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All Aglow ceremony

Northville community members can purchase a holiday tree light in honor of someone special, and at the same time support Northville school children through



the Mothers' Club of Northville All Aglow Illumination for Education.

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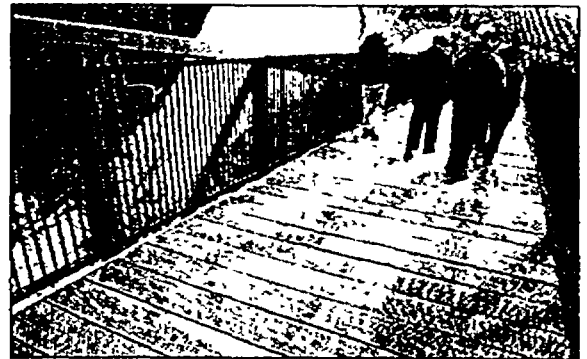
By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

With its steel bridge, living wall and scenic views, the Northville Bennett Arboretum pathway is now officially open for the community to enjoy. "This is a big day for all of us," City of

Northville Mayor Chris Johnson said to a handful of community leaders gathered to cut the ribbon at the pathway's bridge last week.

Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand and Manager Chip Snider, Wayne

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Northville Mayor Chris Johnson, far left, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, center, and others take a walk on the Northville Bennett Arboretum Pathway on Nov. 16 after its official opening.

"This is about helping families and giving to others." AUDREY JONES, OLV eighth grader

Spirit of the Season

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

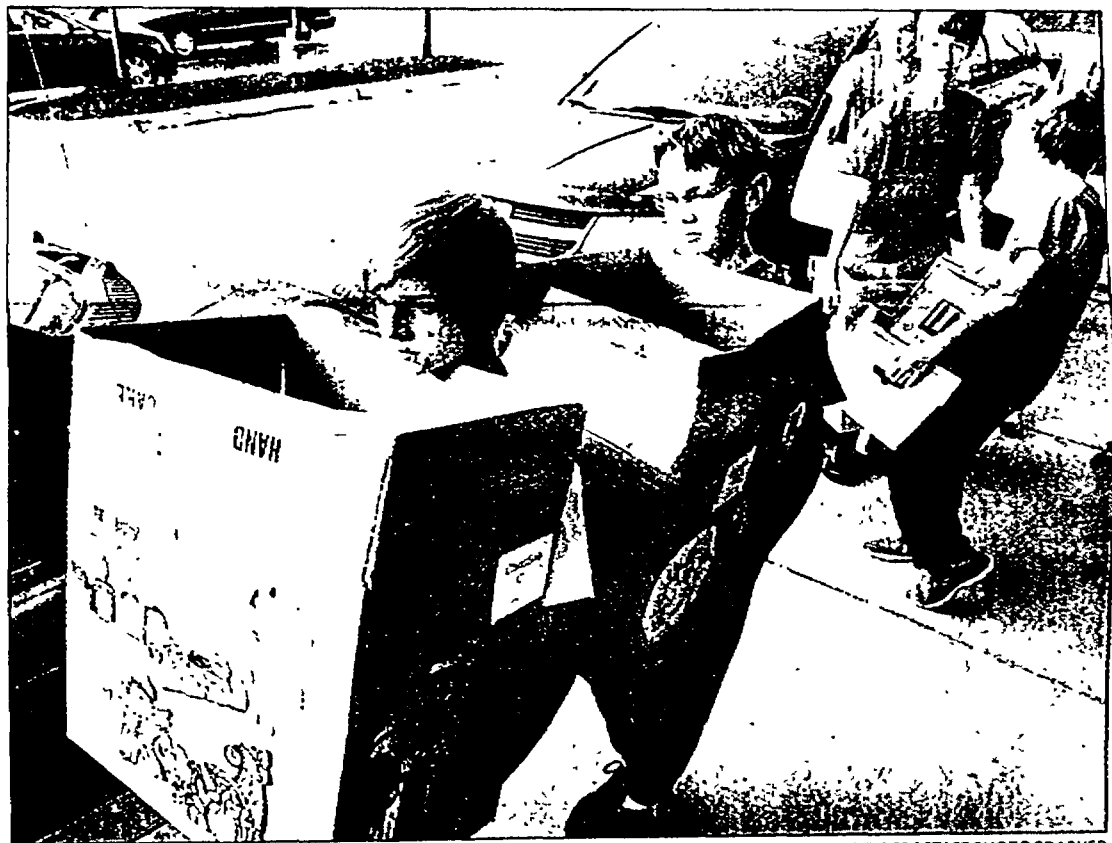
With the help of students from Our Lady of Victory, this Thanksgiving will feel more like the holiday it's supposed to be for some local families in need.

Last week, as a part of their latest Christian service project, OLV donated Thanksgiving dinners, each consisting of a 15-pound turkey with all of the trimmings, to Northville Civic Concern. Each home-room at OLV packed boxes with food brought in to fill enough to feed 19 families in the community.

The main motivation for the students is what Thanksgiving is about. "This is about helping families and giving to others," eighth-grader Audrey Jones said.

Throughout the year OLV does various undertakings like this, and for

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OLV students, including Adam Hale, left, bring out boxes of complete Thanksgiving meals on Nov. 15 that the Northville school donated to needy families of Civic Concern.

Civic Concern receives overhauled bicycles Students making an impact on community

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Northville High School students are working to fix up a handful of bicycles that will be given to families by Civic

Concern as holiday gifts. This volunteer project comes from the program Community Impact Awards for Students, which was

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LONNIE HUHMAN

Mike O'Donnell evaluates a bike with sophomore Matt Pirone.



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Thanksgiving lunch



Northville Community Senior Center volunteer Jerry Mittman carves up some roast turkey for the center's Nov. 16 Thanksgiving luncheon.



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Northville Community Senior Center volunteer Heidi Russell (right) dishes out some vegetables, stuffing and mashed potatoes during the center's Nov. 16 Thanksgiving luncheon. The luncheon, organized by the senior center, was sold out again this year, attended by more than 200 guests and featured roast turkey and all the trimmings.

Northville's Wehrle earns Distinguished Volunteer honor

Inkster-based Starfish Family Services (Starfish), a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating brighter futures for the children of at-risk families in metropolitan Detroit, announced that Northville key volunteer Matthew Wehrle was recognized as a Distinguished Volunteer by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) at their annual National Philanthropy Day event in Detroit.



Matthew Wehrle

Distinguished Volunteers are advocates, leaders, and mentors whose passion for their respective causes inspires philanthropic action and community involvement in southeast Michigan. Wehrle has been selected as a result of his work with Starfish programs and helping the organization internally to support local vulnerable children and families in metro Detroit.

"Matt has managed many important projects at Starfish," said Starfish Chief Executive Officer Ann Kalass. "He has contributed significantly to the integrity of Starfish's donor database, produc-

ing a manual to help the organization's internal processes. His continued commitment to a variety of projects has positively impacted the families we serve."

The AFP Greater Detroit Chapter held its 20th Annual National Philanthropy Day Dinner Nov. 17 at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center. The event was hosted by Henry Ford Health System and presented by Crain's Detroit Business. National Philanthropy Day (NPD) is observed by more than 200 AFP Chapters across the country to recognize the great contributions of philanthropy and those people active in the philanthropic community.

Founded in 1963, Starfish Family Services is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by creating family success. Based in Inkster, Starfish serves vulnerable children and families throughout metropolitan Detroit, providing early childhood and parenting programs, after school programs, children's mental health services, and emergency shelter to teens and youth in crisis. Each year, Starfish helps more than 9,000 individuals, children and families. For more information, please visit www.starfish-online.org.

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Hillsiders 'making caring fashionable'

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Hillside Middle School students are taking their learning outside in the attempt to improve the school's environmental footprint.

Under the guidance of science teacher Isaac Cottrell, sixth- and seventh-graders at Hillside have started a number of projects as a part of Michigan's "Green Schools" initiative. Cottrell said they are trying to implement as many different projects as possible.

"The students love getting outdoors, so these projects have really caught on," he said.

The ultimate intention is to teach students about such things as improving water quality through ecological improvements.

Students have already planted a community garden, and they have also analyzed the school grounds to see where improvements can be made. Cottrell said they will be planting native plants in the identified



Hillside students plant a tree along the drive at the school.

problem areas as one part of this enhancement project.

Recently, students

planted a number of trees in order to improving the school's impact on the Rouge River watershed. Three oak and three maple

trees, along with 60 white pines, were given to the school by Wayne County RESA. These will be planted by the

middle school students around the grounds.

Cottrell said the goal in planting the trees in strategic places is

to provide shade along the driveway up to Hillside. He said the water/rain run-off that drains from the heated pavement is not good for the watershed, so it's their hope the trees will grow large enough to cool off the driveway on those hot summer days.

"This is a way for them to revisit nature and learn how to be responsible stewards of our environment," he said of the overall goal.

Come springtime they will look to address the areas identified for improvement, and build upon the previous season's growth in the community garden. He said their last harvest did yield enough to give away some of the produce grown. It's located out in front of the school.

Hillside Principal Jim Cracraft said these projects are just some examples of the school's mission to teach about caring and what it means to make a difference.

"Making caring fashionable" is the basis behind it, Cracraft says.

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A PASSION FOR HEALING

Giving time: Plenty need help, lots of ways to help

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan sees a lot of needy people, said Gerald Brisson, senior vice president of advancement.

"Always this time of year. It's always a number of things that converge around the holidays." A lot of school children get free and reduced lunches.

"When those kids are not in school, those families do not have the advantage of getting two meals, breakfast and lunch, in school," he said.

Brisson said that not all hunger is confined to the city of Detroit.

"Every community sees a certain amount of hunger. Rochester has one of our busiest pantries." Even Livingston and Monroe counties have people who are out of work.

"You see hunger in every single community," he said.

The easiest way to find Gleaners information is to go online to www.gcfb.org, to volunteer or donate.

Gleaners serves about 500 soup kitchens, pantries, and shelters. Brisson noted groups like Boy Scouts hold food drives in which you can participate, or find a food pantry nearby to support. Gleaners also welcomes volunteers and uses some 32,000 a year.

"There are lots of food drives going on," he said. Their address is 2131 Beaufait, Detroit, MI 48207 and donations by check are also welcome.

Brisson anticipates metro Detroiters will remain generous.

"We hope so. Half of all our revenue comes during the holiday season. We really hope, hope, hope."

They have a goal of 45 million pounds of food for this year.

"So we're hoping that people will continue to understand. One in four children in our service area are living in poverty. We're hoping people will understand that. You can't have generations of people not eating."

He appreciates continuing support. "It's a lot of individuals making the right choices that makes this all happen," Brisson said.

Civic Concern

Northville Civic Concern is an all-volunteer organization that helps those in need with food. The food is distributed on the second and fourth Friday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 43261 W. Seven Mile in the Highland Lakes shopping plaza; appointments are needed for potential clients. Civic Concern serves 182 families in the city of Northville and Northville Township, and the school district.

Civic Concern is funded primarily by the contributions of Northville community residents. In addition to money, Civic Concern accepts donations of canned goods, cereal, paper products, soap and cleaning items, and baby products. All donations are tax deductible.

Canned fruits is always needed, said director Marlene Kunz, including those with less sugar. Canned meats are good as well, along with peanut butter, jelly, soup, crackers which help to stretch meals, and breakfast foods. Paper products, items like laundry soap and toilet paper and toiletries aren't covered by Bridge cards, so those items are always appreciated.

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"Every day we need our essentials whether it's the paper products or the food," Kunz said.

Monetary contributions can be mailed to Northville Civic Concern, P.O. Box 323, Northville, MI 48167. For information, call (248) 344-1033.

"We have a lot of elderly people so we take care of those people. It's yours and belongs to the people. They have a vested interest in taking care of their neighbors," Northville Township resident Kunz said.

She works with Rotary Interact and National Honor Society students from Northville High.

"They are my hometown heroes," Kunz said of her 27 years with Civic Concern volunteers. "You have to love caring about people." Listening skills matter a great deal, she and others at Civic Concern have found.

"They walk in the doors and say 'What can I do?' This is a time of year where it's nonstop."

In December, distribution dates change, she said, with Dec. 2, 16 and 30 dates. They gave out Thanksgiving meals from the Moose, Our Lady of Victory, PTSA Karate and others. On Dec. 10, they will have an adoption of families program at the Church of the Nazarene, with those gifts coming in ahead of time. Santa will visit with the children.

"We call them our guests," she said of those in the Angel Donor program, which includes Christmas caroling and new book distribution. "You feel good when you do for somebody else. If you walk by somebody else and smile, it's almost contagious."

Forgotten Harvest

John Owens, communications director for Oak Park-based Forgotten Harvest, said they need up to 40 volunteers a day to help in repacking food in the warehouse. Additional information is at www.forgottenharvest.org. Donations by check are also welcome at 21800 Greenfield, Oak Park, MI 48237. For information on volunteering or donating, call (248) 967-1500 or (888) 332-7140 or go online.

"We repack bulk food, a lot of produce," Owens said of their main volunteer job, carried out by a volunteer base of about 3,000. He agreed needs are great.

"Oh, my goodness, yeah," Owens said. Their study shows 800,000 people in metro Detroit are hungry and lack food, including many children.

"It's one in five," he said of metro residents.

Forgotten Harvest, a nonprofit in existence 21 years, is a food rescue organization. It rescues surplus prepared perishable foods. Forgotten Harvest's 31 trucks visit grocery stores, farms, distributors and even some hotel and entertainment venues.

Last year, Forgotten Harvest rescued over 23 million pounds of food. Owens noted 25 percent of all food in the U.S. ends up in landfills, so it's more an issue of distribution than availability.

"Without the money, our trucks don't roll," he said of their generous supporters.

Rescued food from Forgotten Harvest goes to 200 faith-based organizations, relief organizations and community centers in the tri-county area.

Community Clothes Closet

Novi has a Community Clothes Closet. Betty Shultz of Northville Township, a volunteer, said Christmas is busy for them. The Community Clothes Closet is affiliated with Church of the Holy Family, a Catholic parish at 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi 48375. Checks to Church of the Holy Family-Christian Service are welcome.

"We're one of the few in the Detroit area," Shultz said of the clothing ministry. They also have toys, and a limited food pantry but welcome nonperishable food donations.

Monday 9 a.m. to noon and that same day 6:30-8:30 p.m., each week they have drop-off, but will be closed after Dec. 5 for drop-offs for Christmas.

"Coats, mittens, hats, gloves, boots," Shultz said, noting winter clothing for low-income people is what's needed. They also have an "Sponsor a Family" program for the immediate area, limited

to Novi families. Participants give new clothes and toys from a "wish list."

"We can take no more at this time," she said. Shopping day is Friday morning 9:30-11:30 a.m. with an appointment required. Those who shop come from all over, with Dec. 2 the last shopping day until the first of the year.

Shultz agreed the needs are great and the holidays busy.

"It's crazy. The phone never stops ringing, it seems." After Jan. 1, they'll be back more to Friday shopping.

Nonsponsored families during the Christmas season get gifts, volunteers wrapping them, which is time-consuming, in December.

"We need volunteers all year," Shultz said, adding you can call (248) 349-8553 to volunteer. High schoolers are welcome.

"We're here. This is a big project," she said.

Salvation Army

For those who would like to give their time to the cause, the Plymouth Salvation Army (serving Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville) has volunteer spots for bell ringers open at the kettle locations it maintains. There are some 400 Red Kettles throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. All volunteer opportunities are posted at www.ringbell.org. Anyone can log on, pick a preferred location and a shift that is convenient for them.

Sandy Kollinger, volunteer/special events coordinator for the Plymouth corps, said there are three Northville bell ringing locations: downtown Hiller's, the downtown post office and the Kroger at Six Mile and Haggerty.

Local check donations may be sent to the Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170, she said, explaining those donations will stay here. To donate locally online, visit www.misalpymouth.org.

It's also easy to give to the Salvation Army regionally by putting money in the Red Kettle, by calling (877) SALMICH, by logging on to the website at www.salmich.org, or by texting "GOODMICH" to 80888 to make a \$10 donation, enough to feed one person for a month.

At the Plymouth corps, officials have seen a 33 percent increase in need for Thanksgiving. "We're anticipating that trend will continue into Christmas," Kollinger said.

Other volunteer opportunities in the Plymouth corps area are packing food boxes, transforming

the gym into Toy Town and Christmas distribution for families coming in for gifts for their kids.

"We have a great community support," Kollinger said. "That's really great to see."

If you'd like to volunteer at the Plymouth corps after Christmas, there are year-round opportunities in the front office and food pantry. "We are truly blessed with their support," Kollinger said. "We can't do what we do without them."

The Salvation Army's Farmington Hills corps serves Novi and surrounding communities. That corps can be reached at (248) 477-1153. Its corps website is www.usc.salvationarmy.org/farmingtonhills. The address is 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

Rae Lynn Harvey, volunteer and events coordinator for that corps, said donations can be sent there by check to remain in the local area.

"We need food all year round. The need has been greater than ever," she said. They have no canned fruit right now, and also need spaghetti noodles and sauce, Hamburger Helper, boxed potatoes including au gratin and scalloped, and tomatoes.

"We can always use canned chicken," she said. Tuna is helpful as well.

Items shouldn't be donated past their expiration date, she said, adding cereal is helpful along with granola bars.

"That doesn't happen very often. Those would be a surprise 'Oooh' thing," Harvey said.

Dec. 2 is their Senior Luncheon. "They are welcome to call and come to our Senior Luncheon. All they have to do is call and sign up." It's at noon at the Farmington Hills corps.

Bell ringers are needed as well, and can sign up online.

"The more volunteers we have, the more money we have for our programs," Harvey said. Dec. 22, the corps will need groups and individuals for the Toy Shop for families, to help them pick gifts. The Farmington Hills corps also has an Adopt a Family program in which toys are purchased for children and a meal provided.

"I've heard some of them even provide gifts for the parents," Harvey said. The food pantry needs volunteers all year, and the corps uses volunteers to help with phone answering, with morning and afternoon shifts.

"And that's helpful," she said. "We would like to thank the community for their support in helping us help others."

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Enjoy the weekend at a museum, concerts, outdoors

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

A Red Ryder Christmas Story has become a favorite seasonal exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

It debuted there in 2007, paid a return visit in 2009 and opened again last week for more than a month-long stay.

