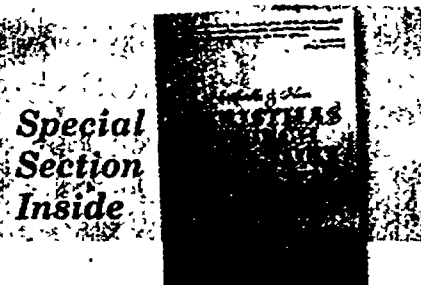


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Lower water fees could attract more businesses to township

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Northville Township is evaluating its water tap fees to see if its methodology for setting charges can be updated to fit the reality of a commercial location's actual uses.

Supervisor Mark Abbo presented the idea to the township board at their last meeting, saying the No. 1 complaint he hears from businesses wanting to come

to Northville Township is the tap fee amounts. He said they have one of the highest in southeast Michigan.

This charge is assessed to a home owner or business for hooking up to a water and sewer system.

"If we are more equitable in our process, I think more businesses would consider coming to Northville Township," Abbo said.

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DETAILS

Northville Township uses the following as base fees for connecting: water \$3,000/Living Unit and sewer \$9,500/Living Unit. The resultant capital connection or tap fee is determined by multiplying the above set base fee by the Equivalent Living Unit Factor Schedule determined from a table of defined uses.

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Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

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

All the events will take place rain or shine. Bring something to drink, a roasting stick if you have one, and a great outdoor or nature story to share. Pre-registration is not required. For details, call (734) 787-0062 or email: ballt4@michigan.gov.



A leader's legacy



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Michigan Teacher of the Year Heidi Capraro hugs one of the many students who stood up and volunteered kind words for their teacher during an afternoon ceremony honoring the Hillside Middle School science educator in 2005.

Northville mourns loss of educator Heidi Capraro

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Heidi Capraro has left behind an educational legacy that touched so many lives throughout her 20-year career in the Northville Public School district.

Hillside Middle School Principal James Cracraft announced last week

Please see CAPRARO, A15

"We are all very sad by this news. Heidi meant so much to the students, staff, parents and community. She had a big impact."

JAMES CRACRAFT
Hillside Middle School Principal

Senior citizens to benefit from block grants

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

The City of Northville has approved the distribution of next year's Community Development Block Grant funds on senior services and renovations at Allen Terrace.

In 2012, the municipality is expected to receive \$43,680 from the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant program and \$5,000 from the Oakland County CDBG.

The council approved a resolution allocating that the federal dollars being distributed by Wayne and Oakland counties go toward public services for seniors in the amount of \$11,432 with \$32,299 toward the rehab of public residential at Allen Terrace and the remaining \$5,000 on general program administration. "This will be put to good use and be very helpful for our senior community here in Northville," Housing Commission Director Sherry Necelis said.

These grants will help with transportation and staffing at the Northville Senior Center. Necelis also said Allen Terrace is looking at conserving energy by making improvements to add greater R-factor to the insulation in the attic and changing shower heads and faucets. Another upgrade will be the replacement of locks and deadbolts throughout the building.

And finally, a percentage of the annual allocation can go toward program administration. All funding for Allen Terrace is approved by the City of Northville.

The Housing Commission

was created by City Council ordinance in 1970. Its role is to set policy and provide guidance for the management of Allen Terrace, which is an apartment community for independent senior citizens aged 55 and over.

Built in 1978, it has 98 one-bedroom apartments and two two-bedroom apartments. No local, state, or federal funds support Allen Terrace. All operating, maintenance, and debt service expenses are covered by resident rents. However, these grants will help keep rent below market rate. Building Authority Bonds financed the construction of Allen Terrace.

The commission consists of a five-member board appointed by the mayor. The staff includes the housing director, maintenance manager, administrative assistant, and on-call maintenance assistants. It meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Allen Terrace.

A public hearing was held at the last City Council meeting to hear any issues regarding the allocation of the CDBG funding. According to City Manager Patrick Sullivan, there were no comments made during the hearing.

CDBG funds are used to target low- to moderate-income residents or to provide an urgent community need. According to the City of Northville, it has no low/moderate income census tracts for project eligibility; however, the category of senior citizens qualifies as a presumed benefit group eligible for CDBG expenditures.



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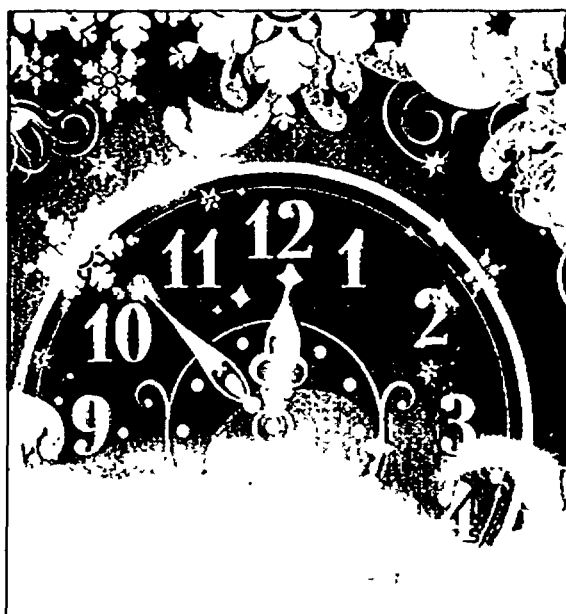
Ring in the new year with 'Months On End'

Northville's Tipping Point Theatre will present "Months On End," a comedy of the interwoven lives of 10 people throughout the course of one year, in three fundraising performances Dec. 29-31.

Beginning on New Year's Eve, the story

follows happiness and heartbreak as it shifts among the group. Join the TPT actors as they bring each scene to life, while binding all 12 months into a wonderful performance.

The story centers around Phoebe (Angela Kay Miller) and Ben



(James R. Kuhl), who are engaged to be married. But Phoebe worries that her Beatles-obsessed fiancé may not be the right man for her. Ben is no help planning the wedding because he's distracted by a friend's illness. Phoebe's friend, Elaine (Sonja Marquis), is jealous of Phoebe's relationship, especially since none of hers last more than five dates. She's ready to give up on

love until she meets the eternally optimistic Walter (Taras Los), whose only flaw may be that he's married.

Walter's gruff brother, Nick (Rob Pantano), is single, but when he proposes to Paige (Julia Garlotte) on a beach, her answer is to scream and drop the engagement ring in the sand. Heidi (Katie Terpstra), Phoebe's sister, delivers a comic gem of a com-

DETAILS

Months On End:

All performances are at 8 p.m. at the Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, Northville. Tickets are \$25 for Dec. 29 and 30 and \$75 for the Dec. 31, New Year's Eve performance (followed by an afterglow party which includes appetizers provided by Rocky's of Northville, wine and a toast dose to midnight; \$50 of the \$75 ticket is tax-deductible donation.) For more information or to order tickets, call (248) 347-0003; e-mail tix@tippingpointtheatre.com; or visit www.tippingpointtheatre.com. Tipping Point Theatre is located at 361 E. Cady Street, Northville.

Upcoming production:

"The Love List" by Norm Foster, Jan. 19-Feb. 19, starring Dave Davies, Tina Gloss and Wayne David Parker.

mencement address in May that starts as a tribute to the graduates' parents, but degenerates into a hysterical tirade against them.

Come June, Phoebe's wedding day meltdown isn't helped by her mother Gwen's (Julia Glander) complaints, or her father, Chris (Thomas D. Mahard), who (while trying to calm her fears) tells Phoebe to "pretend you're in an airplane

that's crashing..." Walter and Nick and their friend Tony (Peter Prouty) battle hilariously in July over what they find sexy about women (but it's not what you think). The diverse scenes and characters in this winning play come together to create a delightful theatrical experience, encompassing a range of emotions from happiness to sorrow and everything in between.

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Novi Bowl asking for holiday help

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Tari Rutkowski admits she thought people and families in Novi did not struggle financially as much as those in other communities.

But after the assistant manager at Novi Bowl met with people associated with the Northville Civic Concern and those in Novi organizing clothing closets and food pantries, that mind set quickly changed.

"I know as much as everyone wants to say the economy is getting better, but it's not really getting all that better," she said. "Drive through a subdivision or listen to the kids when they come in here - people are losing homes and struggling left and right, just like in any other community."

In an effort to help those struggling during the holiday season Rutkowski has organized a Cans and Coats for the Community program at the bowling alley.

This is the first time Novi Bowl has hosted this program, but Rutkowski is optimistic that the many people who frequent the business will step up to help.

She said people can drop off new or gently used winter items such as hats, gloves, scarves, coats and more, and in terms of food, any non-perishable food item can be used. The clothing donation will eventually be given to clothing closet at Holy Family Church and the food to the pantry at Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

Rutkowski said while many families and people are struggling, there is always someone who has it worse.

"I just hope people look in their hearts and give what they can," she said.

Novi Bowl is located at 21700 Novi Road. It's open from 9 a.m. to midnight every day, and donations can be dropped off at the boxes inside.

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Novi Bowl's Tari Rutkowski is organizing a "Cans and Coats for the Community" drive at the Novi Road location. They're asking patrons to drop off good winter coats and canned food which will be donated to the foodbank at Novi's Faith Presbyterian Church and clothes will be sent to Novi's Church of the Holy Family on Meadowbrook.

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Annual event raises awareness of arthritis

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

The Arthritis Foundation's signature event, the Jingle Bell Run/Walk, is taking place this Saturday morning in downtown Northville as a part of a larger effort to bring awareness and raise funding to help with finding a cure.

Organizers are looking to the community to help with their cause.

Local honoree Taylor Gray, 13, of Farmington Hills, will be participating for the third time.

The goal of the 24th annual Jingle Bell event is to fight the number one disease in America. At just 16 months old, Taylor was diagnosed with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis, which has affected her wrists, ankles, knees, toes and fingers.

She and her family believe it is important for people to realize that children get arthritis, too.

"I would like people to understand that it's not just your grandparents who have this," Taylor said. "Many young people like me are living with this and the difficulties it brings."

She said she has not only endured joint pain, but injections and infusions as well. It also doesn't help that a general unawareness has caused some confusion amongst her classmates when they wonder why she can't fully participate in some gym class activities.

However, she has not let this disease slow her down. Walking the 5k as a part of Team Deter-



Taylor Gray

DETAILS

Event: 2011 Jingle Bell Run/Walk

Time: 9 a.m.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 3

Location: Northville Downs Race Track (Center Street and Seven Mile Road)

Register: online at www.arthritis.org (keyword "Jingle Bell Run/Walk") or the day of the event

mination this weekend is an example of her resolve.

This event is one of four similar competitive fundraisers in Michigan, the next being in Grand Rapids. It offers competitive timing, awards in fourteen different age categories and a post-race party sponsored by Qdoba, Busch's, Biggby, Powerade and others.

For kids there is a "Snowman Shuffle," which is a ¼ mile fun-run for kids under 12.

There will also be prizes, including signed Red Wings memorabilia, given to the biggest team and fundraiser and for the most inventive costume. Participants are encouraged to wear a holiday-themed costume.

Tying jingle bells to one's shoelaces is a popular look.

This is a great chance to help with funding critical research at Michigan universities, heightening arthritis awareness, and growing the portfolio of services and life-improvement programs the Arthritis Foundation offers to aid in the prevention, control and cure of Arthritis. The event will also support Camp Dakota, the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter's one-week, residential camp for kids with Arthritis, which Taylor participates in.

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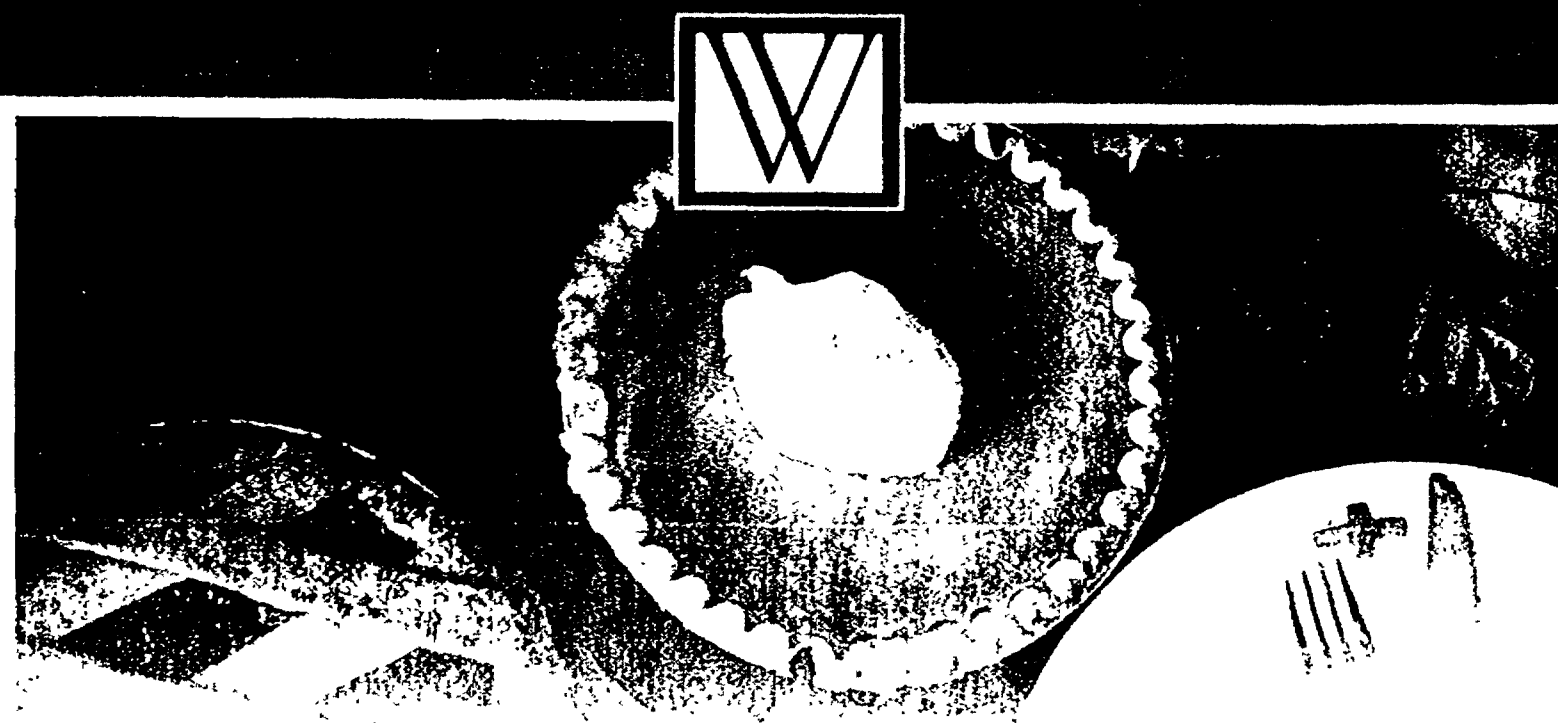
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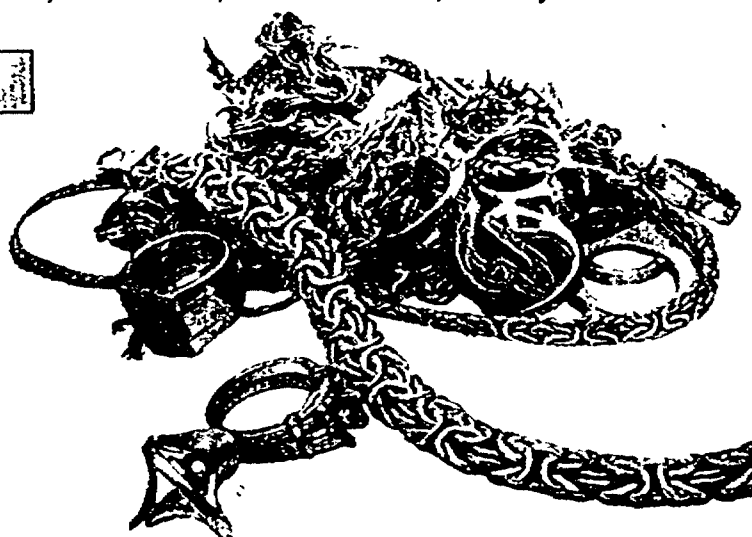
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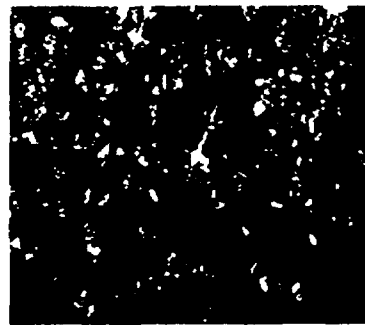


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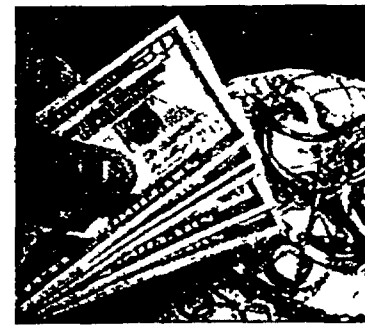


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Moraine Elementary School fourth grader Shane Sandhu greets a ball python that's being safely held by Science Alive's Terri Neil during a Nov. 23 assembly. Neil brought along a number of reptiles for the kids to take a look at and answered some questions about the python and whether it's been spreading out and taking over in the Florida Everglades.

Livin' the wild life

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Science Alive gives Moraine Elementary students a close-up look at some animals they can't find in their back yards.

Biologist Terri Neill visited a number of classrooms last week at Moraine, bringing with her an agouti as well as a call duck, alligator, springhaas and python. Giving Gentle Ben the python a snake hug might have been the highlight of the day in Juliann Mooney's third-grade and fourth-grade split classroom.

For the students, this was hands-on learning at its most exciting. Neill gave each the opportunity to touch and see up close each detail of the animals.

Third-grader Joseph Aylor spoke for the entire class when he said, "It was a lot of fun!"

Many of them have done this before and look forward to each visit. Mooney said every visit has them learning about a variety of species.

"This is a very knowledgeable bunch," she said of her students.

"They remember everything about these animals."

Neill brought out Google, the agouti, first. She walked the students through every characteristic that

makes this chinchilla-like animal so unique. In the guinea pig/rodent family, the agouti uses big teeth to gnaw and its eyes to see its predators.

The call duck was fed by Neill as the students looked on as Munchkin moved across the carpet eating crickets. This view takes the animals off the text book pages and puts them in a position that gives students a fun way to learn, Neill said.

"It's interesting to see them so close up," Joseph said. "I have held a python and other animals before so I like being interactive with them."

Neill said they have been doing activities in Northville for years. Making learning fun is the whole idea. Participation is always very high with questions and answers aplenty.

The springhaas, translated from German as jumping rabbit, was named Harriet.

She hopped around the room looking like a rabbit and behaving like one, but she isn't and this left the class wondering. Digging with its hands and being nocturnal, this animal was named by German explorers who spotted it in the deserts of Africa hundreds of years ago.

Mooney's class had so much fun that day the session carried over into another hour.

District seeks input from families of incoming kindergartners

Northville Public Schools is seeking input via a short on-line survey from families of incoming kindergarten students to help create kindergarten options for the 2012-13 school year that best align the needs of families with the district's resources.

Northville Public Schools is in the process of developing a full-day kindergarten program to be offered at each of the district's elementary schools for the fall of 2012. This decision is based on the Michigan Legislature's anticipated restriction, beginning in the 2012-13 school year, to provide full per-pupil funding to districts for only those kindergarten students who attend full-day programs. School districts will receive half of the per-pupil funding for those students attending half-day kindergarten.

While Northville Public Schools strongly believes in the academic integrity of its current half-day program, district leaders are evaluating the kindergarten program for next year to avoid a significant loss in revenue, as well as to provide a full-day option for parents. Currently, Northville school fam-

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Go to this website to take the on-line survey: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22DTA9H3R3D>

ilies preferring a full-day program for their kindergartners can select a combination of half-day kindergarten and pay for programs, such as the district's Wondergarten program, for the balance of the day.

Given the availability of full-day kindergarten, the district will not offer Wondergarten next year, but will continue to offer as an option for parents the fee-based before and after school "Kids Club" childcare program for students enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade from 8:50 a.m. and 3:45-6 p.m.

The purpose of the on-line survey is to gauge the interest in half-day versus full-day kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year. The survey is intended only for families of incoming August 2012 Kindergarten students and should be completed by Dec. 4.

