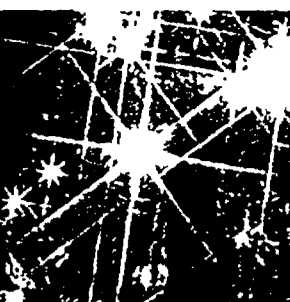


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Enter our Facebook contest for a chance to win two tickets to see the Detroit Lions take on the Minnesota Vikings on Dec. 11. At Ford Field. Our website, Hometownlife.com, is giving away two prime tickets to the game but you must act fast as the deadline for entries is midnight Dec. 8. To enter, visit us on Facebook and click on the sweepstakes tab, or go to Hometownlife.com, and click on Detroit Lion helmet in our Don't Miss module. Share the contest link with a Facebook friend and get an extra chance to win if they also enter the contest. The winner will be selected at random Dec. 9.

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Man killed in hit-and-run

HAVE INFO?

Northville city police are asking anyone with information regarding the suspect vehicle and its driver to call the detective bureau at (248) 449-9924.

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

A hit-and-run in downtown Northville causes the death of a West Bloomfield man over the weekend. According to Northville City Police, the 25-year-old man was hit by a dark colored SUV-type vehicle shortly after 1 a.m. on Saturday while walking southbound on Griswold Street near Main Street with a group of

friends. The man was taken to Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, but was declared dead several hours later from the injuries sustained.

Capt. Michael Carlson said the man and his friends were walking toward downtown Northville on the edge of Griswold Street in the area usually used by bicyclers. He said the suspect vehicle probably has damage to its front and side, specifically to the passenger side mirror.

The witnesses ran after the fleeing vehicle as it turned right onto west Main Street, but lost track of it as it turned right again onto Hutton Street.

It's reported the vehicle model and make could possibly be a black Honda CRV, Carlson said. Both Northville Township and city police responded to the scene near the intersection in downtown and Michigan State Police were present to assist in reconstructing the accident.

Fountain decorations



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the Northville Garden Club recently gathered to decorate in cedar boughs and red ribbons the fountain at Northville's Allen Terrace. Photographed here, left to right, are the club's former presidents: Marjorie Faessler, Evelyn Harper, Mimi Kibbey, Julie Mantay, Barbara O'Brien (front) and Olga James. The fountain at the senior apartments in Northville is lit up at night and has been decorated by the club for the past 10 years.

Robber hits CVS store Saturday

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Great teamwork led to the capture of a Southfield man charged with robbing at gunpoint the CVS located on Haggerty Road.

According to Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth, a man entered CVS at 10 p.m. last Saturday just as it was closing. With a handgun he forced the three employees present to go to the rear of the building. Werth said the employees reported that the man pointed the gun at their heads before robbing the store of over \$7,000 in cash and checks.

However, there were more

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Hospital property vision narrowing Township using citizen input for Seven Mile land

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

After reviewing input from the Northville community, it's apparent to Northville Township planners that residents want something different from the future park to be developed at the former psychiatric hospital property along Seven Mile Road.

During the last seven months, Northville Township officials and contract planners have been formulating a master plan for the nearly 350 acres. More than 900 survey/questionnaires were collected and the results have bike trails, walking/run-

"The question is, how do you want to pay for it?"

MARK ABBO
Northville Township supervisor

ning paths and winter and water activities coming in as most desired.

Planners from Stantec, hired to help with the master plan, met with the board of trustees and Green Ribbon Committee members at a special meeting last week to discuss preliminary findings and recommendations.

Stantec's Stephen Plunkard said there are 48 different elements that could go into the plan.

"The master plan will be a dynamic vision," he said. "It's a template for short- and long-term development."

The eventual look of the park might be more like Maybury than Community Park.

Resident and mountain biker Jack Lee attended and said he and his friends are looking forward to using the planned trails, and he added he would be out there tomorrow to help construct them.

"Mountain biking has become very popular in Northville, so

this park would definitely get a lot of use," Lee said.

The aim is to develop the park as funding allows it. Initially, seeking grant funding would be the primary method.

"The question is, how do you want to pay for it?" Supervisor Mark Abbo asked.

He said setting aside an area within the property to be used as revenue generators could be the best way to sustain the park. However, township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said the community may be against this because when residents voted to pur-

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Canton woman awaiting lung transplant

Darlene (LaRue) Bracewell only has one thing on her Christmas list, but it's a big one: a new lung.

Bracewell, a Canton resident, needs a lung transplant, but the costs are overwhelming. So volunteers are planning a bowling fundraiser to help.

In 1998, Bracewell came down with a bad cold that eventually worsened to pneumonia. She was referred to a pulmonologist, who diagnosed her with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, which has severely damaged her lungs. She knows firsthand how devastating COPD can be, as both



Volunteers are holding a Dec. 11 bowling fundraiser to benefit Canton resident Darlene (LaRue) Bracewell (above) with medical expenses relating to the lung transplant she needs.

her mother and aunt suffered from the disease. She has had frequent episodes of pneu-

monia since 2006, and her COPD continues to worsen. Doctors say a lung transplant is criti-

cal to her survival. She has undergone evaluations and was recently added to the transplant waiting list.

Despite her health battles, Bracewell, 63, is extremely positive and treasures every single day. She is determined to overcome her illness so she can return the many favors people have done for her.

Bracewell said she feels "blessed and thankful" for the love and support from her husband, Charles, and their two children and seven grandchildren. She "looks forward to the lifesaving transplant" that will give her the energy to get out of bed each day without a struggle. Because she fights for every breath, she is unable to enjoy activities such as bowling, taking walks and exercising, but she stays busy by reading and playing cards.

According to officials at the National Foundation for Transplants, a lung transplant costs approximately \$450,000. Even with

A CHANCE TO HELP

What: Bowling fundraiser for Darlene (LaRue) Bracewell
When: 4-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11

Where: Novi Bowling, 21700 Novi Road in Novi.

Why: To help Canton resident Darlene (LaRue) Bracewell with medical expenses relating to the lung transplant she needs.

Highlights: The event will include side jackpots and brackets, 50/50 raffles, a bake sale and a silent auction for items such as Carhartt clothing and snowmobile vacation packages.

Cost: \$20 (includes two games, two slices of pizza and soft drinks)

More help: To make a donation in Bracewell's honor, visit www.transplants.org, or mail a contribution to the NFT Michigan Transplant Fund, 5350 Poplar Avenue, Suite 430, Memphis, TN 38119. Be sure to write "in honor of Darlene Bracewell" in the subject line.

health coverage, Bracewell faces considerable medical expenses related to her transplant, NFT officials said. For the rest of her life, she will need follow-up care and daily anti-rejection medications. The cost of post-transplant medications can range from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per month, and they are as critical to her survival as the transplant itself, the NFT said. Although she "enjoyed" her job as a cost analyst, Bracewell

has been unable to work since 2008, adding to the financial strain.

To overcome these financial challenges, Bracewell turned to the NFT for assistance. NFT is a nonprofit organization that helps transplant patients raise funds to pay for medical expenses.

"Can you imagine fighting for every single breath you take?" said Laura Hughes, NFT fundraising consultant. "That's the reality for Darlene. Most of us take the simple act of breathing for granted, but Darlene is painfully aware of each breath. At NFT, we're dedicated to helping Darlene raise the necessary funds so she can focus on her health without constantly worrying about the costs."

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Mayor: City objective 'to survive financially'

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Like most municipalities throughout Michigan, the City of Northville will be keeping in mind current and potential financial challenges as they look forward to putting together the budget for fiscal year 2013.

The city council has set its schedule for the budget process starting with a 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23 goals and objectives meeting. During the previous process for the current budget the city planned for losses in revenue, a decrease in taxable value and slight millage increase.

"I think it's pretty clear that there is one objective still, and that's to survive financially," Mayor Chris Johnson said looking toward the budget process.

The loss in population, reported in the 2010 census, combined with a decreasing taxable value left the city with limited options outside of the proposed General Operating Millage increase. It went from 13.3 percent to 13.42 percent. The taxable value of the city had decreased by 0.96 percent, financial director/treasurer Sandy Wiktorowski said during the last budget process.

Northville experienced a \$16,000 loss in state shared revenue and nearly a \$15,000 loss from Act 51 revenue for the 2012 fiscal year. These issues remain as concerns for the planners.

After the special meeting in January, worksheets will be distributed to the department heads in preparation of the budget document being presented to the council in early April. This will be followed by three review

sessions with the final approval of the budget coming on May 21.

Allen Terrace Upgrades

In other news, the council approved nearly \$100,000 in funds to be directed toward upgrades at Allen Terrace. Money for the replacements of the gutters (over \$66,000) and ADA electrical ranges (over \$33,000 for 99 ranges and 99 four-prong cords) will come from fund balance committed for capital projects.

Allen Terrace/Housing director Sherry Necelis said the gutters have been a concern for some time. Last winter she said large icicles hanging above the residential balconies and elsewhere caused some damage. The new gutters will have a cover on them and heating coils inside.

Tree lighting



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Stolen Car

1 A 1997 green Ford Taurus was stolen from a residence on Cedar Lake Circle leaving a Northville woman without transportation.

On Dec. 2, the 24-year-old woman had parked her car before going in for the night. She came back the next morning to find it missing.

The Northville Township police report stated there were no signs of a forced entry, and it is unsure whether the car was locked or not. The keys were not in it.

The woman had paid it off and there are no liens existing on it. It has been reported as stolen.

LFAs

2 Three separate larceny from auto cases occurred in Northville Township last weekend in the same neighborhood.

On Dec. 4, a 39-year-old Northville man found his vehicle, which was parked at his resi-

dence on Scenic Harbor Drive, had been broken into and the contents inside it had been scattered throughout. It was unlocked, the report stated.

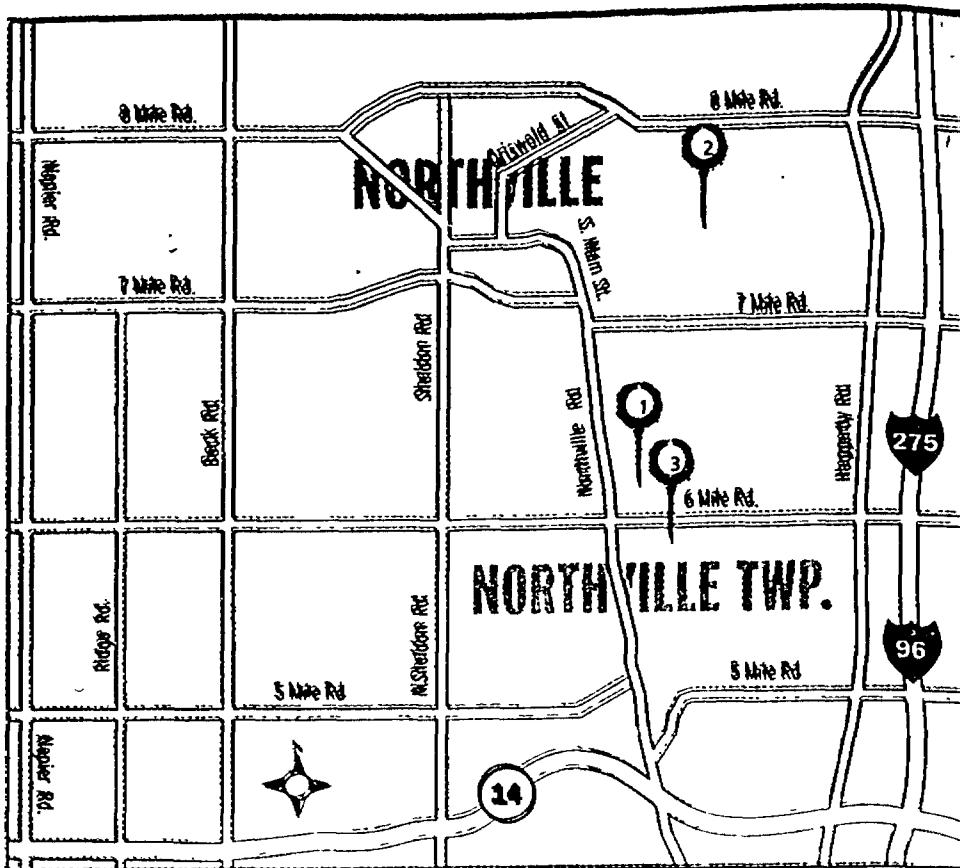
The same day and on the same street a 40-year-old Northville woman had her Garmin GPS stolen from her vehicle, which was also unlocked. And finally, a man on Granite Court had his wallet stolen with credit cards in it from his unlocked car.

MDOP

3 Unknown suspects damaged an angel statue at a home on Bradner Road on Dec. 2.

The homeowner, a 68-year-old Northville woman, reported to the police that her decorative angel statue had its head and wing broken off. She did not want to prosecute, but wanted to make the police aware of the incident.

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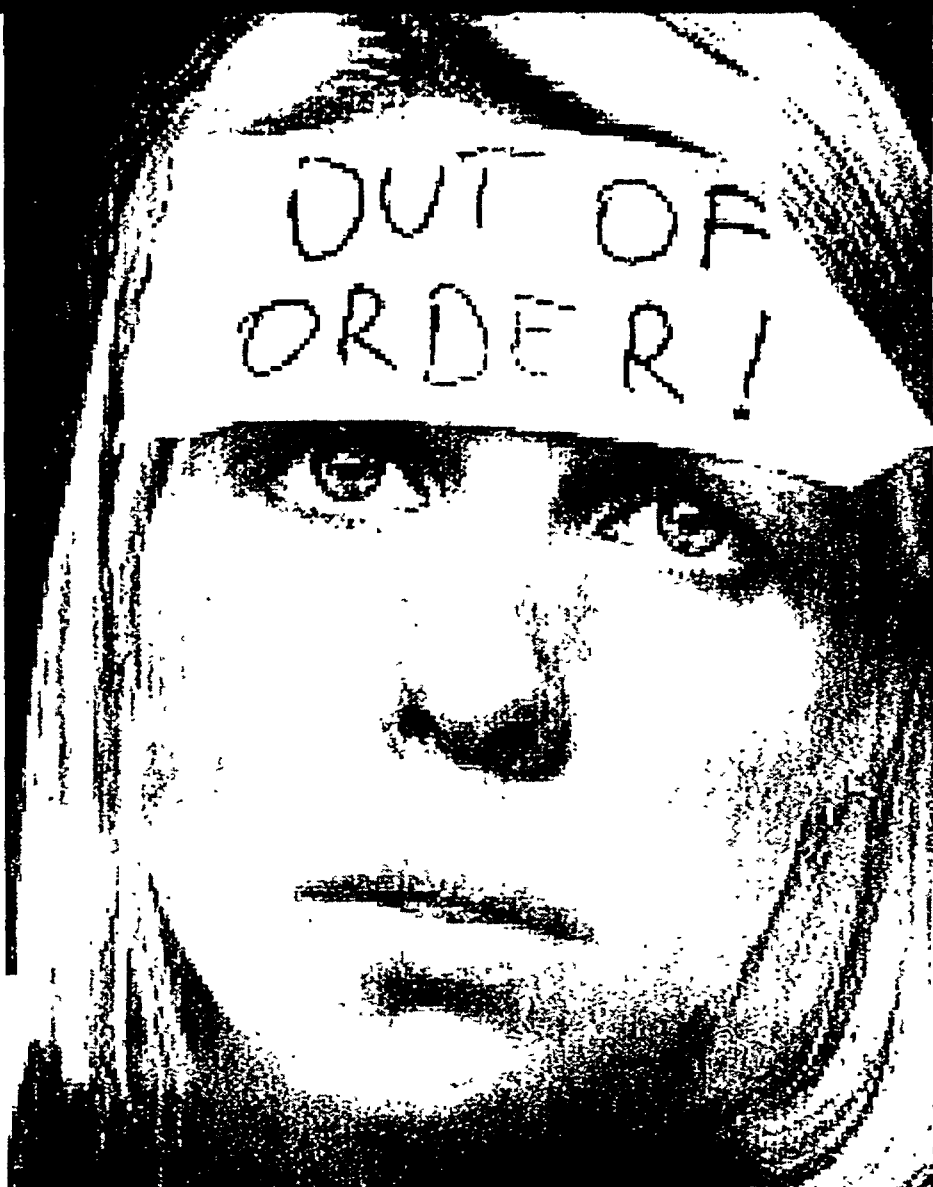
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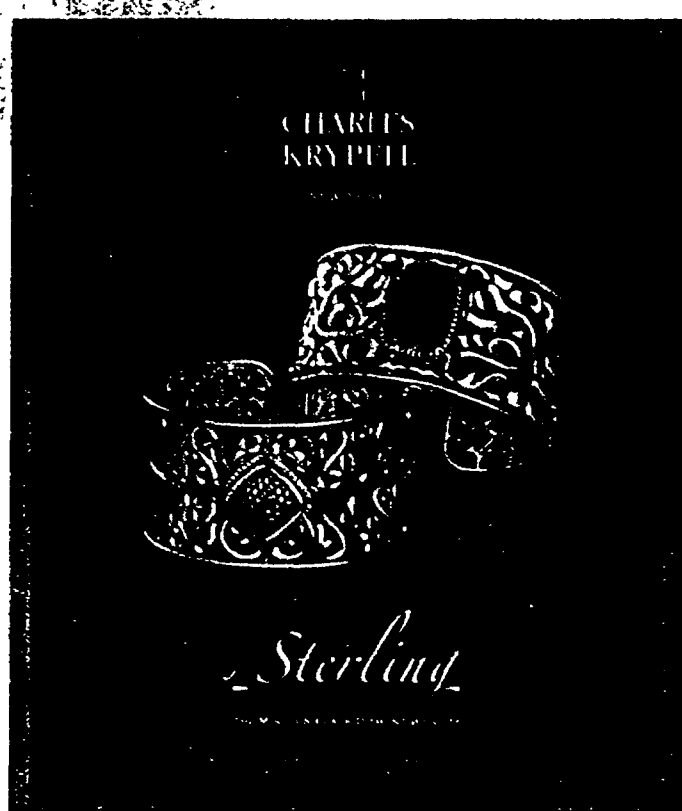
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Novi Road reopens after 7-month closure