"We try to change it each time. This is the third time we're doing it but it's pretty popular and it's a perfect match for us," said Elizabeth Kerstens, executive director. "Plymouth was the home of Daisy."

Daisy Manufacturing Company sold Red Ryder BB guns which are central to the 1983 movie, *A Christmas Story*. In the film, the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas, but everyone from his parents to a department store Santa warns that he might shoot an eye out with the dangerous toy.

The museum's current exhibit includes both scenes from the film and BB guns on loan from private collections and the museum's own holdings.

Santa Claus also will be on hand from 1-4 p.m. every Saturday before Christmas, beginning Nov. 26.

Diehard fans will notice that the museum exhibit crew has changed some of the vignettes since 2009. The "Santa mountain," part of a department store scene, was eliminated this year and toys displayed in the store's window are different. But many favorite scenes have returned.

"You can't do the exhibit without

having Flick and his tongue (frozen) on a pole," Kerstens said. "And Scott Farkus, the mean guy. We've got a mannequin that looks just like him."

One of her favorite displays shows Ralphie dressed in a bunny suit on Christmas morning.

"One of the things that is so captivating about this exhibit is the way we have it set up. It's warm and cozy. It's a feel good type of thing. We have the lights dimmed and red and green outdoor bulbs strung across Main Street. It looks a lot like the Main Street in the movie."

The Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday. It's located at 155 S. Main Street, just north of downtown Plymouth. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17; (734) 455-8940.

Looking for other fun family destinations this weekend? Here's a sampling:

- The Santaland Parade starts at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26, at Garden City High School and travels south on Middlebelt to Ford Road, travelling east to the City Town Center parking lot. Who can resist the bands, floats, and hot chocolate afterwards?

- Billy Ray Bauer and Richard Bart present "Laughter on the Night After," a night of comedy, magic and music for all ages, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Great Lakes Burn Camp. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, students and youth.

- Kensington Metropark offers a

program for kids, 7-15, who want to learn more about farm life, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25. The fee is \$30 per child. Participants will work alongside farmers cleaning stalls, feeding animals and working on other daily or seasonal chores. Reservations are necessary. Call (248) 684-8632 or (800) 477-3178.

- Families will flip for The National Acrobats of The People's Republic of China, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25 at Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit. See incredible feats of balance, strength and flexibility. Tickets are \$50, \$40 and \$30. Call (313) 887-8501.

- Gemini — San and Laz Slomovits — play instruments galore and sing funny and sweet songs for the whole family, 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$10; www.theark.org. Their Thanksgiving concerts have benefited Mott Children's Hospital since 1994.

- Get outdoors and exercise off the turkey leftovers with Hiking Michigan, an organization that arranges hikes and snowshoe walks throughout southeastern Michigan. The next walk is noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27 in the Highland Recreation Area, 5200 Highland Road, White Lake. The Department of Natural Resources \$10 annual passport is required. The group will explore remains of Edsel and Eleanor Ford's old estate, as well as visit the Haven Hill Natural area on the north side of the lake created by the Fords' dam. The hike is dog-friendly and child-friendly. For information call (586) 446-7656 or (588) 295-7088.

Turkey shoot



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Andrew Creighton, 7, shows some pretty good form during the Nov. 17 Northville Parks and Recreation 18th annual "Turkey Shoot" free throw contest. The competition took place at the Hillside Middle School gym and featured levels for various age ranges and for team efforts. Those competing also donated food for local food banks as part of their entrance fee.

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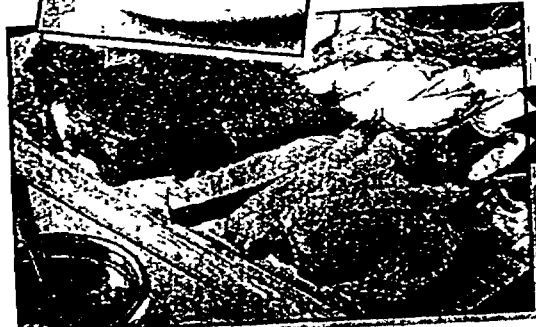
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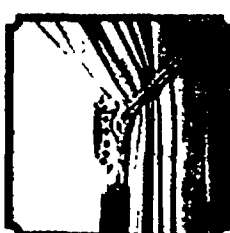


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The Northville Bennett Arboretum Pathway is opened on Nov. 16. From left doing the ribbon-cutting: Northville Mayor Chris Johnson, Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. The project, began last July, was completed about a week ago.

PATHWAY

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County Executive Robert Ficano, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox and other community representatives were on hand for the unveiling.

"This is really something to see...it's beautiful," Cox said. "It's the result of a great collaborative effort."

Acting as a major non-motorized connection between Northville Township and city, the pathway runs along Sheldon Road between 6 Mile and 7 Mile roads, with additional paths winding through the neighboring wetlands and wooded area right next to Hines Park.

The living wall is made up of over 4,000 individual blocks, Cox said. The wall's plantings include a variety of vegetation; among these are Rosy Sedge, Virginia creeper, and Wild Geranium.

Northville Township board trustee Marv Gans calls it an educational tool and at different spots along it there are learning plaques providing details to its various aspects. In addition, it has been constructed to lessen the impact on its surroundings.

One big project piece is the bridge over Johnson Creek. It's 137 feet long and 10 feet wide and was brought in from Alabama.

The lead contractors on the project were Pro-Line Asphalt and Spaulding DeDecker Associates, Inc.

Wayne County provided \$500,000 toward the pathway with another \$450,000 coming from a grant through the River Rouge Project. The city of Northville has agreed to pay \$33,000 and Northville Township has put forth just over \$160,000, in accordance with the shared-services agreement.

The total cost for the pathway is about \$1.13 million.

Ficano said this is a great way to make tax dollars work. He added this project has set a high standard for other future undertakings.

For Northville, this will be the cornerstone connection between the two municipalities.

"This is an example of Northville standing as one community," Hillebrand said.

The pathway is a shared service, so Northville Parks and Recreation will maintain its upkeep.

BIKES

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recently formed by some local high school students. CIA is there to connect community organizations with students interested in volunteering.

One of these is sophomore Matt Pirone, who will be working on a bike over the next month. He will be giving it a pretty good overhaul. He will be fixing the tire flats and cleaning the chain, and these are just two things needed to bring the bike back to useable shape.

For him, this seemed like the perfect volunteer project to start with, and he says CIA really helped with setting it up.

"This is such a great thing because it's so easy to find a project that interests you," Matt said. "And I think volunteering is important for many reasons, so I wanted to get involved." On Nov. 8, a handful of high school students met at Civic Concern to pick up their project bikes. These were donated by the Northville community and some are in bad shape, but are fixable. CIA organizer and NHS junior Miranda Niemiec said the bikes are in need of varying degrees

of refurbishing, but that's the whole point of the program-making unused bikes into used ones.

Mike O'Donnell, manager of D & D Bicycles in Northville, was on hand to work one on one with the students to evaluate what each bike needed. He let them know the level of effort, process and possible expense in making these bikes good again. Many of the bikes will need cleaning, air in the tires, rust removed, and some new paint and grease.

Besides doing a good deed, these students are working toward achieving more outside of the classroom. The CIA program is designed to also help students impress university admissions officers and employers. It bundles many small community service activities into named awards that can be listed on college applications and resumes.

Each of the four themed awards requires a minimum of 50 hours of verifiable service and leadership.

Civic Concern director Marlene Kunz sees the benefits of this and that's why her organization got involved with CIA.

"These kids are phenomenal," she said. "The Northville community has a lot to be proud of with them."

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Garden club wreaths



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Garden Club member Julie Mantay preps some of the dozen holiday wreaths the group sold for pick-up on Nov. 14 at Mill Race Village. The Garden Club should raise about \$5,000 from their efforts - which they'll put back into academic scholarships for local students.

Animated film has heart, humor, high-tech North Pole

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

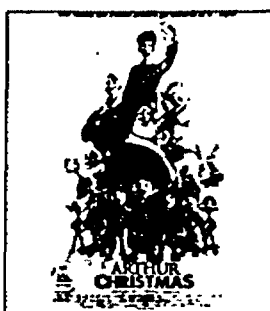
If you plan to see just one of the holiday films out this Thanksgiving weekend, you won't go wrong taking the family to *Arthur Christmas*, a fresh, funny twist on the classic Santa Claus legend by Aardman, the British animation studio that also brought moviegoers *Chicken Run* and the Wallace and Gromit characters.

I'm not a fan of the stop motion effects used in Aardman's earlier efforts, so I was pleasantly surprised to watch the film's inventive story unfold in 3D computer animation, the result of a team-up between the British studio and Sony Pictures Animation.

And although the visuals are more refined, the characters — three generations of the Christmas clan — are drawn Aardman style, with exaggerated features (Grandsanta's nose rivals the size of a potato) and out-of-whack proportions. But it's a perfect look for this dysfunctional family.

Meet the Christmas clan

Arthur Christmas, the hero of the film and Santa's youngest son, maintains an upbeat outlook on life and an adoration for his Dad, despite the lack of respect he gets from family members



and elves alike. He's relegated to a tiny office where he answers letters to Santa, while his older brother, Steve, runs Christmas like a high tech, precision military operation. On Christmas Eve, scores of elves drop down SWAT team style into homes from a hovering spaceship that resembles a cross between the Starship Enterprise and a sleigh, while Steve orchestrates the process from Mission Control.

Santa Claus is showing a bit of wear and tear after 70 missions around the world, but he has no plans of retiring any time soon and handing the family business to his ambitious elder son.

Grandsanta is retired, but can't stop talking about his own glory days, spent delivering presents from a mere sleigh drawn by flying reindeer.

"I did 70 missions without all this malarkey," he grumbles. "What happened to going down the chimney?"

Heroic adventure

The real fun begins

after the family discovers the "foolproof" corporate machine that Christmas has become. Distributing billions of gifts in one night is no small feat and Steve pronounces the mission a success, anyway. He suggests sending the missed girl a gift by messenger, which will take five days.

Santa worries that he's just a figurehead, a "fat-tidy with a suit," but can't muster the initiative to do anything but fall asleep.

When Arthur vows to deliver the goods in person before sunrise on Christmas day, Grandsanta dusts off the antique sleigh, hooks up the flying reindeer and the pair — along with a stowaway elf — embark on a hilarious adventure around the world and a race against the clock.

Young children may have a hard time understanding some of the dialogue because the actors all have British accents, but there is enough physical humor — Arthur furiously pedaling a tiny girl's bike, magic dust sending Afterscan wildlife skyward — to keep them awake.

Adults will find plenty to laugh at in the funny script and quirky characters.

I'm ready to skip the turkey dinner Thursday just to watch this gem again.

Arthur Christmas,

a Columbia Pictures release, debuted for general audiences Wednesday, Nov. 23. It runs a little over 90 minutes and is rated PG.

Other family movies that hit the big screen Wednesday, Nov. 23:

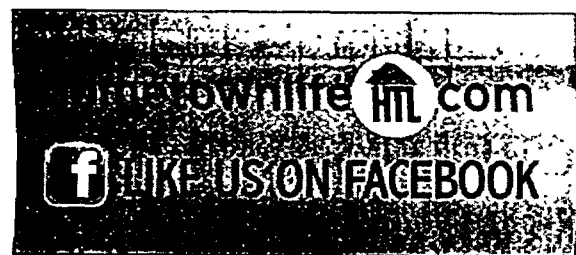
• *Hugo*: While looking for his missing family, Hugo Cabret discovers a robot in the walls of a Paris train station. The robot transports him to a world of wonder, mystery and magic where he meets girl who helps him solve the mystery surrounding his missing family. The movie is based on Brian Selznick's award-winning *New York Times* bestseller, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. The film is director Martin Scorsese's first film shot in 3D. Starring Asa Butterfield, Chloe Moretz, Jude Law, Christopher Lee, Sacha Baron Cohen and Ben Kingsley. Rated PG from Paramount Pictures.

• *The Muppets*: On vacation in Los Angeles, Walter, the world's biggest Muppet fan, and his friends Gary (Jason Segel) and Mary (Amy Adams) from Smalltown, USA, discover the nefarious plan of oilman Tex Richman (Chris Cooper) to raze the Muppet Theater and drill for the oil. Walter, Mary and Gary help Kermit reunite the Muppets to raise the \$10 million needed to save the theater. Rated PG from Walt Disney Pictures.

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Ward Presbyterian Church member Pat Calhoun works on assembling a Christmas gift shoe box for the Operation Christmas Child during an event at Northville's Millennium Park.

Operation Christmas Child

Eliada Ziraj, left, teams up with Bailey Lupo, 11, to try to assemble a Christmas gift box — using one hand each — during the fall meeting at Northville's Millennium Park of the Operation Christmas Child. The group, an off-shoot of Samaritan's Purse, brings numerous churches together to pack boxes with toys and personal care items that are then sent to needy kids all around the world.

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NOVEMBER 17, 2011 – REGULAR MEETING (Closed Session) CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, November 17, 2011
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Supervisor, Sue Hillebrand, Clerk, Richard Henningsen, Treasurer, Marjorie Banner, Trustee, Marv Gans, Trustee, Mindy Herrmann, Trustee, Christopher Roosen, Trustee
CLOSED SESSION: (6:35 p.m.) Motion to enter into Closed Session as permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267) of 1976 or MCL 15 268, Sec. 8, (e) to consult with legal counsel regarding pending litigation: Toll Northville vs. Northville Township and Sec. 8 (c) Negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement, AFSCME Water & Sewer Department. Open meeting resumed at 7:35 p.m.

1. **Agendas:** A. Approve the Consent and Regular Agendas - approved
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - A. Re-appoint Don Weaver to Building Authority - approved
 - B. Re-appoint Chip Snider to Building Authority - approved
 - C. Re-appoint James Petrie to the Election Board of Canvassers - approved
 - D. Re-appoint Kathleen Leo to the Election Board of Canvassers - approved
3. **Public Hearing:** A. Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing - December 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. - set date and time approved
4. **Brief Public Comments:** A new resident praised Joe Leeson for all his help in finishing his new home.
5. **New Business:**
 - A. Liquor License Transfer - Northville Hills - approved
 - B. Election Commission Recommendation - approved
 - C. Decision, from closed session - approved
 - D. Shadbrook Paving SAD & Water Main - Contract Payment No 5 - approved
 - E. Northville Bennett Arboretum Pathway - Change Order No. 2 - approved
 - F. Northville Bennett Arboretum Pathway - Contract Payment No 5 - approved
6. **Unfinished Business:** NONE
7. **Ordinances:**
 - A. Approve Zoning Ordinance Amendments - Article 42 Building Permits - approved
 - B. Introduction of proposed amendments - Chapter 170 Zoning - Articles 6-13 - approved
8. **Bills Payable:** A. Bills payable in the amount of \$2,394,203.52 - approved
9. **Board Communication & Reports:** Reports were given by, Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Chip Snider
10. **Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees:** The Township was awarded an E Cities four star award from University of Michigan Dearborn.
11. **ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
The unapproved draft of the Board minutes will be available in the Clerk's office after 12-02-2011

Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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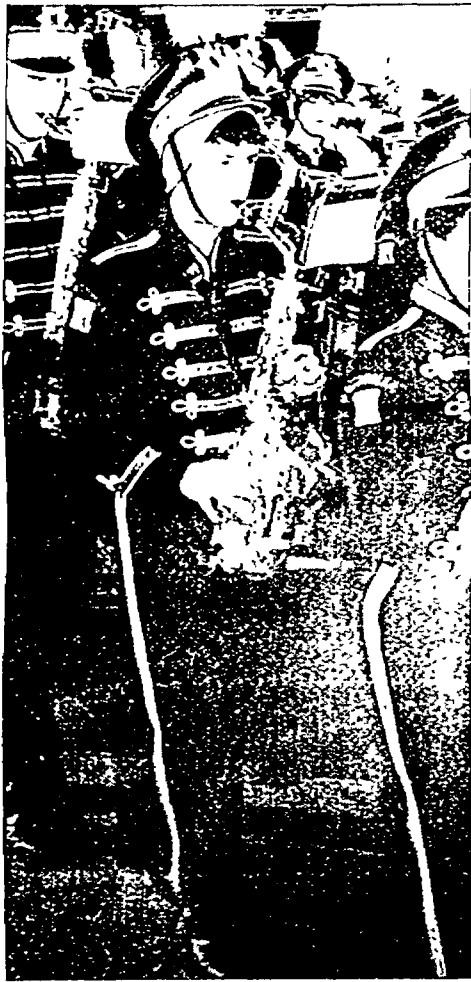


Jennifer Chalom, 8, marches in the Nov. 18 Holiday Lighted Parade through downtown Northville.

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Holiday Lighted Parade

Members of the Northville High School marching band perform during the parade.



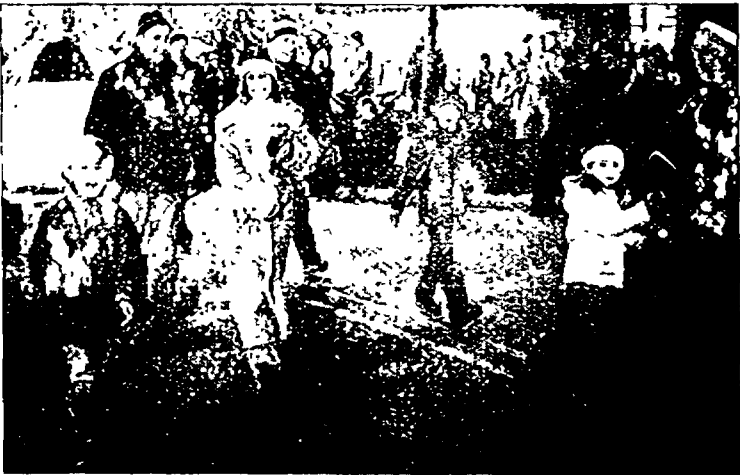
This young lady seems to be having problems seeing the passing spectators — from beneath her hat — as she is driven along the parade route on Nov. 18.



Enzo Testasecca, 7, awaits the start of the Holiday Lighted Parade — with an appropriate Santa Hat on.



The 2011 Holiday Lighted Parade moves through downtown Northville on Nov. 18.