Pontiac firm wins bid to refurbish 8 Mile Road athletic stadium

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Plans for the installation of a turf field and overall refurbishment at the 8 Mile Road athletic stadium can now move forward with the awarding of the construction management contract to the Pontiac-based George W. Auch Company.

The Northville Board of Education awarded the contract to the Auch Company after it was concluded it had demonstrated its experience along with the necessary knowledge and technical ability needed to undertake such a big project. Board member Joe Hige said Auch's prior involvement with artificial turf installation projects and storm water management led it to win the bidding process.

"We felt Auch was just better and is going to serve the district in a better manner in the end for the overall management

of the project," Hige said on behalf of the recommendation committee.

Auch will design, engineer and oversee the completion of phase one with a final bid of nearly \$620,000. The other bidder, McCarty and Smith, Inc., came in around \$550,000.

The recommendation committee believed that, although Auch is the higher bid, the additional on-site construction supervision and the inclusion of architectural support to provide a master plan for the 8 Mile stadium justified the higher fees.

Expected to be completed in three phases, the first phase will have the turf put in along with new lighting, audio, a score board and press box. The overall costs of this phase are estimated at \$1.2 million.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said much of the funding for the stadium is coming

from donations, which are being handled by the Northville Educational Foundation. Two substantial donations came from the Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation with a gift of \$100,000 and an anonymous gift of \$500,000.

According to Gallagher, additional help will come from the district's sinking fund. This will be devoted toward the \$75,000 press box and the \$250,000 worth of lighting work. This millage was approved last spring by Northville voters to help fund facility and building renovations.

Joan Wadsworth, board president, expressed the board's appreciation for the efforts of the NEF and said they have hopes to continue with the upgrades after phase one is completed.

Other plans include improvements to the locker rooms, concessions, restrooms, fencing, entryways and walkways.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Cell phones for soldiers

Northville High School, along with 99.5 WYCD Radio, is proud to participate in a county-wide contest to collect cell phones for soldiers.

Parents: If you have any old phones (working or not) that you would be willing

to donate to this cause, please feel free to drop them off in the Northville High School office or send them in with your student.

There is a drop box in the front office and the collection will run through Dec.

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Great shopping, yule events draw people to Northville

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Kyle Zielonka, 11, had the day off from school the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and came to downtown Northville with grandma Cheryl Zielonka to shop.

"Usually I just get for my grandma and my mom and aunt" and uncle, said Kyle, a Livonia resident who attends Cooper Upper Elementary in the Livonia district. He also has two young cousins to buy for this Christmas, and had his list handy at Pear-aphernalia in downtown Northville.

Pat Finnegan and Lori Stempien, co-owners of the home decor and gift store, were helping the Zielonkas with their holiday shopping. "He's writing down all the ideas he's getting for gifts," said grandma Cheryl, noting her grandson may make some gifts.

Kyle likes to shop in Northville with his mom as well. "We get coffee and hot chocolate for me," he said. "I really like the decorations for Christmas, and I think it's a neat place to come."

Stempien told them her daughter has a shop, The Moon & Me, just down the street in Northville where they might find things for the young cousins.

"It's been very good," Stempien said of business this season. "The last couple of weeks have been very steady. We find it encouraging."

Finnegan agreed. "We appreciate our local shoppers," she said. "They're decorating their homes right now. And (buying) gifts, too. I think we've had a lot of early shoppers. I've had a lot of people say 'I'm already done decorating.'"

Pear-aphernalia has been at two different downtown Northville locations 10 years and draws shoppers. "They want to get a value," Finnegan said. "I think they're buying smart."

Down the street the Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro was doing a brisk business. Shopper Bridget Karaisz stopped in for a holiday-themed magazine.

"I was picking up rolls at Great Harvest Bread," Karaisz said. "I always get them for Thanksgiving. They're the best."

She's concerned smaller bookstores will disappear, especially now that chain bookstore Borders has gone under. "I'm trying to support the smaller bookstores," the Northville Township resident said.

Karaisz likes the atmosphere at the Northville bookstore, and North-



Rebecca Barry, owner of downtown Northville's The Moon and Me baby apparel shop, gets ready for holiday shoppers on Nov. 29.



Carolyn Watkins checks out some of the book titles at downtown Northville's Next Chapter book store on Nov. 29.

ville shopping in general. "There's not a lot of technology flying all over you," she said. "It's not so helter skelter here. That's the best way I can put it."

Karaisz will likely be back downtown before Christmas to shop more: "I'd say I have one-eighth done," she said

with a smile. "I still have to shop." She's lived in the area since 1992 and added, "I always come here for everything."

Linda Caine's the buyer for the Northville bookstore, and noted several children's books are popular. These include "What Am I? Michigan," as well as "Diary

of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever."

"A lot of kids read that series," Caine said. Jan Brett's "Home for Christmas" is also popular for children.

Fiction sells well among the adult readers, including a title set in Michigan, "South of Superior" by Ellen Air-

good. "The Windward Shore: A Winter on the Great Lakes" by Jerry Dennis is a nature book that's selling well. Dennis has done other books on Michigan, Caine said.

Nonfiction top sellers include "Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination That Changed America Forever" by Bill O'Reilly. Caine particularly likes "Tolstoy and the Purple Chair: My Year of Magical Reading" by Nina Sankovitch. The story tells of the author's loss of her sister at a young age and the consolation she found in books, including Tolstoy's.

"We're all geared up for Christmas and the holiday season," Caine said. Next Chapter can special order books for no additional charge, which usually arrive in two days.

The bookstore's been in Northville since May 2010. The quote isn't Caine's original, but she likes the idea of "Find It Here. Buy It Here. Keep Us Here," which ties in with shopping locally.

"We'd like you to buy here," she said. "We do find Northville to be an amazing supporter of all their local businesses."

The store is starting to see customers from Canton and Novi, where Borders locations closed.

Caine points with pride to the store's lower level, which hosts 10 a.m. Wednesday storytimes for kids as well as providing meeting space for local book clubs.

Shopping and dining bring many to Northville, but there are also many special events this holiday season to bring folks to town.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host its First Friday Experience 6-9 p.m. Dec. 2, with many downtown galleries featuring artwork. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres for those browsing and shopping.

Also on Friday, Dec. 2, at 6:15 p.m., the Northville Mothers' Club will light the tree in Old Church Square for All-A-Glow Illumination for Education. Local school children will sing carols.

Starting 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, the annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk for the Arthritis Foundation, featuring 5K, 10K and 1-mile run fundraisers, will be held with the start and finish line at Northville Downs Race Track. The registration deadline has passed, but plenty of spectators will be needed to cheer on the walkers and runners.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, there will be a Children's Christmas Workshop 10 a.m. to noon and

1-3 p.m. at Mill Race Village, with preregistration required. For information, visit www.mill-racenorthville.org.

On Dec. 9-11, there will be a Tinsel & Treasures Holiday Market, with creative handmade crafts and goodies from area crafters at the Northville Community Center. Friday hours will be 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Also on Sunday, Dec. 11, revelers will enjoy Christmas in The Village 1-4 p.m. at Mill Race Village.

At 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, there will be a Motown Memories holiday concert at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville. Tickets are being sold at the Marquis.

Chamber and Downtown Development Authority leaders are busy now with community events, but also urging people to shop in Northville this Christmas season.

Lori Ward, executive director of the Northville DDA, said, Northville's doing "extremely well. I think it's just a quaint experience for people. You don't get the crowds at the mall. All of the shops have unique merchandise you can't find at a mall."

There's good customer service, Ward said, and places shoppers can go to relax with coffee and a biscotti. "I think it's just a good alternative. It seems less stressful and more joyous."

The last few weeks' Northville events were successful, Ward said: "We're anticipating that the sales will continue."

Traci Sincoc, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, said merchants had a great Girls' Night Out Nov. 11. "Convenient parking, unique gifts and services," Sincoc said of Northville's benefits. "It's not the big box, everybody has the same sort of item feel."

She's confident merchants will have a strong Christmas season in Northville.

"Anytime we hear reports the economy is on the upswing that's good. A few of our merchants have told us sales are up from last year," said Sincoc, who agreed with Ward's description of shopping in Northville.

"It's not as frantic as a mall experience. It's more leisurely. It's certainly more pleasurable," Sincoc said.

"Come and shop Northville," she added. "We're here all year round. It's just a great place to be."

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Last year for tax credits for library donations

This is the last opportunity to take advantage of tax credits when donating to the Northville District Library, as the State of Michigan tax credits expire Dec. 31 for donations to public libraries or to endowment funds within Community Foundations.

Last year's library millage was supported overwhelmingly by residents, but the library still faces ongoing funding challenges.

Costs continue to rise while revenues, even with the millage increase, remain at a level lower than 2008. Contributions directly to the library, or to the Library Endowment Fund, are vital to maintaining the library as a valuable resource for everyone.

"More and more people are using the library, coming into our beautiful building and tapping into our 24/7

DONATE

Donor forms are available in the library or visit the library's website for more information: www.northvillelibrary.org. Contact Library Director Julie Herrin with any questions about donating to the library or the Endowment Fund at (248) 349-3020. Library hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

online resources and eBooks from home," said Julie Herrin, library director. "But this important work is not entirely funded by taxpayer dollars. We are grateful for the community's support of last year's millage.

But we also rely on private donations. And, last November we added a beautiful Giving Tree in our library entryway to recognize and honor our generous donors. Donors of \$1,000 or more, based on cumulative giving since 2005, will be added to the Tree."

Individuals may reduce their Michigan income tax with a credit of 50 percent of the amount contributed to a public library or to the Library Endowment Fund.

Tax credits allow up to 50 percent of a \$200 donation (\$100) for an individual. Couples filing jointly are allowed tax credits up to 50 percent of a \$400 donation (\$200).

The Endowment Fund was established in 2001 in order to provide a permanent source of income above and beyond the library's basic reve-

nues to ensure continued excellence in the programs and services of the library. Contributions are pooled with others and invested to earn income.

"An endowment is the perfect way to make a difference during a person's lifetime, while at the same time, providing a gift that lasts forever," said Herrin. "Contributions of all sizes are welcome, as they will grow over time."

Generous gifts from Northville resident Christine Hinkle and the family of John J. Carlo enabled the library's Board of Trustees to establish the Endowment Fund 10 years ago. In 2002, the Carlo family provided \$25,000 as matching funds, and the community donated more than \$42,000.

The fund has grown to almost \$300,000 today.



A group of Road Commission of Oakland County trucks plowing in tandem on the freeway using their underbelly plows

FACT SHEET 2011-2012

Below are some facts and figures related to winter road maintenance in Oakland County.

- Salt trucks and snow plows typically travel more slowly than other traffic. RCOE urges drivers to use caution around the orange trucks and allow them enough room to safely do their jobs. "Don't crowd the plow."

- RCOE uses an average of 83,000 tons of salt per winter.

- RCOE salt trucks are kept at six garages located throughout the county. Salt is kept in salt storage facilities at each of those garages.

- RCOE does not anticipate any problems getting salt this year, based on assurances from its salt vendor.
- RCOE divides all the miles of paved primary roadway it maintains (including county roads and state highways) into 106 salt "routes."

- In all, RCOE has jurisdiction over 2,700 plus miles of county roads (including subdivision and gravel roads).

- RCOE also maintains 230 miles of mostly multi-lane state highways on behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). This includes I-75, I-696, I-96, M-59 Telegraph Road and Woodward Ave. among others. These 230 miles of mainly freeway roads are the equivalent

of over 1,500 miles of one-lane pavement.

- RCOE expects to spend approximately \$12 million on winter road maintenance this year alone, including approximately \$4.4 million to maintain the state highways for MDOT.

- RCOE expects to spend approximately \$4 million this winter on salt alone (cost per ton = \$46.51).

- RCOE standards call for approximately 400 pounds of salt to be applied to each two-lane mile of pavement.

- Most RCOE salt trucks are equipped with computerized salting mechanisms that automatically adjust the amount of salt spread based on the vehicle's speed. The salt spreaders also include "pre-wetting" devices that spray salt brine on the salt as it is being spread, so that it begins working more quickly. These technologies also allow RCOE to conserve salt.

- A single "salt run" for a truck typically uses about 6 tons of salt.

- At temperatures below 20 degrees, salt begins to lose its effectiveness. At 10 degrees, it does virtually nothing.

- Salt is still the best option for removing ice and maintaining the safest roads possible.

- RCOE keeps salt trucks loaded and ready to go 24

hours a day, seven days a week.

- RCOE crews maintain state and county roads in Oakland County based on a priority system. "Critical priority" roads are those with more than 10,000 vehicles per day per lane. "Priority 1" roads are those with 2,500 to 10,000 vehicles per day per lane, while priority 2 and 3 roads have less traffic.

- RCOE typically does not use sand on paved roads because it does not melt ice and can clog storm drains. Sand is used on gravel roads where typically there are no storm drains and where salt is less effective.

- A snowstorm that shuts down Michigan's economy for one day has a \$136 million impact on the state's economy (Source: the non-profit Salt Institute, Alexandria, VA).

- A single RCOE snowplow/salt truck costs approximately \$220,000 new.

- RCOE has approx. 135 snowplow/salt trucks, though all trucks are never used at the same time. Some are "spares," used when others break down. RCOE also employs 19 "road graders" that are used plow heavy snow.
- Fully loaded RCOE snowplows get about 4 miles per gallon of fuel. Empty they get about 6 miles per gallon.

Road commission preparing for winter

Motorists warned that storm cleanup may be slower this year

The Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOE) is reviewing winter plowing and salt spreading procedures with its truck drivers, preparing its trucks for winter and getting snowplows ready—all in anticipation of the worst of the first winter with

Despite RCOE's detailed preparations, however, the agency warns motorists to be extra careful while navigating the roads this winter. That's because bad get cuts in recent years have left the Road Commission with a depleted fleet of snowplows and salt trucks.

to have about 50 fewer employees to drive snowplows/salt trucks than we had in 2007. That's what RCOE Board Chairman Eric Wilson. That is more than one-quarter fewer drivers than four years ago.

RCOE typically puts 106 snowplow/salt trucks on the road to handle a major snow or ice storm. The initial drivers can stay on the road for up to 16 hours before they must rest according to RCOE rules. In the past, RCOE was able to replace the initial 106 drivers with up to 84 drivers for a second 16-hour shift to continue fighting the storm or to clean up after the storm for the second year this

year the agency will have less than 40 drivers available for the second shift.

That's a substantial reduction in our ability to fight a prolonged storm or even a series of small storms or to clean up after a storm. Wilson explained RCOE Vice Chairman Jeff Lantieri. He explained the reduction in staff is a direct result of declining state road funding for RCOE.

Our primary source of operating funds—the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees—fell for the first time in a row, noted RCOE Board member Ron Fowkes. Those five years of decline follow nearly 10 years of virtually flat revenues. We'll receive less

funding in the current fiscal year than we received in 2000.

As a result, RCOE has been making cuts and finding ways to operate more efficiently for years. It is now at the point where the only way to achieve the level of savings needed to balance the budget is to reduce staff. So far, RCOE has been able to avoid layoffs, simply not replacing employees as they leave or retire. The agency currently has 122 fewer employees than in 2007.

In addition, RCOE has had to defer the replacement of its aging fleet of snowplows/salt

trucks, meaning many will be out of service for repairs more frequently this winter.

We are not happy about this situation, Chairman Wilson stated. "Safety is RCOE's number one priority, and it pains us greatly to have to reduce the level of service we can provide."

Jamian pointed out that as a result of these changes, motorists must more than ever, be vigilant when driving during or immediately after winter storms. Because of the reduced level of service we will be able to provide this winter, it is critical that motorists be

aware of the road conditions and drive appropriately for those conditions. We simply can't salt or plow the roads as we have in the past."

Additionally, it may take RCOE snowplow/salt trucks longer to get into subdivisions following snow storms this year due to the reduced number of drivers. "Safety dictates that we focus our reduced resources on the roads that carry the most traffic at the highest speeds," Fowkes said. Only when those are sufficiently clear will we move to the slower, less-traveled subdivision streets.

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Home invasion breaking and entering

A home on W. Blue Heron Drive was broken into by unknown suspects on Nov. 22. Some of the stolen items included jewelry. The homeowner, a 6-year-old Northville woman, told police she left her home around 2:30 p.m. and came back an hour later to find the front door had been picked open with damage done to its frame. The back patio door was partially open and this is where Northville Township police believe the suspects entered the home.

B and E at a business

The 14th Mile Store on Highway 24 was broken into on Nov. 26, but no items were reported stolen. Northville Township police responded to a burglary alarm at the location and found the front and back doors smashed. However, the store manager found signs of forced entry along with the alarm system being destroyed. It appeared the suspects had attempted to pry open the doors, containing the inventory, but were unable to.

Police have footed from the security camera of two suspects. The case remains open.

Marijuana possession

A 24-year-old Northville man was arrested for marijuana possession after police found two partially smoked marijuana joints and a medical marijuana prescription container.

The man was spotted driving with a defective passenger headlight on Nov. 22. He was pulled over by Northville police near the intersection of Eight Mile Road and Center Street. The reporting officer detected the odor of marijuana inside the vehicle.

The man consented to a search and said he had nothing on him. However, when asked again he said he had a container, he obtained from a nameless friend with a prescription. The man does not have a medical marijuana prescription. One smoke joint was found in the car and the other in his coat pocket.

He was cited for violation of a restricted driver's license—possession no proof of insurance, and defective equipment.

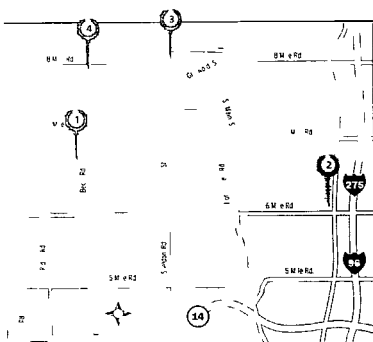
Drunken driving

After being stopped for speeding on South Lyon in an area closed for opening a vehicle while intoxicated and refusing the preliminary breathalyzer test.

The 32-year-old man was stopped near the intersection 8 Mile and Beek Road on Nov. 24 for going 56 in a 40 mph zone. It was reported that his speech was slurred and the odor of intoxicants could be detected inside the vehicle. The police report stated the man was driving and slurred his way through the field sobriety tests.

However, he refused to take the PBT. Following the police, he was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. It was sent to the Michigan State Police in Lansing for testing.

Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhman



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Special needs Santa visit

Santa has set aside a special time to meet with children (and the brothers and sisters of children) with special needs from 9-10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. This is a free event for children with autism and special needs to spend private time with Santa.

My Great Kid, LLC are the hosts of this event each year. They offer educational tutoring and are I.E.P. Advocates. Owners Steve and Staci Bockmann are the parents of a child with autism and know how difficult it can be to see Santa with all the commotion. This is their gift to all special needs families.

Grief center offers holiday card sales

New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville offers Christmas cards for sale, with the proceeds benefitting the center's programs.

Cards are available in 20-card packages for \$25 (\$16 of which is tax deductible; receipt included with each package of cards).

Proceeds from the sale of the cards will benefit the New Hope Center for Grief Support, a non-profit, Christian-based bereavement outreach center that assists adults, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan who are grieving after the death of a loved one. New Hope's services include free-of-charge support groups, seminars, workshops, and other bereavement resources.

Due to postage, staff, and volunteer time requirements, New Hope will be unable to mail/deliver cards.

Cards may be purchased at New Hope Center for Grief Support, 315 Griswold, Northville, MI 48167. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays. Payment options include cash, check (made out to New Hope Center), and charge.

Call New Hope Center at (248) 348-0115 and visit the website at www.newhopecenter.net for more information.

Holiday market

Find hand-crafted work in painting, printmaking, glass, mosaic, fiber, photography, jewelry and mixed media at the seventh annual Northville Holiday Art Market, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday through Dec. 3 (1-9 p.m. Dec. 2 only) at Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady.

Santa at 12 Oaks

Now through Dec. 24. This holiday season, take an enchanted journey into a magical world at the Ice Palace at Twelve Oaks Mall (east side of Novi Road just north of I-96). This immersive winter wonderland features a soaring 22-foot dome, a magical snow and light show and amazing polar footage from BBC Earth. Kids can visit Santa and have their photo taken or have your family's photo taken on the Ice Throne.

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.

