-being within a transparent environment
- upgrading the facilities and electronic opportunities at all levels.

duced to students this year. Another plan under way is exploring the possibility of expanding the kindergarten options with a full day schedule as an option.

In addition, by holding community budget meetings and posting financial details on its website the district continues to strive for fiscal transparency and well-being. It has also looked to make cuts in spending by privatizing its busing and custodial services.

Upgrading buildings and facilities will be made eas-

ier since the sinking fund was passed by voters.

Mike Zopf, assistant superintendent for finance/operations, said the district is planning to begin some bigger improvement projects this spring with the first \$1 million collected since the sinking fund went into effect.

David Rodgers, human resources director, added that making plans to replace and pay for capital replacements like busing and other technologies will also be important.

## GARAGE

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floor to keep any vapors or contaminants from seeping through. Some soil needs to be removed from the area inside the building where the dry cleaning operation was previously located.

He said the MDEQ offers grants to clean up contaminated sites that can be used for economic development purposes. The developers came to the city because the grants have to go through a governmental agency to administer the project and grant record keeping.

"The developers of the site, NRG Holdings (Bill and Mark Evasic), with the assistance of their environmental consultant, Yeoman Group of Northville, would do most of the up-front work on the cleanup plan and grant application," Sullivan said.

Property owner Chuck Lapham said he has been assured that MDEQ has pinpointed the issue area. It will take about

four to six weeks to complete the work. Sullivan told the council the city is only obligated to what is in the scope of work detailed in the grant.

He said both the property owner and developers have committed to covering any additional costs, if there are any.

"In talking to people at the DEQ, they are very positive about this project and there is funding available. This is the kind of project they fund, so they are encouraging us to submit the application," Sullivan said.

"Council member Nancy Darga said she likes this project, but wants to be assured the city is protected by any unseen problems. Sullivan said agreements pertaining to responsibility and scope will be in place with the developers and property owner before any work begins.

In other council decisions, Bernco Inc. of St. Claire Shores has been granted the contract to complete the East Main Street Walkway project. The work is expected to cost just under \$700,000.

## No more bullies



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Novi Middle School students (above) Tiffany Bui, left, and Masie McElroy, both seventh-graders, play a game during lunch hour Oct. 20. Jake Kawwas wore a pink hat (left), donning the color along with other students that day, to show their support for ending bullying during Novi's recognition of National Bullying Prevention Day.

## LAYOFFS

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The laid-off employees will, however, be given the opportunity to apply with GRBS.

"We continue to remain hopeful that at least some of these folks will make a decision to work with GRBS," Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said.

GRBS's bid stated it would utilize a staff of 41 with full-time custodians starting out at an hourly rate of \$9.25.

During the privatization debate many custodians said the pay would be too low compared to their current wages and said they might not come back. One longtime employee, Mary Hartmann-White, has already elected to resign.

"The custodians have been aware of that decision by the board and we have

had some opportunities to provide them with some resources," Human Resources Director David Rodgers said.

The board decided to privatize due to the budgetary constraints incurred from the decreasing per-pupil state funded allowance.

Joan Wadsworth, board president, said after she heard the names read off that she "could picture the faces of these folks who have been extraordinary employees for our district and it is a sad day."

She added they have all shown great dedication to the students and their welfare.

Gallagher said the staff has provided good service, and this decision was made purely on a budgetary basis. The district expects to struggle again next summer to balance the budget.

## Robert Cuffe enjoys helping people buy and sell homes



Robert Cuffe

If you are looking to buy or sell a house in the Livingston, Washtenaw, Wayne & Oakland county area, Robert Cuffe wants to talk to you. With 23 years of experience in the Real Estate business, Cuffe offers the same high quality service to all his clients regardless of the price of their home. Robert is the Broker/Owner of the Remerica Integrity II Realty office on 7 Mile in Northville and has just surpassed over \$124,000,000 in sales. "I enjoy working with people and have made a lot of friends through the real estate business", Robert said. "I love what I do. I enjoy seeing people's excitement upon closing on their first home, investment home or dream house".

Cuffe works with his clients until he finds the right home for them. On occasion, Cuffe has had to suggest that clients not purchase a particular house because he thought the home wasn't right for them. It is this kind of honesty that has helped him to create a loyal and steadfast client base. "I have clients that have come back to me to sell their second or third house and now their children are coming to me to buy their first house," Robert said. "Repeat business is extremely important to my real estate business."

Cuffe began his career in 1989 by ranking first in sales & listings for several years in a row, he then managed a Real Estate office in Livonia and ultimately became an owner of 3 offices, all while maintaining a high level of service to his customers and his agents.

Robert has his own website that provides information about his listings and listings that are available throughout the entire

MLS system. Anyone with a computer can go to his website and create a profile that will enable them to receive by email any new listings that come available within their search parameters. Give it a try at: [www.robertcuffe.com](http://www.robertcuffe.com)

Cuffe constantly stays in touch with his clients to keep them informed about every aspect of their real estate transaction. He provides his clients with detailed reports by mail or email, with information on showings, feedback, advertising & marketing efforts. He also does a market analysis of all homes his clients are buying to make sure they are getting the best value for their money.

Cuffe grew up in Livonia and now resides in Northville with his wife, their three sons, and two Puggle dogs Sammi & Bailey. If you or anyone you know need the assistance of a professional full-time Realtor, or if you have ever considered getting into the Real Estate business, I encourage you to call Robert Cuffe today.

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## BRIEFS

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donated, to support area charitable knitting programs.

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

Mobile Knit Shop brings a portable store/classroom to area venues. Merchandise available at events includes yarns, knitting accessories and notions, project kits, how-to books and patterns, as well as, some finished items and gifts. A calendar of both private and public events is also available on the website.

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

## "The Muses Past and Present"

The Muses, a group of independent artists from the Detroit area who gather each week to paint from live models in addition to other subjects, will have a collection of their works on exhibit at the Village Theater in Canton Nov. 1-28.

Participating artists include Candace Brancik (Milford), Sandra Bozer (Ann Arbor), Jeff Cancelosi (Northville), Daria Fileta (Novi), Lan-

da Logan (Huntington Woods), Peggy Kerwan (Novi), Barbara Eko Murphy (Northville), Kathleen O'Connell (Dearborn) and Mary Step (Novi).

The venue is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday as well as one hour prior to theater performances and during performances.

## Reel Michigan Film Festival call for entries deadline April 23

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

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

Reel Michigan welcomes all genres, from student films to the experimental.

Industry speakers and possible workshops will also be part of Reel Mich-

igan 2012 as well as an after party where attendees can mingle with local filmmakers, meet the crew from Northville Civic Concern and watch as awards are given out for the best films in several categories.

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

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

## Salvation Army seeks bell-ringers

As a chill starts to come over Metro Detroit, many of us will begin to hear those familiar bells ringing every time we walk in and out of our favorite grocery and department stores. The Salvation Army will soon put out its famous red kettles to raise funds to support our unemployed, homeless and hungry neighbors – and it's calling out to the community to volunteer as bell ringers. Sign up at www.ringbell.org.

Bell ringers can make a big difference right in their own community during Red Kettle season. The cold, wind and snow become small in comparison. Bell ringers are often stationed outdoors, so dress warm. The weather often reminds supporters that our neighbors may not have a warm place to go home to like they do.

Interested in becoming a bell ringer? Contact Rochelle Holman at (248) 443-5500 or log on to www.ringbell.org.

Want to help but can't volunteer to ring a real bell? Consider a virtual bell instead. Sign up for an Online Red Kettle at www.onlineredkettle.com.

## Toddle Time Tuesdays

Bring your toddlers and preschoolers to their own special drop-in play time at the Northville Community Senior Center gym, 303 W. Main Street from 10 a.m.-noon on Tuesdays through April 24 (except Dec. 27 and April 10).

Toddle Time is a wonderful opportunity for toddlers to learn socialization skills through unstructured play. Tots can run, jump, play ball, laugh and giggle with other tots in a big, safe gym atmosphere.

Children must be accompanied by an adult for the entire time. Some

toys are available however, we recommend that parents bring a ride or push toy. Please bring exact change (\$3 per child) and pay attendant. No fee for adults.

For more information, contact Pat Brown Recreation superintendent, Northville Parks & Recreation at (248) 449-9949 or pbrown@ci.northville.mi.us.

## Holiday Lighted Parade

Entries are now being accepted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce for the annual Holiday Lighted Parade on Friday, Nov. 18. The 2011 parade theme is "Holidays Around the World" and entries are invited to follow the theme in order to compete in three award categories. Bands, floats, dancers and entertainers are welcome to perform in the evening parade that kicks off the holiday season in downtown Northville.

Applications are available on the Chamber of Commerce website at www.northville.org.

The Holiday Lighted Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. and travels through the streets of downtown Northville. If your group would like to be a part of this annual tradition, please contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640

or visit www.northville.org.

## Northville Girl Scouts donate flowers

Northville Girl Scout troops have donated 38 flowers to the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA) 100th Anniversary Float, an entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The goal is to have more than 20,000 float flower name dedications incorporated into the design of the float honoring Girl Scouts and Girl Scout supporters as the organization celebrates its centennial in 2012. As each segment of the goal is reached GSGLA plans to reveal a section of the float design. So far 2,000 names have been collected.

GSGLA revealed the first part of the float, which focuses on the Gold Award. This section celebrates the highest level of achievement in Girl Scouting. Girl Scout Seniors and Girl Scout Ambassadors earn the Gold Award by creating lasting change and making a difference in the world. The Gold Award portion of the float will be crafted from shades of yellow and gold straw flower petals with a rainbow of red carnations,

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The Tournament of Roses Parade will be held in Pasadena, Calif. on Jan. 2. The GSGLA float is sponsored by Union Bank.

Girl Scouts who would like to donate flowers for the float can visit <https://secure.ggilv.com/for/girlscoutsla/event/2854/> for more information.

## Consumers awards volunteer grant

The Consumers Energy Foundation has awarded \$850 to recognize outstanding volunteerism by utility employees through its Volunteer Investment Program grants.

Nancy Robinson, compressor station operator, and Dean Robinson, instrument mechanic, both at the Northville Compressor Station, who provided a combined total of 354 hours of volunteer service over the past 12 months with the Northville High School girls soccer program. Both served as a transportation coordinator. An \$850 grant will be used for soccer equipment.

## Food assistance available

Plymouth and Northville will be participating in "The Emergency Food Assistance Program" (TEFAP), which is a supplemental food program for all income-eligible Wayne county residents.

Distributions will be the third Thursday (Nov. 17) of each month from 10 a.m.-noon at St. Kenneth Catholic Church (14951 North Haggerty Road). All recipients must be

## Talkin' turkey



Chiragh Qureshi helps his daughter Anika, 3, with a Thanksgiving-themed crafts project on Nov. 5 at the Novi Public Library.

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pre-registered to become certified for eligibility (meeting both income and residency requirements) before being able to receive food on distribution days. Recipients who are not currently on any governmental program (Food Stamps, ADC and General Assistance) will need to provide documentation such as birth certificates or social security cards, proof of income and residence and proof of the number of household members. Bridge Card holders will automatically be qualified to participate but must still register.