Structure hailed as 'Mackinac Bridge of Oakland County'

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Shoppers, business owners and residents in Novi had a reason to rejoice last week as Novi Road between 10 Mile and Grand River Avenue reopened slightly ahead of schedule after a seven-month closure.

The \$25 million project — which had been in the works for nearly two decades but was often delayed because of funding issues or priority — included widening the road from two lanes to five, a continuous center left-turn lane and construction of a bridge over the CSX Railroad among other upgrades.

"If you want to know what \$25 million feels like, just walk that bridge," Road Commission for Oakland County vice Chairman Greg Jamian said to the gathered crowd last Wednesday at the ribbon cutting. "It feels good."

Those who attended the event were able to walk the bridge dubbed the "Mackinac Bridge of Oakland County" by RCOC Chairman Eric Wilson as it is the largest spanning bridge in the county.

"I believe this will increase jobs for Oakland County, the city of Novi and the state of Michi-



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Attendees of the Nov. 23 ribbon-cutting, grand re-opening of Novi Road stroll along its bridge that now spans the train tracks. Novi Road had been closed to traffic since May of this year for the \$25 million project.

gan," he said.

Economic vitality was the theme for the day as all the speakers talked about the impact the new road would have on area businesses and people.

"For years we have called this project the Novi Road Link, and the meaning became apparent this year while the roadway was under construction," Novi Mayor Bob Gatt said. "Not only is it a major link between the north and south ends of our city, it's also an extremely vital link to the economic prosperity of

our community."

Not only will the bridge provide an economic benefit, it also should improve safety and traffic flow.

"The wider roadway will provide for a higher volume of traffic, which means the public will now be able to get where they're going that much faster," Gatt said.

Jim Olekszy, owner of 10 North bar and restaurant on Novi Road which is now open for lunch at 11 a.m., opened his business in July just after construction started. He said business has been good,

but is excited for customers to now have full access.

"People have stayed away from Novi Road," he said. "They saw barricades and went a different direction."

A Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund grant, which was a combination of state and federal funds, covered 80 percent of the cost of the project. The remaining 20 percent was split between the RCOC and city of Novi.

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Novi Mayor Bob Gatt shakes the hand of Road Commission of Oakland County Chairman Eric Wilson on Nov. 23 after they officially re-opened Novi Road after its seven month long rehabilitation.

Woman seeks donations to fill care packages for troops overseas

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

U.S. troops in the Middle East will get a little taste of home during the holidays thanks to local volunteers.

South Lyon resident Karen Frazer, who works with other members of the Northville VFW 4012 Ladies Auxiliary, collects donations to be sent overseas. They accept cash, white crew socks, knit caps long enough to cover the ears and to be worn under helmets; snacks, like Rice

Krispie Treats and red licorice; playing cards and travel size toiletries for men and women, like razors and shampoo.

The auxiliary hosts an annual golf outing to raise money to buy supplies for the goody boxes that include candy, cookies, snack items, socks, paperback books and magazines, as well as hygiene and toiletry items. This year the golf outing raised \$5,900.

The auxiliary has been involved in the project for more than eight years and

currently send around 120 boxes to troops overseas.

Anyone who would like to donate cash or items should send them to VFW 4012 Ladies Auxiliary, 438 S. Main Street, Northville, 48167. The women start working on the golf outing in January. Call Frazer at 248-486-1292.

With the money donated, but not used for the boxes, the auxiliary delivers 120 some goody bags to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor every other month, Frazer said.

ROBBERY

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than three employees at CVS that night and one was able to go unseen and exited the location. This employee called 911 and Northville Township police responded within minutes.

One unit arrived just as the man began running on foot into a neighboring residential area. Officers then observed the suspect get into a black Ford Mustang and flee at a high rate of speed.

Werth said the suspect was blocked in by

police units and was apprehended without further incident. He did say there was a tense moment for the arresting officers because the handgun was in the suspect's waistband and within reach. However, police were able to detain him without using any force.

"This was good teamwork all around, from the employee who was able to call 911 in a quick manner to the officers who made the arrest in a safe, professional manner," Werth said.

On Monday, 22-year-old George David Van-



George David Vanderburgh

derburgh went before 35th District Court Judge James Plakas to be arraigned

on four felony charges — armed robbery, fleeing from police, carrying a concealed weapon and felony firearms. Armed robbery can carry a sentence of up to life in prison.

The preliminary examination is set for Friday, Dec. 16.

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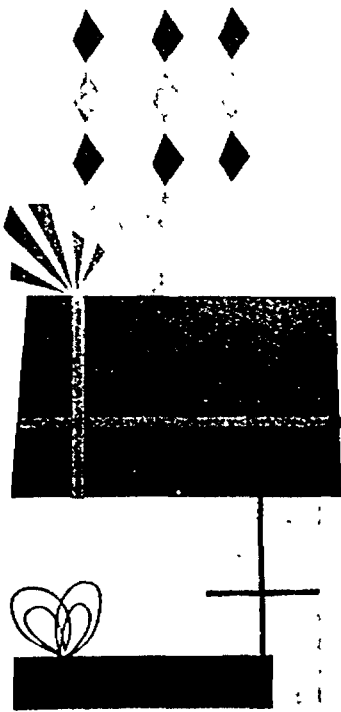


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PROPERTY

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chase the land, it was under the pretense that it would not be commercial.

Another item under discussion is whether or not to have the park connected to the neighboring 82 acres of commercial property, which is being developed by the REI Investment Group Inc. and Schostak Brothers. Abbo said REI should

be bringing its development plans forward early next year.

Some hesitancy was voiced toward having the park land have any connection to commercial development, whether it is a road connection to the REI development or setting aside acreage for revenue generation. According to the community input results, revenue generating areas were rated as a least desirable item.

"I get the message that our community wants passive recreation, so let's make it 85 percent passive," Abbo said. "But let's cut out some pockets in case there is an extremely compelling reason or desire — whether it's 10, 15, 20 years from now — for something that is not on this list."

A possible decision on the master plan could come at January meeting.

Northville competes in Lego robots battle

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

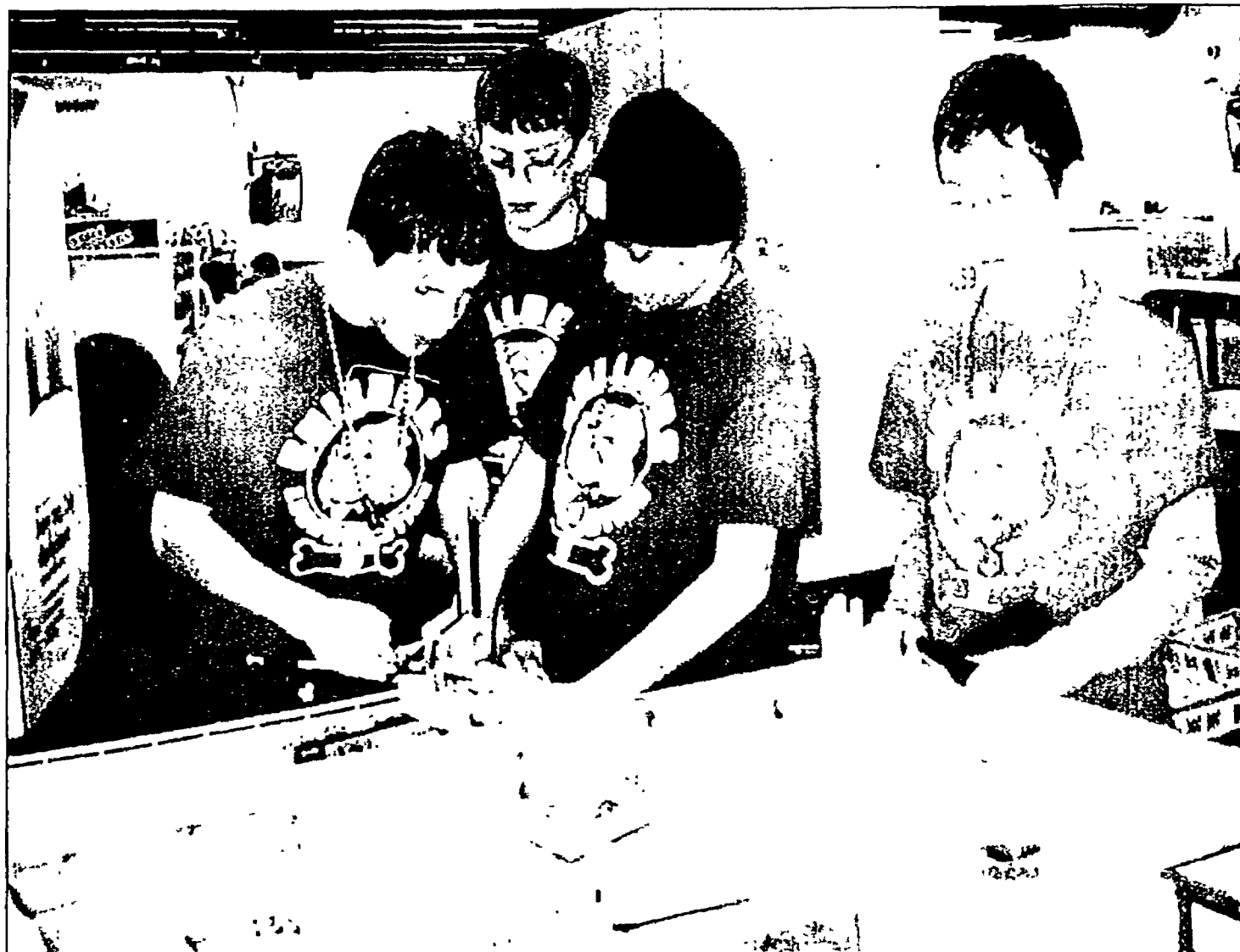
Northville students participated in a state championship last weekend that is more mental than physical.

Eleven teams from Northville, including ones from Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools, and Amerman Elementary, traveled to White Lake to battle other Lego robots built by other teams from around the state.

The challenge had them building a robot out of Lego pieces and then going up against other teams' robots in a competition that is growing in popularity. One Northville team came in second for the innovation and strategy award.

There were a total of 48 teams at the championship, which is organized by the Michigan chapter of the First Lego League. Each year there is a challenge for the teams to complete and this year's topic was food safety. The Northville teams went to local supermarkets and Schoolcraft College to learn more about food safety in preparation for the other part of the competition that involves giving a research presentation to the judges.

Lego helps the teams by putting together a kit for them to use. It comes with the pieces to construct the robot, which includes three motors and sensors.



DAVID STACER

Troy Stacer and Matt Guthrie are setting their robot for a mission as Bulldog teammates Marc Gomez-Mesquita and Jonathan Zarembo watch.

Northville parent David Stacer helped with his eighth-grade son, Troy, and his team from Meads Mill. He said the competition is really fun, but also educational.

"They put a lot of extra work into this ranging from using math to computers, so it was great to see them qualify for the state competition," Stacer said.

The highlight of the weekend was finally getting the robots out on the competition table and getting it to do what the teams had programmed them to do. Stacer said

its fun to see the kids' reactions when things go correctly.

He added teamwork is the main thing the kids take away from this, and he says more students

are becoming interested.

"It has grown in Northville over the last few years from 30 kids to now around 90 involved," he said of its popularity.

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Snyder signs bills to standardize school board elections, save districts money

Gov. Rick Snyder last week signed legislation that will save school districts millions of dollars by standardizing school board election dates.

Senate Bill 427, sponsored by State Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R, Canton), and House Bill 4005, sponsored by State Rep. Kurt Heise (R, Plymouth), require school districts to hold elections during the general elections in November of even-numbered years beginning Jan. 1. Estimates show this move could save some school districts upward of \$8 million over a two-year election cycle.

"Utilizing a standard election cycle will cut administrative costs and help schools maintain focus on educating students," Snyder said. "This change also allows for more consolidated elections so voters have the best opportunity to make their voices heard."

Since 2004, districts have had the option of conducting school board elections during the odd-year general election, the odd-year May regular election, the November regular election in even and odd years, or the May regular election in even and odd years.

The bills now are Public Acts 232 and 233 of 2011.

Holiday Dance Party

The Northville High School varsity dance

Just dance



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A pair of Meads Mill students enjoy a Nov. 29 after-school dance. Students were encouraged to attend in their favorite PJs - and took to the cafeteria floor as a DJ played some tunes.

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. 15. The winning school will receive a free concert by American Idol's Case James. The runner-up school will receive a pizza party.

company is hosting a Holiday Dance Party from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22 at the Novi Tech Center, 42400 Nine Mile Road. Children between the ages of 5 and 12 are invited to come for a fun afternoon of dance, crafts, games and snacks. Advance registration is \$20 (until Dec. 17) or \$25 to register at the door with checks made payable to Northville Public Schools. For more information, please contact Mari Anne Guidobono at (248) 761-7072 or mguidobono@yahoo.com; or Kelly Agnello at (586) 344-8125 ksagnello@hotmail.com.

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.

Michigan Philharmonic holiday concert

The Michigan Philharmonic rings in the holidays with their annual Christmas performances at the Penn Theatre at 6 and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15.

The family-friendly early concert features all the beloved music from the holidays including "Sleigh Ride", "Charlie Brown's

Santa Lives!