All Aglow honorees will be celebrated during a special Illumination Ceremony on

At 6:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 in the Church Square

located in downtown Northville on the southwest corner of Main and Dunlap streets. All Aglow will take place in conjunction with Northville's First Friday event (from 6-9 p.m. the same evening) presented by the Northville Central Business Association.

The All Aglow Illumination Ceremony will include a holiday sing-along with the Hillside and Meads Mill Middle School choirs and the lighting of the All Aglow holiday tree, as well as complimentary cookies and hot chocolate. All of the honorees will also be listed on the Mothers' Club board located in the Church Square as well as in a special All Aglow advertisement in the Northville Record.

For more information about All Aglow, contact Lori Schafer at pierceschafer@wowway.com or Connie Hamel at TheHamel@comcast.net.

Cantate!

The 13-voice chamber chorale Cantate! will present its annual holiday concert, "Holiday Treasures," directed by Gerald Custer, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, corner of 11 Mile Road. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted.

For further information, contact Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175 or visit the Cantate web site at www.cantate-detroit.org.

Fall Prevention

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering a free Fall Prevention presentation at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the hospital Auditorium. The speaker is Kevin Moore, OTR, WCC, MSA, director of Rehabilitation and Wound Care Services, St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Learn to recognize fall risks and develop strategies to minimize the prospect of serious injury. This presentation will focus on five areas: impaired vision, medications, physical fitness, osteoporosis and the environment.

The presentation is free; however, registration is required. To register, visit stmarymercy.org and click on "classes & events" or call (734) 655-8950. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road, at Levan, in Livonia.

Donate your car

This year has been tough on almost everyone because of the economy and the high unemployment. Americans are a very resilient people. Even during troubling times, they are always ready to lend a hand to someone who needs help and is struggling.

A great way to help a person or an animal in need is to donate a car you do not use anymore to charity. The process is very simple, the pickup is free and the rewards are great.

In return for your generous donation, you will get the gift of a tax deduction when you itemize on your federal tax return. You will find hundreds of worthy charities to support with your car donation at Cars4Charities.org.

For complete details, please call toll free 1.866.448.3487 or log onto <http://www.cars4charities.org/>.

Jingle Bell Run

The Arthritis Foundation hosts its annual 5K, 10K and 1-mile run fundraisers Dec. 3 with the start/finish line at Northville Downs Race Track. Call (248) 649-2491, ext. 232.

Hogan on Fox



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former Northville High Mustang stand-out athlete Shannon Hogan interviews Cass Tech's Campbell Jayru after the Technicians' 49-13 victory over Catholic Central on Nov. 26. Hogan works for Fox Sports Detroit as a sideline reporter.

Tinsel & Treasures

Handmade crafts and goodies from area crafters will be available at the Northville Community Center, Dec. 9-11. Call (734) 459-0050.

Salvation Army seeks bell-ringers

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

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

Interested in becoming a bell ringer? Contact Rochelle Holman at (248) 413-5500 or log on to www.ringbell.org.

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

Township's Beautification Commission seeks members

The Northville Township Beautification Commission is an all-volunteer organization that works to enhance the appearance of the community. It currently has several initiatives that it promotes in this regard:

1. The commission annually recognizes and gives awards to businesses which beautify their property.

2. It supports the environment through the annual free seedling giveaway at Twp. Hall in April.

3. It provides a secure means of disposing of identity-sensitive documents for residents at the annual Shred-It Event. This year, 7.5 tons of documents were shredded. These materials were recycled, thereby easing the strain on landfills.

4. The commission planned and maintains the Friendship Garden at Northville Township Hall (6 Mile and Sheldon roads).

5. It has created and operates a brick recognition patio within the

Friendship Garden, providing a means by which people can recognize life achievements and commemorate the memories of loved ones.

The commission is always looking for residents who may be interested in joining, or who would simply like to help out on any of these projects. If you would like further information contact Commission Chair Marie Barr c/o Northville Twp. Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Twp., MI 48168.

Stop senior hunger

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

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

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

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

Northville reunion in Florida

More than 40 years ago, former Northville residents located in Florida, or vacationing there, began the tradition of an annual reunion. This reunion is always in mid Feb-

ruary in that state. Former locations have been in Sebring, Avon Park or Tampa. The most recent hosts were Esther (Hanson-Atwood) and Robert Clark, Sandy (Gotro) and Mac Burns and Evelyn (Uppy Clark) Graham.

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

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

Reel Michigan Film Festival call for entries deadline April 23

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

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

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

Industry speakers and possible workshops will also be part of Reel Michigan 2012 as well as an after party where attendees can mingle with local filmmakers, meet the crew from Northville Civic Concern and watch as awards are given out for the best films in several categories.

Films will include any project filmed with any type of camera and includes digitally made films. All entries must be submitted on a DVD only. Reel Michigan will only accept entries from filmmakers who filmed their entry in Michigan or whose film is Michigan themed. Selected films for Reel Michigan

screening will be notified via email no later than May 21, 2012.

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

Toddle Time Tuesdays

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

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

Children must be accompanied by an adult for the entire time. Some toys are available however, we recommend that parents bring a ride or push toy. Please bring exact change (\$3 per child) and pay attendant. No fee for adults.

For more information, contact Pat Brown

Recreation superintendent, Northville Parks & Recreation at (248) 449-9949 or pbrown@ci.northville.mi.us.

Food assistance available

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

Distributions will be the third Thursday (Dec. 15) of each month from 10 a.m.-noon at St. Kenneth Catholic Church (14951 North Haggerty Road). All recipients must be pre-registered to become certified for eligibility (meeting both income and residency requirements) before being able to receive food on distribution days. Recipients who are not currently on any governmental program (Food Stamps, ADC and General Assistance) will need to provide documentation such as birth certificates or social security cards, proof of income and residence and proof of the number of household members. Bridge Card holders will automatically be qualified to participate but must still register.

For more information and registration, please contact the Plymouth Community United Way office at (734) 453-6879, Ext. 2

Sen. Colbeck's regular in-district office hours

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

In-District Manager Jennifer Trussell will be available to meet with residents individually in order to help assist them with any issues they may be experiencing in obtaining permits, licenses or government aid.

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

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Trussell at (734) 672-6115.

NEWSMAKERS

Providence changes

St. John Providence Health System has named Jean Meyer, M.S.N., R.N., to the newly-created position of president/executive vice president, Acute Care Operations for the health system. The appointment is effective Dec. 5. She is currently president of Providence Park Hospital in Novi. In this new role, she will be responsible for overseeing business and clinical/patient care operations for all five system hospitals.



Jean Meyer



Joe Hurshe

Meyer joined St. John Providence Health in 2008 as senior vice president and chief nursing officer and later became chief operating officer of the Providence Region before being appointed Providence Park Hospital President. Prior to joining SJPHS, Meyer served in a variety of leadership roles with St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. "Jean has exceptional talent and experience in leading hospital operations. We are thrilled that she has taken on this extremely critical role," says Patricia Maryland, Dr.PH, president and CEO, St. John Providence Health System.

A resident of Northville, Meyer earned a

bachelor's and master's degree from Loyola University of Chicago, and has a bachelor's degree in public health from the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.

Joe Hurshe, currently the vice president of operations at Providence, has been named interim president to replace Meyer at Providence Park Hospital. A search for a permanent president is underway.

Kelly & Kelly

Northville-based law firm Kelly & Kelly, P.C. announced the following: Attorney Ryan M. Kelly, associate, has been named a "Rising Star" in the area of Michigan Family Law by Super Lawyers magazine. This marks the second straight year she has received this honorable distinction.

Attorney Michele D. Kelly, senior partner, was the speaker at the Michigan State Bar's annual Solo and Small Firm Institute on the topic of "Underage Drinking" and "Handling Minor in Possession Cases."

Ryan and law clerk Michael B. Kelly visited the campus of Oakland University on Nov. 14 in conjunction with the school's Greek Council Alcohol Awareness Workshop. The presentation addressed the legal implications of underage drinking, as well as the substantive changes in Michigan case-law.

Erin L. Toomey

Foley & Lardner LLP announced that Erin L. Toomey has been named

a Michigan Lawyers Weekly 2011 "Up & Coming Lawyer." According to the publication, this honor recognizes individuals who have been practicing for 10 years or less and have demonstrated leadership, contributed to their community and successfully achieved legal outcomes early in their career.



Erin L. Toomey

Toomey, senior counsel in the firm's Detroit office, has earned the respect of colleagues and clients through her complex case work, leadership and pro bono contributions. Her clients, ranging from Fortune 500 corporations to small businesses, count on her for help navigating all aspects of government procurement. Toomey has successfully litigated bid protests and pursued claims in addition to having collaboratively achieved a federal jury trial acquittal in a health care fraud criminal case.

She holds multiple leadership roles in the firm including serving on the associates' committee and as a member of the pro bono committee for the Detroit office. As part of her commitment to pro bono service, she initiated and coordinates the office's pro bono involvement with the local Michigan Innocence Clinic, a University of Michigan program that aims to overturn wrongful convictions.

"Have a Little Faith"



JULIE YOLLES

Northville residents Charles and Kim Dickens and Louise Kitchens attended the VIP Charity Red Carpet Premiere of Mitch Albom's *Have a Little Faith*, which is based on his best-selling book of the same name. The Northville residents are with Academy Award winner Martin Landau who stars as Rabbi Albert Lewis in the Hallmark Hall of Fame made-for-TV movie *Have a Little Faith* which will air the week of Dec. 4 on the Hallmark Channel. The gala was held at the Imagine Theatre in Royal Oak and raised \$60,000 for the Rabbi Albert Lewis Fund and the A Hole in the Roof Foundation, founded by Albom. Both charities are associated with the two heroes in Albom's non-fiction book – Rabbi Albert Lewis and Senior Pastor Henry Covington of Detroit's I Am My Brother's Keeper Ministries/Pilgrim Church. Covington died last December at the age of 53.

Hob Nobble Gobble



JULIE YOLLES

HGTV's "Cash and Cari" star Cari Cucksey of Northville, Detroit Lions Mascot Roary and Ariana Iafano of Northville were part of the Celebrity "Meet & Greet" at this year's 22nd Annual Hob Nobble Gobble at Ford Field. The Hob Nobble Gobble is the Parade Company's signature fundraiser of the year that helps produce America's Thanksgiving Parade which celebrates its 85th year on Thursday.

Three Cedars closes in zoning squabble

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Salem Township's regionally popular Three Cedars Country Christmas will be closed this year.

"We have struggled with the decision to cancel Three Cedars Country Christmas, but we feel that is our only option at this time," owner Gary Whittaker wrote in a letter to customers. "The time and energy that we must invest in fighting to preserve our right to operate Three Cedars Farm has prevented us from being able to prepare the farm for Christmas."

The landmark on Six Mile draws families from throughout Michigan and surrounding states with its cider and doughnuts, corn maze, hayrides, barnyard play area and country store during the fall. In the winter, the farm takes on a Christmas theme.

Whittaker said he and



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Three Cedars owner Gary Whittaker, with his wife, Sherry, said he "struggled with the decision to cancel Three Cedars Country Christmas, but we feel that is our only option at this time."

his wife, Sherry, were ordered by the township to cease commercial operations because the land is zoned 100-percent agricultural. Safety issues are also "a major concern," according to Salem Township Supervisor Bob Heyl.

"It's telling him he has to comply with the ordinance," Heyl said. "I don't want to shut him down. I don't think he has to shut down, but we have

to make sure it's safe for the public. As long as he works with us, he can stay open."

Whittaker believes he is protected to do business under the Right to Farm Act and from agricultural tourism guidelines.

"We've been doing this for nine years and now it's a problem?" Whittaker asked.

This year, Three Cedars won't open its Christmas store with wreaths and

other holiday decor, Santa land, visits with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, as well as the sale of cider and doughnuts.

Whittaker said he received a letter this fall from the township about the ordinance issue and other problems. Questions about zoning and building codes were also raised in 2004, Whittaker said, when he received a letter from Salem Township saying officials wanted to walk through the buildings to check zoning and building codes.

"At that time we were doing hay rides, pumpkins, a corn maze and the candy store," Whittaker said. "If there was a problem then, that's when they should have stopped it."

The business operation has grown since that time "where it is beyond agricultural and into commercial," Heyl said.

"Every year we are inspected by the Salem Township fire department," Whittaker said. "We have complied with

and done everything they asked us to do and we have passed every year for safety issues that they might have. We decided that until we can get this resolved, with the politics in Salem, we have to shut Three Cedars Country Christmas from the harassment and stress we went through during the fall, because we don't know what their intentions are next."

"If they were so concerned about safety, they would have put it in writing or shut us down the day we opened (this year)," he added. "We've been doing this for nine years and never was there a time I rejected them, or were we unwilling to sit down and talk to them. We have always complied with them."

Everyone in the township needs to follow zoning laws, Heyl said.

"He has every right to go to the planning commission and ask for rezoning," Whittaker said. "We're not forcing him to

shut down. He just needs to stay within compliance or apply for rezoning. When I took office, I took an oath to uphold the laws of the state and the township. The ordinances of the township is one of the things I swore to uphold. If you want to call that political, then so be it. I will enforce these fairly."

Whittaker's letter ended with the following: "Some of you are wondering what you can do to help. Please contact the township and express your displeasure with their actions. Please also consider a special gift to Active Faith, 401 S. Washington, South Lyon, 48178. Three Cedars Christmas activities normally support this worthwhile charity. Help us ensure that Active Faith is not detrimentally impacted by the actions of Salem Township officials."

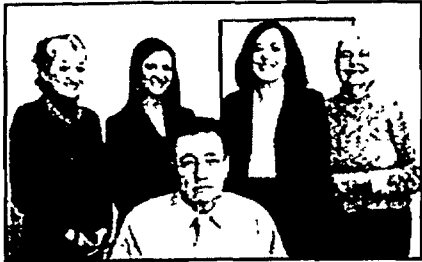
For more information about the farm, go to www.threecedarsfarm.org.

dandreassi@hometownlife.com
(248) 437-2011, ext. 262

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.



Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

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

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

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

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

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Community Events

NORTHVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Dec. 2
Location: First Presbyterian Church

Details: The program for the day will be Holiday Entertaining, presented by Steve and Rocky's. This Friday is also Guest Day. Chairperson is Dianne Cusumano

FIRST FRIDAY EXPERIENCE

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Dec. 2

Details: Many of the Downtown shops and galleries feature a new artist and specials each month. Enjoy complimentary refreshments while browsing and shopping.

ALL-A-GLOW ILLUMINATION FOR EDUCATION

Date: Dec. 2

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

Contact: Northville Mothers' Club, (248)349-0013.

JINGLE BELL RUN

Time/Date: Dec. 3

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

Contact: The Arthritis Foundation (248) 649-2491 x 232

VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE OF MICHIGAN PERFORMANCE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 6

Details: A holiday capella concert performed in Renaissance costumes at the Community Center.

Contact: Senior Community Center (248) 349-4140

TINSEL & TREASURES HOLIDAY MARKET

Date: Dec. 9-11

Details: Very creative handmade crafts & goodies from area crafters at the Northville Community Center.

Contact: Handcrafters Unlimited (734) 459-0050.

MOTOWN MEMORIES HOLIDAY CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 9

Details: The Motown sound comes alive with three entertainers at the Marquis Theatre.

NORTHVILLE NITE FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Time/Date: 4:30-8 p.m. Dec. 31

Details: Carnival games, music, food, crafts are only a few of the activities on this fun-filled family night. A great way to bring in the New Year at the Recreation Center at Hillside School.

Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation for tickets (248)349-0203.

NORTHVILLE & NOVI GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12

Details: Holiday party for members only.

Contact: Fran Gunderson (248) 349-6457

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

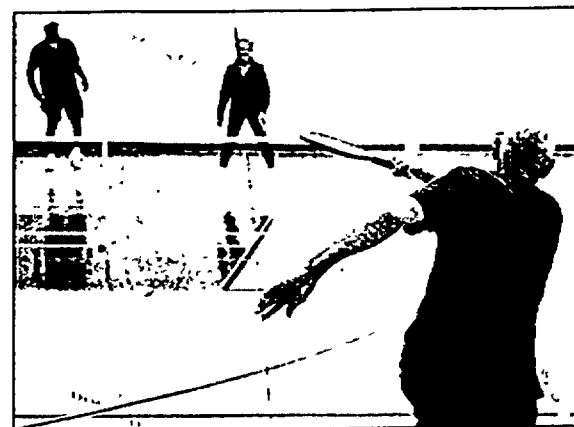
Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2

Location: 17174 Crestbrook Drive, Northville (north of 6 Mile and west of Ridge Road) New Hope Center for Grief Support, in cooperation with Toll Brothers Inc., will be hosting a Holiday Open House at their Steeplechase of Northville community. Leisurely tour the luxurious Harding Country Manor model home during an evening that also includes raffles, appetizers from local restaurants, a chocolate fountain and musical entertainment. Valet service provided and sponsored by Toll Brothers. The cost is \$40 (\$21 and over) prior; \$45 at the door; \$30 is tax deductible. New Hope Center for Grief Support is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that reaches out to those in our community and throughout



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bobbie Leonard and Nancy Grzeski team up for a game of pickleball at the Northville Community Senior Center on Nov. 22. The popular game is played at the center on Main Street on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning at 1 p.m. and on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$2 a player.



Pickleball players

Tom Brown returns a shot to Nancy Grzeski and Bobbie Leonard during a Nov. 22 game of pickleball at the Northville Community Senior Center.

GET LISTED!

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

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

southeastern Michigan who are grieving the death of a loved one. New Hope's mission, centered in Christian principles, is to help people work through their grief and offer hope and healing to all. This event is one the larger fundraisers that New Hope relies upon to provide the funds, support and means by which New Hope Center can continue to offer support groups, seminars, workshops and other grief services free-of-charge.

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

NORTHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Location: 195 S. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167

Contact: (248) 349-7640 or www.northville.org

MARQUIS THEATER

Location: 135 East Main, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

"Beauty & The Beast"

Times/Dates: 2:30 p.m. through Jan. 29

Details: An energetic, live musical for the whole family – the story of a young girl who meets a friendly Beast and their ensuing friendship. Tickets are \$8.50; group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more; no children under age 3.

MILL RACE HISTORICAL VILLAGE

Location: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field

Hours: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday; Archives open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday-Friday; Village buildings open 1-4 p.m. Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct.

Contact: (248) 348-1845

Weekly Events (*Grounds closed to public)

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737; 6 p.m. rehearsal

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open

Saturday: 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Children's Christmas Workshop 'n Church; noon-4 p.m. private party in Cady

Sunday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. King's 8th; 12:15-2:15 p.m. Wedding*

Monday: Hands-All-Around Quilters in Church

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30p.m. Girl Scout #473

Wednesday: 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket Guild; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group; 7 p.m. Travel-

Pet masks



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Above, Josh Taylor of Tri-County Invisible Fence demonstrates a Pet Oxygen Mask on "Jedi" during a gift demonstration at the Northville Fire Dept. on Oct. 4. Invisible Fence donated two of the oxygen mask kits for pets to the fire department on that day.

At left, Northville Fire Chief Jim Allen receives a couple pairs of Pet Oxygen Masks from Tri-County Invisible Fence's Josh Taylor and Corrie Jizicki on Oct. 4.

ing Baseball meeting in Church

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Dec. 2

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

Location: 303 W. Main Street

Contact: (248) 349-4140

Friday Flicks

Times: 1 p.m. Fridays

Details: Cost is \$1 per person; drop-ins welcome.

Holiday Dinner

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7

Details: Dinner and entertainment; \$12 per person. RSVP no later than Nov. 30; seating fills quickly

Firekeepers Casino Trip

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 13

Details: \$30 per person

with \$20 players cards and \$5 food voucher; RSVP no later than Dec. 5

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

Location: 108 E. Main, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-0522

MAYBURY STATE PARK

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

Contact: (248) 349-8390, Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or FriendsOfMaybury.org.

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

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

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road

Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunrisenet-workinggroup.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.

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

Regional Events

BOWLING WITH SANTA

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Dec. 4

Location: MerriBowl Lanes, 30950 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Details: Do you find it challenging to stand in line with your child to see Santa? Let Santa come to you! Santa is making an early stop to help raise funds for O.U.R. Camp, a specialized day camp for young children with developmental needs. The cost is \$12 per bowler or \$45 for a group of four bowlers, which includes two games of bowling, shoes, hotdog and pop. Pre-registration is recommended. Donations are accepted and all proceeds will benefit O.U.R. Camp, Inc., a 501(c)(3) company. To make a donation, visit our Web site at www.ourcampinc.org and click on Make a Donation.