Participants of the 2011 Holiday Lighted Parade walk along main street with, appropriately, lighted costumes.

Get into the holiday spirit with seasonal favorites

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Sugar plum fairies and toy soldiers will soon join symphonies, bands and choruses in bringing smiles to audiences across the metro area.

It's a special time of the year for both performers and show-goers alike, according to dancer Kendal Snow, 20, of Livonia.

"It's definitely my most favorite time of the year and *The Nutcracker* really gets me in the holiday mood," he said.

Snow, a 2009 graduate of Livonia Stevenson, began dancing at Bunney Sanford School of Dance in Livonia as a child. He vividly remembers dancing in one of his first holiday performances of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* and playing the role of a young boy, Fritz. Now a communications arts major at Michigan State University, Snow makes it a point to return each holiday season to dance in the school's production of the ballet.

On stage

"I went from playing Fritz, the youngest male role, to playing Fritz's father this year. It's so awesome to still be able to do this," said Snow, adding that he makes an effort to stay in shape all year, even working out with weights when he is away at school so he will be ready for the performance.

He returns to the stage Saturday, Dec. 3 in the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's holiday production, "Stories of the Season." It will feature excerpts from *The Nutcracker*, conducted by Volodymyr Sheshniuk, symphony music director. Snow will be joined on stage by other dancers from Angie Hahn's Dance Academy as well as the Livonia Civic Chorus.

According to Rose Kachnowski, president

of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, the program will begin with Christmas music, including favorites such as *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* and *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. The audience will have a chance to sing along with some songs. The second act of the show is the performance of *The Nutcracker*, with vocal accompaniments by the Livonia Civic Chorus. In Farmington, dancers from the Positive Attitude Dance Academy will join forces with Curtain Call Dance of Canton to bring audiences a performance of *The Nutcracker* and something more — a chance to give something back to the community.

All proceeds from their hour-long performance of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* at Farmington's Civic Center Theater, Sunday, Dec. 4 will go to the Farmington-area Goodfellow, who provide assistance to needy families during the holidays. In addition, Goodfellow volunteers in the lobby will accept donations of non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys, said Laurie Smalis of Farmington, owner of Positive Attitude.

"Everyone likes to give something to others during the holidays. This is a great opportunity for people to donate to the community and see a great performance, too," said Dorrie Milan of Plymouth, co-owner of Curtain Call Dance. "The kids absolutely love the idea of working on a fundraiser to help other people out."

Smalis said she, too, has noticed the dancers and their families really getting behind the idea of contributing to others.

"It really gives the kids a sense of giving back to the community and not getting wrapped up in themselves. They really respond to it. They can see that even in a small way, in doing some-

thing that you do every day, like dance, you can still be helpful to others," Smalis said.

The first-time collaboration features dancers from both dance studios ranging in age from 6-17 years, as well as a performance by a very special guest, 83-year-old Robert Brown of Westland.

Brown, who also happens to be Curtain Call owner Milan's father, will perform the role of Herr Drosselmeyer in the show. Although this is not the first time he has played a role in one of his daughter's shows, he is "always game to try anything," said Milan. "He's going to be terrific."

Sounds of the season

The Michigan Philharmonic also will spread some family-friendly holiday cheer this season. The group's "Home of the Holidays" concert on Dec. 15 at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth is a "great way to lead off the holidays," said Beth Stewart, executive director.

The show at 6 p.m. will include a Christmas carol sing-a-long and will feature performers from the Youth Orchestra. It is "perfect for families and youth groups," Stewart said. An 8 p.m. show is geared towards adults and ends with a performance of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *The Messiah*.

"It's a nice way to start the holiday season, right in downtown Plymouth. And Santa will be on hand to greet people," Stewart said.

Looking for holiday events to enjoy and/or entertain visiting family this season? Here's a sampling of what's going on

locally:

ANN ARBOR

• The University of Michigan Choral Union and the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra present Handel's *Messiah* Saturday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.; Hill Auditorium, 825 North University Avenue. Tickets \$10-\$30. Call (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org.

• Sing-A-Long Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* featuring onscreen lyrics, goodie bags and more at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27 in the Michigan Theater, 603 East Liberty. Adult admission is \$15; children/student (w/ID)/seniors/veterans \$12; Michigan Theater Member \$10. Call (734) 668-8463. Tickets available at Ticketweb.com.

CANTON

• The Central City Christmas Spectacular, billed as the "most explosive Christmas show around," is on stage, 6 p.m. Dec. 15-16, and noon and 5 p.m. Dec. 17-18, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Tickets are \$20 and are available at Central City Dance Center, 6700 Canton Center Road or by calling (734) 459-0400.

• Cherry Hill Singers Christmas Concert, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 in The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Tickets are \$8-\$10 call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.beckridgechorale.org.

• "Santa Lives! Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus," Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 8-11 in The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Performance times vary.

Tickets are \$10. Call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

• Plymouth Community Band's Christmas Festival, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 in the Canton Little Theater, Canton High School, 8415 North Canton Center Road. Admission is free.

• The *Nutcracker* presented by The Michigan Philharmonic with the Plymouth Canton.

Ballet Company, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 in Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road. Tickets \$15-\$20; call (734) 451-2112 or visit www.michiganphil.org or www.plymouthcantonalballet.org.

DEARBORN

• The *Nutcracker* featuring the Ballet Americana Dance Company with principal dancers from the New York City Ballet and American Ballet Theater, accompanied by the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 in the Ford Community and Performing Arts Theater, 15801 Michigan Ave. Tickets from \$15-\$26. Call (313) 943-2350 or visit www.dearborntheater.com.

• Sounds of the Season with the Motor City Brass Band, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 in the Ford Community and Performing Arts Theater, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Tickets are \$17. Call (313) 943-2350 or visit www.dearborntheater.com.

FARMINGTON

• Excerpts from *The Nutcracker* LIVE performed by the Positive Attitude Dance Academy and Curtain Call Dance, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 in Farmington's Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River Ave. Tickets are \$15; call (248) 476-2099.

• The Most Wonderful Time of the Year concert presented by the Novi Choralaires, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Ave. Tickets \$10-\$12 at the door.

FARMINGTON HILLS

• Farmington Community Band's "The Holiday Show," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 in the Harrison High School Auditorium, 29995 W. 12 Mile. Admission is free.


• Michigan Classic Ballet Company Presents *The Nutcracker*, 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 in Mercy Auditorium, Mercy High School, 29300 W. 11 Mile. Tickets \$17-\$22; visit www.michiganclassicballet.org. *Nutcracker* Tea with the Michigan Classic Ballet Company, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Tickets are \$15 and do not include admission to show; visit www.michiganclassicballet.org.

LIVONIA

• Angie Hahn's Academy of Dance presents *The Nutcracker* at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile. Tickets are

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
CODE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
CHAPTER 170 - ARTICLE 42-BUILDING PERMITS**

The following ordinance amendments were adopted at the November 17, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The summary of the amendments are as follows:
 Compliance permits are required for items that are regulated in the zoning ordinance or other township codes but are not subject to a building permit per the state building code.

- Concrete, brick pavers or other similar hardscape surfaces, less than 30" above grade.
- Tents greater than 200 square feet, when utilized for non-residential uses.
- Construction and sales trailers.

The term zoning compliance permit was changed to compliance permit because it includes some items that are outside of the zoning ordinance, such as fences, procedural items were updated based on current practices and the text was streamlined to make it more concise.

A complete copy of the adopted amendments are available in the Clerk's office at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and on the Township Website <http://www.twp.northville.mi.us>. This ordinance amendment will become effective upon publication.

Sue A. Hillebrand
 Clerk

Publish: November 24, 2011

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
CODE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
CHAPTER 170 - ARTICLES 6 - 13**

The following ordinance amendments was introduced at the November 17, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The summary of the amendments are as follows.

The proposed amendments to Article 6-13 include streamlining current text so that it is more concise and less redundant. In addition, the proposed amendments address new uses that are not currently addressed in the ordinance, adjusting locations where certain uses are permitted based on current build out of the township, removing procedural requirements contained in other ordinances, rules or regulations, removing discretionary requirements from special land uses because they can be made conditions if applicable and making revisions to state licensed residential care facilities to comply with state statute.

A complete copy of the proposed amendments are available in the Clerk's office at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and on the Township Website <http://www.twp.northville.mi.us>. The ordinance amendments will be presented to the Board of Trustees for Adoption at the December 15, 2011 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

Sue A. Hillebrand
 Clerk

Publish: November 24, 2011

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BLUGA, IRENE C.

Age 79, of South Lyon, passed away 11/17/2011. Funeral service was held 11/19. Donations to American Diabetes Assoc. or Alzheimer's Assoc. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

DEES, DAVID A.

Travelers Rest, SC
David Andrew Dees, 70, passed away at his home on Saturday morning, November 19, 2011. Born in Milford Michigan, he was the son of the late George and Goldie Prestley Dees. Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Alice Smith Dees, son James (Liz) Dees; daughter: Kimberly (Robert) Russell, 4 sisters: Goldie Walton, Shirley McFarlane, Rose (Ron) Colegrove, Crystal Eversole and her late husband Ken, 3 brothers: Daniel (Judy) Dees, Roger (Brenda) Dees and Bryson Dees; 7 grandchildren: Rob Miller, Melinda Miller, Jamie Dees II, Courtney Hotelling, Jackie Ryals, Virginia Fletcher, Jennifer Owens and 8 great-grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was also predeceased by a brother, Paul Shoebottom. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, November 22, at 2 p.m. at The Howze Mortuary Chapel with visitation one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Piedmont Hospice, 1865 E. Main St. Suite F, Duncan, SC 29433. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com. The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of the arrangements (864) 834-8051.

DEMKOWICZ, RICHARD A.

Age 69, passed away November 18, 2011. He was born on March 24, 1942, in Chicago, son of the late Alexander and Helen Demkowicz. Richard was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He could often be found attending his grandchildren's activities. He was a faithful fan of the Chicago Bears and the Chicago White Sox. The Demkowicz family would like to thank Heartland Hospice and U of M Cancer Center for their compassion while caring for Richard. He is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Sharon his loving son Brian (Connie) Demkowicz, his adoring grandchildren: Gabriel, Maegan, Dylan, Derek, Jared, Carly and Meggie. He is also survived by his sister Barbara Jenit and his loving extended family and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his daughter Danielle Schaad. In 2006 Visitation was held on Sunday, November 20, from 3:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass was Monday, November 21, at 10:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to U of M Cancer Center. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



ELLIS, NANCY JEAN (BUIST)

Age 45, passed away November 13, 2011. Loving wife of Scott Loving mother to Robbie Boerner, Sydney and Ben Ellis. Beloved daughter of Donald and Glenda Buist. Devoted sister of Suzanne Danilek. Nancy will be greatly missed by the Ellis and Boerner families, her Aunt Jean, her nieces, nephews and cousins and many dear friends. Nancy graduated from Northville High School and was a graduate of Central Michigan University. She also received her Master's Degree in Education at Eastern Michigan University. Nancy taught elementary education in the Livonia School District for 21 years. She was an outstanding teacher and was loved by her students and fellow teachers. Nancy will be dearly missed and affectionately remembered by all those who knew her. A memorial service will be held on December 4, 2011 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1841 Pinecrest Drive, Ferndale, MI 48220 on Nine Mile Road about three blocks west of Woodward. Reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Robert Donald Boerner Memorial College Fund at any Fifth Third Bank or through the family.

FERGUSON, DON

Went to be with the Lord on Wednesday November 9, 2011. Age 84. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Shirley Ferguson, daughters, Sue Hoult, husband George, Tami Bingham, husband Ed, 2 Grandchildren and 3 Great Grandchildren, all of High Point, NC



MAHAR, SAMUEL A. "SAM"

Age 70, of Battle Creek, died Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at Lifespan Good Samaritan Hospice Residence surrounded by his family. Sam was born October 7, 1941 in Battle Creek to Arthur and Pauline (Stewart) Mahar. Sam was a 1960 graduate of Battle Creek Central High School and went on to work for the Ford Motor Company in quality control and as a new launch inspector. He gave 38 years of dedicated service before his retirement in 2004. Sam was a member of the 20th Street Church of Christ, Battle Creek. Sam is survived by his loving wife, Danna J. (Taulbee) Mahar; eight children: Cara (Scott) Ferrall, Cristen (Chris) Hurley, Jamie (Shannon) Mahar, Shannon (Kevin) Fuller, Samuel (Angie) Mahar, Jr., Matthew Mahar, Byron (Linda) Smith, and Jason (Angela Steele) Smith; eight grandchildren, and two brothers, Wendell (Carolyn) Mahar and Kenneth Mahar. Funeral services to celebrate Sam's life were held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the 20th Street Church of Christ, 122 N. 20th Street, Battle Creek with Pastor Josh Hyndrick officiating. Interment followed at the Lakeside Cemetery in Colon, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations made to the Lifespan Good Samaritan Hospice Residence would be appreciated. Arrangements were made by the Farley-Estes & Dowdle Funeral Home, Battle Creek. Personal messages for the family may be placed at www.farleyestesdowdle.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 (Tonna) Ayers and Shirley Vokes. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husbands Harry B. Ayers, Russell C. Gilbert, her son Harry Ayers in 1996 and her son-in-law Richard Goraj in 1993 and Walter Kolotelo in 2010. 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

GUSTINA, HELEN VIRGINIA

Age 97 of Fowlerville, passed away Wed., Nov. 16, 2011 at Home Away From Home. She was born Oct. 17, 1914 in Bannock, Ohio to Joseph Petry and Mary Karkula. She married Arthur P. Gustina on July 17, 1937. She was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville and Church of the Holy Spirit in Highland. Surviving are her Husband Arthur, two Daughters Rosemary (Roger) Cahoney of Fowlerville & Rita Bates of Castle Rock, Co., two Sons John (Grace Scott) Gustina of Lansing and Art (Peg) Gustina of Lapeer. 9 Grandchildren and 25 Great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers: Brownie Petry, Joe Petry and John Enix. The Funeral Mass will be 11:00AM Tues. Nov. 22 at St. Agnes Catholic Church with Fr. Robert McGraw and Fr. Leo Lukko officiating. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Visitation at the Niblack Funeral Home Monday 2-4 and 6-8 pm with a Rosary service at 7 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Hospice or Mass Cards. www.niblackfuneralhome.com

KETTERER, ROBERT C.

Went to his Savior's loving arms on Friday November 18, after a long and courageous battle with emphysema at age 88. Robert was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 8, 1923 to Edward M. and Clara M. (nee Kopitke) Ketterer. He proudly served his country with the United States Army as a Captain during WWII. He was united in marriage to Rita Dehn on April 15, 1944 and they spent 58 loving years together until her death in 2002. Robert received a Master Degree in Business Administration from the University of Chicago, he went on to work in sales for Inland Steel Co. for 30 years. A resident of Northville for 26 years, Mr. Ketterer was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He was active with local theaters and performed in community plays, he also appeared in local commercials and print advertising. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, gardening, and woodworking. Robert is survived by his beloved children Cheryl (Gerald) Klement, Robert (Linda) Ketterer, and Paula (Anthony) Bliss; his precious grandchildren Paul (Tammy) Gremel, Jodi (Scott) Hagenbach, Autumn Ketterer, David (Nicole) Ketterer, and Luke Shepherd, and great-grandchildren Zachary Gremel and Trenton and Kyla Hagenbach. He is also survived by his adored fiancée Nancy Lanzetta and his dear friends Richard and Cheryl Johnson. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, 1 brother, and 3 sisters. A memorial service will be held, Monday, November 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street, Northville. Pastor Christopher Fairbairn will officiate the service. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

May you find comfort in Family and Friends

How to deal with grief during the holidays

By Cathy Clough
Guest Columnist

Looking ahead to the holidays can be overwhelming when you're grieving after the death of someone you loved. Holidays are times that bring families together and the absence of an important member of the family can cause those who are grieving additional pain as they anticipate those upcoming days.

I've had many people say to me that they could eliminate all of the days between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day from the calendar! But they can't, and it's almost impossible to ignore the season. Everywhere you go you find holiday decorations and Christmas carols playing. And, everyone expects you to be merry - after all, it's the holiday season!

There are some things you can do to help yourself get through the days ahead if you're grieving. Let me share with you some of the things that helped me after the death of my first husband and many others I've been privileged to help over the years:

Plan ahead realistically

If you don't plan and just let the holidays hit you expecting that they will be OK, you may be disappointed. Grieving people often have trouble planning ahead, but this is the one time that I suggest you think about what you can do to make the holidays less intimidating. Do you want to do things the same or differently? Oftentimes, trying to do things the same doesn't work - someone very important is missing and things can't be the same. Many people find that making some changes helps. Some of these changes could include changing where you have the holiday meal, planning a different menu or travelling.

If you make changes, be sensitive to the needs of others who have been affected by the death including small children. When my husband died, my children were very young so I didn't have the option of ignoring or running away from Christmas. We still had to have a tree and observe many of the traditions that were so important to them. I encourage families to talk about the things that are important to them. Decide which traditions are important and need to be continued and which traditions can be dropped or changed this year. Changing something this year doesn't mean that you can't do it again. It may take a lot of honest discussion and negotiation to decide what is important to all family members involved.

Take care of yourself

Mourning after the death of a loved one is exhausting! If you don't take care of yourself, you may feel worse. As difficult as it might be, try to eat right, exercise and don't overcommit. And, you don't have to do everything you've done in the past. Prioritize! Do you really need to put up all those Christmas decorations? How about a tabletop tree instead of the full-sized tree you've always had. Shop on-line, buy gift cards or patronize your local stores rather than going to the mall. Ask for help! Friends can shop for you, help you decorate ... you just need to ask. And, you don't need to send Christmas cards. People should understand if you

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

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 from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. You are invited to leisurely tour the luxurious Harding Country Manor model home. The evening also includes raffles, appetizers from local restaurants, a chocolate fountain and musical entertainment. Valet service provided and sponsored by Toll Brothers.

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This event is one 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. The cost is \$40 (ages 21 and over only) prior to the event; \$45 at the door; \$30 is tax deductible.

Steeplechase is located at 17174 Crestbrook Drive, Northville (north of 6 Mile and west of Ridge Road)

To RSVP, call New Hope Center at (248) 348-0115 by Nov. 30 or register online at www.newhopecenter.net.

don't this year.