Spotlight on Youth presents "Santa Lives! Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" Dec. 8-11 at The Biltmore Studio of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Inspired by the famous editorial by Francis R. Church of the "New York Sun Times" an 8-year old girl, Virginia O'Hanlon, asked if there really was a Santa Claus. In this play, Virginia loses Christmas spirit when her classmates bah-humbag the holiday play she writes for the school. Will Virginia get her holiday spirit back? Maybe a surprise visit from Santa Claus is all she needs! Pictured (l to r) are Emma Mastny, Madison McCann, Allison White, Hannah Finch and Grace Coccione. This show is 1.5 hours long. Santa Claus will be available after the show to take photos with kids for \$5 per photo. For tickets, phone (734) 394-5300, \$9-\$10 each.

Christmas", "Rudolph" and many more and also features a side-by-side performance with young string students from the Michigan Phil Youth Orchestra. A Christmas Carol sing-along and visit from Old St. Nick complete the fun.

The later traditional performance will feature the Michigan Philharmonic's principal oboe, Nermis Mieses, on a beautiful solo from "Gabriel's Oboe", in addition to wonderful traditional holiday music and a sing-along complete with the Hallelujah Chorus.

Tickets are \$22; \$18 for

seniors; and \$10 for students. Call (734) 451-2112 or visit www.michigan-phil.org.

Author Virag visiting Barnes & Noble

"The Stovepipe" by Bonnie E. Virag brings to light the inner turmoil and scars that abusive children will carry with them for years to come. She will be at the

Barnes & Noble book store (17111 Haggerty Road, Northville) at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17.

Virag is 4 years old when she and four of her siblings are snatched from their farm home in Ontario, Canada and placed in the jurisdiction of the Children's Aid Society. What was once a happy life turns into a nightmare as she and her sisters are bounced from one foster home to another, some-

times living together and other times torn apart. Some homes are so abusive, and the invisible wall of fear so strong, that it is only their will to endure, and their strong bonds of sisterly love, that help them survive.

Years later, as questions of her childhood still haunt her, she returns to the offices of Children's Aid Society to request her records. The administrator goes to the basement to search for her files and brings up a large brown envelope. Weeks pass before she receives the envelope in the mail and shakes the contents containing the chronicles of her young life onto the carpet. As she sifts through the files she begins to piece together the story of her childhood.

Virag was born in the town of Simcoe, Ontario, Canada. In 1964, she and her husband Anthony immigrated to the United States. They are active members in the Project Hope League and the Deadwood Writers Club of Northville.

fit 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.-4 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.-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.newhope-center.net for more information.

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.

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.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider a variance request for property located at 16795 Northville Road (Veterinary Clinic), Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 18, Schedule of Regulations (setbacks) and Article 26, Off-Street Parking and Loading (curbs & gutters). Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin
Zoning Board of Appeals

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on the following days:

Friday, December 23, 2011 Holiday
Monday, December 26, 2011 Holiday
Monday, January 02, 2012 Holiday

Residents wishing to pay their taxes before the year-end can do so up until closing at 4:30 p.m., Friday, December 30, 2011.

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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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Meetings

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Old Village School

CITY OF NORTHVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Date: First and third Monday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

Date: Third Tuesday of each month

Time: 8 a.m.

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

Contact: downtownnorthville.com

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: First and third Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall

HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: First Monday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.

Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

NORTHVILLE

ABOUT ETC.

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

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

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

TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Last Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Third Thursday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Date: Second Tuesday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

Senior Events

SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Location: 303 W. Main St

Contact: (248) 349-4140

Thursday

9 a.m. TOPS; Massage by appt.

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11 a.m.: Cribbage

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

Friday

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie

Monday

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxyise

11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

Tuesday

8 a.m.: Walking Club

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

12:30 p.m. Pinochle

Wednesday

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxyise

11 a.m.: Strength Training

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Bridge

1 p.m.: Cribbage

7 p.m.: Bridge

CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

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

HEALTH WALKING

Date: Monday-Friday

Time: 8-10 a.m.

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

PILATES CLASS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

BUNCO

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

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

Kids workshop



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

With a colorful, light-up Santa hat, Kate Westphal helps participants of the Dec. 3 Children's Holiday Workshop wrap up their gifts at Mill Race Village. The day-long event, staffed mostly by volunteers from the Northville Historical Society, allowed kids to make their own old-fashioned gifts including cookie cutters, marshmallow skewers, pin cushions, and pasta drainers.



Jaclyn Gordon uses a hand drill to make her own marshmallow skewer during the Dec. 3 Children's Holiday Workshop at Northville's Mill Race Village.

FRIDAY FLICKS

Time: 1 p.m. every Friday

Details: Cost is \$1.

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Reunions

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1971-75

Date: Aug. 4, 2012

Details: Five classes are joining together to celebrate their 40th reunion. They are searching for classmates from those years. Send your name, address, phone and email to nhs40yearreunion@gmail.com. Contact all your classmates and tell them too. Once your information has been received, you will be sent details

NORTHVILLE REUNION IN FLORIDA

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 16

Location: The Waterfront

Inn, The Villages, a popular retirement community of 85,000 residents in central Florida.

Details: More than 40 years ago, former Northville residents located in Florida, or vacationing there, began the tradition of an annual reunion. This reunion is always in mid February in that state. Former locations have been in Sebring, Avon Park or Tampa. The most recent hosts were Esther (Hanson-Atwood) and Robert Clark, Sandy (Gotro) and Mac Burns and Evelyn (Uppy Clark) Graham. Camaraderie, sharing of anecdotes, sharing of events of the past and present is the entertainment

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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 Lhonia 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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Contact: 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.

Library Lines

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY

Location: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall
Time/Day: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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

Little Me Storytime

Time/Date: 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.

Hurray for Holidays Magic Show

Time/Date: 4:15-4:50 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13

Details: Entertainer Ben Spitzer presents an exciting juggling and magic show celebrating December holidays. All ages welcome. Free ticket required. Tickets available at the Information Desk 5 minutes prior to program. Due to space limitations, library activities cannot accommodate daycare, preschool or after school care groups.

Drop In Evening Family Storytime

Allen Terrace tree



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Allen Terrace has set up a Christmas Tree in its lobby so that residents can leave donated cold weather clothes on its boughs. From left are Inez Johnson, June Gill, and Lydia Daniel. Clothes and food left around the tree will be distributed to needy families by Northville Civic Concern.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14

Details: Kids! Wear your pajamas to this "Winter Wonderland Stories" storytime for all ages. No registration, just drop in.

Kidz Time: December Lights

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

Details: Join this fun after school program for first-, second- and third-graders featuring stories, games and crafts. This 45-minute program is offered Thursday once a month in the library meeting room. Registration required.

Mod Podge Box Craft for Teens

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17

Details: Teens in grades sixth through 12th can decorate and decoupage a box or tin to create a unique gift or keepsake. Materials provided. Call to register. Drop-ins allowed as space and materials allow.

Parks & Recreation

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

Office Location: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School)
Contact: (248) 349-0203 or visit website at northvilleparksandrec.org.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

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

DROP IN ADULT VOLLEYBALL

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$4 per person

DROP IN BADMINTON

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

DROP IN PICKLEBALL

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

Location: Community Senior Center, 303 W Main St

Details: \$2 per person

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

DROP IN TABLE TENNIS

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

levels welcome

DROP IN CO-ED 50+ VOLLEYBALL

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

Volunteering

ARBOR HOSPICE

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

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

Friends of the Northville District Library

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

Heartland Hospice

Volunteers Needed

Time: Day and evening training classes

Location: 28588 Northwest Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield

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

Contact: Mary, (800) 770-9859

Meals-On-Wheels

Date: Ongoing

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

Details: Permanent and substitute drivers needed.

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

Northville Arts Commission

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

Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady

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

Susan B. Galli Angel Fund

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

Contact: (248) 349-2598

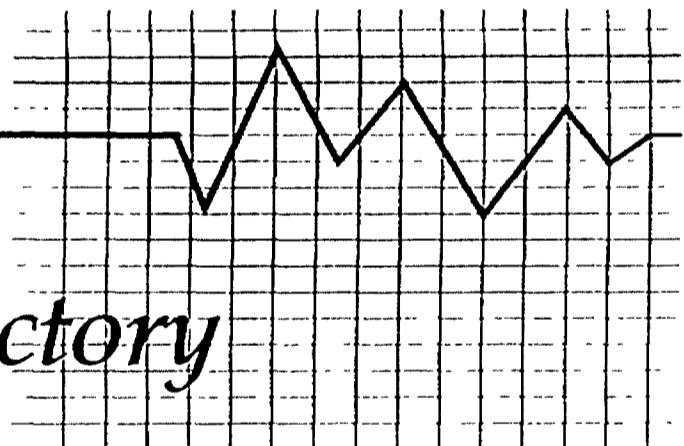
Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Program

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

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

Novi/Northville

MEDICAL SERVICE directory



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TOWN & COUNTRY EYECARE
Focusing on Your Family's Total Eye Health
high-tech eyecare • unique eyewear
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248-347-7800
www.tceyecare.com • Novi Road at Nine Mile Road

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Are you unable to drive?
No problem...
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physical rehabilitation
215 E. Main & 300 E. Cady
Downtown Northville
248.349.9339
www.northvillephysicalrehab.com

Family Practice

Early Morning & Saturday Hours
M-F 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • Sat. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Medical Clinic of Northville
308 South Main Street 248-349-1900
DOCTORS: Summers; DeBrincal; Johnstone & Helzer
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Michigan Hand & Wrist, P.C.
Exceptional care for the shoulder, elbow, wrist & hand.
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Ste. 220, Novi, MI 48375
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Doctors That Care... Are Closer Than You Think.
Robert K. Bratman, M.D.
48015 Grand River Ave., Suite 100
Novi, Michigan 48375
Call for an appointment
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Dr. M. Anderson, M.D. Peter P. Black, M.D.

Psychiatry

NOVI PSYCHIATRY and PSYCHOLOGY
Child, Adolescent, and Adult
Novi Professional Village
23985 Novi Road Suite B-104
Novi, MI 48375
(248) 912-0080
Robert Garcia, MD
Jean Gust, PhD
Fredric Sandler, PsyD
Susan Decker-Taylor, LMSW

Doctors, Your Ad Could Be Here! Call Amy Norton @ 248-437-2011, Ext. 241

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holymfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: Father Bob LaCroix, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-

Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.
Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville
Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter.com.

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-CHURCH

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchnovi@gmail.com
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

Location: 200 E. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.org
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Single Place
Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday
Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers,

GET LISTED!

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

games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8

Details: Annual Fund Raising Auction - Everyone is invited to this fun evening which helps fund Single Place throughout the year. If you have gifts, crafts, sweets, or services you would like to donate to the auction, bring them at 6 p.m.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15

Details: Jennifer Vogel's guide to a healthy holiday; social follows; \$5 donation, please.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29

Details: One Dollar Gift Exchange Night. Check your local Dollar Store and bring a unique gift to exchange at this fun evening event with snacks, soft drinks, and flavored coffees; \$5 donation appreciated.

Contact: For a detailed schedule of all events (dining out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 205 East Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon
Contact: (248) 437-2875

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

A Stephen Ministry Church

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.funorthville.org

Sunday worship:

Times: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-May); 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend)

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor

Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sunday (Sept.-May)

Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month

Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)

Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays

Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@funorthville.org.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 349-0565

Sundays

Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchofthecross.com
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service

Alzheimer's Support Group

Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Blue Christmas Service

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10

Details: For those who experience loss and sadness at the holidays.

LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month/Pilgrim Fellowship

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030

Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study 8:45-10:30 a.m.: (café)

Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; junior and senior high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

NOVI - NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

Details: A Jewish center

Please see CHURCH, A13

Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • htwobits@hometownlife.com

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

BERCHEM, DANIEL P.

Age 52, of Brighton, formerly of Northville, passed away 11/30/11. Service was held 12/5/11 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Contributions to Salvation Army appreciated



BLANTON, LAWRENCE "LARRY"

Age 75 of Highland, passed away December 3rd surrounded by his daughters. He is survived by his mother Mabel Blanton of Holly, daughters Janeena Babon of Holly, and Tami (David) Hall of Highland, grandchildren Tashina, Tom, Hannah, Andrew and Owen, great-granddaughters Amber and Breyona, brothers Gerald (Leona) Blanton, Dennis (Julie) Blanton, and many more loving family and friends. Larry was preceded in death by his father Charles, and beloved Granddaughter Sydney. Larry was a retired Design Checker from Ford Motor Company where he worked for 36 years, as well as a volunteer fireman with W Bloomfield Twp., and Chief with Highland Fire Department. Larry enjoyed his retirement by spending time with his Grandchildren, archery, hunting, and as a representative for the International Bow Hunters Organization. He was a quiet man that was always there willing to help, he gave many unselfish years back to the community. Larry will be greatly missed. A memorial service was held on Wednesday 11am at Multi Lakes Conservation Association, 3860 Newton Rd., Commerce Twp. Visitation was held Tuesday 4-8pm at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Contributions may be made to Curesearch or St. Jude's. For more info & to share memories visit temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com

DANES, DAVID R.

Age 74, of Northville, passed away peacefully at home on November 28, 2011. He was born March 16, 1937 in Dearborn, Michigan to Ronald and Alice (nee Potter) Danes. David was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Lucia Jane Spiczka, and they spent 52 loving years together. David earned a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from The University of Michigan and a Masters Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University. He was an inspirational chemistry teacher at Livonia Franklin High School for over 30 years. David, a resident of Northville for 42 years, was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Northville. David truly loved his family, especially his grandchildren, who knew him as "Boppa". He was an accomplished woodworker and also enjoyed golfing, sailing and biking. David is survived by his wife Lucia, his children, Adam (Lori) Danes and Emily (Mark) Lada, and his grandchildren, Sophia, Jacob, and Amanda. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Earl and Albert. A family service is planned for a later date. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Manna Community Meal, 1050 Porter, Detroit, MI 48226 or The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1471 East 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville

HAYES, JOHN A.

Nov. 27, 2011, Age 81. Memorial Mass Saturday, December 10th, 9am at Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi. Donations: Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

HENDRIAN, YVONNE MARIE (GANSLEY)

Age 84, November 25, 2011. Yvonne was a graduate of St. Mary's of Redford. Funeral was Nov. 26th at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

HINES, MARIAN M. "MERNIE"

Age 90, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away December 2, 2011. She was born June 25, 1921 in Gowanda, New York to the late Joseph and Helena (Rutchie) Murphy. After graduating from the State University of New York at Geneseo with a degree in Library Science and Elementary Education, Mernie, as she was known, married Charles Phelps Hines and they settled in Michigan, arriving in Northville in 1958. The beauty of their new community reminded them both of their childhood homes in western New York State and she especially loved Edward Hines Park, driving there often in her later years. She loved learning and discussing her discoveries in the arts and literature, history, design, and education. She worked as an elementary school librarian for many years in the Northville Public Schools and continued her own education with a master's degree from the University of Michigan. For many summers, her "treat" to herself was taking a summer writing course. After retirement, she volunteered at the public library instigating a program to index all the preceding decades of the Northville Record. She was active in the Northville Historical Society was a founding member of the Northville Arts Commission and a great fan of the Mill Race Village. She was an avid museum goer as well and especially enjoyed trips to Florence, Italy to view the "masters" there. Her curiosity seemed boundless. Although self-effacing about her accomplishments, she did enjoy riding around in her robin's-egg blue VW convertible, loaning it to be driven in Fourth of July parades. She was predeceased by her husband Phelps, after 55 years of marriage. She is survived by five children: Holly Wadey, Deborah (Lawrence) Mills, Charles Jr. (Suzanne), Joseph (Toby) and Elizabeth (Donald) Sturniolo. Eight grandchildren also survive: Christian Hines, Meredith Mills Keller, Tynan Mills, Elizabeth Hines, Drew Sturniolo, Faith Sturniolo, Peter Sturniolo and Kate Sturniolo as well as her three great granddaughters: Sydney Charlotte and Murphy Rose Hines and Hannah and Lily Keller. Her first great, great grandchild, Eliana Hines-Thomas, was born just this past November. A memorial service is to be held this Saturday, December 10 at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville at 4 p.m. with a gathering two hours prior. Memorial contributions may be made to the Northville Friends of the Library, the Northville Arts Commission or to establish a writing scholarship in Mernie's name c/o Deborah Mills, 97 Chesterfield Street, Keeseville, NY, 12944

HOSKINS, THELMA L.