Contact: For more information or to register your bowlers, please contact Claudia Pietron, board president, at (734) 718-5734.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m. fourth Tuesdays

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

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Divorce judge orders exchange of facebook passwords

By Wendy Alton
Guest Columnist

I have published blogs and articles in the past recommending that divorcing couples completely shut down their facebook page while they are going through a divorce. In the alternative, I have recommended that at least you set your privacy settings as high as possible so that any information you post cannot be viewed publicly. However, after the recent ruling from a Connecticut family law judge, I think I may go back to my first advice -- shut it down. And not just facebook -- everything online.

In Connecticut, a husband in a divorce case viewed some information on his wife's facebook page that he thought would assist him in his custody battle. During his wife's deposition, the husband's attorney asked the wife for her passwords. She refused, but then turned them over on the advice of her attorney (maybe not such a great idea).

But then she had second thoughts. She immediately texted a friend and had her friend log in and delete some things and change her password. Of course, this was noticed by the husband and his attorney, who then brought the issue before the judge.

What did the judge rule? The judge ruled that the attorneys had to exchange the client's passwords so that they could each log into each other's accounts to do their own digging. Really.

This is a drastic move away from normal discovery. In normal discovery (the information gathering part of a lawsuit), one person asks for information (documents, answers, etc), and the other person gives it over. You ask for emails, or contact lists, not passwords so that you can just freely roam in someone's account. It is highly unusual to ask for, and even more unusual to receive, someone's log-in for their email, facebook, myspace, google+, etc...

If people themselves have a hard time keeping up with the social media explosion, one can only imagine the difficulty that the courts have in deciding issues like this. These are uncharted waters, and unfortunately this is a precedent that has been set that is likely a step in the wrong direction.

Again, if you are going through a divorce, it is best to shut down all of your social media. Don't let anything you say or do online become a part of your divorce trial. It is a simple and safe step to limiting your battles, and perhaps possibly winning the war.

Read the Forbes article here: Judge Orders Divorcing Couple to Swap Facebook and Dating Site Passwords.

Wendy Alton is a Northville attorney and mediator with Fausone Bohn, LLP focusing on family law, which typically involves divorce, custody, support and probate. She can be reached at (248) 380-9976 or walton@fb-firm.com.



BELL, MURRAY F.

A resident of Milford since 1976, and a native of Fenton died on November 27, 2011 after suffering a heart attack at his home. He is survived by Ella, his beloved wife of over 64 years, his sons, Doug (Margaret) Bell of Farmington Hills and Craig Bell of Farmington, and grandchildren, Kirk, Amy Chris and Jeffrey Bell. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Agnes Bell, and brothers, Graham and Donald. Murray worked as a cost accountant with Ford Motor Company in Dearborn for 35 years, retiring in 1987. Funeral Services were held at the Milford Presbyterian Church, Milford, on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 with burial in Oakwood Cemetery Fenton. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



CAPRARO, HEIDI LOUISE (NEE BRANDT)

Behold, the angels descended down to earth to take one of their own. Heidi was born Oct. 30, 1966 in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Snow fell that night to brighten her way. She has surrendered herself from this earthly home November 22, 2011 after having a rare clear cell cervical cancer for nearly three years. Heidi was the Assistant Principal for Northville Hillside Middle School. She hoped to return this August but that was not to be. Heidi was a 1984 graduate of Canton High School, participation in Madrigals, swing and the TAG program. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1989 with a BS. Received a MA later and took education leadership at Concordia. She began teaching in Northville in 1990 at Meade's Mill, Cooke and Hillside. She taught 6th grade science. Her students loved her methods of making science a very interesting class. Heidi received the "National Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching" in 2002 for Northville Schools, and went to Washington D.C. to the White House to meet President and Mrs. Bush. In 2004-5, Heidi was awarded the outstanding Educators award "Michigan Teacher of the Year." Jennifer Granholm said "Heidi is an excellent communicator with her students and her colleagues." Heidi wanted to make a difference, she so loved what she did. We wish to thank all the love and support Heidi and her family received. It was unprecedented. Heidi's Hillside school provided dinners driven out each week by Jean Getteley, support and help from Mary Parent, Principal Jim Cracraft, and Ann Marie Sadler and so many more. We are grateful and thankful to each and everyone! When Heidi was well enough after her first treatments her family all gathered and took her to Disney World, a favorite place. She loved Henry Ford Greenfield Village. Heidi was an avid reader when she was young and always said her role models were "Louisa May Alcott" books. She was the beloved wife of Riccardo Capraro, a wild life artist, a most devoted mother to her precious and beloved children Arana and Corey of Howell, MI. She was a beloved dedicated daughter to Richard Brandt, Aus Gies, formerly of Mt. Clemens, MI, her mother and step father Astrid nee Miller, and Abe Payapilly Plymouth, MI, and FT Myers, FL. Heidi was a loving and adored sister to George Payapilly, Berkeley, CA, and Ann Arbor, MI, and to Jennifer Case, her husband Jason, and nieces Madeline and Olina of Northville, MI, and nephew Jimmy Kremer, Kalamazoo, MI. She leaves behind her sweet dog "Yetti" who was her constant companion. Heidi will be missed by her beloved classical piano teacher, Mrs. Kan Plymouth, MI, as she now teaches her children. She will meet again her late grandparents Walter and Gertrude Brandt, Richard and Irmela Meller, uncle Hartmut and Bernd Meller formerly of Mt. Clemens, MI. How very much we love you, Heidi, we will miss you, and our tears will flow, till we meet again. We wish to thank everyone for Prayers sent in Heidi's name. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to: Arana & Corey Capraro Education Fund, 1st National Bank, 101 E. Grand River, P.O. Box 800, Howell, MI 48844-0800; 517-545-2227. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

CASWELL, DAVID E.



Age 82, a longtime resident of Highland, went to be with the Lord November 23, 2011. Mr. Caswell was a Korean War veteran of the 196th Regiment in Alaska, a retiree of Ford Motor Company after 42 years, a kind, caring, honorable, Christian man, and loved by many. Preceded in death by his parents Lyall and Helen Caswell, siblings Thomas, Louis, Earl, Arlene and sister-in-law Orley. Survived by Margaret Caswell his beloved wife of 56 years, daughters Cynthia (James), Tamara (Mark) and son David (Barbara) grandchildren James (Angela), Jennifer (Jeffery), Jacob (Christine), Joanna (Joshua), Daniel (Jessica), Gregory, Robert, Chelsie (Jason), Kyle, Garrett, great-grandchildren James Colby, Emma, Kaylyn, Gabriella, Isaiah, step-great-grandchildren Guy, Quentin, Darin, Logan, Kiersten, Mathew, sisters-in-law Dorothy and Donna, brother-in-law Gordon and many extended family and friends. Funeral Service to be held at Cornerstone Church, 4995 N. Hickory Ridge Rd., Highland, on Monday, Nov. 28, 2011 at 11 AM with gathering one hour prior. Pastor Steve Kazer to officiate. Burial & Military Honors at Oak Grove Cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 404 E. Liberty St., Milford Sunday 3 - 9 PM. Memorial contributions encouraged to Epilepsy Foundation. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

DALE, ROSALIE E.

Age 83, passed away November 25, 2011. She was born on August 21, 1928, in South Lyon, daughter of the late Harold and Evelyn Darling Rosalie was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. She could often be found working on her favorite crossword puzzles, watching golf, curling or football. She is survived by her beloved daughters Sandy McDaniels and Audra (Mike) Renner, her grandchildren: George, Leigh, Tim, Melissa, Michael, Gracie, her great grandchildren: Jonathan, David, Jackie, Jasmine, Jesse, Siena, Jimmy, Zach and Melissa. She is also survived by one great-great grandchild Preston and her sister Bonnie and her brother Don. She was preceded in death by her husband Lewis and four children. Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 29 with funeral services Wednesday, November 30, at 1:00 PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Cystic Fibrosis. Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

DOUGHERTY-TIMMA, DIANE

Age 55, 11/17/2011. Funeral was 11/21 at St. James Church, Novi. Donations: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or Hospice of Michigan. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

FLAHERTY, MICHAEL J.

November 17, 2011, age 72. Funeral was Nov. 21st at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations: Adrian Dominican Sisters, 1257 Siena Heights Dr., Adrian, MI. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

FOSTER, TERRY "SPEED"

Of Milford, November 26, 2011, age 71. Wife of the late J. "King" Foster (d. 2006). Dear Mother of Lt. Col. J. Wade (Stacey) Foster U.S.M.C. and Gwen (Dan) Umbach. Loving grandmother of Colette Gabrielle, Eliana Nicholas, Olina and Anza and dear companion of Hugh W. Larsen. Also survived by many extended family and dear friends. Funeral from Milford Presbyterian Church, Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 10 AM. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty Street, Milford, Friday from 4-9 PM. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

HALL, ROBIN M.

November 14, 2011, age 58. Loving mother of Erin and Brian Hall. Dear sister of Debra Cook. Funeral was Nov. 19th. Donations: American Cancer Society. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

HERKNESS, RONALD, SR.

Age 65, passed away Nov. 25, 2011. Visitation Friday, Dec. 2, 1-3pm with a funeral service at 3pm at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

HOJBERG, INGER-MARIE

Age 77, passed away November 18, 2011, in Indiana, Pennsylvania. She was born and raised in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin on January 26, 1934, but spent part of her adolescent and teen years living in Norway. She met Michigan resident Eric Hojberg on a ship named the Stavangerford, during her second journey to Norway. At the age of 20, she returned to the United States to marry Eric. They settled in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights, and then later retired to South Lyon. She is survived by her loving husband, Eric, daughters Anita (Lee) Murray, Kari (Tom) DeStefano and Debra (Michael) Kraft. Grandchildren: Kris (Kim) and Steven Hollenbeck, and Andrea, Heather, Rachel and Karl DeStefano, and her sister, Evelyn Eriandson. Funeral services to be held at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon, on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 9:30am. Donations to the National Stroke Association. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

HOLLIS, MARGARET H.

Age 99, passed away November 28, 2011. She was born on May 28, 1912, in Alberta, Canada to the late Sam and Mary (Waller) Pickard. Margaret is survived by her children Sylvia Bowden, Gloria (James) Froh, Max (Nancy) Hollis; 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert in 1950 and 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Visitation Nov. 30, Wednesday, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Dec. 1, Thursday, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., a funeral service will be held on Dec. 1, Thursday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Green Oak Free Methodist Church, 10111 Fieldcrest, Brighton, MI or South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab Center, 700 Reynold Sweet Parkway, South Lyon, MI. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

JONES, JACQUELINE MARIE

11/16/2011, age 39. Wife of Robert Joseph III. Mother of Emma, Amanda & Audrey. Daughter of Patrick & Renee Kernen. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

KAY, RICHARD ALTON

A longtime resident of Milford and Caseville, Michigan died on November 24, 2011, at the age of 82. He is survived by daughters Debbie Sadler, Patricia (Steve) Alford, Judy (Tom) Atherton, Harris and Janet (Doug) Wright, son, Joseph (Laura) Kay, and their mother, Elsie Kay, eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Ian Alford, and a sister, Nancy (Bill) Maddock. Mr. Kay was a Veteran of the U.S. Marines, a member of the Milford and Caseville American Legion Posts and worked as a carpenter for many years with Burton Brothers Contractors. A Memorial Gathering will be held at Milford American Legion Post 216 on Saturday, December 3, from 1-4 PM, with a service and Military Honors beginning at 1:15 PM. Memorials may be made in his name to St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospice. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

LOUDON, MARIANNE E.

79, died November 27, 2011. Loving wife of John Loudon, beloved mother of Melody (Marion) Ferrell of Fenton, Pamela (Tom) Avey of Central Lake, Debra (David) Sanchez of TX, Bradley (Brenda) Nelson of NC, Becky (Dave) Perri of Durand. Step-mother of John (Kathy) Loudon of Macomb, Jim (Sandy) Loudon of WA, Dab (Marcie) Loudon of Pinckney; 20 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews also survive. Preceded in death by daughter, Linda Brandt, brother, William Paul Bradley and grandson, Jodee Sonneberger. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Services were held 11AM Thursday, December 1, 2011 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Visitation was held Wednesday. www.sharpsfuneralhomes.com



LUDDEN, ERIC JAY-LINDEN

Age 38 and a resident of New Hudson, died on November 22, 2011 after suffering injuries in an auto accident. He is survived by his beloved wife, April, and sons, Alex and Nicholas; parents, Harley and Nancy Ludden; siblings, Angie (Matt) Mittleman, Paul (Kristie) Ludden, Naomi (Mike) Zook, Rebekah Ludden, BethAnne (Rodney) Townner, in-laws, Don and Lynn Cook, brother-in-law, Troy (Jenny) Cook; sister-in-law, Michelle (Cory) Garcia, grandfather-in-law, Glen Holcomb, nephews and nieces, Austin, Aaron & Abbie Fuchs, Rebekah, Rachel, & Luke Ludden, Tyce & Tracer Townner, Colby & Austin Cook, Tressa, Gabriel, and Elijah Garcia, many aunts, uncles, cousins, loving friends, colleagues, and clients. Eric graduated from Michigan State University with honors and worked for many years as a loan officer with NBD, First Bank of Chicago, Chase, Bank One and Comerica Banks, and most recently North Star Bank. A Funeral Service was held at Oak Pointe Church, 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374 on Saturday, November 26, at 11AM with Pastor Rod Rhoad officiating. Burial Pine Hill Cemetery, Mussey Twp. Visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford Friday 2-9PM and Saturday from 10AM until the time of service. Memorials may be made in his name to the Ludden family college fund, checks payable to April Ludden. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

PHILLIPS, JOSEPH DAVID

A long time resident of Milford and a former resident of Detroit, died on November 22, 2011 at the age of 85. He is survived by Joan, his beloved wife of over fifty-six years; sons, David Phillips and Eric (Cheryl D.) Phillips, daughter, Cheryl A. Phillips; grandchildren, Mary, Grace, Aria, and Emily Phillips and Justin, Nathan Sabrina and Nicholas Kenawab'wise a sister, Jean (Dale) Witbracht and many nieces, nephews, dear friends and co-workers from the Milford Proving Grounds where he worked for over forty years. Services will be held privately. Arrangements by Lynch & Sons Milford 248-684-6645. Condolences may be left at www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

ROSE, INEZ

Age 91, passed away November 25, 2011. She was born on June 18, 1920 in Campton KY, to the late Johnne and Donna Deaton. She was a resident of South Lyon Senior Care & Rehab Center. Inez was employed with the South Lyon School District as a cook for 30 years. She was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church for over 45 years. Inez is survived by her children Sue (Lenard) Boake of Ann Arbor, Gary (Linda) Rose of Brighton, 4 grandchildren Jason Boake, Michelle Bowen, Matthew R. Rose, Renee E. Goetz; 5 great-grandchildren, Kasey, Thomas, Morgan, Chloe, Claude; her brothers, Odell and J.C. of Dayton, OH, Troy and Henderson of Campton KY, her sisters Beulah Sliger of South Lyon, and Irene Bradley of Farmington. She was preceded in death by her husband Lennie Rose, her brothers Ray Deaton and Edward Childers, her sisters Reva Fletcher and Maye Michelle. A funeral service was held on Nov. 30 at Phillips Funeral Home South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

RUCK, ROBERT J.

November 14, 2011, age 87. Funeral was Nov. 18th at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment: Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

SCHELLENBERG, DORIS

Entered Eternal Life November 21, 2011. Lynch & Sons, Milford. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

SCHWEIZER, MARY RUTH

Age 83, of Livonia, passed away Nov. 26, 2011. Visitation Thurs. Dec. 1 from 5-7pm with a memorial service beginning at 7pm. Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap Northville (248) 349-0611



SHOLLENBERGER, HEATHER J.

A resident of Milford, fell asleep in death on November 24, 2011 at the age of 42. She was preceded in death by her father, James Shollenberger and is survived by her loving mother, Kay (nee Hugaert) Shollenberger; brother, James C. Shollenberger; sisters, Stephanie (Ted) Mallires, Rebecca (Joel) Hoffmann, Holly (Thomas) Whell, nieces and nephews, Kyle and Grant Mallires, Dakota, Ariel, and Lacey Hoffmann, and Dylan and Sarah Whell. Also survived by uncles & aunts, Rock (Beatrice) Hugaert, Leo (Virginia) Hugaert, Eugene (Betty) Hugaert, many cousins, extended family members and dear friends. Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, November 27, 2011. For memorials and further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

SPENCER, VIRGINIA

Of Wolverine Lake was born June 22, 1931 in Heidelberg Kentucky to Neal and Carrie (nee Anderson) Smith, and died November 20, 2011 at the age of 80. She is the beloved wife of 62 years to the late Frank Spencer (d. Sept. 2011). Loving mother of Rodney (Michael) Spencer and the late Wayne Spencer. Dear grandmother of Dan (Ronette) Spencer, Devin (Cheslee Kolesar) Spencer, Ryan Spencer and Megan (Aaron) Collins. Great grandmother of Addis and Trenton. She is also survived by her siblings Golda Mae Sparks, Neal Smith, Jr., Harold Smith, Charles Smith, William Smith, Elma Ruth Ross, Marvin Smith and the late Johnny Smith. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. Funeral from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home (340 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake) Wednesday 11AM. Interment: Commerce Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit Tuesday 3PM to 9PM. Memorials may be made to the VA of Ann Arbor. Condolences at LynchFamilyFuneralDirectors.com



VERELLEN, MCEWAN MARY "MARGARET"

Age 75, from Mo., formerly of Hamburg and Brighton, passed away Tuesday, November 22, 2011 in her home, surrounded by her loving family. Margaret was born to James and Mary (Calkins) McEwan, in Milford, MI April 18, 1936. She graduated from Milford High School in 1954. She married the love of her life Gary "Joe" Verellen on April 14, 1956, he survives. She is also survived by her daughters April (Jack) Cyril, Debi (Dan) LaButte, Joline (Michael) Ensor, Gail (Ed) Bowers. She has 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren with two on the way. Margaret is also survived by five brothers and two sisters. She is preceded in death by two brothers. She enjoyed decorating her farm house, gardening, flowers, and visits with her grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Services were held at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Donations to Munson Manor Hospitality House in Traverse City or Pancreatic Cancer Research. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

WRIGHT, DELMAN H.

Age 79, New Hudson, passed away 11/21/2011. Private family services held. Contributions to Michigan Parkinson Foundation appreciated. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home Inc., South Lyon.

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Leadership lacking in Penn State scandal

By Lee Meadows
Guest Columnist

My two cents! I am sure there are more than enough us who have heard of or been touched by the Penn State scandal and, undoubtedly, opinions abound. One thing that is for certain is that this story is not just another sports discussion in which eyes are rolled at the mere mention of a statistic or a questionable call. We know that we have been pulled into an unfortunate and unconscionable event that staggers the imagination and intertwines so many angles that it is hard to know where to begin. The legal angle, the eth-



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ics angle, the moral angle, the humanity angle, the trust angle, the institutional angle and even, make this the kind of news event that has more legs than a chorus line! Yet, through it all, there is one prevailing notion that is an arc in which all of the aforementioned angles are bullet points. The leadership angle has been mentioned and directed toward, specific, individuals who hold, key, institutional leadership roles. As a society, we hold leadership to be the one constant in an ever-expanding kettle of social stew. Since the economic debacle of 2007, most corporations have been subject to a microscopic eye and chamber of voices that define higher expectations that are a part of corporate social responsibility. The underlying assumption is that when faced with a dilemma, the option is, always, to do the right thing. In the case of the Penn State scan-

dal, the expectation to do the right thing meant going beyond passing along information, but to take decisive action under the umbrella of 'serving the greater good'. Even if it meant chasing down the information and finding out that it was an unsubstantiated rumor.

In the case of these innocent victims, the greater good would have been served knowing that the 'alleged' actions were false and, then having to apologize versus finding out the 'alleged' actions were true and hoping it goes away. There is nothing that explains away inaction when the perpetrator is an adult, who is supposed to know better, and children who cannot fend for themselves.