For more information and registration, please contact the Plymouth

Community United Way office at (734) 453-6879, Ext. 2.

## Sen. Colbeck's regular in-district office hours

State Senator Patrick Colbeck's, R-Canton, 7th District, office will now be holding regular in-district office hours to assist residents with any problems related to their interactions with state government. The Woodhaven Community Center and the Plymouth Library have agreed to provide space for the monthly meetings.

In-District Manager Jennifer Trussell will

be available to meet with residents individually in order to help assist them with any issues they may be experiencing in obtaining permits, licenses or government aid.

Trussell will be available at the Woodhaven Community Center at 23101 Hall Road in Woodhaven from 10-11 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month and the Plymouth Library at 223 South Main Street in Plymouth from 6-7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Trussell at (734) 672-6415.

## Hospice volunteers needed

Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to serve as friendly visitors for its patients. Their service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate one to two hours of their time per week.

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Volunteers receive train-

ing and on-going coaching, and social opportunities are available as well.

The next new volunteer orientation is fast-approaching and will take place at the office in Canton. Contact Justine Galat, volunteer coordinator, to apply for an interview at [jgalat@cch.net](mailto:jgalat@cch.net) or (888) 983-9050.

## Your news, now!

Breaking stories and news updates are always posted online at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com). Check out the latest happenings in Northville and Novi throughout the day.

Get into the online discussions by clicking on Story Chat on each story, editorial, or letter to the editor. It's a great way to sound off and to connect with other readers. Check out the awesome photo galleries posted by our staff photographers and our readers, as well as video clips that help tell the stories in our community. Stop by the Hometown Weeklies' Facebook page and become a "friend" to receive news updates right on your wall. It's your news, on your time, in the format of your choice.

## See our online images

You can see staff photographer John Heider's photos in print in the Novi News and Northville Record, but don't miss his videos of the Super Gardener, a young moth rancher and the Novi girls state soccer march.

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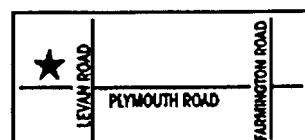


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## Community Events

### NORTHVILLE STRING CLUB HOLIDAY CONCERT

**Location:** Barnes & Noble, northwest corner of Hagerty and 6 Mile roads  
**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29

**Details:** Come support this new and upcoming String Chamber Ensemble in their first ever public Holiday Concert! Northville String Club performs nearly weekly at over 15 different senior homes all over Northville, Livonia, Plymouth, and Novi. The NHS drumline will be featured.

### FIRST FRIDAY EXPERIENCE

**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m. Dec. 2  
**Details:** Many of the Downtown shops and galleries feature a new artist and specials each month. Enjoy complimentary refreshments while browsing and shopping.

### ALL-A-GLOW ILLUMINATION FOR EDUCATION

**Date:** Dec. 2  
**Details:** The Northville Mothers' Club will be lighting the tree in Old Church Square along with local school children singing many of our favorite holiday carols.

### JINGLE BELL RUN

**Time/Date:** Dec. 3  
**Details:** The Arthritis Foundation hosts their annual 5K, 10K and 1 mile run fundraisers. Start and finish line at Northville Downs Race Track.

### VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE OF MICHIGAN PERFORMANCE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Dec. 6  
**Details:** A holiday capella concert performed in Renaissance costumes at the Community Center.

**Contact:** Senior Community Center (248) 349-4140

## GET LISTED!

**Submit:** Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [stone@annette.com](mailto:stone@annette.com); by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

**More:** For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

### TINSEL & TREASURES HOLIDAY MARKET

**Date:** Dec. 9-11  
**Details:** Very creative handmade crafts & goodies from area crafters at the Northville Community Center.

### MOTOWN MEMORIES HOLIDAY CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Dec. 9  
**Details:** The Motown sound comes alive with three entertainers at the Marquis Theatre.

### NORTHVILLE NITE FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

**Time/Date:** 4:30-8 p.m. Dec. 31  
**Details:** Carnival games, music, food, crafts are only a few of the activities on this fun-filled family night. A great way to bring in the New Year at the Recreation Center at Hillside School.

### NORTHVILLE & NOVI GARDEN CLUB MEETING

**Location:** Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12  
**Details:** Holiday party for members only.

**Contact:** Fran Gunderson (248) 349-6457

### GRIEF AND THE HOLI-

## DAYS

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28  
**Location:** Room C-319 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville  
**Details:** Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a holiday workshop for those who are grieving. All adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome and encouraged to attend this free workshop presented by Cathy Clough. The workshop will end with a special time of remembrance. There is no need to register.

**Contact:** Barb, (248) 374-5966

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2

**Location:** 17174 Crestbrook Drive, Northville (north of 6 Mile and west of Ridge Road) New Hope Center for Grief Support, in cooperation with Toll Brothers Inc., will be hosting a Holiday Open House at their Steeplechase of Northville community. Leisurely tour the luxurious Harding Country Manor model home during an evening that also includes raffles, appetizers from local restaurants, a chocolate fountain and musical entertainment. Valet service provided and sponsored by Toll Brothers. The cost is \$40 (\$21 and over) prior; \$45 at the door; \$30 is tax deductible. New Hope Center for Grief Support is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that reaches out to those in our community and throughout southeastern Michigan who are grieving the death of a loved one. New Hope's mission, centered in Christian principles, is to help people work through their grief and offer hope and healing to all. This event is one of the larger fundraisers that New Hope relies upon to provide the funds, support and means by which New Hope Center can continue to offer support groups, seminars, workshops and other grief services free-of-charge.

**Contact:** New Hope Center at (248) 348-0115 by Nov. 30 or register online at [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net)

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### NORTHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Location:** 195 S. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167  
**Contact:** (248) 349-7640 or [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org)  
**Holiday Lighted Parade Date:** Friday, Nov. 18  
**Details:** Downtown Northville gears up for another parade by kicking off to the Holiday season with the Annual Lighted Parade. Application forms are available on the Chamber website at [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

### MARQUIS THEATER

**Location:** 135 East Main, Northville  
**Contact:** (248) 349-8110 or visit [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com).  
**"Beauty & The Beast"**  
**Times/Dates:** 2:30 p.m. Nov. 12-Jan. 29  
**Details:** An energetic, live musical for the whole family - the story of a young girl who meets a friendly Beast and their ensuing friendship. Tickets are \$8.50; group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more; no children under age 3.

### MILL RACE HISTORICAL VILLAGE

**Location:** 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field  
**Hours:** Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday; Archives open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday and Friday; Village buildings open free to the public 1-4 p.m. Sundays mid-June to mid-October  
**Contact:** (248) 348-1845  
**Weekly Events**  
 (\*Grounds closed to public)  
**Thursday:** 9 a.m. Archives open; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. TARTS Stitching Group; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737 in Church; 7 p.m. Historical Society Board meeting  
**Friday:** 9 a.m. Archives open  
**Saturday:** 10-11:30 a.m. "Thanksgiving" Children's Class; noon-1 p.m. Cub Scouts #746 Den 1 meeting

**Sunday:** 1-2:30 p.m. private tour  
**Monday:** 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #844  
**Tuesday:** 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats  
**Wednesday:** 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation group

### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Location:** 215 W. Cady St., Northville  
**Contact:** Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or [www.northvilleartshouse.org](http://www.northvilleartshouse.org) for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering.  
**Hours:** 1-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-9 p.m. on first Fridays of each month  
**Details:** Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.  
**Girl's Night Out, Craft Workshop and Massages**  
**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m. Nov. 11  
**First Friday Art Walk & Candlelight Walk & Basket Raffle**  
**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m. Dec. 2

### NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

**Location:** 303 W. Main Street  
**Contact:** (248) 349-4140  
**Thanksgiving Luncheon**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16  
**Details:** Cost is \$12 per person; includes a full turkey dinner and entertainment; RSVP by Nov. 9  
**Friday Flicks**  
**Times:** 1 p.m. Fridays  
**Details:** Cost is \$1 per person; drop-ins welcome.  
**Greektown Casino**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15  
**Details:** Cost is \$30 with \$20 incentives; Motor Coach transportation; RSVP by Nov. 8.  
**Bingo**  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10  
**Details:** Prizes and refreshments; pre-registration required.  
**Facts and Snacks**  
**Date:** Tuesday, Nov. 15

**Details:** "Communication" by Northville Hearing Center. Free; RSVP by Nov. 14.  
**Holiday Dinner**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7  
**Details:** Dinner and entertainment; \$12 per person. RSVP no later than Nov. 30; seating fills quickly  
**Firekeepers Casino Trip**  
**Date:** Tuesday, Dec. 13  
**Details:** \$30 per person with \$20 players cards and \$5 food voucher; RSVP no later than Dec. 5

### GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

**Location:** 108 E. Main, Northville  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0522  
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**Date:** now through Nov. 19  
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**Children's Lunch Theater "The Misadventures of Magnet Man"**  
**Times/Dates:** 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15; 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9; 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 (wear your Halloween costume)  
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**Time/Date:** 7-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22  
**Details:** Paul VornHagen Quartet - Paul VornHagen on reeds, Kurt Kranke on bass, Pete Siers on drums, and Chuck Shermataro on keyboard.

### WOMEN'S NETWORK SOURCE

**Time/Date:** 6:30-9:30 p.m. second Mondays  
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## Protect yourself by diversifying portfolio

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

If you had told me a week ago that the iconic coach of Penn State, Joe Paterno, would have been fired and that Penn State University would have been mixed up in a child molesting case, I would have said no way — it's impossible. As I've followed the news coverage, I have continued to shake my head in utter disbelief. I bring this up because these types of events also happen in the investment world.

Just think about what has happened over the last few years. We've had the Bernie Madoff scandal where Madoff, considered a Wall Street guru beyond reproach, turned out to be nothing more than a thief. We've also seen other head-shaking events such as the bankruptcy of General Motors. If I would have told you a few years ago that General Motors would declare bankruptcy and shareholders and bondholders would lose all their money, most would have said impossible. As investors, we must accept that just about anything can, and does, happen and that we have to take that into consideration when it comes to our portfolios.

When it comes to investing, one of the basic principles that I've always followed is diversification. I believe it is important to spread risk out over a variety of investments. This is not only to ensure a better performing portfolio, but also to protect your portfolio in case something goes horribly wrong. Investors who had the great bulk of their portfolio with Bernie Madoff or in General Motors know the importance of diversification.

### Ways to diversify

When it comes to diversifying a portfolio, I do it in a number of ways. The first way is to use mutual funds. The average mutual fund — which invest in a hundred different positions — provides an investor with an easy way to diversify. If you buy an emerging market mutual fund that is investing in new economies throughout the world, you will typically find that an emerging market mutual fund has investments in over a doz-

en different countries and typically, in over 20 different industries. This allows you to be diversified within that asset class. The same can be said whether it is investments in large cap U.S. funds or small cap international funds. In each one of these categories, mutual funds allow investors to protect themselves by investing in a variety of different positions.