Age 79, passed away December 2, 2011. She was born on November 25, 1932 in Manila, Arkansas, daughter of the late Walter and Ethel Wayne. Thelma loved to quilt and sew and was known for her excellent cooking. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of South Lyon. She loved the time she spent in the nursery with the babies. Her strong faith, love for her family and her willingness to help others in need will always be remembered by all who knew her. She is survived by her beloved husband of 62 years, Fred, her loving children Brenda (Paul) Hughes, Marlene Fisher, Karen (Steve) Jarrell and her son-in-law Steve Domanik. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Jason, Kevin, Ryan, Dustin, Danielle, Aaron, Ethan, Caleb, Ron, Rachel, Christine, Debbie and Ellen and her great-grandchildren: Chadley, Kimberly, McKenzie, Ella, Bradley, Katrina, Rebecca and Jaden. She was preceded in death by her daughter Linda Domanik, three brothers and two sisters. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 4, from 2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, December 5, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon, 60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

May you find comfort in Family and Friends

KING, DALE CAREY

August 9, 1934 - December 4, 2011. Dale C. King 77 of Harrison passed away suddenly Sunday, December 4, 2011. Mr. King was born August 9, 1934 in Pontiac, Michigan, the son of Melvin Leroy and Queen Elizabeth (McCluskey) King. Funeral services for Dale will be held Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. from Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison with Mr. David Singer officiating. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison Memorial Gifts in memory of Mr. King may be considered to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Mooseheart Child City & School Inc. To share an online memory or condolence with Dale's family, please visit www.stockingfuneralhome.com. Arrangements for Mr. King are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989) 539-7810

KUEHNLE, DONALD H.

Of Oscoda died in the care of his family on December 2, 2011. He was 80 years old. Dear husband of the late Barbara J. (d. 2005). Loving father of Gregory (Pam), Randall (Tammy), David "Bruce" (Valerie), Sheila Kuehnle and Donald W.; brother of Marlan (Frank) Weaver and Margaret Rybak and the late Robert H. (d. 2010), 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Also survived by many loving extended family and dear friends. Funeral was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford December 7th. Burial Highland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MICHALAK, EUGENE "MITCH"

Dec. 3, 2011, age 87. Mitch served in the US Marines, WWII. Semper Par. Visitation: O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, Nov 248-348-1800, Dec 8th, 2-9pm. Funeral 11am Friday at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations: American Heart Assoc.

**SKERRATT, JOANNE M.**

78, of Clyde Township, formerly of Highland, Michigan, died Wednesday, November 30, 2011. She was born September 18, 1933 in Clearwater, Florida to the late Albert and Iona Summers. She married Howard Skerratt on November 26, 1952 in East Lansing. Mrs. Skerratt was a 1951 graduate of Eastern High School in Lansing. She was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Houghton Lake and St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Coolidge, Arizona. She supported various charities. Joanne was devoted to her family, especially her granddaughter and she will be sadly missed by all. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Howard, two daughters, Gaye (Denis) Skerratt-Guenette of Clyde Township and Lisa G. (Charles) Burkhardt of Highland and a granddaughter Joannna (Brian) Simmons of Bay Port. Mrs. Skerratt was excited about the pending birth of her first great granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Albert C. Summers Jr. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2011 in Highland at the Highland Community Church, 2350 Harvey Lake Road, Highland, MI. Pastor Nick Ruffer will officiate. Memorials may be made to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 800 West Vah Ki Inn Road, Coolidge, Arizona. To send condolences, visit pollockrandallfuneralhome.com

TOOHEY, MARTIN

December 2, 2011, age 83. Funeral Dec. 6th at St. Owen Church, Bloomfield Hills. Donations to Cardinal Hayes H.S., 650 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

WISNIEWSKI, WANDA ANN

Age 78, November 28, 2011. Funeral was Dec. 3rd at Our Lady of Sorrows, Donations to American Kidney Fund or American Diabetes Association. Condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

Remember your loved ones that you've lost by placing a special holiday remembrance tribute for the holidays. The Observer and Eccentric /Hometown Weekly Newspapers will be publishing a special "In Remembrance" page for the holidays. Here's the perfect opportunity to honor the memory and celebrate the life of loved ones who hold a special place in your heart.

Prices start at \$15*
 *1x2 remembrance ad (Larger remembrance may be purchased)

Publications
 Sunday, December 25th
 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers:
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Deadline
 Monday, December 12th
 For all publications

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CHURCH

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with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

NOVI UNITED METHODIST

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

Sunday Worship
Time: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Peace Vigil

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church

Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Advent Service

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

OAK POINTE CHURCH

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

ReNew Life Group Ministries

Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspective.

Women's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations for both Women's and Men's Life

Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir

Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship

Time: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship

Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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OUR VIEWS



Shop local trend matters

Supporting local businesses provides boost to community

Congratulations! You made it through Thanksgiving dinner and the hoopla over Black Friday, with the crowds and the come-ons. You wove your way through mega parking lots and then hauled bulky packages back to your car.

You deserve a pat on the back, but what you more than likely have are sore feet from tromping through mega stores, and maybe a queasy stomach from eating that second piece of pie after all the guests left on Thanksgiving.

So sit down, put your feet up and plan your next foray into the marketplace. After all, you still have to find that elusive gift for your picky sister and something for your mother-in-law who has everything and knows it. That's not to mention

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a little something for the classroom teacher, piano teacher, swim coach and your local clergyman. The list goes on.

This time, plan to shop at local Northville. When you do, 68 percent of what you spend is reinvested in the community, according to Small Business Saturday. Patronizing small local businesses helps to keep unemployment and property taxes low and property values high. A number of local businesses have also supported kids and local organizations with their charitable good works. Now you can reward them for that effort with your business.

Small Business Saturday is a new initiative established last year between Black Friday and Cyber Monday. This year, it was held on Nov. 26. But you can shop locally any day of the year, including the remaining days leading up to Christmas.

According to the Small Business Saturday website, there are four reasons to shop at small businesses.

- The taxes local businesses pay help support the local community's infrastructure and services, maintaining a safe and high-quality lifestyle for residents.

- Small businesses employ half of all private sector employees.

- Small businesses represent 99.7 percent of all employer firms.

- During every year of the last decade, 60-80 percent of new jobs were generated by small businesses.

If that isn't reason enough, consider that you're likely to receive more attentive, personal service. Successful small business owners get to know their customers by name and often stock merchandise according to their customers' preferences. They're also more likely to special order items for their customers.

In addition, you'll save time and money on gas shopping close to home. So why not support local merchants, and help to create jobs for your friends and neighbors this year?

COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite holiday movie?



"Pride and Prejudice" because Jane Austen is such a wordsmith.
Bob Zdanowski
Northville



"Christmas Vacation." It's funny and kind of typical of family get-togethers.
Ron Bohn
Trenton



"Rudolph and the Misfits." It's a fun one from when I was a kid.
Marlene (and Anna-bell) Moening
Highland Township



"Probably 'White Christmas.' I've watched it ever since I was little. Great music."
Suzanne Kaufman
Plymouth

LETTERS

Destroying fun and joy

I am sure that Mr. Bob Heyl (Salem Township supervisor) is taking great pride in accomplishing his goal of closing Three Cedar Farms for the holiday season. There is no doubt that if Mr. Heyl would of been the proprietor of Three Cedars Farm he would not have had any problem pulling the necessary strings in the township to keep it open, being he is the supervisor. When he drives to township hall passing Three Cedars Farm, I hope he realizes all the fun and joy he has destroyed this holiday for thousands of children. Christmas is the season of giving to others, not take. It should be no surprise to Mr. Heyl if he finds coal and acorns in his stocking this year.

Roland Muirhead
South Lyon

Decision attacks Christmas

It is disgusting that Salem Township has openly attacked Christmas by harassing Three Cedars Farms. How ridiculous to say that public safety is the concern. What a wicked way to flaunt your "leadership" as township officials. Mr. Bob Heyl, you are disgusting with your acrimonious attitude. Coal to you and your supporters.

Susan King
South Lyon

'No, you won't'

I was stunned and saddened to

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read about the closure of Three Cedars Farm for this Christmas season. The farm is a true gem in this area and was quickly becoming an icon in Southeast Michigan as a real life Christmas card. People come from all over to see the display.

As for safety, this is a landmark to keep focus on while driving on dark country roads. When daylight savings takes effect in November the commute from Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti becomes dreary and dull by 5:30 p.m. But roughly half way home a beacon of light and inspiration comes into clear view as one approaches Six Mile Road from the south on Curtis Road. In addition as I pass by the farm and turn north on Angle Road it reminds me

of why we moved to South Lyon two decades ago. This is a special community grounded in traditional American values.

This situation is one more example of how government has snuffed out yet another small business with over regulation. Whether local, state or federal the government has decimated our landscape of creative and energetic people that have made this country great. The Whit-takers are hard working and very creative people that have finally succumbed to government's "helping hand." In this day of big government we here slogans of "yes we can." The truth of big government whether stated or not is really "no you won't." Americans are not lazy, we are just tired of a big government approach that is arrogant and out of touch with the very people they are elected to represent.

I would like to leave this letter on positive note. I hope and pray that in November 2012 we will once again see the bright lights at Three Cedar Farms that celebrates the birth of Christ. The white fence lit and proudly holding up the Christmas cedar roping along with the bright white house and crèche so beautifully decorated. Additionally in November 2012 I hope and pray we will see the re-birth of a nation with an election of officials at all levels who understand the role of government.

Chris Thomas
South Lyon

GUEST COLUMN

Train your teachers well

By Tom Watkins
Guest Columnist

Are our colleges doing an adequate job of preparing teachers to help our students thrive in a hyper-competitive, disruptive, transformational, technology-driven, knowledge-based global economy



Tom Watkins

where ideas and jobs can and do move around the world effortlessly?

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan does not think so. Governor Rick Snyder has called for reforms in teacher preparation as well.

Yet, the exclusive franchise protecting the existing system continues.

Do we want to innovate to educate or continue the battle to contain the change? Some argue that far too many of our teacher preparation institutions are the weakest link in the pre-K-12 school reform movement. Research makes clear that quality teachers matter. Yet, many teachers enter and remain in the classroom who are unprepared for the rigors of preparing our children for the world they are about to inherit.

The Legislature has wisely addressed teacher tenure — providing a streamlined process of "getting rid of ineffective teachers." Yet, while important isn't this like standing downstream and pulling drown-

ing victims out of the river? Would it not be wise to also head upstream and see what's throwing the ineffective teachers into the system to begin with?

What if we opened the teacher preparation business up to educational entrepreneurs who could demonstrate through scientific research that their methods actually produce more effective teachers?

We currently have far too many schools where the majority of teachers have master's degrees, and all are certified and "highly qualified," yet where only a small percentage of students is reading or doing math or science at grade level.

There is no research to demonstrate that obtaining a master's degree in education adds value in the classroom. Yet, K-12 compensation systems make it lucrative for the teacher to obtain a master's degree. Why?

Is the current teacher prep curriculum the right one for preparing future teachers? Is the teacher prep system being maintained "as is" because colleges of education are cash cows for universities? Is it maintained because the existing university faculty expertise and tenure, or because it is world-class, proven methodology to prepare future educators?

In the mid-1990s, concern arose that our public schools were failing to meet the educational needs of far too many students. As a result, governors and legislatures, across the country crafted charter school legislation to break the exclusive franchise or monopoly over public education and offered students and their families greater choice. Why

not do the same for teacher preparation programs?

Could existing teachers in the classroom form a private practice teachers preparation program to better prepare future teachers? What if the teachers unions (Michigan Education Association and/or the American Federation of Teachers-Michigan) formed a Charter Teachers Prep Program that was superior and produced better results than the existing system? How about the U.S. military who do an excellent job educating recruits or business entering the game, or entrepreneurs willing to prove they have a better mouse trap?

The Legislature and state Board of Education should immediately consider allowing districts to waive teacher certification requirements in their schools for individuals who are highly competent in a specific subject matter, but don't have a formal teaching degree. Cap the non-certified teachers at 10 percent to 20 percent of the local districts' teaching force as an experiment; provide the individual with no tenure and judge them solely on their performance.

Let's open the teacher preparation programs in Michigan/America and see if there are better ways to prepare future teachers. Competition also will encourage the existing university based teacher prep programs to change and improve.

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Contact: James R. Kuhl, (248) 347-0003; or visit www.tippingpointtheatre.com/tpt-season/the-importance-of-being-earnest/

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Date: Dec. 9-11

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

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

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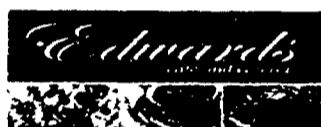
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Holiday party



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Norris Phillips seems pretty excited to be meeting Santa at the Dec. 2 holiday party at Northville's Cooke School. Phillips was attending the party with a couple of roommates who are students at the school. The party, sponsored by Mitsubishi International, was for Cooke's students, staff and their families and featured food and some presents from Santa.

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.

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

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Location: 195 S. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167
Contact: (248) 349-7640 or

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Location: 135 East Main, Northville

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

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CHRISTINA ZAYTI

CALENDAR

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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.

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Contact: (248) 348-1845

Weekly Events

(*Grounds closed to public)

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. TARTS Stitching Group; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open

Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Christmas in the Village, buildings with and holiday festivities, free; 6:30-8 p.m. Venture Crew #8

Monday: 7 p.m. Lions Club

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats; 7 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 755 Den 4 in Church

Wednesday: 10 a.m. National Heritage Meeting; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

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Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville

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Location: 303 W. Main Street

Contact: (248) 349-4140

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Times: 1 p.m. Fridays

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

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Date: Tuesday, Dec. 13

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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.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com), or SUNG 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@sunrisefinancialgroupilc.com

Regional Events

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.

Details: These events are keeping the uniquely American tradition of jazz alive in southeast Michigan. A \$5 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres and live jazz in a beautiful club setting; limited seating.

Tuesday, Dec. 27: Ron Kischuk and Friends with Ron Kischuk on trombone, Marion Hayden on bass, Gary Schunk on keyboard and Judie Cochill on vocals.

WOMEN'S NETWORK SOURCE

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. second Mondays

Location: Real Estate One, 346 N. Lafayette, South Lyon

Details: Networking and education meetings; cost is \$5. Women's Network Source was established to empower, motivate and support women to become successful entrepreneurs. WNS welcomes women curious about exploring whether to start a new business or learning how to grow their current business to attend an upcoming meeting.

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2011 Mothers' Club of Northville All Aglow - Illumination for Education

The 17th annual holiday fundraising event, *All Aglow - Illumination for Education* was held on Friday, December 3rd. After the ceremonial lighting of the beautiful tree in Old Church Square, the Hillside and Meads Mill choirs led a holiday sing-a-long complete with complimentary hot chocolate and cookies.

Mothers' Club of Northville would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those that helped to illuminate Northville by making a donation in honor or memory of someone special. Warmest gratitude is also given to those who chose to donate anonymously.