Include your loved one

He was an important part of your life and did exist. Many people will avoid mentioning his name because they don't want to make you feel sad or bring up something that could cause discomfort during this happy season. If you are like most grievers, you want your loved one to be remembered this holiday season. It's probably going to be up to you to make sure that happens. Bring his/her name up in conversation. Ask others to share memories or pictures. You could even go around the holiday table and ask people to share a memory. Light a candle in your loved one's memory. Make a donation in his or her memory to your church or charity. Do something because of your loved one.

Reach out to others

Sometimes just putting the focus on something or someone other than yourself can help you. Maybe you could invite someone to share a holiday meal with you - someone who has no family or has lost their job. You'll be amazed at how good this will make you feel.

I hope that some of these suggestions will help you as you face this holiday season. And hold on to this hope ... eventually you'll face the holiday season with a mild sadness or happiness and anticipation again. You'll remember the good times of holidays past, rather than those early days soon after the death of the one you loved.

Cathy Clough is the founder/executive director of New Hope Center for Grief Support located in Northville. She can be reached at (248) 348-0115 or cathy@newhopecenter.net

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How to share your gratitude

Tracey Wormsbacher
Guest Columnist

The holiday season is a great time to reflect on all of the blessings in our lives. Spending time with close friends and family reminds us that we have many things to be grateful for. With the busy lives we lead today, especially during the holidays we sometimes forget to share our gratitude with those who make our lives meaningful.

Many of us are at a loss for how to say thank you for gestures of kindness or a job well done.

A verbal thank you is the best way to start. In many situations it is appropriate to follow up with a written note or card.

Here is a list of scenarios and tips to get you started on ways to say thank you.

• **Gifts** - All gifts should be acknowledged with a verbal thank you (if applicable) followed by a handwritten note of

thanks within the week of receiving the gift.

• **Dinners** - A handwritten note of thanks is best when sent the following day after a dinner. Since mail takes a couple of days to receive, it is also proper to phone or email your host later that evening or the following morning, thanking them for the meal and company.

• **Someone sending you flowers** - In this instance, a formal thank you note is not necessary. However, a phone call and/or email thanking the giver for the thoughtful gesture is most appropriate.

• **Bridal showers, baby showers, etc.** - Handwritten thank you notes on are the most suitable way to thank your guests for attending your event and for bringing gifts.

• **Help with something (moving, painting, giving a ride/driving)** - Helping someone to move or paint their house is hard work and therefore a handwritten note

is the best way to express your sincere thanks. You may also wish to buy or prepare dinner for them. On the other hand, a small token gift is nice too.

• **Hand-me-down (a sofa, or clothes, furniture, etc)** - Big-ticket items such as furniture, appliances, vintage clothing or maternity clothes are best acknowledged with a handwritten thank you note. If your friend is unloading a few items from her closet, then an email thank you will be ok.

• **Job or business referral** - In this case, either regular mail or email is acceptable.

• **Job interviews** - A handwritten thank you note is the proper protocol following an interview. Make sure to take a business card and check the proper spelling of the recipient's name and title before sending. This is part of your overall first impression and is crucial to the interview process.

• **A service provider** - A furnace company or landscape company did an outstanding job for you and you want to let know that you appreciate their hard work. A thank you note to the company referencing names of individuals if applicable is a great way to let the company know that they are on the right track.

• **A doctor that has helped you (delivered your baby, performed surgery, etc.)** - I would recommend a handwritten thank you. Many doctors, especially pediatric doctors, display their notes on the office walls for all of the patients to see. Some even include photos or children's artwork. These notes are testimonials and validations of the quality service and expert care they provide.

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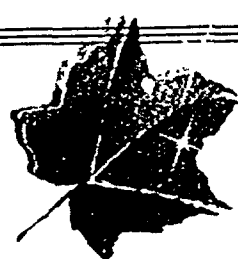
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OUR VIEWS

Give thanks, act locally

Be grateful for family, friends, love

Each year always brings plenty of reasons to give thanks as we begin the holiday cycle. This Thanksgiving is no exception, but with a little reflection on what's really important, giving thanks can become more than a once-a-year opportunity.

Don't worry if the Lions lose the game on Thanksgiving. Be thankful that we have a great sports town, including Northville youth leagues.

Overlook that remark from Cousin Don at Thanksgiving dinner. At least all the relatives brought a dish to pass.

And relax, it's OK that the TV is on. The Thanksgiving Parade will be a joy to watch.

Finding the little things to be grateful for all year long helps to offer balance when some bigger things, like losing a job or finding a loved one is terminally ill, seem to consume all too many waking thoughts, especially during the holidays.

This year, let your prayer of thanksgiving at Thursday's dinner table be more than a recitation of what is good in your life. Let it become a call to action. Invite the neighbor over to share your meal, or walk off the meal, carrying a treat with you, that someone just may not be able to afford this year.

For some area residents, however, even the little things are difficult to find. These are the people we may have dispassionately referred to in the past as the down-and-out — those who are down on their resources, emotionally and fiscally, and out of work and maybe out of their homes.

These were the folks that, years ago, we heard about but didn't know. Now, they're the neighbor next door. Need has a face; maybe it's the one staring back at you in the mirror.

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Find a little something your neighbor may need, and remember it while supporting your neighborhood merchants and shopping at your local grocer, specialty stores or department store.

Sometimes it is easier to make a donation than to get involved during the holidays. Go ahead, make that donation to Northville Civic Concern. But don't stop there — getting involved with a church or other civic group to help those in need is a priceless gift.

Soon the Thanksgiving leftovers will be parceled out, and the dishes put away. Don't store up those reasons to be grateful until next year. Remember them when a child at your kid's school can't afford to buy a book during the annual book fair. Recall them when a shopper comes up short while checking out at the grocery store.

And be grateful that local merchants have taken risks and ridden out the recession. Support them year 'round as well.

So enjoy the game and watch the parade, but make the day — and the season — one of sharing and caring.

What are you thankful for?



"That my family is healthy and happy this year, and we've been able to start a business in the community that I'm proud of."

Tracey Wormsbacher
Northville Township



"My health and my family's health. That's No. 1 for me."

Alicja Williams
(with Logan, 2)
Northville



"My health, my children's and my family — and to eat turkey!"

Liz Harris
Detroit



"My family and a good life. No matter how bad it seems to get, it draws us back to the basics."

Zephardene Higgins
Northville Township



"I'm thankful for my wonderful family, grand kids and the ability to share this special day with them."

Dick Brown
Northville



"I'm thankful for my family; no question about it."

Heidi Russell
Northville



"That I'm here to enjoy life and my health and family."

Carole Ashlee
Plymouth Township



"I'm thankful that I live in this country and that I'm free."

Bill Steffes
Northville



LETTERS

An extra salute

On Veterans Day, as usual, Northville VFW Post 4012 members gave a three-gun salute memorial service for those who gave their lives for our prosperity.

Thanks to the Northville police who this year gave their time to divert one lane of traffic, allowing for a more quiet and undisturbed ceremony with the deserved dignity and respect.

A salute to you, as to those still serving our country!

Happy Westmeier
VFW life member

Auto no-fault: no benefits, no repeal

On an ordinary day in June 2004 and on our way home, my daughter and I were involved in a catastrophic multi-car auto accident. My daughter sustained fractures to both arms and I sustained a broken leg, arm and neck with a cervical level spinal cord injury resulting in quadriplegia. I awoke from the accident finding my ability to use my arms and legs gone and my ability to breathe at jeopardy. Over time, I lost my job as a professional, and the independence that my family and I were accustomed to were also gone.

Today, like the last seven years, I am able to function due to No-Fault Auto Personal Injury Protection (PIP) benefits. The very benefits provided to me by paying a small fraction of my total auto insurance premium that provides to fix me rather than my vehicle.

However, a recent Michigan House bill, HB 4936, proposes to change all that by capping the availability of these benefits — benefits for people like me and all future accident victims that give access to attendant care, chronic medical care and the chance to work hard at recovery through rehabilitation programs. These types of benefits are not covered by health insurance, disability insurance or Medicare. Access to attendant care also

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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enables my husband to continue his employment so that we can remain financially solvent and not fall onto public assistance and Medicaid.

Equally unfortunate is the \$50,000 appropriations called for in this bill to print pamphlets and fund a study on the bills effect. Appropriations are typically provided for in separate appropriation bills, but not this time! The inclusion of an appropriation is being used as a tool to take yet another facet of my independence away by stripping my right and all Michigan residents' right to a veto referendum. That way, if lawmakers pass this bill under pressure from the auto insurance industry, the citizens cannot have a final say at the ballot box.

Further, legislators cannot possibly hope to make an informed decision on the issue until the insurance industry and the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) become transparent and share the numbers behind the "unsustainable" system they are so fond of referencing.

This bill will be up for a vote by lawmakers in the coming weeks, and it's quite simply the Insurance Industry's Profits vs. the People. Therefore, we are strongly asking all lawmakers to vote in opposition toward this bill. This is the

public's last and only chance to be sure your representative — Rep. Hugh Crawford — votes no to represent you. Put it on your to-do list. You must call, e-mail or write today. Tell him to vote no on HB 4936.

Natalie J. Kottman, R.N.,
B.S.N.
Commerce Township

Notable care

On Friday, Oct. 14, I was reminded in a very dramatic way of how lucky we are to live in our community. While on a bike ride, I slipped and crashed at a corner near Nine Mile and Beck. I was in severe pain and couldn't get up. Within minutes, a passing tree trimmer stopped his truck and helped my friend get me to my feet, and then, because I couldn't stand on my right foot or use my right arm, he held me up until my wife arrived to take me to the hospital. The only thing I know about this good Samaritan is that he lives in Lyon Township, probably somewhere off Nine Mile. I owe him many thanks.

When I arrived at Providence Park Hospital, the emergency room was slammed with people. A supervising nurse left her desk to give me care. The staff in radiology where I was sent for X-rays recognized the extreme pain I was in and handled me with gentleness and professionalism. I was fortunate to have no broken bones and just severe sprains of my right hip and shoulder causing much pain.

The only person at Providence Park Emergency I can thank by name is Dr. Damanjit K. Sooch, who treated me with speed and care, but I thank them all immensely. I now walk with a crutch and my right arm is in a sling, but I am well enough to type this letter.

I feel very lucky to live where motorists stop to help, and where excellent emergency care is just minutes away.

John Kuenzel
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Give Northville for Christmas — shop locally

By Tom Watkins
Guest Columnist

If you seek a wonderful community, look about you.

I am encouraging my neighbors and friends to give Northville for Christmas this year. Start a new family tradition; buy gifts that invest in our hometown.

All of us have a friend or family member who has been impacted by this prolonged economic recession and it has taken its toll on local businesses as well.

We can wait at Wall Street or we can shop on Main Street.

Beginning on Black Friday and every shopping day leading up to the Christmas holiday, attempt to



Tom Watkins

purchase one gift or a gift card from a local merchant.

Imagine The Delight:
• A book and gift card for a peppermint mocha and a hot bowl of soup at The Next Chapter Bookstore. While there listen to the smooth sounds and pick up a CD of local vocal artist, Donna Lee Holman.

• A bike or a tune up at D&D or Town and Country Bikes.

• A gift card for a cup of coffee a week for the year at Tuscan Cafe

• A girls/boys night out at Buckminster's.

• One pizza a month for a year at the best pizza around, The Pizza Cutter.

• A year's subscription of the Northville Record.

• A gift Card to make a case of wine at Vine2Wine.

• Get an adjustment at Abbott Family Chiropractic.

• A gift card for a haircut at

Jack's.

• The gift of Music at Broughton Music and Art Center.

• Fix your parents shoes at Cobbler's Corner.

• A loaf of bread a month from the Great Harvest Bread Company.

• A gift for the season at Gardenviews or flowers from Uniquely Yours.

• Wine tasting at Simply Wine.

• Catering By Edwards.

• Dinner for Two at: Brick's, Table 5, Le George, Tiramisu, Koji-Japanese, Sizzling Sticks or other fine dining in town.

• Great shoes at Loria's.

• Take the family out for a great breakfast at Rebecca's or the best Coney's at Joseph's.

• Get a new suit or tailoring from Alex or his dad at Alexander's Custom Clothiers.

• Take a break from cooking with a gift certificate at Bricks,

Poole's, Starting Gate or the Sports Den.

• A gift basket filled with Michigan products from Your Michigan Connection.

• The gift of health — a membership at Birkram Yoga or Planet Fitness.

• A local produced piece of art at Dancing Eye or State of Mind Art Gallery.

• Cooking classes at Home Epiphany Kitchens.

• Season tickets to The Tipping Point Theater.

• Tickets for the dinner theater at Genetti's.

• Keepsakes and fine Jewelry at Goldsmith, KB Jewelers or Orrin's.

• An extra donation to your local place of worship dedicated to a family in need.

• Drop a donation in the Salvation Army's Red Kettle in a friend or family member's name.

Well, you get the idea. Invest in

our hometown this Christmas.

Other ideas for giving Northville for Christmas:

• An oil change or tune up done at a local shop run shop.

• Hire a local cleaning lady for a day to help your love one.

• A computer tune-up for dad would be nice.

• A massage and facial at one of our many salons.

• Give an extra large tip to the servers in the local restaurants — those dollars will circulate in our community.

So, along with our wonderful Christmas parade, let's start a new Christmas tradition: Shop Northville for Christmas!

Tom Watkins is a Northville resident. He can be reached at: tdwatkins88@gmail.com.

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Selling for Gleaners

Christine Lark, 10 (left) and Elena Leryl, 10 (center), sell some baked goods during the Nov. 16 conferences at Northville's Winchester Elementary. Lark and four other Winchester students got the idea to have a bake sale where donations were solicited and all funds given to the Gleaners Foodbank in Detroit. Isabella Leryl, 12, is the purchaser. The group was hoping to raise about \$250 for Gleaners within a week.



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Noon - 3 pm: Live Reindeer Downtown (South Lyon Cycle 209 S. Lafayette) Get your picture taken a reindeer from Carousel Acres!

3 - 5 pm: Christmas Family Fun Event

(First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette) A free event featuring cookie decorating, ornament making, hot chocolate bar, pop corn, hot dogs, music and so much more!

3 - 8 pm: Cougar Christmas Cabaret (VFW Hall, 125 E. McHattie)

Spaghetti dinner and musical entertainment featuring SLEHS students. Event is from 3-8 pm with dinner served from 4-7 pm.

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5:30 - 8:30 pm: Historic House Tours (The Dunigan's House, 216 E. Lake) Donations accepted for South Lyon High School Band Program.

4 & 7 pm: Holiday Movie at the Lyon Theater

(126 E. Lake) Get a break from the cold and enjoy a show.

"The Muppets" (rated PG) plays at 4 & 7 pm.

4-6 pm: Bake Sale (St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette) will continue on Sunday from 8 am-1pm.

5:30 pm: Cool Yule Fun Run Free fun run will lead the parade.

Holiday attire and lights are encouraged!

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Festivities at Historic Village (6:30-8:30 pm)

Tree Lighting Ceremony Directly after the parade, join us for a ceremony at the Gazebo near Witch's Hat.

Holiday Stories Reading Librarians from the Salem-South Lyon Library read some of their favorite holiday stories aloud in the turn-of-the-century schoolhouse.

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Our Lady of Victory eighth grade students Catherine Fiebig, left, and Audrey Jones help to bring out to waiting cars some of the dozens of Thanksgiving meals students gathered for local needy families. OLV donated the food to Northville Civic Concern on Nov. 15.



Northville Civic Concern client Diana Chisik picks up some personal care items at the Northville charity's Nov. 18 distribution day.

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the students it's become a tradition during the holidays to give to families in need of a little help.

The Rev. Denis Th  roux said these projects help the students better understand a critical part of the school's mission statement, which is service to community.

"The students realize that they are very fortunate and blessed in many ways, and know not every family has such advantages," Th  roux said. "So we are trying to get them to realize they have a responsibility to help to those who need it."

Marlene Kunz, Civic Concern's director, said this is one of the ways help being provided by OLV and other community

churches. She couldn't be more pleased to see the OLV students carrying out boxes of food into the vehicles to be transported back to Civic Concern's Seven Mile Road location.

"The students know they have a vested interest in the community, and each year they deliver. It's very much appreciated," said Kunz.

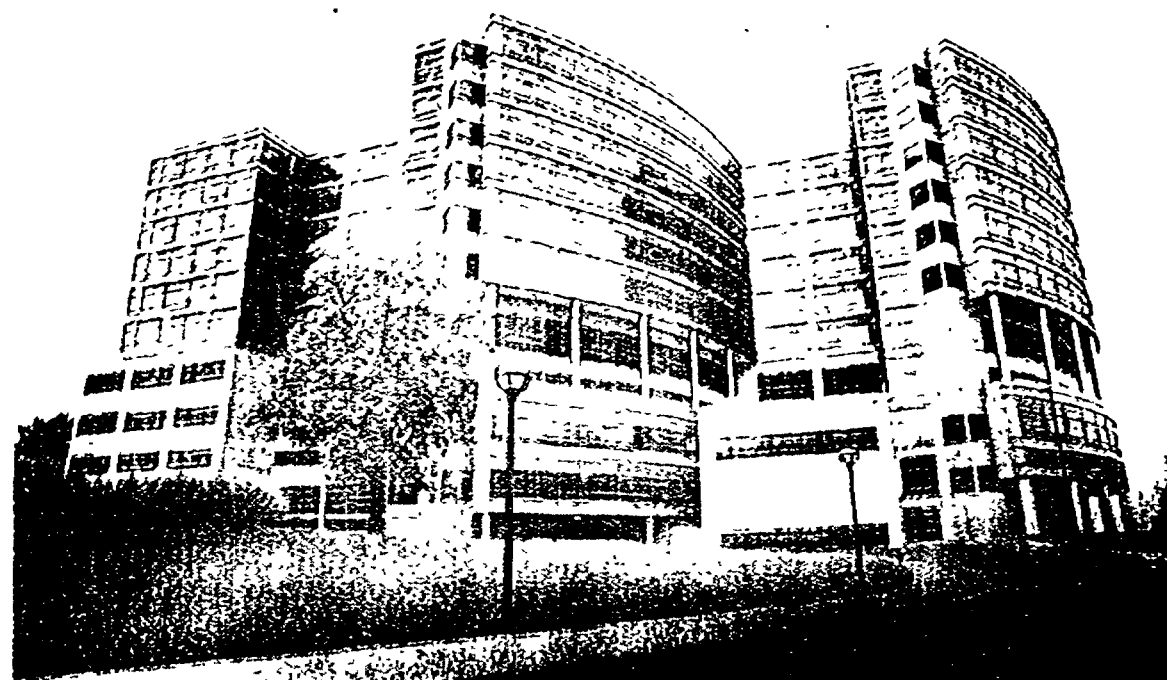
The students are learning about working together and see the impact this can have for others. Th  roux said this project starts conversations among the school families and can lead to even more volunteering. He has had former students come back and tell him how these projects have impacted their way of seeing the world.