Leadership demands action, even if information is minimal. Leaders are paid to make decisions. When those decisions involve the slightest hint of mal-

feasance among staff members, leaders are judged by the swiftness of their decisions where innocent lives are at stake. It can be argued that swift decisions are not always good decisions, but inaction decisions, more often than not, result in more harm than decisions that are made too quickly.

There are those who would make the argument that leadership expectations in a public institution, like Penn State, are different than what is expected of a business. However, as our friends in Ann Arbor have demonstrated, when over 100,000 people show up for a home football game and spend money on all the surrounding businesses, that's a business! The expectations are no different. We expect our state institutions to adhere to high standards of ethical and moral conduct without making a differentiation. In the 1958 film 'The Buc-

caner" the character of Jean Lafitte, played by Yul Brynner, is confronted about a ship that was attacked resulting in the loss of lives. The attack occurred despite contrary orders from Lafitte. When asked if he attacked the ship, he responded, "I was responsible."

The irresponsible behavior of staff members is just as much the responsibility of the leader. The leader is held responsible no matter if they were directly involved in the act or heard of it by way of a third party rumor. Leaders do not have the option of saying, "I did my job!" More is expected - and in the case of the Penn State scandal, more was demanded.

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Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister
Website: <http://www.newhopeuu.org>

NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
56730 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson MI 48165
(248) 437-6212 • Gerald S. Porter, Pastor
Sunday School & Bible Class 11:30-1:30 a.m.
Worship 11:30 a.m.
www.newhudsonumc.org

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

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, MI 48374
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.
www.faithcommunity-novi.org
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM
"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

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

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

South Lyon

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

Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church
22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI 48178
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Refuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Youth at 6:30 p.m.
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

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

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) - SOUTH LYON
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Nursery Care Provided
Check us out on the web: www.fpcsouthlyon.org
248-437-2873 • 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) •
Rev. Dr. Annette Koder, Pastor

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
28900 Pontiac Trail (just south of Silver Ln. Rd.)
Contemporary Worship Bible Based Messages
3 Sunday Services
8:45, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.
248-486-0400 • www.ccrsroads.org

CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH
28900 Wixom Rd.
Wixom, MI 48393
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship
Rev. Kenneth Warren • 566-531-2021
www.cpcpcnow.com

Wixom

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

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375
Weekend Hours
Saturday 2:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Fr. Bob LaCroix, Pastor
Fr. Michael Zuehl, Associate
Parish Office: 348-8647 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175
Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am
Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am
Rev. Ann Webber, Rector
holycrossnovi@gmail.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
60820 Maryone Ann St., South Lyon 48178
Phone: 248-437-2963
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Rob Peterson / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Moore
Website: www.fbcsofthlyon.com
Email: fbcsofthlyon@comcast.net

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760
Sunday Worship: 8:15, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
Nursery Provided
Reverend Sandra Wilkobe
southlyonfirstumc.org

BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH
Gathering in Jesus Name
52909 10 Mile Rd. • South Lyon, MI 48178
Sunday 10:30 and 1:30
Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Mike Ragan, Pastor
734-347-1963 pastor cell
Old fashioned preaching

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

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Meetings

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Old Village School

CITY OF NORTHVILLE CITY COUNCIL

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

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEET

Date: Third Tuesday of each month
Time: 8 a.m.

Location: City Hall Meeting Room 101 lower level 215 W Main St.
Contact: downtownnorthville.com

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: First and third Tuesday of each month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

HOUSING COMMISSION

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

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

ARTS COMMISSION

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

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

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

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Walsh leaders



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ABOUT ETC.

The Lists Etc. includes Meetings, Senior Events, Library Lines, Parks and Recreation, Drop-In Co-Ed 50+ Volleyball, TimeDate 10 a.m. noon every Monday Wednesday and Friday, Details: 52 per person Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, Location: Recreation Center at Hillside, Details: 52 per person, all skill levels welcome. Bring your friends.

Details: Thinking about buying an eReader this holiday season? Join us for a hands-on demonstration of popular eBook readers and mobile devices including Kindle, Nook, Sony Reader, iPad and more. Learn about the Library's collection of free eBooks. Download Desination Card to register.

Holiday Choral Concert
TimeDate: 7 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 6
Details: Enjoy an evening with the vocally acclaimed Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan performing a cappella in Renaissance costumes. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and will be held at the Northville Community Center next to the Library. Call to register.

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside
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Drop-In Co-Ed 50+ Volleyball
TimeDate: 10 a.m. noon every Monday Wednesday and Friday
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Volunteering

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

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

Friends of the Northville District Library
Details: There are openings for the Board of Directors. The Friends are volunteers who promote reading support programs in the library and financially support projects not covered by the library's budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and serve on a committee. If interested, send a letter to Jennifer Gustafson, president of the Friends, 601 Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville 48167.

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed
Time: Day and evening training classes.
Location: 2858 North Western Hwy., Suite 475 Southfield

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

Contact: Mary, (800) 770-9855

Meals-On-Wheels
Date: Ongoing
Time: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Details: Permanent and substitute drivers needed.

Contact: Ellen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna (248) 348-7761

Northville Arts Commission
TimeDate: 7 p.m., second Wednesday of each month
Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

Details: Seeking volunteers and City Commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House. Candidates need only to have a passion for expanding the arts in Northville. Committees are formed to assist in the development and facilitation of Art House educational programs, events and exhibitions.

Contact: 248-344-0457, email: art@northvillearts.org or visit www.northvillearts.org

Susan B. Gail
Angel Fund
Details: Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic has created a fund to assist families in need with medical expenses for their pets. The fund is in memory of a longtime client, Sue Gail. All donations are welcome so we can help as many pets as possible.

Please make checks payable to Hidden Spring Vet Clinic, SGA Fund, Mail to: 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167

Contact: (248) 349-2538

Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Program
Details: In as little as two to four hours a week, volunteers can provide companion support, write a memorial request for family members or provide office support. A free 18-hour three-day training program is provided.

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

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

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

ANGELA HOSPICE GROUPS
Location: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia

Contact: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

General grief support groups
TimeDate: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

Details: Open to all losses. Loss of spouse/significant other support group.

TimeDate: 1:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. first Tuesday of month

Details: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide.

Contact: Sherri Katz at (734) 464-7810 for more information

Heartwarming parents who have lost a child
TimeDate: 7:30 p.m. first Thursday of month

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

Grief support group's support
TimeDate: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month

Women's grief support group
Details: Sessions held in spring and fall. Call Joan Lee at (734) 953-6012 for dates and times.

Anxiety Disorder Support Group
TimeDate: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Luther Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia

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

Contact: Robert Driedrich at rdbdried@msn.com

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

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Conspicuous Support Classes
TimeDate: Held weekly every Tuesday night or Thursday mornings

Location: Northville

Details: Weekly topics about co-dependency and issues related to all types of relationship problems and dysfunctional life style habits that can create unhappiness in your life.

Contact: (734) 420-8175 or e-mail: northvillesclasses@yahoo.com

Crohn's and Colitis Support Group
Date: First and third Wednesday of each month

Time: 7 p.m.

Locations: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center

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

Contact: Al Biggs (313) 895-7505 or Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

Emotional Eating Weight Loss Class
TimeDate: 9:30-10:45 a.m. Saturday

Locations: Northville

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

Contact: (734) 420-8175 or e-mail: northvillesclasses@yahoo.com

Feed Addicts Anonymous
Information Session

Details: Twelve-step program for individuals suffering from food obsession, over eating under eating, and bulimia, weekly meetings held in Canton, Ann Arbor and other metro Detroit areas, no dues, fees or weigh-ins, everyone welcome including those who think they have food

Issues see ETC, A19

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10 a.m. Oxygen

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11:30 a.m. Walking Club

Noon Bridge

1 p.m. Cnbridge

2 p.m. Bridge

CO ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. noon Monday Wednesday Friday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 449-9100

HEALTH WALKING

Date: Monday Friday

Time: 8:10 a.m.

Location: Senior Community Center 303 W Main St

PILATES CLASS

TimeDate: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

BUNCO

TimeDate: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month

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

FRIDAY FLICKS

Time: 1 p.m. every Friday

Details: Cost is \$1

Library Lines

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY

Location: 212 W Cady St near Northville City Hall

TimeDate: 10 a.m. 9 p.m. Monday Thursday 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Friday Saturday, 1 p.m. Sunday

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

Little Life Storytime

TimeDate: 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9

Details: Babies and little ones enjoy simple stories, music and playtime. Fun for preschoolers too. No registration just drop in.

eBook Reader "Petting Zoo"

TimeDate: 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5

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Senior Events

SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Location: 303 W Main St
Contact: (248) 349-4140
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9 a.m. TOPS Massage by appt

10:30 a.m. Yoga

11 a.m. Cribbage

Kwon Walking Club

1:30 p.m. Pinochle

1:30 p.m. Puker

11:30 a.m. Walking Club

1 p.m. Movie

Monday

8 a.m. Walking Club

9:30 a.m. Mahi-Jongg

10 a.m. Beginning Line Dance

11 a.m. Adv Line Dance

12:30 p.m. Pinochle/Euchre

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problems or are concerned
about someone who may.
Contact: (734) 913-9614 or
foodaddicts.org

New Hope Center for Grief Support

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

From Grief to New Hope
Date: second Tuesdays in December only

Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support offers three different age specific groups for men and women whose spouse has died, including one for young widows and widowers, Circles of Hope. During the same time they meet, we offer a group for children suffering the loss of a loved one, New Hope for KIDZ and Teens. New Hope also offers a group for parents who have lost a child. The From Grief to New Hope eight week series is offered several times during the year in areas throughout southeastern Michigan. All of New Hope's services for adults and children are available at no cost to the participants.

Contact: (248) 348-0115 or visit www.newhopecenter.net for further information.

Circles of Hope

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second Tuesdays

Location: First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville
Details: Ongoing support group for widows and widowers; group divides into three sections depending on stage of grief; meets same time as children's support group.

New Hope for Kidz and Teens Support Group

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

Details: Meets at the same time and location as adult group for children ages 3-18 who have lost a loved one; kids divided into different age groups.

Starting Again

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

Location: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road

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

Wayfarers

Time/Date: 2-3 p.m. second Wednesday of each month

Location: Ward Presbyterian Church, Room A107

Details: For semi-retired or retired widows and widowers.

The Lunch Bunch

Time/Date: Noon third Wednesday of each month

Details: This is a monthly lunch group for widows and widowers; locations vary, call Ed Drost at (734) 261-8045 for more information.

PARENTS OF HOPE

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

Livingston County

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

Location: Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 9455 Hilton Road, Brighton

Oakland County

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

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

PSYCHOTHERAPY & COUNSELING SERVICES

Contact: (734) 420-8175

Codependency Support Group

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 9:30 a.m. Thursday
Details: For those who grew up in dysfunctional families or have a pattern of unhappy or bad relationships. Weekly class sessions with different topics related

Cleaning up



Northville Brownies spent one hour each day (Sept. 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2, 9, 15, 23 and 30) cleaning up Northville Township's Friendship garden. Each girl completed four hours of service during those eight weeks; cumulatively, they completed 176 hours of clean-up. The Brownies are Alyssa Budweg, Amanda Zhang, Annelise Polasek, Autumn Houghton, Caitlin Hoffman, Dana Clafton, Dena McAllister, Ellie White, Emma Plakas, Emma Schnorberger, Gabriella Esqueda, Hannah Senawi, Jahdai Altman, Jennifer Guo, Katie Pflum, Kiera Murphy, Laryssa Imbuzeiro, Lauren Atkinson, Leila Bazzi, Madison Swearingen, Theresa Freydl and Victoria Nigoghosian.

to codependency issues and recovery; cost is \$12.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE TRANSITION CENTER

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

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

Divorce Center

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

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

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

SPACE FOR CHANGING FAMILIES

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

Divorce Support Group

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

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

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

WIDOWED FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

WIDOWED MEN**Meet for Breakfast**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays

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

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

Contact: Dick (313) 534-0399.

YOUNG ADULTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday

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

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

Contact: Register by calling 734-420-8175.

Clubs and Groups

AAUW, NORTHVILLE/NOVI BRANCH

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

BEAUTIFUL SINGLES HIKING

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

Location: Maybury State Park

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

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

CAMERA CLUB

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. second Tuesdays

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

Contact: Laura Williams (248) 912-7529, LWilliams1@twm1rr.com

GARDENERS OF NORTHVILLE AND NOVI

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

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

Details: Visitors welcome.
Contact: Marcia (248) 349-2352 or visit gardeners-northville-novi.org

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

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

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

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

NORTHVILLE BOOK CLUB

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

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

Details: Reading "The Autobiography of My Mother" by Jamaica Kincaid.
Contact: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

NORTHVILLE DEMOCRATS CLUB

Contact: www.northvilleedems.com or Scott Craig, sraig27@comcast.net

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**Research Help**

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

Location: Northville District Library, Local History Room

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

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

Monthly Meeting

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

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

Contact: For more information call Suzanne Monaghan at (734) 243-7866 or check the web site at www.rootsweb.com/~mings.

NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS**Meet & Greet Monthly Coffee**

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

Location: members' homes

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

Contact: Carolyn Schnepel (734) 259-8092 or visit www.northvillnewcomers.com

OPTIMIST CLUB OF NORTHVILLE**Meetings**

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

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

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

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

Health Events

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

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

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

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

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

Tai Chi Class

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

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

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

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

LYMPHEDEMA CLINIC

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

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

Contact: (248) 471-8120

FREE HEALTH AWARENESS SEMINAR

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

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

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

CONTACT: (248) 449-1630 or RyanCCooper@gmail.com or www.hflichiro.net Please RSVP

FLU SHOTS

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

Location: Wayne, 33030 Van Born Road, at Venoy, (734) 727-7100

Walk-in days are Mondays and Thursdays. Appointments only on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Fridays

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

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

Details: The Wayne County Department of Public Health offers flu shots for residents at its clinics below. Cost of flu vaccine is \$15. Pneumonia vaccine is offered for \$35. Medicare (Part B) and Medicaid are accepted.

Contact: (734) 727-7000

STRENGTH TRAINING CLASSES

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

Date: Mondays and Fridays

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

Contact: For more information, call Diane at (248)

344-0928 or visit trianglesix@sbxglobal.net.

PSYCHOTHERAPY AND COUNSELING SERVICES

Location: Northville Counseling Center

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

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL

Location: 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Contact: (734) 655-4800 or stmarymercy.org

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

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

Location: Classroom 1

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

Breast Cancer Support Group

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

Location: Classroom 10

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

Free Seminars - Michigan Bariatric Institute

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

Helen Palmer Image Recover Center

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

Contact: (734) 655-8810

Diabetes Support Group

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month

Location: Auditorium

Details: All are welcome

CPR/AED AND FIRST AID CLASSES

Time: 6-9 p.m. last Tuesday of month

Location: City of Northville Fire Department, 215 W. Main St.

Details: These American Heart Association and Life Support Training Center (LSTI) classes offer two year certification. Cost is \$40 per course. For more information and to register, call the fire department at (248) 449-9920

BABY AND ME INFANT CPR

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, every other month

Location: City of Northville Fire Department, 215 W. Main St.

Details: This family friendly session is for new parents and their babies. It will provide parents and grandparents knowledgeable support and simple hands-on instruction with their baby in case of life-threatening emergencies. Cost is \$20 for parents and baby and includes a manual and emergency wallet cards. Group rates also available.

Contact: Life support Training Institute at (248) 304-6055 for registration, questions and directions.

FIRST AID/CPR CLASSES

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. monthly

Location: Northville Township Fire Department, 45745 Six Mile Road

Details: American Red Cross First Aid/CPR classes taught by trained firefighters. Call for further information and dates; \$20 fee for Township residents.

Contact: Northville Township Fire Department (248) 348-5807

OUR VIEWS

Winter hazards

Begin to prepare for storms now

According to the National Weather Service, Michigan's temperatures last winter were below average across the state and the coldest since 1993. This past winter ranked as the 20th coldest winter on record. The most extreme arctic cold occurred on Jan. 13-18, when lows dipped below zero across much of the state. Dangerous wind chill temperatures reached 30-40 degrees below zero. Snowfall and precipitation were also above average, especially here in southeastern Michigan.

Information on winter safety tips including FAQ'S, frozen pipes, roof ice dams, flooding, flood damage, heat sources, and generator safety can be found on the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness Web site at www.mcswa.org.

Here are some safety tips to help you prepare for a winter storm.

At home

- Gather appropriate goods for your 72-hour emergency kit.
- Have a supply of warm coats, gloves, hats, and water resistant boots available.
- Be sure to have extra blankets available in the event of a power loss.
- Be sure to have items needed for infants, elderly and disabled family members.
- Also have needed items available for your pets.
- Be aware of potential fire and carbon monoxide hazards if using a fireplace, wood stove or other heating device. Never use a fuel-powered heater indoors.

Outside

- Avoid overexertion, such as shoveling heavy snow, pushing a car, or walking in deep snow. Sweating can lead to chill and hypothermia. Cold weather puts additional strain on your heart.
- Be careful walking on snow or ice covered sidewalks or parking lots.
- Wear loose fitting, lightweight warm clothing in layers, with the outer layer being waterproof. Wear a hat and mittens or gloves.
- Keep your clothes dry. Change wet clothing immediately to prevent loss of body heat.
- Understand the hazards of wind chill. As wind speed increases, heat is carried away from your body more rapidly.

Vehicle preparedness

- Winterize your car now. Ensure that there's the proper mixture of antifreeze and water in the cooling system. Top off windshield washer fluid. Check tires, belts, hoses and the battery.
 - Keep fuel level near "full" as much as possible. Low fuel levels allow condensation to build up in your tank, allowing for fuel line freeze-up. In severe weather, it may also be difficult to find a gas station that is open, so fuel up when severe weather is being predicted.
 - Every vehicle should be equipped with the following emergency supplies, kept in a storage bin when severe weather is predicted or when going on a trip: flashlight with extra batteries, cell phone, windshield scraper, jumper cables, fire extinguisher, maps, shovel, blanket/heavy clothes, flares, bottled water/food/snacks, first aid kit, tow chain or rope, de-icer, antifreeze.
 - When on the road, know your routes and plan ahead. This list may sound a little excessive, but if you're caught off guard, you'll be glad you had every one of these items available to you.
- Remember, in a true emergency, you need to be able to take care of yourself and your family first. Emergency responders will be flooded with true "9-1-1" emergencies (fires, medical emergencies, downed utilities, etc.).

COMMUNITY VOICE

When do you like to have your Christmas shopping finished?



"The week after Thanksgiving. No, change that - two weeks before Christmas."

Karen Lack
Northville



"Probably a week ahead of Christmas."

Chris Litka
Northville Township



"I start thinking about it around Dec. 10, so probably right before Christmas."

Ryan Thomason
Salem Township



"July. I'm way behind this year."

Dawn Thomason
Salem Township

LETTERS

Here's to Dick O'Hare

Thank you for the article on a lifelong resident of Northville Dick O'Hare.

Memorial Day Parades, Fourth of July Parades, Dick O'Hare is there, in full uniform, giving commands and keeping our veterans in formation as they proudly march through our community.

Funeral service for a fallen veteran, and the family requests a military ceremony, Dick O'Hare is there, in full uniform, giving commands to the fellow veterans as they perform their duties.

Our community is fortunate to have many proud military veterans, and Dick O'Hare is right at the top of the list. One very proud Marine.

One other note about Dick. Ask an old-timer in this town who knows sports and they will tell you that back in the day, Dick O'Hare was one "mean and tough" defensive lineman for the Northville Mustangs.

Jim Long
Northville

Get Kowall out of office

As a resident of South Lyon and a constituent of state Sen. Mike Kowall, I have a message for my fellow constituents: we need get him out of office. Sen. Kowall's recent decision to stop a vote on the new international bridge is simply reprehensible and could kill the bridge proposal.

That proposed bridge would not only provide a direct jobs boost for Michiganders, but would provide \$2.2 billion in additional federal infrastructure funding for Michigan. The bridge would provide a much improved corridor for transporting goods to and from our biggest international trading partner, Canada. GM, Ford and Chrysler want the bridge. Oakland County and Wayne County want the bridge. Gov. Snyder wants the bridge, the federal government wants the bridge for improved homeland security and the people of Michigan need the bridge. The only person who really does not want the bridge is Matty Moroun, the owner of the Ambassador Bridge. Mr. Moroun and his minions have lied about the bridge and continue to obstruct the better good. So why did Sen. Kowall prevent a vote on the bridge? This can only be explained in two ways.