Another way to diversify a portfolio is by investing in different mutual funds from different companies. I don't put all of my money in one mutual fund, no matter how good the fund. Typically, in a portfolio that I manage, I am probably going to have at least 15 different mutual funds. This allows me to improve the performance of the portfolio and spread risk out over a number of different funds. In that regard, when I am buying 15 or so different mutual funds for a client, I am not buying them from the same company but using different funds which again, gives me the ability to spread risk out over many different investments.

One thing I see quite a bit with investors is that they have a large portion of their portfolio in one or two stocks. Whenever I question it, they always bring up the fact that they are loyal to it. Loyalty is a great attribute, however, it is not one that works for investors. Investors should not be loyal to individual investments but rather treat their investments as a tool to use in accomplishing a goal. One of the goals that everyone should have for his/her portfolio is to protect themselves. I believe one of the best ways to do that is to have a well-balanced and diversified portfolio.

In this crazy, ever-changing world, we have to accept the fact that anything and everything can happen. As investors, to ignore this fact and put our heads in the sand is not wise. The only way to proceed and to protect yourself is to have a well-balanced and diversified portfolio. Don't let false affection for an investment prevent you from doing the right thing. After all, your investments don't love you so why should you love them. Good luck!

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CC's Kyle Cooper passes to Mike Racey.

## Shamrock defense suffocates Pioneer

By Jeff Theisen  
Sports Writer

CC to face Rockford, 84.

Catholic Central football prides itself on two things, playing a suffocating defense and pounding the ball on offense.

Saturday's 21-0 blanketing of Ann Arbor Pioneer was a perfect example of what the Shamrocks are all about to wrap up the regional title at home.

"The core of our program is defense," said CC head coach Tom Mach. "We think championships in the end are won with defense. We're very happy that we're able to do

that."

Pioneer star running back Drake Johnson was the main focus for the Shamrock defense. He put up huge numbers throughout the season but was held to just 44 yards on 16 carries, playing both running back and some quarterback.

"The boys played well, they really did," said Shamrock defensive coach Dan Anderson. "With a great running back like Drake Johnson, you've got to concentrate on him. We talked

all week about gang tackling and getting to the ball. I thought all 11 kids came and got to the ball as quick as they could. It was a great team effort."

Ann Arbor Pioneer (9-3) lost its starting quarterback earlier in the year, and the passing game suffered to the tune of 0-for-6 passing with two interceptions. Johnson threw one of the interceptions on the last play of the first half and the second interception came from Aedan York for the last offensive play for the Pioneers in the second half courtesy of CC lineback-

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er Clay Behrman.

"The defense knew we had to come out strong today," said Behrman. "I was happy with the effort. I knew what we were capable of. I knew we were capable of this. We just came out and did it today."

"Playing CC defense

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## Mustangs sending nine swimmers to state finals

### Three divers also trying to make the cut

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team may not have had the largest team around this year, but they definitely had some talent and depth.

The squad, coached by Brian McNeff, qualified nine swimmers in a slew of events for the state finals this weekend. In addition, three divers were competing in the regional finals Tuesday night (after the sports section went to print) with hopes of qualifying for the finals.

"Hopefully they will be able to make it on to the state meet as well," said McNeff of his divers, including conference and school record holder Andrea Meister. The

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team will be competing at the state finals this weekend. The first day of competition will be the qualification round and the second day will be for team points and state finals finishes.

two other Mustangs competing for a chance to go to the finals, with the top 12 from the regional earning a berth, are Matison Boucha and Claire Ostrowski.

In the swimming events, the nine Mustangs who made the cut this year are Emily Butler, Catherine Cui, Leah Erlandson, Sarah Garrity, Maddy Kipke, Sarah

Lohman, Shannon Lohman, Lia Nagata and Briana Schoeneck.

McNeff said he's not sure where the Mustangs fit in the larger picture of potential finals finishes this season.

"The swimming at the meet is going to be so fast that it is hard to gauge where we will be at," he said. "My expectation is that we will continue to swim fast and go our best times. The whole team has worked extremely hard this year, but the state group has really stepped it up. This is where they get to show off all that hard work."

Butler will be swimming in the 200 and 400 free relays while Cui will swim the 200 medley relay, the 200 individual medley, the 100 breaststroke and the

400 free relay. Erlandson will be in the 100 backstroke while Kipke swims the 200 medley relay, the 200 free and the 100 backstroke. Sarah Lohman made the cut in the breaststroke while Shannon Lohman is in the 200 medley relay, the 100 butterfly, the 200 free relay and the 100 backstroke. Nagata will represent Northville in the 200 free-style, the 100 butterfly, the 200 free relay and the 400 free relay and Schoeneck will swim the 200 medley relay, the 50 free, the 200 free relay and the 400 free relay. Garrity will be an alternate for the relay squads.

"I think if we swim as fast as I know we can, we will be happy with our place, both individually and team-wise," said McNeff.

## State champ Gardiner on top of local tennis scene

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Northville junior Tyler Gardiner was dominant on the court this fall. He racked up a 32-1 record and won the Division I state title at one singles, not to mention KLA A Kensington Conference and regional championships. Because of the area he played in, he had to defeat several of the state's top players throughout the season to remain on the winning path. In each instance, Gardiner rose to the occasion for victories and consequently earned the All-Area Player of the Year honor.

"Tyler is a special talent, but it is his heart and determination that separated him from the field this year," Northville coach Matt Stetson said. "In the semifinals and the finals of the state tournament, Tyler had to fight back in both matches to win. Over the course of the entire year (33 matches total), Tyler only dropped five sets and two of those sets were in epic three-hour matches in the state tournament (the semis and finals)."

#### FIRST TEAM

Kevin Renehan (South Lyon East Sr. 1S)

A 25-3 season led up to a Division III state title at one singles for South Lyon East senior Kevin Renehan. The Cougar lost a 6-3, 6-1 contest against Gardiner in what was a battle between two of the area's best players. Renehan's state title victory was over top-seed

Sven Kranz of Detroit Country Day, who was leading 6-3, 5-5 before he had to retire, forfeiting the title match to second-seeded Renehan. He also earned the Division III Mr. Tennis nomination over Kranz, where each division nominates one student-athlete.

"Kevin is a great tennis player and also demonstrates a great work ethic," East coach Matthew Admiraal said. "He worked very hard to always improve his game. Moreover, Kevin is a true team player. He sought not only to improve his game, but also helped the other players improve their game. Kevin has a good attitude and is a class act both on and off the court. We will miss having him on the team next year."

Kevin Hodges & Willy Willson (Detroit Catholic Central Srs. 1D)

A 31-0 record that led to a state championship at one doubles sets the bar for doubles tandems where Detroit Catholic Central seniors Kevin Hodges and Willy Willson were this season. The duo also took home All-State honors and every in-season tournament title along the way.

"Kevin and Willy were dominant all season long," CC coach Joe Stafford said. "They played were on a mission for an undefeated state championship season. They will be missed."

Michael Dubé (Detroit Catholic Central So. 1S)

Making the jump to one singles this season,

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## TENNIS

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sophomore Michael Dubé led his Shamrocks squad to a third-place Division I finish as he bowed out in the semifinals with a 23-5 final record. Along the way, Dubé won four tournaments.

"Michael picked up right where his older brother, Joe, left off, anchoring the number one singles spot for us," Detroit Catholic Central coach Joe Stafford said. "Michael had a lot of big wins for us this year. Michael was a regional champion and Catholic League champion. He shows up everyday ready to play and he always gives a great effort."

Matt Hermiz & Gabe Apaza (Detroit Catholic Central Sr./Fr. 2D)

As the top seed at two doubles entering the Division I state tournament, the Shamrocks' Matt Hermiz and Gabe Apaza didn't lose a match all season until they ran into Ann Arbor Huron in the finals. An untimely 7-5, 6-4 loss capped the senior/freshman duo's season with an 18-1 record and All-State honors.

"Matt and Gabe gave us a great number two doubles team," Detroit Catholic Central coach Joe Stafford said. "Their games really complimented each other and they were like a one doubles team playing two 'dubs.'"

Bill Bell & Jason Carless (Novi Sr./Jr. 1D)

Novi's top doubles tandem of senior Bill Bell and junior Jason Carless were strong all season, going 23-4 before bowing out in a state semifinal against Detroit Catholic Central, who handed the Wildcats half of their four losses on the season. The other two losses came to the state champions from Ann Arbor Huron and a strong Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice duo.

"Bill Bell and Jason Carless combined their powerful ground strokes with an aggressive net game to become one of the top doubles teams in the state of Michigan," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Also recognized as All-State by the MHSTCA, Bell and Carless were only one of two teams to go three sets with the state champs from Catholic Central."

Eric Guindi (Detroit

Catholic Central Sr. 2S)

A senior Shamrock, Eric Guindi was a force all four years on varsity at Detroit Catholic Central. After winning the four singles and three singles state titles the past two seasons, Guindi couldn't continue the streak at two singles this season. He went 20-6 before losing to the eventual two singles state champion from unranked Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice during the semifinals of the Division I state meet.

"Eric had a tremendous career at CC," Shamrocks coach Joe Stafford said. "He always led by example and was a great captain for us this year."

Michael Trupiano (Detroit Catholic Central Jr. 3S)

Two years, two state titles. Detroit Catholic Central Michael Trupiano went 26-3 at three singles this fall en route to a state championship in his flight. As the two-seed in the Division I state tournament, Trupiano dispatched of the top seed from Ann Arbor Huron 6-1, 6-3 in the final.

"Michael won a second consecutive singles state championship this year," CC coach Joe Stafford said. "He continued to improve throughout the season and came always seem to play his best in the big matches."

Andrew Ying (Novi So. 4S)

Novi sophomore Andrew Ying cruised to his state title at four singles with a 27-2. After winning the KLAA and regional titles, Ying

knocked off one opponent after another before defeating Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice 6-0, 6-0 in the championship match. His two losses on the season came when he filled in at one singles against Division III state champion Kevin Renehan and against Brother Rice during the season when he had to retire from the match while leading 6-1, 4-0.

"Andrew Ying used his penetrating ground strokes, crisp volleys and booming overheads to dominate the competition in Division I," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Andrew played flawless tennis all year long and capped off an outstanding season by winning a state championship."

### SECOND TEAM

Alex Kim (Lakeland So. 1S)

White Lake Lakeland sophomore Alex Kim was victim to the tough region he played in. He finished the season 16-4 at one singles for the Eagles, but because his team didn't advance out of Regionals and he lost a regional semifinal to the eventual state champion, Kim never got a shot at the state meet. He lost twice to Tyler Gardiner and once to Division III state champion Kevin Renehan.

Tim Wang (Novi Fr. 1S)

As Novi's young star, freshmen Tim Wang went 15-6 in his debut season at ones singles for the Wildcats, earning All-State honors and leading Novi to a fourth-place finish at the state meet. Although he met an early

exit at the Division I state meet, Wang made it to the KLAA semifinals before losing 6-1, 6-0 to eventual state champion Tyler Gardiner; one of three losses to Gardiner.