"It's about how we do this, and that's why we do this," he said.



Civic Concern clients pick up some needed food items during the Northville food bank's Nov. 18 distribution.

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Date: Second Wednesday of every month

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Date: Third Tuesday of each month

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

Contact: downtownnorthville.com

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First Friday at the Northville Art House on Dec. 2 will take on an enchanting glow during the traditional Candlelight Art Walk from 6-9 p.m. The Art House is continuing to feature its seventh annual holiday art market. On this first Friday in December, they'll draw the winners for raffle baskets each filled with over \$200 of merchandise and coupons from local businesses. Tickets may be purchased up until 8 p.m. this night. Hand-crafted work in painting, printmaking, glass, mosaic, fiber, photography, jewelry and mixed media will be for sale by well-known local artists. These artists have been asked to supply unique items especially priced for holiday gift giving. Free refreshments and drinks have been generously sponsored by Ameriprise Financial. The Holiday Art Market will continue through Saturday, Dec. 10, during Art House regular hours of Wednesdays through Saturdays from 1-5 p.m. For more information, please call (248) 344-0497. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street (1 block S of Main Street and 2 blocks W of Center Street) and is a facility of the city of Northville.

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Retail Fraud

A Farmington woman was arrested for theft after attempting to leave Kohl's department store, located on Haggerty Road, without paying for a number of concealed items.

On Nov. 17, the 49-year-old woman went to Kohl's customer service center and asked to have a security tag removed from a pair of pants she said she had purchased the week before. She then went into the juniors department and concealed several items in her bag and tried to leave the store without paying for them.

The store's loss prevention officer stopped her and she later admitted to her crime to the Northville Township police.

Larceny from Auto

A Northville man had a CD player and GPS stolen from his vehicle while it was parked outside a residence on Rippling Lane.

On Nov. 18, the 25-year-old

man told police that he found his vehicle had been broken into and several expensive items were missing. His CD player had been ripped from the dashboard. He claims the doors were locked, but police found no signs of forced entry.

Damage to Property

A 19-year-old Northville man had his car windows smashed in by an unknown suspect.

His Toyota Camry was parked outside a residence on Manorwood Drive on Nov. 20 and after leaving it there for several hours he came back and found it had been damaged. The front and rear driver side windows were smashed in and the windshield had also been hit with a blunt object. It appeared to have been done by a baseball bat.

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Compiled by correspondent
Lonnie Huhman

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Northville Mustang Catherine Cui swims in the 2011 MHSAA state finals swim and dive meet at EMU on Nov. 18.

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Mustangs finish 13th in state finals

Swim and dive team has outstanding day

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Brian McNeff didn't mince words when he talked about his swimming and diving team following the state finals last week.

"This has by far been the best team that Northville has ever had, and I am extremely proud of how everyone has per-

formed all year long," said the Mustangs' coach.

And what could illicit such a response from a coach who typically is reserved when speaking with the media? Well, a 13th-place finish in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals sure doesn't hurt — especially when Northville wasn't truly expect-

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Mustang Lia Nagata swim in the 200 yard freestyle in the 2011 MHSAA state finals swim and dive meet at EMU on Nov. 18.

CC wins fight for Ford Field



CC's Anthony Darkangelo is on the receiving end of the game-winning touchdown pass from Kyle Cooper in overtime.

Shamrocks edge Rockford in OT, 23-20

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

As the sixth play of overtime unfolded during Saturday's Division 1 semifinal football game between Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Rockford, the stands were jam-packed with thousands of fans, the sidelines were crowded with hundreds of players and the north end zone of Battle Creek's C.W. Post Field was filled with several defensive backs shadowing potential Shamrock receivers.

But Catholic Central running Anthony Darkangelo was all ... by ... himself.

And for that, the Rams paid dearly.

With his team trailing Rockford, 20-17, and facing a second-and-goal at the Ram 7, Darkangelo slipped out of the Shamrocks' backfield like a thief in the night, and with the closest Ram five yards away, hauled in Kyle Cooper's soft spiral in the north end zone of Battle Creek Central's

C.W. Post Field to put the hammer down on CC's dramatic 23-20 victory.

The 12-1 Shamrocks earned a berth in Saturday's Division 1 final against Detroit Cass Tech (10-3), which upended Utica Eisenhower, 6-3.

Rockford finished 11-2 after getting knocked out in a semifinal nail-biter for the second consecutive year.

"The play is called 35 Wham and I wasn't the primary receiver," Darkangelo said, moments after he was mobbed by a mass of jubilant teammates. "It's supposed to go to our tight end, but I was wide open so Kyle threw it to me. I just wanted to make sure I caught it."

"It seemed like the ball took about two minutes to get there," Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach joked, smiling, as he recounted the final play. "Anthony made a great catch and Kyle put it right where it should be. It was a hard-fought game. Rockford is one of the best teams we've

faced this year. It was one of those games that you were just happy to be able to participate in. Both teams played terrific."

Darkangelo's catch capped a thrill-a-minute showdown that was jam-packed with offensive fireworks and bone-crunching collisions.

After yielding 17 first-half points to Rockford's multi-dimensional, misdirection-loaded "Wings & Things" offense, the Shamrocks' defense was locked and loaded during the final 24 minutes, shutting out the Rams until Steven Mette's 26-yard field goal in overtime gave Rockford a short-lived lead.

The Shamrocks' defense limited the Rams to a 1-yard run by Connor Grady — who was stonewalled by CC's Aaron Hess and Clay Behrman — and a pair of incomplections prior to Mette's field goal.

"Before we went out there (in overtime), we talked about how hard

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NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

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 jcb2@comcast.net.

NHS hoop boosters

Boosters for the Northville High School boys and girls basketball programs are kicking off the season with their first-ever Pancake Breakfast/Meet the Teams event from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 3 at Northville High School.

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.

For more information, contact Susan Alameddine, Booster representative, at (734) 834-4965.

Red Wing Howard at Jingle Bell Run/Walk on Dec. 3

Join Red Wings' starting goalie Jimmy Howard and local juvenile rheumatoid arthritis patient Taylor Gray in fighting the number one disease in America at this year's Jingle Bell Run/Walks.

The Arthritis Foundation's signature events, Jingle Bell Run/Walks, take place this year on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Birmingham Covington School and Saturday, Dec. 3 at Northville Downs Race Track.

The events offer competitive timing, awards in 14 different age categories and a post-race party sponsored by Qdoba, Busch's, Biggby, Powderade and more. There is even a "Snowman Shuffle," a 1/4-mile fun-run for kids under twelve. What's more, there are prizes including signed Red Wings memorabilia offered for biggest team, biggest fundraiser and most inventive costume.

Those interested in participating can head to www.arthritis.org, keyword "Jingle Bell Run/Walk" to register or call event manger Samantha Mertins at 800-968-3030 x232 for more information.



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Northville Mustang Maddy Kipke swims backstroke in the 2011 MHSAA state finals swim and dive meet at EMU on Nov. 18.



Mustang Shannon Lohman swims in the 2011 MHSAA state finals swim and dive meet at EMU on Nov. 18.

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ed to finish that high.

"We swam really well with most of our swimmers getting their best times," said McNeff. "This meet was extremely fast, as expected, and in order to score points you have to be really good."

The Mustangs must have been much more than that as they scored 67 impressive points in the finals. They returned a competitor — either a team or individual — in eight of the 12 events,

which McNeff noted is "pretty impressive." This was the first year in the history of the program the team qualified out of the preliminaries and into the finals in three relays, said McNeff.

The standout tanker of the day for the Northville squad was Catherine Cui, who was all-state — a top-eight finish — in both of her individual events.

In the 200 individual medley, Cui finished with a 2:10.58 in the finals for eighth place — a spot that earned her team 11 whopping points. In the 100 breaststroke, she also finished eighth, this time finishing her event in 1:07.17.

The Mustangs also had a huge day from two of their divers, who both scored points. Andrea Meister finished 11th with a score of 366.8 from the judges for six team points while Mattison Boucha scored 360.55 points, which was good for 12th and five team points.

Northville also scored 12 points in the 200 medley relay with a team of Maddy Kipke, Sarah Lohman, Shannon Lohman and Briana Schoenek. They finished in 11th with 12 points.

Kipke had a strong showing in the 100 backstroke, finishing in 59.19 seconds for 11th place overall to add six points for the Mustangs. Shannon Lohman added two more points for the Mustangs with a 15th-place showing in the 100 butterfly with a time of 58.99 seconds.

In relay action, Northville's team of Schoenek, Emily Butler, Lia Nagata and Cui finished 13th in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:38.58, which was good for eight points, while the same foursome finished in 14th in the 400 free relay with a time of 3:38.30 for six additional points.

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Shamrocks advance to face Cass Tech

Teams will square off at Ford Field for chance at Division I crown

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It will just be the second time the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks and the Detroit Cass Tech Technicians have ever played, but it is likely going to be a game for the ages.

The Technicians and the Shamrocks last saw one another in the 2000 playoffs when they met on the gridiron in the regional championship game. Then, over a decade ago, Tom Mach led his Shamrocks to a 30-6 victory.

This year, only the Technicians — a defensive-minded squad in the same vein as the Shamrocks — stand between the Catholic Central grid-ders and their thirst for a state

championship.

Last week, while the Shamrocks were using a passing attack to win their berth to the finals, the Technicians were using stout defense — an understatement in the eyes of most pundits. The Detroit-based squad beat a powerful Utica Eisenhower offense by holding it to just one field goal on their way to a 6-3 victory.

For football fans, this may not be the most high-scoring affair, but it is an interesting showcase of two defensive-focused squads meeting in the trenches of the biggest game of their high school careers. Only one team, as they say, will finish the Division I playoffs with a victory.

In order to defeat Cass Tech, the Shamrocks will have to

keep their bag of tricks open and on hand throughout the contest. They proved last week they are not afraid to air the ball out if they need to, though it may be their ability to pound the ball behind one of the state's best offensive lines that will make the difference.

Cass Tech will be looking to shut down the Shamrock offense by using their swarm defensive tactics — their speed truly allows them to close up holes almost as soon as they open, and they hit as hard as any defense in Michigan this year. That hard-hitting mentality moves to offense as well, with their top linebacker running like a bruising freight train out of the backfield in Royce Jenkins-Stone.

Cass Tech currently has a 10-3 record with losses coming to Farmington Hills Harrison, 43-7, Detroit Crockett Tech, 7-0, and Crockett again, 14-9. They have scored an average of 24.6 points per game while allowing a measly 9.4 points on average.

But Detroit Catholic Central doesn't lack in their ability to lay down a ferocious hit, either. Matt Godin is one of the most feared defensive linemen in the entire state and will be looking to show why that is the case. In addition, the Shamrock defense likely won't make the same mistake as Eisenhower did, which was letting second efforts make all the difference as the Technicians pushed the ball down the field several times through yards that came

after initial contact.

The Shamrocks are 12-1 this season heading into the final game and have scored an average of 27.4 points per game while allowing just 8.9.

No matter what the final score is following the state finals, one thing will be certain — the Shamrocks and the Technicians are going to put on one heck of a show.

And for football purists, what a better game to be played? The Public School League vs. the Catholic High School League? Public vs. private?

Who ever ends up being crowned champion, it's going to be the fans who are the real winners in this contest. Don't miss it come 1 p.m. Saturday at Ford Field.

FOOTBALL

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we've worked this year and how much we wanted it," said CC senior defensive back David Racey, who picked off a pair of Mark LaPrairie aerials. "We know that if we believe in ourselves, no one can stop us."

Rockford managed just 89 yards rushing on 23 attempts. Most of the Rams' success came when LaPrairie hooked up with Brandon Lubenow, who snared eight passes for 127 yards.

Cooper was more than efficient, completing 8 of 14 passes for 102 yards and two touchdowns.

In addition to gaining 37 yards on 11 carries, Darkangelo completed both of his halfback passes — the second a 21-yard throwback to Cooper that set up the Shamrocks' second TD — for 45 yards.

Junior battering ram/fullback David Houle churned out 85 yards on



CC students rush the field and celebrate victory with players after the Shamrocks' overtime victory Saturday.

24 carries for CC.

It took Rockford just 14 seconds to light up the scoreboard. That's how long it took the Rams to execute a deceptive 97-yard kickoff return by Lubenow on the opening kickoff. Mette's first of two extra points made it 7-0.

The Shamrocks countered with a pound-it-

out, 14-play drive that took them from their own 13 to the Ram 16. Facing a third-and-10, Cooper lasered a pass to Darkangelo in the back of the end zone, but the TD was disallowed when the referees ruled that Darkangelo had stepped out of the end zone prior to catching the ball. The

drive stalled two plays later following a 4-yard run by Cooper and an incomplete pass.

Rockford extended its lead to 10-0 on its first offensive possession when Mette ripped a 40-yard field goal through a gusty 20 mph wind with 2:19 left in the first quarter.

After going three-and-out on its next possession, CC got the ball back when Racey stepped in front of a LaPrairie pass and returned it to the Ram 22.

Four plays later, Cooper connected with Matt Doneth on an 8-yard touchdown pass to bring the Shamrocks to within 10-7.

Rockford re-upped its lead 17-7 when LaPrairie tossed a 12-yard TD pass to Lubenow with 7:10 left in the half.

Houle bulled in from two yards out 56.4 seconds before the half and Alex Kozlowski's second extra point made it 17-14.

Unsatisfied with a three-point cushion and unwilling to take a knee, Rockford drove to the CC 9, but came away empty when Justin Wustman was pulled down at the Shamrock 1 after hauling in a short LaPrairie pass.

Powered by six up-the-gut runs by Houle and a 34-yard pass from Cooper to Racey, the Shamrocks steamrolled down to the Rockford 12 on its next

possession, but had to settle for a 27-yard Kozlowski field goal that knotted the game at 17-17.

The defenses took over the rest of the half. Pivotal plays by the Shamrocks included a fourth-down tackle by Matthew Godin and Samuel Vaitkevicius on a fourth-and-six run by Brady Gent at the CC 39; and Racey's second pick of the game with 5:37 left in the game at the CC 32.

Rockford's Shain Showers rained on the Shamrocks' best drive when he intercepted a Cooper pass in the back of the end zone.

The Shamrocks appeared to have the game won in regulation, but Kozlowski's 19-yard field goal attempt with 30.2 seconds left never got enough height and failed to clear the offensive linemen.

That set up the dramatic overtime and the final game-sealing catch by Darkangelo, who quickly went from being the most isolated guy in Battle Creek to the most popular

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Halloween Baseball Bash is howling success for Northville

Enough powerful bats to empty a haunted house. A few imposing masks. A wicked mix of screams, shouts and blood-curdling howls. Young men being chased as they dashed for home. Unexpected tricks. Yet for Northville's U-18 baseball team, Total Baseball's 2011 Halloween Bash Baseball Tournament was a treat, as they won the six-team tournament with a record of 3-0-1.

On Oct. 29 at the Hillside field, Northville jumped to a 4-0 lead against the Downriver Orioles after lead off singles by Scott Matthews and Matt Satterfield. Northville pitcher Marshall Williams gave up only two hits in five innings. Northville had a commanding 6-1 lead going into the bottom of the sixth inning. When time was called, the Orioles had battled back to end the contest in a 6-6 tie.

Still at Hillside, Northville next faced the Franklin Rangers. Satterfield was on the mound, racking up eight strikeouts while walking only two on his way to a no-hitter. He also had success at the plate, as did Matthews and Mitch Sklar. Saturday afternoon's foreboding, cloudy skies brightened significantly with Northville's 3-0 win.

Game three on Oct. 30 brought the Burlington (Ontario) Double Blues to Hillside's field to face Northville. Nick Grosz was the starting pitcher. The Blues got onto the board with a run in the top of the first. Northville answered with three runs, thanks to four walks and two key singles by Grosz and Sean Cain. Coach Paul Slatin recalled, "Nick was cruising on the mound until the top of the fifth when Burlington's bats came alive."

Facing a 6-6 score at the top of the sixth, Matt Stojkov was brought in as relief pitcher, and was able to shut down the Blues. In the bottom of the sixth, Northville fired back with four runs, with key hits by Sklar, Andrew Slatin, Steven Grosz and Sam Houston. Time ran out after the sixth inning to show a final score of 10-6.

Northville's 2-0-1 record earned them a berth in the finals against Illinois' top-seeded Bull Valley Bulldogs (3-0). Under sunny skies at Farmington High School's field, Northville got on the board with a run in the opening inning. Southpaw Bobby Sable held the Bulldogs scoreless through three innings of no-hit pitching. In the fourth inning Bull Valley battled back to score 4 runs as a result of some clutch hitting and a couple of Northville miscues. The inning closed with Northville on the losing end of the 4-3 score. But Northville came back to tie the game in the fifth with key singles by Stojkov and Nick Grosz. Stojkov took over for Sable in the bottom of the fifth inning, closing out the side while stranding a man on second base. No runs were scored throughout the sixth and seventh inning, closing the regulation game with a 4-4 tie. After Matthews and Satterfield scored in the top of the eighth, Northville retired three consecutive batters to close the championship game with a score of 6-4, winning the tournament with a 3-0-1 record.

Coaches Scott Grosz and Bill Matthews joined Coach Slatin on the field to celebrate with their team.

"Our goal for this tournament was simply to have fun and offer one final opportunity to play before the weather turns cold," said Matthews. "Our success was truly a result of a complete team effort. Every player contributed and came through when we needed him to throughout the weekend."