Sen. Kowall has his hands in Matty Moroun's pockets, and/or Sen. Kowall has so bought into the Republican tactic of obstructionism that he would choose to harm his constituents rather than do what is right.

In either case, we need to ask ourselves whether we want this kind of governance. We need to stop this destructive behavior and vote Mr. Kowall out of office at the next election.

Steven Hoin
South Lyon

Salvation Army update

The Salvation Army Christmas Fundraising Campaign for the Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Belleville service area has currently collected \$31,047.63, or 9.9 percent, of its \$315,000 Christmas goal for this year. The Red Kettle drive has collected \$21,212.01 of its targeted \$225,000 as of Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011.

Through the generous support of the community 325 families were

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We live in a great community that cares for others. The Salvation Army could not do what it does without your help.

Maj. Daniel Hull
Salvation Army Corps officer

Jobs bill support

We have heard a lot lately about our president waging class warfare on the rich. There's class warfare, all right, it's on the middle class and the poor.

We have billionaire Warren Buffett saying he thinks he shouldn't pay the same percentage as his secretary. He feels he can afford it. Our president states that 89 percent of the cost of the Jobs Bill could be paid by the millionaires and billionaires paying their fair share. They got a \$70 billion a year gift from the previous president, 73 percent of the people favor they need to give it back. We could stop giving the oil companies \$90 billion a year in subsidies. Is there anyone out there who feels the oil companies aren't making enough money?

A Republican candidate from Texas says he's against government handouts. He does seem to enjoy the oil subsidies. We could use the \$90 billion toward jobs. We should also take a look at loopholes for corporations who continue to send many jobs overseas and put their assets in foreign banks.

Since 2009, U.S. corporate profits rose 42 percent to a record \$1.68 trillion in the fourth quarter of 2010. How is that for the trickle-down theory?

The unemployment rate spiked at 10.1 percent before ending the year at 9.4 percent. I have yet to hear of a good jobs plan from the side opposing our president.

However, by bailing out the auto industry, our president added 133,000 jobs since its low point in 2009. Where would the Milford Proving Ground be without saving GM?

My guess is the other side does not want the president to succeed, to the detriment of people out there who need jobs. What has the opposite side done? Our governor claims to be for jobs. How has that worked for us? He has cut \$1 billion in public education funding, laying off teachers and closing schools. He has raised taxes on middle class families by \$1.4 billion, reduced unemployment benefits by 25 percent and eliminated tax credits for donations to food banks and other vital nonprofits.

He has given corporations a \$1.6 billion special interest tax break that doesn't promise to raise one job.

Our president promised a tax break to the corporations that keep jobs in the U.S. What else should we expect from a corporate CEO who sent his Gateway jobs to China? He is following the policy of his party. We should not be surprised that people by the thousands, all over the U.S., including Detroit, are taking to the streets over corporate greed and class warfare on the poor and middle class.

Let's not overlook the 50 million senior citizens who may not vote for a party that would cut their Social Security and Medicare. The corporations are already taking away their pensions. If you are not making a seven-figure salary, you should support the Jobs Bill. Isn't jobs what we all want?

Doris Appleton
Milford

Questions bully bill

The Michigan Senate recently distinguished itself by passing sweeping Anti-Bullying legislation (SB 137). My first thought as I glanced through the recent news article was that it was about time that our elected officials formalized such a law. Any and all kids deserve the basic right to feel safe and unthreatened when they walk through their school doors every morning.

Reading further into the article, I was surprised to discover that SB 137 didn't pass through the state Senate unanimously, the bill was passed along party lines — 26 Republican state senators supported the bill and 11 Democratic senators opposed it. How could anyone oppose this commonsense legislation that would protect our kids from such a destructive act?

Upon further research, turns out Democrats aren't pro-bullying, they were opposed to a Republican-supported section of the bill which states:

"This section does not prohibit a statement of a sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction of a school employee, school volunteer, pupil or a pupil and parent or guardian."

Apparently 26 of our Republican state senators (including my own representative) feel that bullying is OK (and legal) if the bully really, sincerely believes that his/her taunts and verbal humiliation are religiously or morally based. This anti-bullying bill certainly appears to allow any bully to excuse and legally defend their actions, rather than put an end to such unacceptable behavior.

Until we demand more of our elected officials, apparently this is the sort of government we should expect and deserve. I believe we all should expect and deserve better.

Marty Drury
Highland

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Bridge building material: vision, leadership and persistence

By Tom Watkins
Guest Columnist

Governor Rick Snyder, vision, leadership and persistence will ultimately build the New International Trade Crossing between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario.

The Legislature is on its annual deer hunting and turkey-eating break. The governor and his team need to use this time to figure out how to get the job done. One thing is for sure: Persistence is needed to ensure that the new public-private bridge is built.

That's one of the lessons to be learned from how a previous governor and Legislature came together to build a bridge — and our state — over a half century ago.

Fifty-four years ago, Michigan's governor, lawmakers, businesses, labor and citizens across the state cheered the opening of a bridge connecting our two beautiful peninsulas, the Mackinac Bridge.

Like today, the quest to build the Mackinac Bridge produced naysayers who questioned its need and feasibility and claimed the financing "scheme" to pay for the construction of the bridge was unworkable.

Yet our political leaders then, chief among them Governor G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams, were able to overcome the obstacles and build the bridge. Today, we have a beautiful span that stands as a reminder of our capability to overcome insurmountable odds.

Why were our elected leaders then able to build a bridge many thought impossible? Because of vision, leadership and persistence.

The Mackinac Bridge opened to traffic on Nov. 1, 1957. In the souvenir book celebrating the grand opening, a section titled "the legislative story" reads: "it is a symbol of progress in Michigan, progress made possible by far-sightedness, by the co-operation, by the unity of purpose and by the devotion to the idea on the part of leaders in the legislature, state administration and interested citizens." It concludes with this sentence: "Application of the same spirit to other fields will bring a great deal of prosperity in Michigan and make our state a bet-

ter place in which to work and live."

We can only wish this sentiment would have spilled over to today.

Gov. Williams wrote in his welcome letter in the same souvenir book: "In a larger sense, this bridge is more than just the world's greatest bridge of steel and concrete. It's also a symbol of the Michigan spirit — the spirit of a people for whom no obstacle is too wide, no job too big, no undertaking too difficult."

The New International Trade Crossing, of course, is being held hostage by the owner of the existing Ambassador Bridge, Matty Moroun, and his money and legislative influence.

Michigan should be building a second bridge and putting people to work, not playing political games. Building the new bridge benefits our economic future and makes all the sense in the world.

Canada is our largest trading partner. International trade creates thousands of jobs in Michigan and countless more across the U.S. The case has been made to build another international bridge crossing — and we want it in Michigan, not some other state.

A new bridge has deep support from business, labor, Gov. Snyder and all of Michigan's living former governors — Republican and Democrat alike. It's time to build the public/private New International Trade Crossing and get Michigan working again.

Gov. Snyder, please take the advice of our 30th president, Calvin Coolidge, when he said, "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not. Genius will not. Education will not. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

In his first State of the State address nearly a year ago, Gov. Snyder surprised many when he called for the building of this bridge. To date, political gamesmanship and lots of Matty Moroun's money have dug a moat around accomplishing this goal.

The governor has provided the rationale, vision, and leadership to build this needed bridge. Time will tell if he has the persistence to persevere.

Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the United States and China. He served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He can be reached at tdwatkins88@gmail.com



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Bedwetting is a treatable sleep disorder

By Lyle Danuloff
and Michael Stallsmith
Guest Columnists

Bedwetting is a difficult and misunderstood issue. What makes it even more challenging is the impact this genetically-based sleep disorder has on the quality of a person's life. At the Enuresis Treatment Center, our commitment is to put an end to bedwetting by establishing a healthy pattern of sleep, which naturally creates positive results for our patients in many areas of their lives.

We know that bedwetting is not an easy condition with which to live. It's not unusual to feel different and isolated, and frustration can exist within the whole family dynamic. Living with a long-term sleep disorder can begin to produce its own set of complications, like difficulty awakening in the morning, changes in disposition, and challenges with focus and con-

centration. In fact, we often see a high rate of ADHD/ADD diagnoses (perhaps a misdiagnosis). Bedwetting is simply a tell-tale sign that there is a compromise to the health and quality of one's sleep, making this a serious issue. We know that you, as parents, are seeking a permanent resolution for this condition. Perhaps you've tried the most common approaches: Awakening your child in the night, fluid restriction, alarm devices, drug therapy, homeopathic remedies, chiropractic care, pull-ups...all of which are clearly ineffective.



Lyle Danuloff



Michael Stallsmith

The most common advice that is given – and the most detrimental – is to wait to outgrow bedwetting. There is no guarantee that your child will one day just stop wetting the bed. The fact is, the average age for our patients is 13, and we also regularly treat adults. However, if someone does outgrow bedwetting, they are going to have to live with the sleep disorder that will likely manifest in other ways later in life, such as sleep apnea, sleepwalking, night terrors, tooth grinding, insomnia, excessive snoring, etc.

Bedwetting is the only treatable sleep disorder. Yet since bedwetting is not physiological or psychological in nature, doctors are at a loss with how to treat this condition properly. It is necessary to get to the core of any problem in order to make a permanent change, as we do with the sleep disorder. At the Enuresis Treatment Center, we utilize a holistic approach known as biofeed-

back, which "trains" the brain to sleep in a natural, restorative pattern of sleep. We also treat the symptoms of the bedwetting, which include an underdeveloped bladder and a weakened/desensitized lock muscle located at the base of the bladder. By bringing all of these elements together, a new experience of life emerges for our patients. We see positive changes in disposition, self-esteem, energy levels, an improved capacity to concentrate and focus, etc. It now also becomes possible to participate in social activities without anxiety, like sleepovers and camp stays.

The founder of our clinic, Barbara Moore, developed the program to cure her own daughter's bedwetting. At the suggestion of doctors, Gaile had surgery and psychotherapy to treat her bedwetting, both of which proved useless. The breakthrough came when Barbara discovered a sleep study

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New comment system requires real names of users

By Larry Ruehlen
Observer Staff Writer

It's the end of the anonymous era.

Hometownlife.com, the website for the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Weekly Newspapers, now requires posters to sign on by using their real names. Company officials believe the move will result in a "higher-quality discussion" on story chats.

"We ask those submitting letters to the editor to sign their name to printed material and this is no different. I believe this new policy is a start in raising the level of quality discussion and engagement on our website," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor and publisher of the O&E and Hometown Weeklies and hometownlife.com. Readers are required to log into a registered Facebook account to comment on Northville Record stories at Hometownlife.com. Gannett Co. Inc. announced in October it will make that change for all of its U.S. community publishing and broadcast sites.

Other Gannett-owned sites affected in Michigan are the *Lansing State Journal*, *Detroit Free Press*, *The Livingston Daily Press & Argus*, *Battle Creek Enquirer* and *WZZM-TV*. The official Gannett-wide Facebook comments deployment began last week and is scheduled to finish in January.

News organizations that implement Facebook commenting abilities on their sites say they are seeing "higher-quality" discussion and a "significant increase in referral traffic," according to a report by Jeff Soderman, a digital media fellow at The Poynter Institute. Poynter is a school in St. Petersburg, Fla., that advocates for journalistic excellence.

The Gannett changes to the new commenting system weren't reckless, said Luz Long, Gannett Digital

project coordinator.

"We understand that many users will not be able to use Facebook or are not interested in using Facebook to comment," the Gannett e-mail announcement sent by Long reads. "However, our aim is not to shut out participants from the conversation, but rather to provide a welcoming environment that encourages high-quality and relevant contributions."

"By holding commenters accountable for their actions through Facebook, the hope is that this will help keep the conversation interesting and stimulating for the rest of us."

Pilot study

Gannett selected five sites of varying audience sizes to pilot the changes over the course of a few months, Long said. The pilot sites were ksdm.com, 13wmaz.com, travel.usa-today.com, news-press.com and desmoinesregister.com.

The changes were prompted in an effort to keep up with digital media trends, Long said.

Gannett will continue using Pluck, the company's current application programming interface for commenting, to power other website components, such as reader blogs. Alternatives to the Pluck API system, however, will be "explored in the coming months," according to Gannett's announcement.

The new system prohibits pornography, hate speech, threatening language, graphic violence, bullying, and spam, aligning with current Gannett moderation guidelines. Current Gannett moderation policies ban abuse, harassment, threats, vulgarity and spam.

Frequently asked questions

Q: Why the switch?
A: The decision to change our commenting

tool was not made lightly. We understand that many users will not be able to use Facebook or are not interested in using Facebook to comment. However, our aim is not to shut out participants from the conversation, but rather to provide a welcoming environment that encourages high-quality and relevant contributions. By holding commenters accountable for their actions through Facebook, the hope is that this will help keep the conversation interesting and stimulating for the rest of us.

Q: What are the benefits of using my Facebook account on www.hometownlife.com?

A: Once you log into your Facebook account and start commenting, there will be no need to maintain a separate login on the site. Plus, you will be able to use the Facebook grammar filter; "Like" and follow other readers' posts; include your friends in the conversation; get instant notifications when someone responds to your comment; view the most relevant comments from friends, friends of friends and the most active threads; and hide spam.

Q: I'm logged into my Facebook account, but unable to comment.

A: If you are signing up for Facebook just to post a comment keep in mind that new accounts will have to make a few friends and upload an avatar before becoming "active" and participating on the site. This helps to establish your identity as well as the identities of others using Facebook. For issues concerning Facebook we encourage you to check with their Help Center, <http://www.facebook.com/help/issues/>.

Q: Can I leave a comment if I don't have a Facebook account?

A: After the switch is made to the entire site,

anyone wishing to post a comment will need an active Facebook account. If you don't have one, don't worry. It's easy to sign up at Facebook.com <http://www.facebook.com>.

Q: Why does my Facebook photo and username appear on the page when I haven't posted a comment?

A: If you're signed into Facebook, you will be able to see your information, but it will not be visible to anyone else until the comment publishes.

Q: If I post a comment will

other people be able to see my information or photos?

A: What others see when they click on your information is determined by your Facebook privacy settings. For assistance in updating your settings please visit the Facebook Help Center <http://www.facebook.com/help/privacy>.

Q: Do the site's Conversation Guidelines still apply?

A: Yes, you make a difference in the community when you add civil and respectful

contributions to the conversation and report abusive comments and identities. If you suspect someone is using a fake or abusive account, report them directly to Facebook by clicking on the user's profile, then clicking "Report/block this person" at the bottom left of the page. For abusive or inappropriate comments, click the "X" in the upper right corner of the comment and report it as spam or abuse.

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Taj announces U.S. House bid for 11th District

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Vowing to help create jobs and protect Medicare and Social Security, Canton Township Trustee Dr. Syed Taj has announced he will campaign as a Democratic candidate in 2012 in hopes of unseating U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, in the new 11th District.

Taj, chief of medicine

for Dearborn-based Oakwood Hospital and a third-year Canton trustee, said his longtime career as a doctor and his elected position have prepared him to serve in Washington, D.C.

"I don't want to see our country going down the path it is going right now," Taj said. "It has been really frustrating to see people suffering and losing their houses and jobs — and nobody

is doing anything in Congress."

Taj criticized Congress as "dysfunctional" and said he wants to help change it.

"Nobody wants to lose their Medicare, and Congress is trying to change it," he said. "Irrespective of political party, nobody wants to give up Medicare. It's something people have paid into from a very young age, and they expect to have it once



Taj

they reach retirement age."

Taj, 65, plans to retire from Oakwood Hospital in late March, though he pledged to finish the fourth year of his township board term in 2012 even as he campaigns for Congress.

"People have given me a job to do, and I need to complete my job," he said.

Taj has named as his campaign manager Natalie Mosher, who lost her challenge against McCotter in the last 11th District election. McCotter's district includes 28 communities such as Novi,

Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Milford, Northville, and South Lyon.

McCotter also is facing a challenge within his own party from candidates such as state Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake and Kerry Bentivolio of Milford.

Taj, in his sixth year as Oakwood's chief of medicine, has said he has shown he can work in a bipartisan approach as the only Democrat on the seven-member Canton Township Board of Trustees. He also serves on the Canton Community Foundation's board of directors and has been

involved in Wayne County Senior Alliance.

Taj made his announcement in the same week McCotter issued a statement bemoaning the national and state unemployment rate and criticizing President Barack Obama's handling of the economy.

Taj has rolled out his campaign website, www.tajforcongress.com. He was born and raised in India and moved to Michigan in 1982 with wife Sofia. They have a son, Asad.

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WATER

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Don Weaver, Public Services director, has been directed to evaluate the township's current method for charging these fees. The water rates would not change, but the tap fee for new businesses might.

According to Abbo, the township's tap fee schedule is based on a study done in Oakland County during the 1980s. He

said the study used averages and generalizations to set fees, but he said it has always been their intention to charge based on reality.

"I'm not suggesting we change our costs or our rate, but we do it based on reality — on what the real equivalent units are, and not a schedule that generalizes based on everybody in that industry," Abbo said.

He said the current system is probably used because of its

simplicity, but it might not be fair.

Clerk Sue Hillebrand said it's worth looking at because it has not been done for so long, but added they should be mindful of any residential concern.

"I think it would be useful to see where we compare to other communities," Hillebrand said.

Trustee Chris Roosen said because of future development, it should be explored if the township wants to stay competitive with its neighbors.

He pointed to the potential development along Five Mile and the notion that a new business might choose to build on the Plymouth Township side of the road if the tap fee is smaller.

Weaver expressed his concern to the board, saying if it appears to benefit businesses then it could be more of a burden on residents. He said the current system is fair, but an evaluation will be done before the next meeting.

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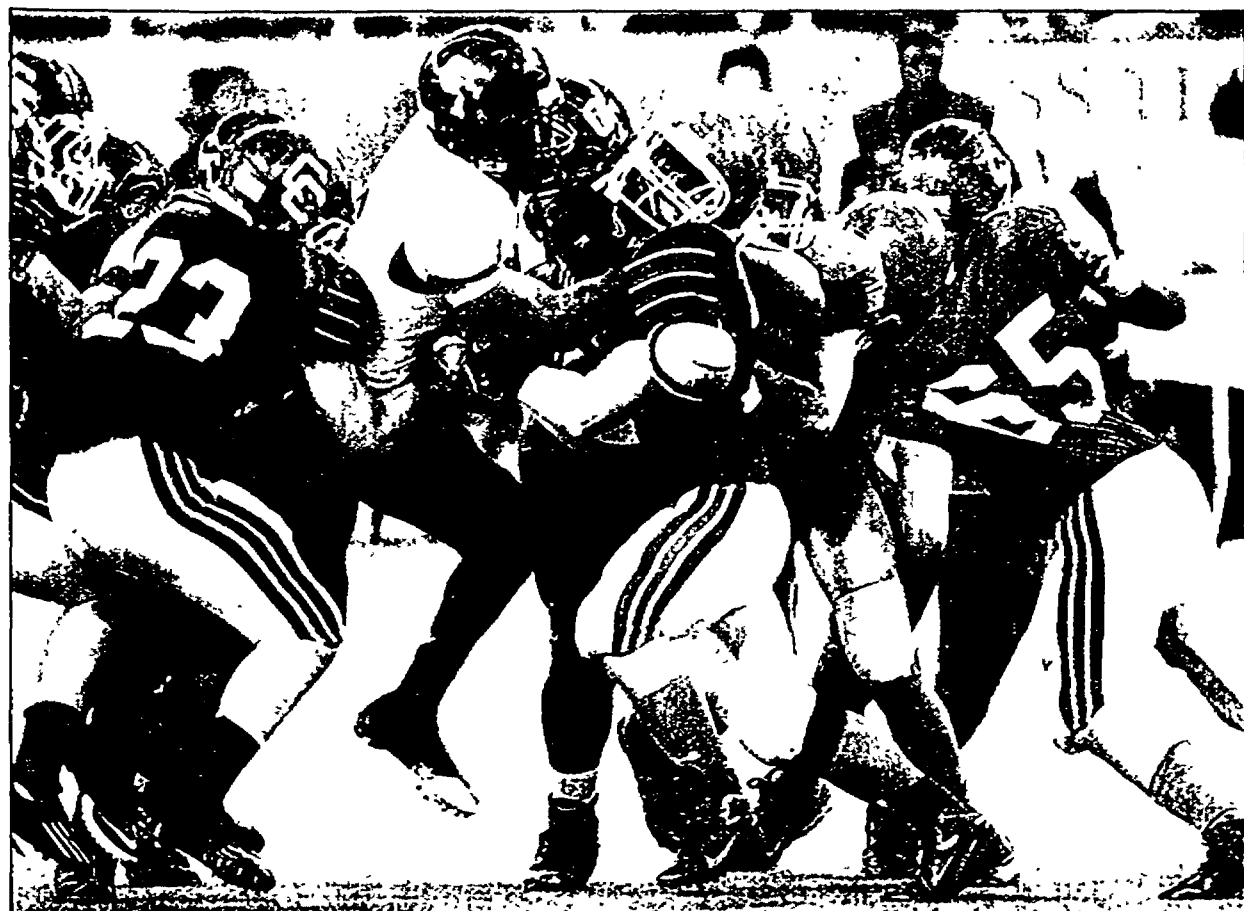
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A host of Catholic Central Shamrocks try to stop the surge of Cass Tech and its ball carrier during Saturday's game at Ford Field.