Mothers' Club of Northville is a nonprofit organization that has been working to support Northville school children since 1935. Through its fundraising last year, Mothers' Club was able to donate more than \$30,000 to Northville schools for student enrichment programs and outreach activities.

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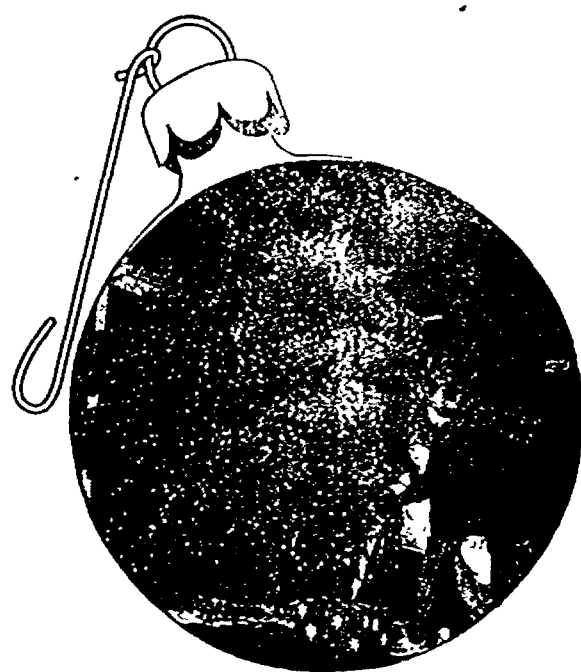
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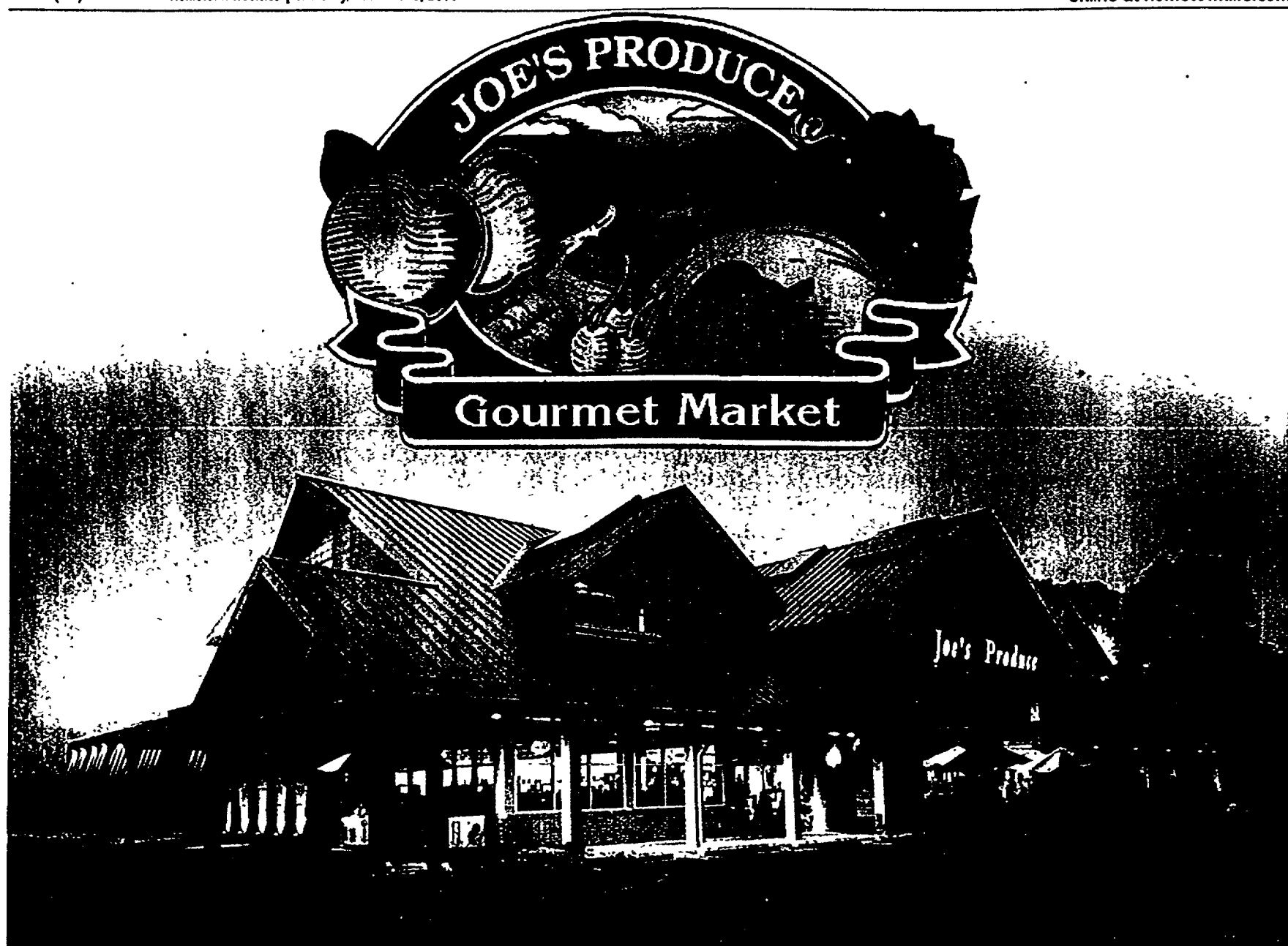
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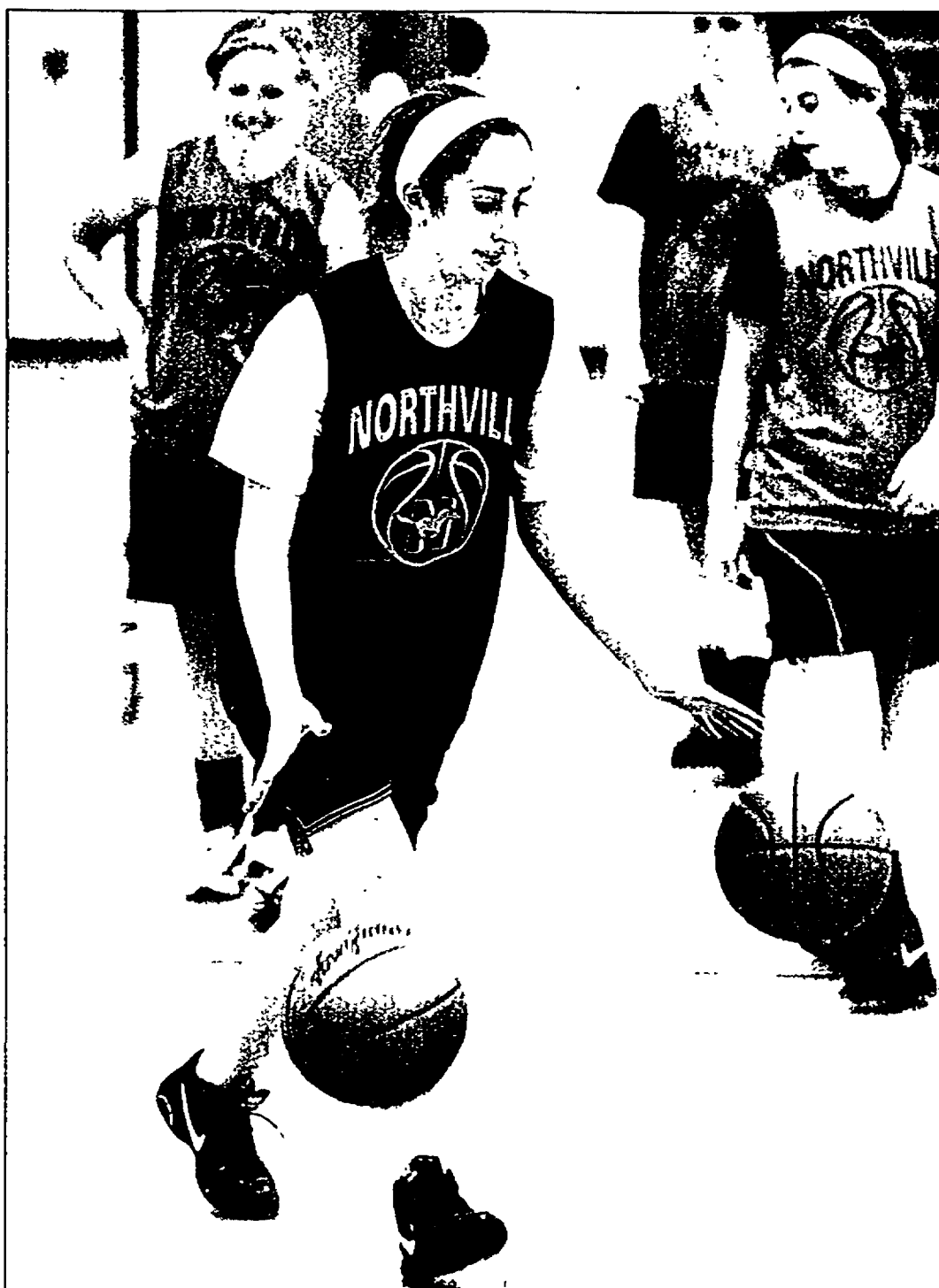
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Northville Mustang varsity basketball player Camyll Harajli works on a dribbling exercise during the team's Nov. 28 practice. The Lady Mustangs will begin their season at home on Dec. 6 against Walled Lake Northern.

Mustangs look to improve on last year's record

Girls basketball team has talent, but needs more experience

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Todd Gudith isn't the kind of coach that pulls punches when he's answering questions about his team or the outlook for the upcoming game or season.

That's why it comes as no surprise that the fourth-year head coach of Northville's girls basketball team was quick to point out that while he returns college-basketball-bound Alex Moynes and Meredith Williams this year, their talent can't make up for the little mistakes that can kill a team's progress.

The focus of his early-season drills and practices? Communication and fundamentals.

"We've spend a lot of pre-season time working on being better talkers on the floor and letting your teammates know where you are," said Gudith. "We've tried to break the games down and show our team that the smallest plays — like a little extra hustle or just being in the right place defensively on a possession — can make a huge impact on the game overall. Every play matters throughout the game, not just at the end."

Northville finished last season with a 10-11 record after

DETAILS

Coach: Todd Gudith

Years as head varsity coach: 4

Captains: Alex Moynes and Meredith Williams

Last year's record: 10-11

Biggest challenge this year: Communication

Goals: Be in the hunt for the Central Division and district tournament titles

a promising start was hampered by some close games and some breakdowns that led to tough losses. With about half the team returning this year and the captains bringing a combined six years of varsity experience to the court, those memories are still fresh.

Captains Alex Moynes, a senior who will play basketball for Hillsdale next year, and junior Meredith Williams, who is being recruited by about a half-dozen schools, will be responsible for leading the team that includes experienced returners Kendra Brenner, Aly Bates, Ally Coppock, Camyll Harajli and Malory Weber.

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Mustangs wrestling honors Schoenheide

2011 marks fifth year of memorial tournament

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

None of the current members of the Northville Mustangs wrestling team were even in high school when Todd Schoenheide was killed by a drunk driver on April 10, 2005, but they all still understand the importance behind the memorial tournament that bears his name.

The tournament, hosted by Northville High School, embodies the very essence Schoenheide brought to the multiple sports he played as a Mustang — heart, dedication and sportsmanship. It will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Northville High School. Admission will be \$5. The Mustangs will host Ann Arbor Skyline, Plymouth, Dearborn, Saline and Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

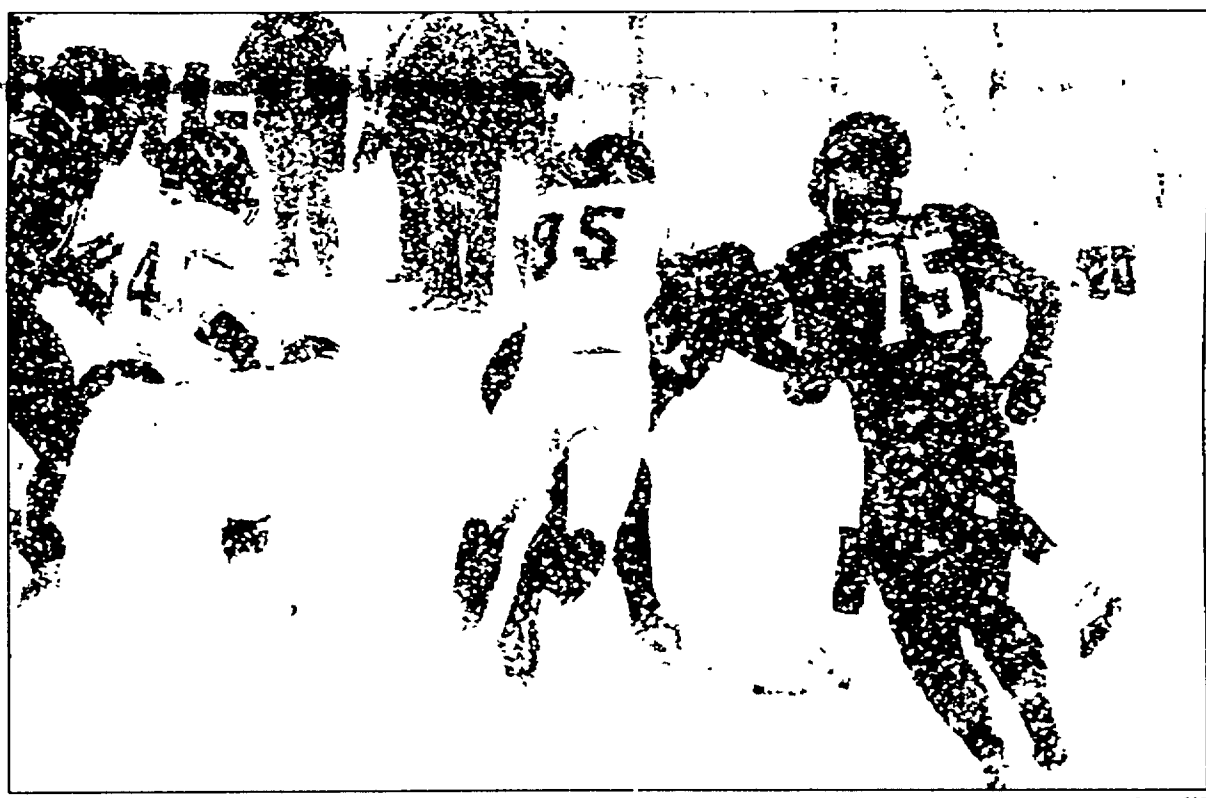
"He was the embodiment of the true athletic spirit with a dedication to excellence," said Steve Minier, a 2004 graduate of Northville and current junior varsity wrestling head coach. "Todd was an extremely resilient young man and had a way of wearing a smile even when others couldn't. I was blessed to know him at my time at Northville High School and can honestly say that he had a smile that endured anything. When wrestling practice became grueling, Todd was always there, wearing a smile. A smile that never faltered, and a spirit that never faded."

Schoenheide was killed his junior year as he returned from an afternoon bicycle ride to Ann Arbor with friends. Cycling, it just so happened, was one of the many things Schoenheide was passionate about — football and wrestling were two others. In fact, just a month before his death, Schoenheide was representing his school and his team at the MHSAA Regional Wrestling Championships.

The tournament is held in memory of Schoenheide, but also as a way to help fund the Todd Schoenheide Scholarship, which is \$1,000 given annually to a Northville graduating senior who participated in either two years of football, two years of wrestling and/or three years of Boy Scouts.

"I think it's pretty amazing that the NHS wrestling team has chosen to remember Todd in this way," said Schoenheide's father, Dale. "It's a wonderful tribute to the caring, fun-loving person he was."