Coach Grosz added, "I enjoyed watching the younger players hold their own with the older players, especially freshman Steven Grosz catching for hard-throwing seniors Satterfield, Stojkov, Sable and Steven's older brother Nick."

The ominous masks are nowhere to be seen. Northville's frightening bats have gone into hiding. All that remains for Northville is a handsome trophy, proudly housed at NHS, and individual player trophies. What Halloween memories haunt Northville's opponents? No one has a ghost of an idea.

—Submitted by Paul Slatin and Katy Baetz-Matthews

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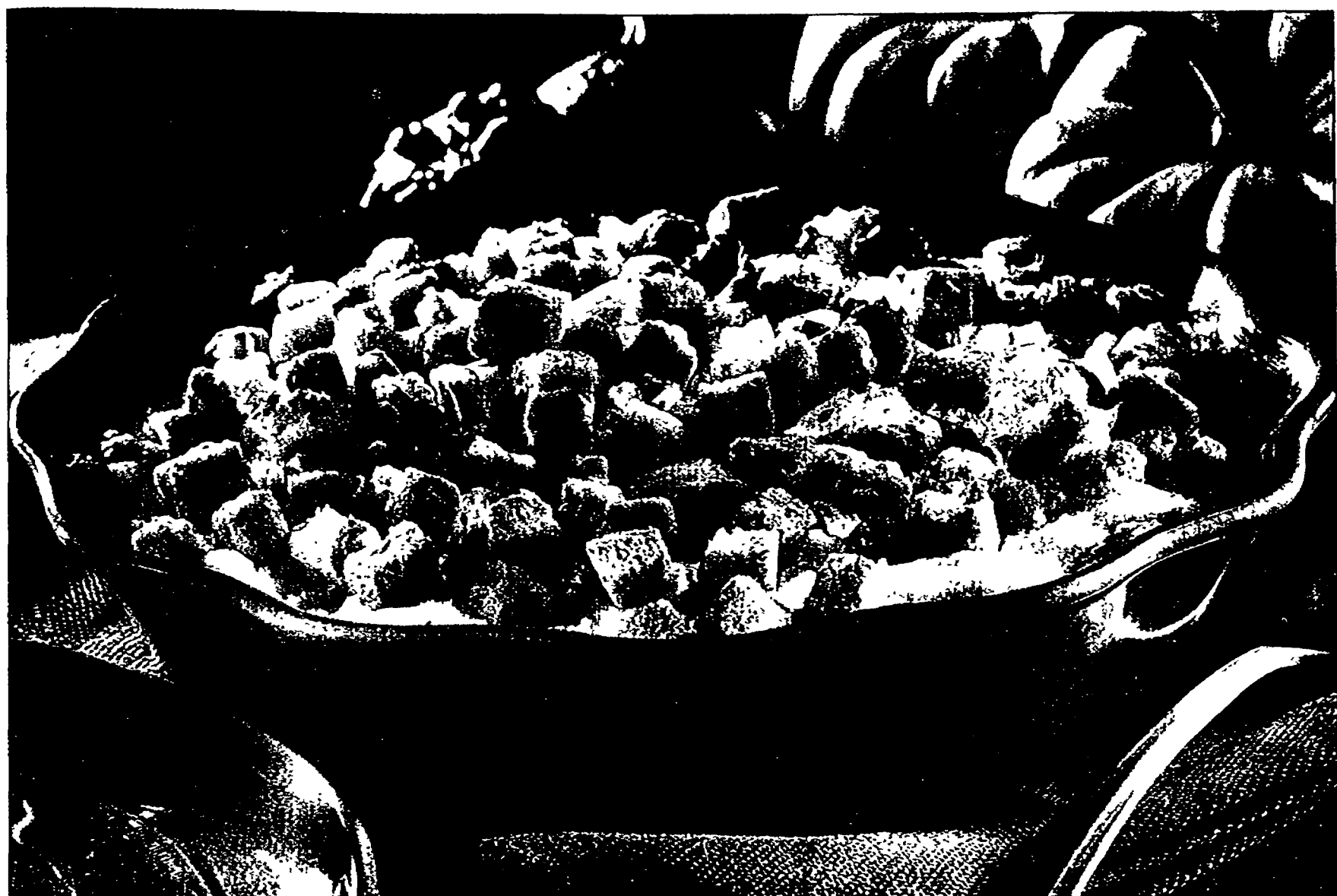
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½ cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise, divided
¼ cup whole berry cranberry sauce
2 cups leftover mashed potatoes
1½ cups shredded mozzarella cheese (about 6 ounces)
Preheat oven to 375°F.
Spray 8-inch baking dish with no-stick cooking spray. Spoon in 2 cups stuffing, then top with turkey.

Combine ½ cup mayonnaise with cranberry sauce; evenly spread over turkey.

Combine remaining ½ cup mayonnaise, potatoes and cheese in large bowl. Evenly spread on turkey, then top with remaining 2 cups stuffing.

Bake 40 minutes or until heated through. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. If desired, garnish with dried cranberries.



"Stuffing" Crusted Turkey Cutlets



Blushing Cranberry and Pear Turkey Salad



Turkey Turnovers

Turkey Turnovers

Serves: 8
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 12 minutes
2 cups shredded cooked turkey
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (about 4 ounces)
1 cup chopped cooked broccoli
½ cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
2 packages (8 ounces each) refrigerated crescent rolls

Preheat oven to 375°F.
Combine all ingredients except crescent rolls in large bowl.

Separate each package crescent rolls into 4 squares; press diagonal perforations to seal.

Spoon turkey filling onto center of each square. Fold dough diagonally over filling to form triangles; press edges firmly to seal.

Arrange turnovers on baking sheet; brush tops lightly with additional mayonnaise.

Bake 12 minutes or until golden. Serve warm.

"Stuffing" Crusted Turkey Cutlets

A Bobby Flay Recipe
Serves: 4
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes

2 cups panko or plain dried bread crumbs
3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
½ cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
4 turkey cutlets (about ½ inch thick)
4 tablespoons canola oil, divided
Combine bread crumbs, parsley, salt and pepper in large shallow dish; set aside.

Combine mayonnaise, mustard and poultry seasoning with wire whisk in small bowl and season, if desired, with salt and pepper.

Season turkey, if desired, with salt and pepper. Brush 1 side of each turkey cutlet with mayonnaise mixture, then coat in bread crumbs.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat and cook 2 turkey cutlets, bread side down, 3 minutes or until golden brown and a crust has formed. Turn over and cook an additional 2 minutes or until turkey is thoroughly cooked. Repeat with remaining oil and turkey.

Blushing Cranberry and Pear Turkey Salad

Serves: 4
Prep Time: 10 minutes

½ cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise
¼ cup whole berry cranberry sauce or cranberry relish
4 cups torn romaine lettuce leaves
2 cups baby spinach leaves or mixed salad greens
2 cups diced cooked turkey
1 medium pear, cored and thinly sliced
½ cup toasted chopped pecans
½ cup thinly sliced red onion

In medium bowl, combine mayonnaise and cranberry sauce; set aside.

In large bowl, combine romaine, spinach and turkey. Just before serving, toss with mayonnaise mixture. Top with pear slices, pecans and onion. Garnish, if desired with dried cranberries.

Note: Recipe can be doubled.



Leftover Turkey Super Sandwiches

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Serves: 4
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4 tablespoons Hellmann's® or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise
8 slices whole grain bread
½ cup prepared stuffing
½ pound sliced leftover or deli turkey
½ cup cranberry sauce or whole berry cranberry sauce
1 small apple, cored and sliced
Spread mayonnaise generously on 4 bread slices. Layer stuffing, turkey, cranberry sauce and apple on bread slices. Top with remaining 4 bread slices.

Turkey Fiesta Salad

Serves: 4

Prep Time: 10 minutes

½ cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise
½ cup prepared salsa
6 cups torn romaine lettuce leaves
2 cups diced cooked turkey
4 slices bacon, crisp-cooked and crumbled
Combine mayonnaise and salsa in small bowl; set aside.

Combine remaining ingredients in large bowl. Just before serving, toss with mayonnaise mixture.

Serve, if desired, with your favorite salad fixings, such as chopped tomatoes, black beans, shredded cheese, sliced pitted ripe olives, sliced green onions and/or tortilla chips.

Pairing the Thanksgiving Day feast

Thanksgiving is around the corner, and many will be hitting the grocery store to stock-up in preparation for the national day of gluttony.

On a day when the table swells with dozens of dishes, how does one choose the appropriate beer(s) for the occasion? The good news is there is no wrong answer, since beer pairing is more art than science,



Beer Tracker

Nate Parsons

and beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

A rule of thumb for a successful pairing is that the drink should complement the food with either a contrasting or similar flavor profile. The chal-

lenge is that pairings work best with a singular soul mate like an artesian cheese or a lush dessert. The Thanksgiving experience is hardly a monogamous encounter, making it a challenge for any beer connoisseur. Fortunately, with the right line up, beer can win over the ardent wine lover when the most important meal of the year is on the line.

Aperitif or Starter

As guests arrive, hand them something crisp, cold and refreshing. Something from the pilsner family is a good fit. It will heighten the senses, stir



up an appetite, and won't dull the palate with excessive alcohol. Furthermore, the clean finish will cut through any salty snacks circling the room.

• Pilsner Urquell — Light straw in color and crystal clear. Aroma is floral with a taste to match and it finishes with a hint of clean spice.

• Victory Prima Pils — A tasty lager with a hoppy floral taste. Crosses traditional Bohemian flavor with Yankee ingenuity for a well-balanced lager.

Appetizer or Primer

Depending on the venue this course can be a challenge for

the beer aficionado. Think something midrange with citrus tones that cleanse the palate without scraping the throat... sorry no hop bombs here. These two offer earthy tones that compliment a wide range of fare without stealing the show.

• Saison Dupont — Nice aromatics and a hazy straw hue, well-seasoned but not overpowering. Hints of citrus, white pepper and clove are balanced with a hit of prickly carbonation for a quenching finish.

• Hennepin Farmhouse Ale — Rustic in scent with an earthy palate cut by tangerine spice. Sweet malty flavors interplay

with citrus tones and the lively carbonation tickles the tongue.

The Main Event

Typically a bold offering works here, something worthy of the 36-hour lead time required pull off such a beastly event. A muscle beer from the cellars of a Belgian monastery seems appropriate for the occasion. No doubt either of these recommendations will impose their will, but also court the complexities of flavors found in an all-out feast.

• Westmalle Trappist Triple — Sweet breadly malts mingle with spices to deliver a well-balanced high octane offering. The finish warms the mouth with drying alcohol and the carbonation cleanses the back of the throat.

• Orval Trappist Ale — Considered dry ale, it pours a dusty orange and boasts a rocky three-finger head. The mouth is sweet with dry fruits, but the clean finish will leave taste buds pining.

Dessert

Whether it's pumpkin, pecan or sweet potato pie, there are a number of offerings that will compliment this course. Some enthusiasts push for a sweet beer such as Chimay Grande Reserve or a fruit-infused Lindamans Framboise. Others may prefer the bitter bite of coffee found in Bells Java Stout or Founders Breakfast Stout. If an early exit from the table is appealing, head to the sofa with

a bottle of dessert in time to catch the opening drive.

• Brooklyn Chocolate Stout — Infused cocoa is the backbone of this robust black stout. Rich chocolate spreads across the palate before roasted malt thins out the sweetness. The finish offers a hint of plum before exiting on a bed of dry cocoa.

• Southern Tier Pumpkin Ale — An intense offering worthy of the imperial moniker. Deep full-bodied offering dominated with sweet nutmeg, cinnamon, and ginger. Creamy malts coat the mouth finishing with a rich presence.

Pairing beer with food is not an exact science, but these selections should offer direction when looking to impress the relatives at this year's sit down. All the offerings mentioned can be found at local beer caves around the metro area. Cheers!

• Hiller's, 425 North Center Street, Northville

• The Wine Palace, 13971 Middlebelt, Livonia

• Holiday Market, 520 South Lilly, Canton

• Super Fine Wine, 1634 Haggerty, Canton

• Beer Barron, 19610 Middlebelt, Livonia

• Meadows, 21099 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

• Brass Mug, 19213 Newburgh, Livonia

• Bella Vita, 28870 W 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

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Sweeten holiday fare with Michigan-grown chestnuts

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Fire up the charcoal. It's chestnut season.

If you've got the roaster, Virginia Rinkel can supply the nuts.

She and other members of Chestnut Growers Inc., a cooperative of 40-some Michigan chestnut farmers, are taking their products, including chestnut flour, freeze-dried slices, whole and peeled, fresh chestnuts, on the road through December, visiting farmer's markets in metro Detroit.

"It's one way to educate the public that we're around," Rinkel said. "We need more growers and are experiencing more interest all the time in chestnuts."

With approximately 154 chestnut farms, Michigan claims more growers than other states. But Rinkel said the cooperative hopes to convince other Michigan farmers, such as cherry growers, to cultivate an acre or two of chestnut trees along with their regular crops, helping bolster the state's chestnut yield and meet growing demands for the product.

"By February our freezer is going to be full. We've had some orders for 5,000 pounds the last few years," she said, adding that Whole Foods and other local markets carry Chestnut Growers Inc. products.

Co-op members, like Rinkel and her husband, Bob, who own Vicary Road Chestnut Farm in Leslie, north of Jackson, grow Chinese, European or Japanese chestnuts. Most of the American chestnut trees were wiped out in the early 1900s by blight.

Chestnut Growers Inc. processes and sells their products at farm markets and to retailers. Members peel the chestnuts, which can be frozen, used whole, sliced and dehydrated or ground into flour. Whole unpeeled chestnuts, sold by the bag, must be scored before they are roasted. Peeled, fresh whole chestnuts should be stored in the refrigerator.

"Chestnuts are 70 percent moisture. It's constantly wanting to mold. But that's external mold that is easily wiped off. You won't get internal mold for months," Rinkel said, explaining how to store fresh chestnuts. "You just need to flip the bag every few days in the refrigerator. It's a whole new thing that people just need to be educated to."

Chestnuts are fruits that contain few oils, unlike most nuts. They spoil easily when left at room temperature and nutritionally are more like grains because they contain more starch than protein. They are gluten-free and sweet.

Roasting

When preparing chestnuts for roasting, score the fruits by making a long cut in the shell across the middle of the nut. The opening will allow steam to escape from the nut. Failure to score the nut can cause it to pop and splatter.

Roast chestnuts by placing them in a chestnut roasting pan or old-fashioned fireplace popcorn cooker. Roast on coals or fire for 15-25 minutes. Shake them often.

For oven roasting, place chestnuts on a cookie sheet with raised edges. Add a little water to the pan. Roast for 20-30 minutes at 350 degrees.

Microwave by wrapping six to eight scored chestnuts in a damp paper towel. Microwave on high one or two minutes.

Use dehydrated, frozen sliced or chestnut flour in cooking. Here are a few recipes from the Chestnut Growers, Inc., that use the cooperative's chestnut products:



Hummus

8 ounces CGI freeze-dried Chestnut "Slices" (rehydrated in 16 ounces boiling water) or use 1 pound fresh or frozen-peeled chestnuts

1 1/2 cup reserved chestnut water
1/2 cup lemon juice
2 large cloves garlic (sieved)
1 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2-4 tablespoons pine nuts (to taste)

4 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley or cilantro
1 cup (8 ounces) Tahina
Dash of paprika

For making hummus from freeze-dried chestnut "Slices," bring 16 ounces water to a boil in small saucepan and add freeze-dried chestnut "Slices" stirring to rehydrate. Reduce to a simmer and cook for 15 minutes. Drain the chestnuts, reserving any liquid. Add enough water to this liquid to measure 1 and 1/2 cups liquid. If cooking fresh or frozen-peeled chestnuts in small amount

of water, reserve water and adjust as for the freeze-dried "Slices."

In a food processor or blender, fitted with a steel blade, process the lemon juice, garlic, salt, pepper, cumin, chopped fresh parsley or cilantro, pine nuts and at least 1/2 cup of the reserved cooking water liquid. Add rehydrated chestnuts and continue blending, adding more reserved liquid if needed, blending to very smooth consistency. Pour into large bowl and hand stir in tahini last and blend till you have a smooth consistency.

Serve with cut-up raw vegetables, crackers or warm grilled pita bread cut into wedges.

Note: You also can add cayenne pepper to the hummus. Sometimes leftover hummus tends to thicken. Just add some water to return it to the right consistency.

Cream of Chestnut Soup (vegan style)

4 ounce bag "Chestnut Chips"
4 cups water
1 carrot (7 baby carrots)
1 celery stalk
1 medium onion
1 clove of garlic
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon thyme

Chop vegetables and garlic and place in 4 cups of water in large saucepan. Cover and bring to boil. Reduce heat to simmer, maintaining a low boil. Add "Chestnut Chips" and continue to low boil for 20 minutes. Carefully

remove to blender. If short on liquid, add water to make an even 4 cups. Blend to smooth consistency (about 45 seconds). Salt and pepper to taste. This is a simple base for a delicious soup. Do not hesitate to experiment with other ingredients. For variety, try adding additional spices, parsnips, squash, sweet potato, apple or 1/2 cup Madeira wine. Add Canadian bacon if meat is desired.



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CHESTNUT ROASTINGS

Chestnut Growers Inc. will roast chestnuts and sell chestnut products at these locations:

• 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, Royal Oak Farmer's Market, 316 E. 11 Mile, two blocks east of Main, in downtown Royal Oak

• 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, Detroit Eastern Market, 2934 Russell, Detroit

• 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, Ann Arbor Farmer's Market, 315 Detroit Street, Ann Arbor

Contact: www.chestnutgrowersinc.com; (800) 667-6704; chestnuts4U@hotmail.com

French Sponge Cakes

1/2 cup sifted "fine" chestnut flour
1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoons salt
3 whole eggs — separated
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
6 tablespoons sugar or Splenda

Preheat oven to 350°F -180°C

Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Beat egg yolks in a small bowl, rapidly, until very thick and lemon colored (at least 5-7 minutes), adding almond and vanilla flavorings during the beating.

With clean beaters, (or another beater set) beat the egg whites until stiff and shiny. Add sugar, (1 tablespoon at a time about every 45 seconds) and beat on high constantly. Continue to beat rapidly until whites are very stiff and glossy.