Cass Tech passes final test against CC

By Jeff Theisen
Sports writer

Cass Tech walked as a team from its campus Saturday at Ford Field. Once there, the Technician offense picked up the pace and ran by Catholic Central for a 49-13 victory and the Division 1 State Championship.

"We got outplayed today," said Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach. "I was very proud of our team throughout the whole year, we met our match today. They did a great job."

Cass Tech freshman quarterback Jayru Campbell passed for 240 yards and five touchdowns to lead the explosive offense.

"We wanted to get a little more pressure on him, but we didn't," said Mach. "They did a very good job of keeping us out and not putting pressure on him so he could stand back there and wait until people came open and hit them. They had us spread across the field. They used the talent they had very well."

"Every time we would blitz or go to a sixth man in the middle, they would throw. When we went to a fifth man in the middle, they ran. They put us in a bind."

The Technicians scored the lone points of the first quarter when Royce Jenkins-Stone broke free for a 32-yard run. The extra point was no good.

The lead grew to 14-0 when Campbell connected with Ruben Lile for a



Catholic Central fans can't believe that Cass Tech's scored on their team again. This reaction was from the Technician's late 4th quarter score that made it Cass Tech 42, CC 7.

Please see FOOTBALL, B3

Mustangs continue to measure up with best Dance team takes a second and third at tournament

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

They say if you want to be the best, you need to compete against the best—and the Northville Mustangs varsity dance team is doing just that.

The squad, coached by Tracy Kielb, took on some of the state's best teams when they competed in the Great Lakes Dance Championship two weeks ago. The result? The Mustangs proved they belonged in the upper echelons of the sport this year.

The tournament, which was held in Clarkston, found Northville taking second overall in the large-school varsity jazz category and third place in the hip hop division.

In the jazz competition, the Mustangs finished behind

Utica Eisenhower, a perennial powerhouse in competitive dance. Macomb Dakota finished third while Regina and Henry Ford II took fourth and fifth, respectively.

Northville showcased an all-new routine during the competition to the Lady Gaga song "Born This Way."

"This was their first time performing this dance, and every member of the team stepped up," said Kielb of the jazz routine.

In total, 11 large schools and 13 smaller schools competed in the jazz category.

In the hip hop division, the Mustangs finished third behind first-place Royal Oak and runner-up Utica Eisenhower. Sterling Heights Stevenson finished in fourth place while Romeo finished fifth.

Northville's routines are growing in complexity and the dancers' abilities are beginning to truly shine, noted Kielb.

"I'm extremely proud of the way the team is competing," said Kielb. "Last year we placed both dances in the top five, and to finish in the top three this year against the best teams in the state is a great accomplishment."

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News

Three Northville girls sign letters of intent Mustangs have future collegiate players in Pond, Moynes, Doud

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Northville High School has been producing quality athletes who have made the transition to the collegiate level—and sometimes beyond—for a very long time, which is why it comes as no surprise that the Mustangs have three more to add to that list.

Laura Pond, Alex Moynes and Erin Doud

all sat down recently and signed their names to National Letters of Intent, solidifying the continuation of their athletic careers into the college ranks.

"The Northville athletic community is extremely proud of Laura, Alex and Erin for choosing pursue their athletic careers at the college level," said Northville athletic director Bryan Masi. "Each of these student-athletes

works very hard at their sport and deserves the opportunities that have been afforded to them by these fine universities."

What's additionally great for fans of these three athletes is that none of them are heading too far from home and will all stay in Michigan for their continued education.

Pond signed her letter to play for Oakland University as a member of



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Three Northville Mustangs girls athletes have signed their letters of intent to play collegiate sports (l to r) — Laura Pond, Alex Moynes and Erin Doud.

their softball team while Moynes inked hers to Hillsdale College to play basketball for the Char-

gers. Doud will attend Saginaw Valley University to play tennis.

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



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CC fans cheer their team after it scored its first touchdown on Nov. 26.

Catholic Central vs. Cass Tech



CC quarterback Kyle Cooper walks off with the Division 1 runner-up trophy after Saturday's game at Ford Field.



The Catholic Central Shamrocks D-line lines up against Cass Tech during Saturday's finals at Ford Field.



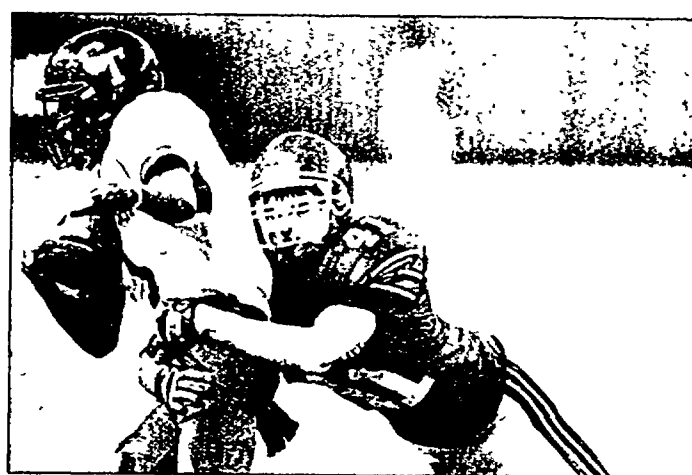
Shamrock David Houle pops the helmet off at Cass Tech player as he scores CC's late touchdown - in the 4th quarter - at Ford Field.



Shamrock Zach Bock is brought down by a Cass Tech player.



CC's Anthony Darkangelo, right, is congratulated by teammate Zach Bock after he'd scored CC's 2nd touchdown against Cass Tech on Nov. 26.



Cass Tech's Lewis Jordan is tackled by Shamrock David Racey.



Catholic Central head football coach Tom Mach is presented the Division 1 Finalist trophy after CC lost to Cass Tech 49-13.

Jabbori speeds way to the front among local talent

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Few players in the state posed as big of an offensive threat as Novi senior forward Chase Jabbori did. Despite facing off with defenders who usually had at least a six-inch advantage, Jabbori burned through the competition in 20 goals and 11 assists for 20 games while leading the Wildcats to a 16-4-0 record and No. 4 Division I ranking.

Along with his first-team All-State honor within Division I, Jabbori was one of 11 players across all state divisions to be named to the coach-selected Dream Team.

"Chase is one of the most dangerous scorers in Michigan, he has extreme speed in the open field, is very fast when dribbling the ball and has an explosive first step," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "Even though the teams we played this season knew he was our best offensive player, he still managed to get points in 17 of our 20 games and average a point and a half per game. He was the main reason we were never shut out this season."

A four-year varsity starter, Jabbori had 55 goals and 30 assists during his career at Novi while maintaining a 3.4 grade point average. He'll play soccer at University of Michigan, Western Michigan University or Oakland University next fall.

FIRST TEAM

Sean Hazen (Novi Sr. D)

As the lone returning player from last year's starting lineup, Novi senior Sean Hazen backstopped the Wildcats to a No. 4 ranking in Division I and earned a spot on the All-State third team. As one of Novi's captains, he also earned All-Region, All-District and All-Conference honors while earning a 3.85 GPA. He'll be playing at Western Michigan University next year.

"Sean is one of the most dangerous attacking defenders ever to attend Novi High School," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "Not only is he a great defender, but he brings a forward's mentality to the outside defender position, attacking along the touch line with great skill and relentlessness."

Matt Wilson (Novi Jr. M)

Behind 19 goals and 17 assists, junior Matt Wilson was one of the toughest players to guard in the state. The third-team All-State midfielder earned All-Region, All-District and All-Conference honors while earning a 3.5 GPA. He is being recruited by University of Michigan and Akron University.

"Matt is the most gifted player with the ball I have come across in a



Novi senior Chase Jabbori shields the ball from Northville junior Troy Dolmetsch. Novi defeated Northville 2-1 Sept. 22.

long time," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "He has the ability to beat defenders one-versus-one or possess the ball and set up his teammates for scoring chances. He shoots the ball with great accuracy with both feet and has great field vision. It got to the point in our practices this season where Matt had to be double teamed to be stopped."

Jake Bedi (Catholic Central So. M)

Voted as Detroit Catholic Central's most valuable player by his teammates, sophomore Jake Bedi earned a spot on the All-State third team after also being named to the All-Region, All-District and All-Catholic teams.

"Jake has great field vision, plays at a high level and uses his speed to control the center mid," CC coach Joe Nora said. "He distributes very well and gets all his teammates involved."

Jacob Prud'homme (South Lyon Sr. F)

Despite a very tough core of Division I teams in his division, South Lyon senior Jacob Prud'homme led his team to some strong finishes with eight goals (three game winners) and four assists while earning an All-State honorable mention.

"Prud'homme is a player that every team knew about and has to make sure and pay attention to," South Lyon coach John LeBlanc said.

Brian Alumbaugh (Northville Sr. M)

Behind an All-State honorable mention, All-Region, All-District and All-Conference honor, Northville senior captain Brian Alumbaugh was named his team's co-most valuable player and helped his squad stay in the Division I top 10 most of the season.

Chris Park (Novi Sr. M)

Novi senior captain Chris Park was known throughout the state for his ability to set up his teammates. With 15

assists for a second-consecutive year, Park also had one goal in earning All-District and All-Conference honors. He had four goals and 40 assists in his career at Novi.

"Chris is the most gifted passer on our team," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "He has the ability to find open players from distance, with both feet, or he can work his way out of tight space with his great short passing skills."

Aaron Quinley (Novi Sr. M)

The Wildcats' third leading scorer, Novi senior midfielder Aaron Quinley had 11 goals and six assists while earning All-Conference honors.

"Aaron brought a physical presence to our team. He used his size to win many 50/50 balls and was our best player in the air," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "We played all of our punts, goal kicks and free kicks to Aaron and he got his head on just about every one of them. For a player of his size, he had great finesse with the ball at his feet and scored some huge goals for us this season."

Jimmy Fiscus (Northville So. D)

A sophomore captain, Northville defender Jimmy Fiscus earned All-District and All-Conference honors while being named the Mustangs' most valuable player.

Brian Alumbaugh (Northville Sr. M)

Senior midfielder Brian Alumbaugh captained the Mustangs as an All-State honorable mention who also earned All-Region, All-District and All-Conference honors en route to a co-most valuable player honor.

Scott Michael (South Lyon So. GK)

Sophomore goalkeeper Scott Michael was a vital part of South Lyon's biggest performances this fall. The All-State honorable mention and captain also earned All-Regional and All-District honors. "Two big shutouts that

gave us a tie against Northville and a win over Stevenson," South Lyon coach John LeBlanc said.

Grant Scovel (South Lyon Jr. D)

Also an All-State honorable mention, junior defender Grant Scovel was the wall opponents had to get past before taking a shot at goalkeeper Scott Michael. Scovel also earned All-Regional and All-District honors.

"Our center back that held the anchor for our team," South Lyon coach John LeBlanc said.

SECOND TEAM

Austin Smarsh (Catholic Central Sr. D)

Senior captain Austin Smarsh was the anchor for Detroit Catholic Central's defense this fall. His ability to win the ball in the air and coordinate his teammates on the field during the game are just a few of the reasons he earned both All-District and All-Catholic League honors.

Chris Palausja (Northville Sr. F)

As the Mustangs' leading scorer, senior forward Chris Palausja earned All-District and All-Conference honors.

Spencer Dunn (Catholic Central Sr. F)

Senior Spencer Dunn became the Shamrocks' leading goal scorer after a strong second half of the season. Along the way, he picked up All-District honors.

Nick Smith (Northville Sr. GK)

Eight shutouts backstopped by senior netminder Nick Smith helped propel Northville to a top-10 ranking in Division I throughout much of the season.

Cory Odell (Novi Sr. D)

The core to the Wildcats' defense, senior Cory Odell centered the back line and matched up with opponents' top forwards, all while earning a 4.0 grade point average.

Stephen Galindo (Catholic Central Sr. GK)

Behind five shutouts

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and a goals against average of just 0.86, senior netminder backstopped the Detroit Catholic Central defense in goal during his first year as the starter behind the pipes.

Connor Carrigan (Lakeland Sr. M)

Although he started and ended the season on the injured list, White Lake Lakeland senior Connor Carrigan led the Eagles to a 10-game undefeated streak in between while he was in the lineup. Despite the missed games, the three-year varsity team member still earned All-Conference honors.

Tom Kemennu (Lakeland Sr. M)

Voted as the Eagles' most valuable player, senior center midfielder Tom Kemennu sparked White Lake Lakeland's play while earning both All-District and All-Conference honors for each of the past two seasons.

Jeff Sims (Northville Sr. M)

While leading his team in both assists and game-winning goals, Northville senior Jeff Sims earned All-Conference honors among a very competitive field that included Canton, Novi, Plymouth, Livonia, South Lyon and Plymouth.

Troy Baertson (Lakeland Sr. F)

Behind a team-leading eight goals, White Lake Lakeland senior forward Troy Baertson notched all of his tallies during the second half of the season.

He used his speed to get behind opposing defenses, earning All-District and All-Conference honors in the process.

Robert Costanza (South Lyon East Jr. M)

With the ability to play on both sides of the ball, junior midfielder Robert Costanza had one goal and three assists against a field of state-ranked division opponents. Despite the challenge, the midfielder earned All-District and All-Conference honors.

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FOOTBALL

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46-yard strike and threw added a two-point conversion via the pass.

Catholic Central answered right back on the ensuing drive when quarterback Kyle Cooper delivered a screen pass to Anthony Darkangelo who got a block and was gone for a 47-yard touchdown with 7:25 remaining in the half.

Cass Tech regained a 14-point edge right before the half when Campbell

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hit Terry Richardson with a 36-yard TD.

"They're very fast, and we didn't stay with them," said Mach.

The Technicians (11-3) added two more scores in the third quarter - a 16-yard pass from Campbell to Shuron Jackson and a three-yard pass to Jen-

kins-Stone for a 35-7 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Cass Tech didn't let up as Campbell found Jordan Lewis for a 46-yard score in the opening minute of the fourth.

The Shamrocks aren't built for big comebacks, and the next play

proved it. Jenkins-Stone picked off a CC pass and returned it for a score and a 49-7 lead.

The final score came with a little more than two minutes to play when David Houle crashed in from a yard out, but the point after was no good.

Catholic Central was held to 83 yards rushing on 30 attempts. Passing, Cooper hit on seven of 14 for 143 yards, but a third of that came on the screen to Darkangelo and the one interception came back for a score.

"We're a pound-it-out

type of team and that's what we like to do," said Mach. "We weren't able to do that today."

Houle led the ground game with 57 yards on 11 attempts. Zach Bock was next with 18 yards on eight carries.

Darkangelo was lone Shamrock with multiple catches. He hauled in four for 97 yards and a score.

While the finish was hardly what the Shamrocks could've envisioned, Mach was impressed with what his group accomplished

along the way to the State Finals.

"I'm very proud of our team," said Mach. "Until this game, we were fighting and clawing through a pretty tough league. Very few teams in our league have lost at all. We've been great up this point. Today, it just came unraveled. I'm very proud of our football team and the effort they have given us from the beginning to the end. They're a great bunch of kids."

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Holiday Helpers



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Bailey & Shamoun Interiors hosted Ladies Night Out on Nov. 11, featuring a benefit for Holiday Helpers. Nearly \$800 was raised to support gift giving to hospitalized children during the holidays. Shoppers enjoyed food, drink and music amid the holiday decor inside Bailey & Shamoun's new downtown Northville store.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

City and township good for entrepreneurs

The City of Northville and Charter Township of Northville have been recognized for their work to foster entrepreneurial growth and economic development in a study by researchers at iLabs, University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research. Both communities were honored as Four star communities along with 44 other communities across the State, with seven communities recognized as top performers.

The eCities research surveyed more than 100 communities in the State of Michigan who are home to 36 percent of Michigan residents and 44 percent of its college graduates. The communities also had more than \$1 billion in commercial construction last year and more than half of them share services with other communities.

"We are pleased to have participation from so many communities throughout the state in eCities 2011,"

said Davis. "The focus of this project is assisting local communities by identifying best practices and methods that they can implement which will aid with job growth strategies, economic diversification, and development of entrepreneurs."

The communities were honored at a ceremony at UM-Dearborn on Nov. 16, with Martin Dober, senior vice president of entrepreneurship & innovation, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, providing the keynote address at the event.

The annual eCities research project, which began in 2007, uses data supplied by the participants as well as other public records to assemble a six-factor, 32-item index of entrepreneurial activity, looking at such factors as clustering, incentives, growth, policies, community and education. The study focuses on entrepreneurship because of its importance to expansion and diversification of Michigan's regional economies and the impact small businesses have on job creation.

Working in the private cloud – Part II

This is part two of a two-part column. The first appeared in last week's edition of the Novi News and can also be found online at www.hometownlife.com in the Business category of the paper's home page.

By Daniel Hoops
Guest Columnist

The transition from storing hard-copies of files in space-consuming storage facilities or file cabinets to a cloud environment is fast becoming the norm. In addition to saving space and reducing the costs of overhead, most industries are finding that the convenience in retaining documents is tremendous. Imagine having the ability to instantaneously search through millions of files and data with your computer to find one document, while you are on your iPad at home no less.

Private clouds are used by virtually every sector in our country. Schools that offer classroom portals and on-line learning store their data on servers. Hospitals and physicians use clouds to store patient records and fill ePrescriptions. The federal government has been using clouds for years to make compliance with various agencies simpler (such as SEC and patent filings).

For a business owner considering the switch to a cloud, there are some risks that must be considered before leasing server space in a cloud. The following are just a few of the concerns that should be addressed by a customer considering a cloud service provider.

1. Jurisdiction. The customer must know where the (a) service provider is located, and (b) servers or cloud space is located. In the event of a lawsuit, the customer must know what country's laws may come into play. Many cloud service providers maintain their servers outside the U.S. and this could result in you having to file a lawsuit in Trinidad or Iceland.

2. Insurance. The cloud customer must consider the risks if their data is somehow lost. This can result if (a) the service provider disappears or cuts off access to the cloud, or (b) a natural disaster, such as a hurricane, physically destroys the servers. What would you do if every document you thought were safe and secure is suddenly lost? How would you continue to service your customers or clients if everything were gone? Replicating those documents will be a huge cost in time and money.

3. Privacy. Depending upon the industry, there may be privacy statutes that mandate how you must control certain private and confidential data. For exam-

ple, physicians, hospitals and anyone considered a business associate can be severely fined under HIPAA. Attorneys, accountants, insurance agents, financial planners, banks and mortgage brokers can be fined and sued for violations under Gramm-Leach-Bliley. Schools that receive federal funds are subject to FERPA. Being sure that your service provider is aware of and appreciates these privacy statutes is a must.

4. Security Audits. Most service providers will stand proudly behind their cloud's security. But, if there is a breach of the security, there could be serious consequences to your business. Of course you want to know why or how it happened. But, more importantly, if you are subject to privacy statutes, you will have a duty to immediately notify people whose data has been compromised. Having access to the cloud servers for an independent specialist to analyze the extent of the breach in security is important.

5. Access. One safety measure for cloud customers is to determine who should have access to their cloud. The cloud service provider cannot be held responsible if the cloud user is not careful in how it allows access to the cloud. For example, any person with a password must safeguard that password. If the password is lost, the service provider should be notified and the passwords should be changed. Allowing 'blanket access' to the entire cloud should be limited to select people. Finally, at a minimum, cloud customers should purchase software to track who has accessed their cloud, what data was read, whether an intruder or unauthorized user accessed the cloud.