"By remembering Todd, we are reminded that his life was cut short by a drunk driver. With the holidays almost here it's an important reminder for all drivers."



KEN HASSE

Greg Hasse sacks the St. Cloud State University quarterback in the first playoff game, played in a snow storm.

Two Warriors with hearts of Mustangs

Northville graduates part of Wayne State football program

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

In case you haven't heard, the Wayne State University football team is making a lot of noise this year.

The team, which has an 11-3 record, has made three historical strides into the Division II national championship tournament. They have been busy showcasing their ability to play with the country's best football programs and defeat them.

Last week, the team upset the defending national champions from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, 31-25. The week before that, they defeated Nebraska Kearney, 38-26, and the week prior, playing in their first-ever playoff game, the squad beat one of the top-ranked teams in the country with a victory over St. Cloud State University, 48-38, in the midst of a blizzard.

And while many college football fans in Northville carry the flags for

teams like University of Michigan and Michigan State, there is a good reason for the locals to be excited for the Warriors — two of their own are members of the squad.

Greg Hasse, a junior at Wayne State, and Jon Alandt, a freshman, have helped keep the Warriors headed in the right direction.

Hasse, who was a three-year starter on varsity at Northville and starts at defensive end for Wayne State, has been right in the thick of the hysteria. He came off an injury that sidelined him for the last two regular-season games (after 31 straight career starts) and returned in time for the playoffs. At 6-feet-3-inches and weighing in at 265 pounds, Hasse has been a force to be reckoned with on the Warriors defensive front, especially in the playoffs. The All-GLIAC selection has 19 tackles, two sacks and four forced fumbles over the last three games.

"Anytime a team you are on is able to make it this far into the playoffs, it's a pretty exciting time,"

said Hasse. "It's very exciting times around here right now, but at the same time we know there is still work to be done and we have just got to keep working hard to achieve our ultimate goal of a national championship."

While Alandt is a red shirt player this year who hasn't had the opportunity to show his on-field ability at wide receiver yet, it doesn't mean he hasn't been a part of the success. He's been practicing harder than he's ever practiced before, pushing himself, and his team, to be the best they can be.

And Alandt, who is 6-feet tall and 180 pounds, sees nothing but more potential success on the horizon — he has faith his team can continue to march toward the title game. Their next opponent is Winston-Salem, the top-seeded team in the playoffs with a 13-0 record.

But Alandt isn't worried — his team has beat three teams seeded

Please see **WSU**, B4

Catholic Central skaters get two more wins

Hockey team defeats DeLaSalle, Orchard Lake St. Mary's

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It's always nice to get wins over division foes, especially when those foes happen to be two rivals.

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team notched two big wins last week, ousting Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 4-2, and DeLaSalle, 3-0.

Against Orchard Lake, the Shamrocks, who are 5-0 on the season, found themselves in a tight back-and-forth affair over the majority of the contest. They took an early lead with just 11 seconds off the clock in the first period as Charlie Green took assistance from Steven Hay-

don and Michael Babcock and found the back of the net for the 1-0 advantage. But just over a minute and a half later, Orchard Lake, currently 3-2 on the year, came back to tie it, 1-1, on a shot by David Muth.

The Shamrocks' next goal came in the opening seconds of the second period as Haydon fired home a shot for a 2-1 lead. Assists were credited to Babcock and Green. Once again, however, the lead was only in place for a short span as St. Mary's Daniel Coley scored an unassisted goal at the 3:10 mark on a power play to knot the game up once again.

The Shamrocks proved to be too much in the long run for Orchard Lake, however, as

they scored on a power play at the 12:01 mark in the second period off the stick of Danny Middleton, who scored what proved to be the game winner off assists from Haydon and Babcock. Carson Gatt added an insurance goal at 12:27 in the final period on an unassisted play for the 4-2 final.

The game was intense, with 16 penalties being called, including 11 in the third period. Both teams were whistled eight times throughout the game.

Earning the win in goal was Derek Moore, who stopped 22 shots, while Austin Julvezan took the loss, stopping 41 out of 45 shots on goal.

Against DeLaSalle, the Shamrocks had a bit of an eas-

ier time as they blanked their foes, 3-0.

After a scoreless first period of play, the Shamrocks put on a second-period clinic, tallying all three of their goals over the course of 10 minutes.

Starting the frenzy was Tyler VanAcker, who scored at the 6:51 mark off assists by Middleton and Luke Turner, before Pete Halash added a second goal three minutes later with assistance from Joe Steele and Steven Jarzynski. Middleton and Jarzynski then assisted Matt Sorisho at the 16:48 mark on the third and final goal of the game.

There were just eight penalties in the contest with both teams getting called for four each.

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central hockey team will be back in action when they host Grosse Pointe North at 7 p.m. Saturday before hosting University of Detroit Jesuit High School a week later at 7 p.m.

Ryan Mulka earned the win in goal for the Shamrocks, stopping just 13 shots on goal. Joe Lopez took the loss, facing 38 shots from the Catholic Central offense and stopping 35.

Currently, the Shamrocks are at the top of the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League standings with a 5-0 record with Cranbrook standing at 3-0 in league play to sit in second. So far this season, the Shamrocks have scored 21 goals while allowing just seven.

First place



The Novi Youth Hockey Association (NYHA) Squirt Sabrecats participated in and finished first place in the Big Rapids Area Junior Hockey Association (BRAJHA) tournament at Ferris State University on Nov. 20. This is the second year in a row that the Sabrecats have won this tournament. They made it to the championship game along with the Novi Polar Cats. After a 2-2 tie, a no-score overtime and 13 rounds of shoot-outs, Jack Kamsickas scored for the Sabrecats, clinching the championship. The Sabrecats are coached by Erik Stone, CJ Estes, Jeff Diegel, Jeff Sweeney, and Dave Wilson. The team's roster includes Jacob Diegel, Brendan Estes, Gage Farrow, Matthew Frederick, Luke Hellweg, Austin Hu, Jack Kamsickas, Jason Loo, Zane Rakotz, Andrew Stocke, Matthew Stone, Nick Sweeney, Jack Wilson, Jacob Wixon, and Spencer Ziparo.

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Northville Prep Hockey off to a 5-1-1 season start

The momentum the Northville Prep Hockey Team gained during the fall exhibition season has carried over to the winter regular season schedule.

The Broncos, coached by Gerry McGlynn, are off to an impressive start in the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League. Playing in the top tier Gold Conference, Northville has put together a 3-1-1 league record and 5-1-1 overall mark during the first month of league play.

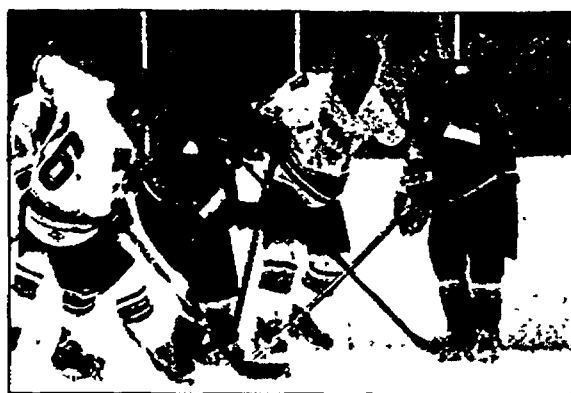
Northville has outscored its opponents 32-20 through its first seven games.

Northville 8, Novi 5

Ryan Bloom scored four goals and added three assists as Northville opened its winter season on Nov. 9 with a strong 8-5 league victory over the Novi Wildcats. Bloom started off the scoring in the first period when he converted a pass from Alex Ridener. Novi came back with two straight goals to go up 2-1. But Bloom and Ridener followed with goals to close the opening period to put the Broncos up 3-2. Bloom added two more goals at the start of the second period as Northville went ahead 5-2. Novi closed to 5-3 but Tim Eis tallied off a pass from Nick Strom as the Broncos stayed in front by three. Cameron Layne and Dominic DiComo each had third-period goals to finish the scoring. Nick Zalewski earned the win in goal.

Northville 4, Farmington JV 1

Northville made it two in a row in league play on Nov. 13 as the



BOB TRIPI

Alex Ridener (right) and Tyler Marcotte (left) have been helping the Northville Prep Hockey Team get off to an impressive start to the winter regular. The Broncos finished the first month with a 3-1-1 regular season record and are 5-1-1 overall.

Broncos rallied for a 4-1 win over the Farmington JV Flyers. Trailing 1-0 in the third period, defenseman Henry Chang scored on a power play to knot the game. The Broncos erupted for three goals in the final 1:43 to capture the game. Nick Stegmeyer notched the game-winner with 1:43 left with assists to Bloom and Tyler Marcotte. Bloom then followed with his own goal 12 seconds later and Eis capped the spurt with an empty-netter with 74 seconds remaining. Jeremy Onofrio was the winning goalie.

South Lyon Blue 3, Northville 2

The Broncos saw their league winning streak snapped at two on Nov. 16 with a 3-2 loss to South Lyon Blue. Northville scored first off a pass from Stegmeyer to Bloom at 12:01 of the second period. South Lyon netted the next three goals to go ahead 3-1. Marcotte cut the deficit to 3-2 with 1:47 left in the game but that was as close as the Broncos could get.

Northville 3, Hartland Gold 2

Despite being outplayed most of the game on Nov. 19, Northville captured a tough 3-2 league win over perennial powerhouse Hartland Gold. The Broncos picked up the first three goals of the game and then had to hold on for the victory. DiComo netted the first tally with assists to Stegmeyer and Bloom. Sean O'Malley gave Northville a 2-0 lead off passes from Nick Strom and Kyle Wright. Eis then built the margin to 3-0 in the second period. Hartland tried to rally with goals in the second and third periods. Onofrio came up with several big saves as the Broncos were outshot 37-9.

Northville 6, Wyandotte 1

Marcotte scored two goals and added an assist on Nov. 20 as Northville beat Wyandotte 6-1 in a non-league contest. Bloom and Eis each scored first-period goals to give the Broncos the quick 2-0 advantage. After Wyandotte cut

it to 2-1 late in the second period Northville took full control. Marcotte took a feed pass from Christopher Tripi later in the period and added his second score late in the third period to up the margin to 4-1. Taylor Turner and Chang closed out the scoring in the final 2:03. Zalewski picked up his second win of the winter season.

Northville 5, Catholic Central 4

A hat trick by Bloom and three assists by DiComo helped propel Northville to a 5-4 non-league win over Catholic Central on Nov. 27. Stegmeyer tied the game in the first period when he converted a pass from Drake Eaton. Bloom then put the Bron-

cos up 2-1. CC came back with two straight goals to retake the lead but Ridener evened the game at 3-3 when he knocked in a rebound of Tripi's initial shot. Trailing 4-3 heading into the third period, Bloom scored twice, including the game-winner with 19 seconds left for the victory. Zalewski was again the winning goalie.

Northville 4, Farmington JV 4

The Broncos appeared to be two different teams in a 4-4 tie on Nov. 30 with the Farmington JV Flyers. Northville started the game with four straight goals and appeared on its way to the win. Stegmeyer, Wright, Bloom and Eis each tallied once. But

late in the second period the Flyers began their rally and added three third-period goals for the tie. Farmington outshot Northville 21-20, including 11-1 in the final period. Onofrio came up with the save of the game when he stopped a point-blank shot with 3 seconds left.

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

— Submitted by Bob Tripi

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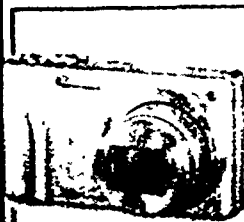


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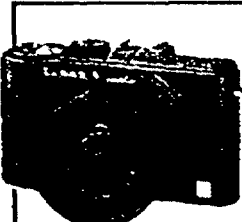
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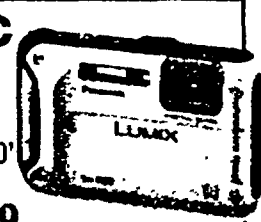
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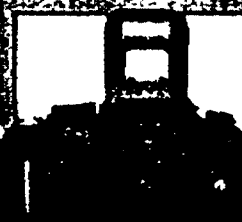
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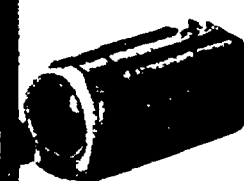
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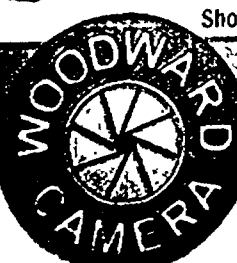
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higher than them already. They're not even supposed to be in the semifinals game, but they are.

"Our offense has been making huge plays, and our defense is one of the best, if not the best in the nation," he said. "I have to go against the defense everyday and they are highly talented."

Hasse said this year's success will hopefully get the football program — and the university — the respect it deserves.

"Wayne State has often been overlooked not only as a place to play football, but as a place to go to school because it gets a bad rap for the area it is in," he said. "Hopefully with a winning tradition comes recognition for not

only how good of a football school Wayne State is, but also how good of an academic school it is, and how nice the campus life is."

No matter how far the Warriors march into the playoffs, this season has been a one for the record books, and one Hasse and Alandt will never forget. Their coaches and their fellow players — their Wayne State family — have helped make life-long memories for both players.

"The Northville football team was my family when I was playing there — the (coaches were) my parents and the kids were my brothers," said Alandt. "When I came to Wayne State, I found a new family. God brought me here for a reason, and I know that we will be successful."

MUSTANGS

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Some new faces on this year's team include junior Brittany Berehulka, a transfer student from Novi, and Kelly Wright, Diane Myers, Clare Townsend, Anna Giacomini and Heather Randall — all members of the junior varsity program last year.

The Mustangs are hoping to start the season out strong with their first games this week. Their goals include challenging for the Central Division title and making a run at the district cham-

pionship.

Standing in their way this year includes tests against powerhouse squads like Plymouth and Canton — both being non-division games — and Central Division rivals Stevenson and Novi.

"The Central Division is the most complete from top to bottom as it's ever been," said Gudith. "Just about every team welcomes back at least three starters. (There are) no dominate teams, but everyone is solid and capable of beating each other. You can't afford to take a night off against anyone."