Pavan Rao (Novi Jr. 2S)

With a solid top spin on his ground strokes, Novi junior Pavan Rao went 19-5 and won the KLAA championship at two singles. After finishing second at Regionals, Rao was seeded fifth at the Division I state meet, but was upset early on.

Brandon Sanders & Nishant Kakar (Novi Sr./Jr. 2D)

Earning All-State honorable mention, Novi senior Brand Sanders and junior Nishant Kakar went 23-4 and won the KLAA championship in their flight. Their state title dreams ended in the semifinals, with two of their four losses coming to the state runners-up from Detroit Catholic Central.

Andre Liu (Novi Fr. 3S)

Novi freshman Andre Liu added a lot of depth to the Wildcats' lineup at three singles, where he went 13-6 and made it to the Division I state quarterfinals. He was also a regional semifinalist and one of his losses was due to injury when he was ahead.

Anthony Rossi (Northville Sr. 2S)

Although he wasn't always on the winning side of the result, Northville senior Anthony Rossi gave several championship contenders a run for their money while going 16-11 at two singles. Rossi defeated eventual two

singles state champion Gunnar Peery from Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice during the season, took Detroit Catholic Central's Eric Guindi to three sets and ended the season with a close 7-5, 6-4 loss to fourth-seeded Justin Hyman from Rochester Adams during the Division I state meet.

Tudor Bahmeta (South Lyon East Sr. 2S)

A senior at South Lyon East, Tudor Bahmeta went 17-2 at two singles this fall before bowing out early in the Division III state tournament after winning the regional title in his flight. His only two losses were top-seeded Thomas Bellio of St. Joseph in the state tournament and to Northville's Anthony Rossi during the season.

Alexandre Garrigo (Lakeland Sr. 3S)

White Lake Lakeland senior Alexandre Garrigo bounced back from an early season loss to Northville's Nathan Albanelli at three singles to defeat Albanelli twice before ending his season at 19-2 with a regional championship loss to Detroit Catholic Central's Michael Trupiano.

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## FOOTBALL

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is a dream come true. Defense wins championships."

The Shamrocks took control early by rolling the opening drive of the game 66 yards on 13 plays. Quarterback Kyle Cooper completed a pair of passes to help work through a second-and-17 after a reverse was blown up. The Shamrocks went the final 40 yards of the drive on the ground in seven plays.

Zach Bock finished off the drive with a four-yard pitch to the left. The drive ate up more than seven minutes.

Pioneer got a first down to start its opening drive, but it would turn out to be the only one of the half.

Things got so bad for the Ann Arbor offense later in the half that the Pioneers

elected for a quick kick on third down when backed up to its own five.

The Shamrocks took over at the Pioneer 37 and used 10 plays to find pay dirt on a six-yard run by Anthony Darkangelo with 1:19 to play in the half. The big play of the drive was a five-yard run by David Houle on fourth and two at the Pioneer 17.

Catholic Central took a 14-0 lead into the half, but it might as well as been 140. The Shamrocks held the ball for more than 18 of the 24 minutes in the first half. The CC offense churned out 125 yards on the ground and 33 through the air in the first half. Pioneer ran 11 plays and gained just six yards with an interception to end the half.

The second half was a mirror of the first. The Shamrock defense locked down Johnson and the

Pioneers didn't have a second option to turn to.

Following a three-and-out by Pioneer to open the second half, the Shamrocks took complete command with the final scoring drive of the game.

Bock turned in a big punt return to set up shop at the Pioneer 30. Four plays later, Darkangelo scored untouched from the nine for a 21-0 lead.

"You never feel comfortable in a playoff game. The team we were playing has won seven games in a row," said Mach. "One run by the running back could've put them at 14-7 and now you're in a game that's altogether different. I never felt good until we were at 21. I felt better."

Pioneer never reached midfield throughout the game and would manage just two first downs in the second half.

CC finished with 193 yards rushing on 53 attempts. Bock led with 77 yards on 12 carries. Darkangelo found the end zone twice and had 52 yards on 14 carries. Houle pitched in 58 yards on 15 carries.

Cooper finished 3-for-8 passing for 33 yards and ran five times for 10 yards.

Pioneer finished with 35 total yards on 21 runs.

"These guys really like each other," said Mach. "They have great camaraderie. They're fun to be around. The coaching staff has had a great time with the kids this year. They believe in the concept of brotherhood, and they play for each other rather than play for themselves. They play for their school, the alumni and for the kids in the school. It makes them play a little harder every time they go out."



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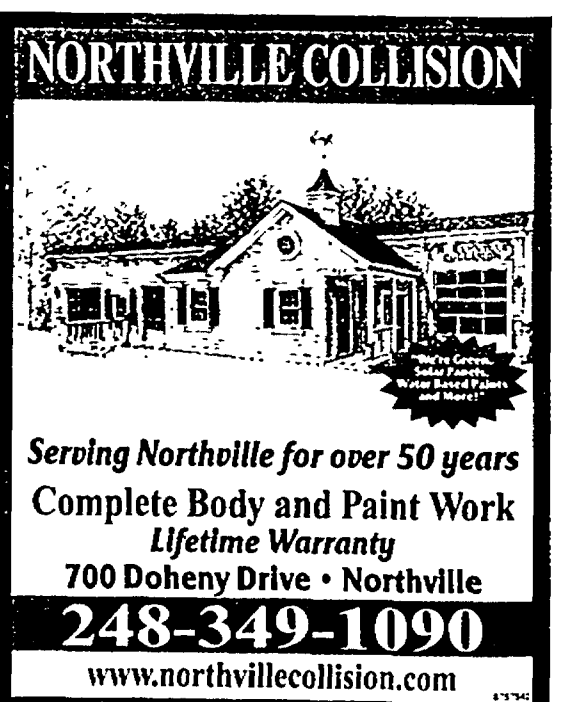
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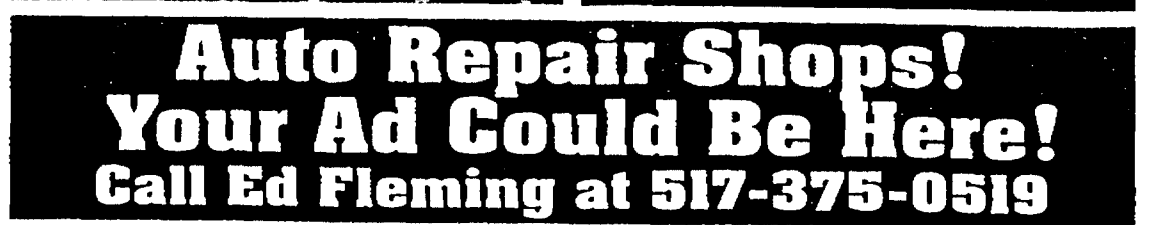
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## Halloween winners



Northville's U-18 team savors victory in Total Baseball's 2011 Halloween Bash tournament. Northville's record was 3-0-1 in the six-team field for the Oct. 29-30 tournament. Pictured (back, from left) are Sam Houston, Coach Scott Grosz, Marshall Williams, Sean Cain, Andrew Slatin, Mitch Sklar, Bobby Sable, Coach Bill Matthews, Coach Paul Slatin; (front, from left) Matt Stojkov, Matt Satterfield, Scott Matthews, Nick Grosz and Steven Grosz.

## NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Alashe earns All-Big Ten Conference honors

When Latif Alashe played soccer for Northville Mustangs there was never any hesitation from anyone who watched him play when they talked about what a difference maker he was in each game he played.

That was noticed around the area, landing Alashe several post-season awards.

Those accolades continue at the next level where Alashe plays soccer for the University of Michigan Wolverines men's program. Alashe, a junior, was awarded All-Big Ten Conference second team honors recently, along with teammate Kofi Opare of Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Alashe ended this season tied for third on the team with seven points, scoring two goals and chipping in three assists from his outside midfield position. Alashe, who has started all 63 games of his three-year career, was instrumental in the squad's signature win of the season against then-No. 4 Akron on Oct. 18, as he chipped Zips goalkeeper David

Mewes in the 97th minute for a 1-0 Wolverines victory.

Alashe was an Academic All-Big Ten honoree in 2010 and a member of the Big Ten All-Freshman team in 2009.

### 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 Nov. 25.

— Sam Eggleston

# Game on!

## Northville girls and boys basketball programs to host multiple events

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs basketball programs want to get to know you — and you, and you and, of course, you.

That is why the team is hosting several events this year to better acquaint themselves with the community in which they live, go to school and play hoops.

According to the basketball boosters club, the girls and boys programs will start their new relationship with their fans by hosting their first-ever pancake breakfast Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. until noon. The event will not only work as a venue for people

to meet the cagers who will don the orange and black this year, but also help with the community as well.

"This event will include a food drive for Northville Civic Concern as well as opportunities for participants of all ages to show off their basketball skills in the gym with the teams, and enjoy a pancake breakfast prepared by team players and their families," said Susan Alameddine, a booster club representative, in an e-mail.

If that weren't enough of a way to endeavor themselves to the community as a whole, the basketball teams will also have several new promotional

efforts this year that will run the entirety of the season. Such efforts will include special halftime performances by other Northville High School programs such as Drumline, Back Beat and Treble-Makers, as well as the Pom and Dance teams. There will also be spectator giveaways as well.

"We are launching a new Mustang Fan Club and have invited younger, local basketball teams to join us on the court at halftime as well," noted Alameddine. "We will also host a special evening where each of the varsity players honors a significant Northville staff member as being instrumental in their careers."

## NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

### McCullough wins Wicked Halloween 5K

Sean McCullough a freshman at Northville High School, won the Plymouth Wicked Halloween 5K run on Oct. 31. He finished with a time of 17:14.4 with a mile pace of 5:34. His time was fast enough to win him the 5K on Sunday, but his season's personal record was a 16:54.7.

McCullough is currently part of the Northville varsity cross country team and is supporting his team with the fourth fastest time this season. Northville Cross Country won their division with a perfect season, won conferences, and placed fifth in their region. He is ranked the second best freshman to run with Northville.

### Seventh grade boys travel basketball tryouts

Tryouts for Northville seventh grade

boys travel basketball will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. Dec. 3 and 10 at the Northville Community Senior center. (Please contact one of the coaches if you have a conflict with these dates to make other arrangements.)

Tryouts are open to kids living within the Northville School District.

Players will be charged a \$5 tryout fee.

The teams will be playing in the highly-competitive Big Cat Basketball League in South Lyon (www.bigcatbasketball.com). The seasons runs Sunday, Jan. 29-Sunday, March 25. Games will be played at South Lyon High School and South Lyon East with double-headers on Sundays between 5 and 9 p.m. Games are four quarters with a stop clock, and will be run by two certified MHSAA officials. There will be A and B divisions.

For more information, contact Tom Breen at (734) 740-4656 or tbreen@activeaero.com; or John Recto at (734) 395-6644 or jcrb2@comcast.net.