Gently fold in the beaten egg yolks with large rubber spatula until just combined, using large turning over and under motion with spatula. In the same manner, fold in the dry ingredients until just mixed. Do not over beat.

Using two teaspoons, (one to pick up batter from bowl and the other to push it onto the cooking tray) drop onto baking sheets, 2 inches apart.

Bake for 10 minutes or until light golden brown. Remove at once to rack to cool.

TIP: For better results in increasing egg white volume, put bowl, beaters, and spatula used to turn batter in the freezer for a short time 5-10 minutes before using. Take out from freezer and use immediately.



French Sponge Cake Cookies on the left side of the plate are made with chestnut flour; those on the right side are made with regular, white flour. Virginia Rinkel, a Michigan chestnut grower, says the cookies with chestnut flour are sweeter and easier to remove from the baking sheet.



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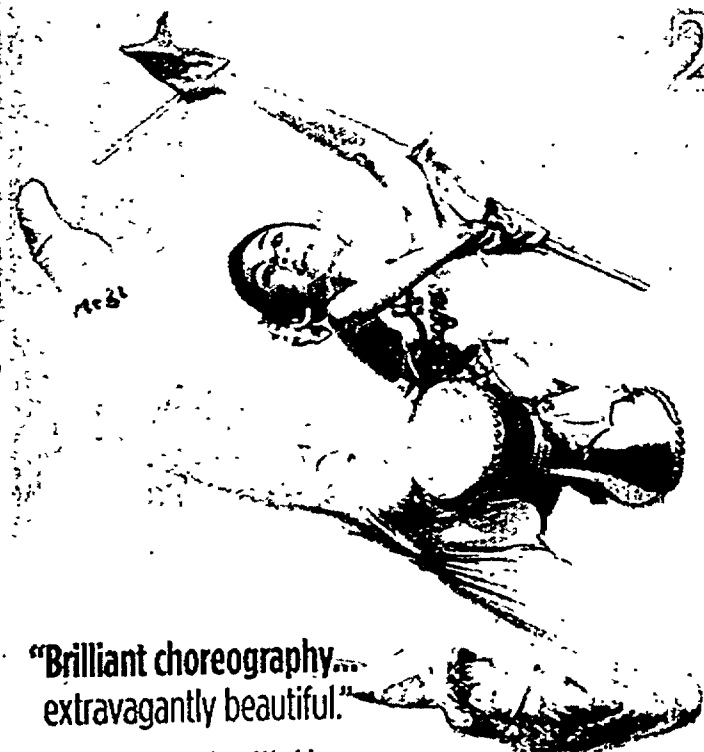
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Bee's Knees employees Marly Killing (left) and Hannah Daily work on some projects at the downtown Northville Main Street business on Nov. 18. The do-it-yourself ceramics project shop will be offering specials through the holiday season to bring in the creative shoppers including an every-Thursday-night Holiday Workshop when shoppers will be able to create a ceramics item for a flat fee.

Let the shopping begin

From Black Friday to Small Business Saturday, retailers ready to sell

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

When it comes to shopping opportunities, holiday shoppers have the best of both worlds in Northville. And, with the holiday retail season officially kicking off, shoppers won't have to go too far to find great deals and gifts.

In downtown, there are a number of locations with unique items and products shoppers won't find anywhere else. From cool clothing to unique art, the shops along Main and Center streets and elsewhere offer a variety of gift ideas for the person who wants to get away from the crowds while also supporting their local merchants.

Stores like GG Boutique, with its line of trendy women's clothing, jewelry and accessories, and the State of Mind art gallery, where shoppers can find various pieces of cool artwork made by local artists, give Northville shoppers plenty of reasons to embrace the push to promote Small Business Saturday.

This idea to counter Black Friday is being promoted by American Express through social media outlets like Facebook. AE is offering a one-time \$25 statement credit when customers

register their eligible American Express Card and use that card for a purchase of \$25 or more at a small business on Nov. 26.

Downtown merchants like GG Boutique's Margene Buckhave know Black Friday is associated with the bigger stores, so they are hoping Small Business Saturday grabs some attention.

However, they will still be working to attract customers on Friday through discounts and promotions. The Bee's Knees Pottery shop is offering an all-day special studio discount of half off the regular rates, and Starring the Gallery has introduced a new line of jewelry just in time for the holidays. Buckhave said her other business, Stamppeddler, will have special sale items available throughout the day.

Big Box

If Northville shoppers, however, are looking to jockey through the crowded aisles or make a midnight trip to shop after Thanksgiving dinner, then a drive along Haggerty Road may be in order. Shopping deals and extended hours highlight Black Friday at big-name locations like Kohl's and Walmart. Both are located along the Haggerty corridor, making it very

convenient to go from store to store.

Kohl's manager Kevin Lynch said they will be doing something for the first time this year that should appeal to shoppers.

"We will be open from midnight to midnight on Friday," Lynch said, adding they will have over 500 door-buster sales on items ranging from clothing to electronics.

Across the street at Wal-Mart things will start a little bit earlier.

"Our customers told us they would rather stay up late to shop than get up early, so we're going to hold special events on Thanksgiving and Black Friday," said Duncan MacNaughton, chief merchandising officer, Walmart U.S.

Starting at 10 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Walmart will kick off its holiday specials with savings on home, toy and apparel items.

And then at midnight shoppers will have access to savings on a wide assortment of top brand name flat-screen TVs, digital cameras, Blu-Ray players and printers. These sales will continue throughout the weekend.

So save your gas money, Northville shoppers — great sales are just down the street.

Survive the holidays with these apps

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

The holidays can be stressful, especially if you are in charge of shopping, decorating and planning. Luckily, there are a number of free and low cost apps to help you navigate to the New Year.

Even if you don't know what an app is — help is on the way. An app, short for application, is a program that can be installed on a smartphone, tablet, or a computer.

Apps provide easy access to the tools you need with a touch of the button — instead of going through a clumsy Internet search that could be time-consuming if you are on a mobile device.

For example: a mobile banking app allows you to access your bank statements, make transfers and check on recent activity with the tap of a button instead of visiting a browser and typing in a URL.

Speaking of mobile banking, many national banks offer free apps that will allow you to monitor your accounts from your smartphone during shopping trips.

Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, PNC Bank, USAA and many more banks, credit card companies and credit unions offer free apps to help you track your expenditures.

Take it one step further with apps like Mint.com Personal Finance that helps you monitor your personal spending. Or, download the PayPal app which allows you to pay merchants securely through your smartphone device. PayPal is perfect for paying online merchants or eBay sellers.

As for eBay, of course there's an app for that. If you are doing any holiday shopping, make sure to download the eBay and Amazon.com apps to track sales, purchases and payments in the palm of your hand.

Of course there are many apps beyond

the realm of finance. You can check out Black Friday deals with Dealtaker Inc's Black Friday app. Or if you have a specific store in mind, there's a good chance you can download apps to check prices and more. Target, Walmart, Walgreens and Sam Club each have free apps.

You can even compare prices of items across all stores with an app like Red Laser which compares prices when you scan a product's bar code.

It may sound cliché but there truly is an app for everything. You can download cookbooks to help with holiday recipes, or navigation apps to help you find the nearest mall or big box store.

Even online gift giving can be completed from your handheld device as many social coupon sites have free apps.

Once you get done pillaging your app store or marketplace for the programs that best fit your lifestyle, while not download something more fun.

Visit the games section and try out one of the most popular games across all platforms: Angry Birds Seasons. Use the angry birds to blow off some steam and take out some holiday aggression — instead of directing it to the crazy shoppers and mall parking lot drivers.

Download an app

Don't know how to download an app? Don't worry here's how:

If you are on an Apple device like an iPad, iPhone, or iPod, click the "App Store" button, and get started. You can search for apps using keywords or search by categories.

Similarly, Android smartphone or tablet users can surf through apps in the Android marketplace. Blackberry users can visit the Blackberry World App that is preloaded on the device.

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Home for the Holidays

Abbey Park in Lyon Township will fill with festive cheer this Friday, kicking off the third annual Festival of Trees to benefit local charities. "Community groups decorate all of our trees and each year the Festival grows bigger and better," said Tamra Ward, Abbey Park Administrator. "Our residents, their families and the local community look forward to seeing all of the energy and creativity that goes into decorating all of our beautiful trees."

The local community is invited to participate in this year's Festival of Trees by voting for their favorite tree with a \$1 donation. Voting concludes at 2:00 on Christmas Eve and all of the proceeds from the donation ticket sales will benefit a charity chosen by the winning design team. In 2010, 18 community groups and organizations decorated trees for the competition.

Located on Milford Road just across from Coyote Golf Club in Lyon Township, Abbey Park is a popular new community for seniors looking for affordable retirement living near friends and family. The community has welcomed over 170 new residents since opening in January 2009.

Something for Everyone

Abbey Park brings in the New Year with a festive dinner, and concludes each year with their Community Christmas Celebration and Festival of Trees. Residents have enjoyed a little midnight madness at a Pearls, Pumps and Pajamas Party, kicked up their heels at their midsummer dance and joined the limbo line at the Grandparents Day Luau and pig roast. To celebrate autumn, residents were treated to an Oktoberfest event including serving wenchies, marching waiters, bratwurst, German potato salad and apple



Abbey Park at Mill River resident Lois Watson was recently awarded first place at the annual Senior Spelling Bee. Residents at Abbey Park enjoy weekly dinner trips, monthly visits to local casinos and bi-weekly shopping excursions in addition to field trips to local events, musicals, festivals and parades.

strudel - along with a little beer and musical entertainment. Over 200 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even a couple of great-great grandchildren participated in the annual Halloween Carnival complete with ghosts, games and a costume parade.

A typical week at Abbey Park kicks off on Sunday with an elegant champagne brunch, all faiths church service and cookies and coffee with family and friends. An average week offers the residents more than 45 events and activities to choose from, including live entertainment, Bingo, card clubs, two ice cream socials, weekly dinner trips, chair fitness classes, shopping, scheduled chauffeured transportation, movies and a weekly Happy Hour.

Residents also enjoy monthly casino trips, excursions to Kensington Metro Park and Ervin's Orchards, attendance at local plays and concerts and visits to annual festivals such as Milford Memories and Pumpkinfest.

In a community all their own, residents operate a small Country Store with basic grocery and personal items, and participate on a council that comments and suggests amendments and additions to the

daily menu and activities schedule.

"Anything our seniors are willing to do, we make available to them," said Tamra Ward, Administrator for the Lyon Township location. "We encourage residents to be as active as they can be for as long as possible so they can maintain their independence."

Live Longer, Healthier, Happier

A full activity schedule, great food and a wealth of amenities are just the beginning at Abbey Park. The community features 24-hour staffing, a medical alert system, scheduled chauffeured transportation, a beautiful dining room, and delicious meals in addition to a café, theater, chapel, library, fitness center, beauty salon and the reassurance of a full facility generator.

Abbey Park residents are no strangers to the local community. Group trips are planned for events like the Milford Fourth of July Parade and Hartland Senior Center's Home for the Holidays, plays and performance at local schools, shopping trips and dinner outings to Deadwood Bar & Grill in Northville and

other restaurants in the area.

Although Abbey Park is one of the newest businesses in the neighborhood, they have generously supported many local events and organizations including South Lyon Pumpkinfest, Lyon Township's Kite Festival, Operation Injured Soldier, the Lyon Township Film Festival and Lyon Area Rotary in addition to the Grace Care Center in Trincamalee, Sri Lanka.

Located just 1.5 miles south of I-96 and minutes away from Novi, Brighton and Ann Arbor, Abbey Park offers affordable luxury. From beautifully landscaped grounds and courtyards to an elegant lobby with fountains, fireplaces, a grand piano and comfortable lounge areas, residents are proud to welcome visitors to their new home.

Life at Abbey Park includes a variety of complimentary conveniences that are often an added expense at other communities. On a daily basis, housekeepers make the beds and take out trash. Residents start their day with continental breakfast in the café, and enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner in the Grand Dining Room. Once a week, all residents are treated to full cleaning services, including laundering bed linens and towels.

There are nine floor plans to choose from, ranging from one bedroom with one bath to two bedrooms with two full baths and two walk-in closets. All apartments include either a balcony or patio and a medical monitoring system that is easily accessed from several areas within each unit. Heat, water, electricity and basic cable services are also included.

With an average of 45 weekly events and activities to choose from, days at Abbey Park are full of fun and friendship. Activity Director Cindy Kometh and her assistant Karen

"They make us feel special here. I don't think we could find a better place to live."

Ed Kustron

Hanley work full time to provide opportunities for socialization, entertainment and great food.

The Home of the Brave

Abbey Park also hosts monthly Huron Valley Am-Vet Post 2006 meetings for veterans and their spouses. Some veterans are eligible for up to \$1900 per month in reimbursed living expenses. "Many veterans are not aware of the Aid and Attendance Benefit available through the Veterans Administration." In addition to monthly meetings, the community recently dedicated their "Hall of Honor" commemorating the service of resident Veterans.

World War II Veteran, Ed Kustron, a resident of Abbey Park, is proud of his military service to his country and enjoys reminiscing with the 30 Veterans who are also neighbors in the community. Kustron and his wife, Margaret, moved to Abbey Park from Farmington Hills and are quite sure they've found a happy home. They've become regular players in card games, enjoy the food and new friends and are fond of the Hospitality Director Charles Duty, who regularly makes a special delivery of buttermilk - their favorite drink.

"They make us feel special here," Kustron said. "I don't think we could find a better place to live."

Residents stay connected with friends and family on the Abbey Park facebook page. Visit www.facebook.com to check out photos from year-round events, say hello to Abbey Park residents or keep up with scheduled events. Abbey Park also produces monthly newsletters, weekly activity schedule and a daily posting of menus, schedules and photos from previous events on their in-house monitor system.

"Our friendly staff members arrive each day and work with one directive: to treat our residents at Abbey Park as if they are our own parents," Ward said. "As a result, we all feel like part of one big family here; this is our home away from home."



Abbey Park at Mill River is a great place to call home for the holidays. In addition to dozens of holiday parties, events and concerts, life at Abbey Park includes weekly live entertainment, wine and cheese, Happy Hour, ice cream socials, Wil Bowling, movies and card parties.

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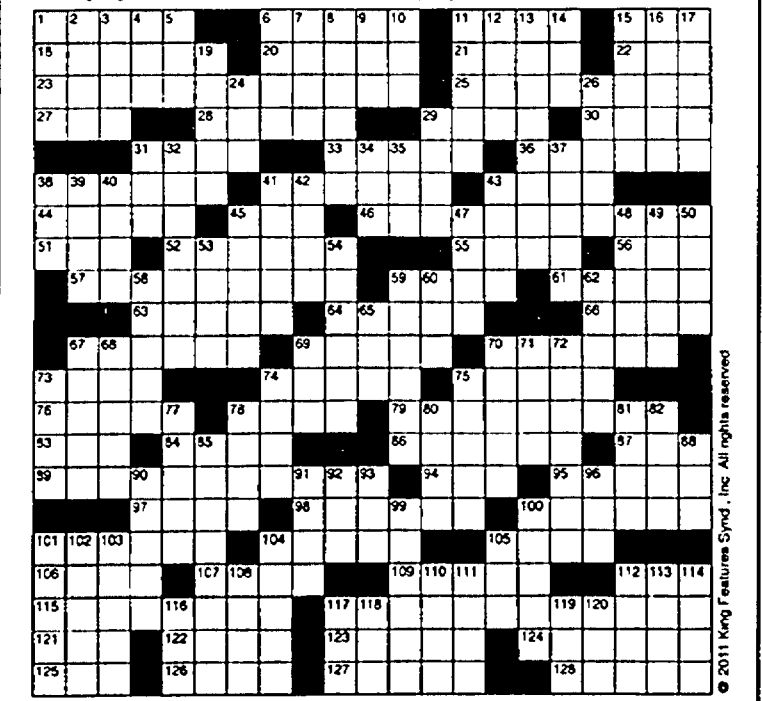
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The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit (BOMA) held its annual awards program The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Presentation on Friday afternoon, Nov. 4, at the Greektown Casino Hotel, Detroit.

The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. The TOBY Awards, now in its 27th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management.

William M. Wylonis, president of BOMA of Metro Detroit, addressed the large gathering and paid tribute to BOMA's outstanding members, "This afternoon we recognize and celebrate our collective and individual efforts ... our people, our innovations and development in our industry."

With a sold-out crowd of nearly 300 people in attendance, Linda M. Yarjanian, RPA, FMA of Transwestern Commercial Services was named Property Manager of the Year; Gregory R. McDuffee of the Detroit-Wayne Joint Building Authority, Facility Manager of the Year; Linda Emert-Grimm of Dietz Property Management and Kristin Falconer of InStar Services Group, Emerging Leader; James L. Jonas, of REDICO, Outstanding Service Award; The Professional Group, Service Provider of the Year; Marshall Spinner of Belfor USA, Supplier Member of the Year; Grubb & Ellis Management Services, Building Owner of the Year; and Bri-

an R. Salliotte, the President's Award.

One Kennedy Square, Computware Corporation World Headquarters and One Detroit Center located Detroit; Oakland Commons in Southfield all took first place in their respective square footage categories as Buildings of the Year. The Fisher Building in Detroit took top honors in the Historical Building category, the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit was first in the Government Building class, 50 West Big Beaver in Bloomfield Hills took the top award in the Medical Office category, and the Northridge Office Complex in Troy was recognized in the Suburban Office Park Low-Rise grouping.

Local TOBY winners advance to regional competition and then move on to international competition at the BOMA International North American Real Estate Congress® and the Every Building Show in Seattle, WA in June 2012.

For additional information on the 2011-12 TOBY and Leadership Awards, contact Janet Langlois or visit www.bomadetroit.org or www.bomadetroit.org.

Founded in 1908, BOMA of Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan. BOMA of Metro



Building Owners & Managers Association President Bill Wylonis presents the Outstanding Service to James Jonas of REDICO. BOMA held its annual awards program honoring excellence in commercial real estate at Greektown Casino Hotel Nov. 4.



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Budget required for repairs

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am a new treasurer for our site condo association. I don't quite understand the rules/law regarding the 10 percent of the budget that needs to be set aside for the reserve fund. Is that 10 percent per year? So if the total budget is \$10,000.00, does \$1,000.00 get put into the reserve fund once?