Northville Mustangs

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted.
12/13 Walled Lake Central
12/16 @ Canton
12/28-29 Northville Invitational TBA
1/6 Salem
1/10 Livonia Stevenson
1/13 @ Novi
1/17 South Lyon
1/20 @ South Lyon East
1/27 @ Salem
1/31 Livonia Stevenson
2/3 Novi
2/7 @ South Lyon
2/10 South Lyon East
2/14 Plymouth
2/17 Conference Tournament
2/21 @ Conference Tournament
2/24 Conference Tournament
2/28 Association Cross-Over
3/5 @ MHSAA Districts TBA

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted.
12/9 @ Walled Lake Central
12/13 @ Plymouth
12/16 Canton
12/28-29 Northville Invitational TBA
1/6 @ Salem
1/10 Livonia Stevenson
1/13 Novi
1/17 @ South Lyon
1/20 South Lyon East
1/27 Salem
1/31 @ Livonia Stevenson
2/3 @ Novi
2/7 South Lyon
2/10 @ South Lyon East
2/14 @ Conference Tournament
2/16 Conference Tournament
2/20 @ Conference Tournament
2/22 @ Association Cross-Over
2/27 @ MHSAA Districts TBA

VARSITY GYMNASTICS

All games at 6:30 p.m. unless noted.
12/16 @ Milford
1/3 @ Canton
1/12 @ Plymouth
1/16 @ Livonia Stevenson
1/18 @ Salem
1/21 @ Farmington Invitational 9 a.m.
1/31 @ Brighton
2/4 @ Canton Invitational TBA
2/8 @ Walled Lake Central
2/14 @ Livonia Churchill
2/18 @ Conference Meet 9 a.m.
3/3 @ MHSAA Regionals TBA
3/9-10 @ MHSAA State Finals TBA

BOYS VARSITY SWIMMING

All events at 6:30 p.m. unless noted.
12/8 Brother Rice
12/13 @ Livonia Churchill
1/7 @ Salem Invitational TBA
1/12 Novi

1/14 Northville Quaid Noon
1/19 Walled Lake Western
1/26 @ Salem
2/2 @ Livonia Stevenson
2/9 South Lyon East
2/10-11 @ MISCA Meet TBA
2/17-18 @ Division Meet TBA
2/24-25 @ Conference Meet TBA
3/1 Last Chance Meet
3/6 @ MHSAA Regional Invitational TBA
3/9-10 @ MHSAA State Finals TBA

VARSITY WRESTLING

12/10 Northville Invitational 9 a.m.
12/14 Quad Meet @ Novi 5:30 p.m.
12/17 @ Wayne County Invitational 9 a.m.
1/4 Quad Meet @ Canton 5:30 p.m.
1/7 @ Rochester Adams Invitational 9 a.m.
1/11 Northville Quad Meet 5:30 p.m.
1/14 @ Livonia Stevenson Invitational TBA
1/18 Quad Meet @ South Lyon 5:30 p.m.
1/21 @ Franklin Invitational 9 a.m.
1/25 Quad Meet @ South Lyon East 5:30 p.m.
1/28 @ Livonia Churchill 9 a.m.
2/1 @ Association Quad 5:30 p.m.
2/4 @ Association Tournament TBA
2/8 @ MHSAA Team Districts TBA
2/11 @ MHSAA Individual Districts TBA
2/18 @ MHSAA Individual Regionals TBA
3/1-3 @ MHSAA State Finals TBA

BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY

All games at 7:30 p.m. unless noted.
12/9 Salem
12/14 Pinckney
12/19 @ Brighton 7 p.m.
1/4 Livonia Stevenson
1/5-6 @ Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational
1/11 @ Livonia Churchill 8 p.m.
1/13 Franklin
1/18 Farmington
1/20 @ Canton 6 p.m.
1/25 @ Plymouth 7 p.m.
1/28 @ Novi 6 p.m.
2/1 South Lyon
2/10-11 @ Showcase Invitational TBA
2/18 @ Association Cross-Over TBA
2/22 @ Plymouth 8 p.m.
2/28 @ MHSAA Regionals TBA

BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING

All events at 3:30 p.m. unless noted.
12/9 @ Milford 4 p.m.
12/12 @ Novi
12/14 @ Plymouth
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2/7 @ Wayne Memorial
2/17 @ Conference Tournament TBA
2/24-25 @ MHSAA Regionals TBA

VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER

12/10 @ CCCAM Invitational TBA
12/14 @ Lakeland Quad 6 p.m.
1/4 @ South Lyon 6 p.m.
1/14 @ Brighton Invitational TBA
1/18 Quad Meet 6 p.m.
1/21 @ Rochester Invitational TBA
1/25 @ South Lyon 6 p.m.
1/28 Northville Invitational 8 a.m.
2/4 @ Association Meet TBA
2/11 @ DeltaPlex Invitational TBA
2/18 @ MHSAA Districts TBA
2/25 @ MHSAA Regionals TBA
3/2 @ MHSAA State Finals TBA

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

1/7 Schack Invitational @ Cranbrook TBA
1/12 @ Livonia Stevenson TBA
1/17 Brother Rice @ Waterford Kettering 6:30 p.m.
1/21 @ East Grand Rapids Invitational TBA
1/28 @ Ann Arbor Pioneer Noon
2/2 Cranbrook @ Livonia Rec. Comm. Center 7 p.m.
2/3-4 Oakland County Championship TBA
2/7 Notre Dame Prep @ Avondale 6:30 p.m.
2/9 @ Grosse Pointe North 6 p.m.
2/10-11 MISCA TBA
2/16 U of D @ Livonia Rec. Comm. Center 7 p.m.
2/23 DeLaSalle @ Livonia Rec. Comm. Center 7 p.m.
3/2-3 CHSL Championship @ Livonia Rec. Comm. Center TBA
3/6 State Diving Finals TBA
3/9-10 State Finals TBA

VARSITY BASKETBALL

All games are at 7:30 p.m. unless noted.
12/9 @ Taylor Kennedy
12/13 @ Robichaud
12/21 Guido Classic TBA
1/3 Detroit Loyola
1/10 DeLaSalle
1/13 @ U of D
1/20 @ Orchard Lake St. Mary's
1/24 Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 7 p.m.
1/27 Brother Rice
1/31 @ DeLaSalle
2/3 U of D
2/7 Orchard Lake St. Mary's
2/10 @ Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 7 p.m.
2/14 @ Brother Rice
3/5, 7, 9 State Districts TBA
3/12, 14 State Regionals TBA

3/20 State Quarterfinals TBA
3/22-23 State Semifinals TBA
3/24 State Finals TBA

VARSITY WRESTLING

12/10 Rocket Duals @ John Glenn 9 a.m.
12/14 Southgate Anderson/Canton/Woodhaven 5:30 p.m.
12/16 Oakland County Tournament @ Southfield 4 p.m.
12/17 Oakland County Tournament @ Oxford 10 a.m.
12/21 Rockford/Grand Haven/Hesperia @ Rockford 5 p.m.
12/28-29 Medina, Ohio Invitational @ Medina 8 a.m.
1/1 @ Oxford 5 p.m.
1/7 CC Invitational 9 a.m.
1/14 CC Super Duals 10 a.m.
1/21 Cincinnati Moeller/Richmond/Lowell 10 a.m.
1/25 Dundee/Hudson @ Hudson TBA
1/28 St. Edward/St. Vincent/St. Mary @ St. Edward, Ohio TBA
2/8-9 Team Districts TBA
2/11 Individual Districts TBA
2/15 Team Regionals TBA
2/18 Individual Regionals TBA
2/24-25 Team Finals @ Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek TBA
3/1-3 Individual Finals @ The Palace, Auburn Hills TBA

VARSITY HOCKEY

12/10 Grosse Pointe North @ Compuware 7 p.m.
12/17 U of D @ Compuware 7 p.m.
12/21 Brother Rice @ Oak Park 6:30 p.m.
1/4 U of D @ City Arena 6:30 p.m.
1/7 Trenton @ Compuware 7 p.m.
1/11 DeLaSalle @ Great Lakes 7:45 p.m.
1/13 @ Cranbrook 7:20 p.m.
1/14 Cranbrook @ Compuware 7 p.m.
1/20 @ Culver Academy 8 p.m.
1/21 @ Culver Academy 2:30 p.m.
1/28 Livonia Stevenson @ Eddie Edgar 7 p.m.
2/1 Trenton @ Kennedy 7:20 p.m.
2/4 Wyandotte Roosevelt @ Compuware 7 p.m.
2/8 Grosse Pointe North TBA
2/10-11 MHL Showcase TBA
2/18 CHSL Playoffs TBA
2/25 Port Huron Northern @ Compuware 7 p.m.
2/27 State Playoffs TBA

VARSITY SKI

All events are located at Mt. Brighton unless noted.
1/10 Howell 5 p.m.
1/12 Birmingham United 6 p.m.
1/17 Brighton 5 p.m.
1/19 Farmington 6 p.m.
1/24 N. Farmington/Harrison 5 p.m.
1/26 South Lyon 6 p.m.
1/31 Okemos 5 p.m.
2/2 U of D 6 p.m.
2/9 League Championship 9 a.m.
2/13 CHSL Championship @ Alpine Valley 5:30 p.m.
2/16 MHSAA Regional @ Alpine Valley 9 a.m.
2/27 State Finals @ Nubs Knob TBA

NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wrestling captains announced

Five captains have been chosen for the Northville

Mustangs varsity wrestling team. The captains will serve for the upcoming 2011-2012 season. They are seniors Trev-

or Maresh, Nick Mencotti, Travis Compo, Andy Boyd and junior Alex Coe.

The coaching staff said

the five were chosen for their desire to work hard in practice, and the example they set for the rest of the team to follow. Leadership, sportsmanship and hard work are among the attributes the coaches will rely on the captains to model for their teammates.

— Sam Eggleston

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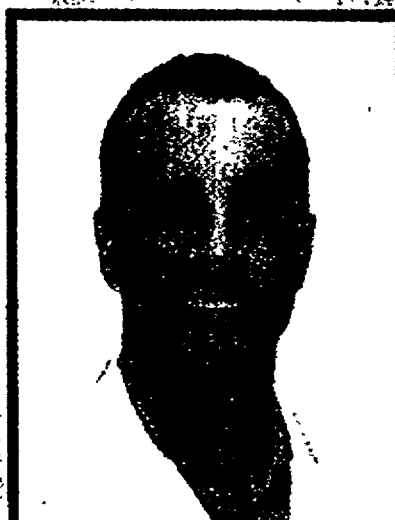
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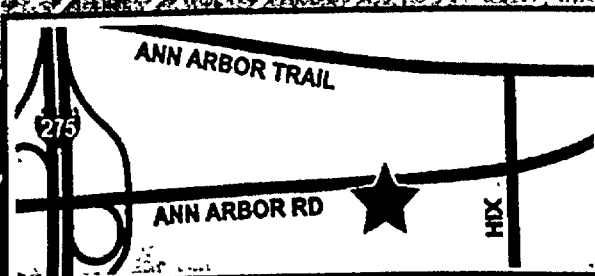
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Three teammates join forces for new Farmington Hills sports bar

The bases are loaded at The Bottom of the Fifth by a trio of young entrepreneurs. Ryan Langan and Shane Budlong started playing baseball at age 11 for the Novi Heat. Together, with current Novi Heat softball teammate Chris "Bear" Thweatt, these business partners, all 23, have opened a new sports bar, The Bottom of the Fifth (30859 W. Ten Mile, just east of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills).

Langan had been employed at the former bar Shots. The owners were planning to close but Langan saw an opportunity.

"The original bar had been built in the 80's; the décor was outdated and run down" stated Langan. "Food was available but limited and not very good."

Langan's plan was to increase business by appealing to a younger demographic. An expanded menu would be more attractive to local business professionals. To accomplish that, he knew he needed a business partner. Who better than good friend Shane Budlong?

Budlong worked food service at the Hunt Club Café at Fox Run for the past six years, and he is also a full time student at the University of Michigan School of Business. Budlong acknowledged that running a business and attending school had the potential to be overwhelming. That's when Thweatt entered the picture. He cooked alongside Budlong at Fox Run. Together, they were responsible to create the daily



From the left: Ryan Langan, Chris "Bear" Thweatt and Shane Budlong.

specials.

"It challenged our skills as our patrons definitely had high expectations for quality and freshness," said Budlong. "Some of the items created for the Café have been recreated for the new menu at The Bottom of the Fifth."

The first order of business was a makeover for the bar's interior, with Langan, Budlong and Thweatt doing much of the work themselves. They called on their former and current Novi Heat teammates to help repaint. The updated look includes decorative tile floors, refinished wood tables, an elevated seating section for large groups, and a new double island bar. The design of the bar permits customers to sit all the way around, where they can easily see and talk to others.

"I wanted a friendly

engaging environment, not chairs in a straight line," said Langan. "We know the current exterior of our building is unremarkable, but our customers are awed by the revamped interior."

The Bottom of the Fifth boasts six new 51-inch and three new 32-inch flat screen TVs. A pool table, video golf and video poker provide entertainment. Darts and karaoke are coming. Phase II of their business plan includes a remodel of the outside of their building along with the creation of a patio area.

The Bottom of the Fifth opens every day at 11 for lunch and carry-out. Food is served until closing time. They keep it simple with burgers, grilled chicken, made-to-order pizzas and wide selections of appetizers to tempt any taste. Most entrees are \$7.

Budlong and Thweatt shared that their parents were worried in the beginning, given the tough Michigan economy.

This endeavor seemed a risky choice.

"But once they saw it all come together and tasted our food, they realized what a great experience this could be for us" said Budlong. "I am excited by the opportunity to immediately apply what I'm learning in business school."

Langan's experience was a little different.

"My parents are entrepreneurs and they inspired me. My parents were really excited to have me follow in their footsteps. In baseball we learned to stick it out, to play every inning whether up or down. We know this won't be easy, but we are prepared to seize this opportunity and swing for the fences!"

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

'They're off and ... shopping'

The traditional holiday shopping period began Nov. 25, but shoppers and retailers were already out of the starting gates in what's expected to be a good season. The Michigan Retail Index edged up in October to its highest level of the year at 58.3.

The Index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the activity.

"The numbers suggest that consumers have already started their holiday shopping and could be on their way to meeting retailers' and analysts' expectations," said MRA President and CEO James P. Hallan.

"There are a number of positives out there, including declining or stable gasoline prices, an improving unemployment rate and resilient consumer spending leading into the final two months of the year. Retailers are optimistic."

In September's survey, nearly nine of 10 Michigan retailers said they expect a holiday

season as good or better than last year, with 54 percent forecasting increased sales. On average, their forecast was for a 6-percent gain for their businesses during the holiday season. The Michigan Retail Index for October found that 45 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 33 percent recorded declines and 22 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 58.3, up

from 57.9 in Sept., 55.9 in Aug. and 53.6 in July. Looking forward, 49 percent of retailers expect sales during Nov.-Jan. to increase over the same period last year, while 19 percent project a decrease and 32 percent no change.

That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 64.4, up from 61.4 in Sept. Nationally, the U.S. Commerce Department reported that retail sales rose 0.5 percent in Oct., 0.7 percent excluding autos and gasoline.

Edward Jones honored as No. 2 Michigan Top Workplace 2011

The financial-services firm Edward Jones recently was named to the *Detroit Free Press* Top Workplaces listing, according to Edward Jones financial advisors in the Northville community. Edward Jones was named the No. 2 large company on the prestigious ranking.

The *Detroit Free Press* teamed up with research partner WorkplaceDynamics of Exton, Pa., to rank the area's best employers. One-hundred companies were named Top Workplaces in Michigan for 2011, divided into large, medium and small companies by the number of people they employ in Michigan.

The *Detroit Free Press* Top Workplaces program recognizes companies based on employee opinions about company leadership, compensation and training, diversity/inclusion, career development, family-friendly flexibility, and values and ethics. This was Edward Jones' second entry in this competition and the second year it ranked No. 2.

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Scoop's Craft Corner

Want to make a special ornament for your Christmas tree? It is super easy and lots of fun. All you need is salt, flour, water, vegetable oil, a rolling pin, a cookie sheet, decorations, some help from your parents and lots of imagination.

Materials Needed:

- 2 Cups Flour
- 1 Cup Salt
- 2 Tbsp Vegetable Oil
- 3/4 - to - 1 Cup Water

Instructions:

Mix together flour and salt. Add the oil and then slowly add the water and stir until you get a nice clay consistency. Once completely mixed, make into the

desired shapes. Bake in a 250 degree oven for approximately 1 hour. This will vary depending on how thick you creations are. One hint, do not make shapes too thick or they will crack with baking.

Before star is placed in the oven, make a hole for the ribbon using the end of a straw. Once the star is out of the oven and cooled, use your creativity. Use colorful ribbon to hang your new ornament. Have FUN!



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Looking good: Curb appeal matters whether selling, staying

Realtors tell those selling a home that curb appeal always matters. Those considering buying a property will notice piles of trash or unpleasant odors right away.

Curb appeal is important for sellers, but also contributes to the quality of life for those not planning a move. Whether you're in the market or not, a well-maintained home is appreciated by neighbors and the homeowner alike.