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Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

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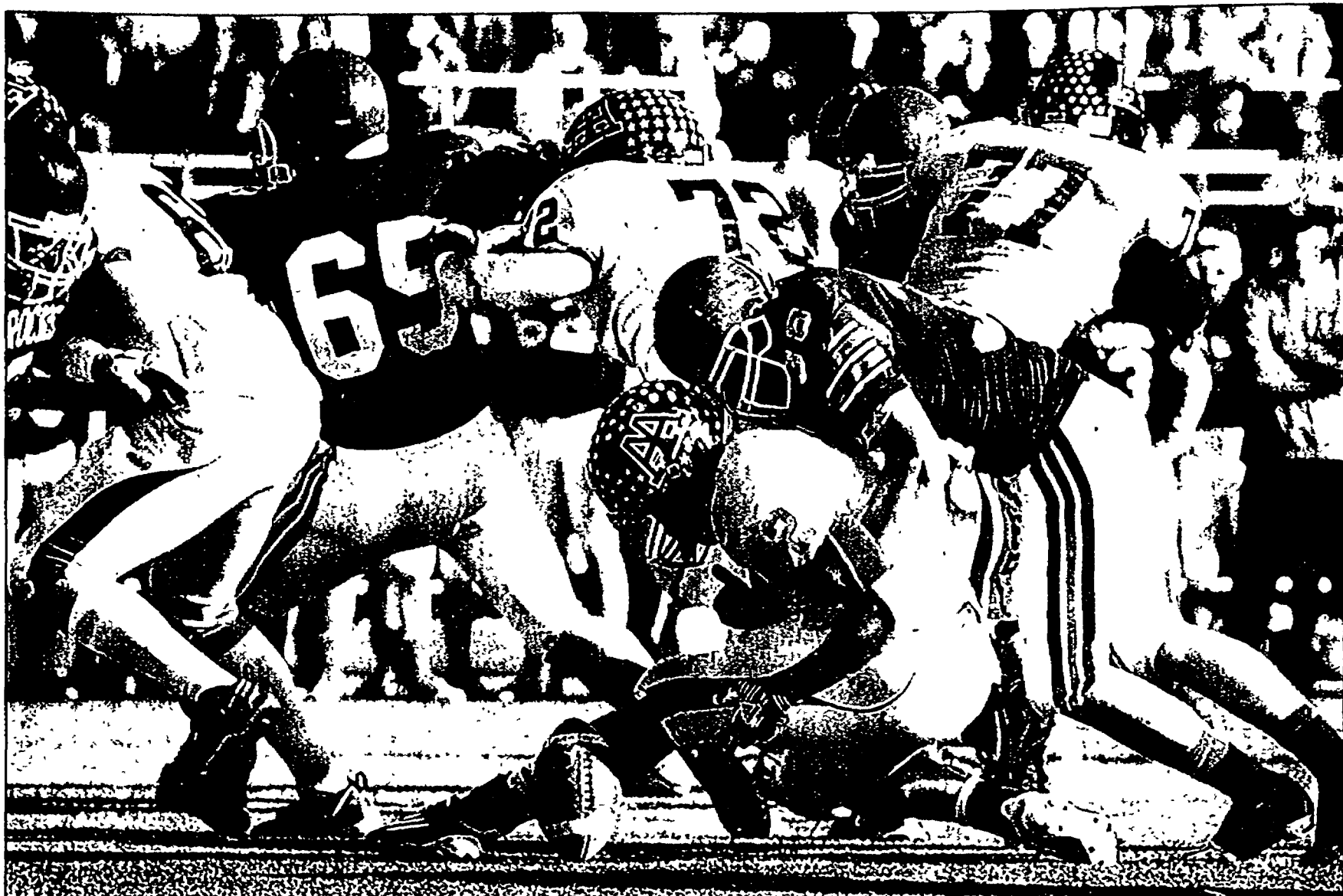
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Anthony Darkangelo (38) causes a fumble for Catholic Central.

# Catholic Central to square off against tough Rockford team

## Semifinal is rematch of 1998 state championship game

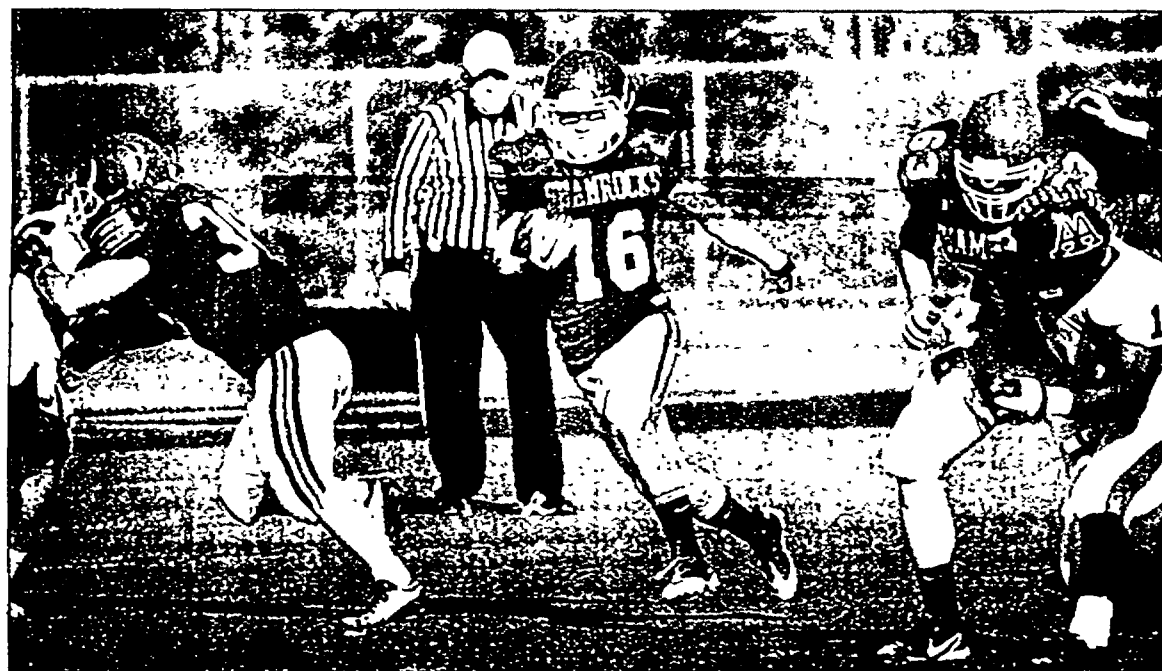
By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

When the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks football team marches onto the field at Battle Creek Central High School Saturday at 1 p.m., it's going to be against a team coach Tom Mach remembers very well.

It was 1998 the last time the Shamrocks and the Rockford Rams squared off against one another. It just so happened it was in the Michigan High School Athletic Association Class AA state championship game at the Pontiac Silverdome.

That game was Rockford's first trip to the title tilt, but it wasn't Mach's nor his team's, and the Shamrocks prevailed, 27-23.

Both teams will enter this game with an 11-1 record. The Rams lost their first game of the season to Lowell, 28-7, but have marched through every opponent since. Lowell (11-1) is in the semifinals as well, but in Division II, and will play Walled Lake Western (11-1) at Central Michigan



CC's Zack Bock (16) finds a huge hole against Ann Arbor Pioneer last Saturday.

University Saturday.

The Shamrocks, on the other hand, took their first loss toward the end of the regular season against rival Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 14-13 — a loss they avenged a week later in the Catholic High School League Championship game.

The two teams definitely play a different style of football. The Rams score points and lots of them, grabbing 34.58 points per game, including seven games this season in which they scored over 40 points. Their defense was pretty stingy, too, allowing just 14.92 points

per game, including two shutouts and three others with 10 or fewer points scored against them.

The Shamrocks don't worry so much about scoring a lot of points, though they have averaged an impressive 27.75 points per game, including four games with more

than 40 on the scoreboard in their favor. The key to Shamrocks tradition is stout defense, and this year's team is no different than the nine other Mach-coached teams that have brought home a state title. They have allowed just eight points per game, on average, to be scored

against them this year, including three shutouts and five games where they allowed 10 or fewer points.

No matter which way you look at this game, one thing is for certain — it's going to be a fight right to the end. The coveted prize? A trip to the state finals next week.



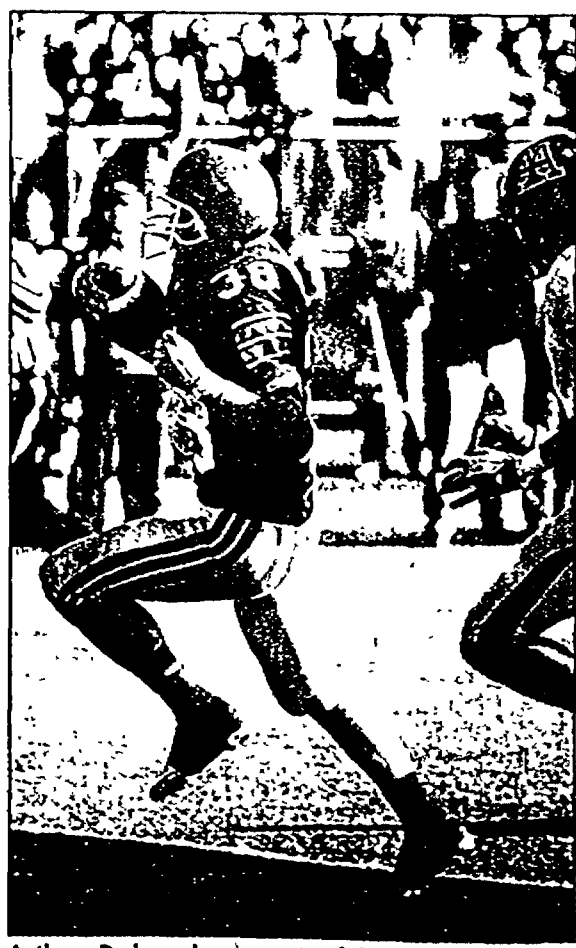
Aaron Hess grabs the ball for a first half interception for the Shamrocks.