A: The Michigan Condominium Act requires that a reserve fund be maintained for major repairs and replacements of common elements in a Michigan condominium, and the Michigan Administrative Code requires that it be at a minimum at least 10 percent of the budget, on a noncumulative basis. While this means that only 10 percent of the budget

is required to be in the fund under the code, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) is requiring that each annual budget contain a line item in the minimum amount of 10 percent of the budget. Moreover, the board is required by the act to reasonably determine how much is needed in reserves. Although a site condominium project is not required to obtain FHA certification for FHA backed loans, lenders often want to be assured that the FHA requirements are met by the condominium before funding a loan. Your Board of Directors may be well advised to have a reserve study conducted by a reputable company to ascertain the condition of the common elements to determine how much reserve monies need to be set aside for projected future repairs and replacements. You should consult an experienced condominium attorney to determine if your project and condominium documents meet the 2011 legal requirements, standards and laws.

Q: We are in the process of considering a review of our documents and some of the co-owners are concerned about additional construction in our site condominium which would impair their view, but the developer has not provided any type of guarantee. What do you recommend?

A: If your community is located in a scenic area such as near a beach, lake or in the city with a famous skyline, the view that co-owners enjoy from their units is, obviously, very important to them. Co-owners often buy their particular units because of the views and are dismayed if they are obscured by structure or foliage added later. Co-owners that have paid for a specific view that they can no longer enjoy or that previously made their unit more valuable and unique than others, making resale easier, could possibly sue the association. That is why your association should consider passing a view protection bylaw that prohibits Co-owners from building or planning anything that would block other co-owners' views. In order to pass and implement a successful view protection bylaw, your attorney must carve out key rights for your association and clearly define the terms in the bylaw, including: 1. at what point in time a view is "protected," and, 2. whether the association must enforce a bylaw that protects the co-owners' right to that view.

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

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624 McKinley Cir	\$420,000
45587 N Stonewood Rd	\$120,000
767 Pinehurst Dr	\$259,000
6193 Porteridge Ln	\$187,000
3056 River Meadow Cir	\$154,000
49468 Taft Ln	\$35,000
49501 Taft Ln	\$30,000
43569 W Arbor Way Dr	\$65,000
8382 Westchester Ln	\$165,000
GARDEN CITY	
28771 Barton St	\$64,000
31426 Sheridan St	\$7,000
LIVONIA	
17300 Bassett St	\$102,000
9210 E Deering Ct	\$105,000
14446 Ellen Dr	\$140,000
15666 Gary Ln	\$200,000

15171 Harrison St	\$62,000
27735 Lyndon St	\$111,000
35924 Pinetree St	\$100,000
37564 Scone Ct	\$199,000
28959 W Chicago Ct	\$99,000
11225 W Clements Cir	\$63,000
NORTHVILLE	
19637 Cardene Way	\$152,000
745 Grandview St	\$255,000
15938 Jupiter Hills Dr	\$50,000
19318 Old Bridge Ct	\$106,000
207 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$208,000
49763 Waterstone Estates Cir	\$518,000
42153 Westmeath Ct	\$364,000
48623 Wicker Creel Dr	\$525,000
PLYMOUTH	
263 Adams St	\$185,000
1450 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$37,000
424 Ann St	\$245,000

47330 Marisa Ct	\$435,000
306 N Holbrook St	\$156,000
1096 Roosevelt St	\$195,000
585 Virginia St	\$158,000
1441 Woodland Pl	\$443,000
25301 Five Mile Rd	\$6,000
REDFORD	
9144 Brady	\$50,000
14077 Breakfast Dr	\$126,000
11312 Dixie	\$52,000
26414 W Chicago	\$40,000
WESTLAND	
38182 Avondale St	\$99,000
37140 Concor Ct	\$88,000
32243 Harvard St	\$59,000
6080 Herbert St	\$45,000
30900 Hweley St	\$65,000
33272 Mill Race Cir	\$66,000
1525 Selma St	\$72,000
38073 Sherwood St	\$23,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 8-12, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
16969 Dunblaine Ave	\$155,000
30425 Embassy St	\$175,000
15685 Kirkshire Ave	\$96,000
BIRMINGHAM	
125 E 14 Mile Rd	\$42,000
2859 E Maple Rd	\$29,000
2455 Fairway Dr	\$200,000
1340 Pierce St	\$293,000
1267 Pilgrim Ave	\$1,050,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit	\$150,000
1577 Washington Blvd	\$107,000
1109 Yorkshire Rd	\$260,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
2658 Brady Dr	\$35,000

3606 Halla Ln	\$248,000
6887 Lahser Rd	\$125,000
1044 Stratford Ln	\$93,000
3890 Valley Hill Rd	\$93,000
7470 W Greenway Dr	\$183,000
705 Weybridge Dr	\$218,000
1241 Woodcrest Cir	\$175,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3108 Broadway Blvd	\$580,000
4519 Cherokee Ln	\$125,000
5920 Crabtree Ln	\$182,000
862 E Glengarry Cir	\$176,000
1864 Harvest Ln	\$290,000
4081 Justin Ct	\$155,000
1537 Ledbury Dr	\$130,000
3011 Middlebury Ln	\$435,000
2175 Squirrel Rd	\$231,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
3320 Edgewood Park Dr	\$900,000
5946 Strawberry Cir	\$308,000
5971 Strawberry Cir	\$306,000
8342 Timber Cove St	\$187,000
FARMINGTON	
35453 Heritage Ct	\$85,000
21229 Robinwood St	\$130,000

FARMINGTON HILLS	
27402 Beacon Sq	\$140,000
28014 Bellcrest St	\$140,000
30539 Fox Club Dr	\$385,000
28993 Glenarden St	\$174,000
35312 Hillside Dr	\$87,000
35355 Muer Cv	\$175,000
31236 Oak Valley Dr	\$152,000
22086 Purdue Ave	\$45,000
21164 Rensselaer St	\$21,000
21502 Rensselaer St	\$51,000
28868 Salem Rd	\$375,000
30710 Springland St	\$116,000
28151 Wingfield Way	\$205,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18594 Saratoga Blvd	\$105,000
17535 Wiltshire Blvd	\$120,000
MILFORD	
3125 Katie Ln	\$268,000
1546 Pinewood	\$195,000
1301 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$236,000
NOVI	
51123 Brompton	\$211,000

24604 Cavendish Ave E	\$368,000
27521 Cromwell Rd	\$236,000
44796 Ford Way Dr	\$253,000
31216 Kingswood Blvd	\$240,000
40512 Lenox Park Dr	\$226,000
40542 Lenox Park Dr	\$251,000
23654 Londonderry	\$140,000
27134 Maxwell Ct	\$240,000
24488 Olde Orchard St	\$43,000
41696 Sudbury Ct	\$279,000
22617 Summer Ln	\$450,000
29420 Weston Dr	\$170,000
SOUTH LYON	
24859 Martindale Rd	\$179,000
Southfield	
26812 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$35,000
29420 Guy St	\$68,000
24205 Pierce St	\$36,000
23260 Russell St	\$43,000
WHITE LAKE	
8798 Charbane St	\$185,000
780 Ennest St	\$55,000
10226 Lakeside Dr	\$88,000
248 Rosario Ln	\$195,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

On the job

RE/MAX Classic, a local real estate brokerage, announced the affiliation of Associate Realtor Angela Roe at their Canton location.

Roe, formerly of Keller Williams in Livonia, specializes in residential real estate sales in the Plymouth, Canton, Wayne and Westland areas. Roe's expertise expands to leasing opportunities, buyer representation, distressed properties and condominium sales throughout Western Wayne County.

"The expansion and growth of our associate members further strengthens our ability to meet



Roe McGonagle

the needs of our customers," said Carol Boji, broker/owner of RE/MAX Classic. "Angela is a much-welcome addition to our team in Canton. Her personal attention to her clients and professional skills are a fitting addition to our Canton office and the surrounding communi-

ties. We welcome her aboard and are proud to announce she's joined us."

The firm of RE/MAX Classic encompasses four metro Detroit offices located in Farmington Hills, Novi, Canton and Milford.

Real Estate One, Novi, welcomed Linda McGonagle to its new office. McGonagle is a full-time sales associate with over 30 years of real estate experience.

Her credentials are: a licensed builder, a Short Sale & Foreclosure specialist, a relocation specialist, and a certified Seniors' Real Estate specialist. In addition, McGonagle's

resume consists of many years of experience within the commercial side of real estate.

Kathy Solan, manager of the Real Estate One, Novi office, stated she was impressed with the depth of experience and knowledge McGonagle brings to the table.

"Our clients are well represented and in extremely proficient hands when they place their trust in Linda. We are proud to have her join our team of stellar agents."

McGonagle can be reached at Real Estate One, 41430 Grand River, Novi, and at (248) 348-6430.

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or Buy \$13,678**
Was \$18,000

27 Mo. Lease \$189/mo.
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NEW 2012 FORD FOCUS SE SEDAN
Auto, 201A
27 Mo. Lease \$143/mo.
or Buy \$17,135**
Was \$21,720

UP TO \$1000 FACTORY REBATE

*A2 Plan, 18,500 miles per year with \$2,500 down. Includes title, plate, doc, tax and first payment. Waived security deposit. **A2 plan Competitive Lease Compared plus tax.

NEW 2011 SYNC, reverse sensing
27 Mo. Lease \$218/mo.
or Buy \$22,813**
Was \$27,500

UP TO \$3750 FACTORY REBATE
UP TO 0% APR FOR UP TO 60 MOS.

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NEW 2012 FORD EXPLORER FWD BASE
Satellite radio
27 Mo. Lease \$231/mo.
or Buy \$24,974**
Was \$29,190

UP TO \$2250 FACTORY REBATE

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NEW 2012 FORD ESCAPE LTD FWD I-4
Moon, moon, loaded
SIGN AND DRIVE
27 Mo. Lease \$237/mo.
or Buy \$23,955**
Was \$29,265

UP TO \$3250 FACTORY REBATE
UP TO 0% APR FOR UP TO 60 MOS.

*A2 Plan, 18,500 miles per year with \$2,500 down. Includes title, plate, doc, tax and first payment. Waived security deposit. **A2 plan Competitive Lease Compared plus tax.

NEW 2012 FORD FUSION SEL I-4
302A, leather, moon, loaded
SIGN AND DRIVE
27 Mo. Lease \$240/mo.
or Buy \$21,654**
Was \$26,800

UP TO \$3250 FACTORY REBATE
UP TO 0% APR FOR UP TO 60 MOS.

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NEW 2012 FORD F150 XLT SUPER CAB 4x4
4.0 V6, cruise, lift, chrome
27 Mo. Lease \$269/mo.
or Buy \$20,199**
Was \$24,000

UP TO \$5250 FACTORY REBATE
UP TO 0% APR FOR UP TO 60 MOS.

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27 Mo. Lease \$280/mo.
or Buy \$24,233**
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UP TO \$4250 FACTORY REBATE

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Leather, one owner, 5 to choose, as low as
\$33,995

2010 LINCOLN MKZ AWD
Ultimate pkg., one owner, only 10k miles
\$31,995

2011 FORD EDGE LIMITED
Leather, MyTouch, certified, 3 to choose, as low as
\$26,995

2010 CHEVY 1500 SILVERADO LTZ EXT CAB 4x4
Leather, navigation, only 21k miles
\$30,995

2010 FORD FUSION SEL
Leather, moonroof, certified, only 17k miles
\$20,995

2009 FORD ESCAPE XLT V/6
Moonroof, certified, one owner
\$15,995

2005 FORD F350 LARIAT CREW CAB 4x4
V/8, long box, one owner
\$17,995

2007 CADILLAC DTS
Leather, navigation, priced to move
\$12,995

2009 LINCOLN MKS SEDAN
Moonroof, one owner, only 19k miles
\$27,995

2005 FORD EXPEDITION XLT 4x4
Like new, priced to move
\$9,995

2004 FORD F250 XLT CREW CAB
Diesel, one owner, priced to move
\$13,995

2009 PONTIAC G/8 SEDAN
Moonroof, leather, only 21k miles
\$22,995

2002 MINI COOPER S
Leather, moonroof, priced to move
\$9,995

2004 BUICK LESABRE CUSTOM
Leather, chrome wheels, only 52k miles
\$10,995

2008 CADILLAC STS AWD
Moonroof, navigation, power windows
\$21,995

2009 FORD FUSION SE
Moonroof, leather, certified
\$17,995

2010 FORD F150 XLT S-CREW 4x4
Crew cab, one owner, priced to move
\$24,995

2010 FORD FLEX SE
Certified, one owner, only 10k miles
\$21,995

2008 FORD EDGE LIMITED AWD
Leather, moonroof, certified
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Leather, moonroof, certified
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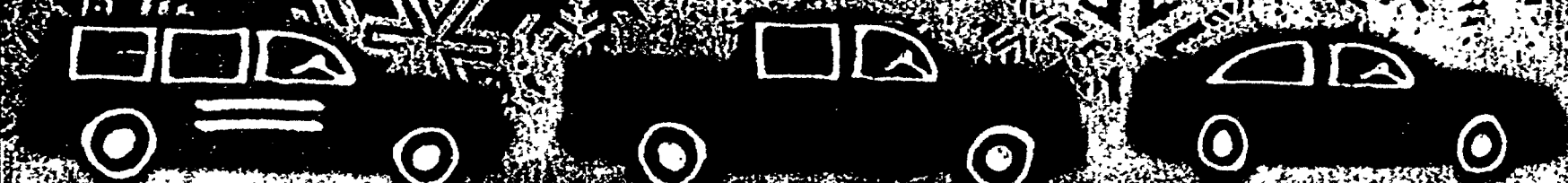
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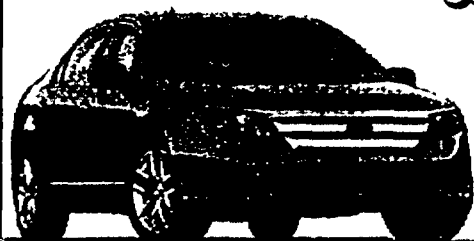


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NEW 2012 Ford Fusion SEL

EPA estimated 23 city / 33 hwy mpg
Loaded, Leather, Moonroof



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MSRP \$28,985

Featuring: Sync, Automatic, Power Windows, Locks, Mirrors, Keyless Entry, Satellite Radio, BUS, Rearview Camera, Reverse Sensing.
40 at this price - 350 available

27 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.

\$1000 DOWN **SIGN & DRIVE**
\$187* **\$235***
\$1319 due at signing \$0 due at signing

NEW 2012 Ford Escape Limited

EPA estimated 21 city / 28 hwy mpg
Sun & Sync Package



27 month lease

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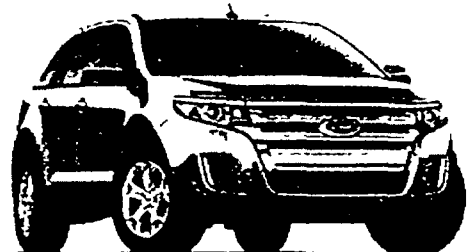
\$1000 DOWN **SIGN & DRIVE**
\$182* **\$232***
\$1388 due at signing \$0 due at signing

Buy for \$21,913+
MSRP \$29,740

Featuring: 302A Package, Chrome Wheels, Luxury Package, Moonroof, Premium Sound.
20 at this price - 373 available

NEW 2012 Ford Edge SE

EPA estimated 19 city / 26 hwy mpg



Buy for \$22,277+
MSRP \$28,835

Featuring: Tilt Wheel, Cruise Control, Power Windows, Seats, Locks.
5 at this price - 127 available

27 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.

\$1000 DOWN **SIGN & DRIVE**
\$256* **\$307***
\$1391 due at signing \$0 due at signing

NEW 2012 Ford Focus SE

EPA estimated 23 city / 33 hwy mpg
Sport Package



27 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.

\$1000 DOWN **SIGN & DRIVE**
\$181* **\$228***
\$1267 due at signing \$0 due at signing

Buy for \$17,742+
MSRP \$22,375

Featuring: Automatic, Cruise Control, Rear Spoiler, Power Windows.
4 at this price - 100 available

NEW 2012 Ford Explorer XLT

EPA estimated 17 city / 23 hwy mpg



Buy for \$29,754+
MSRP \$29,740

Featuring: Leather, Power Liftgate, Sync, My Ford Touch, Premium Audio, Rearview Camera, Heated Seats.
3 at this price - 90 available

27 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.

\$1000 DOWN **SIGN & DRIVE**
\$317* **\$370***
\$1426 due at signing \$0 due at signing

NEW 2011 Ford F150 Super Cab 4x4 XLT

EPA estimated 15 city / 21 hwy mpg



27 month lease

Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.

\$1000 DOWN **SIGN & DRIVE**
\$270* **\$322***
\$1422 due at signing \$0 due at signing

Buy for \$27,084+
MSRP 40,120

Featuring: Ecoboost 3.5 L V6 Engine, XLT Convenience Package, Keyless Entry, Trailer Tow, XLT Chrome Pkg., Limited Slip.
3 At This Price - 132 Available.

NEW 2012 Ford Fiesta SE

EPA estimated 29 city / 38 hwy mpg



Buy for \$15,373+
MSRP \$18,530

Featuring: Sport Appearance Pkg., SYNC and Sound, Automatic, Ambient Lighting, Satellite Radio, Heated Seats, Keyless Entry Key Pad.
3 at this price - 36 available

27 month lease

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\$1257 due at signing \$0 due at signing

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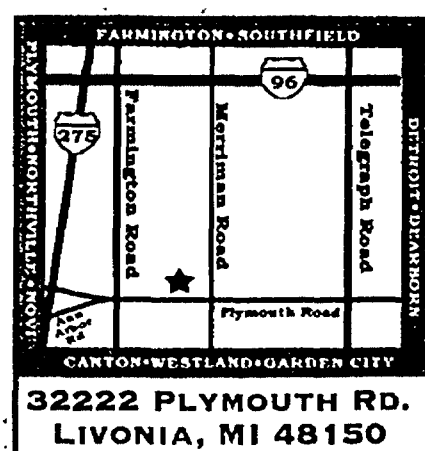
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