Cloud computing is a great convenience, but it also carries the risk of devastating consequences. On the one hand, a person has the expectation that all of their documents and information is as secure as a safe deposit box. On the other hand, a hacker could cause multi-million dollar losses or government fines in seconds. I understand that private cloud computing is only going to grow, so my recommendation is that new cloud users proceed with caution because the old-days of a file cabinet or storage room are behind us.

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OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all classes take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford.

For pre-registration and location specifics, visit www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783.

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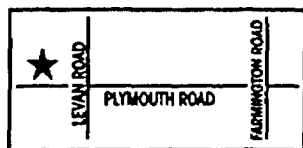
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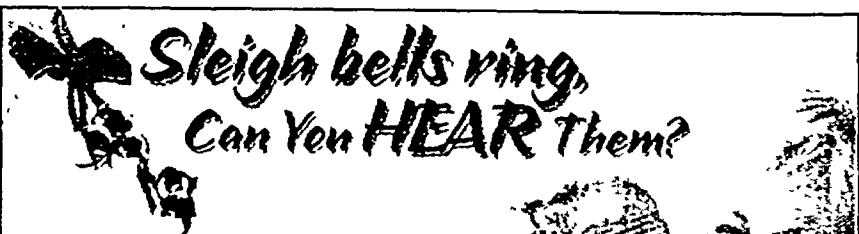
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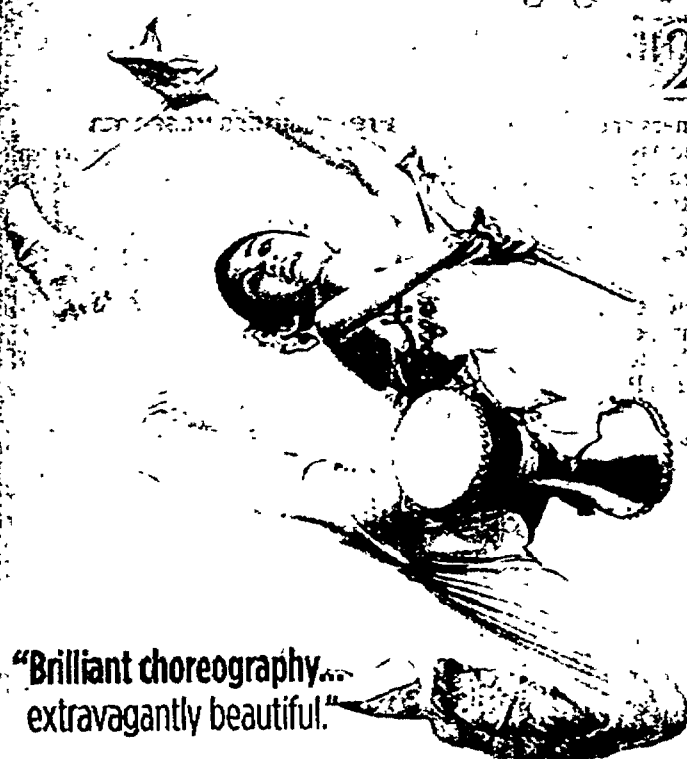
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Safety practices reduce risk of wintertime home fire

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By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

As we move closer to winter and home fire deaths begin to increase, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) remind everyone that fire safety and prevention are especially important in the coming months. Because home fires are more prevalent in winter than in any other season, NFPA and USFA are once again jointly sponsoring a special initiative — Put a Freeze on Winter Fires — to help raise public awareness about winter fires.

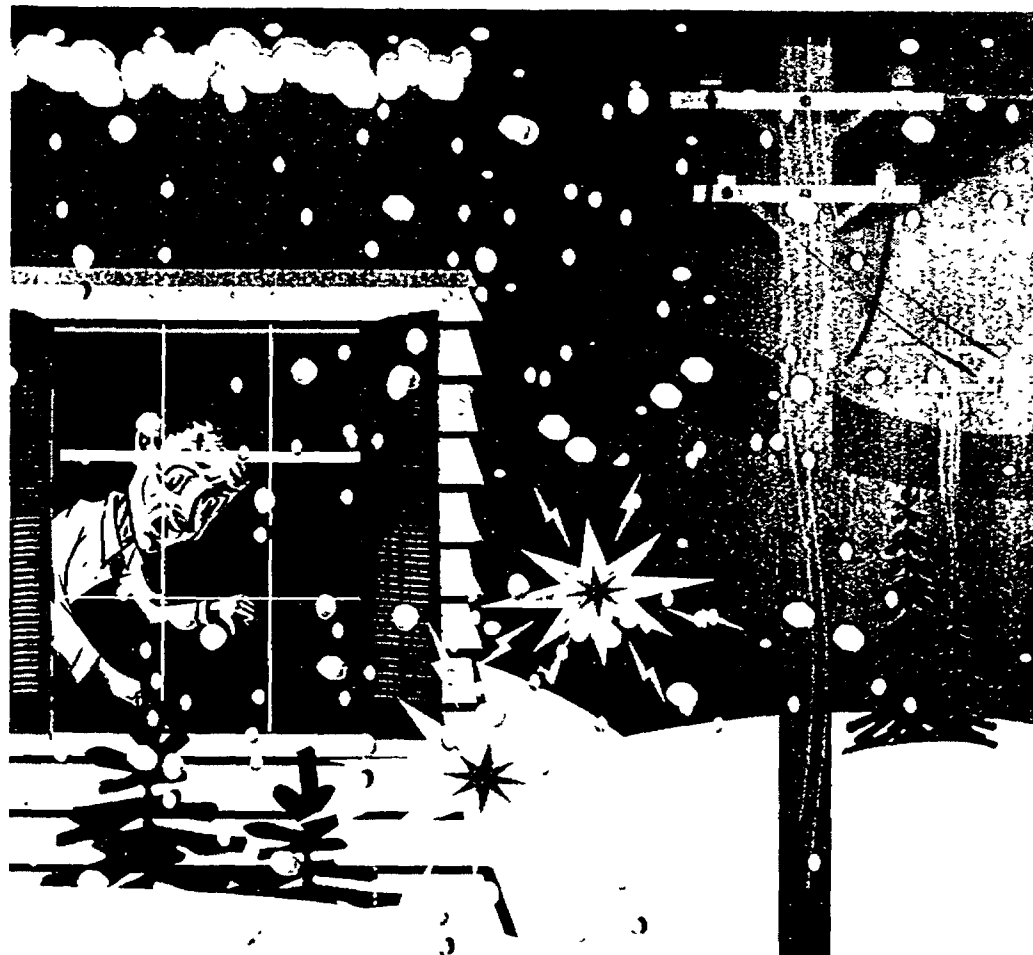
"These fires are a painful reminder of what we see every year — the temperatures drop and fires increase," said NFPA President Jim Shannon. According to NFPA statistics, space heaters account for about one-third of home heating fires and approximately 80 percent of the home heating fire deaths.

The USFA's Winter Residential Building Fires (PDF, 1 MB) report shows that each winter an estimated 108,400 residential building fires occur in the United States, resulting in 945 deaths, 3,825 injuries, and \$1.7 billion in property loss. Cooking is the leading cause of winter residential building fires at 36 percent followed by heating at 23 percent. Winter residential building fires occur mainly in the early evening hours, peaking from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"The winter season brings the highest number of home fires, more than at any other time of year," said USFA's Deputy Fire Administrator Glenn Gaines. "Home fires increase in part due to cooking and heating. Winter storms can also interrupt electrical service and cause people to turn to alternative heating sources that contribute to the increased risk of fire during the winter months."

The NFPA and USFA recommend following these safety tips to prevent winter home fires:

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



- Space heaters need space; keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from each heater.

- Check electrical cords often and replace cracked or damaged electrical or extension cords. Do not try to repair them.

- Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home. They are not designed for this purpose and can be a fire hazard. In addition, carbon monoxide (CO) gas might kill people and pets.

- Do not put your live Christmas tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with

- water at all times.
- Avoid using lighted candles. If you must use candles, place them in sturdy candleholders that won't burn.

- If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes and smoke outside.

"Winter fires are preventable," Gaines emphasized. "Everyone should find out what they need to know to prevent a tragedy and have a safe winter season."

For more information about the causes of winter fires, winter storm fire safety, holiday fire safety, and tips that will help prevent the incidence of fire in the home, visit the USFA website at www.usfa.fema.gov/ winter and the NFPA website at www.nfpa.org/winter.

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Q: I note that they have built a "High Line" in New York between 10th and 11th Avenue and I am wondering if you have any knowledge of the consequences on the real estate market there.

A: Having just walked the High Line, I can tell you that there have been a number of restaurants that have sprung up near the stairs that go to the High Line at every five or six blocks. Of particular interest to you would be the fact that a number of buildings are being renovated for residential use, and because of the

landscaping of the High Line, shops, restaurants and boutiques are springing up along the line. In addition, it is giving an opportunity to various

merchants to sell merchandise in buildings where the High Line traverses. Generally it has become a tourist attraction which, of course, increases the residential and commercial value of the buildings surrounding the High Line.

Q: I am thinking about buying a condominium in New York and I am wondering what suggestion you may have with respect to getting a reasonable price on a place near Central Park.

A: Unfortunately for you, the real estate glut has not affected the condominium cooperative market in New York and, in particular, around the Central Park area. Indeed, prices continue to increase as well as the relative assessments that are being charged by the associations in order to meet the increasing costs of operation. My experience recently in observing the market there is that New York continues to be one of the most expensive places in the world for residential housing. You are best advised to get a knowledgeable real estate agent who can point out to you areas where a bargain may be possible.

Q: Our condominium association is considering posing a restriction on the installation or use of solar energy devices such as panels and associated devices by a homeowner. Is there any state prohibition on it in Michigan?

A: To the best of my knowledge, Michigan and 11 other states do not have provisions to address solar rights issues and usage within their state codes. Only three states currently prohibit covenants or restrictions placed upon homeowners which would prevent the installation of solar powered panels and associated devices. Fifteen states currently have laws that protect easements and their establishment on a legal contractual basis without having an express solar rights law. Therefore, if you are in Michigan, your association can enact whatever restrictions you wish to place on the installation of solar panels and/or solar devices to the extent that the documents are so amended.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 22-26, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
47462 Adriana Ct	\$312,000
44012 Ardmore St	\$110,000
41614 Bedford Dr	\$54,000
42618 Boulden Ct	\$178,000
445 Constitution St	\$250,000
1754 Dunston Rd	\$200,000
7188 E Spring Dr	\$178,000
44945 Fair Oaks Dr	\$110,000
7359 Green Meadow Ln	\$120,000
42067 Hartford Dr	\$150,000
48442 Inveraray Rd	\$295,000
44937 Lemont Dr	\$160,000
45093 Lemont Rd	\$157,000
50250 Mott Rd	\$375,000
7966 N Lilley Rd	\$53,000
47728 River Woods Dr	\$233,000
268 Robyn Ct	\$145,000
4746 Sherwood Cir	\$192,000
543 Stonehenge Dr	\$230,000
GARDEN CITY	
31010 Dawson St	\$84,000
1231 Gilman St	\$35,000

30616 Pierce St	\$60,000
836 Venoy Rd	\$40,000
LIVONIA	
36800 Seven Mile Rd	\$238,000
32200 Allen St	\$185,000
9619 Arcola St	\$110,000
9665 Arcola St	\$100,000
9824 Arden St	\$155,000
33101 Barkley St	\$235,000
28709 Bayberry Ct W	\$148,000
30489 Bonnydale St	\$142,000
33315 Broadmoor Ct	\$180,000
15081 Cavell St	\$95,000
14201 Deering St	\$74,000
36732 Grove St	\$149,000
30676 Hathaway St	\$105,000
9904 Ingram St	\$145,000
9623 Loveland St	\$93,000
14362 Melrose St	\$148,000
19490 Norwich Rd	\$160,000
32125 Oakley St	\$92,000
32202 Oakley St	\$94,000
32040 Oakley St	\$110,000
20135 Rensselaer St	\$45,000
19030 Shay Ct	\$210,000
38823 Summers St	\$105,000
18149 University Park Dr	\$63,000
31811 W Chicago St	\$140,000
17494 Wayne Rd	\$202,000
14428 Yale St	\$126,000
NORTHVILLE	
41230 Aldea Dr	\$318,000

16256 Brook Trout Ln	\$130,000
19444 Cardene Ct	\$125,000
39577 Dun Rovin Dr	\$210,000
48682 Freestone Dr	\$98,000
48794 Freestone Dr	\$98,000
48878 Freestone Dr	\$98,000
15605 Johnson Creek Dr	\$145,000
15966 Johnson Creek Dr	\$125,000
16122 Johnson Creek Dr	\$458,000
16154 Johnson Creek Dr	\$125,000
47960 Manorwood Dr	\$757,000
510 Randolph St	\$275,000
15825 Spyglass Dr	\$620,000
41032 Stone Haven Rd	\$208,000
18043 Stonebrook Dr	\$430,000
39557 Village Run Dr	\$240,000
15711 Winchester Dr	\$235,000
40104 Woodside Dr S	\$325,000
PLYMOUTH	
40467 Brecken Ridge Ln	\$215,000
46351 Currituck Ct	\$368,000
42669 Five Mile Rd	\$80,000
11180 Gold Arbor Rd	\$85,000
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165 Hamilton Ave	\$95,000
15036 Plymouth Xing	\$243,000
11729 Sycamore Dr	\$72,000
9382 Timberline Ct	\$315,000
390 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$169,000
770 York St	\$93,000
REDFORD	
19146 Delaware Ave	\$54,000

17461 Denby	\$27,000
12035 Farley	\$35,000
19339 Gaylord	\$31,000
19443 Glenmore	\$63,000
19972 Indian	\$10,000
9245 Jerome	\$33,000
20173 Kinloch	\$26,000
15095 Kipke	\$88,000
13101 Leverne	\$62,000
27065 Lyndon	\$81,000
24979 S Sylbert Dr	\$47,000
9307 Sarasota	\$84,000
25432 Southwick	\$35,000
23817 W Chicago	\$43,000
WESTLAND	
2251 Ackley Ave	\$23,000
32536 Anita Dr	\$81,000
32027 Avondale St	\$23,000
8572 Berwick Dr	\$82,000
36003 Booth St	\$62,000
36791 Canyon Dr	\$80,000
770 Easley Dr	\$65,000
38456 Meghan Ln	\$130,000
8325 Melvin Ave	\$93,000
8330 N Henry Ruff Rd	\$55,000
32053 Parkwood St	\$57,000
1536 S Parent St	\$28,000
2420 Stieber St	\$21,000
33718 Tawas Trl	\$87,000
7743 Terri Dr	\$87,000
1341 Windham St	\$68,000

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15913 Amherst Ave	\$238,000
22210 Nottingham Dr	\$425,000
BIRMINGHAM	
111 Abbey St	\$370,000
643 Ann St # 645	\$719,000
1050 Davis Ave	\$440,000
2655 E Maple Rd	\$28,000
801 Hazel St	\$269,000
1832 Melbourne St	\$364,000
1075 Oxford St	\$240,000
630 Wallace St	\$573,000
282 Wimbleton Dr	\$372,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
3199 Pebble Ln	\$167,000
6963 Sandalwood Dr	\$240,000
1750 Tiverton Rd Unit 31	\$130,000
3542 W Bradford Dr	\$125,000
620 Willow Glen Ct	\$480,000
1251 Winchcombe Dr	\$139,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1320 Forestglen Ct	\$142,000
1961 Golf Ridge Dr	\$278,000
6222 Indianwood Trl	\$243,000
242 N Glangarry Trl	\$355,000
7160 Parkharry Dr	\$360,000
1199 Peveril Rd	\$120,000
1972 Saint Chaise Ct	\$175,000
7435 Saint Auburn Dr	\$235,000
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9510 Garden Ter	\$116,000
3510 Newton Rd	\$58,000
850 Ridgmont St	\$75,000
FARMINGTON	
32030 Grand River Ave Unit 3	\$29,000
35167 Oakland St	\$170,000
32808 Slocum Dr	\$119,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29768 Briarton St	\$170,000
24082 Creekside Dr	\$119,000
29610 Gilchrist St	\$140,000
22147 Horsdale Dr	\$325,000
38940 Holsworth Ct	\$205,000
33133 Hopecrest Ct	\$155,000
23054 Potomac Cir	\$147,000
36785 Quakertown Ln	\$180,000
28809 Ramblewood Dr	\$165,000
30227 S Stockton Dr	\$79,000
28464 Westerleigh Dr	\$120,000

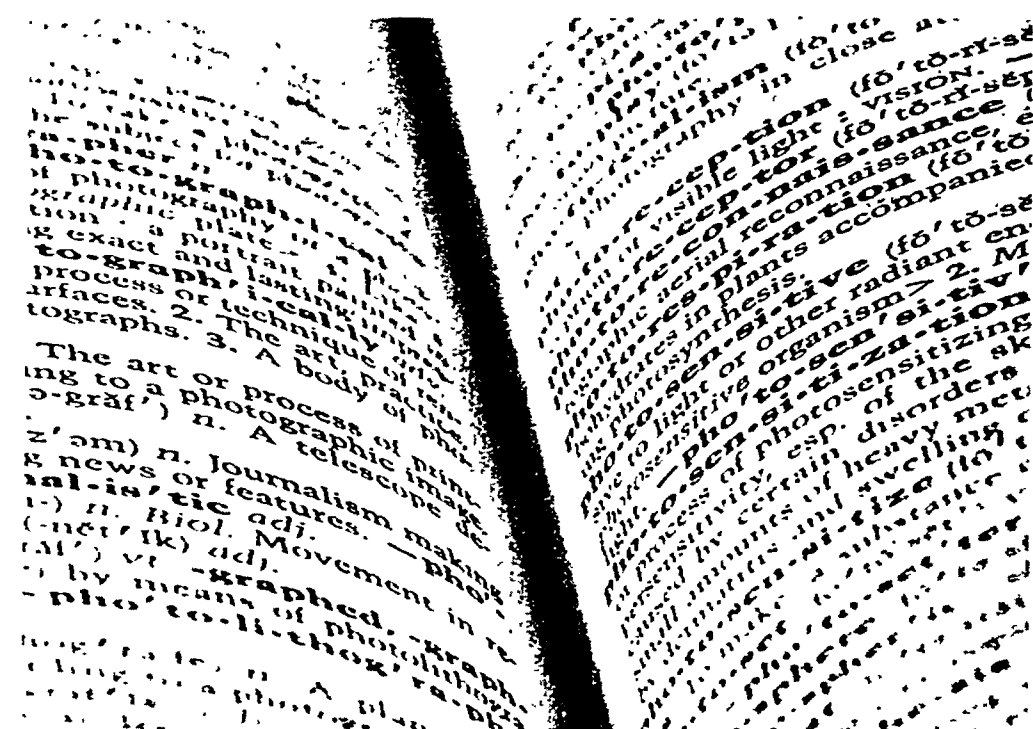
MILFORD	
110 Bensfield	\$460,000
NOVI	
43000 12 Oaks Crescent Dr #	\$94,000
22340 Cascade Dr	\$240,000
24065 Cranbrooke Dr	\$100,000
43038 Oxford Ct	\$390,000
24500 Riverview Ln	\$185,000
24585 Sarah Flynn	\$170,000
39786 Village Wood Cir	\$21,000
1181 West Lake Dr	\$300,000
SOUTH LYON	
54210 Birchwood Dr	\$30,000
147 Easton Dr	\$200,000
61248 Greenwood Dr	\$34,000
24327 Heatherwood Dr	\$125,000
834 Norchester St	\$137,000
23731 Prescott Ln W	\$61,000
1116 Vassar	\$119,000
SOUTHFIELD	
29869 Brentwood St	\$42,000
23866 Merrill Ave	\$37,000
21669 Potomac St	\$65,000
22570 Shevington Dr	\$142,000
WHITE LAKE	
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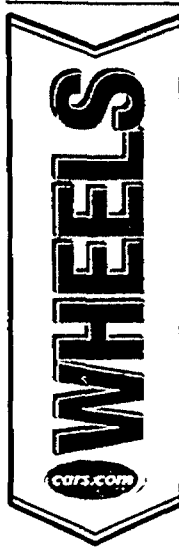
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