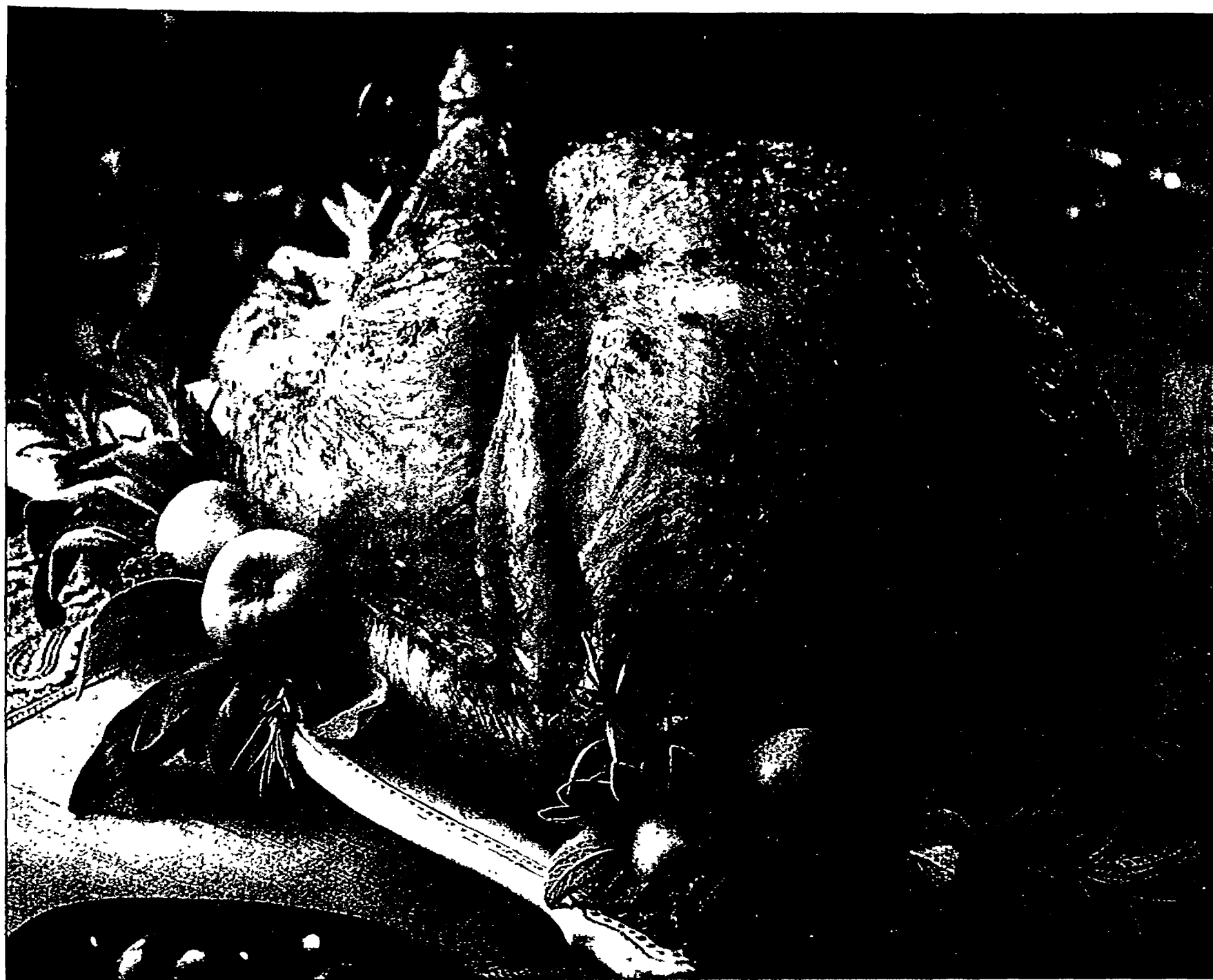
David Houle (36) drives through the Pioneer line.



CC's Matt Grodin (62), who has committed to play for University of Michigan next fall, wraps up fellow U-M commit Drake Johnson from AA Pioneer.



Anthony Darkangelo scores a touchdown in Catholic Central's win over Ann Arbor Pioneer Saturday.



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Whether you are entertaining a large crowd or serving up a small family-style dinner, this Tuscan Roast Turkey will be the centerpiece of your holiday table. The juicy flavors and crisp, golden brown skin come from a Tuscan Herb Paste made with fresh herbs and a blend of olive oils.

After you've tried Olive Oil and Herb Mashed Potatoes, you may never want to go back to plain mashed potatoes again. The creamy texture and robust flavor are a perfect complement to the turkey.

For another amazing side dish, try sweet and salty Brussels Sprouts with Caramelized Onions and Prosciutto — it just might become the family's new favorite.

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#### Brussels Sprouts with Caramelized Onions and Prosciutto

Serves 12

- 2 pounds fresh Brussels sprouts, blanched, quartered
- 4 tablespoons Carapelli Premium 100% Italian Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1 onion, julienned
- 1½ ounces prosciutto, sliced into ½-inch strips
- 4 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
- Sea salt
- Fresh cracked black pepper

Trim stem end of Brussels sprouts. Discard wilted outside leaves. Boil in salted water until cooked through (about 7 minutes) and just tender. Shock in ice water. Quarter the cooled sprouts.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, caramelize onions in olive oil for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from pan. Place in bowl, mix with prosciutto.

In the same skillet, over high heat, lightly brown Brussels sprouts. Add onion-prosciutto mix, toss.

Deglaze by adding white balsamic vinegar and scraping bottom of pan. Season with salt and pepper.

#### Olive Oil and Herb Mashed Potatoes

Serves 12

- 10 8-ounce potatoes, (about 5 pounds) peeled and cut in half
- ½ teaspoon white pepper
- 1½ tablespoons kosher salt
- 2 cups Tuscan Herb paste
- ½ cup Carapelli Premium 100% Italian Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1 cup heavy cream, warmed

Boil potatoes in salted water. When cooked tender, mash potatoes. Mix salt and pepper with Tuscan Herb Paste, olive oil and warm heavy cream. Fold into potatoes.

#### Tuscan Roast Turkey

Serves 16

- 1 16-pound young turkey
- Kosher salt, to taste
- 1 cup Tuscan Herb Paste
- 1 teaspoon fennel seeds, crushed
- 2 teaspoons celery salt
- 3 fennel stalks with fronds, rough chopped
- 3 onions, large dice
- 1 stalk celery, small dice
- 2 quarts chicken stock, divided
- 3 ounces all-purpose flour

Remove giblets from turkey's cavity, rinse cavity and pat dry, set aside. Season turkey inside and out with kosher salt.

Mix Tuscan Herb Paste with crushed fennel seeds and celery salt. Starting at the neck of the bird, slip your hand between the meat and the skin to loosen.

Rub half the paste mix under skin, and rub remaining paste inside the cavity and over the rest of the turkey.

Place two-thirds of the chopped onion and fennel stalks inside cavity. Truss bird.

Place turkey in a roasting pan. Roast at 400°F for 30 minutes.

Reduce temperature to 325°F and continue cooking the turkey to an internal temperature of 160°F, approximately 2½ to 3 hours. Baste turkey often during cooking with juices from pan. If turkey begins to overbrown, cover it loosely with aluminum foil.

As turkey roasts, simmer giblets (neck, heart and gizzard), the other one-third of the fennel stalk, onion mix and diced celery in 1 quart chicken stock until tender, approximately 1½ hours.

When turkey is done, remove from roasting pan and set aside to rest. Degrease roasting pan, reserving 3 ounces of fat to make a roux.

Deglaze pan with a small amount of chicken stock. Transfer stock to a saucepot, and add remaining stock and broth from giblets. Bring to a simmer and degrease.

Make a blond roux with reserved fat and flour. Add roux to the liquid, whisking well to prevent lumps. Simmer 15 minutes. Strain gravy through a fine-meshed strainer. Adjust seasoning.

#### Tuscan Herb Paste

Yield: 2½ cups

- 1 tablespoon fresh basil
- 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary
- ½ packed cup fresh Italian parsley
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme
- 2 tablespoons fresh sage
- ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper
- ½ cup Carapelli Extra Light in Taste Olive Oil
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Blend herbs and crushed red pepper with light olive oil using a blender or food processor, then stir in extra virgin olive oil.

Serving Ideas: Rub under the skin of turkey for Tuscan Roast Turkey. Use to flavor vegetables for grilling and mushrooms for roasting.





Cranberry Oat Muffins

# Cranberries

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Whether you're looking to add something sweet to salads, baked goods or seasonal dishes, cranberries pack a lot of flavor, as well as important nutrients and antioxidants, and can be added to a variety of dishes, from muffins and cookies to salads and even quesadillas.

Due to their sweet taste, healthful benefits and versatility, cranberries continue to be increasingly popular. The tiny berry, one of only three fruits native to North America, is grown in several states around the country, but Wisconsin-based growers alone produce more than half of the world's entire supply of cranberries.

## Cranberry Health Benefits

- These tasty berries score among the highest of all fruits in antioxidants, which may help support memory function, coordination, prevent certain types of cancer and ulcers, as well as a healthy immune system.

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- Though cranberries pack a lot of flavor, they're cholesterol free, fat free, low in sodium, and help maintain heart health.

For cranberry recipes, health facts and more, visit the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association online at [www.wiscran.org](http://www.wiscran.org) or on Facebook and Twitter.

## Wilted Spinach Salad with Dried Cranberries, Pecans and Feta Cheese

Serves: 6

- 1 small red onion, sliced vertically
- 8 to 9 cups spinach leaves, washed and patted dry
- ½ cup pecan pieces, toasted
- 4 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
- ½ cup sweetened-dried cranberries
- 1 tablespoon mint leaves, chopped
- 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- Pinch of salt
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- Black pepper, freshly ground

Quarter and thinly slice red onion. Place slices in cold water; soak for 30 minutes. Drain; pat dry. Place soaked onion slices, spinach, pecans, feta, cranberries, mint and vinegar in large mixing bowl. Toss together with large pinch of salt. In saucepan, heat olive oil to just below smoking. Pour hot oil over salad in bowl, tossing well. Taste and correct seasoning with salt, pepper and vinegar.

## Cranberry Oat Bran Muffins

Makes: 1 dozen muffins

- 1½ cups flour
- ½ cup oat bran
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup fresh cranberries, chopped
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 teaspoon orange peel, grated

Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix flour, oat bran, salt, sugar and baking powder. Set aside. Beat together eggs, vegetable oil and milk; add to dry ingredients. Add cranberries, walnuts and orange peel. Stir all together, batter may be lumpy. Pour into muffin tins and bake 20 minutes at 400°F.



Wilted Spinach Salad with Dried Cranberries, Pecans and Feta Cheese



Turkey, Cranberry &amp; Brie Quesadillas

## Turkey, Cranberry & Brie Quesadillas

Makes: 8 quesadillas

### Chive Topping

- ½ cup sour cream, low fat
- 1 ounce (½ cup) chives, thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon fresh garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper, ground

### Quesadillas

- 2 cups Brie, rind removed
- 8 8-inch flour tortillas, low fat
- 1 pound turkey, cooked and shredded

- 1 cup sweetened-dried cranberries
- ½ cup walnuts, toasted and chopped
- ½ cup chives, thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 350°F.

### Chive Topping

Purée topping ingredients in food processor until smooth. Refrigerate.

### Quesadillas

Spread ½ cup Brie over half of tortilla. Layer ½ cup turkey, ½ cup cranberries, 1 tablespoon walnuts and 1 tablespoon chives. Fold tortilla in half. Bake quesadillas on baking sheet 8 to 10 minutes until cheese is melted. Serve with chive topping.

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## STORAGE TIPS FOR FRESH CRANBERRIES

Stocking up on fresh berries is easier than ever. Use these tips from Wisconsin's cranberry growers when storing this delicious berry.

- Remember fresh cranberries are only available seasonally October-December. However, the berries freeze well.
- Don't be afraid to freeze fresh cranberries up to a year. For maximum freshness, use a second airtight storage bag.
- If you're planning to freeze your cranberries, do not wash beforehand. Rather, wash upon thawing.

## Fresh look



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Stephanie Acho, owner of downtown Northville's Chocolates by Renee finishes up cleaning her E. Main Street storefront's window on Nov. 2 after repainting its exterior and adding new stenciling.

## TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

# Computing in the public clouds

By Daniel Hoops  
Guest Columnist

This part one of a two-part column - Editor

The majority of us non-tech people do not discuss or understand what cloud computing is; although most of us use the cloud in our daily lives. Cloud computing is a storage facility that allows people and businesses to store all of their information, documents, data and email in a digital format. In other words, the cloud is the technological version of the file cabinet or fireproof safe.

As an attorney, my charge is to warn everyone about any potential risks in the world, among other things. With cloud computing, there are many risks and pitfalls that are coming to light. This is due to the nature of the technologies and how it is used. Some of the legal issues just have not been fully explored by our legislators.

The benefits of the cloud are tremendous, including the cost savings in not having to store the volumes and many years of documents. In addition, the ability to search, find and access documents in the cloud from anywhere via computer or iPhone is a tremendous time saver.

Anyone with a free email account, such as gmail or yahoo, or a social network profile, such as Facebook or LinkedIn are computing in a cloud. Where do you think all of those messages or profile pictures are saved? Not on your computer. Every "saved" email or bit of data on a profile is stored on the providers' servers or clouds.

There are three types of clouds: public, private and hybrid. The public clouds are controlled by large companies such as Google, which means all of your gmail, google searches, google docs services are stored in the Google cloud. The risks in using a public cloud begin with who controls the data uploaded to the cloud? This question is answered simply by reading provider's terms of service.

Although a public cloud user has the ability to delete, save, forward and read their email, the terms of service for most email providers determine the actual control of those messages. This cannot be any clearer than a statement that the provider "may" deliver the contents of your email account upon request of a government agency. Or, that the data "may" remain on the provider's service, even if the user deleted

the content or even their account.

I know, I'm the alarmist, right? Let's say that I am the subject of an IRS audit. I already met with the revenue agent and delivered my business materials as requested. What happens if the revenue agent is not satisfied with my responses? The IRS could request that Google deliver my entire email account to them and (without my notice or consent) Google just might do that! Do I really want the email that I intended to be private released to the IRS? What about the email someone else sent me, for my eyes only? Do they want their messages read too?

Several federal courts have upheld the principle that there is no "expectation of privacy" in any document that has been delivered to or under the control of a non-state actor. In other words, the 4th Amendment warrant requirement is irrelevant if your documents are "transferred" to a public cloud.

The large public cloud providers are unanimous in their position that their terms of service will not be changed. This makes sense on many levels and I cannot say I'd disagree with their position. If you do not like the particular terms of service, then don't use Facebook or Google Docs or Blogspot. Find another site to carry on your business.

On the other end of the spectrum are the hybrid and private clouds. The private cloud is become an affordable option that the business, non-profit and government segments are beginning to take advantage of. The private cloud allows a person or business to lease space on a commercial server (located in... who knows where?) to upload their documents, access their information and completely control their cloud environment. The benefit of the private cloud is that users are not subject to one-sided terms of service, rather they negotiate these one-on-one with the provider.

Computing in a private cloud, however, brings a whole new set of issues that business owners need to be aware of before making the leap. Those issues will be discussed in Part II to this column.

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## OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all classes take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit [www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar](http://www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar) or call (248) 858-0783.

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# First food jobs

Suzanne Haval Hobbs  
Guest Columnist

Food joint first jobs are an American tradition.

Fast food and chain restaurants are where many teens earn their first paychecks.

Lessons from my own first work experience endure to this day.

I've reflected on this after learning of the death in October - at age 103 - of John McGuire, owner of Guernsey Farms Dairy in Northville. He'd spent a lifetime giving the kids in my hometown their first jobs.

My friends and I worked alongside many of his 14 children who helped run the business, which included the dairy and ice cream parlor where I worked.

I remember the day I got the job. I sat across the desk from Mr. McGuire - who looked old to me even then - and he pulled out a handful of coins. He set them on the desk and began to teach me how to make change.

We practiced a few times. Then he put me to work.

I learned the fine points of making a hot fudge sundae (start by drizzling some fudge in the bottom of the dish) and how to scoop a hollow, three-ounce cone (though most of the cones that left the store had about a pint of ice cream teetering on top.)

I learned how to run the cash register, clean the shake machine, scrub the grill and wait on tables - fueled by chocolate malts I stowed just below the countertop in a tall stainless steel malt cup.

I embarked on that first career - ice cream - and learned lessons and skills that still serve me today:

\* "It's Fish Fry Friday!" That's what I still tell myself now on particularly hectic days.

At Guernsey, there was an all-you-can-eat fish special every Friday night. The store was always mobbed.

You had to stay on your feet, move fast and keep the fried cod, cole slaw, fries and ice cream coming.

It was exhilarating.

Today, I don't care how busy it gets. It's Fish Fry Friday and I know I can get through.

\* Face the public. Frontline food service requires you to meet, communicate with and serve people you know, people you don't know, people you like, and people who are difficult.

Get an order wrong and it's a do-over. If someone doesn't like the food, you take it back. Most of the time, the people you meet are interesting and delightful, funny and kind.

It was a golden, enduring lesson in public relations and customer service.

\* You can always learn something new. You can multitask, too.

At Guernsey, certain jobs were given to the guys, others to the girls.

The girls waited tables and made the sundaes. The guys flipped burgers and fried the fish.

Until, for whatever reason, they couldn't. At times, I became the short-order cook or took on some other task way outside my job description.

I just did it, and then I knew I could.

\* Food goes from farm to spoon. The Guernsey cows were a distance away, but tanker trucks brought milk to the dairy. The McGuire boys made the ice cream out back, and we sold cones and sundaes in the front.

Today, I never look at a packaged food in the supermarket without wondering about the source of the ingredients.

Times change. What do teens learn today working with ingredients that come pre-mixed in plastic bags, buckets or ready to heat and serve? What do they learn serving customers through a window?

I count myself lucky. Thank you, Mr. McGuire.

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## 'Good Neighbor' builder reaches out to help returning veterans

By Julie Brown  
O&E Staff Writer

Vito Anthony Pampalona is a longtime real estate broker and owner of Vito Anthony Homes in Rochester. His company started in Rochester in the 1980s.

Pampalona, an Oakland Township resident, served in 1966-67 as a machine gunner on an assault helicopter in Vietnam. As he came home to start his real estate career in January 1968, he found Vietnam veterans often weren't treated well on the homefront.

As more recent conflicts like Iraq began, Pampalona, 65, started to work with disabled veterans at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. His efforts have grown since 2003, and he was recently recognized with the Good Neighbor Award of the National Association of Realtors REALTOR Magazine.

"I'm very proud of that award. It's quite an honor." There were many applicants, said Pampalona, earlier one of the 10 finalists for Good Neighbor recognition.

"I always felt when we came back we were not really appreciated and welcomed," he said of his fellow Vietnam veterans. "It was always in the back of my mind."

Iraq hostilities in 2003 were when he started to get involved. "It was just something I was doing and had a passion for. I felt very good in helping with these returning veterans. It just became part of what I do. I never really thought it would grow to this."

Bob Taylor, a practitioner with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Birmingham, who was hired into real estate by Pampalona in 1974, said in a statement about Pampalona: "Everything he does, he does to the best of his ability. For him, 100 percent is standard operating procedure."

Taylor urged Pampalona to allow his story to be told to fellow real estate professionals and the public, and said he'd do the application.

Pampalona will host two yule parties this year, Dec. 7 and 8. Last year, he was invited to the Navy hospital. In Sep-



Vito Anthony Pampalona  
Good Neighbor honoree

tember, the Walter Reed hospital was combined with Bethesda National Naval Medical Center to create the U.S. military's largest medical facility, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center — and Pampalona looks forward to serving more military veterans there.

He will be at the new hospital this year, plus the Fort Belvoir, Va., Army base hospital.

"It took some of the patients when they closed Walter Reed," said Pampalona, who'll host a total of over 300 vets plus their families and caregivers.

As more recent conflicts continued, he's stayed involved.

"The need was there and more. Until all our soldiers come home, I'm staying the course." His goal is to help them to transition into civilian life.

"When you meet these young people, they've got tremendous adversity in front of them. Their lives are changing. It's a very challenging time for them."

He won the Distinguished Flying Cross. "I saw a lot of combat there. I saw a lot of effect on everybody." He's had no major effects, but felt better treatment was needed for veterans.

Pampalona is married, with four grown kids and two grand-children 6 years and 9 months, "the love of my life."

"I've been successful in business. I'm fort to have a lot of resources at my disposal." He travels a lot to Washington, D.C., and built a barrier-free

home for a soldier in Macomb County with his partner and Homes for Our Troops.

"I'm lucky I have that time to commit to it. The Lord's been good to me. Those are all somebody's children that are in there and need help."

Family support helps Pampalona carry out his charitable work.

"They're very proud of it. They support me. They work with me." All his family is involved in fundraising efforts. All three sons have traveled to Walter Reed with him.

Pampalona has spent the past eight years raising money — nearly \$500,000 in total — for veterans.

REALTOR Magazine's Good Neighbor Awards recognize Realtors who have made an extraordinary impact on their community, or on the national or world stage, through volunteer work.

Thousands of vets per year are transitioning back home, Pampalona said. "There's all those different types of injuries and effects they have," he said. "A lot of them can't do the jobs they had before."

Some have a number of surgeries over period of years, and take many medications to ward off infection and pain. "It's very, very involved."

Five winners are announced each fall in REALTOR Magazine of the National Association of Realtors. Winners are recognized annually at the Realtors Conference & Expo, and receive \$10,000 grants for their charities. Winners also receive travel expenses to the conference and national and local media exposure for their cause. In addition to the winners, five honorable mentions each receive a \$2,500 grant.

The Good Neighbor Awards program was launched in 2000 and has since recognized more than 100 Realtors for their service to their communities. Through Good Neighbor Award grants and associated programs, Good Neighbor charities have received more than \$900,000 in donations.

Known as "Uncle Vito" to Walter Reed staff and patients, he has made sure that recov-

ering soldiers have comfy workout clothes, a pantry full of healthy snacks, good movies to watch, a huge collection of books and audio books, and gifts galore at an annual Christmas party that has become the highlight of the year for patients and their families.

"I try to fill the void in what the government is providing," he said.

Marine Corps Sgt. Tim Lang came home from Iraq with a fractured vertebrae and a missing right leg. He met Pampalona in 2007 while recovering at Walter Reed. "He treated me like I was a piece of gold," says Lang, 26, who's now retired from the military and lives in Ann Arbor. Lang was interviewed by the real estate magazine.

After about a year of sending packages, Pampalona worked with hospital staff to plan what has become his signature event, Uncle Vito's Christmas Party. The event features pizza, raffles, and gifts such as watches and electric toothbrushes.

Pampalona's holiday parties became a legend among the patients and staff at Walter Reed. Year round, he also provided enough snacks to fill an entire pantry, a video and audio library, and athletic gear for the injured soldiers.