Visit www.houselogic.com/buyandsell for tips on preparing a home for sale. Some tips include:

- Stay in synch with your neighborhood. Avoid being the proverbial sore thumb of the neighborhood. Regular maintenance and energy-efficient upgrades will provide a return on your investment.

- Stash your trash. Have mercy on your neighbors by renting a Dumpster and removing trash. A 20-yard Dumpster is about \$400 to \$500.

- Choose exterior colors wisely. Shock value is highly overrated when it comes to curb appeal. Your exterior color choices should be in harmony with other neighborhood homes. Scout around first before you paint or stain — your neighbors will thank you.

- Hire a landscape designer. A modest investment in a pro landscape plan will pay off big-time when it comes time to sell your house. If you're averse to



regular lawn maintenance, consider a condo or apartment.

- A place for everything. You may be proud of your diligent recycling and trash maintenance routine, but that doesn't mean it should be on display for the world to see. Keep trash bins off to the side, and built a low-cost privacy screen to hide them from view.

- Chained to a bad fence option. Chain link fence is sturdy, reliable and relatively inexpensive. It's great for bordering back and side yards, but

out front, it's flat-out ugly. With so many great fencing options available at a fairly modest cost, you owe it to yourself to re-fence.

- When high-tech is low-cool. Technology has brought many wonderful things into our lives, but good-looking exteriors aren't necessarily included. If you're a techno-geek, keep your antennae and solar collectors hidden from view behind shrubbery or privacy screens.

- Ease up on the lawn ornaments. Front yards are great

for well-trimmed shrubs and fetching flowers, but they really aren't the place to display an overabundant collection of lawn ornaments. Moderation is a virtue, and helps preserve the value of your property.

- Don't stain your reputation. A little routine maintenance keeps little problems from becoming big eyesores. An annual cleaning keeps brick siding looking fresh. Scrub stains out and seal with a top-quality primer before painting over exterior stains.

Check facts on structure

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Our subdivision documents preclude a mobile home from being parked temporarily on land unconnected to utilities because it is not a building (structure). Before closing on a lot purchase, one of our owners parked his mobile home on the lot. The mobile home sat on a trailer and remained unconnected to any plumbing or utilities. Moreover, no site work had been done in preparation for placing the mobile home on a foundation. Do we have a basis to pursue the mobile home owner?

A: As in most of these bylaw enforcement matters, it depends on the facts of the case. To the extent that the association had the



Robert Meisner

right to approve any building on the lot, it is likely that buildings would include the

structures and mobile homes could reasonably be defined as structures. The fact that the mobile home was not connected to utilities did not mean that it was not a structure and, of course, it depends upon the language of your deed restrictions and whether the deed restriction expressly covered structures that were intended, designed or arranged to be used or occupied, and not just those actually in use.

Q: Can you tell me which states post the top state foreclosure rates, and how does Michigan stand?

A: As of August 2011, Nevada, California and Arizona posted the top state foreclosure rates. However five other states account for more than half of the U.S. total. Michigan documented 13,016 properties with foreclosure filings in August, the third highest state in the country. It doesn't look like things are slowing up in the foreclosure business. I can tell from my experience in representing community and condominium associations that unfortunately the need to pursue collections continues to increase.

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. 30 to Sept. 2, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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49655 Cherokee Cir	\$269,000
568 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$119,000
50494 Coolidge St	\$272,000
1520 Emerald Pines Dr	\$186,000
633 Fillmore St	\$340,000
47413 Fox Run Dr	\$236,000
41543 Glade Rd	\$128,000
220 Harvard St	\$189,000
4675 Hunters Cir E	\$60,000
43135 Ironsides Ct	\$135,000

2160 Liberty St S	\$290,000
45471 Michael Ct	\$138,000
637 N Corrine Blvd	\$145,000
7129 Pittsford St	\$204,000
41824 Princess Dr	\$196,000
GARDEN CITY	
32533 Cambridge St	\$82,000
30944 Florence St	\$75,000
1525 Lathers St	\$10,000
6456 Whitby St	\$70,000
LIVONIA	
30599 Six Mile Rd	\$200,000
18290 Bainbridge Ave	\$102,000
27656 Barkley St	\$93,000
9599 Cavell St	\$2,000
20616 Chestnut Cir	\$85,000
17330 Fairfield St	\$185,000
15055 Hubbard St	\$17,000
9915 Mayfield St	\$119,000
37077 Munger St	\$107,000

28528 N Clements Cir	\$59,000
30878 Orangelawn St	\$127,000
16783 Penn Dr	\$144,000
9004 Pere Ave	\$115,000
33679 Pondview Cir	\$33,000
35132 Scone St	\$120,000
17341 Stamwich St	\$120,000
8925 Sunbury St	\$94,000
18241 University Park Dr	\$70,000
NORTHVILLE	
245 First St	\$80,000
45731 Clement Ct	\$355,000
16740 Dover Dr	\$106,000
44444 Larchwood Dr	\$575,000
49697 S Glacier	\$330,000
789 Thayer Blvd	\$326,000
PLYMOUTH	
9151 Briarwood Dr	\$90,000
42910 Joy Rd	\$74,000
382 N Evergreen St	\$230,000

REDFORD	
11324 Garfield	\$32,000
16841 Glenmore	\$43,000
18763 Macarthur	\$52,000
23310 Meadow Park	\$35,000
18671 Norborne	\$10,000
12130 San Jose	\$26,000
17690 Wakenden	\$40,000
WESTLAND	
37542 Barkridge Cir	\$54,000
1554 Berkshire St	\$73,000
7421 Floral St	\$53,000
34102 Majestic St	\$81,000
5700 N Crown St	\$23,000
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1652 Henrietta St	\$740,000
450 Larchlea Dr	\$400,000
2205 Pembroke Rd	\$163,000
1601 Quanton Rd	\$482,000
1473 S Eton St	\$90,000
315 S Glenhurst Dr	\$339,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit	\$555,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1589 Sheffield Rd	\$154,000
650 W Lincoln St	\$325,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

5592 N Adams Way	\$110,000
2058 Fawnwood Way	\$250,000
2451 Hunters Pond	\$570,000
7371 Lindenmere Dr	\$490,000
4438 Stony River Dr	\$345,000
986 Stratford Ln	\$135,000
2906 Whittier Dr	\$250,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1523 Ashover Dr	\$246,000
2654 Bridle Rd	\$220,000
4602 Brightmore Rd	\$500,000

3370 Burning Bush Rd	\$650,000
6895 Castle Ct	\$280,000
4861 Cimarron Dr	\$1,260,000
2820 Colonial Way	\$185,000
1100 E Glengarry Cir	\$1,400,000
815 E Long Lake Rd	\$240,000
2399 Heronwood Dr	\$635,000
5103 Iron Gate Rd	\$235,000
1411 Kirkway Rd	\$1,550,000
125 Maywood Ave	\$520,000
1322 N Glengarry Rd	\$830,000
1872 Packer Rd	\$160,000
4599 Ranch Ln	\$450,000
4837 Stoneleigh Rd	\$600,000
6775 Wing Lake Rd	\$166,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
5299 Baronette Ln	\$265,000
8627 Cooley Lake Rd # 303	\$219,000
2100 Glen Iris Ct	\$129,000
3700 Loch Bend Dr	\$320,000
3291 Melmoor St	\$35,000
1300 Penarth St	\$118,000
5864 Pickbourne St	\$75,000
3100 Pikewood Ct	\$487,000
3144 Pikewood Ct	\$425,000
4404 Racewood Dr	\$195,000
2978 Ravinewood Dr	\$428,000
5604 Tuscola St	\$72,000
8635 War Bonnet Dr	\$120,000
FARMINGTON	
23077 Farmington Rd	\$140,000
23450 Hillview Ct	\$220,000
21027 Meadowlark St	\$140,000
33315 Shiawassee Rd	\$240,000
26347 Valhalla Dr	\$277,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
32268 Baintree Rd	\$164,000

28334 Bayberry Rd	\$105,000
38622 Brandmill	\$102,000
32615 Briarcrest Knls	\$119,000
27184 Cambridge Ln	\$400,000
25628 Castlereigh Dr	\$174,000
32580 Chesterbrook St	\$128,000
30887 Country Ridge Cir	\$197,000
20910 Deerfield	\$381,000
34239 Gloucester Cir	\$238,000
28645 Herndonwood Dr	\$96,000
24347 Kensington	\$126,000
29692 Olympia Ct	\$50,000
28314 Peppermill Rd	\$20,000
29398 Regents Pointe	\$107,000
30703 Shiawassee Rd	\$28,000
29200 Spring St	\$260,000
28455 Thorny Brae Rd	\$123,000
23021 Tulane Ave	\$45,000
26147 Valhalla Dr	\$260,000
36634 W Lyman Rd	\$144,000
29248 Wyndham Ct	\$155,000
FRANKLIN	
24447 Bloomington Ct	\$136,000
Lathrup Village	
26520 Meadowood Ct N	\$116,000
MILFORD	
1791 Bristol Dr	\$480,000
832 Duke	\$85,000
625 E Commerce St	\$118,000
480 Rowe Rd	\$219,000
2772 Stone Meadow Dr	\$506,000
2051 Trinity Ln	\$395,000
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25725 Arcadia Dr	\$375,000
24482 Bashian Dr	\$58,000
27491 Belgrave Pl	\$45,000
233 Bernstadt St	\$79,000

41294 Carriage Hill Dr	\$395,000
50767 Drakes Bay Dr	\$610,000
41683 Juniper Cir	\$115,000
24576 Le Bost Ct	\$425,000
40538 Lenox Park Dr	\$229,000
22121 Shadybrook Dr	\$232,000
25442 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
21208 Wheaton Ln	\$417,000
SOUTH LYON	
58753 Carriage Ln	\$40,000
142 Easton Dr	\$230,000
61116 Greenwood Dr	\$41,000
25875 Hunters Ln	\$245,000
24339 Martindale Rd	\$172,000
23906 Prescott Ct	\$61,000
23563 Prescott Ln W	\$61,000
52933 Willowbrook Dr	\$61,000
SOUTHFIELD	
27301 Apple Blossom Ln	\$60,000
19421 Cherry Hill St	\$75,000
18165 Goldwin St	\$93,000
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1105 Sugden Rd	\$193,000
2580 Tackles Dr	\$187,000

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Job seekers do themselves a disservice when they send out résumés with too much information. Employers don't have the time or the patience to sift through irrelevant information like your hobbies, interests or how many grandchildren you have. Just stick to the basics and you're good to go.

Here are 10 things to leave off your résumé and why:

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Why to leave it off: Unless a job posting specifically asks for your

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2. Interest and hobbies
Why to leave them off: Unless your interests and hobbies have something to do with the job you're applying for, there's no reason to include them. If you want to show how your passion for art would be an asset to a graphic design position, that's one thing. But telling employers that you love to skydive on an actual application is another. In general, make any applicable connections between your

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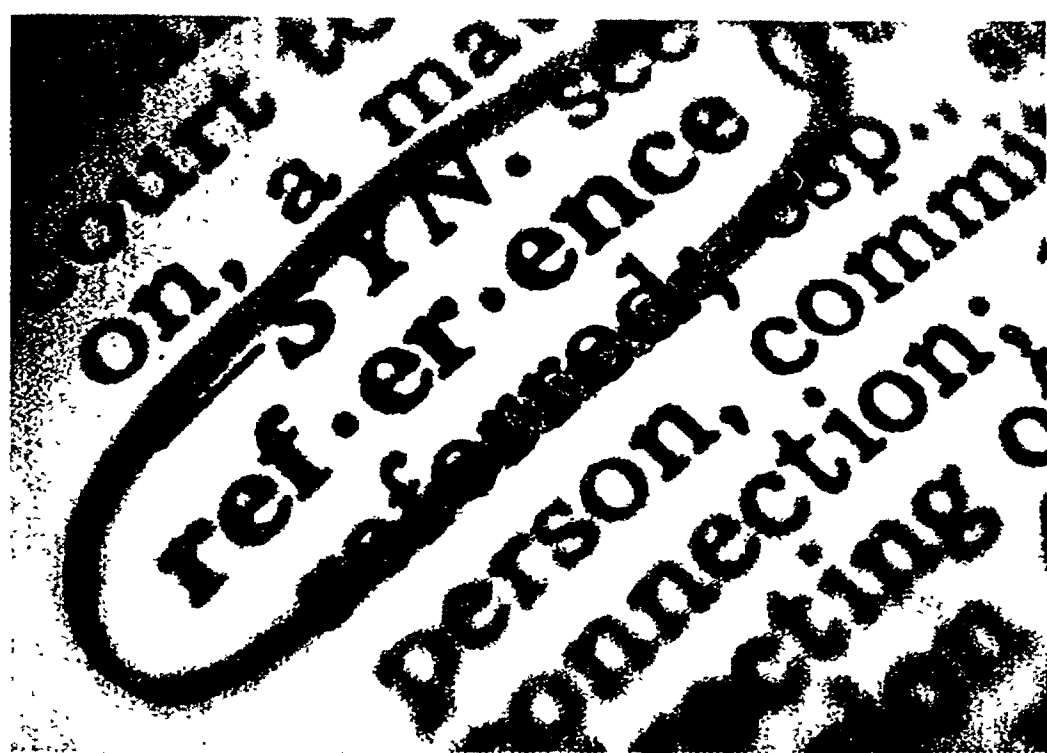
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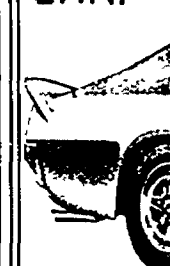
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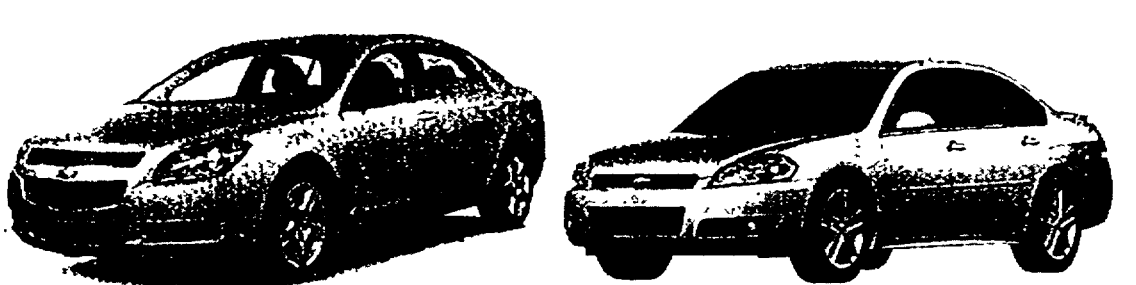


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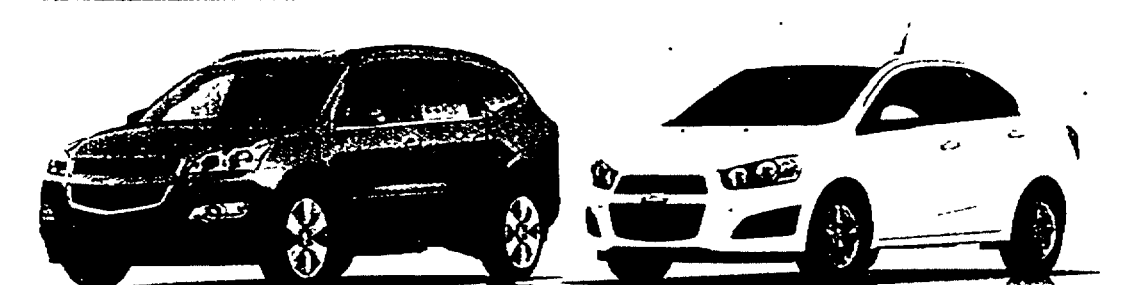


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