"You could tell he spent some money — and put his heart in it too," says Lang, who recalls receiving a Detroit Pistons T-shirt, athletic shorts, CDs, videos, and a nice backpack at his first Christmas party hosted by Pampalona. "Everything in the bag was something we absolutely loved."

To get involved or donate, go to [www.yellowribbonfund.org](http://www.yellowribbonfund.org). Pampalona serves on the board of the Yellow Ribbon Fund. The organization, based in Bethesda, Md., helps with efforts for veterans. Pampalona most recently raised more than \$73,000 for the annual Yellow Ribbon Fund Golf Outing last summer at a country club in Rochester.

The National Association of Realtors website contributed to this report

## Heed lawyer's words

By Robert Melsner  
Guest Columnist

Q: I am a member of the board and we haven't had our documents revised in 30 years. The attorney we went to said we should amend our documents to 2011 standards, but there are still board members that think we should go to the co-owners first for their approval to proceed. What do you think?

A: I have been confronted with that issue many times for many years. Some boards are not willing to spend money to upgrade



their documents which is just as important as fixing the roofs in many instances. Board members who refuse to spend money on improving and upgrading their documents which may, in some instances, include protecting the directors, Officers and committee persons from potential liability is unfortunately an act of penuriousness which may amount to gross negligence. You should write a letter to the other board members demanding that they take action so that you have documented your concern about the actions or inactions of the board. It is a board decision to proceed to draft new documents, not a decision of the association members.

Q: Our attorney boasts about his credentials as a consummate condo lawyer, but his collection administrators seem to not respond to our phone calls. I have tried to speak about it with him, but he has appeared to be more than rude in regard to accepting any criticism. What can we do?

A: It is unfortunate that you are experiencing that type of situation as I can attest to the fact that a law firm is only as good as the lowest administrative person working for it. I would not accept any rudeness on the part of the attorney and I would also tell the attorney that unless he or his collection underlings gets back to you with a satisfactory response, you will terminate their services. I would also tell the managing agent, if any, at the association that you are displeased with the service that is being provided which obviously reflects badly on the management company who may well have recommended that attorney.

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### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 8-12, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

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4039 Elizabeth Ave	\$73,000
200 Essex Ln	\$128,000
49791 Flushing Ave	\$380,000
49057 Founders Ct	\$385,000
47179 Glenhurst Dr	\$264,000
2672 Graham Ct	\$285,000
50096 Grant St	\$206,000
50130 Grant St	\$206,000
50144 Grant St	\$202,000

47817 Hastings Rd	\$320,000
42716 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$40,000
787 Meadowlake Rd	\$106,000
353 Queen Anne Dr	\$325,000
927 Queens Way	\$110,000
42700 Versailles Rd	\$130,000
1891 Vine Way Dr	\$49,000
1722 Whittier Dr	\$137,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
32953 Donnelly St	\$19,000
28355 Maplewood St	\$62,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
36968 Five Mile Rd	\$139,000
30355 Bretton St	\$78,000
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37476 N Laurel Park Dr	\$118,000
9057 Newport Way	\$60,000
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20160 Renssler St	\$70,000
30952 Schoolcraft Rd	\$100,000
36721 Sherwood St	\$121,000
19847 Stamford Dr	\$180,000
18292 Westchester Dr	\$395,000
29423 Westfield St	\$20,000
16596 Woodside St	\$160,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
47472 Arbor Trl	\$200,000
15428 Bay Hill Dr	\$510,000
19737 Hayes Ct	\$85,000
16753 Lyonhurst Cir	\$240,000
48209 Manorwood Dr	\$485,000
42956 Richards Ct	\$50,000
18018 Ridgeview Dr	\$75,000
39410 Springwater Dr	\$108,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
522 Ann St	\$245,000
1670 Cassady Place Dr	\$134,000
48025 Colony Farms Cir	\$120,000
49426 Commons Blvd	\$525,000
44777 Erin Dr	\$135,000
15252 Farmbrook Dr	\$195,000

45557 Leighwood Ct	\$256,000
9634 Tennyson Dr	\$181,000
<b>REDFORD</b>	
9600 Crosley	\$89,000
14146 Norborne	\$70,000
17448 Wakenden	\$33,000
18655 Wakenden	\$15,000
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33658 Blackfoot St	\$65,000
34127 Cowan Rd	\$89,000
38454 Deer Creek Blvd	\$82,000
8422 Fremont St	\$63,000
1457 Gloria St	\$70,000
32711 Grandview Ave	\$30,000
2431 Hannan Rd	\$250,000
131 Larchmont Dr	\$115,000
32029 Mackenzie Dr	\$55,000
32808 Merritt Dr	\$85,000
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32297 Robinhood Dr	\$393,000
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995 Canterbury St	\$322,000
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1200 Hillside Dr	\$385,000
1385 Pierce St	\$800,000
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891 S Bates St	\$360,000
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1627 Stanley Blvd	\$458,000
767 Suffield Ave	\$1,420,000
2793 Windemere Rd	\$312,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	
7285 Bingham Rd	\$181,000
2401 E Hammond Lake Dr	\$135,000
1556 Georgetown Pl # 30	\$84,000
451 Goodhue Rd	\$2,000,000
770 N Cranbrook Rd	\$816,000
6350 Telegraph Rd # 2	\$74,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>	
764 Briar Hill Ln	\$180,000
3705 Burning Tree Dr	\$345,000
4335 Echo Rd	\$480,000
7202 Lindenmere Dr	\$300,000
637 Overbrook Rd	\$398,000
5563 Pebbleshire Rd	\$306,000

4605 Ranch Ln	\$234,000
6223 Thorncrest Dr	\$237,000
6210 Westmoor Rd	\$275,000
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
8310 Arlis St	\$240,000
1772 Chateau Rd	\$110,000
2780 Ivy Hill Dr	\$240,000
4121 Mallard Ct	\$295,000
5870 Turnberry Dr	\$335,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
22765 Frederick Ave	\$125,000
21252 Robinwood St	\$180,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
29239 Aranel St	\$132,000
37645 Avon Ln	\$183,000
38917 Country Cir	\$77,000
32386 Craftsburg Rd	\$115,000
28984 Forest Hill Dr	\$220,000
36973 Fox Run	\$265,000
28561 Green Willow St	\$148,000
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31702 N Marklawn St	\$131,000
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31034 Pine Cone Dr	\$217,000
30341 Plum Brook Dr	\$201,000
38943 Plum Brook Dr	\$250,000
22146 Purdue Ave	\$48,000
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32503 Spruethwood St	\$169,000
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25800 Franklin Park Ct	\$290,000
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953 Abbey Ln	\$170,000
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24974 Acorn Trl	\$370,000
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## CarReport

# VOLKSWAGEN KEEPS ROLLING UP HUGE SALES INCREASES IN AMERICA THIS YEAR

By Dale Buss

The brand that might be taking biggest advantage of the challenges facing Toyota and Honda in the U.S. market isn't from Detroit - it's from Wolfsburg.

Volkswagen keeps rolling up huge sales increases in America this year, today reporting a whopping 40% jump in October sales over a year ago. In fact, on the last day of October, VW already surpassed its U.S. sales total of about 264,000 for all of 2010.

Sales for the entire U.S. auto industry in October strengthened modestly from September on a seasonally adjusted basis.

"We hit it out of the park" in October, Jonathan Browning, CEO of Volkswagen of America, commented on a call with reporters this morning. "Clearly it's an impact of having strong products in the marketplace offering great safety, quality and

value."

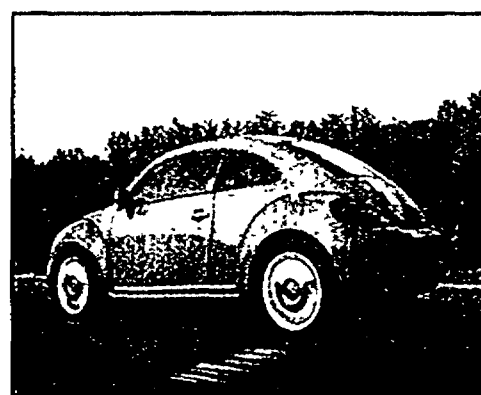
VW is "looking for over 300,000 sales" in 2012, he noted. "Clearly, as we see each of our new products establishing themselves in the market, it builds our confidence in terms of the progress we're making."

Browning declared that, "with all the right products in the heart of key segments, and now the most Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's (IIHS) top safety picks in the industry, our momentum continues as customers are increasingly recognizing and embracing the quality and value of our vehicles."

Routan is the latest Volkswagen to earn the IIHS designation for 2011, the highest possible from the non-profit safety-research organization. VW, with nine IIHS-approved models, now has brand leadership in that distinction for the entire U.S. auto market. The other VW models to receive the rating are Passat, CC, Jetta, Jetta



The Routan minivan is the latest VW to earn safety recognition.



Beetle is new with a more masculine profile.

VW's Jetta compact sold 13,058 units, a 9-percent increase over a year ago. VW reported that its clean-diesel Turbo Diesel Injection models accounted for 21 percent of all of the brand's October sales, and are up 37 percent for the year-to-date. The company has been popularizing diesel with new models for three years now, especially its Jetta SportWagen model, which is 80 to 90 percent diesel sales. But Browning said that VW has experienced some short-term tightness in TDI supplies, especially of the SportWagen models, whose overall sales eased by 14 percent during October.

Meanwhile, Toyota and Honda continued to suffer in October, with a 4-percent sales decline and flat sales, respectively, compared with a year ago. Toyota continued to be dragged down from leftover supply problems because of the March natural disaster in Japan (and lower SUV and truck sales), while both Honda and Toyota are bracing for further huge North American productions cut in coming months because of the flooding of supply chains in Thailand.

Still, Browning insisted that VW isn't becoming overly opportunistic. "I wouldn't say we're making any adjustments" based on the continuing problems of its main Japanese rivals, he said. "We're plowing our own furrow in terms of our products and our go-to-market status. We're satisfied with the momentum we're building and we'll continue to do that. We'll manage the competitive environment as we go forward."



The new 2012 Passat could quickly become VW's highest-volume U.S. model.

SportWagen, Tiguan, Touareg, and four-door Golf and GTI.

Browning noted that VW achieved its sales gain despite beginning the month with a tight 31-day supply of vehicles, according to Autodata, while he said that Toyota, Honda and Nissan had 34, 34 and 38 days' supply available at the start of October. "We went into the month relatively lean on inventory yet managed to achieve tremendous growth and maintain our momentum," Browning said.

The best news for VW, however, is that its new-product pipeline is just now disgorging two new vehicles that it expects to be among its highest-volume U.S. models going forward. Its

brand-new, lower-priced, U.S.-built midsize sedan, Passat, sold more than 5,000 units last month, comprising the best sales for any month for the overhauled nameplate since December 2005. "Passat already has made some inroads in the mid-size sedan segment," Browning said.

The 2012 Beetle, also recast with more male-friendly styling and features, also has begun selling in volume. And the third leg of VW's stool of volume nameplates, Jetta, sold 9 percent more units in October than a year earlier. GTI sales increased by 33 percent and Golf sales by 34 percent. Sales of VW's Touareg and Tiguan SUVs also rose.



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